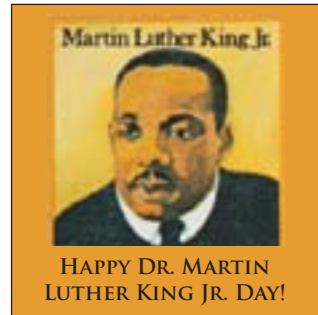




# You decide

tú Decides – Un Periódico Bilingüe



Vol. 3 No. 1

7601 W. Clearwater Suite #407, Kennewick, WA 99336

www.TuDecidesMedia.com

January 16th, 2009

## In This Edition:



**Entertainment:**  
WWE Smackdown comes to the Tri-Cities > 15



**Economy:**  
Recess from Recession, by Richard Velázquez > 20



**Community:** Making the American Dream a reality in Spokane > 24



**Obituary:**  
Julia Campos Garza > 19

## Q | Quote of the week

"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for human rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country and a finer world to live in,"

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Entrance is FREE!

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009**

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

THREE RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER  
KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

**Latino BUSINESS, CONSUMER & CAREER EXPO**

*¡abriendo puertas!*

**RESERVE YOUR BOOTH NOW!**

WWW.EXPOLATINOBUSINESS.COM



President elect Barack Obama and Mexico's President Felipe Calderón met in Washington. Notimex photo by Alfredo Guerrero

## Calderón: U.S. and Mexico should work together on issues

By Nestor Ikeda  
Washington (AP)

Mexican President Felipe Calderón said Tuesday he has expressed to President George W. Bush and his successor President-elect Barack Obama "the will of Mexico" is to work with the United States on trade on the basis of what has been achieved with the free trade agreement linking the two countries and Canada.

Calderón said however that his government would be willing "to address" items of concern not only to the United States but also to Mexico, as labor and environmental aspects of the treaty have been in force for 15 years.

The Mexican president's comments,

made during a White House meeting with Bush, seemed to reaffirm his position that he would not be willing to "renegotiate" the treaty as Obama had suggested during his campaign and by his then rival Hillary Clinton during the primary.

She is now designated as secretary of state in the Obama administration that will begin next week.

In her confirmation hearing before the Senate, which was consistent with the Bush-Calderón meeting, Clinton did not mention any intentions to revise the treaty, but said that the new administration had "a particularly critical need" to work more closely with Canada and Mexico.

"Canada and Mexico are also our largest suppliers of imported energy," said Clinton. "More specifically, we must build

a closer partnership with Mexico to confront the dangers of drug trafficking and the challenges of our border, an effort that began this week with the meeting between President-elect Obama and President Calderón."

Calderón also met with President Bush in the Oval Office at the White House, where Bush praised the Mexican presi-

> U.S. and Mexico page 22

## Making the American Dream a reality in Spokane

By Albert Torres  
tu Decides Correspondent

On February 6th, the Hispanic Business and Professional Association of Spokane (HBPA) will host their 3rd Annual Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser titled VIVA VINO at the Northern Quest Casino located at N. 100 Hayford Road, Airway Heights, WA. The event starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$55 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-325-SEAT or visiting [www.ticketwest.com](http://www.ticketwest.com). Donations are encouraged even if you are not able to attend the event.

All proceeds go to the HBPA Hispanic Scholarship and Recognition Ceremony. Since 1995 HBPA has been supporting Hispanic/Latino business and professionals in the Spokane Community. Also, HBPA has been very successful in promot-

> Spokane page 22

## Washington celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Albert Torres  
tu Decides Correspondent

On January 17th, Washington State University will be hosting a free program and activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, at the Three Rivers Convention Center located at 7016 W. Grandridge Blvd. in Kennewick. The event is titled Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Con-

versation Dinner and Jazz. The event starts at 6pm.

Robin Mitchell, President WSU Tri-Cities Multicultural Club said, "I think events like our MLK event are extremely important. First it keeps the discussion about important subjects like Civil Rights alive and current. Second when people from different walks of life come together it allows us to celebrate our differences while discovering what we have in common. I think most people think of

> Martin Luther King Jr. page 23




Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**tú Decides. You decide.**  
**CLASSIFIEDS/CLASIFICADOS**

**For Sale De Venta**      **Help Wanted Se Busca Ayuda**

"We have 7 homes available for sale in Pasco, 2 different floor models to choose from. Brand new 3 bedroom/2bath with 2 car garage. Tiled entry way, tiled kitchen and bathroom floors and countertops. Kitchen appliances included as well. Call Maria Ramos with River Realty, Inc. at (509) 947-5415 for more information."


"Tenemos 7 casas de venta en Pasco, 2 diferentes modelos para escoger. Casas nuevas de 3 recamaras/2 banos con cochera de 2 carros. La entrada, cocina y baño tienen tile. Aparatos de la cocina incluidos. Llame a Maria Ramos con River Realty, Inc al (509) 947-5415 para mas informacion."



**Maria Ramos**  
 River Realty  
 (509) 947-5415

**Organizer Needed!**

Union Organizer Location: 1 Opening in the Central/Southeast Washington Headquarters: Federal Way, WA Work to unite immigrant workers to organize for rights and for a better life for their families and communities! SEIU Healthcare 775NW is a fast-growing union committed to uniting the strength of long term care workers and improving the lives of working people. Organizers help workers form, build, and grow our union; mobilize workers around issues and politics, develop worker leaders; and carry out the goals of the union. While previous experience in union organizing is highly desirable, there is no hard and fast requirement for experience to start a career as an organizer. Very strong preference will be given to candidates who have completed the SEIU "Wave" training program or other formal training programs for organizers. Women and people of color strongly encouraged to apply. Fluency in a second language is highly desired, particularly Spanish. Requirements include: Personal commitment to the mission and goals of SEIU Healthcare 775NW is a requirement of this position (see <http://www.seiu775.org> and/or <https://www.seiu.org>). REQUIREMENTS: A drivers' license, a car, and automobile insurance are requirements of this position. Excellent oral and written communication skills are requirements of this position. Willingness to work long, irregular hours, including evenings and weekends, is required. Willingness to travel is a requirement. Strong personal planning and time management skills and ability to work with people from other cultures and backgrounds are also necessary skills. Salary and benefits set by collectively bargained contract; range from High- \$30Ks to \$50Ks. Benefits include employer-paid health benefits & pension, generous leave package, car allowance, more. How to Apply: Submit cover letter, resume with salary history, three references to: [jobs@seiu775.org](mailto:jobs@seiu775.org). See [www.seiu775.org](http://www.seiu775.org) for more information.



**Wanted: Babysitter/Nanny, bilingual.** Initially parttime, potentially fulltime for 8 month old twins. Federal Way, Call Karen or Katerina at work (206)246-0831.

**DIRECTV \$14.99/mes**  
 Gratis por 3 meses - HBO, SHOWTIME, CineMax, STARZ!  
 Sin costo de instalacion. Mas de 270 canales, 65 canales en Español.  
 1-800-973-9038

**1984 15 passenger Minibus**  
 good tires, 351 engine  
 As is \$500 or best offer  
 for more information call  
 509-302-7348

**1974 Dodge 12 passenger van**  
 \$200 or best offer  
 for more information call  
 509-302-7348

# COMMUNITY

> **Martin Luther King Jr** from page 24

MLK as an African American holiday when actually it is a holiday for all of us to celebrate our equality under the law. I am particularly proud of the diversity of our panel for the Community Conversation."

"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for human rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country and a finer world to live in," - Martin Luther King Jr.

The event will feature a special performance from northwest jazz artist Nancy King at 7:45 p.m. Robin added, "Nancy King is a wonderful northwest artist. She is an eclectic mix of old school jazz and modern music. She is just as at home singing Cole Porter as she is scatting. A true performer, she performs regularly at the Cave in Portland OR."

Panelists for the Community Conversation include:  
**Dave Arnold**, Columbia Basin

College

**Christine Brown**, KNDU TV  
**Debjani Chakrabarti**, Columbia Basin College



Robin Mitchell, Presidente de WSU-TC Multicultural Club

**Jaime Contreras**, WSU Tri-Cities  
**Jennifer Curtis**, Fluor Hanford  
**José García-Pabón**, WSU Extension  
**Todd Garlick**, WSU Tri-Cities  
**Jacqueline Van Wormer**, Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center  
**Barbara Ward**, Visiting Professor from New Orleans  
**Judge Dennis Yule**, Benton/Franklin Superior Court, retired  
**Albert Torres**, Tú

Decides Bilingual Newspaper

Moderator: **Robert Bauman**, WSU Tri-Cities history professor and author of Race and the War on Poverty, From Watts to East L.A.

Admission is free and open to the public, including a buffet dinner and the jazz performance. The event is co-sponsored by the WSU Tri-Cities Business Club, Multicultural Club and ASWSUTC. For more information visit [www.tricity.wsu.edu/student\\_clubs/multicultural\\_club.htm](http://www.tricity.wsu.edu/student_clubs/multicultural_club.htm). ★

## GET TO THE GAME!



### 2007-2008 U.S. DIVISION CHAMPIONS!

**AMERICANS**

Saturday, January 17th  
**TOYOTA CENTER**

WILDHORSE RESORT CASINO NIGHT  
 Presented by KVEW-TV, 102.7 KORD

U.S. ARMY ROCK THE RINK NIGHT  
 Student ticket discounts available with valid ASB card

**AMERICANS**

Friday, January 23rd  
**TOYOTA CENTER**

MINUTEMAN PRESS NIGHT  
 Presented by KEPR-TV, URock 95.3 FM

First 2,000 fans will receive a free Americans notepad, courtesy of Minuteman Press

Get your tickets at all **ticketmaster** outlets, including the Toyota Center box office and all Fred Meyer locations, or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Tri-City Americans Hockey proudly presented by **STERLING SAVINGS BANK**  
 The Perfect Fit Bank.

## OCHOA • ANDERSON PLLC

Attorneys and Counselors at Law

*Ochoa Anderson dedicates their practice to personal injury, state and federal criminal defense and business and corporate law.*

Both attorneys are fluent in Spanish.

7103 W. Clearwater Ave. Suite D  
 Kennewick, WA 99336  
 Tel: (509) 734-1345  
 Fax: (509) 735-4612  
[www.ochoa-anderson.com](http://www.ochoa-anderson.com)



Gloria Ochoa



Brian J. Anderson



tú Decides Newspaper  
7601 W. Clearwater Suite #407,  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
Phone: 509-591-0495 • Fax: 800-790-4145  
Web Site: www.tudecidesmedia.com  
E-mail: blanca@tudecidesmedia.com

tú Decides is a bilingual newspaper with a mission to provide all generations of Hispanics with a more balanced perspective and keener insight into the issues of our time. In effect, each reader is given an opportunity to decide for himself or herself— tú Decides. Our distribution locations include our advertisers as well as rack locations throughout the Seattle region.

All editorials and letters are the opinions of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of tú Decides.

tú Decides gladly accepts news submissions and calendar/event listings. Use of submitted material will be at the discretion of tú Decides. Space will dictate the use and/or timing of publication. Submitted materials will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

tú Decides is published weekly by tú Decides Media Inc. on every Friday. News deadline is every Monday at 12 p.m. Ad reservation deadline is Monday at 10 a.m., ad material deadline is every Monday at noon.

**Board of Directors**

Albert Torres  
CEO & Chairman of the Board  
albert@tudecidesmedia.com

Ismael G. Campos  
Vice Chairman of the Board  
mel@tudecidesmedia.com

Gracie Campos  
Executive Vice President of Operations  
gracie@tudecidesmedia.com

Blanca Torres  
Executive Vice President of Marketing  
blanca@tudecidesmedia.com

**tú Decides Staff:**

Blanca Torres  
Manager

Gracie Campos  
Events Coordinator

Albert Torres  
Publisher

Alex Ybarra, Esther Ayers, Greg Dale  
Director of Business Development

Domingo Martinez  
Art Director / Production Manager

Melissa Hernandez  
Advertising Design

Maria Vera / Connections Consulting  
Carlos Mahuad Celis  
Translations

Carlos Mahuad Celis, Manuel Hernandez, Itzel Martinez, M. Néida Mendoza  
Staff Writers

Felix Connection, Ismael Campos  
Distribution

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the express written consent of tú Decides Media, Inc.

**Subscriptions**

Subscriptions are available for \$26 for 6 months. Send check or money order to:

tú Decides Media, Inc.  
7601 W. Clearwater Suite #407,  
Kennewick, WA 99336

tú Decides Yakima County Office  
Hours: 10am - 5pm

1 West Yakima Ave # 10, Yakima, WA 98902  
tudecidesnewspaper@clearwire.net  
Phone (509) 895-2615 • Fax: (509) 853-2995

**Member of**



> **U.S. and Mexico** from page 24

dent saying he was “a man of conviction, of principle, willing to face the most difficult challenges.”

“I appreciated every meeting I had with him,” said Bush, who had only seven more days in office.

Bush, who opposed the proposal from Obama and Clinton to revise the treaty with Mexico, said he strongly believed that “this agreement has been good for Mexico and the United States “and thanked Calderón for his support and defense of the treaty.

Bush said the United States remained concerned about the fight against drug

traffickers in Mexico and asked the Americans to understand that this man understands the responsibilities of government to provide security, which will not allow their country or parts of it to be taken by drug traffickers. “

“The United States wants to share and help address the issue on both sides of our borders,” he said. “The less drug use, the lower the pressure in Mexico.”

Calderón on Monday became the only president to meet with Obama after he won his election in November.

He said he agreed with Bush that the



The President of Mexico, Felipe Calderón and U.S. President George W. Bush. Notimex photo by Alfredo Guerrero

treaty “has been very useful” for the two countries and has created millions of jobs. He also noted that in even during the 2008 economic crisis, some 2 million jobs were created in the U.S. relating to exports. ★

> **Spokane** from page 24

ing educational opportunities for young Hispanic students through scholarships, and supporting cultural events that contribute to the appreciation of our diversity.

One of the misconceptions about the Spokane area is that there aren't any Hispanics living there. Valerie Santillanes, VV committee member said, “We do not have as strong of a Hispanic community as the Tri Cities or some communities on the west side; however we are the fastest growing minority in Spokane.”

Joni Riojas Hubbard, VV Chairperson added, “A unique factor about Spokane is that there isn't a specific area where Hispanics live. We are scattered all over Spokane. I think because of no central location, it has taken us longer to identify ourselves to one another and give back as a unit.”

When asked why it is important to support this event Valerie responded, “We are the only organization of this type in Spokane where the proceeds are going towards the Hispanic youth. It is important for us personally to help this generation become, in some cases, the first to have the opportunity to go to college and have the “American Dream.” We will have a special rate for people driving from the Tri-Cities to Spokane at the Best Western Peppertree Airport Inn (www.PeppertreeSpokane.com).”

Joni also gave some historical perspective by adding, “One of HBPA's goals is to give back to the community and education is our priority. For well over 12 years, HBPA has provided scholarships for higher education to students who want to better themselves (many first generation college students). HBPA is proud to help make a difference too. This is the 3rd annual Viva Vino. This event gives us the monies to support our goals, provides an opportunity to socialize and meet new friends, has a variety of auction items available (i.e., GU basketball tickets, Silverwood Family passes, vacations, wines, and much more) and features excellent wines and foods.”

“Our members represent different professions, businesses and civic areas.



Rachel Idding, VV Committee Member; Rita Santillanes, VV Committee Member; Valerie Santillanes, VV Committee Member, and Joni Riojas Hubbard, VV Chairperson

I applaud all our members because they are valuable participants in our community. Thanks to their outstanding professionalism, this association is considered one of the best in Spokane. I encourage you to take advantage of the great opportunities that this association has to offer. We will strive to provide you with the support of our HBPA familia,” Lily Baldwin-Garduño, HBPA President.

Victor Cruz, owner of Canon de Sol (www.CanonDeSol.com), one of the premier wineries in the Northwest, will be presenting his wines at Viva Vino. Victor grew up in Wapato, Washington, the son of first generation Mexican-

American farm laborers. Canon de Sol is one of a very few Hispanic winemakers in the entire U.S.

HBPA Foundation of the Inland NW is a non-profit IRS C(3) organization, affiliated with HBPA Spokane, providing college scholarships and promoting and funding the annual Recognition Ceremony. The Ceremony is to celebrate educational success among Hispanic/Latino graduating students and to recognize scholastic achievement among Hispanic/Latino youth in the 7th through 12th grade. For more information call (509) 624-4655, email info@hbpasokane.com or visit www.hbpasokane.com. ★

**Lulu's CLEANING**  
(509) 308-2062  
Ask for Lulu- ¡Hablo Español!  
Servicing the Tri-Cities Area!

Call for a FREE estimate  
**\$65**  
2000 sq. ft. home

**A clean house or apartment complex, at an affordable price!**

- Multi-Color Printing
- High Speed Copying
- Labels
- Promotional Items
- Business Cards
- Logo Design
- Business Forms
- Letterhead
- Envelopes
- Flyers
- Newsletters
- Brochures
- NCR & Computer Forms
- Rubber Stamps
- Graphic Design
- Self Inking Stamps
- Typesetting
- And Much More

**509.783.0533**  
**FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY**

7201 W. Clearwater Ave., Suite B103  
(behind Schuck's Auto Supply)

**MP Minuteman Press**  
The First & Last Step In Printing.

[www.kennewick.minutemanpress.com](http://www.kennewick.minutemanpress.com)

This Page Sponsored by Moneytree



## TÚ DINERO / YOUR MONEY

Tú Decides is excited to introduce the following financial literacy pages, a regular feature sponsored by Moneytree, Inc. The topics covered will include the following:

- **Bank On It:** An introduction to bank services
- **Borrowing Basics:** An introduction to credit
- **Check It Out:** How to choose and keep a checking account
- **Money Matters:** How to keep track of your money
- **Pay Yourself First:** Why you should save, save, save
- **Keep It Safe:** Your rights as a consumer
- **To Your Credit:** How your credit history will affect your credit future
- **Charge It Right:** How to make a credit card work for you
- **Loan to Own:** Know what you are borrowing before you buy
- **Your Own Home:** What home ownership is all about

# Elder Financial Abuse

### What is elder financial abuse?

Elder financial abuse is using an elder's money or assets contrary to the elder's wishes, needs, or best interests, for the abuser's personal gain.

### What are examples of elder financial abuse?

Elder financial abuse covers a wide range of activities, including:

- Taking money or property.
- Forging an older person's signature.
- Getting an older person to sign a deed, will, or power of attorney through deception, coercion, or undue influence.
- Using the older person's property or possessions without permission.
- Promising lifelong care in exchange for money or property and not following through on the promise.
- Committing confidence crimes

("cons") against older people, using deception to gain their confidence.

- Scamming older people through the use of fraudulent or deceptive acts.
- Committing fraud against older people through the use of deception, trickery, false pretence, or dishonest acts or statements for financial gain.
- Using telemarketing to commit scams against older people. Perpetrators call victims and use deception, scare tactics, or exaggerated claims to get them to send money. They may also make charges against victims' credit cards without authorization.

### Who are the perpetrators of elder financial abuse?

Family members, including children, grandchildren, or spouses. They may:



- Have substance abuse, gambling, or financial problems.
- Stand to inherit and feel justified in taking what they believe is "almost" or "rightfully" theirs.
- Fear that their older family member will get sick and use up his or her savings, depriving the abuser of an inheritance.
- Have had a negative relationship with the older person and feel a sense of "entitlement."
- Have negative feelings toward siblings or other family members whom they want to prevent from acquiring or inheriting the older person's assets.

### Who is at risk?

The following conditions or factors increase an older person's risk of being victimized:

- Isolation.
- Loneliness.
- Recent losses.
- Physical or mental disabilities.
- Lack of familiarity with financial matters.
- Family members who are unemployed and/or have substance abuse problems.

### How can elders be made less of a target?

Here are some lifestyle factors that will help you assess if an elder is at risk for financial abuse:

- Does the elder live alone?
- Does the elder still drive? If so, he or she may be prone to crashes, or to being victimized by driving-related scams.

• Does the elder spend a lot of time on foot in public places? If so, he or she may be targeted by exploiters who search for elderly victims at places such as banks, stores, parks, malls, and libraries.

- How many local friends does the elder have?
- Does the elder have information about housing options, care choices, and support groups?
- Have the elder's outside activities decreased over the past few years?
- Does the elder have family members in the area? Do they maintain weekly contact?
- How many local friends does the elder have?

• Who regularly checks the status of the elder's bank accounts, charge or credit accounts, or investments?

- Where and from whom is the elder getting financial and medical advice?
- Who oversees the elder's power of attorney?
- Does the elder seek advice of fortune-tellers or psychic advisors?
- Does the elder know when and how to call the police for emergencies and non-emergencies, such as suspicious persons?

### How can I be more careful in employing caregivers?

Consider these factors when employing caregivers:

- Is the caregiver hired from a reputable agency?
- Have the caregiver's references been checked?
- Has a criminal background check been done on the caregiver?
- Are the elder's checks, credit cards, etc., locked up?
- Is there a written service agreement, signed by the caregiver and elder, specifying duties and pay?
- Is there a log of workers, hours, and salary payments?
- Is there a weekly review of caregiver expenses?

### Where can I find out more about elder financial abuse?

For more information, contact your state's Adult Protective Services department. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Elder Care Locator at [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov) or 800-677-1116 for a referral to services in your community. ★

## Get Your Visa® Card today!



### Visa Prepaid Cards now available!

Choose your card design and leave with a Premier Cash Solution™ Visa Prepaid Card!

With our Visa Prepaid Card you can sign up for free direct deposit, withdraw cash at no charge, shop online, set up free text message services and pay your bills. Only \$9.95 per month!



61 branches throughout Washington to serve you!

Call 888.604.6669 or visit [www.moneytreeinc.com](http://www.moneytreeinc.com) to find a branch near you!

### PREMIER Cash Solution™ Visa Prepaid Card

The Premier Cash Solution™ Visa Prepaid Card is issued by MetaBank pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc.

Wisdom for your decisions

## A GOOD SIGN EVEN IN TIMES LIKE THESE.



Everyone's looking for an encouraging sign in today's economy. The fact is, they'll see one in over 17,500 locations across North America. Because for over 86 years, State Farm® agents have been there helping people protect the things that matter most. That's why more people trust State Farm. And we consider that a very good sign.

**LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR,  
STATE FARM IS THERE.®**



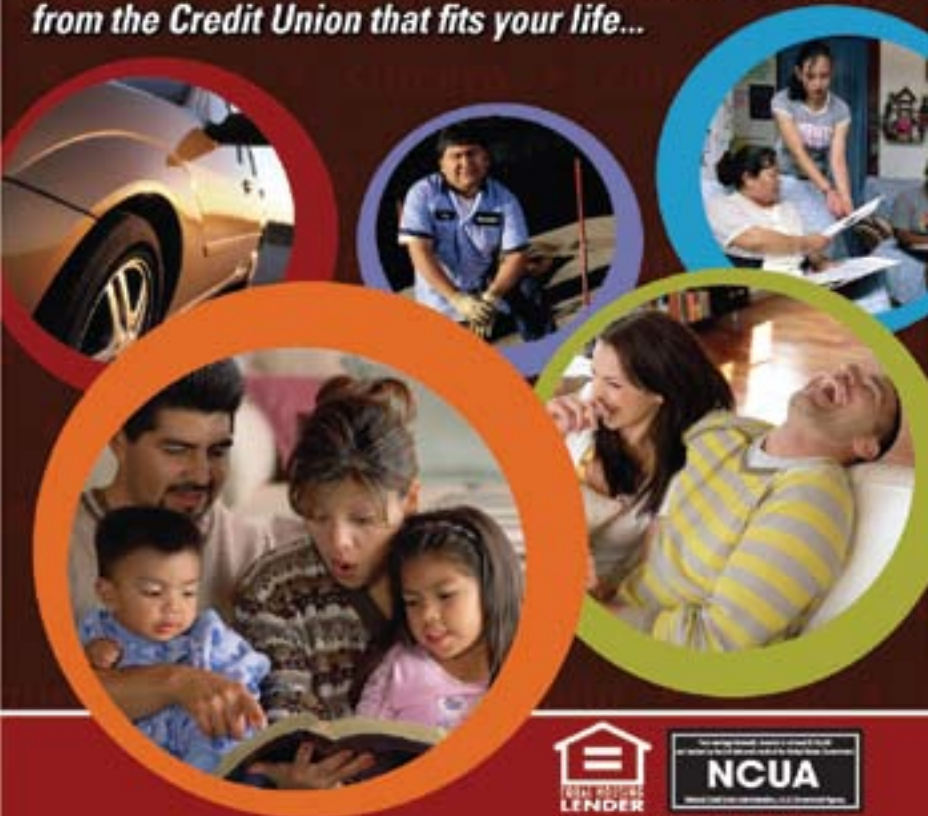
**Luis Garza Jr, Agent**  
1408 N 20th Ave #C  
Court Street Plaza - Next to Albertsons  
Pasco, WA 99301  
Bus: 509-547-7038 Fax: 509-546-2004  
www.luisgarzajr.com  
Mon-Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm  
After Hours by Appointment  
Hablamos Español

**PROVIDING INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

P087082 11/08

State Farm, Bloomington IL

## Financial Products and Services from the Credit Union that fits your life...



- Checking & Savings Accounts
- Loans (auto, mortgage, home equity...)
- Business Products (SBA, BELC...)
- Deposit Products (Certificates, MMAs...)
- Lines of Credit & Visa®
- And More!\*

\*Ask for details. (También hablamos español.)

**NUMERICA**  
CREDIT UNION

Everyone can join! Stop by today.

• 3115 West Kennewick Ave., Kennewick  
• 4820 N. Rd. 68, Pasco (inside Wal-Mart Supercenter)

509-734-6900 • [numericacu.com](http://numericacu.com)

## ECONOMY

# Recess from Recession

The national unemployment rate hit 7.2% in December - the highest rate in 15 years. Last year alone, 2.6 million jobs were lost.

While much has been said about the challenging economy and unemployment, a topic frequently missing from the headlines is a potential reinvestment in higher education. Is it more worthwhile to reinvest in your own education than trying to find a new job in this economy? Here are two things to consider:

### 1. Return On Investment

One of the greatest expenses of an advanced degree is the opportunity cost of lost wages during your time in school. From a financial perspective, there is no better time to invest in your education



**By Richard Velazquez**  
President National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA)

than during a period of reduced wages and employment opportunities.

Analyzing data from the U.S. Census Bureau, a Master's degree will help you accumulate roughly \$4.9 million in lifetime earnings versus \$3.8 million for bachelor's degrees and less than \$1.8 million for high school education only. Also, factor in the investment potential of these extra dollars and the payoff is evident.

You can maximize your return on investment by leveraging opportunities to lower the costs of attending graduate school.

For Hispanics, there are two exceptional opportunities for financing a higher education in business.

The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management (CGSM) provides a full two-year fellowship to diverse individuals seeking an MBA. (<http://www.cgsm.org>). The National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA) offers scholarships between \$2,500 and \$10,000 per year to Hispanics pursuing graduate management edu-

cation. (<http://www.nshmba.org>). There were less than eight applicants for this scholarship from Washington last year, so odds of receiving a scholarship are good for those with demonstrable academic achievement.

### 2. More Opportunities

It may be difficult to consider making a career change when you are in a stable job. The jolt of unemployment or potential unemployment might be the wakeup call you need to evaluate whether your current career meets your ambitions. If it is not, consider expanding your education credentials at this juncture to help you achieve your ultimate career goals.

Returning to school could help increase the range of positions for which you are eligible in your current company or industry, or even give you greater access to completely new industries and positions. Post-graduate degrees, can also help widen your geographical reach. For example, for those in the auto industry, escaping Detroit might be a significant long-term career goal.

I entered the MBA program at the University of California Berkeley in an attempt to switch from the automotive industry to the tech industry.

After navigating through the dot com implosion, I renewed my career search at the NSHMBA National Career Conference in 2004.

I received five job offers in five different industries, an impossible feat for me to accomplish without an advanced degree.

Education can be used as a means to ride out the economic storm, reinvest in oneself, and create more opportunity long term.

My story demonstrates that while recessions are temporary situations, higher education is a lifelong asset. ★

*Richard Velazquez is the President of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA) Seattle Chapter and a Sr. Product Planning Manager for the Xbox group at Microsoft. For more information about NSHMBA Seattle, visit <http://seattle.nshmba.org>*



Here at Harvey Monteith Insurance we take great pride in offering services that are tailored to your specific needs.

*Come for our services & you'll stay for the pleasant experience.*

Your final search for outstanding service & extensive knowledge starts here. Let us provide you with 24/7 accessibility for peace of mind.

**Felipa Trejo & Marissa Ramirez**  
Office: (509) 543-9744  
(800) 432-9313  
Cell: (509) 521-4606  
Fax: (509) 543-9564

We provide the following:

- Home
- Health
- Auto
- Business
- Recreational vehicles & vessels

Felipa@harveymonteith.com or Marissa@harveymonteith.com





**Greg Torres**  
Sales Consultant

Cell: 509.366.8148  
Office: 509.545.3000  
Fax: 509.545.4856  
[goseege.com](http://goseege.com)

929 N. 28th Avenue  
Pasco, WA 99301



COLUMNS

OBITUARY

Julia Campos Garza 70 went to be with the Lord and Savior Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at Grandview Health Care and Specialty Center. She was born in Los Ramones, Nuevo Leon, Mexico on April 12, 1938 to Felipe and Belen Campos, and the fifth of seven children. She was raised in El Rancho Tigre in San Benito Nuevo Leon Mexico. On Feb. 26, 1960, she married her husband of almost 49



years, Ramiro Garza.

In 1964, Julia and Ramiro Garza settled in Prosser, after many years of migrant work, where they raised their seven children. She worked for several years at Twin City Foods. After living almost 30 years in Prosser, she moved to Grandview to be close to her daughters and grandchildren.

Her strong faith in Christ was instilled in her family and she stressed and supported her children's education. She was a loving and caring wife and mother that always put her family first.

She enjoyed reading the Bible, cooking, playing baseball, playing checkers and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of Iglesia del Calvario church in Sunnyside for 45 years an active member of the Women's Ministry.

She leaves behind her husband, Ramiro Garza; children, Ester and Alfredo Gonzalez, Ludi and Salvador Gonzalez, Inez and Amalia Garza, Ner and Alice Garza, David and Rachel Garza, Maui and Meegan Garza, and Anita and Wayne Murphy; 28 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Noe Campos, Lazaro Campos and sister, Josefina Valdez. She was preceded in death by her parents, Felipe and Belen Campos; and siblings, Luis Campos, Juan Campos, Agustina Sanchez and Noemi DeLeon. Julia Campos Garza was buried at East Prosser Cemetery in Prosser. ★



Car Care & Safety

Kelly asks;

I recently replaced the battery in my Tahoe, but a few months later it was dead again. Now I've replaced the alternator too but I still have to jump-start the vehicle. What is wrong?

The Auto Tech Answers;

I'm glad you've asked Kelly. It sounds as though you may have spent some money unnecessarily and I think I can help you stop the loss!

Let's do some self-diagnostics; Once



Scott Meyers  
Meyers' Auto Tech

you've started it, does it run ok and do all the usual electrical accessories (radio, wipers, lights, etc) work fine? If so, then your alternator is probably ok. If you drive it for awhile and then shut it

off, can you restart it again right away, or is it immediately dead? If it still won't crank after driving, I would suspect the battery itself is bad (even a new one can fail!) or you may have a bad battery cable connection. If this is the case have your battery terminals cleaned to see if that helps.

If the vehicle does start ok shortly after driving, but will not start again after sitting for a few hours then you probably have some electrical item still switched "on" somewhere in the vehicle. A cargo light, glove box light, stuck seat or mirror switch, a relay stuck on, etc, etc.

Regardless of the cause, it should be very simple for any good repair facility to test and find the problem.

Take it to a good shop in your area and explain it to them the way you did for me. I bet they'll have the answer for you in no time.

I hope this helps. Let me know how it goes, ok? ★

— Scott

Brought to you by MEYERS' AUTO TECH, INC. 1120 N. Grant Pl., Kennewick, WA 99336 (509) 735-8436 FAX: (509) 735-8517 www.MeyersAutoTech.com asktheautotech@MeyersAutoTech.com

Félix Says

It is almost time for our new president to take office. We need to be enthused because this will usher in different times. Many people ask me, "When will we hit rock bottom with the current economic crisis?"

I concur with many economic analysts in that before we can begin the recovery process we need to wait for the measures that will be taken by the new administration to have an effect.

It will take some time for them to generate changes in job loss and low consumer demand.

In my work travels through our streets I can see that most of the Hispanic population in our community has not been as affected when compared with others.

Let me tell you why I think they have been able to avoid the full brunt of the crisis: most Hispanics work in services that are essential to the proper functioning of companies and families.

The stores I visit every week have an abundant clientele and are full of products and services that are exclusive to these establishments.

The restaurants have menus where we can find little pieces of our own countries, like the famous taquerias where we can stop for a minute, enjoy a delicious taco, and then continue with the rest of our hectic day.

What I want to share with you in this column is that we need to keep on fighting our day to day battles and little by little we will find our way out of this crisis, because that is how the world economies work.

This is truer than ever in the globalized world. What is crucial is that we live our lives without fear. Take care and I'll see you next week. ★

— Félix

You can send your questions to Felix at (206-790-6000) or to: Felix@tudecidesmedia.com or mail to tú Decides, 8220 W. Gage Blvd # 715, Kennewick, WA 99336

Note: Remember you can find more content about me at www.felixconnection.com.

You are invited to take part of that online community.



Félix A. Valderrama

Dave Says

Dear Dave,

I have an 80/20 interest only, adjustable rate mortgage. The rate will adjust in seven years. Should I really pay into the 20 percent portion of the loan, and knock it out before it adjusts, or refinance with a fixed-rate loan?

— Beau

Dear Beau,

You've got one of the worst kinds of mortgages on the planet! If I were you, I'd go ahead and spend the money to refinance now. The current interest numbers on fixed-rate home loans are some of the friendliest we've ever had. I mean, it's a pretty sweet world when you're talking about financing a property at about six percent!

After that, you'll have no interest-only issues, no pre-payment issues – none of that garbage that can sneak up on you down the road. Do it, Beau. It's an absolutely fabulous time to refinance a house!★

— Dave

\* For more financial advice plus special offers to our readers, please visit www.davesays.org or call 1-888-22-PEACE.



Dave Ramsey

**Maria A. Vera**  
Phone 509.947.2338  
Providing Translation and Interpreting services from English to Spanish and Spanish to English  
For a full description of services please refer to the website  
bridgingthegap@choater.net  
www.connections-consulting.com

**TRAN LAW FIRM**

- Penal / DUI
- Lesiones Personales
- Inmigración
- Derecho de Familia
- Estatal y Federal

Consulta Inicial GRATUITA

Se Habla Español  
Para información en español hable al  
(509) 582-3616

(206) 290-3074

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009**

**12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

THREE RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER  
KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

Entrance is  
**FREE!**

# *Latino* BUSINESS, CONSUMER & CAREER **EXPO** *¡abriendo puertas!*

THE LARGEST LATINO EXPO OF ITS KIND IN  
EASTERN WASHINGTON!

Organized by

**EXPO***nw*

Also Featuring:

*Miss*  
Quince  
EXPO

*Mi*  
Boda  
EXPO

*Quinceañera & Latin Bridal Expo*



BRING YOUR RESUME  
AND FIND A JOB!  
(COMPANIES ARE  
LOOKING FOR YOU!)

FASHION SHOW

MEET AND GREET  
CELEBRITIES!

DON'T MISS  
YOUR CHANCE  
TO WIN A CAR  
FROM  
  
GEORGE GEE  
NISSAN

MARIACHIS!

MEXICAN  
FOOD!

In partnership  
with:



**NSH MBA**  
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HISPANIC MBAs

PLATINUM SPONSORS:



BRONZE SPONSORS:



**RESERVE YOUR  
BOOTH NOW!**

CONTACT: BLANCA TORRES AT (509) 308-4505  
OR GRACIE CAMPOS AT (509) 438-0781

**WWW.EXPOLATINOBUSINESS.COM**

**The Sign you want.**  
The Agent you need...  
**SOLD**  
For Sale  
RE/MAX  
Real Estate  
remax.com

**RE/MAX**  
First Advantage  
(509) 837-3301  
1120 Yak Valley Hwy, Ste 11  
Sunnyside, Washington

¡Sobry Detecis!  
Search for homes and properties for sale at [www.FirstAdvantageInc.com](http://www.FirstAdvantageInc.com)  
Contamos con agentes que hablan Español...



Remax Agent  
**Hector Gamboa**  
Real Estate Consultant  
Cell: (509) 840-3475  
[/www.gamboarealestate.com](http://www.gamboarealestate.com)

*In business since: 1997*  
*Why I like selling Real Estate?*  
*I truly enjoy working with people!*  
*Why work with me:*  
*Helping people realize the American Dream of home ownership.*  
*My best feature:*  
*I am always available.*

**"STRIVING TO MAKE EVERY HOMEBUYER A SATISFIED HOMEOWNER"**

**AHO CONSTRUCTION I, INC.**

Aho Construction I, Inc. is a family owned company which was founded in Vancouver, Washington in 1987. Since inception the company has built and closed over 7,500 homes. The company has grown and expanded to **eight sales offices** in Washington. Recently Aho Construction I, Inc. has branched into Minnesota and South Dakota.

Aho Construction I, Inc. strives to provide quality and affordable homes to buyers who never dreamed they could own a home. Many of our homes are purchased by first time homebuyers, but we also build a large percentage of homes for repeat homebuyers.

Aho Construction I, Inc. offers a wide variety of floor plans, with a large selection of options. By streamlining the building process, working with reputable subcontractors, using quality materials, and employing our own sales staff, we are able to deliver a quality home in the shortest amount of time at the best possible price.

Aho Construction I, Inc. strives to make every homebuyer a satisfied homeowner.

[WWW.AHOCONSTRUCTION.COM](http://WWW.AHOCONSTRUCTION.COM)

2705 Plan  
1727 Plan  
1380 Plan

*Love Yourself in 2009!*

**HEALTHY DIRECTIONS**  
A Weight Management Program

*For A Healthier, Lighter You!*

**Let us guide you on your path to a healthier weight!**  
**This is Success for Life!**

- Our Program Offers:**
- Individualized initial and follow-up nutrition assessments with a Registered Dietitian
  - Diet and exercise plans custom designed for YOU
  - Weekly group meetings offering direction, support and information from Registered Dietitians and other experts and guests
  - Cooking demonstrations
  - Guided weight loss followed by a weight maintenance program
  - Relapse prevention
  - An open door for as long as the program is needed and a standing invitation at anytime intervention is needed

**Initial 12-Week Start Up Program** includes an individual Registered Dietitian visit and weekly group meetings for just **\$245.00.**

**Maintenance Program** includes weekly group meetings for as long as you desire to attend for just **\$8.00 - \$15.00 per session, depending on the number of weeks you enroll.**

**Attend A Free Orientation**  
For more information, contact the KGH Diabetes & Nutrition Education Department at **509-585-5442** or email [nancy.linville@kphd.org](mailto:nancy.linville@kphd.org)



# COMMUNITY

## Washington State Migrant Council

(Sunnyside, WA)

Washington State Migrant Council's CEO, Tadeo Saenz-Thompson, returned today from a commission to Washington, D.C. lead by the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association. A small group of five individuals was invited to provide testimony to President Elect Obama's Transition Team, representatives of congressional offices, the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. The central theme of these discussions was the Future of the Head Start Program under the new Act and Administration.

"I believe I was one of the four directors invited because of my prior experience and my positive reputation with the Federal Government. I worked with some of these folks in the past and they trust my integrity in presenting legitimate issues and facts. The Obama Transition Team was very receptive to what we presented and the need for the new regulations to take into consideration our Migrant Head Start Programs," said Saenz-Thompson.

"In the past, since the Migrant Head

Start program started in 1969, regulations have been almost exclusively written for non-migrant programs. Today's programs, and certainly WSMC under my leadership, want to be accountable when using tax payers dollars, taking into account the uniqueness of the Migrant and Early Head Start Programs. Strong accountability starts with appropriate regulations."

The incoming administration, as well as congressional leaders, also communicated a desire to include Head Start Programs in the developing Stimulus Package. Mr. Saenz-Thompson articulated the facility needs of the Washington State Migrant Council. "I have been at my job for five months, and one thing I clearly see is that this program primarily uses modular units and some of them are extremely old. The proposed stimulus package would consider dedicating billions to upgrading facilities in many Head Start Programs and the State of Washington should receive some of these funds. In this sense, I was not only advocating for WSMC but had the opportunity to advocate for all the programs in the state. We are also fortunate to have a very strong Congressional delegation that supports us in these endeavors," said Saenz-Thompson.

The Federal Head Start program provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families

WSMC has served low-income and agricultural worker families in Washington since 1983 and has grown to be one of the largest early childhood care and education networks in the state. The nonprofit organization serves close to 4,000 multi-lingual children and their families every year with Head Start and state early childhood education programs, among other services. ★



Tadeo Sáenz-Thompson, CEO Washington State Migrant Council. Photo by Albert Torres.

**Housing Authority of the City of Pasco and Franklin County**

**IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!**

**EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

Applications available at:  
2505 W. Lewis Street, Pasco  
Questions? Call (509) 547-3581  
Washington Relay Service: 711 or 1-800-833-6384

Applications must be received by March 2, 2009.  
The list will be closed effective March 3, 2009.



# CONSUMER AWARENESS

Brought to you by your Local Good Neighbor State Farm Agent

## Life insurance: it's for the people who live

Life insurance is a practical way to protect your family's financial hopes and dreams.

The death of a family member can be devastating to survivors both emotionally and financially. Life insurance can provide cash to help with your family's immediate and long-term needs.

• Immediate needs include funeral expenses, unpaid medical bills and taxes.

• Long-term needs include care for a disabled child or elderly parent expenses and, in general, the chance for members of your family to continue to live the life to which they are accustomed.

Life insurance is not for the people who die, but for people who live. It's

wise to explore options while you are still healthy; health problems can make life insurance expensive or unavailable. Three forms of life insurance are most common today:

Term life insurance. This is temporary life insurance for a specific time period (one, five, 10 or more years). It can provide short-term coverage on a limited budget. Term insurance, however, costs more to buy as you get older.

There are two common types of term life insurance:

• Level term: the amount of protection remains the same during the coverage period.

• Decreasing term: the amount of protection gradually declines during the coverage period.

Whole life insurance. Premiums are generally level with cash value growth throughout the life of the policy.

Cash values can be borrowed (with interest charged) during the insured person's lifetime to help meet temporary or emergency needs.

Funds borrowed reduce the death benefit and cash surrender value.

Universal life insurance. This offers many traditional advantages of whole life insurance (such as protection for life), but also offers flexibility.

Coverage amounts and premium payments are flexible to help meet changing needs during an insured person's lifetime (subject to certain conditions).

When you buy life insurance, you buy a promise of protection against financial loss caused by death. The promise is only as good as the company that stands behind

it. In today's marketplace, life insurance buyers should be concerned about:

• The financial strength of the insurer.

• Customer service. Contact your State Farm agent for more specific information about life insurance. ★

Sponsored by

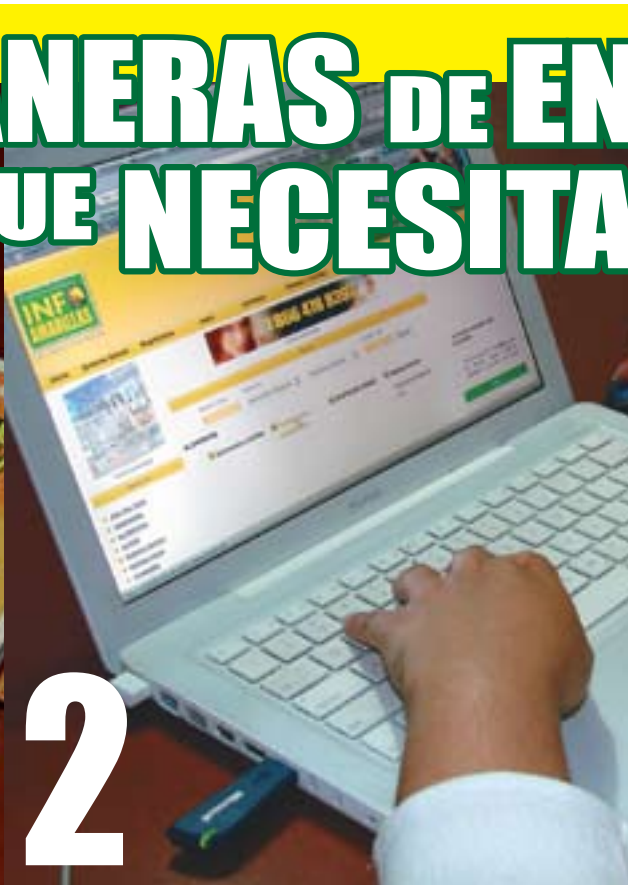


# 3 MANERAS DE ENCONTRAR LO QUE NECESITAS



1

DIRECTORIO INFOAMARILLAS



2

WEB www.info2020.info



3

LÍNEA TELEFÓNICA INFORMATIVA 206 2012020

¡Si no estas aquí, no existes!

NO SE QUEDE POR FUERA DE LA SEGUNDA EDICIÓN DE SU DIRECTORIO TELEFÓNICO INFOAMARILLAS

206-201 2020  
509-779-2040



- SOMOS EL DIRECTORIO MAS COMPLETO DEL ESTADO
- LLEGAMOS DONDE OTROS NO LLEGAN
- GARANTIZAMOS SU CIRCULACION 100%
- TRES PRODUCTOS POR EL PRECIO DE UNO
- RESPETAMOS A LOS ANUNCIANTES
- PUBLICIDAD 100% EFECTIVA
- CUMPLIMOS CON SU ENTREGA
- SOMOS UNA EMPRESA SOLIDA
- COBERTURA EN TODO ESTADO



Donde su inversión publicitaria si funciona, llama ya al

ENTERTAINMENT

## ASYVCC hosts Yakima's Best Singer Contest

Yakima Campus

Associated Students of Yakima Valley Community College (ASYVCC) will host auditions for the annual Yakima's Best Singer Contest on January 20-21, 2009.

The event gives students and community members of all ages the chance to compete for the title of Yakima's Best Singer.

The contest takes place on January 28, 2009. The winner will receive \$250, with 2nd place receiving \$150 and third place receiving \$50 dollars. Tickets cost \$2 and can be purchased at the door.

Auditions: January 20-21, 2009: 4:00-6:00pm in the Martin Luther King Room of Hopf Student Union Building. Contestants will need one full song (two minute time limit) of

their choice prepared for the audition.

The same song will be performed at the competition. One person is allowed to accompany contestants. A piano, CD player, and microphone will be provided.

Rehearsal: January 27, 2009: 6:00pm in Kendall Hall Auditorium.

Contest: January 28, 2009: 7:00pm in Kendall Hall Auditorium.

Performers will be selected from the previously held auditions. Only people who make it through the audition process will be able to compete in the contest.

Do you think you have what it takes to be Yakima's Best Singer? If so, don't miss this great opportunity to prove it! For more information contact Danny Akin at 509.574.6800 ext. 3204 or asbprog1@yvcc.edu. ★

## Rachael Ray cooks up new show for Daisy Martinez

By J.M. Hirsch  
Los Angeles (AP)

Rachael Ray is giving Food Network fans a taste of the Latino kitchen.

Ray is producing a new show for the network starring actress and cookbook author Daisy Martinez.

The weekly "Viva Daisy!" premieres Saturday for a six-week run. The show is the network's second focused on Latino foods, joining Ingrid Hoffman's "Simply Delicioso."

Martinez previously hosted public television's Hispanic foods-focused "Daisy Cooks." The new show will be the first from Ray's production company, Watch Entertainment, that doesn't feature Ray.

The collaboration began after Ray and Martinez bonded while participating in a panel discussion together.

Ray says she knew immediately she wanted to give Martinez a bigger platform from which to talk about Latino foods.

"She can't tell you about a recipe without telling you why you would want to make it," Ray said in a telephone interview. "Which is so much more important to me than learning a technique."

Martinez said she hopes to use the show to get people excited about the diversity of Latino food.

And while she won't limit herself to Ray's signature 30-minute meals, Martinez says her cooking is always user-friendly.

"It's really going to be a peek into my life, into my home, into my kitchen," she said.

"I'm going to be sharing my family with you, sharing meals that we have." ★

# COLOSSAL Checking



No minimum balance!  
No monthly fees!



UNLIMITED ATM Fee Refunds  
on all ATMs nationwide!



See your money grow with  
HUGE high interest checking!

# 6.01%<sup>APY\*</sup>

On balances of \$.01 to \$10,000

**HUGE**  
interest checking!



www.colossalchecking.com

To earn 6.01% apy and receive ATM fee refunds all you have to do is:\*\*

1. Make 12 Check Card Transactions
2. Set Up One Direct Deposit or ACH Auto Debit
3. Enroll and Receive eStatements
4. Access Gesa@Home

509.946.1611 • 888.946.4372 • gesa.com It's where you belong.



\*Effective August 1, 2008, rate of 6.01 expressed as Annual Percentage Yield (APY) will be paid on balances between one penny and \$10,000; 0.50% APY will be paid on all amounts above \$10,000 each cycle that minimum requirements are met. APY may change after the account is opened. No minimum balance required to open or maintain account. No monthly service charge. \*\*If you do not meet the requirements each cycle, your account will still function as a free checking account earning Base Rate 0.15% APY; however, it will not receive non-Gesa ATM fee refunds for that time period. Requirement for 12 Check Card transactions excludes ATM transactions. Colossal Checking patent pending by BancVue.



BY CHOICE HOTELS



Quality Inn, a Kennewick hotel near Columbia Center!

Conveniently located in the heart of the Tri-Cities area, the Quality Inn® hotel provides easy access to many local points of interest.



Guests of this Kennewick, WA hotel are provided many amenities including:

- \* Free full breakfast
- \* Free coffee
- \* Outdoor pool
- \* Free wireless high-speed Internet

An indoor heated pool, indoor hot tub, fitness center, guest laundry room, and sundeck are all available on the premises for guest enjoyment.

7901 W. Quinault Avenue  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
www.qualityinn.com  
(509) 735-6100



Based on availability. Not valid with other discounts. Rate available with preallocated rooms per night.

**MERCEDES AND ALL**

**AUTO REPAIR** (509) 585-8483

**We Specialize in European Parts & Service**

- Free 30 point inspection with can food donation
- Over 35 years of combined experience

**Quality Diagnostic & Repair For All Vehicles**

102 W. Kennewick Ave. | Mon-Fri 8am-5pm  
Kennewick, WA 99336 | Weekend by Appt.

www.tudecidesmedia.com

ENTERTAINMENT

# WWE Smackdown comes to the Tri-Cities

By Albert Torres  
tú Decides Correspondent

On Friday, February 6th at 7:30pm, WWE Smackdown Road to Wrestlemania will have a special event at the Toyota Center located in Kennewick, Washington. This is the first WWE event in over two and half years.

The event is presented by 12 Rounds. The event will feature the "Rated R Superstar" Edge vs. The "extreme high flying" Jeff Hardy for the WWE Championship.

Triple H, "the cerebral assassin" teams up with "the Phenom from Death Valley" Undertaker to take on the World's Largest Athlete, "7ft 500 pound" Big Show and "The Samoan Bulldozer" Umaga.

The star studded list also includes: United States Champion Shelton Benjamin, R-Truth, MVP, The Great Khali, Hurricane Helms, The Brian Kendrick, Ezekiel, WWE Tag Team Champion

Primo and Carlito, Natalya, Jimmy Wang Yang, and many more WWE superstars.

Tickets go on sale January 17th and



HHH, WWE photo

prices range from: \$60, \$40, \$30, \$25, \$20.

They can be purchased at the Toyota Center Ticket Office (www.YourToyotaCenter.com), Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster outlets and charge by phone (509)735-0500. ★



Jeff Hardy flying through the air. WWE photo.

OUR FAITH

# Looking up: Why visit Israel?

As you read this, Jean and I will just be returning from a pilgrimage to Israel and probably still working to overcome jet lag. We count it a very real and special blessing to be able to visit the land of the Bible.

As we have talked to over 200 persons about going on a tour of Israel with us we have heard many reasons why they either could not or did not want to go.

I want to share with you several reasons why we wanted to go and they are good reasons for every believer



By Pastor Ray Bachman, Morning Star Ministries

in Jesus to want to visit that special land.

The first reason that I see for visiting Israel is that in that land, almost every event that is important to my spiritual life has occurred.

It was there that Abraham, the father of the Hebrews, was called by God to become His follower.

He received promises from God that through Abraham and his descendants would come spiritual blessings for all mankind.

God also promised the land forever to Abraham's descendants.

Through the prophets, God spoke to His people in that land. They also told of a coming Messiah.

We have just celebrated the fulfillment of those prophecies in the coming of Jesus into our world to be our Savior.

As one of the followers of Jesus, all of the promises of God are also for me. We read, "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

So the first reason I go to Israel is

that I can see where God has acted so powerfully in the past. But, I also go for what God is doing there today. People used to laugh at the message of the prophets when they read that God was going to bring His people again to the land and make a nation of them.

But in 1948, after being dispersed around the world for nearly 2,000 years, Israel again became a nation.

Today it is exciting to see how that little country is among the most productive nations in the world.

We see in every day's news what is happening in Israel, and when we learn to see with eyes attuned to God's prophecies and plans, the hand of God is evident everywhere.

The final reason we should visit Israel is that it is here that all the final prophecies of God are going to come to fruition.

The battle of Armageddon, the return of Jesus in power and glory to defeat the armies of the world who attack Israel, the establishment of God's Kingdom with Jesus on the throne, and much more are all going to take place in Israel.

I want to know more of the place which God loves so much and where He is going to bring to pass His final plans.

The Bible records, "Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another" (Mark 8:1). To travel in the same places that Jesus visited is reason enough in itself to go to Israel.

To know He is coming back there again is indeed exhilarating.

I encourage you to talk to God about making it possible for you to visit His land. It is neither a vacation nor a sightseeing excursion.

It is a spiritual experience that will change your life forever. ★

Morning Star Ministries  
1813 Fairway Drive,  
Mountain Home, AR 72653  
870-425-2733  
bachmanjr@gmail.com

**DAN AND CANDIE BRUCHMAN**



**Windermere**  
Real Estate

Dan: 509-551-1880  
Candie: 509-551-1881  
www.TriCitiesRealty.net  
cbruchman@windermere.com

Professional service you can trust...



**SMALL WORKS ROSTER**

The City of Kennewick is updating the 2009 Small Works Roster, which can be used for awarding contracts up to \$200,000, without going through the formal bid process.

Firms currently on the city's roster will automatically be listed on the new roster, unless a letter is received requesting removal from the roster. Please notify the City Engineer's Office at 509-585-4247, of any address or telephone changes.

To be added to the City's Small Works Roster, send a letter with the name of business, address, telephone number, and type of work, addressed to: City Engineer, City of Kennewick, PO Box 6108, Kennewick, WA 99336.

**WOODLAND PARK APARTMENTS**

1, 2, & 3  
Bedroom Apartments

601 South Kent Street  
Kennewick, WA

*Ask about our moving special!*

We have what you need!

- Swimming pool
- Basketball court
- Beautiful landscape
- Apts. with balconies

1 BEDROOM \$500.00  
2 BEDROOM \$600.00  
3 BEDROOM \$700.00

**Hurry rent with us!**

**(509) 586-4793**

## Teddy Bear

Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Dr. John C. Perry**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tubal Reversals</li> <li>* Laparoscopic Surgery</li> <li>* Bladder Suspension</li> <li>* Hysterectomy</li> <li>* Women's Healthcare</li> <li>* 3D/4D Ultrasound</li> <li>* Cryo Ablation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tubal Ligation</li> <li>* Urinary Incontinence</li> <li>* Gynecological Surgery</li> <li>* Menopause</li> <li>* Hormone Replacement</li> <li>* Infertility</li> <li>* Laser Hair Removal</li> </ul>
--	--

711 South Auburn Ste P  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
(509) 582-0400

Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm  
Friday 9am-12pm

[www.johncperrymd.com](http://www.johncperrymd.com)

# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION DINNER & JAZZ

*Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for human rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country and a finer world to live in.*  
- Martin Luther King Jr.

**6 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
**Three Rivers Convention Center**  
**Kennewick**

**Panelists for the Community Conversation:**  
Dave Arnold, Columbia Basin College  
Christine Brown, KNDU TV  
Debjani Chakrabarti, Columbia Basin College  
Jaime Contreras, WSU Tri-Cities  
Jennifer Curtis, Fluor Hanford  
José García-Pabón, WSU Extension  
Todd Garlick, WSU Tri-Cities  
Albert Torres, Tú Decides  
Jacqueline Van Wormer, Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center  
Barbara Ward, Visiting Professor from New Orleans  
Judge Dennis Yule, Benton Franklin Superior Court, retired  
Moderator: Robert Bauman, WSU Tri-Cities history professor and author of *Race and the War on Poverty, From Watts to East L.A.*

*Admission is free and open to the public, including a buffet dinner and the jazz performance.*



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
**TRI-CITIES**  
*World Class. Face to Face.*

**NORTHWEST JAZZ ARTIST NANCY KING**  
performs at 7:45 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the WSU Tri-Cities Business Club, Multicultural Club and ASWSUTC.

## It's like a whole new hospital.

**The River Pavilion addition is now complete.**

Sixty-four new patient rooms, ten state-of-the-art operating rooms, a new pediatrics unit coming soon, and room for even more expansion. It truly is like a whole new hospital, with the most modern facilities, unique high-technology services, plus compassionate care from the best professionals in the region.

**Choose Kadlec for a higher level of care.**

KADLEC

A Higher Level of Care

[www.kadlecmed.org](http://www.kadlecmed.org)

**"STRIVING TO MAKE EVERY HOMEBUYER A SATISFIED HOMEOWNER"**



Aho Construction I, Inc. is a **family owned** company which was founded in Vancouver, Washington in 1987. Since inception the company has built and closed over 7,500 homes. The company has grown and expanded to **eight sales offices** in Washington. Recently Aho Construction I, Inc. has branched into Minnesota and South Dakota.

Aho Construction I, Inc. strives to provide quality and affordable homes to buyers who never dreamed they could own a home. Many of our homes are purchased by first time homebuyers, but we also build a large percentage of homes for repeat homebuyers.

Aho Construction I, Inc. offers a wide variety of floor plans, with a large selection of options. By streamlining the building process, working with reputable subcontractors, using quality materials, and employing our own sales staff, we are able to deliver a quality home in the shortest amount of time at the best possible price.

Aho Construction I, Inc. strives to make every homebuyer a satisfied homeowner.

[WWW.AHOCONSTRUCTION.COM](http://WWW.AHOCONSTRUCTION.COM)



HBPA & HBPA Foundation present:

# CARNIVAL!

## Viva Vino

### 3rd Annual Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser

**Date: Friday February 6th, 2009 Time: 7 PM**  
**Location: Northern Quest Casino**

Tickets: \$50 in advance or \$55 at the door  
 Ticket Information at 1-800-325SEAT or [www.ticketswest.com](http://www.ticketswest.com)  
(Tickets subject to a service charge)

All proceeds go to the HBPA Hispanic Scholarship Fund and Recognition Ceremony.  
 HBPA Foundation is an IRS 501 (c)(3) non-profit.

- Silent & Live Auction - Trips!, Sports Memorabilia!
- Wine Tasting • Chocolate Fountain • Hors d'oeuvres
- The Pulehu Boys - Latin Band

Major Sponsor:  Other Sponsors: 

[www.hbpaspokane.com](http://www.hbpaspokane.com) info@hbpaspokane.com 509-624-4655

COMMUNITY

## Washington State Migrant Council

(Sunnyside, WA)

Washington State Migrant Council's CEO, Tadeo Saenz-Thompson, returned today from a commission to Washington, D.C. lead by the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association. A small group of five individuals was invited to provide testimony to President Elect Obama's Transition Team, representatives of congressional offices, the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. The central theme of these discussions was the Future of the Head Start Program under the new Act and Administration.

"I believe I was one of the four directors invited because of my prior experience and my positive reputation with the Federal Government. I worked with some of these folks in the past and they trust my integrity in presenting legitimate issues and facts. The Obama Transition Team was very receptive to what we presented and the need for the new regulations to take into consideration our Migrant Head Start Programs," said Saenz-Thompson.

"In the past, since the Migrant Head



Tadeo Sáenz-Thompson, CEO Washington State Migrant Council. Photo by Albert Torres.

Start program started in 1969, regulations have been almost exclusively written for non-migrant programs. Today's programs, and certainly WSMC under my leadership, want to be accountable when using tax payers dollars, taking into account the uniqueness of the Migrant and Early Head Start Programs. Strong accountability starts with appropriate regulations."

The incoming administration, as well as congressional leaders, also communicated a desire to include Head Start Programs in the developing Stimulus Package. Mr. Saenz-Thompson articulated the facility needs of the Washington State Migrant Council. "I have been at my job for five months, and one thing I clearly see is that this program primarily uses modular units and some of them are extremely old. The proposed stimulus package would consider dedicating billions to upgrading facilities in many Head Start Programs and the State of Washington should receive some of these funds. In this sense, I was not only advocating for WSMC but had the opportunity to advocate for all the programs in the state. We are also fortunate to have a very strong Congressional delegation that supports us in these endeavors," said Saenz-Thompson.

The Federal Head Start program provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families

WSMC has served low-income and agricultural worker families in Washington since 1983 and has grown to be one of the largest early childhood care and education networks in the state. The nonprofit organization serves close to 4,000 multi-lingual children and their families every year with Head Start and state early childhood education programs, among other services. ★

**America One**

Northwest Television

comcast 15

Everton