

The perfect gifts for the perfect woman

Fashionable and Affordable Gifts for Mother's Day from JCPenney

PLANO, Texas -- Mother's Day is the day to show Mom how much you care. Whether whipping up pancakes and serving breakfast in bed, or giving a stylish statement piece that is an instant wardrobe updaters, JCPenney offers various gifts to make Mom feel special and loved. Shop at JCPenney this Mother's Day to find the perfect gift!

She will treasure a Mixit safari beaded statement necklace (\$24) that says you would have traveled to Africa and back for her. Tell her it's okay to pamper herself with a soak in the tub by giving luxurious body scrub and scented bath bubbles. Sephora body scrub (\$12), Sephora bath & shower bubbles (\$16).

Give her the gift of global style with a stylish kimono sleeve belted jacket by Worthington (\$60). Your mother might need a new makeup lesson so give her the tools to succeed -- a Sephora deluxe anti-bacterial brush set, which includes seven brushes that repel and destroys bacteria in a silver chic trifold brush case (\$60).

Has salsa dancing become mom's new pastime? Either way keep her fashionable with an a.n.a ruffled top in bright colors (\$26). Give her Sephora Harmony lip gloss (\$12)

that will make your mom's lips shimmer this spring and look natural this spring, this spring and look natural. Contains six versatile colors and a brush.

Your mom used to make circle skirts in Home Ec high school home economics. Let her know the trend is back and how to update it with a Worthington Tropical Circle Skirt (\$36).

It is all about the details with your mom. Give her some fashionable a.n.a tops that have intricate Soutache straps or a tank with lurex detailing in an array of colors (\$22).

Dazzle her on this deserving occasion with delicate Heart, Angel, Cross and Teardrop Pendants and Rings -- classic sterling silver accessories with a tasteful hint of 14K gold (\$49.99 - \$99.99).

Spend quality time with mom preparing traditional family recipes with the cooks five-Piece Ceramic Mixing Bowl Set (\$29.99) and the cooks five-Piece Silicone Bakeware Set (\$39.99). And --) -- and what better way to preserve your culinary creations than the adorable hand painted cooks Ceramic Pig Cookie Jar (\$49.99) complete with convenient dry erase board and marker.

Whether she enjoys an early morning pick me up or an evening cup-a-java, the cooks 12-Cup Coffeemaker (\$29.99) is a great way to

brighten both her day and her kitchen décor! Available in six colors.

Shake up her routine with the colorful cooks Blender (\$79.99). Available in six colors.

The cooks Cook Book (\$19.99) is full of delicious recipes that can be personalized with mom's secret ingredients and special touches -- the perfect gift for moms that love to cook and entertain.

Let mom reminisce about all of your precious moments together with the Pandigital Touch Screen Digital Frame (\$109.99).

Give her the gift of music with the 1GB MP3 Player (\$19.99) -- a sound gift for all moms on the go!

JCPenney's combination of great fashions, affordable price points, convenience of more than 1,000 stores nationwide, and jcp.com will help make Mother's Day shopping as simple as possible.

For a quick glimpse at all the Mother's Day items listed above, take a look at our online photo gallery: "http://newsroom.mbooth.com/JCPenney/LookBooks/Holiday/main.php/v/mom." (Advertising Supplement)

THE FIRST EVER FILIPINO JC COUNCILMAN (IF ELECTED TO OFFICE)

Rolando Lavarro, Jr.'s magnificent aspiration

by BOBBY YALONG

JERSEY CITY, NJ - The recently organized fundraising campaign dinner held at the Casino In The Park in Jersey City by Filipino-American supporters of the Manzo Team 2009, specifically for Rolando Lavarro, Jr., the Pinoy candidate aspiring for a council seat in Ward A, was a rousing success - greatly exhibiting a solidified act of camaraderie among supporting attendees. Enthusiasm built as early as when guests came in throngs and groups with the candidates of the Manzo Team on hand to welcome them.

Amidst the boisterous tete-a-tete, audibly loud conversations and laughters, the gentle voice of Linda Arellano, the evening's emcee, instantly prevailed that signaled the socialization to a halt and gave way for promising young singer Kirby who rendered her own vocal interpretation of the Star Spangled Banner. Father Victor Arenas solemnly led the invocation then the much awaited personal appearances and speeches of the Manzo Team 2009 candidates, particularly Rolando Lavarro, Jr., followed closely.

Council candidate for Ward E, Joe Tarrazi took center stage ahead to catch-up a previous commitment. Council at Large candidates Joseph Cassidy and Lori Serrano and Ward E front-runner Arthur Williams delivered what was expected of them and received due recognition.

It was the team's Mayoral candidate Louis Manzo who, in a well-modulated voice spoke in cool and spontaneous manner, gave the evening's bombastic shot. "This is the most diverse line-up of candidates that has ever put in a ticket! We'll be giving back the freedom and pride that our people have been robbed off!" The undaunted four-time mayoral bidder uttered which was met with a thunderous applause.

Another Council At Large candidate, Betty Outlaw (who incidentally coordinated with the event's organizer to extend her support), had her own share of the spotlight and stood side by side with the evening's honoree Rolando Lavarro, Jr.

Lavarro, in a dark suit and looking a bit world-weary due to non-stop action on the campaign trail,



thanked all who had been a part of the great support to his candidacy and the Manzo Team... acknowledged individually who are rallying behind him tirelessly especially his dutiful wife, Veronica.

"We're already in the final stretch and as if it was merely yesterday when we started this...!" He said remarkably. "I hope and pray that I could meet every bit of your expectation... and I'll do my best not to fail your trust and belief in me." Lavarro added with a tone of sentiment. "This campaign is for all the working people of Jersey City who need the most assistance and aid to make them live a more decent life," were his parting words.

Manzo, in his final stand said: "I just want to leave you with this: Just have the faith and have the hope that this team will bring back dignity, trust and honor to Jersey City government!"

Other council candidates who failed to make it were James King for Ward C, Jim Carroll for Ward E, and Rev. Ron Calvin Clark for Ward F.

The well-attended fundraising affair was ably organized and spearheaded by community leader Ludy Corrales with the voluntary assistance of Linda Mayo, Mely Corpuz, Victor Sison, Bele Castillo, Merick Salud, Rosalinda Rupel, Helen Castillo, Arvind Swamy, and of course, the toast of the evening's ever-supportive wife, Veronica Lavarro -- plus the joint efforts of Filipino-American friends and supporters of the running team.

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THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 9] Saturday Grand Fiesta Celebration on Mother's Day

The Pinamalenos Usa Inc., whose members hail from Pinamalayan Or. Mindoro cordially invites you to a "Grand Fiesta Celebration on Mother's Day" a Dinner and Dance party on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Lourdes Restaurant 58-02 37th Ave. Woodside, Queens, NY 11377 6:00 pm-12:00 midnight. For ticket sales/confirmation pls contact: Mirriam Atienza(NY) 646750-8740 and Ed Concha (NJ) 201546-1735.

PIDCI Golf Tournament

The Philippine Independence Day Council will host a Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 9, at Pelham & Splitrock Golf Courses located at 870 Shore Road, Bronx, New York. Partial proceeds will go to Ayala Foundation USA, GILAS Project. 11:30am Registration;1:00pm Shotgun Starts;7:00pm Dinner Reception & Awards.

Have a great day golfing! Help connect a Filipino student to the internet! To register or more information, contact Mario Garcia at 212-592-6907 or email

at mario.garcia@bovislendlease.com

Mother's Eve Celebration @ Bistro Filipino

Treat your mom to A Night of Dinner & Dance' courtesy of Bistro Filipino On Sat. May 9th. Doors open at 9pm. Dinner will be served at 9:30pm.

Free Admission, one dish & one drink for all mothers (accompanied by child only). All mothers will be entered into a raffle to win prizes.

Live DJ & House DJ's on the premises. For reservation, contact Rowena (646) 373-749 Bistro Filipino is located at: 89-29 130TH ST. Richmond Hill, NY 11418.

May 16]Saturday 5th Diocesan Fiesta of Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage (Birhen ng Antipolo)

The Filipino-American Community of St. Robert Bellarmine & Other Filipino Communities & Devotional Groups of Brooklyn & Queens invite everyone to join the 5th Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage (Birhen ng Antipolo) to be held on May 16, 2009 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church located at 56-15 213th Street Bayside, New

York 11364.

Celebrations start at 3pm with rosary / novena, street procession and Concelebrated Mass at 5pm followed by fellowship and entertainment. Mgr. Ronald T. Marino, V.E., Vicar for Movr. & Ethnic Apostolates of the Diocese of Brooklyn will be the Main Celebrant.

Fifth Annual Asian Heritage Street Celebration

The largest gathering of Asian Pacific Americans in the nation is back and bigger than ever. To be held in front of the Asian Art Museum and is open to all. 11am-6pm. For more info. Visit www.asianfairsf.com

May 23]Saturday Ayala Land Project Presentations

Ayala Land will hold Presentations on its Metro Manila and Outer Manila Developments: Avida, Alveo and Ayala Land Premier projects on: Sat., May 23 and Sun., May 24, 10am- 5pm 131 Barrow St., Suite 2B, Greenwich Village, New York City 10014.

Among its portfolio projects are: Serendra East Tower, The Columns, Senta, Aston, Red Oak, Avida Towers, Anwaya Cove,

Greenfields, Settings Nuvali, etc.

How to get there: Take #1 subway to Christopher, walk west. From Jersey City or 33rd, take Path to Christopher. For more information, please call:

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June 7] Sunday Philippine Independence Day

Vice President Noli de Castro has accepted an invitation from the Philippine Independence Day Council, Inc. (PIDCI) to be a guest on Philippine Independence day in New York. As part of the 111th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence commemoration, there will be a flag ceremony in front of the Philippine Center at 8am followed by the Independence Day Street Fair which opens at 10am, downtown end of Madison Avenue between 24th & 26th. At 12noon, the Independence Day Parade starts and ends at 2:30pm. For more info. Contact: Gani Puertollano (908)964-5473 / (908) 230-6468, Juliet Payabyab (718) 267-0221, Medy Taeza (646) 415-3040, PIDCI Pres. Gerry M. Austria (201) 238-1785.

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RP's Top 10 Most Beautiful Celebrity Moms



Charlene Gonzales

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one of the best dressed women in RP entertainment. More than this, she's one of the best liked celebrities. Knowing her personally, I can also vouch that she is a genuine sweetheart.

9. **Sheryl Cruz** - After ten years, I saw her again at an event in Manila and was shocked to see that she looked almost exactly the same. It's like time stood still for this former teen idol. She still has her trademark sweet Sheryl Cruz smile. On her current TV projects, I'm glad to see she's become a more mature, deeper actress. Congrats!

10. **Angel Aquino** - A very classy and stylish

Filipina beauty. She's a chameleon. Her beauty continues to evolve. Beyond this, Angel is also an excellent actress. Her kids have a wonderful role model in her.

The author is a Marikina-born, award-winning celebrity beauty stylist with his own chain of salons across Southern California and Las Vegas, Nevada. Ultimately, Monet is known as an all-around artiste who produces sold-out fashion and awards shows, as well as unforgettable marketing campaigns. Monet is also the founder of the revolutionary all-natural beauty products available at www.skinbymonet.com. He supports many humanitarian efforts to include projects in his native Marikina, The Bantay Bata Foundation, and many more. To contact Monet, please visit www.monetsalon.com for more information.

Finding the Right Caregiver...

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dependent Home Health Provider

If you have decided to consider an independent provider, have them come to your residence on a day when you can observe them interacting with the patient. Additionally, you should consider asking them the following questions:

What relevant schooling, classes, or education do you have?

How long have you been doing this?

What types of clients (range of disabilities) have you worked with?

Do you have experience working with clients with dementia?

Are you insured?

Are you bonded?

Can I have a list of 3-5 references?

What do you enjoy the most about being a home health aide or homemaker?

What do you enjoy least about being a home health aide or homemaker?

Do you drive, and if so do you have a current insurance and a current driver's

license?

Last but not the least, use your intuition when searching for the right person to care for your parents. There are some things that you cannot immediately see with your eyes or know plainly just from the facts at hand. When entrusting someone you care about to a person you've never met or barely know, use your gut feeling. When interviewing them, look into their eyes and observe their body language and the way they carry themselves. Body language is an important factor in trying to assess the general disposition of a person. What comes out of their mouth when answering a question or verifying a statement is only seven percent (7%) of the message they're relaying. Listen to them, pay attention to their behavior and evaluate if the person's actions, words and character is enough to gain your trust.

A caregiver is your partner in expressing your love for Mom and Dad, especially

if they are approaching their final days. Most likely, you're searching for their care provider because they want to spend these days in the most comfortable and important place in their life--their home. Having the best caregiver who is skilled as well as compassionate, will ensure that your parents' can live out their lives pleasantly and peacefully.

Charmaine Teodoro is the Senior Vice President of JUNO Healthcare Staffing, a group of companies that recruit RNs, LPNs, CNAs and allied healthcare professionals and deploys them to healthcare facilities on a full-time, part-time, per diem or travel assignment. It also sponsors foreign-trained RNs for immigration to the US. JUNO has offices in New York, and in New Jersey where it offers homecare services.

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INDIO BRAVO FILM FESTIVAL

Showcasing the best of contemporary Philippine cinema

NEW YORK CITY—The Indio Bravo Film Foundation is proud to announce the launch of the Indio Bravo Film Festival, a showcase of the best in Philippine film, the weekend of Philippine Independence Day. The festival opens at New York's Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, June 11, with screenings following Friday through Sunday, June 12-14 at the Visual Arts Theater in Chelsea, 333 West 23 Street between 8th and 9th Avenues.

The festival features 15 internationally acclaimed Filipino features as well as 11 short films. Headlining the lineup is *Baler*, an epic historical romance which swept awards at the 2008 Metro Manila Film Festival. Set against the backdrop of the 1898, *Baler* stars Jericho Rosales, Anne Curtis and Phillip Salvador.

Also featured on opening night is *100*, winner of audience and best film awards at festivals in Pusan, Korea and Vesoul, France. Mylene Dizon plays a beautiful, hard-driving executive who, discovering she has 100 days to live, crams as much adventure and instant gratification as she can into what's left of her life.

The festival's centerpiece film, screening Friday, June 12, is the magnificent *Foster Child*, directed by Brillante Mendoza (director of 2008's internationally acclaimed art-house hit *Serbis*). *Foster Child* plumbs the chasm between developing-world need and first-world wealth with devastating efficiency and masterful control. Yet it also finds humor, vibrancy and beauty in Manila shanty-town life as a paid foster mother (Cherry Pie Picache, by turns ebullient and wrenching) prepares to release a cherubic little boy she has raised from birth to a wealthy American family.

As its closing night film on Sunday, June 12, Indio Bravo is proud to screen *Jay*, a satire of reality television that is as hilarious as it is unsettling. Baron Geisler plays a flamboyant producer who stops

at nothing to concoct a lurid segment on a gay teacher's murder. He insinuates himself into the victim's grieving family, harrasses a guilelessly sexy former boyfriend (Coco Martin, who also starred in *Serbis*) and seduces and corrupts everyone in his path as he demolishes the line between reporting the news and creating it.

Other notable titles include *Donsol*, an elegaic love story about a handsome whaleshark-dive guide (Sid Lucero) and a beautiful resort visitor wrestling with personal demons (Angel Aquino); *Carnivore*, about a college freshman's disturbing fraternity initiation (starring Mark Gil and Carlo Aquino); the animated *Dayo*, about a young boy's journey to save his abducted grandparents; the romantic comedy *My Only Ustaring* Toni Gonzaga and Rhong Navarro; and the fascinating political documentary *Confessional*, set in Cebu during the *Sinulog* mardi gras.

For more information about Indiobravo Foundation and to learn about the film festival, visit: www.indiobravo.org. ■

People and Events



RAINWATER. "Rainwater" is one of the photos by New Jersey's Jerry Garcia that will go on exhibit at Philippine Center in New York City on May 22 from 7 to 10 in the evening. The photo exhibit, 'Faces of Poverty,' is a collection of powerful images of poor people in the Philippines doing their daily chores. Proceeds from the exhibit will be donated to Gawad Kalinga.

Oteyza's Circle of Life

by ROBERT TAGLE

NOTED ARTIST Julian Oteyza from Virginia/ DC debuted at the Philippine Center in New York his latest paintings, works from his *Magic Circles Series*, from March 23 through April 10, 2009.

Julian posits that regardless of the diversity in his works, "the constant is that there is no wrong way to view the art." Ever creative, Mr. Oteyza conceives of visual art works, installations, performance that catch one's attention. Prior series included *Emerging Dimensions*, which allowed viewers to 'see' the pulsating images experienced by Dyslexics; and *Rotating Perspectives*, *Light Wave Reflections*, and *Time Frames*.

In addition to his own works, he has been instrumental in gathering artists of different styles - indeed, of geographies as well - in group shows over the years.

One seems a link to the Himalayan "wheel of life"



'Dance Among the Spirits,' Mixed Media by Julian Oteyza

expounded upon in a lecture and exhibit on Tibetan art that we attended at the Newark Museum of Art in New Jersey in May 2008. To Julian, *Magic Circles* represents perfection, "the unity of self through an unbroken, unbent line of continuity, eternity, and wholeness." And what a thrilling journey that was at the recent exhibit.

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