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Celebrate Peace Corps' 40th Anniversary

As a memento of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps, PCAFPD would like to publish RPCVs' reminiscences of their Peace Corps experience in the Philippines.

Please send us your reflections about what your experience in the Peace Corps has meant to you, in 1 to 250 words, by January 31, 2001.

You can send a hard copy of your essay in the enclosed contribution envelope, or you can send it by e-mail to PatKasdan@aol.com.

RPCV Earns Seton Award

Elizabeth Seton, born in 1774, was the first American-born canonized saint. She founded a community of nuns and the first free Catholic school in the United States. She emulated her physician father's devotion to healing.

The Seton Award is given annually to a physician similarly devoted to healing. In 2000, the award was presented to **Phyllis Smith Baer, M.D., M.P.H.** (1961-63), the first woman to receive it. The award program highlighted Dr. Baer's service in the Peace Corps:

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appealed to Americans to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Phyllis Smith answered this call to service, and was among the very first groups of Peace Corps Volunteers sent out from the United States. Dispatched on her mission to service in the Philippines, she put into practice there her strong ideals and her personal qualities of leadership, self-motivation, patience and compassion.

Utilizing her organizational, counseling and problem-solving skills, she worked hand-in-hand for two years with the people of the Philippines in an effort to improve their everyday life for the betterment of their future. The work of the Peace Corps concentrated on outreach, awareness and prevention programs, and taught the fundamentals of public health, hygiene and sanitation. The Peace Corps' mission taught that with helping people to improve their care of themselves. Dr. Baer took that philosophy to heart,

Former Scholars Help Rate New Scholars



Alumnae Jenifer Mercado (center) and Amy Edang (right) helped the PCAFPD Board rate this year's crop of applicants. Fellow alumna Liza Permelona (left) poses with them.

and moved forward in a life of committed service to others, training for a career as a physician.

After earning a Masters Degree in Biology from Columbia University, she received her M. D. from Hahnemann University School of Medicine in 1972. Since completing a Residency in Internal Medicine at Carney Hospital in Boston, she has worked at the Neponset Health Center.

Dr. Baer earned a Masters Degree in Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health in 1982. She is married to Dr. Stephen Baer, an obstetrician-gynecologist. They have three children: Jennifer is a dentist, and Heidi and Jesse are medical students.

The award citation states:

She truly follows in the footsteps of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Practicing primarily in the community health care center setting at the Neponset Health Center,... Dr. Baer is recognized for her outstanding talent in medical diagnosis and her staunch dedication to the highest quality in patient care.

As the Medical Director of the PACE Program of Elder Services in Dorchester, and a physician who has chosen to practice in the specialized field of community health, Dr. Baer stands out as a beacon of professionalism in the medical field.

PCAFPD extends its deepest sympathy to Vice President/RP **Roland P. de Jesus** on the death of his mother, **Rose de Jesus**, widow of former Vice President/RP, **Modesto de Jesus**, and a long time supporter of PCAFPD.

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Zayda Tagabuen (far left) and her groupmates listen and record a narrative song (*komposo*) sung by Mr. Freddie Gendap as part of their required coursework in *Literatura 101*.



Scholar Meets Challenge of College

Rosemarie Aldea (Guimaras), Elementary Education, West Visayas State University, Iloilo City, reported:

It's hard to be a college student like me, but I tried my best to be a diligent and responsible student. I tried to participate both academic and non-academic affairs, however, there are times that I didn't pass the screening, but I enjoyed and gained an additional knowledge and experiences.

It's a great privilege for me to take a higher education through the help of the Foundation (the PCAFPD) because I learned a lot of things in school. I gained more knowledge and experiences as preparing the future. I even improves my personality. I developed self-confidence and determination to pursue my studies, and most of all I knew the importance of education in everyone's life.

Regarding with my plans for applying acquired knowledge to Philippine development is that I want to finish my studies, so that I can give help to everybody who wants to be educate, especially to those people who are sincere and eager to study.

Moreover, I love to help my country Philippines to become a successful country, as well as the people living in this country.

College Work Grows Harder

Maricyl O. Flores (Guimaras), Accountancy, Iloilo College of Business and Computer, wrote:

To the PCAFPD Family,

Maligayang araw po sa inyong lahat—my generous and ever supportive family. It is my pleasure to share to you once again about my life in school and in our community....

This second semester is much difficult as compare on the first semester. It was quite difficult since the topics that we are discussing is getting higher & more complicated. It was a busy days since we had a lots of paper works and reports. But with your support & with the guidance of our Lord, I had overcome it all....

Here in our community, the life of my "*kabaranggayans*" were just okay. So far we don't have any major problems regarding wastes & diseases. The people here were busy with there livelihoods which is fishing, *talaba* culture, & working on a cargo ship/motorboats. And now we are all busy in preparing for our annual fiesta....

Once again thank you very much for your moral and financial supports. It was really a great help for me to attain my college degree. GOD BLESS & I LOVE YOU ALL!

Story Telling Prize Won by Scholar

Retchel Mae Edang (Guimaras), Secondary Education, West Visayas State University, Iloilo City, wrote:

To the Foundation PCAFPD, contributors, staffs and financial supporters/sponsors and to the man who is so compassionate and generous enough to his scholars — Sir Roland P. de Jesus.

Greetings! Its my pleasure to tell you about the things I've done and my progress in school.

At first I thought that to step on college will be impossible for me, but the shinning love and hope that God-given to me pushed me to go on especially with the support of my family, much more when this scholarship came to me this school year (my 2nd year in college).

During my first year, I found it easy learning my subjects because it seemed to be a review of our past lessons during my high school years and with only little adjustments. But when I stepped on my second year, there was a deviating atmosphere and I found it hard of learning our lessons.... We have a lot of head-breaking assignments and research works....Its difficult but I find it challenging and interesting. From that point, it gave me knowledge to organize my works and value time. Also I remember that before, I used to take for granted of my lessons but now, I'm pushing myself to give the best for my studies.

This second year of my course, I caught myself being involved to some of our activities. I joined in the swimming competition in our college department, gave serenade during our college program and participated in our speech fest and got first place on story telling....

I thank the lord, I have finished my final exams and passed all the requirements....For more years to come, I look forward that you are behind me, continually supporting. To all of you, God Bless and more power.

Construction Trains Scholar

Zarra Fesalbon (Romblon), Civil Engineering, Romblon State College, described an unusual summer camp:

On the Junior Construction Engineering training last summer we spent almost six (6) weeks at Calatrava, Romblon,. During week days we stay at my classmates house because it is very difficult to travel from Odiongan to Calatrava coz it is a three hour travel.

I have learned many things on the training and I have experienced how difficult to be a construction worker.

Zayda Tamaman (far left) and classmates portray nuns during the 1986 revolution that brought former President Aquino to power. This re-enactment was part of the observation of Social Science Day at West Visayas State University.



Pooling Food, Chores Helps Scholar

Zayda E. Tagabuen (Guimaras), Elementary Education, West Visayas State University sent the following message:

I and my family want to extend our warmest thanks to the foundation not only for their support this semester but ever since.

Yesterday, October 6, was the start of our semestral break since our final examination has just finished. I'm so busy coping up with our projects in each subject and practical examination as it routinely happens. Thanks Lord its over!...

Right now I spent my semestral break helping my elder sister (who worked as a household help to finance the studies of my younger brothers and sisters)...

Compared as of last year, I'm more inspired this time because we're together with my friends and previous classmates. We are co-boarders wherein we share in our food budget for us to save. Each one of us has a routine in preparing our foods or even in washing our dishes that was based on our vacant schedule. I'm happy to be with them and maybe won't be suffering from homesick this time because of them.

Student Office Conflicts with Studies

Maricel Fortaleza (Romblon), Business Administration, Romblon State College, reported the following conflict:

I'm so excited to enter my second year life as a college student...I'm so tired for the reason that I spend my two months vacation here and enjoying having a job. In the month of July I spend almost of my time in my candidacy as a second year representative....I tried myself to handle both my studies and candidacy in equal attention, but its so hard for me to divide my time.... I give up my candidacy and focused myself in my studies....

During the month of November,...its easy for me to cope up with my studies because I have books that serve as my reference, for that reason it push me to have an advance studies everynight Its my happiest month also because it's the month where I first saw this wonderful world, and that is my 18th birthday....As usual another year for being dependent to the Foundation that always ready to brighten up the future of a young generation, and I thanked God that I've been given a chance to meet and to be part of this Foundation.

Scholar Evaluates Local Co-op

Riza P. San Juan (Camarines Sur), Accountancy, Ateneo de Naga University, described a big assignment:

Once again another semester has passed. It had been very hard for me not only because of the bulk of projects I had but also because of the financial constraint that we are having right now. Our store, which is our source of income, is not doing well. My parent is incurring debts just to support our expenses in school. That is why sometimes I was doubtful about finishing the semester. But still I tried to pursue my studies because I know there's my family and the foundation to support me.

For this semester I had taken 8 subjects 3 of which are accounting subjects namely Auditing Practice, Advanced Accounting, and Managerial Accounting. This semester, we were given a lot of projects in all my subjects such as paperwork, reporting, research work and others. I am very happy that I was able to comply with all these requirements.

One of our major projects is in Managerial Accounting. We are task to conduct a study on the Accounting System of a particular business entity, specifically a company. Our main objective is to analyze the accounting system and internal control of the company and to give our criticisms and recommendations. From the pool of service company in Naga City, we chose the CASURECO II (Camarines Sur Electrification Cooperative) as the subject of our study.

As our initial step, we visited the company and conducted an interview with some of the employees in every department. Fortunately, we found them very cooperative and supportive to us. They provided us with the documents used in the operation and a copy of the company's written accounting system procedures. We also made some observation on the workplace to clearly understand the operation. Then after we gathered all the information we needed, we spent 3 nights to thoroughly study it and to complete the final output of the study. We also had some brainstorming about the issues concerning the operation of the company in preparation for a two-hour defense upon submission of the final output. Fortunately, we were able to satisfactorily defend our work and for that, our teacher gave us a high grade.

For the next semester, which will start on November 8, I still have 30 more units to take. Hopefully I will graduate this coming March.

Myla Talaman (right)
of Guimaras
expects to graduate
next March 2001
from the University
of Iloilo.



College Dance Troup Chooses Scholar

Myla Talaman (Guimaras), Elementary Education, University of Iloilo, submitted the following report:

My second year in U.I. was very busy. Last year I was elected as the classroom secretary but on that time I was the municipal secretary for the whole sophomores. At this age of mine, I want to discover more about the abilities and skills that I have, again I joined the other extra-curricular activities that our University engaged in, the University of Iloilo Performing Arts (UIPA) Dance Troupe. First I made some auditions and screening and then undergone training. Again I was luckily chosen as a new member of the UIPA during the second semester. I've been one of the performers for the folk dance competition. We've been invited to have our showdown to other schools and also at malls. It helps me a lot in dealing with other students in and out of the campus. I learned how to be with the group. It helps me too enriching my personability as a person especially in the social aspect of my life. In connection of my concentration subject "H.E." (Home Economics and Technology) we decided to have a trip to Magsaysay, Guimaras one of the adopted barrios of U.I. to have our community service extension....We are having our home visitation to check the health nutrition of each household....

Scholar's Project Earns Highest Grade

Ronald Yaco (Leyte), Electronics and Communications Engineering, University of San Carlos, Cebu, wrote:

The past school year 1999-2000 taught me a lot of things. It was on that year where I am tested how deep is my interest and dedication to my course. Though fourth year in ECE is very much challenging and tiring, yet, I consider it the most memorable and exciting one compared to my first 3 years in college. It was on the first semester that I started to experience making a project until past midnight. Our project then was an audio amplifier. We spent a whole week in order to come-up with an extra-ordinary design. Thank God, it worked when we presented it to our teacher.

We made an audio equalizer as our project in the second semester. This time, our group spend whole nights and days just to finish the job....Those efforts were paid-off when we got the highest grade in our project. Aside from the project, it was in the second semester that I became very busy. Being the executive secretary in our batch, I am tasked to follow-up all the activities of ECE Batch 2001. Last March 26 to April 2, we went to Luzon for our educational tour. We visited telecommunication(s) companies and manufacturing plants.

Right now, I am on-the-job-training at (the) Bayan Telecommunications Co., Inc. in Tacloban City....I was assigned in outside plant engineering and my job is to assist the dispatch specialist and technician.

Difficulties and Expenses Increase

Shirlyn M. Saboy (Biliran), Education, Leyte Normal University, submitted updates for last year and this year:

FIRST SEMESTER...I was able to hurdle all the difficulties and other school evaluation related to my studies. As regards to my extracurricular activities I participated as officiating officials during the University intramurals, I also participated in the kitchen symphony and joined the *Rondalla Club*....

SECOND SEMESTER...I was also assigned by my advisor to teach and train the first-year students on the playground demonstration. I also participated in other school activities such as environmental cleaning and civic actions....

SUMMER 2000...Despite my hectic schedule in attending my *lolo* who is sick....I joined in the clean and green activities of the *Brgy. Youth Organization*....

At last I am now third year and I am thanking the foundation and you for the assistance given to me for the past years....I find it very difficult from the previous years. Difficulty increases particularly in our major subjects. Expenses also increases because of many requirements needed by almost every subjects. This situation is also boosted by the increases of prices of all commodities brought about by the worsening of our country's economy.

New Scholars Settle In

❖ **Rico Ancog** (Bohol) entered Central Mindanao University to study environmental science; he wrote:

May 2nd was the last registration day for the students who wish to take the CMU-College Admission Test....Luckily, I got 95 percentile. My score qualified me to be admitted....

❖ **Myla Dijan** (Batangas), fourth-year education major at St. Bridget's College, Batangas, reported:

After three long years of learning the general education program, I am about to assume the dual role of teacher and student. For in this second semester, I will start my apprentice teaching.

My first demonstration was really an experience. I spent most of my time mastering the subject I am about to teach, preparing the instructional aids and utilizing the appropriate teaching technique to be used. I was also bothered about standing before the class and talking them of things I am not sure if I can make them learn. Fortunately, I did it well....

Likewise, I started working as a student assistant. By so doing, I have learned the value of time management, service, responsibility and hard work. After class I gave tutorial service which helped support my allowance....

Again, thank you so much to the PCAFPD for the scholarship that you have granted me and most especially to **Mr. Roland de Jesus** and **Geraldine Maiatico**.

❖ **Jessica Galleto** (Guimaras), an education major, wrote:

I am very glad to say that I am now studying at the University of San Augustin (Iloilo City) since June 5, 2000....I have Filipino 101, ...Basic Math 1, ...History 101, ...Biology, ...and English 101.

❖ **Esteban O. Hipngat** (Ifugao), St. Mary's University, Nueva Vizcaya, reported:

I decided to take up BS in mathematics....I am very interested to pursue my goal, to be a teacher....I'll try to do my best to get a high rate in all my subjects....



Cyryn Tirol (left) floats through school trip.

Mindanao Scholar Hopes for Peace, Plans to Fight Poverty

Cyryn S. Tirol, (Davao) switched to Food Technology when UP Mindanao dropped its program in Agricultural Engineering. She described life at school:

I've been hoping for peace here in Mindanao. And I'm praying to God to end the misunderstanding between the Government and the MILF, Abu Sayaff and others. I also hope that my classmate who lived at Cagayan do Oro, General Santos, Cotabato and Isulan, Sultan, Kudarat will be able to go to school this year....

As a first year student I haven't got a vast knowledge yet but the thing is I learned and I owe that to you and the foundation. During my first year they have been training us to write, write and write and they are also trying to open our eyes to the other side of life. They are trying to open our eyes to the poverty which most of our fellow Filipino suffer today which inevitably lead to crimes and malpractices such as prostitution and child labor. I think if I could, I would write something about this and try to open the minds of other people in well to do families and broaden their minds and make them reach out and help their poor brothers and sisters....

My subjects are Communications 3, Humanities 1, Humanities 2, Social Science 2, and Philosophy 1. I'm happy to inform you that I like all my teachers this sem. They are fun to be with and very approachable though they are very strict.

Three of my subject this sem did not require me to buy some books, all we need to do is research in the library and read and read and read....I also bought a dictionary to help me understand what I'm reading about....

I'm busier this time also. And to tell you the truth it's a lot harder this time but on the other hand I'm really having fun. I think it's because I like my teachers, I like my classmates and my subjects are very interesting. Among my teachers, I really like Sir Quiz and Sir Fernandez. They are intelligent, funny and very effective teacher but they are also very strict especially in our grades and *kuripot* to the max. I like Ma'am Nones too, she's an intelligent, understanding and very, very kind teacher....

We had a tree planting activity at Waan, Davao City to save

the Davao river. I really had a great time, it's great to think that 10 or 20 years from now the trees that I have planted will grow strong and help prevent flood and soil erosion in the Davao river. There are many people who went there and I was really disgusted on the way the politicians who are there to help (*daw*) plant trees act. They just carry some seedlings and then pose with it for picture taking with plastic smiles on their faces....It's fun to think that at least in that moment it doesn't matter if you're a chancellor, a teacher, staff, student or a driver. What matters is that you are all working together as one, hand in hand, to help save the river in order for the next generation to make use of it as we have. Although my skin which is already dark darkened more at least it was worth it and I really had a great time.

I like all my subjects this sem, they are very interesting. Its interesting to know Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and other great philosophers and their philosophies in life. Its fun to see the paintings of Vincent van Gogh, M.C. Escher, Fernando Amorsolo, Malang Santos and other great artist. Its very exciting to read and interpret the works of Filipino writers such as Nick Joaquin, Pete Lakaba and Gregorio Brillantes....

My Humanities I class requires me to buy two novels, one done by a Filipino writer which will be discussed in the class (*State of War* by Rosca) and the other one will be done by a foreign author for my book analysis paper. This paper will consist 25% of my grade (*Something Wonderful* by Judith McNaught)....

I'm now starting to serve in the *Pahinungod*, a volunteer program in UP...*Pahinungod* is a program where the *Pahinungod* volunteers fielded in communities, share their time and expertise to address community problems and needs likewise, the beneficiaries provide the venue for learning experiences where values and ethics of the volunteers are strengthened. The immersion program is living with the community with only one thing in mind: service to both the beneficiaries and the volunteers....

I aim to make you, the foundation, my co-scholars, my father and my family proud of me. God bless and take care!

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Expenditures for tuition, board, newsletters, new brochures, and office expenses amounted to \$10,116.82.

The remaining \$7,206.80 will be invested to ensure that PCAFPD can meet its commitment to allow current scholars to complete their college educations should the current level of contributions decrease.

Whatever Happened to ...

Geri Maiatico (1966-68) was recently sworn in as APCD (Associate Peace Corps Director) for Education in the Philippines. She hopes to encourage current PCVs to serve as mentors for PCAFPD scholars.

Parker Borg (1961-63) is featured in the November 2000 *AARP Bulletin* 2000 article by Joe Volz, "New Life with Father, Late-Blooming Dads in the Rise." For those who have not yet been targeted by the American Association of Retired Persons for membership at the magic age of 50, the section on Borg follows:

Parker Borg, 61, of Great Falls, Va., a retired Foreign Service officer, concedes, "I don't have the physical energy I used to have, but I haven't let that bother me."

He and his wife Anna, also a diplomat, have three daughters ages 16, 14 and 11. Borg claims that even if he can't set a record for the 100-yard dash and even if his daughters are faster on the short stretches, "I can outrun them in endurance."

He and his wife explored the pluses and minuses of later-life parenting. Like the Barrs (mentioned earlier in the article), they worried about financial security in retirement. Even so, they ultimately decided they wanted children.

Apparently others in the neighborhood made the same decision. "I'm surprised when I go to a PTA meeting and see how many older parents there seem to be," Borg says.

Joan Aragone (1961-63) recently left the California Medical Association, where she was acting managing editor of CMA magazine *California Physician*, to accept the position of Special Projects Editor for Healthcare Business Media, Inc. in San Francisco.

Judy Swigost Hill (1964-66) responded after we informed her that **Rachel Singer** (1963-1965) had requested her address after seeing her name listed as a contributor to PCAFPD in a recent newsletter. The Foundation does not release information about contributors, but offered to inform Ms. Hill that Ms. Singer wanted to contact her. Ms. Hill replied:

this is so cool. i've been looking for rachel for 24 years and now, because of you, we're having dinner together next week. thank you. really.

Letters to PCAFPD

Dear Maureen:

Today I had an unexpected visit from George Guthrie who put in my hands your newsletters #28 and 30. We spent an hour reliving some of our shared Philippine experiences of the last 40 years. I have just returned from a 3 week visit to Luzon, Negros, and Cebu and tried to bring George some impressions of the changes since we both worked there some 20 years ago.

The newsletters contain many names which bring back a flood of memories from Penn State training in 1961-2. Thank you and your Board of Directors (several names I recognize for your continued interest in Filipino young people...

Sincerely,
Paul Bixby

Hi Maureen and all -

I'm certainly glad all of you are keeping up the good work!!! - I enjoy getting the Newsletter and knowing that we are still involved in the development of the Philippines...

As for me, I'm starting my second year of retirement from the classroom. -I say I retired from the classroom, but not from teaching. I do volunteer teaching for the San Jose Adult Literacy Project, have done some consulting in the field of Social Studies, and am beginning a new job with the Student Teacher program at Stanford University as a Student-teacher supervisor. I'm enjoying more free time, but still love being around the world of education.

It's amazing how many RPCV's are around here. My next door neighbor was a PCV in Guatemala in the 70's. My best friend's husband was a PCV in Nepal in the late 60's. Our county superintendent of schools is an RPCV as is the superintendent of my old school district. Of the 7 people in our Social Studies dept, two of us were RPCV's...As for our group, Mary Johnson and I are still in contact and I run into Bobby Gladysiewicz Soohoo every once and awhile. I am pleased to note how many of Philippines I still support the Alumni Foundation.

Best wishes and Thanks again for the work you are doing for all of us.

Martha Allshouse Hull (1961-63)

Bill Courtney (1981-84) was my host Volunteer in 1983 and taught me to appreciate the rural Philippines. I can still remember his rather Spartan site in Aklan. Bill's attitude inspired me to take language training seriously and to find humor, if not opportunity, in those stressful moments that PCV's often encounter. I was very sad to hear of Bill's death. In addition to all of his life's accomplishments listed in your obituary, he had hiked the entire Appalachian Trail.

RPCV Dave Wilder (1983-87)

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40th Anniversary Plans

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) of Returned Volunteers plans three major events in 2001 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps by President John F. Kennedy in 1961. President Kennedy's daughter, Carolyn Kennedy Schlosberg, will be honorary chair of these 40th anniversary celebrations, including:

➤ **National Volunteer Week March 2 – 9**
for community service activity. Contact Cori Welbourn, NPCA Executive Coordinator, at (202) 293-7728 or by e-mail: forty@rpcv.org.

➤ **Kennedy Center Black-Tie Gala, May 21**
RPCVs are asked to contribute songs, poems, stories, photos, or any other written materials that document their experience as Peace Corps Volunteers. The NPCA will draw from these materials to honor the vision and legacy of President John F. Kennedy and pay tribute to the first Peace Corps Director, Sargent Shriver, with a 90-minute stage production.

➤ **National Conference, September 20-23**
on the Mall in Washington, DC, hosted by NPCA and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, DC

- March to President Kennedy's grave across Memorial Bridge
- Local community-service project
- Advocacy Day to bring concerns of RPCVs to members of Congress

- Cultural activities for local school children planned by country-of-service groups

To Volunteer, send an e-mail to Pat Reilly or Dave O'Neill at: pc40conference@yahoo.com.

➤ **Host-Country National Perspective**

NPCA is soliciting material by host-country nationals about the impact of PCVs on their lives. If you know of such material or of a host-country national who would be willing to write or talk about experiences with the Peace Corps, please contact Cori Welbourn at NPCA, (202) 293-7728 or by e-mail: forty@rpcv.org.

Botch VI & VII Reunion

Volunteers from Philippines Groups VI and VII who trained at San Francisco State University in the summer of 1962--please contact **Clyde and Eva Ingle** in regard to a possible reunion in the summer of 2002, our fortieth anniversary! The address is:

9550 Sheets Gap Road, Laurel Springs, NC, 28644
Phone (336) 973-7839; email cinglegap@wilkes.net.

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Balitaan presents Philippine headliners via email once a week. The newsletter is sent only to subscribers and is provided at no cost. To subscribe, send an email to: BalitaanWeekly-subscribe@egroups.com.

The current issue carries the following articles:

- ** Miriam predicts Estrada acquittal
- ** Miriam under siege for "prejudging" case
- ** Protests have changed Erap-Palace
- ** "Don't even try to bribe me"- Nene
- ** Prosecutors to call Erap's mistresses
- ** Summons served on Erap
- ** "Painful duty for Senate"
- ** Loi's lot, Laarni's houses
- ** Chavit: Fuentebella a "gambler," too
- ** 'Rosebud' links Estrada boys to kidnaps, rubouts
- ** Retired generals ask Erap to resign

Filipino trivia:

Name the only Filipino musician ever featured on the U.S. television show "That's Incredible!"

Levi Celerio, making music with a leaf. He reckons he has composed between 1,300 and 4,000 songs in a career spanning nearly half a century.

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