

National and World Affairs Forum

The next National and World Affairs Forum at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street, meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24. The topic is “How Do Supreme Court Decisions Affect our Lives?” Enjoy this opportunity to keep informed, share, and learn what’s going on around the world in a moderated forum setting. Admission is \$1 per session for San Leandro residents, \$3 per session for non residents. Pre-registration is required and attendees must be 50+ to register. For more information, call 577-3462. Register is available at customer service locations at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, City Hall South Offices, the Marina Community Center or online at www.sanleandrorec.org (for a small fee).

Art Show at San Leandro High

There will be a reception for the National Advanced Placement Studio Art Show on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the lobby gallery of the San Leandro High Arts Education Center, 2200 Bancroft Ave. This is the only West Coast exhibition of these beautiful works of art. For alternate viewing dates, contact art department chair Audrey Brown at abrown@sanleandro.k12.ca.us.

Chinese Christian Schools Open House

The Chinese Christian Schools, 750 Fargo Ave., are having a parent workshop, “How to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten,” on Friday, Jan. 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 351-4957 or email SLinfo@ccs-rams.org.

Free Clothing at The Blessings Closet

The Fellowship Hall of Castro Valley United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St., is having a community outreach day, “New Duds for the New Year,” offering new and gently-worn clothing free to anyone who needs a helping hand, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26. No income or background checks required. For more information, call Ron Stout at 921-4969.

Feed the Sharks

Assist the Interpretive Center staff during the daily feeding in the shark tank at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, 4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward, on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 2 to 3 p.m. Learn about the surf perch, starry flounder, anemones and barnacles that inhabit the tank along with the resident leopard sharks. New animals are being added regularly. Who is the predator and who is the prey? It’s for all ages and it’s free.

Eden Garden Club

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday, Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge on Rutledge Road in Castro Valley (just off Castro Valley Blvd. near Lake Chabot Road). StopWaste.Org program manager Jeanne Nader will talk about converting your lawn and creating a sustainable garden, as well as a hands-on demonstration of sheet mulching – layering materials on top of the lawn and allowing you to plant right into it. There will also be a

drawing for the inspirational books – Plants and Landscapes for a Summer Dry Climate (EBMUD) and Reimagining the California Lawn. For more information call 537-0110.

Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting for City Council Districts 3 and 4 will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., hosted by Mayor Stephen Cassidy and City Council members Diana Souza and Benny Lee. The topics to be discussed include, neighborhood safety, medical marijuana dispensaries, raising chickens and bees, and major projects such as the Kaiser Hospital and the I-880 freeway and overpass expansion.

Cellist to Perform at Vine & Tapas

Classical cellist Mariah Mitchell-Mellor will be playing at The Vine & Tapas, 101 Parrot St. in downtown in San Leandro, on Friday, Feb. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. The concert is a part of string of performances to finance touring with the Oakland Youth Orchestra this summer in Argentina. Mitchell-Mellor, a 16 year old San Leandran, performs frequently as a soloist and ensemble musician. She is looking forward to playing for her hometown audience for the first time as a solo cellist.

Documentary Film on Gender Roles

The documentary film about the effect of homophobia on gender roles in high school will be shown on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro High Arts Education Center, 2200 Bancroft Ave. "Straight-laced – How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up" by Academy Award-winning director Debra Chasnoff is a riveting and often funny film about gender roles and issues. There will be a discussion after the movie and refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome. Best for age 14 and older. For more information, email Kate Livson at katelivson@yahoo.com.

Readers' Roundtable

The San Leandro Library Readers' Roundtable book club will meet at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. to discuss The Big Read selection, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. A true literary wonder, Hurston's masterwork remains as relevant and affecting today as when it was first published.

Arroyo Boosters Annual Crab Feed

Arroyo Athletic Booster Club's 33rd Annual Crab Feed will be on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$40, which includes all-you-can-eat salad, pasta, bread, and crab, along with dancing, full bar and a raffle. For tickets call Mike at 355-7241.

St. Leander Church Valentine Crab Feed

St. Leander Church is having its annual crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 W. Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes crab, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. The event is "assigned seating only" and no outside beverages. There will be a silent auction and sports memorabilia silent auction. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the St. Leander Parish Office at 895-5631. Last day to purchase tickets is Feb. 4.

San Leandro Toastmasters

The San Leandro Toastmasters meet every Thursday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Toastmasters, a leader in communication and leadership development, is a learn-by-doing workshop where members hone their speaking skills in a no-pressure atmosphere. Guests are welcome. Come to improve your confidence in public speaking.

Chinese Christian School

Chinese Christian High School, 1501 Harbor Bay Parkway in Alameda, is having an open house on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 522-0200, ext. 3200.

☐ Girls Leadership

Simone Marean, co-founder of the Girls Leadership Institute, will speak on Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave., co-sponsored by the Roosevelt and Bancroft PTAs. Simone will share how to help girls practice assertive self-expression, emotional intelligence and healthy relationships, preparing them for a life of leadership, and the problem of pushing girls to maintain a “perfect girl” image. Adults only. \$10 per person donation, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Free child care available by registering at juliehelmbrecht@att.net or 636-1686.

Teen Talent Show

See the best of local teen talent at the San Leandro’s Got Talent show on Friday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library. Tickets are on sale at San Leandro Main Library (300 Estudillo Avenue) and the Recreation and Human Services Department South Offices (835 East 14th Street). Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth, 17 and under. Light refreshments will be sold during intermission and there will be a raffle for great prizes.

Bayfair Toastmasters

Learn to speak and think on your feet with the Bayfair Toastmasters, a friendly, supportive group that meets every Wednesday at noon at the Bayfair Building, 14895 East 14th St. in San Leandro. For more information, call Noreen at 538-6025 or Ernestine at 915-2284.

Rotary Club Crab Feed

The San Leandro Rotary Club is having its annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m., catered by Miraglia's Catering. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased online at www.rotarycrabfeed.org or by contacting Bonnie Best at 397-3207 or Aisha Knowles at 618-3479.