

# De Luna Jewelers offers 'green' option of estate sales

In Davis, there are certain things we can always count on. Bob Dunning writes a killer column. The Farmers' Market offers nothing but the best, including sidewalk preachers. And if "sushi" buffets are your heart's desire, we've got 'em (too many, if you ask me).

So when I write about De Luna Jewelers, at Second and E streets, I'm tempted to say they carry exceptionally beautiful jewelry, but that's about as creative as saying we have good schools. At some point, no one listens.

Instead of tuning me out, try this riddle on for size: What draws more ooohs and ahhs than my State Farm-insured wedding ring? How about my midlife crisis on a gold band, a flawless smoky quartz size of Bazooka Bubblegum?

Once upon my first midlife crisis, I was willing to accept the inevitable consequence of marital tension provoked by the reckless extravagance of a must-have jewel. But that rite of passage was cut short because De Luna's Adrian Blanco is a master at reading people, especially those who are about to self-destruct.

One fateful afternoon, Adrian steered me away from their Mission Impossible displays by directing me to my favorite, little-known find in all of Davis ... the estate case. Or, in the case of



my marriage, salvation.

Retail price of Heidi's midlife crisis? A hundred dollars. Being married to me? Priceless.

With a 70-30 split in the consignor's favor, the estate selection features timeless pieces for women and men. Just the other day I discovered a brilliant tourmaline cocktail ring for \$385, then nearly kicked myself for being a few weeks past my annual Mother's Day harassment window. What's more, Adrian informed me lower offers are considered. (I guess it's not too early to drop hints for my birthday.)

Attention, people of Davis: This is recycling at its best, the chance to love what was once loved by another. Even if shopping is entirely off your list, it's still worth a look — art always is.

While you're there, a couple of new accessories deserve your attention. De Luna now carries a select line of designer sunglasses — lightweight jewelry for the face. You'll love the Skagen attention to detail, like Swarovski crystals, or designs that look great

on both genders.

And speaking of the opposite gender, De Luna also carries jewelry for the pocket — handcrafted William Henry knives. I must admit, the look is elite, but to me, jewelry that spends its life alter-

nately tucked away and making a mess entirely misses the point. But then again, I'm not a guy ...

What's clear is Dick Luna knows his stuff. Sure, you can drop a lot of green at his store, but you can indulge yourself with green principles too. Frankly, either way you want to be "green" is fine with me.

Memo to the city of Davis: Yes, there are things we can always count on. People will break too much glass along bike trails, upsetting dog owners everywhere. Citizens will be grateful for police and fire response until they hear about higher taxes. And downtown parking will always be a problem, no matter what crazy metering system is installed.

In response to your midyear assessment about whether the E Street parking meter experiment is working, let me spare you the public testimony with a single word: No!

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