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Warmly welcoming the holidays

With Halloween over, eyes move to gift-getting and holiday shopping

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It seems to get here earlier and earlier each year – heralded by omnipresent muzak versions of seasonal songs, Christmas isn't just "coming to town," it's running us over. Not long after Halloween ends, the catalogues come out, the wish lists are made, the online shopping begins and the long foot race to Christmas morning begins with the first of what often becomes many expensive steps. And, for those of us caught in this whirlwind, the gift-getting, tree-buying, secret-Santa-shopping



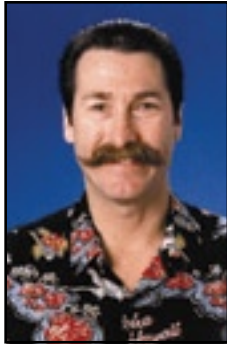
season can make for more pressure than pleasure.

So, here's the fix: planning.

The Land Park News staff, in an attempt to help our fellow Sacramento area residents avoid the confusion caused by lists of lame and tired gift ideas, has issued our own Holiday Gift Guide – a little over one month before Christmas and but a few weeks before holiday gift-getting begins in full fire.

So, dear readers, take this gift guide and let it help you identify those things that might bring joy to another. Moreover, when spending and shopping, keep in mind the reason why you and thousands of others venture out into cold winter nights: an obligation of love. And that feeling can bring warmth to even the chilliest night.

From all of us on this side of the page, let me issue an early Happy Holidays.



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Haley Anthonisen, pictured third from the left, was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Haley Anthonisen honored for charity work Youth in Philanthropy awarded to local woman

By CELIA GREEN
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The world for many 20-year-old girls consists of iPhones, shopping and FaceBook. For Haley Anthonisen, the world is so much more – it's about giving back. And as a result, Anthonisen was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

"She makes amazing, beautiful purses, and she gives a portion of the proceeds to us," said Amber Stott, Director of Community Partnerships at Women's Empowerment, a non-prof-

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The Valley Community Newspaper, Inc. Web site, www.valcomnews.com, has received a massive makeover, providing for a new and interactive experience when searching for your local news or downloading your favorite community newspapers: the Arden-Carmichael News, the East Sacramen-

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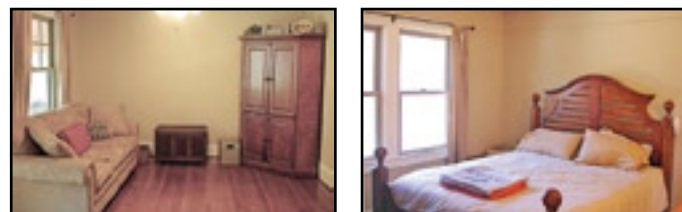
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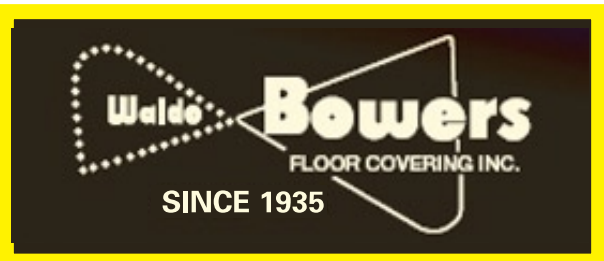
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Special to the East Sacramento News

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Their goal in the 2009 effort is to increase distributions by collecting 20,000 toys.

We will have many "satellite" collection points, thanks to the great support of the Sacramento community and region, and its wonderful people who make Toys for the Troops' Kids a success. Their main donation sites will operate 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Dec. 5 to Dec. 22, 2009, at Sunrise Festival Shopping Center (located at Greenback Lane and Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights) and Lake Crest Village Shopping Center (located at Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive in Sacramento).

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Janey Way Memories



Janey Way's Generation Bowl



By **MARTY RELLES**
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In college football, they play the Rose Bowl and the Orange Bowl. Professional football has the Super Bowl. On Janey Way, we played the Generation Bowl. This story tells how that game came into existence.

When I grew up on Janey Way, Thanksgiving Day meant football. Our family always attended the Turkey Day football game between Sacramento High and McClatchy High at Hughes Stadium. My uncle George Relles coached football at Sacramento High and the family turned out to support his teams. However, my uncle eventually moved on to become athletic director at Hiram Johnson High School. So after my generation graduated from high school, we spent Thanksgiving in the neighborhood. On one of those Thanksgiving days, a group of us loitered in front of the Relles' house tossing a football around. Then, one of the boys said, "Let's go play football at Phoebe Hearst School." So, off we went down to Phoebe Hearst. When we arrived there, we saw the younger generation Janey Way boys readying to play a game of flag football. Naturally, they called over and challenged us to game. We eagerly accepted.

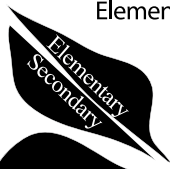
What then ensued was sixty minutes of knock down drag-em-out football. When all was said and done the elder generation had triumphed by a big margin. This was not unexpected, as the older boys were bigger and more experienced. Standing around after the game we all agreed to return next year to play a second "Generation Bowl." That began the tradition of the Generation Bowl on Janey Way.

"What then ensued was sixty minutes of knock down drag-em-out football."

These two generations played the game three more times with the rivalry ending in tie: two victories each. The game went into a hiatus then and was not played for several years. But, in the late 1970s, a third generation of Janey Way boys had come of age. They challenged the second generation to a football game. They played that game the day after Thanksgiving, though they continued to call it the Generation Bowl. They played that game for several years. They even videotaped some of the games. The boys always held a dinner party after the game where they ate pizza, drank beverages and watched the video tape of the game. I actually returned at age 40 and played in a few of those games with the second generation team. The games were always hard fought, bone bruising games and fortunately no one ever suffered a serious injury. The rivalry was spirited and fun.

Sadly, the Generation Bowl eventually ran its course. No fourth generation of boys came along. All three generations of players have now reached their fifties. But, we still reminisce about our Generation Bowl battles on football turf, another happy Janey Way memory.

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Know your neighbor

The Limelight bar, café, card room has deep roots in Alhambra District

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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For about a half-century, The Limelight bar and café has served as a sort of one-stop shop for meeting friends, hanging out, enjoying adult beverages and grabbing a bite to eat.

But although this historic business at 1014 Alhambra Blvd. has certainly maintained some traditions, it has also made a variety of improvements throughout the years, from making changes and additions to its food offerings to undergoing remodeling alterations such as adding a card room in 1977 and expanding the business with a covered patio annex.

East Sacramento resident Mark Wright, a regular of The Limelight, recently described the business as “a great place to socialize that is conveniently located and has friendly bartenders who are fun to talk to.”

One of a kind

In addition to its full bar with many barstools and a room full of tables and chairs, The Limelight may come as a surprise to newcomers who encounter a full menu of food

items that are prepared in an on-site kitchen by a veteran professional chef.

Barbara Mikacich, whose husband Pete Mikacich has been the sole owner of The Limelight since about 1980, said that one should not expect to see any white table clothes on the establishment’s tables, but added that business’s food is far from typical bar food.

Barbara, a 1951 graduate of McClatchy High School who owned Andiamo Restaurant and Bar, which was located in the old Rosemount Grill building at 3145 Folsom Blvd., recruited veteran chef Ron “Speedy” Gonzales to work in The Limelight’s kitchen, thus bringing with him his many years of kitchen experience.

Gonzales said that his experience in the kitchen has been a successful, 20-year adventure that began at a popular hotel in New York.

“I began working in a kitchen at (New York’s Omni Berkshire Hotel) at 52nd (Street) and 5th (Avenue) when Saturday Night Live was really happening and Eddie Murphy and John Belushi and other (SNL) cast members would come in there,” Gonzales said. “I started as a dishwasher and



The Limelight at 1014 Alhambra Blvd. has been a part of the East Sacramento/midtown community since 1960. The business is known for its popular bar, café and card room.

eventually became a sous chef. I later worked as a night chef at Fulton’s (Prime Rib) in Old Sacramento and at the Radisson (Hotel in Sacramento) as a line cook.”

In the cards

When asked to share the best comment he ever heard about his food at The Lime-

light, Gonzales said, “One lady told me that (The Limelight’s) food is the best little secret in Sacramento. But what really helps make our food so good is that Barbara insists upon having the highest quality ingredients.”

The Limelight’s food menu is certainly not the biggest secret in the city – a fact that

is evident by the large crowds that arrive for the business’s weekend brunches.

Among the food items prepared daily in The Limelight’s kitchen are: New York steaks, pork chops, lasagna, ravioli, Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches, pizzas, salads and appetizers such as calamari strips, fried zucchini planks, potato skins, nachos, hot wings and garlic fries.

When it comes to playing cards, perhaps no one has played cards longer at

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Limelight: 'I come here to play cards every chance I get,' said Pantages

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The Limelight or perhaps in the city, for that matter, than Sacramento native Theodore Pantages.

With Pantages' love for playing cards, it was not so ironic that Pantages, 86, happened to be playing cards at The Limelight when the East Sacramento to News paid a visit to the business earlier this month.

Pantages, who began playing cards in Sacramento when he was 14 years old, describes himself as an avid card player at The Limelight.

"I come here to play cards every chance I get," said Pantages, who is no stranger to gambling environments, since he made a career working in the California horseracing industry. "This is a pretty darn good, neighborhood card room. There's nothing sophisticated about it, so you can just come as you are, which is convenient for many people. I would say that close to 100 percent of the people who come to play cards (at The Limelight) enjoy their time here."

Pocket area resident "Big Al" Bledsoe, a security guard at The Limelight who oversees many card games, said that Pantages has company when it comes to the trivia of who might have tallied more years of card playing in Sacramento, noting that the 92-year-old Sacramento card playing veteran John Stockton is also a regular at The Limelight's card room.

The idea to add a card room to The Limelight's offerings was certainly not an inexperienced gamble of sorts for the business, considering that Pete Mikacich, a 1951 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, began co-owning card rooms in Sacramento while he was still in his 20s.

The first of these card rooms – none of which are still in operation – was Le-one's Place, which was located at 217 L St., followed by the Gold Nugget at 316 K St. and 1021 6th St., then the Equipoise Club Room at 1126 7th St. and lastly, Georgian's Restaurant and Card Club at 1901 J St.

The Limelight card room has expanded from its initial three tables to its current nine tables, which includes seven

hold'em tables and a pair of newly-added blackjack tables.

Staying in the limelight

Prior to Pete Mikacich's ownership of The Limelight, the business was solely operated by Harold Olson for 17 years.

Pete briefly co-owned The Limelight with Olson before buying out Olson's share of the business.

Olson had established The Limelight in 1960 upon the closure of Juark's Restaurant, which had a short-term existence from 1958 to 1959.

Prior to the opening of Juark's, one of the area's most successful businesses, Alhambra Italian Restaurant and Café, served many locals, including those opting to enjoy a quality meal prior to catching a show at the luxurious Alhambra Theatre, which was located directly across the street. The theater continued to operate into the early years of The Limelight.

The restaurant, which opened in 1936, was very authentic, as it was owned by an Italian man, named Arturo Puccinelli, who lived with his wife Delphina at 1111 33rd St. and later at 5525 J St.

While living at his J Street residence, Arturo briefly shared ownership of the restaurant with Orazio Puccinelli, who lived at 5547 J St.



The Alhambra Italian Restaurant operated across the street from the Alhambra Theatre from 1936 to 1957. Photo courtesy of the Lance Armstrong Collection

For sometime during the 1940s and perhaps longer, the restaurant, which included a banquet room, was under the management of Julius Giammattei, who lived at 3321 Serra Way, off 34th Street, in East Sacramento.

Pantages described the Italian restaurant as a "magnificent place with great food" and booths with individual privacy curtains.

The restaurant also included a popular bar, which Teri Ousley, a manager at The Limelight, said was the occasional recipient of

a neighborhood childhood prank.

"We used to go to the Saturday morning cartoons at the Alhambra Theatre and while we were in the area, we would open up the bar's door, yell inside and run away," Ousley said. "It was just one of the silly ways we kept entertained as children back then."

The history of the 1014 Alhambra Blvd. building also includes an auto repair shop, which began operation at the site in 1926. The shop shared the address with the Italian restaurant in 1936 and 1937

– the first two years of the restaurant.

Barbara said that she hopes that more people continue to discover The Limelight, which she describes as a "friendly, comfortable place with great food and a nice bar, café and card room."

The Limelight is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., with the exception of the card room, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 a.m.

For additional information about The Limelight, call (916) 446-2208 or visit the Web site www.limelightcardroom.com.

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Connecting with the City Council, the community

By STEVE COHN
Sacramento City Councilmember
Special to the East Sacramento News

Mercy/SHPS construction update

Rough framing continues at the Classroom Building, including roof framing, exterior and interior wall framing and rough in of utilities above the ceiling is ongoing. This work will continue over the next month. Additionally, the rough framing of the exterior of the Multipurpose Building continues and HVAC equipment curbs have been put into place. The Ambulance Canopy is nearing completion. Excavation for the south part of the Alex G. Spanos Heart & Vascular Center basement will begin shortly thereafter. For questions or concerns regarding construction, please call the construction hotline at 552-6931.

The last Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting for 2009 is November 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the SHPS Cafeteria.

For updates on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) visit

www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation/traffic-engineering/mercy-ntmp.html or contact Debb Newton at 808-6739 or dnewton@cityofsacramento.org.

Winter shelter strategy

This year with the County of Sacramento cut homeless services by

84 percent and eliminated the winter overflow shelter at Cal Expo. To address this crisis situation, the Policy Board to End Homelessness that consists of members of the City, County, SHRA, shelter providers, members of the faith community and community members have collaborated to come up with a multi-pronged plan that actually increases shelter and housing capacity in the coming winter months and provides some 24/7 capacity (versus requiring people to leave shelters during the daytime). Not only can we increase the number of beds, but we can do this with less money (\$600k) than has been allocated in past years for the winter overflow at Cal Expo.

The strategy maximizes existing shelters, focuses more on permanent and transitional housing that will free up about 100 existing shelter beds and provides motel vouchers for some of our most vulnerable including the elderly.

The existing providers including Sacramento Area Emergency Housing, St. John's at Mather, VOA and the Salvation Army will increase their capacity by 219 beds. Additionally 100 new motel voucher beds will be made available through existing provider networks. The cost will be shared by the City's Housing Authority Fund (149K), County (\$168K) and private fundraising through the Ten Year Housing Poli-

cy Board. Council was asked to approve funding at our November 3, 2009 meeting. The Rancho Cordova City Council and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will consider the proposal November as well.

Free holiday parking in the central city

Shoppers in Old Sacramento, Downtown and Midtown will be treated to free on street parking during select days and times during the holiday season. The program will be in effect the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Dec. 25. During this time period, on-street, metered parking will be free starting at 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and all day Saturdays and Sundays. The Free parking zone extends from I Street to L Street, Front Street to 29th Street and only applies to metered spaces.

Midtown offers family fun with an ice skating rink and Santa's Toy Shoppe

Midtown will host an ice skating rink this winter at 20th Street between K Street and J Street. The rink will open on November 20, 2009, and will remain open until January 18, 2010. Midtown will also be the home of Santa's Toy Shoppe. Located at 1801 L Street, Suite 70, children will enjoy listening to Santa read stories and have their pic-

tures taken with him. Aside from the free evening and weekend metered parking listed above, convenient parking is also available at the East End Garage, 17th and L Street (enter on 17th) at a \$2 flat rate for evenings and weekends. There are also public garages at 1600 J St, 2220 J St, 1621 K St and 1815 K St. For more information about what Midtown has to offer this Holiday Season as well as hours of operation for the ice rink and Santa's Toy Shoppe, visit www.mbasac.com.

Check before you burn

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District would like to remind you that you need to "Check before You Burn" from November 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. During the 2008-2009 Check before You Burn Season, it is estimated that the Check before You Burn program reduced fine particle concentrations by 23 percent. While we are on the way, that decrease is still not enough to achieve the federal health standard for fine particles. For information that is more specific and to sign up for daily email or text message air alerts, visit www.airquality.org

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Sacramento Opera opens season with flights of fancy in 'The Elixir of Love'

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The course of true love never did run smooth...and the characters in Sacramento Opera's first offering of the 2009-10 season prove the point in "The Elixir of Love."

This comedic opera, written by Gaetano Donizetti with libretto by Felice Romani, is an evening of happy escapism at its best. This Sacramento Opera production is sung in Italian with projected English supertitles.

First performed in 1832 at the Teatro dell Canobbiana in Milan, Italy, "The Elixir of Love" ("L'elisir d'amore") tells a timeless tale of love's longing and the lengths men will go to obtain the objects of their affections. It's a tale of rags-to-riches, with a snake oil salesman thrown in to provide the catalyst that may – or may not – help everything to work out.

Nemorino is a poor peasant, who falls in love with a beautiful landowner, Adina. Their worlds couldn't

be more different. Nemorino fosters hope that a romance could work out. Enter the quack salesman, Dulcamara, peddling a product that he swears will "cure what ails ya." Nemorino asks the peddler (whose name, translated, means "bitter-sweet") if the elixir can work as a love potion...and the plot thickens from then on.

The running joke throughout the opera is that the "elixir" is simply a bottle of wine. And wine can loose men and women from reality.

"The Elixir of Love" is one of Donizetti's most performed works, and is listed as number 20 on OPERA America's list of the top 20 operas performed in North America. It was last performed in Sacramento in 1989, and the directors of the opera felt it was time for a comeback, according to Timm Rolek, artistic director and conductor of Sacramento Opera.

Originally set in Europe's Basque countryside, the Sacramento Op-



Photo courtesy of Lyric Opera of Kansas City
Is it the love potion, or simply the wine that is talking? Sacramento Opera opens the 2009-2010 season with Gaetano Donizetti's comic work, "The Elixir of Love" at the Sacramento Community Center Theater on Nov. 20, 22 and 24.

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era production is set in post WWII Northern California.

"The setting was predetermined by Keith Brumley, the designer of this production that we are renting from the Lyric Opera of Kansas City," Rolek said. "He set it in the 1940s after the war, and it looks like it could be set in Northern California wine country in the 1940s so we are moving it to our region. There is also a rich heritage of Italian Americans in the wine industry here from that period, so it made perfect sense to make the move."

Over the past two centuries, critics have pondered the central message of this opera: is it a commentary on escapism, on flights of fancy? Or is it simply a simple story well told? Rolek has his own thoughts on the plot and the timelessness of the characters.

"It's a charming comedy about a shy boy looking for the courage to bear his soul to the girl of his dreams, but my favorite character is Dulcamara, the traveling snake oil salesman," he said. "This type of character is timeless - even in our day where we find them doing infomercials for the latest must-have gadgets that end up in our junk drawers ('But wait, there's more!'). Their sales technique is the same no matter what they are hawk-

ing, and I find these people very funny."

Soprano Katrina Thurman will perform the role of Adina. She is noted for her "silvery, floating soprano" (Bonn General-Anzeiger), her magnetic, fiery performances and her infallible comic timing. Tenor Dinyar Vania will portray Nemorino. Baritone Igor Vieira, who hails from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will perform the role of Dulcamara.

"The Elixir of Love" will run for three performances: Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The Sacramento Community Center Theater is located at 1301 L Street in Sacramento. Admission is \$18 to \$130. For tickets, call (916) 808-5181, visit the box office at the theater or visit www.tickets.com. For more information, visit www.sacopera.org or join the Sacramento Opera on Facebook and Twitter.

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Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' sails into Sac State

Special to the East Sacramento News

A shipwreck, a cross-dressing young woman, mistaken identities and mis-matched lovers - that's just the start of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, playing at Sacramento State's Playwrights' Theatre Nov. 18-22.

Directed by Professor Michelle Felten, the Sac State staging boasts 15 actors, including Professor Richard Bay as the sea captain. Bay is also responsible for the Old Globe inspired set design.

The plot can get a little complicated. Twins Viola and Sebastian are separated when their ship capsizes. Viola washes ashore, disguises herself as a boy/servant named Cessario and takes a position with Duke Orsino's court. Meanwhile, Lady Olivia is courted by the duke and a few more, but only has eyes for Cesario/Viola. There's also a plot to embarrass Malvolio, Olivia's steward, and when Sebastian returns on the scene he's mistaken for Viola-as-Cessario.

Twelfth Night lends itself well to the more intimate Playwrights' Theatre, Felten says, since there are usually just two or four characters engaged at any one time. "This is my favorite kind of space to work in, as it brings the audience right into the action of the play."

Felten says she enjoys the play because, while it is a comedy, there's so much more than humor involved in the story. "Yes, there is foolishness, gender confusion and mistaken identity," she says. "But there is also beautiful music, romance and moments of genuine pathos."

Performances are at 8 p.m., Nov. 12-14 and 20-21; 2 p.m., Nov. 15 and 22; and 6:30 p.m., Nov. 18-19. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. performances are \$8 general admission and \$5 for children under 12. All other performances are \$12 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors and \$8 for children.

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Through word of mouth, Matteo's Pizza & Bistro thrives

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Those in the surrounding neighborhoods of the newly-opened Matteo's Pizza & Bistro may have been completely unaware that the restaurant opened last month. In fact, it is entirely possible that many still don't know of the new arrival's opening.

Without fanfare, the restaurant, located at the intersection of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Arden Way, opened to what co-owner Matt Woolston called "a packed house" on October 9. The non-publicized opening has allowed people in the area to find out about the new dining place entirely through word of mouth.

"We have so many people walking in saying that they're glad we're here," Woolston said.

Matt and his wife Yvette own the restaurant along with The Supper Club on Del Paso Blvd. They reside in the Carmichael area and said that they were looking for a chance to open a restaurant in this area for years. When the Steve's Pizza that formerly held the space went under, the Woolstons saw their chance.

"We put bids on some other places too," Matt said. "But we jumped on this one right away. In January we negotiated against three other people."

Since putting up the winning bid, it has been a long process of getting the new brand of pizza ready to be served to the locals. But first, there was some tinkering to be done.

Yvette, who was in charge of the remodeling and redecorating, laughed as she explained the first step in the transformation from Steve to Matteo: "We cleaned."

After that, it came down to what was going to stay and what was going to go.

"The (kitchen area) is pretty much the same," Matt said. "Most of the work was done to the front."

From Steve's to Matteo's

Patrons of the former Steve's will notice a stark contrast to their former haunt. The wood above might just be the only thing you recognize. Replacing

the former décor are furnishings that are more modern.

As was the case with Steve's, however, there are two separate dining rooms. As Matt described it to a group of men who walked through the restaurant during the interview, the room to the left is quiet while the room to the right has "a lot of energy."

As for the new decorations, Yvette explained that she knew exactly what she wanted.

"I have always known what looks good to me," she said. "I tried to make it look like someplace that I would want to come."

In a shopping strip that has seen businesses come and go due to the down economy, the Woolstons are intent on staying around for a while.

"We're here for the long haul," Matt said. "If we intended to be here for only a short time, our prices would be a lot higher."

Business is booming in the month since its opening, and not just because of the menu and atmosphere. Both Matt and Yvette stressed the importance of keeping their prices affordable so that families can come out and have a nice time with good food without hemorrhaging money.

"I want people to have great food for a good price and just have a nice night out," Yvette said.

Order up

The menu itself is quite a bit different from that of a chain pizza place. The pizzas come in one size, which is roughly the size of a dinner plate. Matt described the pizza as being filling for one or can be shared between two if they order a salad or entree along with it.

The most popular pizzas on the menu, according to Matt, are the "Matteo," which features Italian sausage, pepperoni, chorizo, bacon, four cheeses, and a spice tomato sauce; and the "Stu," which has wild mushrooms, prosciutto, caramelized onions, arugula, fontina and truffle oil.

Also on the menu are appetizers ranging from garlic bread to calamari, soups, salads as well as sandwiches, pasta and entrees like "Sesame seared Ahi tuna."

Already a loyal following

Sarah Nixon and Esther Zorzi, residents of the area



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for 15 and 41 years respectively, shared the experience of their first time at Matteo's.

"The food was really good," Nixon said. "And the service was good, too."

Zorzi called Matteo's "a good addition" to the area.

Both tried the Bledsoe pulled pork BBQ sliders and seemed to enjoy them quite a bit. Both also said that they would be coming back because there are so few places to eat in the area that aren't fast food.

The restaurant also features a bar where people can come in, have a glass of wine, and shoot the breeze. Matteo's will soon acquire its hard liquor license for those that enjoy cocktails. The next phase of the business plan is a Sunday brunch, which will begin in the coming weeks. The brunch will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be buffet style until around 3:30 p.m., according to Matt.

People around town have been waiting for something to open up in Steve's place, and judging by the first month of business, Matteo's is just what the doctor ordered.

"The most gratifying thing is that we already have regulars who have been in four times or more since we opened," Yvette said.

A close second would be the people who have remarked to

her that their pie is "the best pizza in town."

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El Dorado Saloon was a music lovers' paradise for youth of the 1980s, 1990s

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Carmichael is certainly not and very likely will never be known as an entertainment capital, but to say that the area was never a well-known, local destination for live music is to say that a once very popular venue, named the El Dorado Saloon, never existed.

With a recent search for the most dedicated of showgoers of this era who carry with them the greatest and

most intriguing memories, this search resulted in the discovery of one individual in particular.

Known for his dedication to attending live music at just about every music venue throughout the Sacramento area, Don Neil did not disappoint when asked last week if he had attended many shows at the now-closed El Dorado Saloon at 6309 Fair Oaks Blvd., just north of El Camino Boulevard.

When presented with a list of about 100 names



The El Dorado Saloon at 6309 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael was home to a variety of popular music during the 1980s and 1990s.

of bands that were compiled for research for this story, Neil spent several minutes observing the list before looking up and saying, "Hell, I've been to

more than half of these shows."

Continuing, Neil explained that although the list of band names was extensive, there were certainly quite a few names that were left off the list.

"Man, those (band) names sure bring back memories of being there and being totally excited about the (music) scene at the time," Neil said. "This list was accumulated with a great appreciation toward this era. I also have a few more band names that would definitely make your list. For starters, I remember attending a very entertaining show in 1987 that featured Foghat and The Outlaws for just \$12.50. They called it the Double Barrel Tour. I was pretty young back then, so it was a big deal to see such well-known bands with so many amazing, professional musicians. It also added to the excitement of the shows that such big bands would play in such a small club right here in Carmichael."

Neil said that the El Dorado Saloon was a very unique place, since it offered people like himself, who resided in the suburbs, to see well-known live music acts without having to travel to downtown Sacramento or the Bay Area.

A place like no other

The venue had a strong following for those who enjoyed popular national and local

rock acts within the genres of metal, punk, alternative and pop.

Among the many bands that performed at the El Dorado were: A.F.I., Blink 182, Bouncing Souls, The Brodys, Camper Van Beethoven, Corrosion of Conformity, Days of the New, Death Angel, Deftones, D.R.I., Eddie and the Tide, Everclear, Exodus, The Exploited, Fishbone, Kai Kln, John Kay and Steppenwolf, King Diamond, Korn, The Knockoffs, M.D.C., Megadeth, Melvins, Mother Hips, NOFX, Prong, Quiet Riot, Ramones, Rev. Horton Heat, Social Distortion, 7 Seconds, Testament, Tommy Tutone and Wasted Youth.

Considering the type of bands that performed at the El Dorado, the club, which included two bars and limited seating, included a unique feature of a sort of orchestra-style pit in front of the stage that was a popular place for showgoers who enjoyed dancing in various styles, depending upon the type of music.

Another Sacramento area resident who attended local shows at various venues, including the El Dorado, was Judy Cavares.

Cavares, who often went to such shows with her good friend, Mike Kenny, who lived in the Arden area

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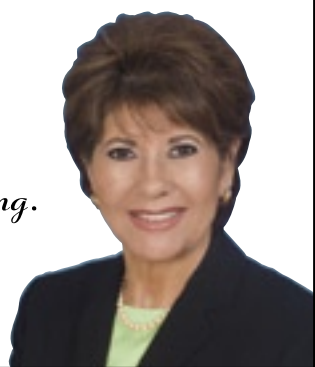
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El Dorado: "If I could buy a ticket for a show at the El Dorado today, I would"

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and performed in the local band Toulouse, said that she enjoyed the few times that she went to shows at the El Dorado, but was always surprised that it was located in such an odd location.

"I remember going to the shows (at the El Dorado) and seeing bands playing inside of a strip mall," Cavares said. "I thought it was just really odd how plain the place looked on the outside and it looked (abandoned) like there was nothing (happening) there. The funny thing is, I have no memory of leaving the place the last time I went there."

Chuckling a bit, Cavares added, "Maybe I'm still there."

Neil agreed with Cavares' assessment of the venue's exterior and added that the strip mall appeared to be completely vacant with the exception of some Chinese restaurant.



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Although the El Dorado Saloon closed about a decade ago, its building still features this image of a stagecoach and horses.

"For some reason, there was always some kind of Chinese food place there," Neil said. "Fortunately, the El Dorado Saloon was not vacant and once inside, it was absolutely a great place for kids to see some good old, raw, live music and create many lifelong memories. It was like a music play-

ground filled with freaks, geeks, punks and drunks and everybody was just there to have a good time. There were seldom any problems there. It was just a fun place at a fun time that filled a void for many youth at the time. If I could buy a ticket for a show at the El Dorado today, I would."



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Don Neil, owner of Olde Tyme Tattoo in Sacramento, holds a handful of the ticket stubs from some of his favorite shows at the El Dorado Saloon.

Local agencies contribute to the effort to save families from homelessness

Special to the East Sacramento News

Sacramento's homelessness problem can only be solved through a continuum of services that keep people from falling into homelessness and help lift those already trapped by homelessness. One important initiative within Sacramento's continuum of services is the Faith and Homeless Families Initiative, which provides short-term rent assistance, financial management tools, and mentoring to families on the verge of homelessness.

On Nov. 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., local congregations, affected families, property managers, social service providers, and Sacramento City Councilmember Rob Fong will gather to discuss how Faith and Homeless Families helps to address Sacramento's homelessness problem. The event will also unveil statistics on the number of families the Faith and Homeless Families Initiative has already saved from homelessness, and recruit local congregations and community groups to assist in the effort to save more families from homelessness.

"If we want to talk about proven results and tangible solutions to getting families

into permanent housing, Faith and Homeless Families is it," said Councilman Fong. "It provides the opportunity for homeless families to get back on their feet and more importantly provides the mentoring and services to help them stay there. People are always asking for ways they can help address the homeless problem in Sacramento, well this is it; everyone now has a way to make a difference."

The Nov. 18 event will include a special presentation by Brad Hopkins, Executive Director of Family & Senior Homeless Initiative in Denver, Colorado, and a panel discussion on the Faith and Homeless Families Initiative's challenges and many successes.

Event Details

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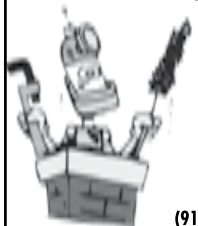
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NOVEMBER

Trip to Spain

Join Norma Petta, Spanish instructor and tour guide, for a lively discussion on travel to Spain. From the festive squares of Madrid to the Sierra Nevada foothills and the Mediterranean coastline, this journey through Spain showcases a landscape as intricate as its history and people. Immerse yourself in the unique culture and traditions of each region. Nov. 18th at 6:30 pm at Oakmont High School, 1710 Cirby Way, Portable 33 in Roseville and on Nov. 19th in Sacramento location TBA. Call Norma at (916) 457-1220 or go to ask_norma@spaineasy.com

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Holiday gift shopping

You are invited to shop for beautiful and fairly traded gifts, housewares and accessories and other items from artisans and farmers living in developing regions, by visiting Faith Presbyterian Church, 625 Florin Road, at our "Just Christmas SERRV Sale (a non-profit fair trade organization). This sale to help locally and globally runs in November starting on the 8th through the 29th in our Narthex. Bring your holiday gift list.

NOVEMBER 18

Genealogical association meeting

The regular meeting of the Genealogical Association of Sacramento will be held on November 18 (the third wed of November) at 1 p.m. It will be held in the Belle Cooledge Library at 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Our speaker will be Carol Byers. She will help us break down the "brick walls." Carol is a noted Genealogist and a member of our association. She specializes in German genealogy. She also is helpful in solving your research computer problems. Please join our association and participate in "Breaking down your brick walls." Questions call Melanie Howard at (916) 383-1221.

At Blue Moon Gallery

The gallery is holding a special event: "Of Travelers, Cats & Kings," works for Harpsichord performed by Alex Ives. The event is Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. Donations to benefit CSUS Baroque Ensemble, 2353 Albatross Way. For more information, call 920-2444.

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NOVEMBER 19

Latino Dance and Culture Group

Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music! Featured DJ music and delicious Mexican food! Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15-8:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. For more information, call Barbara Alarcon 400-4514.

NOVEMBER 20

Stroke Prevention – "Every Second Counts"

Did you know that stroke is the third leading cause of disability for all Americans? Representatives of the NCCCP Clinical Pharmacy Club will be here teaching on how to recognize the signs of stroke. Come learn about early prevention. The free event will be November 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. For more information, call 808-5462.

NOVEMBER 21

Fall Color in the Cemetery

Experience the glorious colors of Autumn on this Saturday morning tour at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery. This garden tour,

led by Lifetime Master Gardener, Anita Clevenger, celebrates the beauty of the change of seasons in our internationally acclaimed cemetery gardens. The tour commences at 10:00 am from the Cemetery's main gate at Broadway and 10th Street. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. Held under the auspices of the City of Sacramento Division of History & Science, this tour is presented as a public service by the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. For tour information, please call (916) 448-0811. Tours are free though donations for the restoration of the cemetery are greatly needed and appreciated.

NOVEMBER 22

Big Band Society event

Northern California dancers and Song Book fans will be treated to the J Street Jazz Cats, directed by Celia Cottle (1-2 p.m.) followed by legendary bandleader Buddy Harpham, his saxophone and 13 PC Big Band (2-5

p.m.) at the 9th Annual Vets Thanksgiving, Sunday, Nov. 22 in the giant Ballroom of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd at Florin, presented by the Nor Cal Band Preservation Society and sponsors Avalon Hearing Aid Centers and Senior Magazine. It's free admission to current and past members of the armed services wearing all or any major part of their service uniform. Tickets are sold only at the door. Regular Admission is \$14 per person, \$12 each in groups of ten, with Society's Gold Card member-tickets at just \$10 per person, a saving of \$4 to each of the society's ten dances in the 12 month period. To join the Preservation Society, mail checks (\$24 per) to NCBBPS, 1640 8th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95818 or buy the yearly card at the door.

NOVEMBER 24

EGA meeting

Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2009, SMUD

Building, 6301 S Street. Melissa Dunajski will speak on various needlework sites on the internet. Visitors welcome. For more information, call (916)961-3558.

NOVEMBER 29

Messiah Sing-Along

It's a holiday tradition: Messiah Sing-Along is presented by the Camellia Symphony and Camerata California at the Faith Presbyterian Church, 625 Florin Road on Sunday, Nov. 29. The event will start at 3 p.m. with a Holiday Sale. The Messiah Sing-Along will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. 10 and under are free. To purchase tickets, call (916) 929-6655 or visit www.camelliasymphony.org.

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DECEMBER

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Faith Presbyterian Church at 625 Florin Road welcomes you to its Christmas Services: Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26 – Sunday Services, held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Dec. 2, 9 and 16 (Wednesday) Advent Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by worship at 6:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 1

Great Books Discussion

Local book group will discuss articles in the book "Keeping Things Whole: Readings in Environmental Science" at our 1st Tuesday of the month meetings at 1p.m. For December 1: "The Biosphere" by Vladimir I. Vernadsky. Free. Info: 808-5462. Ethel Hart Center 915 27th Street Sacramento 95816.

Alzheimer's Support group

Are you looking for someone to talk to – someone who understands what it is like to deal with Alzheimer's disease? Join an Alzheimer's Support group hosted by Carmichael Oaks Senior Living. Ongoing sessions provide families and caregivers guidance and training to assist them in caring for a person with the disease. Our program will offer tips, resources, and the ability to connect with fellow caregivers. The free event starts at 6 p.m. at Carmichael

Oaks Senior Living, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd. Information: Refreshments served. RSVP at 944-2323. For more information, visit www.carmichaeloaks.com.

DECEMBER 2

Casa Christmas event

Coming again to the Casa, a talented group of City College students performing Vocals and "Last-Minute Christmas," is December 2. Seatings are at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The meal will consist of Chicken Sonora with a mixed green salad or Mediterranean chicken salad. Dessert is a Double Chocolate Mocha Cake. First-come-first-served group reservations. One contact person, one check. Cancellations are 10 days prior to lunch. Food selection and pre-payment required. For reservations, call (916) 452-2809. Tickets at \$20 per person.

Stroke Signs, Symptoms and Prevention

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento will present information on the signs and symptoms of stroke. Learn about stroke prevention tips from Methodist Hospital doctors, nurses and dietitians. Blood pressure screenings and body fat and BMI testing will also be available. For more information, please contact Erin MacEaney at 423-6198. The event runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center of Elk Grove, 8830 Sharkey Avenue, Elk Grove.

DECEMBER 3

Latino Dance and Culture Group

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DECEMBER 5

Jensen Garden Workday Volunteers

The Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden work days one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

Pruning Clinic

The Historic Rose Garden in the Historic City Cemetery will present Pruning Clinics on December 5 from 10-11:00 a.m. Enter at the Cemetery Main Gate to learn why pruning roses is important and how pruning should be done. Both heritage roses and modern roses will be discussed. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For information, call (916) 443-2146.

Advent Faire

To begin preparations for the Christmas Holidays, Northminster Presbyterian Church,

3235 Pope Avenue, invites everyone to the Advent Faire, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Make It and Take It" Christmas crafts are featured. There are gifts and decorations (including Christmas green arrangements and decorated Christmas houses) to make with the assistance of Santa's helpers and an opportunity to win a unique quilt fashioned by Northminster's quilters. There are craft activities for all ages. All crafts are free. To make this event complete, a light lunch will be offered. Bring your friends and family. For more information, call 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

Book Sale

To help holiday shoppers looking to save money as well as the library, the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are sponsoring a Pre-Holiday Warehouse Sale. Public sale hours will be noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 12. Friends' members only are invited to shop from 9 am to noon on Saturday, December 5, and prospective members may join at the door for \$15. The sale will be held in the Friends' warehouse, at the rear of their Book Den store, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road just south of 14th Avenue. More than 100,000 paperback and hard-bound books, audio books, videos, and other materials will be available at prices ranging from \$.50 to \$2.00. The Book Den store at the same site will be open during the Warehouse Sale. At the Book Den shoppers select from individually priced better books, including collectibles, and other materials, with most books priced at \$3 to \$10. The Book Den is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm, but during this special sale it will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds, after expenses, benefit the Sacramento Public Library. For more information call the Book Den at 916-731-8493 or email fspl@att.net.

DECEMBER 6

McKinley Song Circle

McKinley Children's Song Circle with the Shadechasers will perform for free Dec. 6 at 3-4:30 p.m. in the Clunie Clubhouse, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Families welcome. Brand new songbooks for singers available. For more information and directions, call 531-4110. The Shadechasers is a local folk group of 10 members playing Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Malvina Reynolds, Raffi, and other singable family music suitable for children's activities. We sing and dance, and encourage families to sing together whenever they can. Now we have a new songbook with about 60 songs to share with our group.

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Come experience the wonder of Christ's birth depicted in hundreds of nativities from around the world. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity, or "Christmas Crèche," will be held Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 6. Friday Dec. 4 the event is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday the event will be open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The diverse collection represents many countries and cultures and each of the crèches are crafted from a variety of materials. This year, organizers plan to display more than 400 nativities from around the world. In addition to the grand variety of nativities, local talent will perform. This Christmas Crèche is open to everyone throughout the Sacramento area. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity will be held at the Bruceville Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 9910 Bruceville Rd. in Elk Grove. For more information, please visit the website at elkgrovenativity.org. The Nativity Open House is free of charge.

DECEMBER 9

Root Cellar

Sacramento Genealogical Society General Membership meeting 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights. Program to be determined plus holiday festivities. Free. Visitors welcome. Contact Sammie Hudgens at (916) 481-4830 or www.rootcellar.org.

DECEMBER 10

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Computer Technology in Today's Automobiles." A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

DECEMBER 11

"Beginning a Business" seminar

Twin Rivers Adult School will offer a free seminar "Business Concepts for Entrepreneurs." Thinking about starting your own business? Need to jump start your existing business? Considering a virtual online business? This presentation will highlight business structures and operational planning, accounting with Quick Books, and promotional materials development. Join us on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., and again at 6:00 p.m. for this and other information as presented in our new Business Concepts course. SCORE counselors are scheduled to be on-site to answer questions regarding SBA loans and other related resources. This seminar will be held at Twin Rivers Adult School, 3220 Winona Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. For more information, call David at (916) 996-7554 or email bt4a@live.com.



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Philanthropy: 'Haley's going to make a difference in this world'

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it organization that benefits homeless women and children in Sacramento. "There are a lot of students who do community service, often as a school requirement, but it's rare to see a young person who's earned her own money and donate it to a charity."

"A few years ago my dad was cleaning out his closet and had a bunch of neckties. I held onto them, and a few months later, I just made them into a bag. I got such good feedback, I decided to make more," said Anthonisen.

And so began her business, Haley Corina Handbags. Anthonisen got her start selling her wares out of an East Sacramento storefront, Serendipity Boutique. Now the bags are available online at haley-corina.etsy.com.

Yet, before she was a force in business, Anthonisen was already an experienced philanthropist.

"In high school, I started going on missions with my church, Westminster Presbyterian. For four summers, we went to Indian reservations: Big Pine, Los Angeles, Anaheim and Pendleton, Ore.," she said. "We built a deck, we patched a roof. This woman used to put tarps on her roof. Our help changed her life."

Her interest in Women's Empowerment began while a student at Sacramento's Country Day High School, helping out with a Christmas stocking drive.

"Some day, I could become less fortunate and not have all the luxuries I have now- a home, parents, my sisters. This is for women who haven't had the best luck in their lives," said Anthonisen.

Anthonisen grew up in Land Park and is now a junior at the University of Redlands.

"It's such an amazing school. College has given me the opportunity to volunteer even more," she said.

Aside from carrying a full load of sixteen class credits, Anthonisen is a member of Alpha Theta Phi sorority, for which she serves as the community service chair. One of Anthonisen's fundraisers was Collect-a-Million, a day spent collecting pull tabs from

soda cans. More than 6 million tabs were collected, and the proceeds benefitted the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House.

At her job as the Student Director of Community Services, Anthonisen organizes a monthly Coffee for a Cause, a free event where students

are invited to enjoy coffee or tea and listen to campus musicians. The venue allows campus clubs and organizations to promote educational events, social awareness and community gatherings.

Anthonisen's sense of giving is something she has been raised with.

"My parents (Carson Anthonisen and Roberta Neidigh) have always been in touch with our community. They are both very driven people. They make me understand how important volunteering is," she said.

As for the future, Anthonisen said, "I definitely want to keep running my business, and giv-

ing a portion of the proceeds to charity. In ten years, I might be working on an organic farm... or working for a design firm... or working for a non-profit organization." Regardless of what she does, Amber Stott nailed it when she said, "Haley's going to make a difference in this world."



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