

**REMATCH WITH MARQUEZ?**

**Pacquiao to fight in September**

MANILA - Philippine boxing hero Manny Pacquiao plans to fight again in September, with the bout likely to be staged outside the United States to avoid high taxes, his spokeswoman said April 3.

Negotiations are ongoing for a rematch with Mexican Juan Manuel Marquez, who knocked Pacquiao out in his last fight in December, although the opponent and the venue are yet to be finalized, Rose Tamayo told AFP.

"The fight is definitely in September. We will talk about the opponent and the place after the May 13 elections," Tamayo

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**KRIS AQUINO AS MOTHER**

**Advocates commend plan favoring family over fame**

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PHILIPPINE film actress and television host Kris Aquino is undoubtedly the most popular sibling in her country, being the youngest sister of President Benigno Aquino III.

Unlike her other sisters, the "baby" of the late Sen. Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino Jr. and Pres. Corazon Cojuangco Aquino thrives in the public eye.

So when she went on television recently to air her side in her legal conflict with her ex-husband professional basketball

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**Josh, Bimby their mom Kris Aquino's top priority**

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**BUS-YARD TRAGEDY**

**Veteran transit worker dies**

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SAN JOSE, Calif. – Raul Apostol and his family were gearing up for an especially festive spring with his birthday later this month and his retirement in the next.

Instead, his family is now in mourning and buried him April 5.

Apostol, 62, of San Jose - a longtime employee for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority - died last week after he was hit by a bus in the maintenance yard, authorities said.

"He was a great man and a loving uncle, father and brother," his niece, Christina Apostol, told the Philippine News. "It's just very devastating to have an accident like this. His birthday was on April 27, and he was going to retire in May. It's so sad."

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**Raul Apostol was struck by a bus driven by a fellow employee.**

**2013 PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS**

**Senate contest a media battle**

**Ejercito, Legarda have spent most for TV-radio advertising**

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MANILA - Of the 33 candidates for senator running this coming election, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) revealed this week that the top two candidates who have spent the most for advertisements in television and radio are San Juan City Rep. JV Ejercito and reelectionist Loren Legarda.

The first batch of broadcast logs submitted to the Education and Information Department of the Comelec dated March 22 showed that Ejercito had already consumed 26 minutes of TV airtime while Legarda used up 44 minutes of radio propaganda.

The eight other United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) senatorial bets trail behind their party member, Ejercito, on the usage of TV airtime. So far, UNA candidates Ernesto Maceda has consumed 23 minutes; Richard Gordon, 23 minutes; Juan Miguel Zubiri, 19.25 minutes; Jack Enrile, 16.5 minutes; and Bayan Muna Rep. Teddy Casiño, 16.5 minutes.

From the administration-led Team PNoy coalition, former senator Ramon Magsaysay Jr. has spent 14 minutes on TV ads; Benigno "Bam" Aquino, 13.75 minutes; Risa Hontiveros, 13.75 minutes; Rep. Edgardo Angara, 12 minutes; reelectionist Alan Peter Cayetano, 11.5 minutes; Legarda, 11 minutes; and Grace Poe, 10.5 minutes.

Concluding the TV ad reports are

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**For TV ads, candidates and registered political parties for national elective positions are limited to no more than an aggregate total of 120 minutes of television advertising.**

**UNDER SCRUTINY**



**Re-electionist Ilocos Norte Governor Imee Marcos and her mother, former Philippine first lady now Ilocos Norte District 2 Rep. Imelda Marcos, seem to have much to discuss in picture from official provincial government website. The Philippine Commission on good Government is poised to probe into reports of the younger Marcos' undeclared trust valued in billions of dollars in the British Virgin Islands. Full story inside.**

**Reodica trial moved again**

**\$300-M alleged credit fraud case goes to court May 21**

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LOS ANGELES – The trial of former president and chief executive officer of Grand Wilshire Group of Companies Eminiano 'Jun' Reodica Jr., 68, has been continued from March 12 to 9 a.m., May 21, at the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Reodica is charged with credit fraud of up to \$300 million.

"We need more time to prepare discoveries," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ruth C. Pinkel told Philippine News on March 27. "There were lots of interviews since the 80s and the 90s and we need more time to get those

**If convicted, Reodica faces a maximum penalty of 144 years imprisonment and fines of \$12,750,000. Co-defendant De Castro remains a fugitive.**

records out of files."

Deputy Federal Public Defender Moriah Radin has been appointed as Reodica's lawyer.

Prosecuting and defense attorneys filed a request for continuance of trial date on February 25, and two days later, presiding U.S. District Judge S. James Otero ordered continuance of the trial to May 21.

The court found the request not only demonstrates facts that support a continuance of the trial date but also provides good cause for a finding of excludable time pursuant to

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**THOMASIANS USA 26TH AWARDS GALA**

**Recognizing excellence, empowerment**

**Palafox, ALLICE named 2013 Nobility Awardees**

BURLINGAME, Calif. - The Thomasians U.S.A. honored an individual for excellence in his professional field and a nonprofit organization for outstanding service to the community at their 26th anniversary gala March 30 at a hotel here.

Architect Joseph A. Palafox, who earned his BS in Architecture at the University of Santo Tomas, and violence prevention education volunteers and advocates ALLICE Alliance for Community Empowerment received their Nobility Award before some 250 former UST alumni, faculty and friends.

The honorees received commendations from U.S. Sen. Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Reps. Jackie Speier and Anna Eshoo, State Sens. Mark Leno and Jerry Hill, State Assemblymember Phil Ting, Supervisor Adrienne Tossier and the San Mateo County Board

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**Robert Uy (left) accepts award on behalf of ALLICE Kumares & Kumares from Thomasians USA president Alice Bulos. Co-awardee Joseph Palafox (above) receives one of many commendations from emcee Lorraine Mallari. Photos by VOLTAIRE YAP**

**PREZ BETS FOR MANILA**



**Reelectionist Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim (left) and running mate Councilor and vice mayor candidate Lou Veloso get a hand from Team PNoy chief President Aquino at the April 1 proclamation rally of the Liberal Party at the Bonifacio Shrine. Photo by GIL NARTEA/Malacanan**

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