

Pacman gets special...

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said Jesse Milliken, Nike's shoe designer. "We like not knowing. It's actually exciting to see which one he will choose to wear to fight Cotto with," he added.
The Filipino boxing icon is one of Nike's biggest endorsers. The huge Nike billboard featuring Manny Pacquiao along Vine St in Hollywood gives him the distinction of being the first Filipino to have a giant billboard displayed in Hollywood. His victories have made Manny at par with American greats in sports

and an admired icon in World Boxing.
In the old days, Manny wore Pony shoes, but when he faced Oscar Larios at the Araneta Coliseum, he was wearing the Japanese label Mizuno. But those shoe brands no longer made the grade following Manny's tenth round KO over Morales. Since then, Pac-Man went on the ring with his robe, trunks and boxing shoes adorned with the familiar Nike swoosh.
In his last fight with Ricky

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Economy growing but recovery could be...

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With inventories at rock-bottom levels, even the smallest increase in demand probably will prompt factories to boost production. This restocking of depleted inventories is expected to help sustain the recovery in the coming months, economists said.
Still, with unemployment at a 26-year high of 9.8 percent and credit hard to get, the recovery faces obstacles.
"Even if we've turned the corner, we know it's a long way before we're completely recov-

ered," Christina Romer, chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "You can't have an unemployment rate of 9.8 percent and not be deeply troubled."
Economists say the jobless rate probably nudged up to 9.9 percent in October and will go as high as 10.5 percent around the middle of next year before declining gradually. The government is scheduled to release the October jobless rate report next week.

With joblessness growing and wages dipping slightly in the third quarter, consumers are expected to turn more restrained in the months ahead. That would put a much heavier burden on America's businesses to keep the recovery going.
"We're beginning to crawl out a very deep hole," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "It will take time to get back to normal again and there are questions about how consumers will hold up in the months ahead. But I think the recovery will be sustained."
To foster the recovery, the Federal Reserve is expected to keep a key bank lending rate

at record low near zero when it meets next week and probably will hold it there into next year. With the economy on the mend, the Fed has slowed some emergency support programs but doesn't want to pull the plug until the recovery is on firm footing.
Even with the economy climbing back into positive territory in the third quarter, it's up to another group to declare the recession over. The National Bureau of Economic Research, a panel of academics, is in charge of dating the beginning and ends of recessions. It usually makes its determinations well after the fact. ■

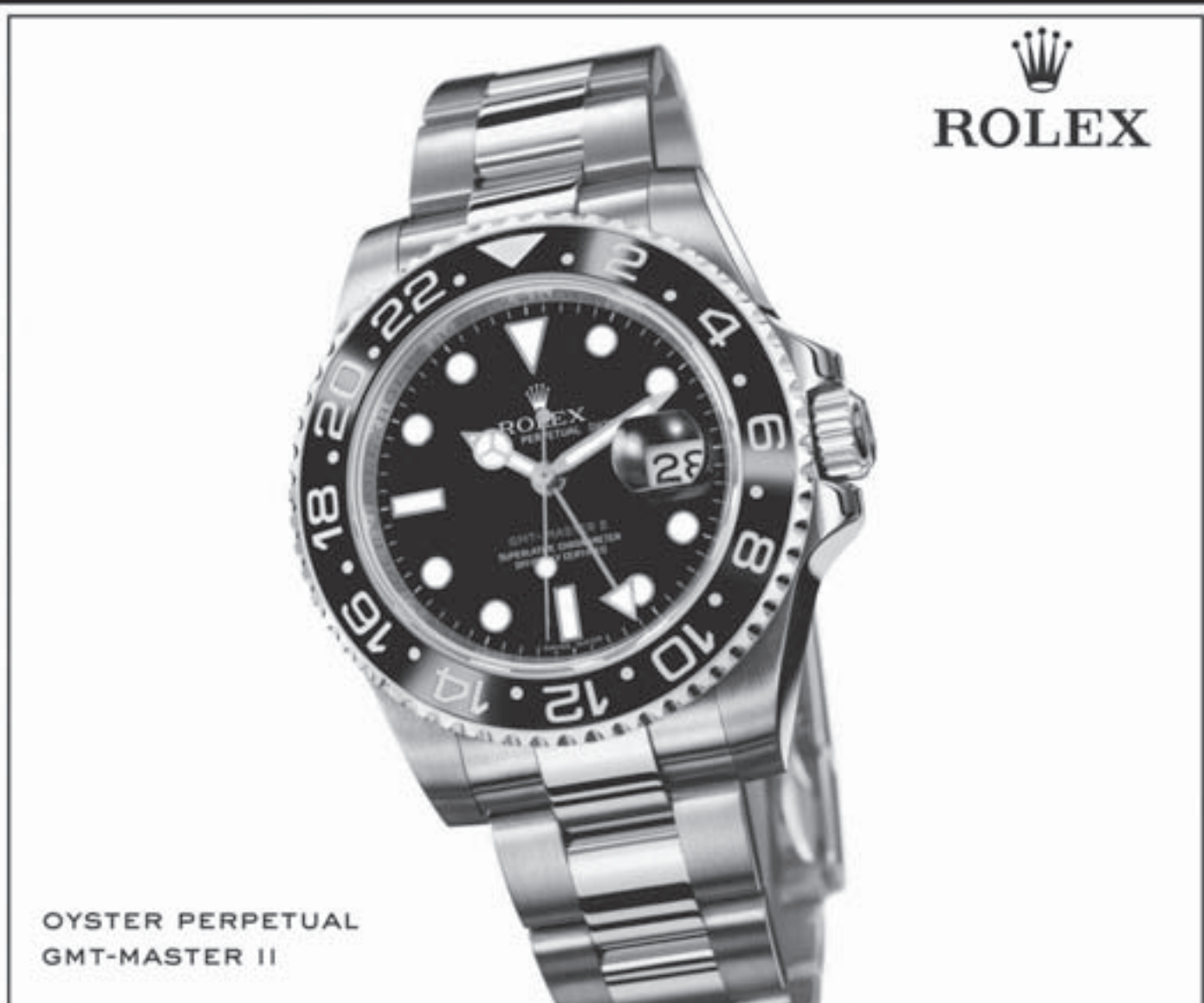
Escudero junks NPC...

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The absence of NPC stalwarts united citizenry, and not a single party or group, could solve the many deep-seated problems of the country.
Parties obstacles to change
Second, he said political parties had become obstacles to genuine and meaningful change.
If a presidential candidate is beholden to his party, "how can he make crooked government officials accountable if he belongs to the same party?" Escudero said.
"I want to prove to you and to myself that I am doing this for the right reason, not for any interest. Not for just anyone, but for you and for the motherland," he said.

Lacson, Grace Poe
A member of Escudero's inner circle told the Philippine Daily Inquirer that Escudero was considering a presidential candidacy as an independent, but several of his campaign strategists raised the possibility of running in tandem with either Sen. Panfilo Lacson or Poe's daughter Grace Poe.
Ping's role
Rumors that Escudero had already joined forces with Lacson seemed to have been validated when Banayo, Lacson publicist, showed up at Club Filipino.

Banayo, who joined Escudero's camp two months ago, confirmed to reporters that Escudero called up Lacson minutes before his announcement Wednesday.
Lacson, however, had earlier said he was supporting the presidential bid of Senator Aquino.

Neither Pangasinan Rep. Mark Cojuangco (a son of the NPC emeritus chair), who was present at the announcement of Legarda's vice presidential bid on Friday, nor party chair Faustino Dy, president Frisco San Juan and secretary general Jack Duavit were present.
Besides his young supporters, only Escudero's close friend, An-Waray Rep. Florencio "Bem" Noel, and former PNP chief Avelino Razon, who as a new NPC recruit is gunning for the mayoral seat of Manila, turned up to join Escudero in what could be one of his saddest moments in his political career.
Agonized over decision
"It was a very painful decision for him. But in the end, it was a decision that had to be made because his brand of politics - people politics - would eventually contradict party politics," Banayo, Escudero's campaign manager and strategist, said after Escudero left the hall.
Banayo said it was a decision that Escudero had "agonized" over in the past weeks and months.
"Chiz did not want to be saddled by the compromises that go with party politics. To be able to institute genuine change and reforms in this country, one must find the courage to go beyond party politics. What he will do now is bring his platform of change directly to the people, especially the youth," he said. ■



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