



Caregiver in 6 hit-and-runs dies



Fighter of the Decade Manny Pacquiao wins a 12-round unanimous decision against Joshua Clottey on March 13 at the Cowboys Stadium. Photo by Chris Farina/ Top Rank

After decisive victory, Pacquiao sings to fans

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ARLINGTON, Texas -- In front of a nearly 51,000 spectators in Cowboys Stadium, Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao showcased his offensive prowess and successfully defended his WBO Welterweight title from the Ghana's Joshua "Grand Master" Clottey in a unanimous decision on March 13.

Pacquiao retained his title as pound-for-pound king of boxing by unleashing a career high of 1,231 punches on the "turtle-like" Clottey, who was on the defensive the whole night.

The fight was nearly a shutout

to the three ringside judges; two judges scored it 119-109, the other judge scored it a perfect 120-108 in favor of Pacquiao, whose record now goes up to 51 wins, 3 losses, and 2 draws.

"He is the best pound-for-pound fighter," Clottey said about Pacquiao after their fight. "He is very fast, and I respect him."

Clottey said he considered Pacquiao to be his first real loss in his career; his other losses to Antonio Margarito and Miguel Cotto were considered debatable in his opinion.

Aside from the lopsided scores it was relatively tough and frustrating night for the Filipino slugger.

Out of Pacquiao's record number of punches, only 246 of them actually connected to his challenger.

"He fought a very defensive fight, that's his game," Pacquiao's trainer Freddie Roach said about Clottey and his fighting style.

The punches that were able to penetrate Clottey's shell defense were said to be considered ineffective by Clottey.

"He never hurt me," Clottey said about Pacquiao's punches. "I trained hard for this fight."

Clottey, whose record now drops to 35 wins and 4 losses,

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MALIBU, Calif. - A 73-year-old Filipina caregiver was killed after she was struck by several vehicles on the Pacific Coast Highway while attempting to cross a dark street to catch a bus in the morning of March 15.

Amelia Ordona died on the spot when a 2006 Honda Accord driven by Jay McNamara, 48, of Los Angeles, hit her as she tried to cross the busy Winding Way at 6:15 a.m.

The impact was so strong that the victim was thrown onto the other side of the road where she was hit again by six to seven other vehicles, some of which kept going, according to the Sheriff's department.

Ordona's 67-year-old sister, Amparo Pabalan, who was with Amelia at that time, was also hit but only sustained minor injuries, authorities said.

Ordona and Pabalan live in Westlake near downtown Los Angeles.

Pabalan said they had just finished their shifts as caregivers and were walking to their bus stop at Paradise Cover and Pacific Coast Highway to take them back to their home.

It was their first time to cross Pacific Coast Highway near Winding Way, she said.

In the meantime, family members expressed a mixed feeling of grief and rage as police expressed no intent to conduct any arrest in connection with the incident.

On late Monday afternoon, Sheriff's Lt. Scott Chew of the Malibu-Lost Hills Station said there "won't be any arrests."

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Fr. Pabs makes appeal for a kidney donor

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"I AM pretty strong I would say, only that I tire easily," Fr. Eusebio Pablito Maghari, 60, says on the phone, his voice slow and his disposition positive and hopeful. "I don't have much of an activity except for my dialysis every Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

Fr. Pabs is the Filipino priest whose Staten Island, New York, parish he served for seven years dumped him because he was getting sickly. The St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church -- under the Archdiocese of New York -- said it was time for him to go back to the Philippines to seek medical help there. But Fr. Pabs of Antique province has refused, saying his acute kidney ailment brought about by pre-existing diabetes would only get worse, and that he would

get better health care in the U.S. He is undergoing dialysis three times a week while also suffering the loss of vision in one eye.

The Archdiocese of New York said it could no longer support or shoulder the expenses of Fr. Pabs.

The latest on his medical condition is that he is in need of a kidney transplant. He has recently filed for a transplant procedure so that he is in line for an available kidney. But the fastest way to do it, he was told by doctors at Mt. Sinai Hospital, is to get three potential donors. He has two willing donors, and he needs another one.

A green card holder, Fr. Pabs relies heavily on Medicaid for his

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Did Arnel do a Roseanne on 'Lupang Hinirang'?

MANILA -- The National Historical Institute said March 14 it was contemplating filing a complaint against Journey lead singer Arnel Pineda for changing the tone and tempo of the Philippine national anthem when he sang it before the Pacquiao-Clottey bout in Texas.

Pineda sang "Lupang Hinirang" (Beloved Land) during Pacquiao's successful bout against Joshua Clottey of Ghana, his powerful, high-pitched voice filling the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

But Teddy Atienza, chief of the Heraldry Section of the NHI, was not pleased. A "24 Oras" report quoted him as saying that they would file a complaint against Pineda before the Department of Justice for his "wrong" version of the national anthem.

Pineda said he is sorry for his "dissatisfactory performance" of the national anthem, but told ABS-CBN his rendition was his own interpretation and a reflection of artistic freedom.

"I apologize for my dissatisfactory performance dun sa fight ni Pacquiao and Clottey sa Dallas, Texas, according to their standards. What can I do? I'm just doing my job... but then again hindi ako sorry kasi artistic freedom ko 'yon. It doesn't make me less of a Filipino dahil sa nabago ang pagkakanta."



Arnel Pineda: Not being disrespectful, just artistic. Photo: Arnel Pineda website

The NHI is the government body tasked to ensure respect for the national anthem, Philippine flag and other national symbols.

Under Section 37 of Republic Act 8491 or the Flag and Heraldic Code, the national anthem must be sung in accordance with the original musical arrangement of composer Julian Felipe, who gave it a marching tempo. Violators may be fined P5,000 to P20,000 or jailed for a year.

Pineda, for his part, defended his version, saying he had sung it with all his heart. He said he would ask his lawyer to deal with the complaint once it is filed.

Pineda, who rose to fame

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Social justice team finds multiple health concerns

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OAKLAND, Calif. -- Unnamed, this group would still make a world of difference.

Three years short of its 40th year, Filipinos for Affirmative Action or FAA has retired its founding name. In 2010, the organization that has set the standard for community action while fighting for social and economic justice now calls itself Filipino Advocates for Justice or "FA4J."

New name, same faces nurture the deepest commitment to serve marginalized Filipino Americans and show them the way to empowerment.

"Our new name better captures who we are and what we do," board president Trina Villanueva explained. "Rest assured that we remain true to our vision and mission. We are still committed to serv-

ing youth, newcomers and low-wage workers. We will continue to fight for social justice and advocate for policies that will address the challenges faced by the people we serve. And we will continue to develop leaders and bolster the civic engagement of the Filipino community in the East Bay."

HEALTH SURVEY

The Oakland-based group with an office in nearby Union City has not skipped a beat.

This week, it is heralding the findings of its joint project with Asian Health Services on health disparities affecting FilAms living on the eastern rim of San Francisco Bay.

Billed as Filipino Advocacy and Outreach or FAO, the joint project last year surveyed 300 FilAms in Union City, cross-bay counterpart of Daly

City in terms of concentration of Filipinos, and found the following:

- * the rate of uninsured rose to 19 percent during the recession or 8 percent over the statewide average

- * English is a second language for most, showing "strong evidence that interpreters are needed in medical settings"

- * over 50 percent of respondents are overweight to obese

- * traditional Philippine "meat-centered diet contributes to chronic diseases like diabetes, obesity and hypertension"

- * economic stressors topped reasons for anxiety and stress, and

- * recently arrived women often are main provider for family here and in the Philippines even though they have least resources.



FA4J Executive Director Lillian Galedo

Union City in Alameda County reported a population of 74,000 in the 2000 census, 18.8 percent of whom identified as Filipino. The city's Asian community overwhelmingly outnumbered at 43.3 percent, followed by 24 percent Latino, 20.4 percent white, and 6.7 percent African American.

FilAm residents of Union

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Arroyo orders military to respond to rights charges

MANILA - President Gloria Arroyo has ordered her military and national police to respond to a U.S. State Department report alleging that they committed human rights abuses.

The order followed the release of the Department's 2009 Human Rights Report, which said Philippine government agencies had carried out extrajudicial killings with impunity, presidential spokesman Gary Olivar said.

"The Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines should submit to the president by April 1 their reports on how they will address specific allegations of abuses in the report by the US State Department," he said.

If the allegations were true, then both the police and military should explain what they were doing to solve the problem, he said on March 14.

Olivar stressed that Arroyo's government was acting to improve human rights in the Philippines, citing the establishment of human rights offices in the police and military and a swift crackdown after security personnel were linked to a bloody political killing of 57 people in November.

"Of course, we are not perfect so if there are any shortcomings and any reports of abuse, the president's order is to investigate these things," he said, adding that such incidents, if true, tarnished the country's reputation.

Human rights groups have long complained of a "culture of impunity" in the Philippines that allows powerful figures to kill or abuse political rivals, journalists, lawyers and others who get in their way.

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