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Volunteers Dave Domingo, Reece Hauf, Carol Dietz-Walker, Don Shearer, Hannah Mack, Kristine Cataldo, and Lily Lucy packed bags of kiwis for people to enjoy during the holidays at the Alameda County Food Bank.

Food Bank Volunteers Deliver the Goods

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Volunteers bagged kiwis, boxed apples, and packed potatoes last week at the Alameda County Food Bank so that needy families will have a healthy Thanksgiving meal. The food bank on Edgewater Drive in Oakland supplies nourishment for one-in-

five Alameda County residents, according to Norma Batongbacal, the food bank's communications manager.

"That number has not gone down after the recession," said Batongbacal. "I don't know if other parts of the country have made a recovery but in the Bay Area, the cost of living is so high, the rents are so high, that

the number of people we help has remained up there."

The holidays are a busy time of the year at the food bank, with plans to distribute over 30 million meals now through the end of the year. The food bank also receives about 60 percent of its annual donations
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Online Phone Sale Leads To Homicide

Redwood City man shot and killed on East 14th Street

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A Redwood City man was shot and killed during what police are calling an online sales exchange gone wrong at a gas station in unincorporated San Leandro last weekend.

The victim, Daniel Carlos, 32, was selling a cell phone online and connected with a buyer via the app LetGo, which lets users sell items, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Carlos arrived to meet the buyer at the 76 gas station at the intersection of East 14th Street and 159th Avenue shortly after 1

police believe that the incident may have been a robbery that escalated to a homicide.

Carlos is a husband and father to a young child, Kelly said.

Kelly said that investigators
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Cutter Goes To Tech Conference In Italy

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

State of the art electric cars, "green" sewage systems, and San Leandro – they were all on display to an international audience at a technology conference in Italy last week.

Mayor Pauline Cutter recently returned from the trip, where she was invited to speak about San Leandro's tech innovations at the Ecomondo conference.

Cutter went on the trip with Derrick Lee from Pilot City, a San Leandro tech company focused on building "cities of the future."

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Daniel Carlos was shot and killed by an unknown suspect.

p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18,

When emergency responders arrived on the scene they found Carlos deceased. The suspects fled the area in a vehicle and

Camel Visits Kids at George Mark House

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The seriously ill kids at the George Mark Children's House in San Leandro got a special visit from Freddy the baby camel Monday morning.

Freddy – a two-humped model – is just 7 months old and lives at the Lyon Ranch in Sonoma where they rescue exotic animals and train them as therapy animals.

He's only about 5 feet tall now, but on his diet of hay Freddy will eventually be over 2,000 pounds and 7 feet tall.

Not to worry though, as big as Freddy will be one day, he'll be well-trained. He's like a large
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PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Priscilla, who has a weakened immune system, met Freddy the baby camel this week.

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Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

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SLZ Heritage Society to Host Open House on Tuesday

The San Lorenzo Heritage Society will host an open house on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association, 377 Paseo Grande. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the handmade items.

Find out about this odd looking farm implement with the high seat and other interesting facts about San Lorenzo's history. This plow was designed and manufac-

tured by Henry Smyth of the Alameda County Agricultural Works in San Lorenzo in around 1875. The high seat let the driver see ahead, over the team of horses.

Henry Smyth was the blacksmith of San Lorenzo who arrived in 1853. He took off for the goldfields for a while, but later came back and became known as a blacksmith who could fix anything, and invent a new product to suit any need.

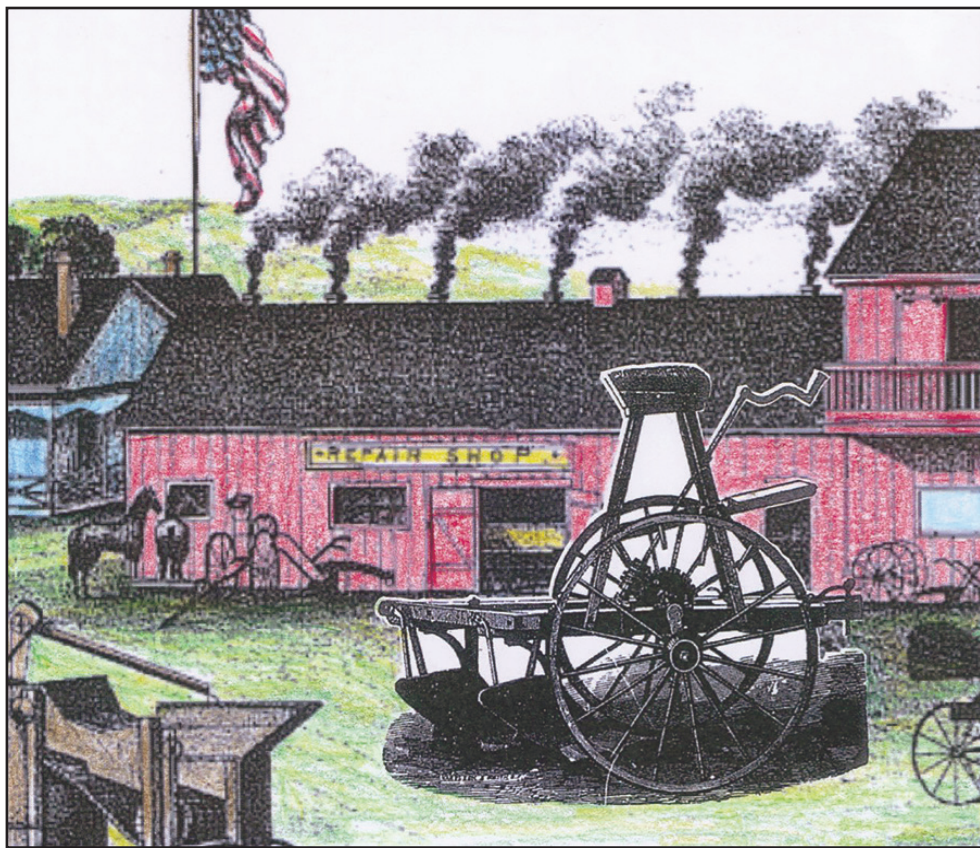
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Corvallis School Holiday Boutique

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The high ride plow was invented and manufactured in San Lorenzo by blacksmith Henry Smyth around 1875. The image from the San Lorenzo Heritage Society was made from the original hand-carved wooden block.

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Learn How to Attract Good Bugs to Your Yard

The Eden Garden Club will meet on Monday Nov. 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge at 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley.

Annie Joseph, coordinator of "Our Water Our World" program, will talk about setting a stage

to bring in beneficial insects to your garden. Learn how to attract the good bugs and keep them in your yard.

Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 397-1268.

Murder: In broad daylight

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are examining surveillance footage from several nearby businesses in order to identify the suspect.

Kelly added that Carlos had done what police recommend when selling an item – meeting at a well-populated public place

during daytime hours and said that the gas station where the shooting occurred was a popular place for such transactions.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the sheriff's office at 225-5936 and callers can remain anonymous.

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Giving Thanks at St. Felicitas

The eighth graders at St. Felicitas School got in the Thanksgiving spirit last week as they prepared for their traditional Thanksgiving feast that they share with the school's kindergartners. The oldest and youngest students at St. Felicitas pair up as buddies for events throughout the year.

Multiple Overnight Car Break-ins

San Leandro police officers responded to a series of auto burglaries that occurred between

midnight and 1 a.m. on Nov. 13 at three locations in the western part of the city.

A total of 12 vehicles were burglarized over the course of an hour and all of them entered by a suspect shattering a window, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

Witnesses to these crimes provided some suspect information to police, describing a newer dark-colored Honda Civic with "angled" tail lights.

The suspect vehicle also had paper plates that read "Victory."

Investigators ask that if you have any information regarding

the suspect vehicle or crimes to please call the San Leandro police 577-2740.

Police remind people that taking precautionary measures can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of a burglary.

Never leave valuables in sight in a car, even if your doors are locked.

Remove garage door openers, GPS, cell phones, power cords and any change in the ashtray. Never leave personal identification, such as the vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

Murder Suspect Surrenders To Police at Downtown BART

A woman who was arrested at the downtown San Leandro BART station after stabbing her boyfriend in East Oakland has been charged with his murder.

Precious Hicks, 24, has been charged by the Alameda County district attorney's office with stabbing and killing Blake Owens, 24 at just before noon on Nov. 14.

Police say that the couple, who have a young daughter

together, were walking along the 1000 block of 71st Avenue when they got into an argument over money that turned into a physical fight.

During the fight, Hicks allegedly pulled out a knife and stabbed Owens before running away from the scene.

Police arrived and Owens told him Hicks had been the person who stabbed him. He later died from his injuries.

A short time later, Hicks called police and told them she was at the downtown San Leandro BART station.

Police came to the station and arrested her there and recovered the knife used in the attack.

Hicks told police she stabbed her boyfriend but says it was in self-defense.

Hicks is being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail and her next court appearance is this week.

Men Arrested for Stealing Truck

A commercial truck was stolen last week and San Leandro police were able to use GPS to find it a short time later and arrest two auto theft and burglary suspects.

The owner of the truck, a local electrical company, told police that the truck was taken at around 2 p.m. on Nov. 13 and they were watching the GPS tracker as the suspect drove towards Oakland.

San Leandro police officers located the stolen vehicle in the parking lot of the Coliseum Flea Market and detectives watched as two men began unloading tools from the truck into a parked SUV, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou.

The men abandoned the stolen truck and drove off with the stolen tools in the SUV.

Police followed the suspects to a strip mall near High Street before pulling the SUV over.

One of the suspects tried to runaway but both were eventually caught by police, Benabou said.

"The implementation of GPS technology and the swift response by officers greatly contributed to locating the stolen truck," said Benabou in a written statement. "In this case, we were able to recover the victim's stolen vehicle and tools, and arrested two subjects for the crime."

The suspects have been identified as Leroy Silva, 48, and Robert Barton, 54.

Silva is being held without bail on a probation violation. Barton is being held in lieu of \$45,000 bail.

Both men are being held at

Santa Rita Jail in Dublin awaiting their next court appearance, which is scheduled for Dec. 15.

Woman Shot Near City Line

A woman was shot in East Oakland near the San Leandro city limit Monday morning.

The victim, 31, got into an argument with an unidentified suspect at just after 9 a.m. on the 10300 block of San Leandro Street and was shot in the leg, according to Oakland police.

The woman was taken to the hospital via ambulance and is in stable condition.

No arrests have been made, police say.

Park Police Want Public Feedback

The East Bay Regional Park District Police Department wants to know what the public thinks about its service and how safe you feel in local parks.

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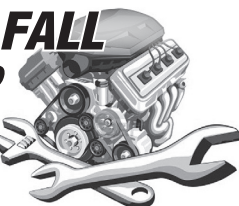
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Edward Jang along with other veterans present a wreath to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. (Inset) Edward Jang and his son Robin Jang in front of the memorial.

Veteran Edward Jang Visits Arlington

World War II veteran Edward Jang, 97, of San Leandro flew back to Washington, D.C. last April as part of the Honor Flight program with a group of vets from Northern California.

Honor Flight transports veterans to Washington to visit and reflect on the memorials. Top priority is given to senior veterans and World War II veterans. Jang's son, Robin Jang, went to Washington

with his dad and watched as the elder Jang presented a wreath to the soldiers who stand guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

During World War II, Edward Jang was an army captain who trained enlistees on the rifle and machine gun at Ft. Hood, Texas, and Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

Christmas in Oz

The East Bay Children's Theatre and Chanticleers Theatre are pleased to announce *Christmas in Oz*, through Dec. 17, at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley. Book, music and lyrics by Ron Lytle. It's Christmastime again and somewhere in Kansas,

Dorothy is lonely for her friends back in Oz. So with the help of kindly Mister Tinker, she builds a magical wish machine and returns to the Emerald City just in time for the big holiday celebration. But the holly is quickly stripped of its jolly when a sassy sorceress named Nefariosa crashes the party and kidnaps Santa Claus. Performances are

on Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students and seniors over 60. For more information, call 733-5483.

❖ BAL Theatre

A Christmas Carol

The BAL Theatre and the San Leandro Players present Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*, a live radio show adapted by Anthony E. Palmero on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 and 7 p.m. at the BAL Theatre, 14808 E 14th St. in San Leandro. Doors open at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. for music and Santa photos. Tickets cost \$10, children under 12 are free and may be purchased at the BAL Theatre online box office at: www.slplayers.org, the Davis Street Resource Center or the Boys and Girls club. Proceeds from this performance benefit the Davis Street Resource Center and the Boys and Girls club.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Restless Rams and Ewes might want to let others finish a current project while they start something new. But if you do, you could risk losing out on a future opportunity.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): The Bovine's creative forces start revving up as you plan for the upcoming holidays. Some practical aspects also emerge, especially where money is involved.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Moments of doubt disrupt your otherwise clear sense of purpose. Don't ignore them. They could be telling you not to rush into anything until you know more about it.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A planned trip might have to be delayed. Plan to use this new free time to update your skills and your resume so you'll be ready when a new job opportunity opens.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): A flood of holiday party bids from business contacts allows you to mix work and pleasure. Your knowledge plus your Leonine charm wins you a new slew of admirers.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): An unexpected act by a colleague complicates an agreement, causing delays in implementing it. Check out the motive for this move: It's not what you might suspect.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You might want to cut ties with an ingrate who seems to have forgotten your past generosity. But there might be a reason for this behavior that you should know about. Ask.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Be careful not to set things in stone. Much could happen over the next several days that will make you rethink some decisions and maybe change them.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your plans to help provide holiday cheer for the less fortunate inspire others to follow your generous example. Expect welcome news by week's end.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You're in your glory as you start planning for the holiday season ahead. But leave time to deal with a problem that needs a quick and fair resolution.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): The upcoming holiday season provides a perfect setting for strengthening relationships with kin and others. A new contact has important information.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Instead of fretting over a cutting remark by a co-worker, chalk it up to an outburst of envy of your well-respected status among both your colleagues and superiors.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Badarikashrama International Dinner

Badarikashrama, 15602 Maubert Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Thanksgiving concert and international vegetarian dinner today, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. with South Indian veena duet by Sri Srikanth Chary and Hrishikesh Chary with Mridangam. Free and open to all. Family friendly. Reservations recommended but no one will be turned away. Email badarik@pacbell.net.

❖ Holiday Craft Fair

Mistletoe Madness, a true crafter's fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Over 80 vendors will be on display. For more information, call Liz Swenson at 357-1842.

❖ Meridians Annual Sports Collectors Show

The Meridians of St. Leander's are sponsoring their 33rd Annual Sports Collectors Show on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Leander's Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. A variety of vintage sports memorabilia from 1880 to 2017 will be for sale. Proceeds will benefit St. Leander's parish and local charities. Admission is \$4, or \$2 for under 10 and over 65. For more information, call Mark at 538-6245.

❖ 4th Sunday Breakfast for Veterans

American Legion Post 117 will host breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. every 4th Sunday of the month, except on holiday weekends, at the San Leandro Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The menu will be eggs-to-order, bacon/sausage, hash browns, toast and coffee. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for veterans, and all others. All donations benefit American Legion veteran programs.

❖ Native Daughters of the Golden West

Native Daughters of the Golden West, Hayward Parlor #122 invites those interested in genealogy to join the members for a free presentation by the Pioneer Roster Committee on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 22737 Main Street in Hayward. For reservations, call 651-7717.

❖ Mission Bay Craft & Bake Sale

There will be a craft and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Bay Clubhouse, 15333 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Along with homemade baked goods being sold by the Mission Bay Men's & Women's Club, there will be resident vendors selling their handmade craft items. A snack bar will also be available.

❖ Soroptimist Annual Holiday Boutique

Soroptimist of the East Bay will have its 13th Annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Club House, 1808 B St. in Hayward. with crafts, Gift Items, jewelry, photography, hats, stained glass, and much more. Lunch and refreshments will be available. All proceeds support the goal of Soroptimist - improving the lives of women and girls. For more information, call Donna Whitehouse at 924-7622 or email rambosmom@comcast.net.

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❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Bake Sale

The Members of St. Gerard Women's Club of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo, will hold a Christmas bake sale and raffle beginning after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 2, and after all the Masses starting at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, with a continental breakfast. Lots of great baked goods, raffle prizes and a trinkets & treasures booth. For more information contact the bake sale committee chairpersons: Evelyn McMillen at 481-2467 or Cheryl Hoffmann at 278-2906.

❖ Creekside Church Craft Show

Creekside Community Church, 951 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro, will have its 14th Annual Craft Show on Friday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with 30 artists, raffle, food and drinks for sale and plenty of parking. A chili cook-off on Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a \$5 donation. Ten percent of proceeds from the craft show benefit the Mercy Brown Bag program, Seniors Helping Low-Income Seniors with Groceries.

❖ Saint Leander Pancake Breakfast

Saint Leander School will have its 10th annual pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ryan O'Connell Hall. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Photos with Santa Claus are \$5.

❖ St. Felicitas Christmas Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, for the Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 6, serving a baked ham dinner with all the fixings plus dessert and beverage. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$7. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than Thursday, Nov. 30 before the luncheon. Tickets are available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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❖ Estudillo Estates Holiday Stroll

Come for activities, an art show, giveaways and holiday cheer at the Estudillo Estates Holiday Stroll and Charity Gift Drive on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. on MacArthur Boulevard between Dutton and Estudillo avenues. The event is kid friendly and open to the public. Donate new toys, clothes and blankets for local kids through the San Leandro Davis Street Resource Center. Collection boxes will be available at participating businesses on Dec. 9. Look for free samples, food tasting, demonstrations, art show, kids activities, beer and spirit tasting and more.

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REAL ESTATE REALITY

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Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Bless Others This Thanksgiving

I am involved in an organization in Kenya that takes abandoned boys off the streets and provides food, accommodation, clothing, education and, most importantly, hope.

It's why the organization is named Streets of Hope and it, like other organizations across Africa, work to bring wholeness to those who cannot access it on their own.

I visited Kenya a couple of months ago and, like previous visits, was reminded of how much we take for granted here in the Bay Area.

Even though we have our preventative vaccinations updated before we go, we still sleep under mosquito nets and cannot drink the water or eat any foods washed in water, such as salad.

At the core of the need in many countries is safe and secure housing.

Without a place to call home that provides shelter from the elements, running water and proper sanitation, it is very difficult to establish a productive lifestyle.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I'd like to remind us all that we have so much for which to be thankful. I've visited the dumps of third world country cities and seen people living amongst the trash, waiting for the next garbage truck to arrive so they can glean through the deposits in search of a meal. The movie "Lion" provides a glimpse into this as the main character, Saroo, is left to fend for his own in a dumpsite in India.

Whether driving down the streets and witnessing hordes of people simply waiting for purpose, flying over the slums in Nairobi or visiting refugee camps in Uganda, I'm painfully aware of the blessings we have here in America.

For most of us, Thanksgiving conjures up images of family and turkey, football games and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Some look forward to Black Friday and the potential bargains. Others see Thanksgiving as the official launch of the winter season and start unpacking their Holiday decorations.

The Realtors of the Central County would like to suggest that this also become a time where we focus on others. While out of the

daily news, there are many in Santa Rosa and surrounding regions who still need support. World Vision catalogues have begun arriving with simple ways to bless families in need (www.worldvision.org).

We are surrounded with opportunities to be a blessing to others – let's make the most of this Thanksgiving by providing a meaningful Thanksgiving for others.

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Painting in Winter Can Be Tricky

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

While it's not impossible, painting during cold weather can be difficult.

The main reason is that rooms need to be well-ventilated when painting; otherwise the room is hazardous to be in. Continue to ventilate while it's drying, in order to keep humidity down, which means the windows will be wide open in the middle of winter.

But painters do interior work in cold weather all the time. How do they do it without sealing off the room from the rest of the house?

Professional painters often use a reverse-air system. Ripped

into one of the windows, it pulls air from the room to the outside of the house at a constant rate, so that fumes don't seep into the rest of the house, and the room stays at a comfortable temperature.

You can simply set a fan in the window pointing outward, and keep your heat registers open in the room. Wear a respirator mask when painting to avoid breathing in fumes, and keep children out.

If you need to add more than one coat or the paint seems to be taking longer than usual to dry, consider bringing in a dehumidifier to remove more moisture from the air and speed dry.

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Protect Your Plants from Frost Damage

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q We have a newly landscaped yard, and I'm concerned about the winter cold. What is the best way to protect the plants from frost damage? I thought I heard about a spray that protects plants when it freezes.

A Cloud Cover or Bonide Wilt Stop coats the leaves of plants with a protective layer that insulates the tissue from the cold, but it still allows the leaves to breathe.

The best non-technical description for these products is "Chap Stick" for plants. While you can apply it to all your plants, it's really not necessary for any plant that drops its leaves like Japanese maples, evergreens and woody ornamentals, such as photinia, camellias, pyracantha, etc., along with conifers, such as redwoods, pines and junipers.

Bougainvilleas, mandevilleas, hibiscus, citrus and succulents are the primary cold-sensitive plants. This applies to those plants in the open ground or in containers.

Our first frost or freeze date isn't until December, even though it's getting cold at night. So, there are ample opportunities to apply Cloud Cover or Bonide Wilt Stop now and let it dry. It's a milky color that dries clear.

Frost or cold is a descant, pulling moisture out of plant tissue and causing the cells to rupture. The foliage is brunt and you'll have dead stems and branches, depending on the internal moisture of the plant. It's crucial that there is moisture in the ground. Mother Nature supplies it in the form of rain but plants under any type of



Bougainvillea plants are one of the more cold-sensitive plants that will need protection from the frost this winter.

covering need to be watered when there is a frost or freeze warning.

The severity of the damage is determined by how cold it gets and how long the temperature stays under 32°F after the sun rises.

Plants are not affected by the wind chill, only the actual temperature.

With impending warnings, I'd be prepared to cover your sensitive plants with a plant blanket such as N-Sulate, but not plastic as the cold will travel through it.

Plants are covered at dinner time and removed at breakfast. All you need to do is toss it over the plants. It's not necessary to tie or secure it.

Frost or freezing temperatures only occur when the air is calm with no air movement. It will not blow off. Typically, we get three to four such warnings each winter.

Also, it's not advisable to

wrap plants like a mummy for an extended period of time.

Container plants should be clustered together and grouped next to the house. The escaping heat will be beneficial. Also, add some non-LED miniature lights. The lights give off small amounts of heat that can warm the cold air under the blanket.

Even with applying Cloud Cover or Bonide Wilt Stop, water, a protected covering and lights, damage can occur. I wouldn't be in any hurry to prune off the frost

damage as it can help protect the foliage below.

The danger of frost is usually over by St. Patrick's Day. But there are those years when there is a late frost, so wait until April to prune.

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Rates Bounce Back Up a Bit

The long-term fixed mortgage rate last week moved to its highest mark since July, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.95 percent, up from 3.90 the week before.

Fifteen-year home loans averaged 3.31 percent, up from 3.24. A year ago at this time, the 15-year rate averaged 3.14 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.21 percent last week, down from 3.22 percent.



Mulch

Renew mulches under grapes and berries. Strawberries and blueberries benefit from loose, acid mulches such as pine needles or rotted sawdust. Raspberries and blackberries prefer hay or straw mulch. Remove mulch from under trees back to the drip line. Bare soil can more easily absorb the day's warmth. This also discourages overwintering of disease-carrying bacteria and insects.

Vegetables

Cool-season perennial vegetables may be planted now — artichokes, asparagus and rhubarb.

Thanksgiving Weekend Decor

Brighten up your home with potted chrysanthemums in orange yellow and brown shades. You'll find a nice last-minute selection at nursery centers and most supermarkets.



Long before the arrival of European explorers, native Americans utilized the pulp and rinds of many kinds of gourds and squash for food. They ate the seeds and used them as a medicine. The vine blossoms were added to stews. When dried, they could be ground into flour, made into containers, or pounded flat and cut into slender strips to make baskets, mats or other items. The English settlers called the largest and roundest of the hard-skinned winter squash "pumpkins," after the Greek for 'large melon' (*pepōn*) and the French word *pompon*.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: allaboutpumpkins.com, missouribotanicalgarden.org

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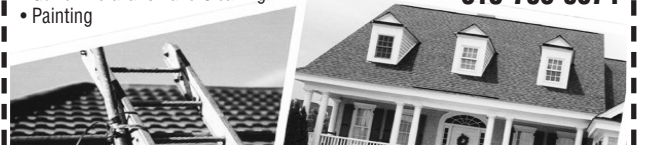
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The bank can turn one dollar in cash into six dollars worth of food because of deals they have set up with farms and food companies.

The food is sorted, boxed and distributed to 240 Alameda County soup kitchens, shelters, and programs.

The food bank uses the monetary donations to buy perishable items such as meat, milk, and fresh produce. Produce is the big

thing as the holiday gets closer, said Batongbacal. They need more volunteers to sort the fruits and vegetables at the last minute and over 700 people a week come in to help out.

Batongbacal says that every single volunteer slot was filled in the days before Thanksgiving and they are busy in December, too. But the bank needs volunteers during other months too.

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— Norma Batongbacal

and then we aren't as much in the front of their minds," said Batongbacal.

So far this year, the food bank has hosted volunteers from San Leandro organizations including OSIsoft, San Leandro High, John Muir Middle School, Broadmoor Plaza, and Kaiser.

The food bank says the grocery items they need the most are canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat and fish, peanut butter, pasta and tomato sauce, beans, rice, soups, cereals and

powdered milk.

A "virtual food drive" on the food bank's website allows people to shop and choose individual items at an online grocery store and then pay with a credit card, so they can choose exactly what they want to give.

The website also has information on the bank's "share our holiday" program which allows people to link their friends and family to give a donation to the food bank in lieu of giving presents.

Donors can drop nonperishable foods in one of the 300 barrels that have been placed in grocery stores and other shops

all over the county or make an online contribution at the food bank's website (www.accfb.org), or by sending a check to the Alameda County Community Food Bank, P.O. Box 2599, Oakland, CA 94614.

To volunteer at the food bank, visit the acfb.org website. Individuals, church groups, schools, and companies are all welcome.

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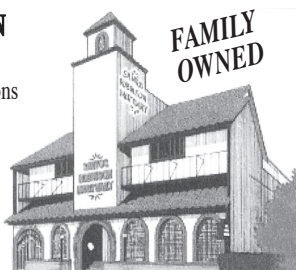
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Martin Charles Munn

Martin Charles Munn, 21, of Syracuse, Indiana, passed away Saturday, November 18, 2017, after a struggle with addiction. He was born July 26, 1996 in Fremont, California to David C. and Natalie K. (Meyers) Munn. Martin's love in life was playing ice hockey, mainly goalie. Over the years, he had played for various teams: Santa Clara Blackhawks, Tri-Valley Blue Devils, Saint Clair Shores Lakers, Ft. Wayne Bruins, Ft. Wayne Phantoms and the IPFW Mastodons.

Martin is survived by his mother and stepfather, Natalie Meyers and Craig Cooksey; sister, Leia K. Munn; father, David Munn; stepmother, Lynn Munn; son, Johanna Charles Fancher; girlfriend, Raven Fancher; grandfather, William Meyers; and many loving friends and family, including cousins, Aerial Meyers, Jonah Mullet, Liam Monaghan and Graham Monaghan.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 24, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. EST at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N. Turkey Creek Road, in Syracuse, Indiana with a funeral beginning at 11:30 a.m. Burial to follow at McClintic Cemetery in Syracuse. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, cff.org or Respite House, respitthouse.org. Arrangements made by Moeller Funeral Home in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Etta Angie Hanna

Etta Angie Hanna passed away on October 1, 2017, at age 93, of liver cancer. Her husband, Ardath Keith Hanna, passed on October 24, 1987. Etta had a brother, Raymond, and sister, Alma. She had 5 children, Karen (deceased), Jim, Sharon, Gary and Kevin (deceased); 6 grandchildren, Jason, Janelle, Jennifer, Tiara, Lauren and Christopher; 5 great-grandchildren, Justin, Sarah, Evan, Eve and Miley; 1 son-in-law, Carl Heaney; and a niece and nephew, Don and Louise Dorn.

She formed a neighborhood get-together called the "The Garage People" who gathered regularly in her garage.

Etta worked for the San Leandro Unified School District for over 20 years. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.



Lillian "Marie" Mazza

Lillian "Marie" Mazza was born on September 11, 1924 and entered God's loving embrace on October 26, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Mazza and her daughter, Sharon Lee Martin. Cherished brother of Joseph Hassan (Nina) and loving mother of Alfred Padro (Kathryn), Daniel Dominguez, Gerald Dominguez (Theresa), David Dominguez (Wendy). She was delighted by her six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Marie was a native of Oakland and worked for Teamsters Local 856 and the Oakland Unified School District.

In retirement, she discovered the magic of tap dancing and Broadway productions through her 25-year performance journey with the Golden Follies. Her dance friends provided a social circle of devoted friendship and fun that kept her heart young and her spirit uplifted with memories she will never forget. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the lovely and talented members of her dance troupe who remained faithful to her all the way until the angels took Marie home.

Irma Lorraine Strand (Carlson)

Irma Lorraine Strand (Carlson) passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 24 with her daughter Linda at her side. Irma was a 63 year resident of San Leandro.

She is preceded in death by her husband and 'love of her life' T. Sig Strand, (Oct. 7, 1981); and her grandson Brian Casey. She cared for her parents until their passing (Albert & Ebba Carlson). Irma is survived by her two daughters, Linda Casey (Rian); great-grandchildren, Tyler & Beth, and their mother, Heidi; daughter Shirley Stapp (Chris); grandchildren, Joel Stapp (Nancy), Kevin Stapp (Chontelle) and Kirsten Corkery (Devon); great-grandchildren, Karin, Matthew, Sydney and Aaron Stapp, and adoring cousins Ralph and Carl Strand; and nephews Doug and Leroy Humble and Bob and Gary Gietzen.

Irma was a member of the Swedish Tegner Lodge of Oakland and her Swedish heritage was always important to her throughout the years. In her younger days, she was a member of the Rainbow Girls and an avid ice skater, and loved to dance for many years—well into her 80s. After Sig passed, Irma continued to make family her priority loving each unconditionally.

Private services were held with the immediate family at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. Donations can be made to Vitas Hospice, 670 N McCarthy Blvd Ste 220, Milpitas, CA 95035 (vitascommunityconnection.org). Arrangements made by Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, Inc. & Crematory (510) 581-9133.



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Zelda

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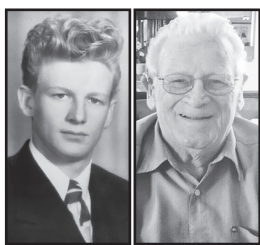
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Walter H. Finn, Jr.

November 22, 1931 – May 31, 2017

Walter H. Finn, Jr. would have been 86 years old on November 22. He passed away at Kaiser Hospital in Antioch on May 31, 2017 with his three loving sons by his side. Walter was the beloved father of Walter, David and Eric; father-in-law to Luanne and Karey; devoted grandfather to Cassandra and Nick Stran, Sarah and Don Evans, and Shaun, Devin, Daniel and Kelli Finn.



Walter was born in West Oakland and graduated from McClymond's High School. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Henry Finn, Sr., and his mother, Jesse; his brothers, Tom and Floyd; and sisters, Texi and Darlene. Walter was a 10-year veteran of Southern Pacific Railroad and a 20-year retired employee of the Safeway Corporation.

A long-time resident of Oakland, San Ramon and, for the past 35 years, Pleasanton, Walter had a passion for golf, boxing and won awards for bowling in his youth. He loved watching sports on television and was a Warriors basketball fan. He was always very supportive of, and enjoyed attending, his sons' and grandchildren's sporting events.

Walter loved animals, especially his dog Max. He would walk Max daily at the park, making friends. People that met him, even as a one-time acquaintance, remember his tough but engaging personality, witty sense of humor and heart-of-gold smile.

'Wonderful Night' Downtown Celebration Set for Dec. 1



Horses and carriages, musicians, and Santa Claus are on the way for the annual downtown "It's a Wonderful Night" holiday celebration on Friday, Dec. 1.

The tree lighting at 5:30 will start off the night in the Downtown Plaza near the intersection of Estudillo Avenue.

"It's A Wonderful Night" will feature holiday entertainment, dancers and singers, holiday games, cookie decorating, interactive arts and crafts for kids, holiday movie showings, and horse-drawn carriage rides.

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) will feature a row of artificial holiday trees donated by the SLIA that will be decorated by local San Leandro schools, lining the pathway from Washington Avenue to East 14th Street.

Once the Holiday Tree is lit, families and visitors of all ages.

will be able to take photos with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus in the plaza. Holiday movies will also be playing outdoors all night to create a magical winter wonderland experience for neighbors and visitors of all ages. "We are happy to create these social events in enjoyable public spaces where families and friends can make holiday memories together downtown," said Gordon Galvan, SLIA's president.

Sports Memorabilia Show at St. Leander's

The Meridians of St. Leander's are sponsoring their 33rd Annual Sports Collectors Show on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Leander's Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. A variety of vintage sports memorabilia from 1880 to 2017 will be for sale. Proceeds will benefit St. Leander's parish and local charities. Admission is \$4, or \$2 for under 10 and over 65. For more information, call Mark at 538-6245.

OPINION

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Wants to See a More Fiscally Responsible City Council

Editor:

It was great to read in the San Leandro Times last week that the business outlook for the city of San Leandro looks promising (*per Katie Bowman, Economic Development Manager, quoted in "Rosy Business Forecast Given to City Council," Page One*), but I hope that the City Council doesn't plan on spending a dime on the so called proposed "ale trail" that would run between the Drake's brewery and the 21st Amendment brewery.

Is the Council trying to envision San Leandro as hosting the next Oktoberfest because one of them went on a trip to Germany last year?

I would like to see the Council become more fiscally responsible for their actions by using the anticipated increase in revenue to help reduce our unfunded city pensions and not come up with any more "forgivable loans" like the \$150,000 that they gave to the owner of the Bal Theatre.

At a minimum the Council should have insisted upon a \$150,000 pay back when the theatre is sold. It's time for the City Council to become more like squirrels and sock away those acorns as it looks like the revenue tree will be growing, and not spend the income on idiotic whims.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

Suspects Tradesmen at Council Meeting Were Paid to Attend

Editor:

As a concerned San Leandro homeowner, I attended the two open discussions concerning the planned expansion on the site of 1388 Bancroft Avenue.

The first meeting at the library was informational. The second meeting was in the San Leandro City Council chambers and it was a bit different. About 125-150 concerned supporters attended to halt the proposed project, because it is too big and too dense.

The opposition brought 30-40 union workers and few "suits." Yet, what I'm curious about is that at 9:00 p.m., all of the "tradesmen" in attendance left the building *at exactly the same time*.

So this leads to ask, were these people "on the clock"? Were these folks *paid* to attend this open City function? Very odd indeed. It was as if someone was trying to present a much wider base of support within the community which we know just isn't so. As my sticker says, "Too Big, Too Dense."

—Richard Mercouris
San Leandro

All that Racket Must Be Broken Mufflers, Right?

Editor:

I hear a lot of broken mufflers on cars and motorcycles these days in San Leandro. At least I assume they are broken mufflers.

No one would be rude enough to install illegal exhaust systems and go roaring up and down residential streets. Would they?

—Aaron Buchanan
San Leandro

Says Climate Change Denier Ignores Observable Facts

Editor:

Don J. Grundmann's letter last week (*Challenges Climate-Change Believers to a Debate,* Letters, Nov. 16) would have been more persuasive had he offered some factual explanations for why glaciers are melting, why the Antarctic ice sheet is shrinking, why the permafrost is no longer permanent and why the average temperature of the earth has been rising. Average temperatures have set successive records in the last three years.

These are observable facts. Another fact is that the CO2 concentration of our atmosphere has been rising ever since the industrial revolution powered by greatly increased use of coal for energy.

Increased CO2 concentration makes the atmosphere behave more like glass

in a greenhouse: Solar radiation comes in, heat escaping is reduced by the glass or in the case of the atmosphere, by the CO2. These are observable facts. Ranting, obfuscation and name-calling will not change them!

The only thing I and Don Grundmann can agree on is, that we should use fossil fuels "wisely." That means to minimize them while we maximize renewables so that our children and grandchildren have a chance to live in a habitable world.

—Jim Mehner
Oakland

'Extreme Concentration of Wealth Distorts Politics of Our Democracy'

Editor:

I have upper-middle income, yet far from the one percent. The loss of federal tax credit for state and local taxes hurts me. My taxes will go up.

I don't mind paying taxes for government services like schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, health and safety inspectors, environmental protection, and astronauts. But I am taxed *more* than should be because the top 1% of the top 1% isn't paying their fair share.

They have gotten tax exceptions written into the tax laws which enable them to amass most of this nation's wealth. They benefited from previous generations of taxpayers who built the physical infrastructure and social institutions that enabled them to become so wealthy, yet they feel little responsibility to return the benefit to future generations.

The extreme concentration of wealth distorts the politics of our democracy, impedes the function of our free-market economy, and decreases our opportunities for "pursuit of happiness." Republicans want to eliminate the estate tax and the alternative minimum tax that balance this inequality to a small degree. Excessive wealth amassed in one generation must be partially returned to the country rather than remain concentrated in hands of a few fortunate dynasties.

The tax plan proponents say that lowering taxes for the rich will create jobs. This is the trickle-down theory in which the poor, who subsist on table scraps dropped by the rich, can be served by giving the rich bigger meals.

It is false and deceptive, and benefits only those who already have wealth and power.

—Bruce Joffe

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What are you thankful for?

— Asked at the homeless lunch at Root Park

Being able to wake up every day, and be able to find food to eat that day, and be able to see my friends.

Colette Gonsalves
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Mike Finholt, volunteer
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John Gomes
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Michael Dougherty
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I'm thankful for my parents, my brothers and sister, and for freedom of speech and opportunity, the programs that help you get a GED and stuff like that so you can get on the right track.

Louis Corral
Oakland and San Leandro



Pirates Pull Out Playoff Win Against Foothill, 41-28

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High football team fought through round two of the North Coast Section Division I playoffs to beat Foothill, 41-28, at Burrell Field on Saturday night.

Foothill received the opening kickoff and scored a touchdown on their opening drive, closing the first quarter with a commanding 14-0 lead. Although San Leandro reached the red zone in a first period offensive drive, they were unable to convert on fourth down.

The Pirates defense answered in the second quarter when senior defensive back Kevin Johnson intercepted a fourth-down Foothill pass. Pirates senior running back Jermaine Jackson ran for a touchdown on the next offensive play to cut Foothill's lead to 14-7.

Then Pirates defensive end Jordan Cobbs intercepted a pass by Falcons' star senior quarterback Ben Wooldridge and ran it back for a touchdown to tie the game, 14-14.

"We've been practicing against Foothill's tight end screen in practice all week after watching film," Cobbs said after the game. "As soon as I put pressure on the tight end, I felt him trying

"We're making history. It's amazing what we're doing. I can't even put it into words."

— Pirates running back
Alvonte Thornton

to release and I knew in my head it was that same tight end screen play. I turned around and put my arms up and it landed right in my hands. When I caught it I knew I had to take it in for the touchdown."

San Leandro head coach Brad Bowers said Cobbs has really learned to play the defensive end position.

"Jordan had a huge game," Bowers said. "He's starting to get comfortable at his position now and he's really tearing it up out there on the defense."

It was a back-and-forth game until the second half when San Leandro found its rhythm and gained the momentum. Alvonte 'Baby Beast Mode' Thornton found his stride in the second half to get the Pirates' offense going.

Thornton finished with two touchdowns. Jackson also scored two TDs, and junior wide-receiver Devyn McKinney found the end-zone with a touchdown of his own.

"We're making history," said Thornton. "I've never been this happy before in my life. It's amazing what we're doing, I can't even put it into words."

"Alvonte had another big game," added Bowers. "He's always going to get his rushing yards — it's hard to stop him when he gets going in the open field."

"I have to thank our offensive line for doing such a great job on their blocks to allow the running backs to run the way we did to-night," said Jackson.

It was the defense though that won the game. Cobbs finished the game with two critical interceptions, senior defensive back Kevin Wilson also picked off a pass, and the defensive line held their own to create a pivotal four-and-out for the Falcons in the third period to prevent Foothill



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

Pirates defensive end Jordan Cobbs runs back an interception for a touchdown in the second quarter to tie the game at 14-14.

from tying the game.

"I give all the credit to our defense for keeping us in this game," said Cobbs.

"Offense wins games, but defense wins championships," said Coach Bowers.

The three San Leandro interceptions were pivotal in limiting the efficiency of Falcons' star senior quarterback Ben Wooldridge, who has committed to

play at Fresno State University in the Fall of 2018.

"Everyone has always counted our program out, they've always been bashing us," said Thornton. "We're just tired of that."

"We have to play our game," said Coach Bowers when asked what it will take to get back to the NCS championship game. "Liberty's a great team so to beat

them we have to move the ball, be consistent on offense, limit them on defense to eliminate big plays, and make them work hard for what they get."

Though it was a grind out game, the Pirates' were able to earn another playoff victory.

San Leandro advances to the NCS semi-finals and plays Liberty High Friday night in Brentwood at 7 p.m.

Camel: 'Longer eyelashes than mine'

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dog and leans in for petting and knows commands to sit down and stand up and can even crouch to get in elevators.

"It's all about taking their natural behavior and emphasizing it," said Rob Lyon, Freddy's trainer. "When he sits down naturally, I say 'kush' and when he stands up, I say 'hut,' and then he should learn that those things mean to sit down and stand up."

Priscilla, 11, has a weakened immune system that doesn't allow her to interact with other sick kids, but she got an opportunity to play with Freddy on her own.

"It's the first time I've ever seen a camel in person," said Priscilla. "It's so cute. His eyelashes are longer than mine."

And Freddy isn't the only animal who has visited the kids at George Mark — therapy dogs are brought in and the Oakland Zoo

visits with lizards, snakes, and other small animals frequently, according to Kathy Hull, George Mark's founder.

"It's such a big deal for our kids because the kids who are here are dealing with difficult health challenges," said Hull. "Many of them are not well enough to go to visit the zoo so here, the animals come to them. It's something for them to look forward to."

Cutter: Impressive recycling technology

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Ecomondo was held in Rimini, Italy, a city about 70 miles southeast of Bologna. Cutter said that Rimini was actually similar to San Leandro — a coastal city and suburb.

"It's Italy and it's gorgeous, but driving though it was actually a lot like San Leandro or San Lorenzo," said Cutter.

The Ecomondo conference organizers paid Cutter and Lee's way to Italy so they could share their experience in creating a "circular city," a place where as many aspects of the infrastructure work together as possible.

"Everything corresponds to something else," said Cutter. "If you install new utility poles, they can also have wifi, things like that."

There was a focus on green energy at the conference, Cutter said. Louis Rigaud of San Leandro turbine company Halus was exhibiting there too.

San Leandro was the only Bay Area city presenting at the conference, which had over 100,000 attendees from 60 countries.

Cutter said she particularly enjoyed chatting with the people from Portland, Oregon, which was one of the first cities to work closely with Google Maps.

"I thought San Leandro wouldn't have pertinent data for Google Maps, but they told me things like data from a stop light can tell people when buses are arriving," said Cutter.

Cutter said that she was impressed with the recycling tech-

nology on display and got a kick out of the "smart garbage cans" on city sidewalks which can sense when they are full.

"That way you don't have to send someone out on a routine schedule to empty a can when it's not even full, you can be notified when it needs to be emptied," said Cutter.

Cutter said it was an honor for San Leandro to be included in the largely European conference and a sign that San Leandro is on the forefront of technology that the city has been striving for years.

"To be invited was huge and it's important to get San Leandro in the limelight, because that's the way that you get grants," said Cutter. "Once you've got a whole city wired and efficient, there's no telling what you can do."

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