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Joan Didion tribute event coming to Golden 1 Center Nov. 10

By Lance Armstrong
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A special event to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the famous Sacramento-born author Joan Didion will be held at the Golden 1 Center on Nov. 10.

Didion, a renowned novelist, essayist, journalist and screenwriter, died last December at the age of 87.

Among Didion's many notable books are "The Year of Magical Thinking," "The White Album," "Blue Nights" and "Slouching Towards Bethlehem."

Prior to obtaining her fame in the literary world, she lived in Sacramento and attended local educational institutions, including C.K. McClatchy High School and Sacramento Junior College – today's Sacramento City College (SCC).

The Sacramento Historical Society, the city and county of Sacramento, the Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento City College, and the Sacramento Kings, invite people to join them in this evening of celebration of this fifth generation Sacramento native daughter.

The upcoming event, the Golden Land Joan Didion Celebration, will begin at 6 p.m., and will feature the unveiling of the Joan Didion statue, which will later be installed in the Sacramento Room of the Sacramento Public Library's Central Library at 828 I St., where Didion spent many hours during her youth.

A bust of Didion will also be unveiled. It will later be installed at Sacramento City College to serve as a longstanding inspiration and motivation for that institution's students.

Lisa Reinertson, the sculptor who created these artworks, will give a brief talk.

Other confirmed speakers for this event are Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Virginia McReynolds, a retired SCC English professor and Joan Didion expert, Sacramento City College Interim President Albert Garcia, and Sacramento City Historian Marcia Eymann.

There will also be pictures and videos of Didion, a question-and-answer session with Eymann, displays of art from Sacramento City College artists, a quote display by Women's Wisdom Art, music, food and drinks. A Sacramento literary luminaries painting by artist Jerald Silva that includes an image of Didion will also be on display at the event. The painting will later be placed on permanent display in the Sacramento Room.

Sacramento Historical Society Vice President Gregg Lukenbill, who worked with Sacramento resident Maurice Read on both the Joan Didion statue

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Maurice Read, left, and Gregg Lukenbill stand with the recently completed sculpture of the Sacramento-born author Joan Didion.

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Motorcycle club spreads stuttering awareness through Nina's Ride

By Joe Perfecto

On Saturday morning, Oct. 15, some rather uncommon delivery vehicles rumbled through a number of Sacramento area neighborhoods, bearing cargo bound for some equally uncommon destinations. Instead of scores of lumbering, parcel-packed, brown-and-gold or white-purple-and-orange-panel trucks one typically sees, they were just three in number – a Harley-Davidson and two BMW motorcycles, their saddlebags laden with books.

The trio went "kickstands up" at about 9:30 a.m. from the clubhouse of the Capital City Motorcycle Club on 13th Street, near X Street, thus launching the inaugural running of Nina's Ride, brainchild of club member Joseph de Leon. These bookmobiles covered about 100 miles, dropping off copies of two specific titles at 15 Little Free Library book-sharing boxes across the greater Sacramento area.

Little Free Library boxes are public bookcases of various

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Photos by Joe Perfecto

Joseph de Leon snaps a photograph as Capital City Motorcycle Club secretary Rachel 'Pitbull' Allison places books at a Little Free Library site on 10th Avenue in the Land Park neighborhood.



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LAND PARK

Adorable Land Park home with Art Deco features. Living room features a lovely fireplace with Deco design, wood floors, large picture window and two additional windows that allow light to filter into the spacious room. Open archway to formal dining room with double windows and wood floors. Kitchen has white tiled counters with blue tile accents, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator and breakfast area. Laundry area is behind louvered doors. Spacious bedrooms, wood floors and ceiling fans. Many dual paned windows throughout and central heat and air. Landscaped front yard and covered porch entry. Backyard has a larger patio for outdoor dining. Separate detached garage. One-and one-half blocks distance to Chocolate Fish, Marie's Donuts, Freeport Bakery, Taylors Market and Transportation. Don't miss this Cutie! 1765 Vallejo Way $668,500



LAND PARK

In the heart of Land Park, this home features a private front brick courtyard, large entry, a formal living room with fireplace and two picture windows. The formal dining room has a built-in leaded glass hutch and French doors that open to the brick patio. Two bedrooms and three full bathrooms. The primary bedroom includes a sitting room with bookshelves, sink, and closet. French doors open to the front courtyard as well. The primary bathroom has a stall shower. The kitchen has original tile, farm style sink, deco cabinet knobs, portable dishwasher and classic Wedgewood stove. There is a large utility room, washer and dryer hook-up, storage closet and back door. Upstairs features a large over-sized room with balcony and full bath that could be used as an entertainment area, craft room or art studio. Backyard has mature landscaping, brick patio and a raised garden bed for herbs and tomatoes. The two-car garage has been converted into a carpeted living space with European style wall HVAC system. 1617 7th Avenue $880,000.



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Tunnel to Towers 5K run/walk coming to William Land Park Nov. 5

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Photos courtesy of Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Runners participate in last year's Tunnel to Towers race at William Land Park.

William Land Park, on Saturday, Nov. 5, will be the site of the 2nd annual Tunnel to Towers 5K run/walk, which will benefit the Fallen First Responder Home Program.

This Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation program provides mortgage payoffs for fallen first responders and military service members who leave behind young children. About 70 Tunnel to Towers 5K run/walk fundraising events are annually held throughout the nation.

This program provided funds to pay the mortgage of Placer County Marine Capt. John Sax, who died in a military helicopter crash in the Southern California desert in June. The foundation has also paid the mortgages of Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Gibson, Stockton Police Officer Jimmy Inn, Newman Police Cpl. Ronil Singh, and El Dorado County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Ishmael.

Mary Parra, volunteer race director for Sacramento's Tunnel to Towers event, told this paper that the foundation was founded following Sept. 11, to ensure that the tragic events of that day will not be forgotten.

"(It) was started by five siblings who lost Stephen (Siller), their youngest brother, on 9/11," she said. "On Sept. 11, 2001, Stephen, who was assigned to Brooklyn's Squad 1, had just finished his shift and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the north tower of the World Trade Center.

"Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife, Sally, and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear.

"Stephen drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes. Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 pounds of gear to his back, and raced on foot through the tunnel to the twin towers, where he gave up his life while saving others."

The upcoming 5K run/walk event will begin at 9 a.m., and those who are interested in participating are encouraged to register in advance. There will also be opportunities for people to register near the race's starting/ending line, near Sutterville Road and Freeport Boulevard, on the day of this event.

Participants will run or walk in a loop through the park, along 13th and 14th avenues and 18th and 19th streets.

Parra mentioned that although there will be official timekeepers, this 5K walk/run is not being held as a competitive event, and typical awards, such as top placement awards for male and female participants, will not necessarily be awarded.

Instead, the race organizers will present three medals in the categories of their choice.

Last year's medals were given to a Roseville firefighter who was the first female to cross the finish line, one to the first male finisher, and one to a woman from El Dorado County.

The latter medal recipient had never run a 5K race, Parra noted.

"She started running to try to lose weight and she lost 100 pounds, and felt confident enough to do a 5K," she said. "So, this was the first 5K she had ever done, so we gave her a medal, as well."

The registration costs to participate in this event are $40 for

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Didion

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project and the creation of a Joan Didion Sacramento City College literary scholarship, spoke with this paper last week about the event and the importance of Didion to Sacramento.

"This (event) is going to be incredible," he said. "It's all about Joan Didion, who she is and who she was and her whole persona that we are going to identify, because it has everything to do with the history of Sacramento. She is the personification of the history of Sacramento, in my opinion.

"(The event is intended to be) a unifying, uplifting, enlightenment celebration to honor (Didion's) life's work."

Tickets for this event are $100 for the premium package, $50 for standard package (general admission), and $25 for students.

The premium package will include premium seating, a reception and discussion with Sacramento historian Marcia Eymann; food, wine and beer; a one-year Sacramento Historical Society membership, and a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win a 15-inch-tall Didion maquette – a small model of Reinertson's Didion statue.

The standard package includes entry into the Golden 1 Center for the event and free snacks and drinks.

To purchase tickets in advance and obtain further information about this event, visit the website, www.sachistoricalsociety.org. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Golden 1 Center on the day of the event.

Sacramento Stamp Club offering $1,000 scholarships

The Sacramento Stamp Club is offering $1,000 scholarships to young philatelists, who enjoy studying and collecting postage stamps.

These scholarships are available to philatelists residing within the greater Sacramento metropolitan area who are at least 17 years old, but not older than 25 years old at the time of nomination.

The applicant must be a full-time student, in an accredited community college or an accredited four-year college or university by the fall of 2023. All winners will be presented at the Sacramento Philatelic Society's (SPS) first meeting in April of 2023.

The application form may be obtained from the SPS website, www.Sacramento-StampClub.org.

A completed application, along with an essay and transcript, must be submitted to: SPS, Attn: Scholarship Board, P.O. Box 13284, Sacramento, CA 95813, by Jan. 5, 2023 at 4 p.m. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.

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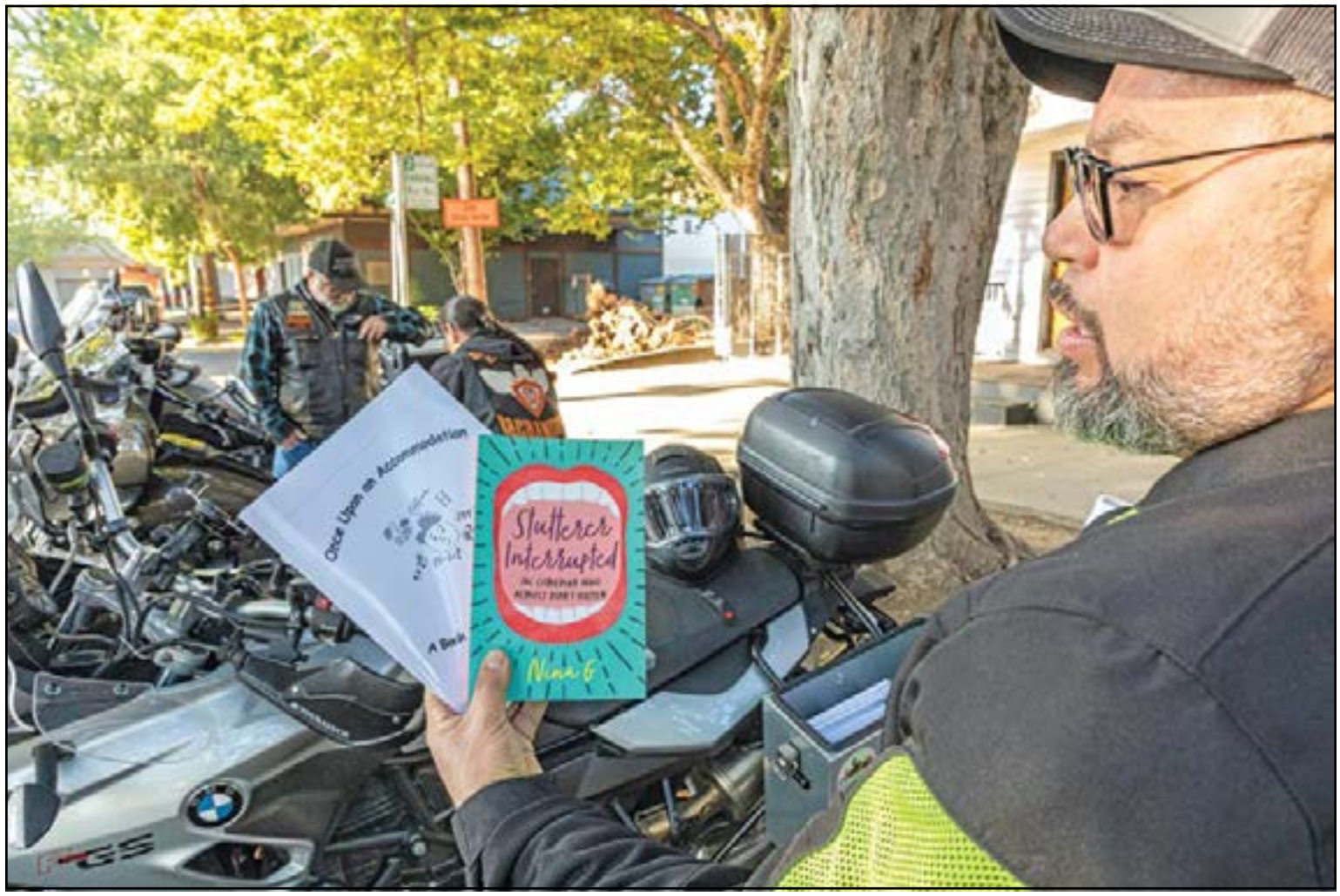
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According to the St. Paul, Minnesota, nonprofit organization that shepherds the network, more than 150,000 sites exist in more than 100 countries. Greater Sacramento hosts roughly 100 sites, with close to half of those in the Land Park and Pocket-Greenhaven areas.

The impetus for the book delivery event was provided by San Francisco Bay Area comedian, author and public speaker, Nina G, who has attained much success despite being a stutterer.

"Earlier this year, I went to a comedy show and Nina was one of the comedians, and after her show she was selling a couple of her books," de Leon said.

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Joseph de Leon shows off the books to be distributed.

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Comedian/author Nina G and illustrator/fellow comedian 'Mean Dave' autograph books while riders wait.



Comedian/author Nina G and Joseph de Leon stand in front of the motorcycle club's clubhouse.

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"One is a memoir, which talks about her experience as a stuttering woman who experienced stigma and all kinds of other barriers to being a comedian. I read that book and was super inspired."

As de Leon had a history of donating his old books to Little Free Libraries, he thought it would be good if all the Sacramento locations had a copy of Nina G's memoir.

"I bought 20 of her books, and I thought I could get them to 20 different libraries around town to get the word out – we could spread awareness about stuttering," he said. "(Then) I learned that Nina also wrote a children's book on disability accommodations, and I bought 20 of those."

When de Leon visited the Little Free Library website, www.LittleFreeLibrary.org, he found that of the 100 or so local sites, about 60 listed email addresses. He sent messages to all of them, but only 17 replied, and two of them were impractically distant from the others. Half of the 15 finalists were clustered in Land Park and East Sacramento, with the remainder in Rancho Cordova, Antelope, Roseville, Wilton, Sloughhouse and West Sacramento.

The books by Nina G that de Leon and crew delivered just in time for International Stuttering Awareness Day (Oct. 22) are "Stutterer Interrupted: The Comedian Who Almost Didn't Happen" and "Once Upon An Accommodation: A Book About Learning Disabilities."

Stuttering, an incurable but often manageable condition, affects about one in 100 people around the world, and about 3 million in the United States. Affected males outnumber females three to one. Those having the condition frequently experience discrimination in both their professional and private lives. It is this issue that "Stutterer Interrupted" discusses, and why de Leon chose to share it via Little Free Library boxes.

"What a Little Free Library does is it amplifies a local voice," de Leon said. "When you take (a book) to your little library, then your neighbors can read that same story and maybe have the same experience. I love the idea of (book) sharing. It's a way to connect with the community."

After the ride, de Leon reported that the deliveries went well.

"We received a warm welcome from several little libraries – a couple even gave us snacks," he said. "We definitely plan to do it again next year."

For stuttering-related information and resources, consider visiting the National Stuttering Association's website, www.WeStutter.org, write to the email address, info@westutter.org, or call (800) 937-8888.

Writers guild to present holiday seminar Nov. 5

The Elk Grove Writers Guild will present a holiday seminar in Elk Grove on Nov. 5.

Featuring three published authors, this event will be held at the city of Elk Grove's District56 center, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 140, from noon to 4:45 p.m.

Among the participating authors will be Elaine Faber, whose published works include nine mystery novels, an anthology of cat stories, and multiple short stories in 22 independent anthologies.

She will speak on the "Do's and Don'ts of Writing."

Gini Grossenbacher, a novelist, poet, certified editor, educator and publisher, will speak on "Descriptive, Dynamic Settings."

Judith Starkston, who has degrees in classics from the University of California, Santa Cruz and Cornell University, has written about fantasy and magic in the Bronze Age world.

She will speak on "Writing Better Dialogue."

Those who are interested in attending this seminar can register at www.egweg.org/holiday.

For additional information, write to egwg2020@egweg.org.

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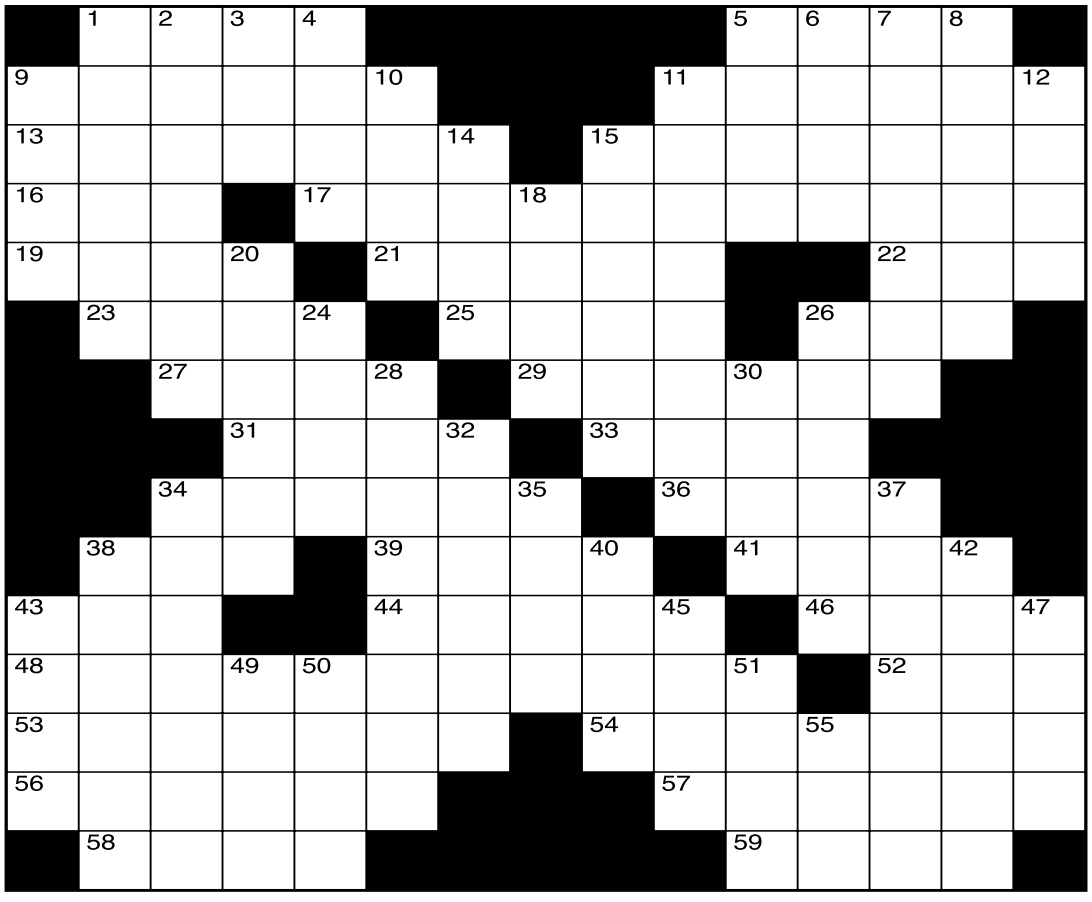
Volunteers must be signed up by the end of November. Tax preparation certification training begins Nov. 5.

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For more information about the United Way's free, tax preparation program or to sign up to volunteer, visit the website, www.YourLocalUnitedWayFreeTaxPrep.org.

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1. A way to communicate
5. Historic city
9. Not the same
11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
13. One hurt the Titanic
15. Fine dense cloth
16. Architectural structure
17. Where Serena works
19. Stringed instrument
21. Estimate
22. Where sailors work
23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
25. Popular slow cooked dish
26. Twisted Sister's Snider
27. "Office Space" actor Stephen
29. Put the ball in the net
31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
33. High school math subject
34. Looked into
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A pea is one type
39. You can put it on something
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Beheaded
52. A place to stay
53. Inanely foolish
54. Most unnatural
56. "Dennis" is one
57. Soothes
58. Exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Triangular bone in lower back
2. Building toy
3. Pointed end of a pen
4. Insect repellent
5. College army
6. Highly spiced stew
7. Exploited
8. Main course
9. A bottle that contains a drug
10. The most worthless part
11. Everyone needs one nowadays
12. Japanese wooden shoe
14. Antelopes
15. A way to cut
18. Brooklyn hoopsters
20. Gradually receded
24. Ripped open
26. College grads get one
28. Amino acid
30. Unruly gathering
32. Legislative body
34. Resembling pigs
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Some build hills
49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell

Upcoming Events

Halloween party, trivia special, more at Bottle & Barlow – Decorated as a New Orleans-style haunted hotel, this full-service barbershop and cocktail lounge at 1120 R St. is offering a series of Halloween-related events and cocktail specials to celebrate the spooky season.

Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 p.m. – Rocky Horror Halloween Party with live musical entertainment, DJs Shannon Brook and Crook One, and tarot card readings.

Sunday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. – "Hunger of the Abyss: Cambion" book signing.

Monday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. – Halloween Trivia Special.

For more information, visit www.BottleandBarlow.com.

Trunk or Treat – Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 will present this free, family fun event at their lodge at 6446 Riverside Blvd. on Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m.

To sign up for candy donations, car participation or to obtain more information, call (916) 422-6666.

CBS Neighborhood Concert Series – Congregation Beth Shalom is offering three concerts for all ages, beginning Nov. 13. Michael Neumann, artistic director emeritus of the Sacramento Youth Symphony and music director emeritus of the Folsom Lake Symphony is the host of this series.

Come and see world-class musicians perform live works from Mozart, Philip Glass, opera and Broadway.

Neumann will be facilitating a question-and-answer session after each performance, and a reception will be held after the performances with refreshments.

The event will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom at 4746 El Camino Ave. in Carmichael on Nov. 13, Jan. 8 and March 12, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Ticket prices are $18 for families, $10 for adults and $5 for students.

Tickets can be purchased through the website, www.cbshalom.org.

For more information, call (916) 485-4478 or write to the email address, lorinalangan@yahoo.com.

Christmas play at Sacramento First Christian Church – Looking for something different this Christmas season? Have you ever experienced a church Christmas play? The play will take the place of this church's usual sermon on Dec. 11, during the 10:30 a.m. service.

The event will be held at the First Christian Church at 3901 Folsom Blvd. in Sacramento.

Admission is free and parking might be limited on that day, so people are encouraged to arrive early.

For additional information, visit the website, www.fccsacramento.com.

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adults, $30 for first responders, $20 for those ages 12 to 17, and $15 for children, 11 years old and younger. Each registered participant will receive an event T-shirt.

Parra mentioned that she is hoping that about 300 to 500 people will participate in this year's race.

This year's main, local sponsors for the Sacramento Tunnel to Towers event include American Medical Response (AMR), Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers fast-food restaurant, Spare Time Sports Clubs, and Fleet Feet.

Parra mentioned that the inaugural Sacramento Tunnel to Towers event was delayed by one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She added that last year's event proved to be a success.

"Last year's race was pretty successful for a first race coming out of COVID(-19)," she said. "We had about 200 runners, which was great, and we had (C.K. McClatchy High School's) honor guard, we had a high school singer, and we had the widow of one of the police officers (Gibson) who received a mortgage payoff (as a speaker)."

This year's event will have more vendors, Raising Cane's workers will be handing out free lemonade, and AMR will have an ambulance on site.

McClatchy High's honor guard will make a return, Kristen Brown will sing the national anthem, Gibson's widow will speak again, and the widow of a fallen firefighter will also speak.

The event will also include an appearance by Mango, a first responder service dog, and a firefighter wearing his turnout gear. Sacramento will be just one of his stops as he travels the country making appearances at Tunnel to Towers races.



Mango, a first responder service dog, leads a group of runners at last year's Tunnel to Towers 5K run/walk.



The event includes both two- and four-legged participants.

Parra mentioned that the race will once again offer 9/11 replica badges for the registered race participants.

"They have replica badges of all 343 firefighters who died in 9/11, and we encourage participants to clip (one of those badges) onto your clothes as you run and kind of run in their honor," she said. "And then you're allowed to keep that (badge) if you want and research that person when you go home and just see what kind of life they led."

Parra shared a story related to badges at the inaugural race.

"We had at least four people that came to the (registration) table and said, 'Oh, my best friend was a firefighter,' 'Oh, my husband's best friend (was a firefighter),' and they found their friends' badges and wore (them) in their honor," she said. "And that was so emotional, like people were crying. It was just very therapeutic.

"I was not expecting that. I was thinking, 'We're in California. We're so far removed.' But you're really not. So, (the badges are) a really special touch that we do that I think is really neat."

To register for this event, visit the website, www.t2trun.org. All of the Tunnel to Towers 5K run/walk cities are referenced on this site's main page, with the Sacramento event being listed at the bottom of that page. To access the Sacramento registration page, click on the icon for that race.

For additional information about this event, write to the email address, sacramento@t2t.org.

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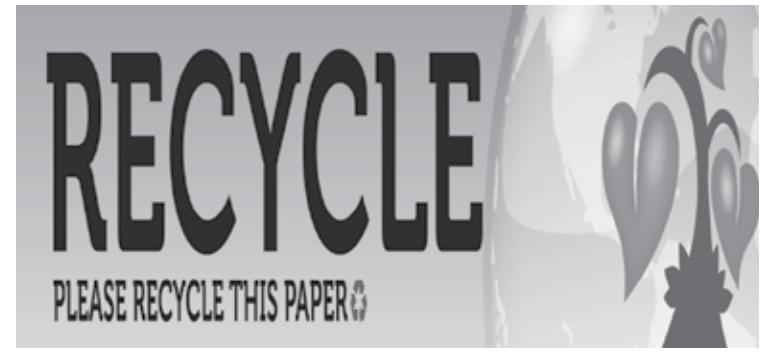
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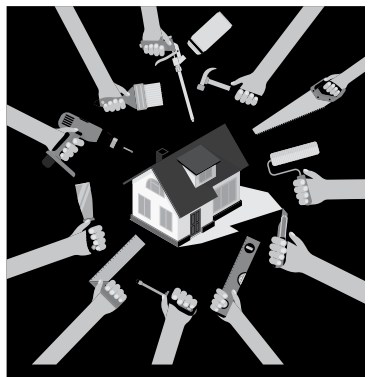
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