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Obstruction of justice vs. Failon, 5 others

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MANILA—Police charged with obstruction of justice television news anchor Ted Failon and five others on the night of April 16 shortly after his wife died from complications due to a gunshot wound to the head, officials said.

The charge stemmed from the alleged failure of Failon, Teodoro Etong in real life, and his co-accused to immediately report the shooting incident at his home that fatally wounded his wife, Trinidad Etong, and for tampering with the crime scene. Etong expired at the New Era General Hospital at 8:50pm,

Thursday, April 16, due to complications from penetrating cranial missile injury, or a bullet wound to the head, her attending physician, Adonis Gascon, told reporters.

Over an hour after Etong died, police charged Failon, his sister-in-law Pamela Arteche, and house

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Broadcaster Ted Failon clings tightly to Vice President Noli de Castro inside his home in Tierra Pura, Quezon City, Wednesday, April 15. The Vice President, a friend and former ABS-CBN colleague of Failon, came to comfort the top-rating radioman whose wife is in the hospital with a gunshot wound in the head. Inquirer.net Photo by Raffy Lerma

Failon wife dies in hospital—doctor

by ABIGAIL KWOK
Inquirer.net

MANILA—The wife of television news anchor Ted Failon died at the hospital on the night of April 16, a day after she was shot in the head inside their home in Quezon City, her attending physician said.

Trinidad Etong, 44, expired due to complications from penetrating cranial missile injury, or a bullet wound to the head, at the New Era General Hospital at 8:50pm, said Doctor Adonis Gascon.

Gascon told reporters that there was a "less than five percent" chance for survival among patients who suffer gun shot wounds to the head.

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Charice wows the crowd at the LA Dodgers stadium at Chavez Ravine. AJPress Photo by Joseph Pimentel

Charice brings down Dodger Stadium

by JOSEPH PIMENTEL
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LOS ANGELES—She didn't just bring down the house. She brought down the whole stadium.

Filipina singer Charice received a standing ovation from a record setting crowd after singing the National Anthem at the Los Angeles Dodgers stadium at Chavez Ravine

on Monday, April 13.

It was the Dodger's opening day, the beginning of the team's new Major League Baseball season. More than 57,000 fans were in attendance.

Charice sang the National Anthem while 150 members of the Armed Services spread out a US flag that covered the entire outfield. A B-2 bomber

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Bloomberg courts Asian voters

by MOMAR G. VISAYA
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FLUSHING, NY—A group of diverse and prominent business owners and community leaders announced Monday, April 13, that they have come together to form Asians for Bloomberg.

This group, which includes Filipina businesswoman and philanthropist Loida Nicolas Lewis (who was not present in the launch), cited Mayor Michael Bloomberg's record on crime, education, and expanding opportunities to all New Yorkers as major reasons for backing his re-election.

Bloomberg attended the launch at a restaurant in Flushing, Queens, where there is a significant Asian American population. He was welcomed with chants of "four more years" and "we want Mike" by a large crowd of Chinese, Filipino, Korean and Indian community



New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg acknowledges the support of the Asian community during the launching of Asians for Bloomberg held Monday, Apr. 13 as Filipino American community leader Myrna Littlewort (left) and Meilin Tan, (center) President of the Small Business Owners of Greater New York listen to his speech. AJPress Photo by Momar G. Visaya

and business leaders. The SRO crowd also waved red-and-yellow signs that read, "Asians for Mike Bloomberg" and blue placards that read "Queens for Bloomberg."

The Asians for Bloomberg coalition

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Pinoy lawyer wins award in US

MANILA—Environmental lawyer Tony Oposa will receive the International Environmental Law Award from the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) at a luncheon ceremony in Washington on April 21.

Oposa is cited as "one of Asia's leading voices in the global arena of environmental law."

"His work is internationally known for establishing at the highest Philippine Court of Law the principle of inter-generational responsibility—the right to sue governments on behalf of future generations to stop environmental damage," an announcement from CIEL said.

An activist working on local, national, and international levels, he has worked tirelessly to protect the country's natural resources. His work includes a decade-long fight with the government to clean up and rehabilitate Manila Bay, curb over-fishing in the Visayan Sea, fight the misappropriation of the country's forest resources, and establish the School of the Seas, a learning center for sustainable living.

Oposa said the award "belongs to us all—the Filipino... It is my dream that one day, our collective efforts and passions will 'infect' the rest of our people and that one day, we—all the Filipinos, with our native genius for Nature and the natural sciences and arts—will be the beacons of light for the rest of the world."

The CIEL award recognizes individuals who have made

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Atty. Tony Oposa

Pacquiao: Speed will be the key

LOS ANGELES—THERE is an air of confidence in the Wildcard Gym. As the Pride of the Philippines Manny Pacquiao prepares for a 140-pound Lightweight championship match against the titleholder, the Pride of Manchester Ricky Hatton, trainer Freddie Roach, trainer Nonoy Neri and other members of Team Pacquiao, are expecting an easy Pacquiao victory.

"You know how Manny usually wears white shorts [during the fight], I already told Manny to wear red shorts that night," said Roach during the media day workout on Wednesday, April 15. "There's going to be a lot of blood, and it won't be from Manny."

"All Manny has to do is fight smart," added Neri. "Hatton is easy to hit."

For Team Pacquiao, there's a lot to be confident about. After an undefeated 2008 campaign that ended with the dismantling of The Golden Boy Oscar De La Hoya last December, Pacquiao is on top of the boxing world. He's arguably the pound-4-pound boxing king and now, fans of all type are flocking to him more than ever.

All that one has to do is to watch that fight against De La Hoya to see how quick, elusive and impressive Pacquiao was

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Manny Pacquiao in training with Freddie Roach. AJPress Photo by Joseph Pimentel



FROM THE AJPRESS NEWS TEAM ACROSS AMERICA

Kenney vows justice for Pinay victim in New York shooting

M.T. SAMAT, Bataan—US Ambassador to the Philippines Kristie Kenney last week assured the family of the Filipino woman killed by a gunman who shot 12 other people before killing himself in New York that the case is being investigated.

Kenney described the incident that happened in Binghamton as "a senseless tragedy."

An unemployed immigrant of Vietnamese descent shot dead 13 people, including Filipina Dolores Carbonillas-Yigal, 53.

"I thought that shooting was appalling and our heart goes out not only to her but to the others who lost their lives... these are people preparing themselves to become citizens of the US and the

thought that they lost their lives in that tragedy must be unspeakable for their families," she told reporters here after attending the 67th anniversary rites of the Araw ng Kagitingan.

She said the US law enforcement agencies are investigating the incident "but I won't speak for them or what they've found out or what they will find out."

When asked whether the family of the victim is assured of a quick and thorough investigation by US authorities, Kenney said: "Absolutely, and as you know she's not the only one who lost her life but she's the one we know of... we think of that and of her family and of the new life she was starting in the US but (which) she now won't have." (Philstar.com)

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