

LOS ALTOS HILLS



Sam Huie / California Pops Orchestra

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Jeff Sheau / California Pops Orchestra

Knodel with her black, carbon-fiber Irish harp, part of the flash mob on St. Patrick's Day.

When Irish harps are playin'



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Harpist Susan Nguyen shows her harp to her grandson, Ignacio Ramirez of Campbell, after a flash mob of Irish harpists whooped it up Foothill College on Sunday.

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During the sold-out show inside, music director Kim Venaas delivered a number of Irish jokes for the audience.

For more information about the Palo Alto-based California Pops Orchestra, visit www.californiapopsorchestra.com.