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LA Mayor honors Pacquiao



Manny Pacquiao with LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
AJPress Photo by Andy Tecson

LOS ANGELES—In front of a raucous crowd, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa honored the pound-4-pound champion Manny Pacquiao during the “Day of Service” celebration held at the Search to Involve Pilipino American (SIPA) in Historic Filipinotown last Saturday, March 7.

The mayor along with Assemblymember Ted Lieu honored Pacquiao for his contributions inside and outside the boxing ring.

“He’s a great champion, a great human being, an environmentalist, a man who understands that fame and celebrity comes with a responsibility to the community,” said Villaraigosa while introducing Pacquiao to the crowd.

Villaraigosa then brought out a large framed certificate of appreciation, giving it to the pound-4-pound champion.

“Thank you very much for inviting me here to be part of this program to plant 1 million trees in LA,” said Pacquiao. “I’m very proud to be part of this program.”

The Day of Service celebration focused

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Muñoz loses, Vera wins in UFC 96



Mark Muñoz had his fighting UFC debut with veteran Matt Hamill during the undercard of the Ultimate Fighting Championship 96 in Ohio last Saturday, March 7. Muñoz lost against Hamill.
Photo courtesy of www.ufc.com

OHIO—While one Fil-Am proclaimed a comeback, another had a disappointing start.

Fil-Am Brandon Vera knocked out his opponent Patt White. Meanwhile, Mark “The Philippine Wrecking Machine” Muñoz was knocked out against Matt Hamill during the undercard of the Ultimate Fighting Championship 96 held in Columbus, Ohio last Saturday, March 7.

Muñoz making his UFC debut faced off against UFC veteran Hamill. It was the first fight in the UFC for the 30-year-old Muñoz, who had won his previous battles in UFC’s sister organization, the World Extreme Cagefighting.

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US tops OAV registration —DFA exec

But turnout still low, he admits

by VERONICA UY
Inquirer.net

MANILA—After six weeks of registration for overseas absentee voting, the United States reversed previous trends and took the number one spot for the top 10 countries that got the most number of Filipinos registered for the 2010 presidential elections, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Wednesday, March 11.

But the general turnout has remained low, DFA Undersecretary for Special Concerns Rafael Seguis told the *Inquirer*, blaming the “last-minute” mentality of Filipinos.

In an interview, Seguis said that as of March 10, a total of 16,555 Filipinos abroad registered. Of the number, the US had 3,292 registrants.

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Vice Consul John G. Reyes (standing), Head of the OAV Secretariat in the Consulate, oversees the registration of an OAV registrant.
Photo courtesy of the Philippine Consulate General-Los Angeles

Pinoy wins P6.6M in Reader’s Digest contest

by BEVERLY T. NATIVIDAD
Inquirer.net

SIX and a half million pesos isn’t at all bad for someone who has never won in lotteries or raffles.

And all Nicolas Dangcalan had to do to win was to reply to what some people may consider “junk mail.”

Dangcalan, a 44-year-old family man from Cebu City, has won the super grand prize in the Reader’s

Digest Sweepstakes, the biggest pot won by a Filipino since the sweepstakes was introduced in the country in 1990.

Dangcalan’s name was picked from some 2.1 million entries from Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and the Philippines in the 2008 Reader’s Digest Sweepstakes, which offered total prizes of P15 million.

As 2008’s Super Grand Winner, Dangcalan took home P6.6 million. The draw was held on Jan. 13 in Singapore.

“It was really unexpected, I didn’t think I’d win,” Dangcalan told the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* at the award ceremony last March 5, at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel in Man-

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Emmanuel Pelaez, ‘Mister Right’ of Philippine politics

NEW BIOGRAPHY

by LITO B. ZULUETA
Inquirer.net

WHEN PRESIDENT Corazon C. Aquino was invited in 1989 to the 79th birthday celebration of Diosdado P. Macapagal, Malacañang writers prepared a speech that would predictably have her extolling Macapagal at the cost of the deposed strongman Ferdinand Marcos.



Emmanuel Pelaez with Ted Kennedy

This writer was the Malacañang reporter of the Manila Chronicle at the time and as was the protocol, we in the presidential media had received copies of Aquino’s speech ahead of its delivery.

When Macapagal was president, the Philippines was second only to Japan as the richest country in Asia. By the time Macapagal’s successor was ousted by a popular revolution 20 years later, the Philippines was the basket case of Asia. “Oh

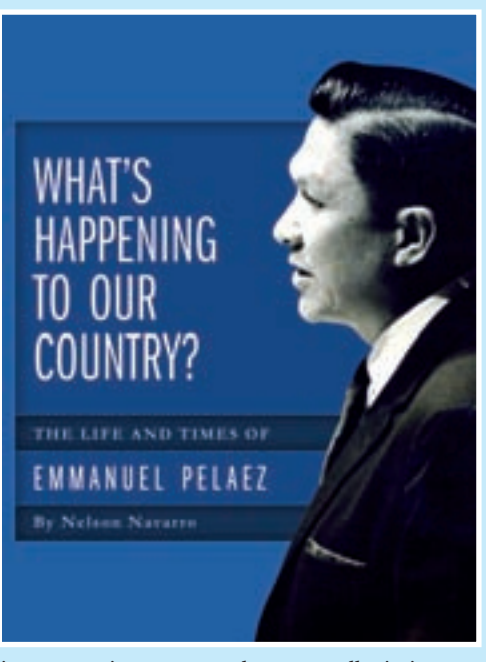
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Pelaez biography covers relevant themes today

by BERRY PELAEZ-MARFORI

IS integrity the most important quality of a government official? Should a government official remain honest even if doing so may mean impending crisis? These are the themes that are explored by Nelson A. Navarro in a biography on Emmanuel Pelaez, former vice president during the administration of Diosdado Macapagal, senator and congressman for several terms and Philippine ambassador to the US from 1986 to 1992.

What’s Happening to Our Country? The Life and Times of Emmanuel Pelaez is the first publication of the Emmanuel Pelaez Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting innovative programs that focus on good governance, the



environment and poverty alleviation. Written by journalist and political commentator Navarro, the epic provides

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