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Eldorado presents a bigger and better BBQ, brews & Blues Festival

THIS 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 Company, 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 7 p.m. 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.

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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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Seeing the future in full color

Miss RP-USA 2009 Katrina Jayne Dimaranan's speaks her mind out about winning and being Filipino

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AT sixteen, many girls would still be worried about boys and what to wear to their prom, but recently crowned Miss RP-USA Katrina Jayne Rivera Dimaranan is one teen that has set her goals early.

The daughter of Leonita Rivera and Ramon Dimaranan from Quezon City, Philippines, Trina, as most people call her, is a student from American High School in Fremont. Her best features that probably caught the judges' attention could be her height and dusky, *morena* complexion that is a trademark of many Filipina beauty queens like former Miss Universe Gloria Diaz.

Having won the title just a month short of turning sixteen during the Carnival of Philippine Beauties, Trina didn't really expect



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that she'd take home the crown. "Honestly, I never would have expected to win the title as Miss RP-USA 2009 because all of the other candidates were so beautiful and talented," she said and added, "and each of them had something intriguing about them."

Part of the requirement as a candidate in the Miss RP-USA pageant was one should be of Filipino heritage. Trina who was born in the Philippines, but moved here in the United States when she was one, assures that she is 100 percent Filipino. "My family is very close with each other and yes, almost every weekend we have a family party with traditional Filipino food and of course, karaoke," she said. For her, following Filipino traits like being respectful to elders should remain. "All of the younger family members call anyone older than us 'ate' and 'kuya,' we always make 'mano' or kiss the elders on the cheek."

She admitted that she never thought of joining the pageant. "It was actually my mom who convinced me to join, because she thought it'd be a fun experience for myself," she said. Trina also said that her mother thought it would be able to boost her confidence. "And fortunately, it did," she laughingly said, "My confidence was definitely boosted after the pageant that I feel that I have more self-esteem."

But as many know, preparing for a pageant requires discipline and work. "I had to watch my weight, especially for the swimsuit and gowns, which was a little difficult because I love eating," Trina said. She also had to take care of her voice by sucking on ginger and drinking ginger tea because singing was her number for the talent competition. Still, with all the preparations, she believes that it paid off well.

At present, her once quiet teen life is now filled with courtesy calls and guest appearances in almost every Filipino community event. A challenging task for a young girl like Trina, but she faces every responsibility head on.

Looking to the future, she looks at it in full color and full of promise. Above anything else, she would like to finish her studies first. "Five to ten years from now, I see myself graduating from college," she said and added, "I also want to New York or Los Angeles to pursue singing or modeling."

Her advise to young people like her? "Keep your education as your top priority because education is something no one can take away from you," she said but then amusingly added, "Also just always be happy and optimistic—because then you'll always be able to get through any obstacle thrown at you in life." ☺

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