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NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL: A LOOK AHEAD

STORIES TO WATCH IN 2012

This year will bring thousands of news stories; here are several in particular to watch for based on what's taken place so far

BULLISH TREND: BABY STEPS SHOULD CONTINUE IN 2012



Construction was going strong in 2005 when these houses in Sycamore Creek in the Temescal Valley south of Corona were being built. Home construction slowed significantly in the recession and is expected to remain slow in 2012. STAFF PHOTO

ON THE DOCKET



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Norma Lopez, 17, was walking home from school when she was abducted July 15, 2010. Her body was found days later.

2 MAJOR CASES TO BE TRIED IN COURT

The slayings of a Moreno Valley high school student and a Riverside police officer will go to trial

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Two major Inland slaying cases are expected to go to trial in 2012.

Earl Ellis Green, 45, of Rubidoux, is charged with the shooting and beating death of Riverside Police Officer Ryan Bonaminio during a foot chase along the edge of Riverside's Fairmount Park in November 2010.

Green could face the death penalty if convicted. He has pleaded not guilty.

Jesse Perez Torres, 35, of Long Beach, is accused of slaying Norma Lopez, 17, of Moreno Valley. Perez Torres was arrested in October, more than a year after Norma was killed while walking home from summer school at Valley View High School.

Perez Torres lived in the neighborhood of the school at the time of the slaying, and moved out about one month later.

Prosecutors linked him to the case through DNA found at the crime scene near Norma's body, which was found five days after she disappeared. Perez Torres has pleaded not guilty.

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ECONOMY LIKELY TO KEEP GROWING

Inland hiring and lending are up, but the housing sector will still impede gains

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A major distribution center is nearing completion, small business owners appear to be more aggressive and Inland Southern California offices are adding more support staffers.

All of these trends bode well for workers in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. But there are few indications that the area's economy in 2012 will be much more than a faint echo of the boom years that came to an end in 2007, economists say.

The last quarter of 2011 was

filled with encouragement. Unemployment in the two-county area in November, the most recent month for which there's data, was as low as it's been in 31 months. There were almost 20,000 Inland workers on payrolls who couldn't say that when 2011 started.

Also, there have been reports of increased entrepreneurial lending in the past few months, and business owners who borrow in order to expand usually hire people. Businesses with fewer than 100 workers are responsible for about two-thirds of all new jobs in the Inland area.

There is, however, the question of housing. The Inland area's economic boom was based on more subdivisions, more office workers preparing escrow documents for buyers, more malls and public facilities to support these subdivisions — and there doesn't appear to be a lot of that kind of "more" coming in 2012.

Redlands-based economist John Husing said that there were almost 30,000 residential building permits issued in Riverside County alone in 2005, the peak of the economic expansion. There will probably be less than 3,000 permits in 2011, and he doesn't

see any improvement next year because too many existing homes are facing foreclosure or short sales.

"We're dragging an anchor, the lack of home construction," Husing said of the 2012 economy.

Husing said the economy will continue getting strong support from the logistics sector, which saw an increase in new jobs in 2011. A Chicago-based developer has almost completed building a 692,000-square-foot distribution center in Moreno Valley that was built on spec, meaning the developer is bullish about finding a company to operate there.

EDUCATION: STATE BUDGET CUTS FUNDING AMONG CHALLENGES FACING TEACHERS, POLICY MAKERS

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Educational leaders won't be without challenges in the coming year as they struggle with funding uncertainties, improving high school graduation rates and getting more kids to college. In December, the state an-

nounced nearly \$1 billion in funding cuts to education, and Gov. Jerry Brown has introduced a tax increase initiative for next year's ballot that he says will cover the shortfall. So far, revenue was sufficient to avoid automatic mid-year cuts that would have shortened the K-12 school
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TRANSPORTATION: CONSTRUCTION WORK ROAD PROJECTS, FEDERAL POLICY TO DOMINATE COURSE OF 2012

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Inland area commuters will face a 2012 similar to 2011: Construction will continue on many major regional routes and start in new places even as current projects progress. From Temecula to San Bernar-

dino, drivers will confront construction along Interstate 215. Crews are widening the freeway to three lanes from Interstate 15 to Scott Road in Murrieta. Work to widen the freeway through San Bernardino and connect it more smoothly to Highway 210 north of downtown is not expected.
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LIVING THROUGH BEING 'WORKING POOR'

Someday I may get too depressed to keep watching the evening news but for now I remain a news junkie. It's bad enough to watch the news every night but I also tape the Sunday morning talking heads shows. Quoting Mick Jagger, "To get my fair share of abuse." Last week I was struck when Diane Sawyer announced half of all Americans either live in poverty or are considered working poor. Fifty percent of all Americans live in poverty or are poor? It's difficult to comprehend what this must mean for our families.

The term "working poor" has an ominous tone. A mom or dad or



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both could be fortunate enough to have a job and what they bring home is still not enough to keep their families warm, fed, housed and healthy. I seem to be writing about the economy so often because not being able to make ends meet is dominating many of the family counseling sessions in my

office.

Parents are trying to figure out how to explain to their kids things are bad but they don't need to panic. Children are offering to get jobs that don't exist or sell toys they just got for their birthdays. Mom and dad are trying to work overtime to buy the same gifts — reminiscent of "Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. Seems to come down to how can we reassure the people we love when we ourselves don't know what the future holds?

I don't want to sound like Debbie Downer, but this is a crucial question. It may be the best definition of what family means to be able to support each other at times when

one, two or three in the same family are springing leaks. While it may be tempting to do a Chicken Little, it didn't help the chicken and it won't help the rest of us.

Asking what our family needs from us is not rhetorical and it is certainly not an easy question. Sure, a cool million would be nice but most of us don't have that buried in the backyard or hidden in the attic. What our family needs from us is a sense of inclusion. Especially when times are difficult and there is pervasive sense of going from bad to worse, these are the moments none of us wants to feel alone.

It is more than palliative to be a

presence for someone you love. This could mean going for a walk and talking. It might take the form of sitting together and commiserating about goals for the future. It's a dangerous symptom when any of us stops scheming and planning for the future.

It's also healthy to have a reality check from those who know us best. It helps when the best plan is, "I'm going to buy a lot of Scratchers or win the Lotto" is met with, "Probably not the best time to throw money away. Let's look at the talents you do have."

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Jesse Perez Torres is charged with the murder of Moreno Valley teen Norma Lopez.

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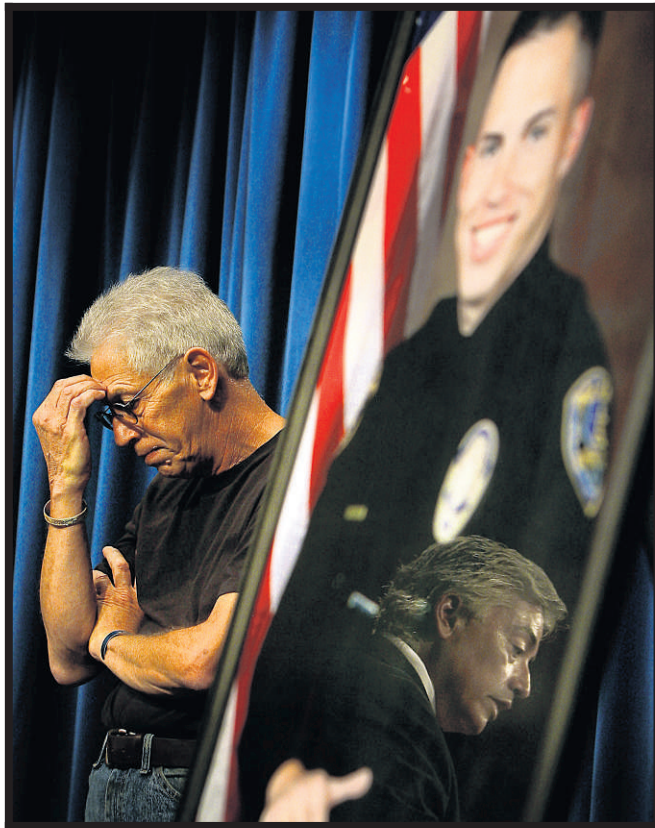


Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Division engineer Erika Garcia, right, directs students in use of a Ground Tracking System during the 12th annual Science Technology Education Partnership Conference in October.

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Earl Ellis Green, 44, a parolee, is charged with the slaying of Riverside Police Officer Ryan Bonaminio.



Joe Bonaminio, father of Ryan Bonaminio, stands next to a portrait of his son as he listens to a news conference.

STAN LIM/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TRIALS

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stance of kidnapping, he could face the death penalty. Court records do not indicate if prosecutors have made a decision. Norma's family has said they would prefer a life in prison sentence if Perez Torres is convicted.

His next hearing is Friday. No trial date has been set.

In the Green case, the question of where he will be tried will be the first issue for him in 2012.

Defense attorneys have filed papers arguing that pre-trial publicity about Green has made it impossible for him to receive a fair trial in Riverside County.

Superior Court Judge Jean Pfeiffer Leonard set a Feb. 10 hearing for arguments on that motion. Trial is current-

ly set for March 19.

Green, a parolee, was arrested 46 hours after Bonaminio, 27, died during a late-night foot chase on Nov. 7, 2010, along the edge of Riverside's Fairmount Park.

Bonaminio had pulled over a tractor-trailer rig that had been reported in a hit-and-run accident a few minutes before.

The driver fled and Bona-

minio left his patrol car and ran after him, then slipped and fell on wet pavement where he was attacked and slain, a preliminary hearing witness testified.

EDUCATION

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year by one week.

At the same time, there was \$1.4 billion in state funding cuts for higher education, prompting community colleges and the Cal State University and University of California systems to increase fees and tuition. And state funding problems continue to threaten plans to open a medical school at UC Riverside, slated to have its first four-year class of 50 medical students in 2013.

The Inland Empire has one of the lowest college-going rates in the country, ranking 94th out of 100 metropolitan areas, according to the Brookings Institute.

College graduates will be in demand in the coming decades, especially those with critical thinking skills and the ability to problem solve, operate complex machinery and perform higher math. The region's economic health depends on raising student achievement, economists and experts said.

Much of the effort to improve education is aimed at elementary, middle and high schools, where emphasis is placed on science, technology, engineering and math, or

STEM, subjects. School districts across the region have opened academies for STEM education and other narrowly focused subjects designed to keep kids interested in school.

And starting next year, kindergarten age restrictions will kick in. The Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 gradually moves the cutoff date for a student's fifth birthday to start kindergarten — to Sept. 1 by 2014.

Starting this year, districts are required to start offering transitional kindergarten to children who turn 5 between Nov. 2 and Dec. 2.

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