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SOMEONE once said that it isn't the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it. This is something that barely applies to us Filipinos since with our big hearts, we always aim to give big to our loved ones no matter what the occasion is. And for Filipinos working abroad who devote a lot of time, effort and energy in doing well in their respective jobs so they can provide better for their loved ones, giving big is a reward in itself. This is the reason why Fil-Ams look forward to buying goodies and packing them in the *balikbayan* boxes to be sent to their loved ones back home not only during the holiday season but a few times all throughout the year.

And when it comes to highly reliable and secure and on-time delivery of carefully prepared *balikbayan* boxes, PNB Cargo Services, a member of the PNB Group of Companies is the name to trust. Now, the same company introduces the PNB Air Freight Service as part of their Rapid Hatid, a service which guarantees their customers a much quicker delivery time—all the better for their loved ones to enjoy their blessings!

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PNB Cargo is a company committed to cater to the basic and cultural need of Fil-Ams to send boxes of goodies home. With its attractive

Uncomfortable talking about money

by MARINEL CRUZ
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"I FEEL VERY uncomfortable talking about money, or how much I'm worth," said controversial actress Gretchen Barretto at last week's launch of *Complicated*, her second album under Star Records.

On the Sunday gabfest *The Buzz*, Gretchen refused to answer Boy Abunda when he asked how much she was worth. At the launch, she explained that the subject was "too sensitive."

She added: "[They asked for] exact figures. I didn't know what to say. When I was more active in the business, I didn't think twice when people asked to see my house. *Pinaghirapan ko kasi 'yun*, bought with my own money. It's different now. I'd rather not put a price tag on things given to me as gifts."

Also at the album launch, Gretchen refused to discuss the status of her relationship with business tycoon Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuangco, with whom she has a daughter, 14-year-old Dominique. Tabloids report that the couple have broken up. "I have to deal with that everyday. You'll know *kapag hindi na* complicated," she simply said.

Gretchen, in a collared white mini-dress, and wearing a pair of black-and-white Christian Loubotin wedges and an Hermes necklace, sang two tunes from her 14-track CD. She complained that her voice was hoarse from falling ill after shooting the video for *Ready to Take a Chance Again*, the carrier single.

She raffled off two of her Bulgari rings to members of the entertainment press. (Last December, at the launch of her now-defunct game show *You and Me Against the World*, La Greta gave away a pair of Oscar de la Renta pumps.)

Did you pick the songs yourself?

Yes, I had three meetings with (line producer) Louie Ocampo and people from Star Cinema to discuss which songs suited me. We

rates and the strong backing of a nationally recognized name, PNB Cargo makes sending *balikbayan* boxes easy and a truly worthwhile experience.

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Gretchen Barretto

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came up with 14. *This Far*, is an original — Rachel Anne Wolfe wrote the lyrics to Archie Dy's melody.

Do you feel connected to these songs?

Yes; songs are expressions of how one feels. I've felt all the emotions conveyed by these songs. For example, *I'll Be There For You* is one of my favorites. It describes my love for Dominique. And *Don't Say Goodbye* reminds me of my first love and heartbreak.

Why didn't you just do a movie or teleserye?

I'm no longer fit to work long hours. When I did *Maalaala Mo Kaya*, I got sick for three days. *Kasi naman* I worked for almost 24 hours. I don't think I can still work that hard three times a week for a *teleserye*. As for a movie, we're still looking for a good story. Tita Malou (Santos, Star Adprom head) says she's ready to present a script to me. It may be with Derek Ramsey — but nothing is final.

There's a note on your album jacket for your "groom-to-be." Have you found the one? Are you ready to commit to him?

Someone told me that you won't really know your groom-to-be until you're all dressed up and walking down the aisle to meet him at the altar. Marrying the man you love is every woman's dream. Let's leave it at that for now.

All I can say is, everything that happened in the past made me who I am today. There's a reason behind everything that's happened to me so far. There's no perfect life. The moment I realized that, I began to feel OK. ■

Step Into Sensational Style This Summer

Don't sacrifice style, with affordable fashion from JCPenney

PLANO, TX-- Spring and summer are synonymous with rejuvenation and renewal and fashion is no exception to the newness and excitement. JCPenney challenges fashion-conscious shoppers across America to think of a color, a print, or a design direction for spring they can't find at the store where every day matters. And that also means pocketbook-conscious prices, to boot. JCPenney introduces two highly anticipated exclusive fashion brands: Charlotte Ronson, one of the most sought after designers working today, brings her trend-setting fashion savvy to JCPenney with the I Heart Ronson collection. Allen Schwartz, renowned for his red carpet glamour, creates Allen B. Epitomizing "California cool" and eye-catching trends, this collection offers a sophisticated, elegant selection of dresses and sportswear.

Following is a checklist of summer style essentials for him, for her for juniors, swim and young men:

For Her—Dial-up her spring style with color. A rainbow of choices abound, from luscious peach to deep coral to zesty lemon. Often used in combination with understated neutrals and pastels such as sage green, ivory and gray, the striking contrast intensifies the drama. Floral prints and geometric patterns energize spring & summer wardrobes.

Jackets break all the rules this season in a myriad of flattering shapes and lengths designed to enhance every outfit. I Heart Ronson and Allen B. lines are great if you're looking for that oversized "boyfriend fit" look. For a cropped, contoured silhouette, jackets from Worthington and a.n.a. are definitely a spring staple.

The "can-do" cardigan can dress up or relax both work and play outfits. American Living and St. John's Bay offers a range of bright colors for any occasion!

Frill seekers, look no further. Ruffles offer a fun, flirty, feminine touch and are everywhere, from dresses and blouses, to tunics, jackets and tee shirts. Both a.n.a. and East 5th offer great ruffles for the season in all shapes and sizes.

Tunics are the hot toppings for spring with a diverse selection of striking silhouettes - all designed to go with the flow. From tailored contours to cascading halters, from solids to bold prints from nicole by Nicole Miller, and delicate organza to a unique, intricate mesh, tunics give tops a fresh, new perspective.

A striking array of colorful floral prints bloom in every corner of your wardrobe on dresses, cardigans, blouses, pants and even swimwear. A floral print Bisou Bisou maxi dress is the perfect way to show your true colors this spring!

For Juniors - JCPenney offers summer favorites that won't break the bank. All the key seasonal trends are translated into the perfect "mix & match" pieces, from maxi dresses to short shorts, from skinny jeans to oversized, "boyfriend fit" jackets, from flirty, ruffled blouses to tailored vests.

Go casual in a C7P raglan tee, or go flirty in a ditsy print Decree halter top.

Fabulosity offers an array of statement pieces this season: bold colors, gold buttons, and hi-waist pants give you that unique look that will keep heads turning!

Shirtdresses and fly-away sweaters will be a go-to for any gal this season. Check out Arizona or Decree

for great styles and prints!

For Swimwear - A splash of sparkle will make you shine. From a flattering one piece or solid color suits to innovative separates including banded halters and skirted bottoms in unique metallic prints, there are swimsuits to complement all shapes and sizes.

The newest swimwear line Decree offers a range of stand-out prints with flirty ruffle detail and bold colors.

American Living offers that nautical edge that keeps it classy and sophisticated.

Be daring this season by the beach with a monokini from the Arizona line!

For Accessories - Hit your stride this spring, in strappy sandals, chunky platforms, cut-out heels and delicate flats. JCPenney makes it easy to get a handle on color with handbags in the key color palette of the season. The culmination of style, function and form is evident in the updated selection of satchels, totes and hobo bags. Fashion jewelry is big and bold, beautiful including dramatic hoop earrings to chunky, colorful, multi-strand necklaces.

For Him - Preppy is the most important trend of the season, strikingly captured in both JCPenney's Men's and Young Men's collections. From striking brights to soothing pastels to rejuvenated neutrals, color

energizes both the Men's and Young Men's collections this season. Put a new splash on preppy nautical tones with bold washes of yellow. White is hot for spring and offers a striking contrast to the bold colors of the season.

Unique crests and patches update traditional polo's and jackets. Young Men's takes this new detailing a step further with the addition of some military-inspired epaulets.

Don't fall short. Shorts are the must have, versatile item for spring. Sophisticated flat front shorts from American Living take on an elegant flair when paired with men's dressier sportswear. For Young Men, shorts are edgier; Arizona offers a wide range of new lengths and cuts. While traditional preppy patterns are prevalent, denim dominates with updated twists of casual destruction and rolled hems.

Pattern recognition is key this season with a fresh modern take on plaid for both tops and bottoms. Strong, repeat geometrics as well as bold florals and patchworks enhance the pattern selection. Check out the Whitetag line for some real statement pieces!

It's OK to be narrow minded this Spring with slim, body conscious styling that is carried through from casual Le Tigre sportswear to deeply gorged blazers and suits for

men found in both Stafford and J. Ferrar lines. Give a new touch to texture with updated seersuckers, dobbies and refreshing linens.

Pile on the layers - even for spring. No Men's or Young Men's look is complete without at least three light layers which can easily be added or peeled off to accommodate the extremes of the season. Arizona offers an array of styles and colors for this style statement!

For a quick glimpse at all the items listed above, take a look at our online photo gallery: <http://newsroom.mbooth.com/JCPenney/Look-Books/main.php>.

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