

# How to find the right...

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when you need them.

Another skill-set you should look for in a babysitter is their ability to respond in emergency situations. Basic first aid treatment should be in their pool of knowledge as well as proper procedures when responding to an emergency situation. You definitely would want a babysitter who can be calm during emergencies and can immediately apply basic treatment when your son or daughter is bruised or gets a cut. Let your candidate also tell you how they would stop your kid from crying when they look for Mom or Dad. Ask about what type of activities they would provide during the time they'll spend with your child.

The skills of your potential babysitter and its appropriateness for your needs are an important way to gauge if the person you're talking to can make your short-list.

## Find out if your candidate loves to take care of children

There's no better childcare provider than someone who not only takes his or her job seriously, but also values it and enjoys the time s/he spends with your child. You can hear a person's passion in their speech and see it in their eyes. When you see a growing excitement in your candidate when discussing how she would take care of your child and the activities to be given during that period of caring, you found a very good prospect! A foremost trait

you would want to find in your babysitter is passion to take care of children. There's no better quality you can ask for in a babysitter. If you can find this in the people you're trying to interview or short list for the babysitting position you're offering, then you practically have a winner. The impact a loving, sincere and honest childcare provider can contribute to your son or daughter's well-being is immeasurably great.

## For additional security, do a background check

Though it's not crucial, it helps to do some basic background checks on a potential childcare provider. Contacting references, both professional and character, would allow you to find out what your candidate does best and their performances in their previous jobs. Also seek opinion from friends or family regarding the person you're hiring by sharing with them selected information on their skills, professional background and your initial perception upon meeting them. If the candidate is a referral from your social networks, then it would be good to seek their comments too.

## When making the hiring decision

Do not be too hasty when making the decision, but don't prolong it to the point that your candidates are already finding other employers. Take time to think about the person you've just interviewed and listen to your intuition. Reflect on the in-

terviews and what s/he has said, the body language, and go over the resume or credentials of your potential providers. When you make your decision, provide a trial period and drop in during babysitting time unannounced so you'll see exactly how the provider is rendering his/her service.

It's not easy to find the right babysitter so when you discover one, consider it a treasure found that you should keep. Approaching babysitting hiring in a pragmatic but strategic way is helpful in ensuring that you will get the right person for the job. In doing so, you have the security that you hired a responsible, caring and genuinely sincere person who will look after your children.

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# THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## May 30 | Saturday PACCAL stages "Dust Castles"

The Pan American Concerned Citizen's Action League, Inc. (PACCAL), Jersey City, New Jersey is staging a play titled "Dust Castles" in cooperation with the Jersey City Free Public Library, 2 pm, Saturday, May 30, 2009, the Five Corners Library Auditorium, at 678 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

For more information, please call Linda Mayo: 201 388-1260; Betty Buenviaje: 973 220-2765; Rose Javier: 201 993-8815; Tino: 551 358-4283 and the Jersey City Five Corners Library: 201-547-4543.

## May 31 | Sunday Sharon Cuneta Megathirty Concert

MPG Global Productions present Sharon Cuneta's Megathirty at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ PAC) Prudential Hall on Sunday, May 31 at 3pm. Special Guest: KC Concepcion. For more info. regarding tickets contact: Bing:732.668.8892,732.533.888 0,732.651.8556 & 732.447.8678; Nel: 917.691.2335; Girlie: 703.304.0547 & 703.992.5441; Amy: 201.253.9405; Terry: 201.886.1705; Robert: 571.283.1330; John: 917.836.3122; Baby: 917.916.6770; Bobby: 201.239.5803, 201.239.7744 & 201.390.4983; and Oscar: 201.281.3561.

## June 6 | Saturday

The Holy Infant College Association's 3rd Scholarship Fundraiser to be held on Philippine Independence Day

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, the Holy Infant College Alumni Association hopes to exceed this accomplishment with

a Piano and Vocal Concert to honor our Mother Mary and our Mother Country.

Come join us celebrate Philippine Independence Day. Introduce your family and friends to a magical-nostalgic afternoon of familiar classical music by legendary Filipino composers, musicians and artists.

Myrna Lopez: Pianist, Camille Molina: Soprano

Nona Anover-Yongo: Soprano, Lourdes Benedicto: Actress

We invite you to enjoy light refreshments, while these performers take you back in time to the "good old days" in the Philippines. Venue is at: St. Mary's Nativity School Auditorium (146-28 Jasmine Avenue

Flushing, NY 11355), 4:00 PM. Suggested Donation: \$25.00. For tickets (tax deductible) contact: Marietta Benedicto, E-mail: [benm68@optonline.net](mailto:benm68@optonline.net) Tel: (516) 802-2650

## Feast of Our Lady of Manaog

Come join us as we celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Manaog will be at the Church of St. Lucy on June 6, 1pm. For more info. Please contact Nida Cortez (718) 393-0348.

## 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 Indepen-

dence 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 Tazea (646) 415-3040, PIDCI Pres. Gerry M. Austria (201) 238-1785.

## June 13 | Saturday

UST Singers New York City Concert

VitiMedia (Bringing You A Culture of Excellence) is proud to present the world-renowned University of Santo Tomas Singers in their 2009 New York City performance entitled "Unending Grace: A Thanksgiving Concert on the 400th Year of UST" at the Old St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 7PM. Highly respected and sought after in the international choral music scene, the UST Singers have earned a beloved global niche with their nearly two decades of impressive concerts and appearances that spanned nearly all continents.

Known for their remarkable repertoire of exceptional interpretations that cover significant parts of the choral literature of the last five centuries, the UST Singers garnered various awards in international choral competitions, particularly in Europe. It is with Asian pride that the Choir of the World (1995 Grand Prize Winner) UST Singers will perform for one-night only at the highly-regarded Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

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# People and Events



(L-R) John J. Chin, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Hunter College of the City of University of New York, Sumon Chin, MPH, Director of HIV/AIDS Services, Chinese American Planning Council, Noliyn Abesamis-Mendoza, MPH, Health Policy Manager, CACF, Vanessa Ramalho, Health Educator/Youth Worker, APICHA, Michael Ishii, L.Ac., MSTOM, Suki Terada Ports, Director, Family Health Project.

## The Fifth National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

NEW YORK- May 19 was the National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. In an effort to raise awareness and educate the Asian and Pacific Islander community, a symposium was held at the New York University School of Medicine, Schwartz Lecture Hall E.

The state of Asian and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS has been identified as the only race that has not decreased in numbers. Although Asians and Pacific Islanders account for approximately 1% of the total number of HIV/AIDS cases, the annual HIV/AIDS diagnoses rates are increasing among APIs in the U.S. faster than any other racial group. According to the CDC, in each of the last 5 years, the number of Asian and Pacific Islanders living with AIDS has increased by more than 10%. With the raising awareness of the growing impact of HIV/AIDS on the Asian and

Pacific Islander community, it is vital to build capacity to address the emerging issues surrounding HIV/AIDS.

Community-based organizations serving the Asian and Pacific Islander community of New York City, APICHA, The Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, The Center for the Study of Asian American Health at NYU, The Chinese American Planning Council, The Family Health Project and Project CHARGE have organized a symposium to educate, motivate and mobilize the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the response to the growing HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Speakers at the symposium came from diverse fields discussing HIV/AIDS issues related to the Asian and Pacific Islander community. A Welcome Introduction by Henrietta Ho-Asjoe, MPS, Director, Community Development, Center for the study of Asian American Health NYU

School of Medicine, *An Update on HIV/AIDS in Asian and Pacific Islander Communities* by John J. Chin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Hunter College of the City University of New York, *Using Eastern Medicine to Support Immune System Health in HIV Patients* by Michael Ishii, L.Ac., MSTOM, Education Director; Institute for Classical Asian Studies, *Women, Immigrants and HIV/AIDS* by Sumon Chin, MPH, Director of HIV/AIDS Services, Chinese American Planning Council, *Challenges API Youth Face Today* by Vanessa Ramalho, Health Educator/Youth Worker, APICHA *What is Project CHARGE?* by Noliyn Abesamis-Mendoza, MPH, Health Policy Manager, The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families. Suki Terada Ports, Director, Family Health Project was the moderator during the symposium. ■

## PACCAL stages 'Dust Castles'

THE PAN AMERICAN CONCERNED CITIZEN'S ACTION LEAGUE, INC.

(PACCAL), Jersey City, New Jersey is staging a play titled *Dust Castles* in cooperation with the Jersey City Free Public Library, 2 pm, Saturday, May 30, 2009, the Five Corners Library Auditorium, at 678 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. "This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner of the National Endowment for the Arts administered by the Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Thomas A. De Gise, County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders."

*Dust Castles* chronicles the lives of eight childhood friends whose young dreams were affected by the onset of World War II. Together they built their hopes for the future, only to be rudely interrupted by the ugliness of war. The play chronicles the life of two immigrant families and their challenges in their newfound land.

Written and directed by Tino Aquino Capili, *Dust Castles* will treat the audience to an hour of unique theatre experience as it showcases the Philippine culture through songs and folk dances. Featured will be Ms. Virgie Alvarez, famed folk dance choreographer and the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble. The professional casts will be supported by the Rejoice for God Acting Group (RFGAG)

who have acted in such plays as *Looking for William, Father on Earth... Father in Heaven, Ang Pagbabalik Ni Nonong, Ang Nobya Ko'ng Arabyana, How To Cook Adobo*, etc.

PACCAL is a nonprofit 501 c(3) organization committed to rendering free services to the Asian-American communities in the Jersey City area through its programs on health, cultural and civic affairs. It is headed by Ms. Betty Buenviaje as President and Ms. Linda Mayo as Executive Director.

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## APICHA turns 20

NEW YORK—2009 marks APICHA's 20th anniversary. Highlighting the commemorative activities will be a gala benefit, A Thousand and One Champions to be held on June 4, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel located on East 42nd Street over Grand Central Station.

"We have come a long way since we launched APICHA in 1989," notes Suki Terada Ports, a founder and Chair of the Development Committee. "It is remarkable how APICHA has managed to grow from a tiny all volunteer group when we first started to what we now know as a one-stop shop of HIV services with a staff of over 29. There are a number of people we have to thank for

this growth." She announced that honoring six individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to HIV work in the A&PI communities will be the centerpiece of the event. They are Abigail Alvarez, Philanthropist; Christopher Bates, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, US Health and Human Services; Humberto Cruz, Director, AIDS Institute, NYS Department of Health; Adisa Douglas, Former Senior Program Officer, Public Welfare Foundation; NYS Senator Tom Duane; June Jee, Director of External Affairs, Verizon.

The gala will recognize the successful synergy between APICHA and its supporters who have stood by us as we grew from a prevention education advocacy group

to a premier HIV comprehensive service provide, including the only HIV/AIDS health clinic in the United States specifically for Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Executive Director Therese R. Rodriguez calls on APICHA's friends and allies to join the effort to make the gala a success. "In view of the increasing number of people who are getting infected APICHA must remain strong. Our challenge now is to ensure APICHA will be here for the long haul. APICHA's benefit galas have traditionally been part of APICHA's strategy to raise funds to fill the gaps that could not be met by contracts."

To get information about the event, call Vicki Shu Smolin at (646) 263-6044, or by e-mail to [vicki\\_shu@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki_shu@yahoo.com). ■



## Dominique James at the NY Photo Festival '09

A SELECTION of photographs created by Dominique James, a Filipino professional photographer now based in New York, were shown in a major group exhibit at the New York Photo Festival '09. The pictures from the collection of Dominique James that has presented, about a dozen of them, are all new works.

This exhibition entitled "We Are All Photographers Now!" which was curated by William A. Ewing, a director of the Musée de l'Elysée in Lausanne, was held last May 13 to 17, 2009 in Brooklyn, New York. Ewing said that the photographs in this collection has "enriched the visual experience of the festival goers." This exhibition is hinged on the premise of change that's being created by new and emerging technologies in digital photographic imaging, telecommunications, and all

other related fields. According to the exhibition's website, "How we take photographs, manipulate them, share them, store them, and even how we pose for them—all are changing. Our tools are mutating quickly, promising ever faster, clearer, brighter pictures.

Meanwhile, telephones become cameras, desktop printers morph into mini-printing labs, and high-definition screens threaten to dislodge the venerable photographic print from gallery walls. And all eyes of the whole world are only a click away on the computer keyboard."

Dominique James is originally from the Philippines where he worked as a professional photographer for more than 20 years. He migrated to the United States two years ago. He is currently involved with the International Center for Photography (ICP) in New York and the Sacramento Book Review (SBR) in Sacramento.

Working as a professional photographer for more than 20 years, he has photographed countless famous individuals from Asia and other parts of the world such as celebrated entertainment personalities and top fashion models as well as high-ranking politicians and prominent socialites. In addition, he has done numerous commercial, advertising and corporate photography. Some of his international clients include Avon, Apple, Epson, Fuji and Nikon. Dominique James also regularly conducts popular models and photographers workshops. Frequently, he serves as a judge and a consultant to photography contests, model searches, beauty tilts, and talent competitions.

To date, he has presented more than 50 one-man and group photography exhibits. While he is best known for his celebrity portraits, his scope of work is diverse: it includes cutting-edge fashion, product, food, travel, landscape, architectural, interior, and adven-

ture photography for advertising, commercial, corporate, entertainment, fashion, and media use.

His specialization covers digital photographic imaging (fashion, portrait, products, still life, commercial, advertising, corporate, food, landscape photography), digital imaging post-production management (editing, enhancement, file management), visual conceptualization and designs (magazines, brochures, flyers, leaflets, posters, CDs).

Dominique James is an Apple Certified Professional and Apple Certified Trainer for Aperture 2. He is also an Epson Stylus Pro Photographer and a Nikon Pro Photographer. Please go to [www.flickr.com/photos/dominiquejames](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dominiquejames) to view some of his works and projects. Also, please visit [www.dominiquejames.com](http://www.dominiquejames.com) for more information or send email to [djphotographer@mac.com](mailto:djphotographer@mac.com) for inquiries. ■

## GK 2024 Global Summit

GAWAD KALINGA invites you to the first

Gawad Kalinga 2024 Global Summit, a historic initiative that will take place in Boston, Massachusetts on June 12- 14, 2009 dedicated to the eradication of poverty in the Philippines and other developing countries.

Since its launching as a patriotic Filipino movement for nation building in 2003, Gawad Kalinga has successfully brokered private and public partnerships, bridged friendships between Muslims and Christians, and fostered collaboration among Catholic lay organizations. Due to its transformative impact, both on the poor and the rich alike, it has a growing global base of over 1 million volunteers.

We want to share the GK way with like-minded global citizens to help expand our work. Through the GK 2024 Global Summit, we hope to achieve the following goals:

To proclaim the resolve of Filipinos to end poverty of the five million poorest families in the country by 2024, following the twenty one year timeline and template of Gawad Kalinga. This is the coming out party in the most credible academic setting in the

world of Filipinos who share the dream of a prosperous nation that they can build together.

To launch Gawad Kalinga as a global template of social development consistent with the UN Millennium Development Goals. We will showcase the best practices of Gawad Kalinga in the Philippines and abroad and recognize partners from government, business, and civil society. Outstanding governors and mayors will present their development plans to build trust, attract grants and investments, and encourage tourism in their respective areas.

To honor outstanding GK partners starting with the GK village builders of North America, who have made heroic sacrifices to grow the Gawad Kalinga movement and to attract more patriots and partners to our cause of nation-building and building a better world.

We would like to invite you to this gathering of GK patriots and friends. To register and for more information, please visit [www.gawadkalinga.org/globalsummit](http://www.gawadkalinga.org/globalsummit) or call 714 906 1488 and look for Che Mari

We look forward to the sharing and shaping of our collective dream of a Philippines that every Filipino can be proud of. ■