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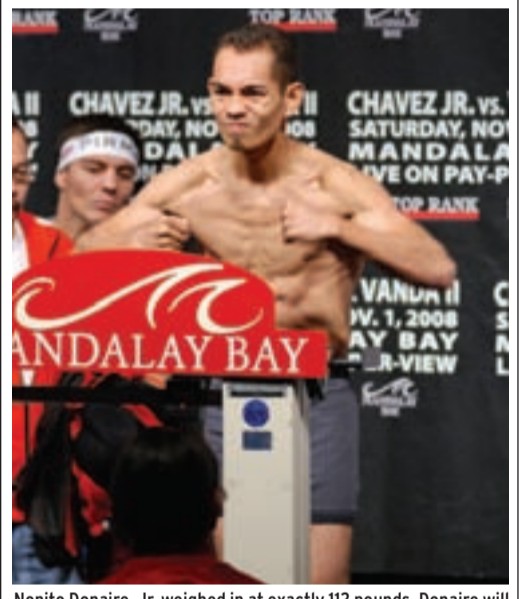


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DATELINE USA
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Donaire-Mthalande weigh-in



Nonito Donaire, Jr. weighed in at exactly 112 pounds. Donaire will defend his IBF Flyweight championship against Morutuni Mthalande of South Africa this Saturday, November 1, at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino.



AJPress Photos by Robert Macabgdal

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TRICK OR TREAT?



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., steps into the car carrying a pumpkin on the tarmac at Midway Airport in Chicago Friday, Oct. 31, 2008. AP Photo by Alex Brandon

BOTHERED



Employee Jamie Shurmantine tries on a Halloween mask depicting Republican presidential candidate John McCain at the Odyssey party store in Aurora, Ohio. The store also carries masks depicting Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama. Shurmantine said that the McCain masks were slightly out-selling the Obama masks at the store. AP Photo by Amy Sancetta



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., campaigns for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., on Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, at the Ohio University-Southern campus in Ironton, Ohio. AP Photo by Randy Snyder

AND BEWILDERED

Rocking the (Fil-Am) Vote

by MALOU LIWANAG-AGUILAR
 AJPress

ALTHOUGH a number of Filipinos in the United States have remained to be passive about American politics and fail to see the importance of practicing their right to vote, many others have gathered their efforts to make sure that the community understands the significance of casting their choice.

As the second largest Asian ethnic group in the US, Filipino-Americans are part of the broader Asian American group. They are a significant demographic, and among the most important consumer targets for ethnic and mainstream marketers. On the political mainstream however, Fil-Ams have been less than appealing. In an article in *AsianWeek*, the National Federation of Filipino American Associations' (NaFFAA) National Chair Greg Macabenta concluded that, "We can gain political empowerment—but we must use Voting Power and we must be willing to accept trade-offs among ourselves." He also stated the facts on how Fil-Ams fared in the political mainstream and the need for political victories to inspire activism.

Pushing the FilVote
 To muster the Fil-Am voting power, Asian and Filipino organizations and groups have formed programs and campaigns to push for FilVote—a non-partisan voter engagement project aimed to unite Fil-Ams across ideological, religious and class differences toward gaining genuine political voice.

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Broom with a view



by MICHAEL TAN
 Inquirer.net

MANILA—Halloween schmalloween, my more nationalistic friends complain, why are we celebrating this western concoction? Yet, Filipinos do enjoy Halloween and I suspect that amid all those western-based witches and goblins, we do see, from our own culture, the *aswang*.

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