

# Mayweather and Marquez to battle for right to fight Pacquiao

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boxing pundits believe that the winner would most likely face off against Pacquiao at the end of the year.

Vice President and Matchmaker of Golden Boy Promotions Eric Gomez said that there's a very high likelihood that the winner of the match will face Pacquiao.

"I'd have to say very good," said Gomez. "Pacquiao is in a position right now, and he's earned it, to choose whoever he wants to fight."

Marquez and Mayweather Jr. both know the implications of a possible future bout with Pacquiao.

Pacquiao has ducked a third fight with Marquez for the past year.

The 35-year-old Marquez said it's the reason why he took the fight with Mayweather Jr.

"It's another part of motivation for me," said Marquez, who fought Pacquiao to a draw in their first bout and dropped a narrow split decision in 2008. "When Golden Boy told me, 'do you want to fight Floyd?' Yes. I want to fight with Floyd. 'And now tell me if you win this fight then maybe you fight with Manny.' It's another motivation for me."

Mayweather Jr. said Pacquiao is a good fighter but that's not his primary motivation from coming out of retirement.

He said that he just wants to stay undefeated and fight the best.

"I don't have to chase no fighter," said the 32-year-old Mayweather Jr., who is coming off a nearly two-year retirement from boxing. "We all know that when fighters face Floyd Mayweather they make their biggest paydays. I'm not here to chase fighters I'm not here for bragging rights. I'm here to just come to this sport and to put some extras on and solidify my legacy and pound for pound [legacy]...of course, I'm going down in the history as one of the bests but I want to put a little bit of extras on."

No matter who wins the July

18 clash between Mayweather Jr. and Marquez, expect Pacquiao to be waiting in the wings.

Tickets for the July 18 Mayweather Jr. and Marquez bout will be on sale on Friday, May 22. Tickets will be available in all ticketmaster locations.

**Banal for World Title**  
It's not confirmed yet but Golden Boy Promotion executives said that the 20-year-old Filipino prodigy AJ "Bazooka" Banal might be on the undercard of the Mayweather Jr. and Marquez bout on July 18 in Las Vegas.

Eric Gomez, Vice President and matchmaker for Golden Boy, said that they have received an offer for Banal to face Jose "Carita" Lopez.

"We're working on it right now," said Gomez. "There's a very good chance he's going to be on the undercard. It's like 90 percent right now so within this week we should be able to finalize that and hopefully he will be."

Who will Banal be facing?  
"Well we got an offer for him to fight for the world title believe it or not against Jose Lopez, Jose 'Carita' Lopez from Puerto Rico so we're looking into that right now," Gomez added. "We're in discussions right now that's not 100 percent but it's 90 percent he's (Banal) going to be on the card."

Lopez (39-7-2 32 KOs) of Puerto Rico would be a daunting challenge for Banal (19-1-1 16 KOs). The 37-year-old holds the WBO super flyweight title.

It was expected that Lopez would face off against another Filipino star Nonito Donaire Jr. at a later date this year.

Calls and texts to the Donaire camp were not returned as of press time.

Gomez did not want to elaborate further on other possible opponents for Banal.

He also said that Banal is the only Filipino fighter being considered to be on the undercard of the Mayweather vs. Marquez showdown. (*Joseph Pimentel*)

# CDC seeing more regular flu cases now

UNITED STATES health officials are seeing a surprisingly high number of cases of ordinary, seasonal flu at a time when the flu season typically peters out.

About half of people recently testing positive for the flu have the new swine flu virus, Dr. Daniel Jernigan of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said May 15.

The rest have seasonal flu, which is still causing widespread or regional illness in about two dozen states, "something that we would not expect at this time," he said. "We would be expecting the season to be slowing down or almost completely stopped."

The higher numbers of seasonal flu cases do not seem to be just because health officials are looking harder this year because of worries about swine flu, Jernigan said. A network of doctors who track how many patients are coming in with flu-like symptoms, plus evidence from school outbreaks and lab testing, points to more flu—not just more reporting, he said.

In the US, there are now more than 4,700 probable and confirmed cases of swine flu, and 173 hospitalizations and four deaths,

Jernigan said. The tally doesn't include a fifth death that Texas officials said May 15 was due to swine flu.

"The H1N1 virus is not going away," Jernigan said. The virus "appears to be expanding throughout the United States" and poses "an ongoing public health threat," he said.

Swine flu continues to affect more younger people—those ages 5 to 24—and CDC is still seeing relatively few cases in older people.

"That may be just a matter of time" until the virus spreads to that population, or it may prove to be a difference in the virus or its effect on various groups, he said.

Officials are still monitoring the situation in Mexico, where the outbreak began. However, the CDC's quarantine chief, Dr. Martin Cetron, said the agency was downgrading its warnings about travel to Mexico. The CDC had urged people to avoid nonessential travel to that country, but that was changed May 15 to just a precaution for people at high risk of flu complications.

The fifth US death attributed to swine flu was reported May 15 in a 33-year-old Texas man who died May 5 or May 6 after becoming sick a few days earlier. Corpus Christi-

Nueces County Health District's Dr. William Burgin Jr. said the man had medical conditions, including heart problems, that made it tougher for him to fight a viral illness. The victim's name was not released.

It was the third swine flu death in Texas. Other deaths occurred in Washington and Arizona.

In New York City, three public schools in the borough of Queens were closed after hundreds of children were sent home sick this week, and a city official said May 15 that three more schools would be shut down after students developed flu symptoms. At one school, Susan B. Anthony middle school, there were five confirmed cases of swine flu, including a 55-year-old assistant principal hospitalized in critical condition.

Outgoing City Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Frieden said May 15 that the large clusters of apparent swine flu cases at the schools were "a little surprising," but added: "So far it doesn't appear to be causing more severe illness than seasonal influenza."

"We don't know how far it will spread, how wide it will spread, how long it will spread," said Frieden, who on May 15 was named director of the CDC. (*AP*)

# Pinoy poet to receive Italy's top prize

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Abad holds the highest rank of University Professor at the University of the Philippines (UP), and teaches creative writing at the College of Arts and Letters as Professor Emeritus. He also sits on the Board of Advisors of the UP Institute of Creative Writing.

Originally from Cebu, Abad earned his B.A. in English from the University of the Philippines in 1964 and his Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Chicago in 1970. He served UP in various capacities, as secretary of the university, secretary of the Board of Regents, vice president for academic affairs, while teaching English, comparative literature and creative writing. Abad co-founded the Philippine Literary Arts Council (PLAC), which published Caracoa, a poetry journal in English.

Among his many books of poetry and critical essays are *Fugitive Emphasis* (1973), his first book of poetry; *In Another Light* (poems and critical essays, 1976); *A Formal Approach to Lyric Poetry* (criti-

cal theory, 1978); *The Space Between* (poems and critical essays, 1985); *Poems and Parables* (1988); *Index to Filipino Poetry in English, 1905-1950* (with Edna Zapanta Manlapaz, 1988) and *State of Play* (letter-essays and parables, 1990). He edited landmark anthologies of Filipino poetry in English, among them *Man of Earth* (1989), *A Native Clearing* (1993) and *A Habit of Shores: Filipino Poetry and Verse from English, '60s to the '90s* (1999).

The work for he has been cited is *In Ordinary Time: Poems, Parables, Poetics* (2004), his own selection of his poems and parables from 1973 to 2003. Ten each of these are arranged under six themes which suggest, generally, a possible terrain of signification: Things ("each thing's special signature"), Words ("not meaning but meaningfulness"), Self ("the imagination, the self's primary activity, creates our humanity"), Love ("the self's deepest moral sense"). (*Philstar.com*)

# NV officials want more people to visit Las Vegas

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on visitors. The more who come and enjoy our state, the better off is Nevada," Sen. Reid added.

Nevada is also expected to improve tourism performance with the appointment of veteran marketing professional Dann Lewis as director of the Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT).

"With the present economic conditions, we urgently need more tourists to visit Nevada," Governor Gibbons said in a statement released May 12.

"I believe Mr. Lewis' experience and ideas are key attributes that will help him bring effective leadership to the NCOT," he added.

Lewis has been in the tourism and hospitality business for more than 40 years. Prior to being appointed NCOT director, he was did a research project for Maine Department of Transportation and made policy recommendations on tourism-related activities within the department.

He was acting-Commissioner and Director of Tourism for the Maine Department of Eco-

nomics and Community Development.

As Director of Tourism of the New York State Department of Commerce, Lewis was one of the primary marketers for the famed "I Love New York" campaign.

"Nevada's economy relies on tourism, and during this challenging economy, our hospitality industry will receive an immediate benefit from his knowledge and skills as we work together to attract more visitors and the revenue they generate," NCOT chair Brian Krolicki also said in the statement. (*Dymphna Calica La-Putt*)



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