



Notes from RENO

John "Romy" Rose

Filipino Man Hits Big Progressive at Silver Legacy's Pai Gow Poker Table

wager, the game also features head-to-head play against the dealer, a Fortune bonus and possible Envy bonus.

To play, players can make the optional Fortune bet as well as the progressive bet in addition to the standard Pai Gow Poker bet. The dealer will then give the player seven cards. The Fortune and progressive bets use all seven cards to determine winning hands.

The progressive bet wins on a full house and the top two hands award all, or part, of the progressive meter. A player wins the Fortune bet if their hand is three-of-a-kind or better and the top seven hands trigger Envy bonuses. If any player at the table hits one of these hands, all players who made a \$5 or better Fortune bet win. A player cannot win Envy bonuses on their hand or the dealer's hand.

For more information on

Fortune Pai Gow Progressive™ or any Silver Legacy games please call 1-800-MUST-SEE or (775) 325-7401 or online at silverlegacy.com.

Catch "Saturday Night Fever" this March, during the Eldorado's \$100,000 Casino Royale All Cash Giveaway weekend. Guests will dance to the beat of the disco party, March 21-24 where \$100,000 in cash prizes will be given away.

A total of 147 cash prizes will be given away during the weekend, including a \$25,000 grand prize, two \$10,000 prizes and three \$5,000 prizes. Other prizes include 15 \$1,000 winners, 32 \$500 prizes and 94 \$100 winners.

Every 10 minutes a lucky winner will be drawn on Saturday, March 21 from 2 to 10pm; Sunday, March 22 from noon-8 pm.; and on Monday, March 23 from noon-8pm. All unclaimed prizes will be

redrawn on Tuesday, March 24 at 9:30am.

The Eldorado's top of the line table games, nearly 2,000 loose slots and Keno make it easy to earn points and drawing tickets for Casino Royale.

Signing up for a Club Eldorado membership is easy and free. or stop by the Promotion Center on the casino floor. For more details call the Eldorado at (800) 879-8879.

The Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco will once again conduct its "Consulate on Wheels" program in Reno, Nevada on April 18-19.

During that weekend, officials from the PCGSF will be at The Rose Garden Restaurant (1255 Stardust St.; beside Starlight Bowl) to assist Filipino and foreign nationals with their passport applications, issuance of visas and other documentation, and dual



Club Legacy member Jilbert of Northwest Reno could not believe his good fortune after he won the Fortune Pai Gow Poker Progressive™ jackpot of \$192,156.03.

citizenship applications and swearing-in.

Consular staff will be on hand at the Rose Garden from 9am to 5pm on April 18, and from 9am to 12noon on April 19.

For more information and to inquire about required documents needed for passports, visas and other documents, please call (415) 433-6666.

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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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Martin Nievera joins 4 Divas in one-of-a-kind concert!!

AS news quickly spread about the hugely successful *Divas 4 Divas* concert that thrilled the jam-packed crowd at the Big Dome in Manila late last year, it raised hopes and expectations of the four performers' individual loving fans here in US that they too could experience this wonderful show first-hand.

The 4 Divas' American fans will soon get their wish, as this most impressive and ground-breaking production that took nearly 5 years to plan is finally happening!

The date is April 3, 2009, Sunday, at 7pm and the venue is at the San Jose State University, Event Center. Four of the Philippines' top divas: Pop Diva Kuh Ledesma, Divine Diva Zsa Zsa Padilla, Concert Queen Pops Fernandez, and Asia's Songbird Regine Velasquez will temporarily shed their individual titles and simply present themselves as the "4 Divas" with one common goal: Unity and to celebrate friendship, music, and everything beautiful.

Together on the same stage for *Divas 4 Divas* for the first time in the US, all four of the Philippines' greatest performers will share one stage for one incredible performance. To add to an already electrifying night, they will be joined by a very special guest performer, the Concert King himself, Martin Nievera.

Divas 4 Divas is bound to make history on the concert stage with the finest talents in the music industry. Caselin Productions, in association with CW Marketing Solutions, is putting together this big event. What was initially deemed impossible, has now become a reality. Yes, it's true, it is really going to happen, the biggest concert event of 2009!

According to Bennie Lagos of Caselin Productions, this biggest and most ambitious dream concert ever put together on one stage can only be described as "four times bigger, four times grander and four times everything!"

These four talented singers (plus Martin) along with the fabulous costumes, mood-enhancing lights and incredible production numbers makes *Divas 4 Divas* a concert you shouldn't miss! The night will also showcase some of the Bay Area's best talent gracing the stage as opening acts: Kristiana Sunga, Raymond Ritchie, and the Tahitian extravaganza, Spark of Creation.

Indeed, it will be a long time before an event of this magnitude comes along again!



MARTIN AND POPS REUNITED AGAIN. For those of you who long to see them together again, here's your chance. Martin will be joining Pops, and the rest of the Divas in his only West coast appearance. This show will pull out all the stops so be ready for a night of nostalgia and excitement. Who knows, maybe Martin and Pops will let you in on a secret...

Good seats are still available but selling fast. Tickets are priced at \$125, \$95, and \$75. For information, please call Cecille at (707) 645-1098, Pia at (510) 329-1406, Event Center Box Office at (408) 998-8497, or go to ticketmaster.com.

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Ruffa supports crusade vs domestic violence

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partners, we will do this by helping them take the first step, the opportunity to speak out."

In accepting the huge task as spokesperson, Ruffa said, "I am very happy that Avon is doing this program that is all about making that first step in breaking the cycle, speaking out. I've always considered it a privilege to be part of the Avon family as the Style Ambassador for the Avon Fashions Jewelry and Accessories line. Now, I feel even more proud that Avon Philippines has given me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women as their local spokesperson for the crusade against domestic violence."

Ruffa continued, "Domestic violence is an issue that affects everyone, whether you're young or old, rich or poor, famous or unknown. Each one of us can do something to support this cause. It doesn't have to be big. What's important is that in our own little way, we are making a difference."

Here in the country, a total of 6,679 cases involving violence against women were recorded in 2007. This means 20 women become victims in one day. And globally, one in three women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Locally, there are still a lot of cases that are left unopened despite protection from law.

It was a successful launch attended by media personalities, women rights advocates and NGOs. Sen. Pia Cayetano discussed the provisions and limitations of Republic Act 9262, also known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, including the definition of domestic violence and how the law can help prevent and address the critical issue. Renowned child psychologist Dr. Honey Carandang tackled the impact of domestic violence on the child's behavior at home and in school, as well as its long-term effects, including those that may cause them to act in an abusive manner towards their partners in the future.

Media personality Cito Beltran shared his views from a husband's perspective, encouraging men to love their wives and resolve issues in a non-violent manner. He also reminded everyone that organizations and institutions exist to support women who may be going through this situation at home. While columnist and women's rights advocate Rina Jimenez David, spoke about the programs already being done by local NGOs that aim to create further awareness on domestic violence and encourage women who are victims of such to do something about it.

Lea Salonga, Boots Anson-Roa, Abbygale Arenas-de Leon, Marilen Espino-Mendoza, Patricia Hizon and RX 93.1's Chico and Delamar were present to show their support for the advocacy campaign. ■



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