



Notes from RENO

John "Romy" Rose

# Win a free trip to exclusive Eldorado Asian Festival in April

**W**in a getaway this festival season with the Eldorado's Spring Festival Giveaway. Guests can enter the sweepstakes daily until March 27 for their chance to win a free trip to the Exclusive Eldorado Asian Festival on April 11, 2009 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino.

The Grand Prize includes VIP hotel check-in, three deluxe rooms for one night, Lucky Money and a gift basket in each room, roundtrip limousine service provided by the Eldorado, a private table for six to the Spring Festival Asian Banquet and exclusive Eldorado VIP treatment.

Eldorado Chefs will showcase authentic Asian cuisine during the Spring Festival Banquet on April 11, 2009. Guests will feast on a bounty of Pan-Asian delicacies including Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Korean, Thai,

Cambodian cuisine and more!

The deals don't end with the Spring Festival Giveaway Sweepstake. Sweepstake participants who visit [eldoradoreno.com](http://eldoradoreno.com) are eligible to take advantage of the Exclusive Asian Fortune Package, available from just \$49.99 per night, Sunday-Thursday. Weekend packages are available from \$74.99. The exclusive offer includes a \$25 "Lucky Money" resort credit for each night's stay. The "Lucky Money" credit is valid for dining, retail shopping and entertainment.

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The Eldorado's new High Limit Lounge is the place to play Northern Nevada's best variety of high denomination slot machines. Boasting the best high limit slots in the state, the

Eldorado's High Limit Lounge is located on the mezzanine level of the 81,000 sq. ft. property.

The High Limit Lounge has 83 slot machines ranging from \$5 to \$100 denominations. The elegant lounge features the Eldorado's top-notch service and amenities including personal cocktail service, a VIP seating area, two bars, 12' flat screen televisions and beautiful décor.

The brick and copper finished archway creates a lavish entrance to the High Limit Lounge. The room is complimented by a dramatic skylight located in the center of the ceiling, plush carpet, elegant copper and wood finishing, luxurious mohair fabrics, copper leather bar stools and stylish art deco cocktail tables.

The High Limit Lounge is located on the mezzanine level next to The Buffet. Club Eldorado members can play unlimited high limit slots for a chance at a jackpot as high as \$1 Million.

Signing up for a Club Eldorado member-

ship is easy and free. Guests can stop by the Promotion Center on the casino floor for more details or call the Eldorado at 800-648-5966 or (775) 786-5700 in Nevada. Visit the Eldorado online at [eldoradoreno.com](http://eldoradoreno.com).

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Also, please visit The Rose Garden Restaurant at 1255 Stardust Street in Reno, which serves Asian, American and Italian cuisine. The Rose Garden features a Filipino Buffet from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 2pm (lunchtime) and 5pm to 10pm (dinnertime), and Sunday from 10am to 3pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, The Rose Garden features ballroom dancing and karaoke.

See you in Reno!

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## FUNFARE

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# Jomari: It isn't about money!

I got a call from Jomari Yllana last March 3. He was reacting to *Funfare's* banner story that he and Pops Fernandez have broken up not because of a third party but, according to somebody close to them, about money.

"It's not really about money," clarified Jomari. "Let's just say that Pops and I have...how do you call it?...yes, irreconcilable differences. *Maraming dahilan* and money is not one of them."

Pressed about the "money issue," Jomari said, "*Wala akong problema sa pera*," carefully choosing his words, adding, "*Ayoko kasi makasakit, eh.*"

Reports of the break-up surfaced only three weeks after Pops and her ex-husband Martin Nievera topbilled a successful reunion concert titled *Missing You* at the Big Dome, produced by Jomari under the Fearless Productions he and his friends, Singson brothers Ronald and Ryan, have put up.

"It was our (his and Pops) first project together and we achieved what we wanted, even more than what we expected."

Jomari admitted that he and Pops haven't been talking to each other for two weeks now.

"We broke up nicely," said Jomari. "*Naghiwalay kami nang maayos*. No fights, no third party, nothing. After we decided to break up, we even talked for a while, *pero wala na talaga, eh.*"

And to think that, if you believe "reliable sources," they were already talking about getting married since Jomari has become close to Pops (and Martin's) sons Ram and Robin. So comfortable have they become with one another in their almost two-year relationship that, Jomari admitted, "I would sleep over at her place." And did Pops also, ehem, sleep over at his bachelor's pad (in Parañaque City)? Jomari was mum. They never lived together.

"Actually, we never talked about marriage," added Jomari whose first marriage (to Quezon City Councilor Aiko Melendez with whom he has a son) was annulled. "We have both come from broken marriages at *pareho kaming may trauma.*"

Single again, Jomari said that he will concentrate on Fearless Productions whose next projects are the concerts of American Idol champion David Cook and AI finalist David Archuleta sometime in May and Britney Spears maybe in September.

### Why Kris had house renovated

Feeling alluded to by the *Funfare* item last March 2 about a TV-movie actress (married to a celebrity from another field) who had her kitchen renovated (to the tune of P15 million) because a *manghuhula* told her that her marriage might not last long, Kris



Jomari Yllana and Pops Fernandez in happier times

Aquino texted me the following rejoinder:

"Hi, Tito Ricky. It wasn't a *manghuhula*. But I did consult a feng shui expert. Our kitchen was in southwest *kasi*, super not good especially for me. My luck sector is there, so it was like I'm burning myself.

Our bedroom faced north, eh, death/illness star is there. We moved the master's bedroom to the south, on the third floor, and we had to renovate it.

We are not using our main door now because it's facing north, but we can maybe in 2010. You know, my energy is very connected to my mom, so we now pass through the back or through the side.

I also had my mom's chart done, that's why she wears more reds, pinks and orange now because those colors are good for her health.

Incidentally, Kris and husband James Yap, with three yayas in tow, took a vacation in Bohol to celebrate their birthdays (James

on Feb. 13 and Kris on Feb. 14). They stayed at a high-end resort (touted to be Bohol's Amanpulo, Palawan) which charges \$3,900 per night. Being hardworkers, they deserve it—and more!

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### Karen 1st Pinay Media speaker at Harvard confab

Cheers to ABS-CBN's Karen Davila for being the first Filipino media speaker invited to the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) held last Feb. 19 and 22 at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. This year's theme was *Linking Minds: Challenges in the 21st Century Asia*.

"It's a big honor," said Karen who was among last year's TOYM (The Outstanding Young Men), for Broadcast Journalism. "I was happy to share my knowledge and experience to a diverse group of students who I know will someday be the world's leaders and movers. I represented not only ABS-CBN but the whole country. *Nakakataba ng puso talaga.*"

Of the 300 delegates accepted to the HPAIR conference this year (1,000 others from all over the world were on the wait list), six came from the Philippines — Sheehan Joy Laguindam (Ateneo de Davao), Jeanne Burdeos (University of San Carlos), Althea Acas (UP Diliman, Law), Angelo Miciano (University of Asia & the Pacific), Aleem Guipal (Asian Institute of Management) and Diether Ocampo for KIDS Foundation.

"Most of the other delegates came from China, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, India, Germany, Austria and other parts of Europe," said Karen.

In its 18-year history, the HPAIR has held economic and business conferences in different parts of the world. Since it began in 1991, HPAIR has become the premier venue for the discussion of issues pertinent to the Asia-Pacific region and their effects around the world.

It's only the second year that Harvard hosted the conference. Aside from Karen, experts and practitioners from around the world were invited to speak on issues regarding security, health, education, economics in Asia, the environment and gender equality.

Karen was the final speaker for the Social Policy workshop, on Gender Equality for Women in Asia. ■



Karen Davila

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