



SL Author's Novel Wins Award

San Leandro author JoAnn Smith Ainsworth achieved runner-up status in the 2016 Shelf Unbound Best Indie Book Competition for her WWII paranormal suspense novel entitled *Expect Trouble*. A story about the U.S. government recruiting psychics to hunt down Nazi spies. Shelf Unbound independent book review magazine hosts this yearly competition. The review magazine features the best of small press and self-published books. Each issue reaches 125,000 avid readers in more than 70 countries. Ms. Ainsworth is a member of the California Writers Club, BAIPA, and Sisters in Crime—Northern California. To learn more about JoAnn Smith Ainsworth, visit <http://www.joannsmithainsworth.com> or Twitter @JoAnnAinsworth or her Facebook JoAnnSmithAinsworthAuthor Fan Page.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

A Christmas Carol, a classic holiday favorite will be presented at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley from Nov. 19 to Dec. 11. The whole family will enjoy this Christmas classic told in a unique way, along with music of the season. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., Sundays shows begin at 2 p.m. General admission tickets

are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children 12 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 733-5483.

❖ San Leandro Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players present *Trouble Bubbles at the Hot Springs*, by Gary McCarver and directed by Catherine Heck, on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays

at 2 p.m. through Nov. 20 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Professor Thaddeus Snavelly Mack returns to do dastardly deeds with a colorful cast in this rollicking musical. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, and students. Information and tickets available online at www.slplayers.org.

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, and 11, at the DMT Theatre, 22311 North 3rd Street in Hayward. An Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1. For tickets (\$27-\$29), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 881-6777. Enjoy the holiday classic that puts the "heart" in heartwarming.

❖ Artful Steps Holiday Art Auction

Artful Steps will hold an art auction presenting the works of over 50 local artists with disabilities, on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and craft beers will be available on tap. Proceeds benefit adults with developmental disabilities. Artworks including ceramic mosaics, multi-media collages, drawings, paintings, and prints, will be on display and available for purchase at the holiday auction.

❖ SOS Meals on Wheels

SOS Meals on Wheels will have its 3rd Annual Boutique Fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 "B" St. in Hayward. Early bird shopping on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great handmade items and an exciting pick-your-prize raffle. For more information call Gerry at 483-8156 or if you would like to make a donation send your check to SOS Meals on Wheels, 2235 Polvorosa #260, San Leandro 94577.

❖ International Games Day

Join in the fun on International Game Day Saturday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Main Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. Grab board games and video games for all ages. The event is free and no registration is required. Refreshments served. For more information call 577-7971.

❖ Panel on Gun Violence

A panel on gun violence will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. The panel will include a gun owner, a representative of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell or a member of his staff, and Lorrain Taylor, founder of 1000Mothers.org, which serves families of friends who have been directly impacted by violence. The panel is sponsored by Eden Area Interfaith Council, Castro Valley Library, and the local League of Women Voters. For more information, call 276.1631 or email frankburton.now@gmail.com.

❖ Hands-On History for Kids

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will offer a free hands-on history workshop for kids in grades 2 and up on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Learn how ancient ways are preserved today. Touch real artifacts, then practice using knot tying, weaving and make a traditional boat that actually floats. Register by calling the children's desk at 577-3960.

❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Some changes might seem confusing at first, especially to an Aries whose impatience levels are pretty shaky this week. Take it one step at a time, Lamb, and soon all will be made clear.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): That difficult situation you've been dealing with continues to call for careful handling. Avoid quickly made choices that might not stand up when they're finally put to the test.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You still have lots of evaluating to do before you can consider making a commitment. It's better to move cautiously than to risk stumbling into a major misunderstanding.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A previously peevish partner offers to be more helpful with your problems. But remember: The final choice is yours. Be guided by what you feel is the right thing to do.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): As the Big Cat, you sometimes can be pretty rough on those you suspect of betrayal. The best advice is to pull in those claws and listen to the explanation. It might surprise you.

