



Top FilAm Personalities Set to Attend Club Royale's Crown Ball

ALL roads will lead to Marriott Hotel in Burlingame on Saturday, May 31, at 6 pm to attend Club Royale's 14th anniversary red carpet Crown Ball. The formal dinner and dance will be held at the newly-remodeled Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel.

Senator Leland Yee heads the list of government officials and fashionable guests who are expected to attend one of the biggest social events of the year. Other officials who will attend are Commissioner for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Ray Benitez Satorre, Milpitas Mayor Jose "Joe" Esteves, Millbrae Mayor Gina Papan, Daly City Vice Mayor Mike Guingona, FilAm Democratic Club president Atty. Rey Buenaventura, Philippine Airlines executives Robert and La Cua, Daly City-Quezon City Sister City Committee president Rolly L. Lavarias, and many others.

The highlight of this year's

festivities will be the coronation of Angel Estrada Pasag as 2008 Club Royale International King, and the presentation of the Hall of Fame Award to beauty impresario Ferdie Syquia de Villar, Club Royale King 1994, 1995 and 1996. Mr. Villar was crowned in 1994 as King Ferdinand I by none other than Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

A special feature of the momentous affair is the formal presentation of candidates who will be competing for Mrs., Mr. & Miss Republic of the Philippines-USA 2008, in the most-awaited Philippine Carnival of Beauties ("The Best of the Fairest") to be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco on June 28.

Celebrity Star Awards recipient as Fashionable Lady of the Year, Jett Viray Navarro, wife of Club Royale International Foundation, Inc. is the over-all chairman of this spe-

cial affair. As previously announced, other beauty queens and title holders from all over the US will also be presented during the affair.

Former beauty title holder Janett Mandap, together with Jonathan Goco and Gerry Veceral will co-host the social event, while theatrical director Leon Gonzales and movie scriptwriter Noel Nuguit of San Jose will be co-floor directors of the evening's program.

The reigning Philippine Carnival of Beauties, Mrs. RP-USA Universe Leilani Venegas Atis, Mrs. RP-USA World Christine Acha, Mrs. RP-USA International Marilen Bernardo, Mrs. RP-USA Susan Fernando and Miss RP-USA Emerald Miller together with the board of directors headed by Club Royale International Foundation, Inc. president Gil Navarro and wife Jett Viray Navarro will dance *The Emperor's Waltz* which will formally open the formal ball. ■



Viva Hot Babes Jennifer Lee (2nd from left), Gwen Garci (3rd from left) and Maui Taylor (4th from left), together with actor Wendell Ramos (far left), were welcomed by Chevy's Restaurant in Union City recently. Shown in photo with them is Mr. Joey Panlilio (far right) of Manila Mail.



Teayana Orence, granddaughter of San Francisco community leaders Pete and Violet Orence, will celebrate her 5th birthday with a lauriat party on Sunday, June 1, at the Pacific Restaurant in Daly City at 1 pm.



Philippine Comedy Queen Ai-Ai de las Alas (far left) was a special guest at Edna's Ichiban Restaurant in Westborough last May 25. The comedy queen had a successful concert, 'Laugh Out Loud' at the Peppermill in Reno last May 24. In photo with Ai-Ai are (L-R) beauty impresario Ferdie Villar and Sam Escalante.



Santa Clara's popular boy band members (L-R) Raul Mata, Christopher Bibra and Patrick Gonzales will perform at the Fiesta Filipina at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco on June 7 and 8.

Please visit Ferdie Villar's website by logging on to www.ferdievillar.com, or e-mail impresario@ferdievillar.com.

A Reluctant Guitar...

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the slew of faceless albums he produced in the '70s and '80s, while still messed up and deeply in pain.

One of the most devastating chapters in Clapton's life involves his illegitimate son Conor, a boy produced from a long-term fling with an Italian woman. The four-year-old died after falling out of a Manhattan apartment building window (Clapton was not present at the time), a deeply tragic event leading to the massive hit song, Tears in Heaven. While such melodies do seem to spring from enormous tragedy, Clapton displays a touch of bitterness when the song becomes a kind of *MTV Unplugged* staple: "That (*Unplugged* album) was the cheapest to produce and required the least amount of preparation and work. But if you really want to know what it actually cost, go to Ripley, and visit the grave of my son."

He goes on: "I think that's why it was such a popular record; I believe people wanted to show their support for me, and those who couldn't find

any other way bought the album." Maybe. Or it could just be that it was a strong, affecting song.

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Olivia Quido, Aesthetician of Celebrities Like Nora Aunor



Olivia Quido with Nora Aunor



Olivia Quido (extreme right) with staff and the Superstar

IT is a known fact that in order to be a celebrity, one must not only have the acting chops but should look stunningly dynamite on screen as well.

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What's Your Barf Bag Quotient...

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gone so far as to boycott its offices and its advertisers and to jam it with millions of e-mails expressing disgust. NBC and MSNBC and sometimes CNN have committed the most grievous offenses, with their talking heads and arrogant pundits on the offensive line.

Not surprisingly, it is only Fox News, which was quick to adopt a contrarian's pose, thinking outside the collective box and perhaps getting its cue from the seething discontent and anger in the blogs. Bill O'Reilly of Fox is showing supreme savvy in feeling the pulse of the public, digging and following the lead of bloggers. Of all the networks, it seems to be the only one giving the other candidate equal time and equal treatment and subjecting both candidates to the intense scrutiny and questioning that both candidates must submit themselves to.

The bias for one candidate over the other is evident, and unabashedly so—giving a free pass to Obama—wanting to appear politically correct, fashionably cool and hip and careful to avoid being labeled racist. Meanwhile, its primary duty to the public to exercise due diligence in vetting the candidates is on hold, on tippy-toes not wanting to upset liberal sensibilities. It has abandoned the tenets of investigative jour-

nalism, adamantly refusing to vet and subject the junior senator to a full, all-systems-go investigation of the junior senator's past, his threadbare accomplishments in over a hundred days in the national political arena, and his intent, to the serious detriment of the American public's interest. Treated with kid gloves, the junior senator has the adulation

"This twist to American politics via the internet is fast replacing mainstream media in its role of shaping public thought. It needs to reassess its purpose and reinvent itself and morph into something useful and relevant, if it is to reclaim its once respected role in the political discourse of this country. If not, it can publish its own obituary. I'm not sure that many will grieve."

by itself or reproduces asexually, having no mothers, aunts, grandmothers or sisters who deserve respect, the likes of Russert, Wallace, Olbermann, et al. and even some women pundits eager to gain legitimacy by sounding like one of the boys, have shown jaw-dropping levels of sexism and misogyny on camera as though they were in a bar exchanging rowdy, ribald, off-color jokes over mugs of beer. Snippets

only ascribed to a rock star and has acted as though it was his due. Or, if you suspect darker, sinister, hidden forces at work, using money and clout to subvert the will of the majority, by influencing the outcome of an election—to surreptitiously push an agenda via the media to an unsuspecting public, you may be dead on.

Without shame or embarrassment as though descended from a species that spawns

on YouTube have immortalized such outrageous behavior. No woman should have to endure the kind of cruel treatment no different from public lynchings, these men accorded Hillary Clinton, former American First Lady and Senator, and a serious contender for the presidency.

Guilty Gentlemen of the Mainstream Media: On behalf of all women, who are offended by your boorishness, we want

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