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Earnest Snoops

By ERNEST GONZAGA



According to Chinese zodiac, 2010 is the Year of the Metal/White Tiger, and it starts right on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. They say that people born in the Year of the Tiger are thin-skinned and emotive. They are capable of immense love, but they may also turn out to be too deep about it and hence they could be overly defensive and possessive. As lovers, Tiger people are adoring and quixotic, but the heartfelt contest for them is to clasp the real meaning of

temperance.
Metro Manila's jet set ushered in 2010 with a dreamy wedding experience. Good-looking Richard Peter Michael, a basketball player and an Australian College of Applied Psychology graduate, and the beautiful Richelle Louise Singson, a graduate of the UP College of Architecture, exchanged "I Do's" recently in a glitzy wedding ceremony.



Richard and Richelle Michael

Richard is the son of Delia Benitez Michael, and Richelle is the daughter of Undersecretary Luis Singson and Agnes Cube Antonio. The celebrated wedding event took place at the upscale St. James in Ayala Alabang and witnessed by leading personalities in politics and media, including presidential candidates.



Richard and Richelle Michael with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and VP Noli de Castro



Senator Manny Villar and Congresswoman Cynthia Villar



Atty. Gilberto Teodoro, Jr. and Dr. Aurora Antonio



Dave Dewbre, Diana Limjoco and Manny Pacquiao

The lovely bride took center stage as she walked down the aisle in a fabulous Puey Quinones gown. Fr. Felino Paulino officiated the wedding mass.
President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo stood as one of the

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Former sexystar **Rosanna "Osang" Roces** started the New Year with a big bang. After so many years of silence and away from the limelight, here she comes exploding like a bomb, impacting so many people and landing her in premium newspaper pages.

Osang was responsible for the 20-day suspension of the pre-noon show, "Showtime," served early this week by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB).

The MTRCB sentence followed Osang's tactless off-the-cuff remarks that undermined the teaching skills of a Showtime contestant's mentors in his school in Calamba, Laguna. The question posed the contestant was about the origin of the name of the country's national hero, Jose Rizal, a native of Calamba. Not knowing the answer, the contestant got a mouthful from Osang, in Tagalog: "You must berate your teacher for not teaching you the answer to that question. Teachers like those are pathetic; they don't preach the good and the truth. And to think you are from Calamba, too."

The remarks enraged the country's teaching sector, which is now demanding a public apology from Osang. Although Osang has been reported to have privately apologized to her co-host, Vice Ganda, and the management of Showtime itself, she allegedly has no intentions of doing so publicly. In a text message she reportedly sent a news program, she said she was just exercising her right to free speech.



Rosanna Roces



Guess What

By Hariette Lozano-Puyo



Rhong Navarro



Anne Curtis

Many agree there was need to punish Osang, but not the entire show itself, even as ABS-CBN was quick to pull Osang off the roster of contest judges beginning Jan. 8. Early this week, the network issued a statement, saying there's no more need for a preventive suspension as it had already taken away the offender.

From Day 10 of the show, up to the day before Osang joined the judges, Showtime hosts led by **Vhong Navarro** and **Anne Curtis** have done a great job in earning for the show a good following from the viewing public. To provide continuity, therefore, the network immediately came up with a substitute program, "Magpasikat," a reformatted version of Showtime using the same concept and hosts.

Only this time, performers and contestants of Magpasikat alike are celebrities all. Only this time, too, a foul-mouthed, uncouth 'has-been' is out of the show.

Looks like the much-awaited **Mark Anthony-Claudine Barretto** project is pushing through and there's no stopping it. This is certainly good news, especially to their fans. Late last year, when reports came out that the newest Kapuso talent got really mad at her former real and reel screen partner for causing the delay of their supposed first-ever project with Viva and GMA-7, everybody thought they won't be seen in each other's company again, ever. There were even insinuations that the young actor is again into drugs.

I don't think Mark would waste his rare second chance to shine, something I said some issues back. And I was right. A Kapuso insider told FilAm Star there was just some miscommunication between the two, and that they have already patched things up; Mark was said to have apologized to Claudine.



Mark Anthony Fernandez

Mark has already explained why he didn't show up when he was supposed to meet with Claudine and Viva's Vic Del Rosario and Veronique del Rosario-Corpus. His manager Dondon Monteverde was supposed to attend for him. Unfortunately, however, the latter was caught in an unwanted circumstance and failed to make it to the meeting as well.
Claudine easily and immediately understood and forgave Mark on the condition that he apologizes to the Viva bosses, to which he willingly and immediately obliged. Now that all's well, we all look forward to the



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