

Joyce, Paul's second honeymoon

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ANYTIME today (Oct. 7), newly-weds Joyce Jimenez and Paul Ely Egbalic should be flying back to Manila from El Nido in Palawan where they spent their second honeymoon. They were wed on Aug. 23 in Walnut, California, and, as *Funfare* reported, they

were so tired after the wedding (because Joyce decided not to hire a wedding planner and attended to the details herself) that they spent their first night as husband and wife in sweet slumber on the carpeted sala of Joyce's parents' house, she in her Frederick Peralta gown and he in his tuxedo.

Barely two weeks after their wedding, Joyce flew back to fulfill some commitments while Paul went to Georgia to start a six-month



training at a US naval base. They had agreed to live apart for the meantime and decided where to finally settle down later on.

Actually, according to Joyce herself, they already spent their "honeymoon" in Boracay in December last year. A case of putting the carriage before the horse.

The second "honeymoon" was not planned. Paul had to rush here

last Wednesday to be by Joyce's side after she got involved in a car accident at 2 am on her way back from Baguio after shooting an episode for the TV5 show *Philippines' Scariest Stories*. The driver swerved and landed on a ricefield several feet below somewhere in Pangasinan while avoiding a bus (with glaring headlights) that overtook a track and cut into the opposite lane.

"I was seated in front," recalled Joyce who sustained cuts on her forehead and bruises all over her legs (but no major injury, thank heavens!), "and luckily, I had the seatbelt on and I was hugging two pillows while I was asleep. That saved me."

Paul's week-long stay has given him and Joyce a chance to resume their interrupted honeymoon. Asked when it actually started, Paul said in jest, "In the hospital where she was confined." He's going back tomorrow night, looking forward to spending Christmas with Joyce in California. Asked if conjugal visits are allowed at the training camp in Georgia, Paul said, "No way!"

They couldn't agree on how many children they plan to have. "I want four," said Paul, "in four years time — one after the other." "I want only two," Joyce protested, joking. "Hindi ko kaya ang apat." They'll start on their "joint venture" maybe two years from now. ■

Goodbye to all that 'chismis'

by BAYANI SAN DIEGO, JR. / *Inquirer.net*

MANILA—Dawn Zulueta parries a question from a TV reporter about Gretchen Barretto, with whom she earlier had a very public tiff.



The reporter asked if Dawn has heard the rumor about Gretchen breaking up with partner Tonyboy Cojuangco

"I heard," Dawn says, "but I have no time for *chismis* anymore. I'd rather focus on my family and my advocacy."

Deftly, she draws attention to the ICanServe Foundation and C-Network's early breast cancer detection campaign.

Dawn is the narrator of ICanServe's new breast self-exam instructional video in *Tagalog, Ating Dibdibin*. (Lea Salonga narrates the English version, *Take Your Breast Cancer to Heart*).

The cause hits close to home. "I recently lost a friend to breast cancer," Dawn says, "and a

childhood friend is still coping with it."

Her own scare

She herself had a scare five years ago: "The doctor told me that, based on the x-ray, it was probably Stage 3. I freaked out."

That experience made her realize that early detection is crucial. And now, she notes, the Tagalog version can help bring the message to the grassroots.

Dawn says she is trying to convince her husband, Rep. Anton Lagdameo of the second district of Davao del Norte, to sponsor an ICanServe seminar in their area.

She works closely with barangay health workers on this. "It's important to educate

the indigenous people of Mindanao on the subject," she says. "It's information that can save lives."

Her socio-civic work, Dawn says, came "with maturity and fate ... I married a man with the same ideals as mine."

Coincidentally, she is currently doing a film, Jose Javier Reyes' *Magkaibigan*, about two friends whose lives are affected by cancer.

Produced and top-billed by Jinggoy Estrada, the film is an entry in this December's Metro Manila Film Festival.

"People say it's inspired by Daboy (the late Rudy Fernandez)," she says. "I play the wife of Boyet (Christopher de Leon), who portrays a cancer patient." ■

Prima donna spews venom

Talent Search Discovery used to be sweet and simple. Now she's reportedly become overbearing.

According to a shocked witness, TSD was overheard "throwing her weight around" in a boutique.

Dressed to shrill

Yet another Talent Search Discovery attended a show biz event wearing unflattering clothes.

Her explanation: "This outfit was given by a fan. My manager hasn't found a clothes sponsor yet." Actually, a spy snapped, the tacky outfit matched her voice.

Discount hunk

A gay mole informed *Rushes* that the Stud-for-Hire previously mentioned in this column has dropped his asking price from P2,500 to P1,500.

Blame the global economic crisis. Also, SFH has no new movie offers.

Cause of delay

Shoot for an upcoming movie was delayed, but not because of the lead stars' conflicting schedules. A source complained that the unlikely cause was Minor Comedian, who's currently juggling several projects, busier than the big stars.

Top of the tabloids

The top show biz stories in local tabloids this week. (And why we are moved, if we are moved.)

Nonstop Nadia

- *Kung makapal ang mukha ni Mommy Rose Flaminiano mas makapal daw ang mukha ni Nadia Montenegro!* (Nakup.)

- *Nakakaloka ang mga drama ni Nadia!* (The waterworks on *Startalk*? We thought that was pretty good.)

- *Mommy Rose walang salamin sa bahay kaya nasabing puro mantika lang ang mahihita kay Nadia?* (Greasy subject, huh?)

- *Di pa rin napapatawad ni Gretchen Barretto si Nadia!* (Lalo na ngayon, malamang.)

- *"Humanda kayong lahat!" -Nadia.* (Beware the wrath of a woman scorned.)

Fight Club

- *Kapag nalaman niyang nagpakasal si Mariel Rodriguez kay Zanjoe Marudo, "Sasabunutan ko siya!"* — Boy Abunda (Boy, is that you?)

- *Aga Muhlach ayaw makigulo sa gusot nina Kris Aquino at Charlene Gonzales.* (Last we heard, *kasali na siya.*)

- *John Lloyd Cruz binato ang*

GF sa isang resto? (Baka naman binato ng pizza.)

- *Ina nina Vina Morales at Shaina Magdayao naglayas, di pa umuwi.* (Parang may mali dito.)

- *Shaina binataan ang nakabuntis kay Vina!* (Dito rin.)

This way to love

- *Ex-wife ni Ogie Alcasid sarap na sarap sa luto ni Regine Velasquez!* (Kilawing puso?)

- *Ogie niyakap ang bagong dyowa ni Michelle Van Eimeren.* (Thank you, bro? Good luck, bro? Bakit, bro?)

- *Rayver Cruz inaming matagal na niyang crush si Sarah Geronimo.* (What's stopping him? Let us guess...)

- *Lovi Poe, Jolo Revilla magdyowa na?* (Ay, question pa pala 'yun?)

- *Lovi tinakasan ang ina para si Jolo ang makasama!* (Parang Lovi-o and Jolo-iet.)

Two steps back

- *Jennylyn Mercado balik sa kandungan ni Mark Herras.* (Ano 'yung baby episode, detour lang?)

- *Nami-miss ko si*

Wowie de Guzman! — Judy Ann Santos (Not in that way?)

- *Anak ni Sen. Bong Revilla, gusto na raw hiwalayan ang asawa?* (Kawawang Lani.)

Cristine in crisis

- *Cristine Reyes di raw nagtangkang magpakamatay!* (E di, hindi.)

- *Cristine mukhang baliw!* — Angelica Panganiban. (She's not alone.)

- *Wala nang naniniwala sa kadamahan ni Cristine.* (Kitam?)

Not happening

- *Angel Locsin at Marian, di magtatapat!* (Sayang.)

- *Vina Morales di pwedeng pakasalan ng dyowa?* (Alam n'yo naman 'yan e.)

- *Gretchen Barretto, Tony Boy Cojuangco nagsasama sa iisang bubong pero...* (Tiresome, tiresome.)

- *Gretchen di raw pinalayas ni Tony Boy.* (E di... hindi!) (*Inquirer.net*)

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Victoria Manalo Draves was born in 1924 to an English immigrant mother and a Filipino immigrant father. At the 1948 Olympic Games in London, England, Victoria won two gold medals in the springboard and platform diving competitions. She became the first woman to win multiple gold medals and the first Asian-American woman to ever win a medal.

Now 83 and living in Palm Springs, CA, she credits her teammates and coaches for treating her as an equal in spite of being segregated from white divers at the Fairmoat Hotel Swimming and Diving Club where she practiced but was denied membership.

"Victoria can be translated into victory", she said in an interview, "and Manalo means winner is Filipino."

In 2005, San Francisco's Recreation and Park Commission voted unanimously to name a South of Market park after Draves. Since that time, Filipino American students at San Francisco State University have organized the "Manalo Movement": to induct Vicki Manalo Draves into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame.

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