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Creole Classes -- 6-9 p.m. Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 6 and April 3. Learn to create Creole and Cajun dishes from Charlmagne Thibodeaux. Dishes include chicken and sausage gumbo and okra etouffee Creole. Burlingame High School, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame. \$35 per class. Call the San Mateo Adult School to register, 650-558-2100 .

French Market Cooking -- 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17. Connie Wilson shares her love of France and Provencal cooking in "Cooking from the Markets of Provence," a demonstration class that includes dishes such as citrus-marinated sea scallops in balsamic-shallot glaze, baby carrots simmered with fresh sage and creme fraiche panna cotta with cassis-poached berries. Draeger's Cooking School, Draeger's Market, 222 E. Fourth Ave., San Mateo. \$55. 650-685-3704 . For more classes, go to <http://www.draegers.com/DCS> .

Lost Canyon Winery presents Jill Giacomini Basch -- 4-6 p.m. Jan. 19. Basch, one of the owners of Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company, will take you on a tour of some of her favorite local artisanal cheeses. Cheese tasting, lecture and wine pairing. 2102 Dennison St., Oakland. \$20 nonmembers, \$10 members. 510-534-9314 .

Winter Wineland -- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 19-20. More than 100 wineries of the Russian River Wine Road in Dry Creek, Russian River and Alexander valleys. A list of participating wineries is on the Web site, <http://www.wineroad.com> . \$40 for both days when purchased by Jan. 13. \$30 for Sunday only. \$10 for designated drivers. 800-723-6336 or 707-433-4335 .

SOMA Winter Mushroom Camp -- Jan. 19-21 in Occidental with Tom Volk and Else Vellinga. Forays, classes, presentations and mushroom cuisine. \$275 for full weekend, \$215 with off-site lodging, \$125 for Sunday only. 707-773-1011 , <http://www.somamushrooms.org> .

Crab Feast No. 1 -- 6 or 8:15 p.m. Jan. 23. All you can eat. Le Bistro, 1606 N. Main St., Walnut Creek. \$50. 925-407-8000 .

ZAP Festival 2008 -- Jan. 23-26. Zinfandel Advocates & Producers Festival offers an array of activities in San Francisco. Flights: A Showcase of California Zinfandels; 2-6 p.m. Jan. 23; Smith Hall Building, City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Ave.; \$130 nonmembers. Good Eats; 6-9 p.m. Jan. 24; Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason Center; \$125 nonmembers. Evening with the Winemakers; 5 p.m. Jan. 25; Westin St. Francis Hotel, 335 Powell St.; \$350 VIP, \$260 nonmembers. ZAP Tasting; 2-5 p.m. Jan. 26; Herbst and Festival pavilions, Fort Mason Center; \$59 nonmembers, \$69 door. Except for the ZAP Tasting, all tickets must be purchased in advance. Details and tickets at <http://www.zinfandel.org> .

Italian Meals -- 6-9 p.m. Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 13, April 10 and May 1. Roberto Lancellotti teaches you to prepare delicious three-course Italian dinners, including dishes such as grilled zucchini, marinara, chicken scampi, vegetable pasta and tiramisu. Burlingame High School, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame. \$35 per class. Call the San Mateo Adult School to register, 650-558-2100 .

"Impress the Chef" -- Pasta Pomodoro owner and chef Adriano Paganini invites participants to provide a written story describing their favorite home-cooked Italian specialty dish and why it is so special to them. Entries must be received by Jan. 25. The descriptions can be dropped off at contestants'

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local Pasta Pomodoro restaurants. Online entries are also welcome at <http://www.pastapomodoro.com> . Five local winners will be selected based on their written descriptions. Those contestants will be invited to bring a sample of their dish to a regional event in February. There, entries will be judged on the basis of taste, presentation, originality and the story about the dish. The grand prize is \$5,000. Several other prizes will be awarded.

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Crab Feed -- 5-10 p.m. Jan. 26. Benefits Pittsburg Boys and Girls Club and the AT&T Pioneers. Special guest appearance of Yau-Man Chan from CBS' "Survivor." Silent auction and music following dinner. Pittsburg Yacht Club, 3 Marina Blvd. \$37. Linda: 925-286-1555 .

All You Can Eat Crab Feed -- 6 p.m. Jan. 26. Benefits GFWC Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club's community service projects. Salad, pasta and special extras along with fresh crab. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. \$35. Shirley: 925-828-5389 .

"Souper Bowl" -- Noon-5 p.m. Jan. 26 and 27. Enjoy a weekend of special soups, breads and Fenestra wines. Fenestra Winery, 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore. \$10 includes a logo wineglass and plate. \$5 ages 5-12; \$10 ages 13-20, includes plate and non-alcoholic beverage. 925-447-5246 .

Tesla Vintners 3rd Anniversary Party and Port Release -- 1-4 p.m. Jan. 27. Meet the winemakers, listen to live music, sample light appetizers while tasting wines. 5143 Tesla Road, Livermore.

Silk Bag Luncheon -- 1:30-4 p.m. Jan. 27. Holt International adoption agency hosts a fund-raiser for its Waiting Child Program. Event includes an international meal and silk bag auction. Event Center, St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. \$50. 800-451-0732 , <http://www.holtinternational.org> .

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