



Notes from RENO  
John "Romy" Rose

# Eldorado presents a Bigger and Better BBQ, Brews & Blues Festival

**T**HIS year's, Eldorado BBQ, Brews & Blues Festival is bigger and better than ever! Northern Nevada's biggest batch of BBQ, blues music and microbrews is two days, Saturday, June 27 from 12-9pm and Sunday, June 28 from 11am to 6pm. Double the days means double the fun as an unprecedented seven food booths will span Virginia St. The festival food mix includes traditional Smoked BBQ Pork Ribs, savory Pulled Pork with Texas Toast and Grilled Hot Links; as well as a

Burger Barn with Big Dog Chili, Corn Dogs and Onion Rings. New items this year include international fare like Shredded Beef Enchiladas, Pork Tacos, Grilled Korean BBQ Short Ribs with Kim Chee and Coconut Chicken Satay. For dessert, festival goers can feast on Strawberries and Cream Funnel Cake. Microbreweries will pour beer from all over the world, including Eldorado's own, The Brew Brothers' custom brews. Featured microbreweries include Alaskan Brewing Company, Black Diamond Brewing Company, Eel River Brewing Com-

pany, Napa Smith Brewery, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Mammoth Brewing Company, Leinenkugel Brewing Company, Pilsner Urquell, Sierra Nevada and many more. Festival tasting packages are available for \$20 and include 13 tokens, each worth a 4oz tasting and a souvenir beer mug. Tasting packages will be available for purchase during both days of the festival until 7pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday. Alcohol sales and tastings stop one hour before close on each day of the festival. Free, live entertainment takes the

stage on 3rd and 4th Streets. The line up includes Trey Stone Band, Summer of Love, Buddy Emmer Blues Band, Mumbo Gumbo, Shane Dwight Band, Jason King Band, Patton's Blues Band, Full Body Rock and Brief Case Full of Blues. For more information, please call 800-648-5966 or (775) 786-5700 in Northern Nevada. Visit us online at [www.eldoradoreno.com](http://www.eldoradoreno.com). \* \* \* Please visit this website for everything Pinoy—[www.filamusa.com](http://www.filamusa.com). From *pasalubongs* to your loved ones, to affordable places to stay in

Reno, to information on marriage and divorce, we have the answers. Or call (775) 303-4433. 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!  
\*Advertising Supplement

## DOLLYWOOD

By DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL  
*Inquirer.net*

### Rachel's yummy 'Sexy Chef' diet

**W**E'VE had enough of those sex videos, or haven't we? But even if being in a sex scandal a la Katrina isn't one of your wildest dreams, that's no excuse for not being as sexy as you can be. I'm no sexy star but thanks to the South Beach Diet by Rachel and Barni Alejandro's Sexy Chef Cafe, I am well on my way to getting slim. My life is in better shape so my body should follow suit.



Rachel Alejandro

Lean Chicken Burgers and Banana Cream Dessert. "I make suggestions to our chefs," says Rachel. "And I taste the food before delivery. It's my sis Barni who creates the recipes." Hasn't Rachel and her boyfriend Philip found the recipe for marriage yet? "Not yet," she replies. "For now, I'm contented with being a mom to my two-year-old shitzu Gavin." Is she also contented with the way things are between her and her ex Dingdong Avanzado after they got embroiled in a controversy because of his rumored marital woes with Jessa Zaragoza? "I haven't talked to the couple since my concert with Dingdong," Rachel says. "But I don't expect an apology. I'm still open to working with them, though." ■

I look forward to waking up each day and see what yummy dishes are in store for me. Sexy Chef's concoctions are too good to be diet food. I particularly love the Bacon Fritata, Yakiniku Fish, Big Easy Shrimp, Sizzling Cheese Steak,

### Ruben Nepales elected to board of Golden Globe award-giving body

**R**UBEN V. Nepales, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer's* Only *IN Hollywood* columnist and Los Angeles correspondent and a contributing editor of *Balikbayan*, *The Asian Journal's* new magazine, was elected to the board of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), the group that votes on and presents the prestigious Golden Globe Awards for excellence in film and television every January.

The HFPA recently made the announcement following the association's annual election meeting. Nepales, the first Filipino member in the 60-plus history of the HFPA, will be serving his first term as a member of the board of directors of the group of international journalists. He joins Jorge Camara, who is chairman and has just served as president, Ali Sar, Theo Kingma, Armando Gallo and Frances Schoenberger (alternate) in the new board.



Also elected were Philip Berk, president; Hans Spurkel, vice president; Jack Tewksbury, treasurer; and Meher Tatna, executive secretary. Nepales, who holds an AB degree in Communication Arts from the University of Santo Tomas, is profiled in the June 2009 issue of *Balikbayan* magazine ([www.balikbayanmagazine.com](http://www.balikbayanmagazine.com)). In his column that appears Friday to Sunday in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, Nepales writes about the year-round press conference-style interviews with Hollywood and international film and TV talents that he attends as an HFPA member, set visits and film festivals. He also makes it a point to spotlight Filipino talents making it in the global entertainment stage. The new officers and directors will be honored in the annual HFPA installation luncheon, at which time the group makes its

annual donations to non-profit organizations and film schools. The success of the Golden Globe Awards has enabled the non-profit press organization to donate over \$8 million to entertainment-related charities, fund scholarships and other programs. HFPA's international philanthropic efforts have been recognized by *Variety* which gave the association its Benefactor of the Year award in 2008. HFPA also donates to The Film Foundation to fund the preservation of important films, including classics by Jean Renoir, John Ford, Stanley Kubrick, Alfred Hitchcock and other filmmakers. A world premiere of the newly-restored 1948 masterpiece, *The Red Shoes*, was presented by the HFPA and The Film Foundation in the recent Cannes Film Festival. Director Martin Scorsese, who introduced the special screening in Cannes and is The Film Foundation's chair, said in a statement, "Due to the incredible generosity of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, *The Red Shoes* has been fully restored. Those of us who love film owe the HFPA a deep debt of gratitude." Ruben, a native of Calasiao, Pangasinan, lives in Los Angeles with his wife Janet Susan R. Nepales, who is also a journalist and was elected as an HFPA member in 2008. They have two children, Bianca Nicole (Nikki) and Rafaella Angelica (Ella). ■



Dr. Christian Bocobo of Seton Medical Hospital and director of the Philippine Medical Society of Northern California recently celebrated his birthday at his office at Seton in Daly City. Shown in photo are the celebrant Dr. Bocobo (seated), (L-R) Dr. Tomas Valdez, Dr. Jay Narayan, Dr. Hermie Angeles, Brant Cachela and Alan Dale Roxas, owner of A&NX Home Health Care Services in Daly City.

# Menopause The Musical

The Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change!®



**ELDORADO SHOWROOM EXTENDED BY POPULAR DEMAND**



**ELDORADO**  
HOTEL • CASINO • RENO  
1-800-648-5966  
[eldoradoreno.com](http://eldoradoreno.com)