

People and Events

St. Vincent Medical Center MHAP Center's 7th Annual Community Health Fair

ST. VINCENT Medical Center Multicultural Health Awareness and Prevention (MHAP) Center is inviting everyone to their 7th Annual Community Health Fair to be held on September 27, Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm at 2222 Ocean View Avenue, Los Angeles (by 3rd St. and Alvarado St.).



MHAP Center is one of St. Vincent Medical Center's key community outreach and benefit programs that focuses on health education, disease prevention, early detection, and information and referral services for at-risk ethnic communities including Korean, Latino, Filipinos and Chinese and other vulnerable populations in the central Los Angeles area. The program's services are culturally sensitive and reflect St. Vincent Medical

Center's long tradition and commitment to serve low income and undeserved adults, children and families in its surrounding communities.

MHAP Center's 7th Annual Community Health Fair is part of the hospital's mission to serve low income and uninsured individuals within our local communities. The health fair provides access to basic preventive services and screenings; an opportunity to enroll in a low-cost or free health

care coverage program; and also encourages participants to make positive changes to their lifestyle and behavior in order to improve their health.

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Southbay Pavilion to host Certified Farmer's Market

Carson Farmers Market to relocate to SouthBay Pavilion starting Sept. 25

CARSON—On Sept. 25, Thursday, SouthBay Pavilion will celebrate the grand opening of the SouthBay Pavilion Certified Farmer's Market. The Farmers Market will open at 8 am and will run until 1 pm. The grand opening event will start at 10 am and will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony officiated by Carson elected officials. There will be raffle prizes. The first 200 customers will receive a slice of fruit cobbler.

The SouthBay Pavilion Certified Farmers' Market will operate all year on Thursdays from 8 am to 1 pm in front of the main entrance facing Avalon Boulevard.

SouthBay Pavilion is located at 20700 Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA. The Farmer's Market will be located in the parking lot in front of the main entrance center.

For inquiries and for more details, contact Cheryl V. Roberts, Business Development/ Marketing Manager, at (310) 366.6636 ext. 1075, or Cheryl.roberts@ggp.com.



NANAY'S GOLDILOCKS CAKE. The family and friends of Connie Acero (fifth from left) threw her a surprise party on her 70th birthday last August 31. According to her daughter Malou Calderon (at far left) Nanay Connie's birthday celebration was made even more special with the humor-motif custom cake they ordered from Goldilocks. "It's not everyday that the family celebrates important milestones such as this, so we went all out by ordering not just the cake, but all the food we served, from Goldilocks. Nanay was so happy!" Malou said. Also in photo, from left: Justine Calderon, Trudy Cruz, Grace Butler, Belen Cruz, Lina Davis and Emily Dia.

An Island Wedding

EUGENIO JR Villacarlos and Jade Carina Landingin renewed their marriage vows through a nuptial mass held last December 30, 2007 at the Mary Mother Queen of All Nations Shrine which stands on the scenic and sparkling island of Boracay in Aklan, Philippines. After the solemn celebration, the couple and their families and guests headed to The Pearl of the Pacific Resort and Spa for cocktails, dinner and dancing. Several guests and entourage came from different parts of the US. The couple resides in San Francisco, California.



The couple with the bride's family. L-R: Paolo (brother), JR & Carina, Leonora (mother), Andrea Pola (sister), Daniel (father).



Local Child Safety and Protection Festival, Sept. 27

NEW York Life Insurance Company will host a free Child Safety Festival at Cerritos Public Library on Sept. 27 from 11 am to 4 pm offering fun activities to parents and children while teaching important lessons about how to stay safe at home, at play and in the community.

This event will feature a host of safety-related activities that are age-appropriate; including Cerritos/ LA County Fire Department, the Cerritos/ LA County Sheriff's Department, and a variety of other community organizations and local vendors.

The event, sponsored by the Fullerton General

Office and Agent Sapna Malani of New York Life Insurance Company, is free and open to the public. Parents who are concerned about the safety of their children and want to take action to protect their children should bring their families to this important event. All children who attend will receive a complimentary Identification Card, complete with photograph and fingerprints.

Come and be part of this event which will be held at the Cerritos Library, 18025 Bloomfield Ave., Cerritos, CA. 90703. Contact Sapna Malani of New York Life Insurance Company at (562) 480-7167, or ssmalani@ft.newyorklife.com.

Bicolanos celebrate Peñafrancia Fiesta

ON the third Saturday of September, all roads lead to Naga City in Camarines Sur where six million Bicolanos from all walks of life, including those from abroad, will flock to this city to pay homage to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Lady of Peñafrancia or Nuestra Señora de Peñafrancia, the miraculous patroness of the Bicol Region whom the Bicolanos fondly call "Ina." The weeklong festivities include civic and military parades, sports competitions, agro-industrial fairs, cultural shows, and the coronation of Miss Bicolandia.

On the first day of the festival, the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred by a procession known as *Translacion* from its shrine at the Basilica to the Naga Metropolitan Cathedral where novena is held. Ranking government officials, business leaders, and others vie for the distinct honor of sponsoring a nightly novena and prayers at the Naga Cathedral.

During the *Translacion*, which passes through the main streets of the city, barefooted-male devotees called *voyadores* form a human barricade to protect the Virgin Mary from the unruly crowd and carry the pagoda of the miraculous "Ina" on their shoulders. Devotees shout "Viva la Virgen de Peñafrancia!" (Long live the Virgin of Peñafrancia!) during the procession, with response from the crowd of "Viva!" Call it absolute coincidence or plain superstition, but any Bicolano will swear to high heavens that the presence of a woman aboard the merrily decorated pagoda will surely spell di-

saster. Whether this belief is true or not, only the Bicolanos know. But past events and experiences support their claim.

The main attraction of the annual festival is the return of the image of the Lady of Peñafrancia from the Naga Cathedral to her home shrine at the Basilica through a colorful fluvial procession on the Bicol River in Naga City. Roman Catholic dignitaries of the Bicol Region led by a Cardinal meet the arrival at the Basilica of the fluvial procession followed by a Pontifical Concelebrated Mass.

Considered the biggest and most popular religious event in the Philippines, the Peñafrancia Fiesta is in fact a one-week celebration. Interestingly, many Bicolanos have not been to Naga City to witness or see this colorful religious celebration. A one-and-a-half hour video of the full coverage of the Peñafrancia festival fluvial procession is available on DVD. Call (718) 721-7169.

'Wounded in America' comes to Cal State LA

Photo, essay exhibit documents gun violence survivors

WOUNDED in America: Stories of Gun Violence Survivors, a moving exhibit featuring the work of photographer Robert Drea and writer Stephanie Arena, opens at Cal State LA on Sept. 18 and runs through Dec. 6.

Free and open to the public, the exhibit reception is sponsored by Southern California Edison and hosted by the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs and California State University, Los Angeles.

The California Wellness Foundation is the California exhibit sponsor.

Chicago's Third Coast Press says of *Wounded in America*, "As one walks through the choreographed exhibit, the words of the victims beg you to listen and the photos beg you to look and learn."

Drea and Arena, a husband and wife team, began *Wounded in America* as a response to shootings in their Chicago neighborhood. More than a decade later, their work has been shown nationwide.

Come to the exhibit at the JFK Memorial Library on the campus of Cal State, LA 5150 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032. Exhibit is open during library hours. Visit www.calstatela.edu/library.