

# celebrity world

By Ferdie Villar

## A cotillion de honor to highlight Jeannel Marinas' 18th birthday on April 25 at Hilton Hotel, Newark

**J**EANNEL Aurea Enriquez Marinas, only daughter of Beth Enriquez Marinas of Bacoor, Cavite, and the late Lito Marinas of Bulacan, will be formally introduced to the adult society of Northern California on Sunday, April 25, with a formal dinner and dance to celebrate her 18th birthday. The celebration will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in Newark at 5:30pm.

The highlight of her coming out party will be the Cotillion de Honor, participated by Miss Marinas' relatives and friends.

Jeannel will be escorted by her cousin, Neil Philip de Guzman Enriquez while the participants of the cotillion are Eric de Guzman, Gessela Bondoc, Francis de la Cruz, Danielle Nuezca, Teddy del Rosario, Natally Servino, Anthony Lauchinebre, Christine Delostrinos, Aaron Luciano Gabby Velasquez, Mikhael San Pedro, Jeremiah de la Cruz, Nathaniel Tan, Therese de la Cruz, Andrew Ulang, Alpha Jane Lirio and Kristen Lowe.

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Las Vegas-based Concert King Martin Nievera, who was here in the Bay Area last March 29 with the four divas—Pops Fernandez, Kuh Ledesma, Zsa Zsa Padilla and Regine Velasquez—was the choice of boxing champion Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao to sing the Philippine National Anthem at his fight with Britain's Ricky Hatton on May 2 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Filipinos all over the world have always been curious about who would sing the Lupang Hinirang in all of Pacman's fights. Among those who have had the privilege to sing our national anthem were Karylle, Sarah Geronimo, Geneva Cruz, Regine Velasquez and Jasmine Villegas. But this is the first time Pacquiao has selected a male singer.

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My deepest condolences to the family of Doña Elizabeth Tongco of Oakland Hills who passed away last Good Friday, April 10, at the age of 98.

She is survived by daughters Dr. Chin Sarangalo, now based in Guinobatan, Albay, (where the deceased comes from), Town Taxi Finance Director co-owner Sylvia Ford, retired Pacific Bell employee Glenda Kennedy and registered nurse Vicky Garcia.

Mrs. Tongco was a former registered nurse in the Philippines and immigrated here in the Bay Area in 1978. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Northern California at the Sofitel Hotel in Redwood City in 1995.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the Cypress Chapel in Colma, with the Holy Mass to be officiated by Rev. Fr. Jonathan Paala, pastor of St. Luke Church in Foster City. Mrs. Tongco will be laid to rest after the services at the Holy Cross Italian Catacomb Mausoleum.



Jett Viray Navarro, the grand dame of Club Royale International Foundation and internationally known beauty impresario Ferdie Villar, are the overall chairpersons and executive producers of the annual Philippine Carnival of Beauties, the five-in-one beauty and popularity pageant to be held on May 3, 23 and 30 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Shown in the photo are the executive committee members who are organizing the biggest and most prestigious beauty contest here in Northern California (seated, L-R) Judith Retotar, Cita Gilbert, Ferdie Villar, Jett Viray Navarro, Tessie Labitoria and Claire Viray, (standing, L-R) Mervin Nuguit, Joseph Nucera, Club Royale President Gil Navarro, William Gilbert, the contest organization director Noel Nuguit and Eugene Mamenta.



Shown in photo are Leo and Lina Quiambao, owners of Philippine Delicacies. The restaurant originally started in Mission Street, San Francisco and now recently opened a new branch in King Drive, Daly City. Philippine Delicacies offers authentic Filipino delicacies and food and is drawing a lot of customers in the Daly City area.



Doña Elizabeth Tongco of Oakland Hills, passed away due to cardiac arrest on Good Friday, April 10 at her residence. The deceased was a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Northern California. Mrs. Tongco would have been 99 years old this July.

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Wendell Row, a hotel executive and telemarketing for entertainment concerts here in Northern California, is shown standing behind the stars of 'The Next One,' Sarah Geronimo, Billy Crawford, Charlie Green and Mark Bautista, held at the Bob Hope Theater in Stockton recently.



Concert King Martin Nievera is happy nowadays since boxing champion Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao has personally chosen him to sing the Philippine National Anthem for his forthcoming fight with Ricky Hatton on May 2 in Las Vegas. In photo with Martin is Filipina Restaurateur of the Year awardee Annabelle Guevarra of Pampanga Cuisine, Daly City, during his visit in the Bay Area two weeks ago.



Abigail "Larcy" Perez, youngest daughter of Anthony and Vangie Perez of Antioch, celebrated her 1st birthday with a children's party hosted by her parents at the Sampaguita House Restaurant in Concord last Saturday, April 4. Shown in photo is the celebrant carried by her mom, elder brother Mark Anthony, younger brother AJ, carried by his dad and Angeline Perez.



WOW Cargo executives Genesis Montano and Ramon Bunag (standing, 1st & 3rd from left) attended the recent distribution of awards by Primerica Life Insurance Company held at the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco. With Messrs. Montano and Bunag in photo are some of the people responsible for generating revenues and recruits for Primerica Life Insurance Company: (seated, from left) Fely Casco, Becky Montano (regional vice president), Evelyn Robedillo, Nenita Panday, Lani Iglantoc, Paz; (standing, from left) Lita Magpantay, Rolando Robedillo, Dolly Morales, Joan Canotal, Resty Montano (regional vice president) and Joel Iglantoc.

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