



Palace Believes GMA, JDV Alliance Intact



Jose De Venecia with President Arroyo

By Marvin Sy / Philstar.com
 MALACANANG has brushed aside reports that the United Opposition (UNO) will strike an alliance with Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. for the ouster of President Arroyo.
 Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Sergio Apostol said the report was part of intrigue being sown by UNO spokesman Adel Tamaro.
 "They just want the President and the Speaker to be in conflict," he said in Fili-

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Anger Over Estrada Pardon Growing - In Cyberspace

MANILA - It is hardly visible in the streets, but the outrage over President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's pardon of convicted plunderer Joseph Estrada is increasingly growing in cyberspace.
 Indignation is spreading in e-mail exchanges, letters to online papers, blogs and chatrooms.



Joseph Estrada

A call for a protest rally at Philippine consulates abroad is being organized online.
 The outrage is

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Parolee Suspect in Rape of Murder of FilAm

By Joseph Pimentel / Asianjournal.com
 LOS ANGELES - A 24-year-old parolee from Gardena has been charged with raping and murdering a 76-year-old Filipina grandmother.
 Thedward Candler allegedly beat and raped Filipina Severa Madrona last September 18.
 He is charged with mur-

der with the special circumstance of killing during a rape and sodomy. He was to be arraigned last October 31 in Torrance Superior Court. However, his arraignment was postponed until November 13 so a Public Defender could have time to review the case.
 Madrona was taking her

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Loida Lewis Shares Her Secrets to Success

By Momar G. Visaya / Asianjournal.com



Loida Nicolas-Lewis

NEW YORK - Businesswoman and lawyer Loida Nicolas-Lewis, one of the most successful Filipinas in the world, shared some of her secrets to success in a panel aptly called "Exercising Influence: Being Corporate Savvy" at the Fifth Filipina Summit in Washington, DC last week.
 "I didn't have a ladder to climb. I inherited TLC Beatrice which my husband

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Filipino to Carry Olympic Torch in China

BEIJING -- A Filipino marketing manager and an American who works with Chinese orphans are among eight foreigners living in China who have been picked to join in the 2008 Beijing Olympics torch run across the country,

organizers said Friday.
 Marcos Antonio Torres was picked from among 262 applicants in a contest organized by Chinese computer maker Lenovo Group, an Olympic sponsor, and the government newspaper China Daily. Each

will carry the torch for 200 meters on Chinese soil.
 Torres is a marketing manager in Beijing who launched an online campaign to appeal for votes. He said it made him a celebrity in his homeland.

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SF Gets a New Consul General

MARCIANO A. Paynor is the new Philippine Consul General to San Francisco, serving close to a million Filipino-Americans in northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and every state on the Northwest.

Paynor was introduced to the Filipino community in the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California in

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Luis Yanez, right, battles Harry Tanamor, during their quarterfinal bout in the Light Flyweight 48kg class of the World Boxing Championships in Chicago, Thursday, Nov. 1. Tanamor advanced to the Championships with a 17-7 win.
 AP Photo by Brian Kersey

Tañamor Wins Bronze Secures Olympic berth

By Joseph G. Lariosa

(Special to the Asian Journal)
 CHICAGO, Illinois - Filipino light flyweight Harry Tañamor silenced the home crowd Thursday night when he defeated American sensation Luis Yanez, 17-7. The win sent him to the semifinals of the World Boxing Championships in Chicago.
 The win assured Tañamor, the only one of the seven-man Filipino contingent still in contention, of a bronze in this qualify-

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FilAm Vets Celebrate Leyte Landing

Rep. Filner Updates on FilVet Equity Bill

By Joseph Pimentel / Asianjournal.com

LOS ANGELES - On a warm sunny day, Filipino WWII veterans and their supporters came out in full force celebrated the 63rd anniversary of the Leyte Landing at the Los Angeles National Cemetery last October 20.
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CROSSING OVER. A girl crosses a small bridge connecting rows and columns of tombs surrounded by garbage at a public cemetery in Navotas district, north of Manila, Wednesday, Oct. 31. Philippine emergency services stepped up security Wednesday on the eve of All Saints' Day as millions of commuters packed airports, sea ports and bus terminals in an annual exodus to visit cemeteries and families in their home provinces.
 AP Photo by Bullit Marquez

Galing PINOY!

Galing Pinoy showcases the triumph of the Filipino spirit -- the Filipino's innate perseverance to rise above. A double entendre, Galing Pinoy literally translates to both coming from (or brought to you by) the Filipino and Filipino ingenuity.

Kid Jeopardy Champ is a FilAm

10-year old Rachel Lee Millena brings home \$28,000

By Malou L. Aguilar / Asianjournal.com

CONCORD, CA - A proud *lola*, Mrs. Cely Rayco Millena called last week to share the good news about her granddaughter Rachel Lee A. Millena. At 10 years old, Rachel bested other whiz kids in the game show Kids Jeopardy aired last October 9.
 A sixth grader at St. Francis Catholic School in Concord, Rachel was selected among 10,000 registered kids from age 10-12 years old. The numbers went down to 3,000, then to 200

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Rachel Lee Millena, with Jeopardy host Alex Trebek
 Photo courtesy of Raul Millena

OFWs Should Form Investment Fund - RP Solon

By Joseph G. Lariosa

(Special to the Asian Journal)
 CHICAGO, Illinois - Rep. Hermilando I. Mandanas (LP-2nd Batangas) appealed to Overseas Filipino Workers to channel part of their remittance into a single investment fund as he addressed the FilAm community in Chicago's suburb of Rosemont, Illinois over the weekend.
 Billed as "OFW Fund,"

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Loida Lewis Shares Her Secrets to...

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 bought in 1987 as a leveraged buyout for \$985 million," Lewis candidly shared. She explained that the term means a business strategy involving the acquisition of another company using heavy use of borrowed money to meet the cost of acquisition. Then in 1993, the unexpected happened. Reginald

Lewis, Loida's husband, died of a cerebral hemorrhage after suffering from brain cancer, six weeks after it was diagnosed. He was 50 years old. "It was most devastating and (and the days that followed) were the darkest nights of my soul. For six months, I was totally discombobulated. I had to hold on to

God just to get going," Lewis shared. Almost a year after her husband's demise, Lewis said that the business was "going south very fast" because the "company has lost its mooring." The company needed a CEO. They hired the best headhunters in town to do a search. Unable to find one who would suit the role, Lewis considered a thought. "I might as well be the CEO. If I fail, I am the only one to blame," she said. And fail she didn't. In fact, she was able to turn the company around, steer it in the right direction and in 1996, TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc. passed the \$2 billion sales mark. Currently, Lewis is the CEO and chair of TLC Beatrice LLC and TLC Beatrice China

OFWs Should Form...

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 Mandanas, House Appropriation Committee Chair, challenged OFWs to unite and form an investment fund that could lend money to the Philippine government for its projects. "If the OFWs can remit \$15-B a year, a portion of that money can be channeled to an investment fund, which can be transformed into a lending agency," Mandanas said. He addressed Chicago FilAms who attended the Bayanihan Sa Amerika: Conference of Filipino Community Centers in the United States held at Sheraton Gateway Hotel Suites Chicago's O'Hare last Saturday, Oct. 27. It was hosted by the Philippine Consulate led by Consul General Blesila C. Cabrera. Mandanas said OFWs can help out if they support the

establishment of an investment house based on "patriotic desires." He likened it to the War Bonds. The "OFW Bond" can be sold to wage war against poverty, corruption, Abu Sayyaf and the NPA but good governance will be needed for this war to succeed. "The Philippine Congress has just passed P3-Trillion budget or US\$25-B," Mandanas said. "Out of this amount, the Philippines is paying P54-B for the interest to lending agencies; about one third of the national budget." If we can have the OFWs patriotic fund of \$14-B annually in place, we will not need these lending agencies anymore and we will be respected. Out of the budget, there is a "low amount of money earmarked for education. Edu-

cation is the No. 1 priority in Asian countries like Hongkong, Singapore, Malaysia and Taiwan," according to Mandanas. He added that the Philippines pays a hefty "social cost" for the misplaced priority allocation. **Corruption and Erap's Pardon** At the same time, Mandanas appealed to the Philippine government to give teeth to its anti-corruption drive and be transparent in its dealing with the public if it wants to earn the trust of the people. "Pardoning former President Joseph Estrada too soon is a signal that the government is soft in its anti-corruption drive. There is no time for boredom. We are always active," the 63-year-old former Batangas governor quipped. "It also sends a signal that committing corruption is an easy thing to do because it goes unpunished." He said the Philippine government's biggest task is its ability to fight graft and corruption. He admitted that when he was elected governor in 1995, he got many

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 Camotes Island some four hours after it left Danao City. Three of the banca's 12 passengers were killed in the mishap. They were still unidentified as of press time. Balilo said all 15 crewmen and seven other passengers of the vessel survived. Initial investigation showed that the banca capsized after encountering high waves and heavy winds near Isla Pilar Island. The second incident involved a fishing boat with 13 crewmen that capsized off the Sorsogon town of Caricaran. Twelve of the boat's crewmen survived while their colleague, 54-year-old Dino Nona, remained missing as of Thursday afternoon. ■

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Anger Over Estrada...

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directed not only at Ms Arroyo's hasty grant of executive clemency but also at Estrada's quick acceptance of it without any expression of guilt or remorse.

"The issue today is not Erap's guilt or innocence," said Francisco Nemenzo, former president of the University of the Philippines, in an e-mail to the national council of Laban ng Masa.

"The Sandiganbayan decision did not and could not have resolved it because the credibility of this institution as a pillar of justice is itself in grave doubt," he said. "The issue is the meaning of his pardon by a bogus President."

Nemenzo said that Estrada could have "emerged a hero" had he stuck to his stand against a pardon, or could have at least retained a measure of sympathy had he accepted it "just to be with his ailing mother."

"Unfortunately, he went overboard in expressing his gratitude to GMA (Ms Arroyo), to the extent of helping a rotten regime survive the current crisis. He echoed her hypocritical call for national unity and even pledged support for her nebulous anti-poverty program," he said.

The President pardoned Estrada on Oct. 26 in what both camps claimed was a step toward national reconciliation.

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Pinoy Teens Harvest...

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won team silver medals.

Mathematics Trainers Guild of the Philippines screened possible delegates to the WIZMIC, which also had for contestants students from Thailand, Taiwan, Iran, Nepal, India, Bulgaria and Indonesia.

MTG, headed by the Philippines' lone Paul Erdos awardee Dr. Simon Chua, said it is proud of the triumph of their wards.

The 1st WIZMIC was organized by the City Montessori Schools of India to encourage Math excellence among children all over the world. ■

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and Philippines, a successful multi-national corporation of food companies with holdings in many countries.

Success secrets

Lewis cited three things that she considers as her secrets to achieving remarkable success.

"Set your goals, have your own code of ethics and have

much determination," she said. "Goal-setting is important, as well as having a belief system or a culture with no shortcuts. Do not short-change people. You must also have the tenacity to believe in your dreams."

In essence, her secret is GOD, an acronym for her guiding principles - Goal-setting, Obedience to a code of

conduct and Determination.

Citing her own personal history, Lewis admitted that she did not even know how to read balance sheets. She had to work overtime to learn them in order for her to lead the company's operations.

"It was daunting. I was afraid but I knew we had a goal," she shared.

Armed with her conviction and the knowledge she learned along the way, Lewis brought the company right back on track, and gave their investors reason to be happy.

Spiritual

"We all need to have a relationship with God. We all have to have a spiritual life. With God, nothing is impossible," Lewis said, explaining

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ing that she had to hold on to Him to get through the dark days, weeks and months after her husband's passing.

Lewis also keeps a prayer journal, where she keeps the day's prayers and lessons. Before embarking on a full day's work, she prepares herself.

"My day starts with Zen meditation, which I do for about 15 minutes. It empties and clears me out. Then I read what's on the readings for the Holy Mass of the day. I also spend around 15 minutes to an hour to do yoga. I need to take care of myself," she shared.

Wikipedia describes the many hats that Lewis wears: industrialist, philanthropist, socio-civic leader, motiva-

tional speaker, author, and lawyer.

They forgot the one that Lewis holds most dearly -- being a mother.

During the panel, she told the audience that she is a proud mother to her two talented daughters, Christina and Leslie - both of whom graduated cum laude from Harvard.

Love story

Someone from the panel asked Lewis a question during the Q-and-A that followed. The question was brief. "How did you meet your husband?"

Lewis paused for a second, smiled, and said, "My sister's date fixed us up on a blind date."

Lewis' sister Imelda was then studying at Columbia

University while Lewis was in New York with their mother as a tourist. Lewis was given the privilege to travel around the world by her father, a gift she earned after she passed the Philippine bar examinations.

"Seven months later, we got married," Lewis said, still smiling.

Lewis continues to rack up her achievements. She became the first Filipino and first woman to be inducted into the Asian Hall of Fame earlier this year.

She was the first Asian woman to pass the New York State bar exam with a degree from a law school outside the U.S. She graduated from the University of the Philippines College of Law and is eligible to practice both in the Philippines and in New York. (AJ)

Kid Jeopardy Champ is a...

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in the US with his four other siblings.

Engr. Millena believes that it is very important to instill faith and humility in their daughters' lives. He and his wife, Lea, a full-time mother and housewife, agree that without their own parents' diligent efforts and dedication to provide them with the proper moral values and faith in God, there will not be a moral compass to guide them. They also immerse their children in the traditions and culture of Filipinos. Being Bicolanos, they also

participate in the Penafrancia Fiesta held in San Leandro every year.

"Of course, the '*mano po*' blessing we greet our elders is one of the little things we have taught our girls," said Engr. Millena.

Rachel and her sister visited the Philippines for the first time in July last year. Engr. Millena believed that it was an eye-opening experience for both.

"It's one thing to be able to tell the girls stories from our own experiences when we lived there," he said. "It is so much more when they actually see, feel, smell and live it

there."

Both girls enjoyed the experience so much. Aside from the sights, beautiful beaches, fresh fruits and wildlife, Rachel also had to chance to see her best friend, Gianna, who recently moved back to the Philippines.

After all the excitement, Rachel is busy with school and her extra curricular activities. She looks forward to her future -- either as a novelist, concert pianist, photojournalist, or reporter. As for her \$28,000 prize, most of it will be saved for her college fund and to buy a new laptop computer -- a pink one. (AJ)

Filipino to Carry Olympic Torch in...

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"It started out with one e-mail which I forwarded to people in my address book. After that, I wrote a blog, and then a day or two after there were over 1,000 blogs about my appeal," he told The As-

sociated Press.

"Then I went to the Philippines for national holidays and I was invited by TV and radio. In fact, it wasn't just any TV and radio shows. I appeared on the No. 1 radio station in the Philippines," he

said.

Torres has been living and working in the Chinese capital since June 2006. He also writes for Metrozine, which he describes as the top bilingual magazine in Beijing.

He wanted to witness the 2008 Olympics so much he declined an opportunity to move to Shanghai.

In his desire to become an Olympic torchbearer, Torres "e-mailed everyone [he] possibly [knew] including [his] office e-mail address," which connected over 400 persons in nine cities worldwide, to ask them to vote for him.

In the website www.pinoytorchbearer.com, he said that even company founder Moira Moser voted for him.

Numerous blogs, websites, television and radio stations in the Philippines have supported him in his dream.

A sports buff, Torres was captain of his college's volleyball team and had won amateur badminton tournaments. He also enjoys bowling and playing tennis. (AP)

Anger Over...

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The sudden shift in mood from indifference to outrage has been particularly "discernible" among the middle class and the elite, Romano said.

"Now that the alignment is clear, and Estrada's camp is with GMA (Ms Arroyo), these people are more willing to come out. What needs to happen is a build-up of activities," he said.

Romano himself is organizing synchronized protests on Ayala Avenue in Makati City and at all Philippine consulates abroad on Friday next week through his network of electronic warriors or (e-Mandirigma).

Also on Thursday, Sen. Jose "Jinggoy" Estrada said he was planning to seek an audience with President Arroyo to personally thank her for the pardon granted to his father.

"Because my grandmother was (sic) in real critical condition, Mrs. Arroyo probably thought that my dad should be at the bedside of my grandmother. And in fact I believe that GMA knows that Erap did not steal money from the government," Estrada said. (Inquirer.net)

FilAm Vets Celebrate...

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Filipino WWII soldiers stood on hollowed grounds where more than 86,000 patriots were buried. They listened to the national anthem, the sound of the bugler's trumpets playing Taps, and watched the ceremonial folding of the flag.

"This program is a salute to the greatest generation of soldiers of all time, those who liberated us from tyranny and oppression," said Filipino Veterans Foundation Executive Director Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque.

On Oct. 20, 1944 Gen. Douglas MacArthur along with US troops landed in three beaches in Leyte, Philippines - San Jose, Dulag and Himayangan. The landing marks the spot where MacArthur and US troops returned after a two-year layoff. It also heralded the offensive campaign against the Imperial Japanese Army, the beginning of the end of Japanese rule in the country.

It was reported that upon landing on the beach, MacArthur famously cried out, "People of the Philippines, I have returned!"

US Air Force Honor Guards, members of the US Navy, the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society, and a large number of Filipino WWII veterans, widows, and their supporters, were among those who joined in the one-hour celebration.

The occasion also honored two WWII soldiers who recently passed away - US Navy Officer William Homer House and WWII Philippine Scout Mariano Loria. House passed away last September 13 at the age of 81. Loria, also in his 80's, passed away last October 3.

Batongmalaque said the two veterans epitomized the sacrifice American and Filipino soldiers did to liberate the Philippines.

"They fought side by side to redeem the Philippines for freedom and democracy," she said.

House was only 18 years old when he joined the US Navy. He was among several troops who landed in Leyte. As part of the US Navy Construction Battalion unit during WWII, he helped build airstrips and command posts

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Nov. 5*/12**	Davao City, Cagayan de oro, Butuan City, Palawan, Masbate, Romblon, Marinduque, Negros, Bohol, Occ Mindoro, Samar, Catanduanes, Biliran
Nov. 12*	Leyte, Panay Island (Aklan, Capiz, Antique, Iloilo)
Nov. 12*/19**	Iloilo City, Bacolod City, Tacloban City, Ormoc City, Cebu Province, Or Mindoro, Kalinga, Abra, Mountain Province, Isabela, Cagayan Valley, Ilocos, Aurora, Ifugao, Bicol Region
Nov. 19*/26**	Luzon I, Metro-Manila
Nov. 27**	Metro Manila (super best effort)

**Best Effort
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