

IN MEMORIAM

Jaime “Jimmy or JOng” S. Ong

27 Jan 1945 - 6 Dec 2013

In Memoriam of Jimmy Ong, or JOng to all those who loved and knew him.

This is a partial compilation of all the emails that have been exchanged on the internet following his sudden and untimely demise. The first email was JOng's last on the UPSCA cyber group.

Danny Gil

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: Mercy Abad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>
Cc: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Dec 3, 2013 2:20 pm
Subject: [UpscaLoop] Fwd: Bobby

Hi, Mercy.

Fyi, here's my latest email to Roselle A in London, who's been in touch with Bobby for some time, and got Lourds, Digna and me to visit him in September (shortly after that last get-together at Tigi's). I understand Digs saw him again last Wed, then Lourds and I followed on Fri.

JOng

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 29, 2013 at 2:34 PM
Subject: Re: Bobby
To: Roselle Cabañero <jracab@hotmail.com>
Cc: ping tan <pingtan44@yahoo.com>, Lourdes Caluag Molina <lourds45@yahoo.com>

Hi, Roselle.

Lourds and I saw Bobby this morning. Ping texted from Iloilo to say he's flying in at 4 pm and will proceed straight to Bobby from the airport.

Bobby is sinking, which I suppose is just as he wishes. Much weaker than when we last visited wks ago -- didn't recognize us, though when we said our names he knew us; spoke in a whisper, which I couldn't make out half the time; when I did understand his words, they had to do with longing for the end, and that "He does not give me what I desire," and being thankful for friends who still remember him.

Lourds asked if he was in pain, and the housekeeper (Len?) said yes, from boils, and from having a catheter, so Lourds says morphine might help, to ease the pain, and ease the end.

Under the circumstances, it was difficult to think of words of comfort. Unsure of when He will choose to give what Bobby desires, I said something inane like the end will come when it will come, and some friends have gone on ahead, and when Bobby goes he should wait for us, and in time we will follow too.

J Ong

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-----Original Message-----

From: Isagani R. Cruz <isaganicruz@gmail.com>
To: UPSCA Loop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 10:43 am
Subject: [UpscaLoop] jommy ong

Jimmy Ong just passed away. Details later.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Nievera <anievera@cox.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 10:54 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jommy ong

What? This is sad news indeed. We are in town would like to know wake/funeral info.

May he rest in peace.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nilo Cruz <nccruz412@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 10:56 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jommy ong

And I just read an email from him on 12/3 regarding bobby nery.... Wow!!!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Liliosa Evangelista <liliosa.evangelista@yahoo.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 11:08 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Jimmy Ong

May our dear friend Jimmy rest in peace. Please extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife Ting and his children.

Liliosa M. Evangelista

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ferngil <Ferngil@aol.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 11:43 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

This is shocking. May he RIP, and condolence and prayers to the family.

Danny & Lisa

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramon B. Pasicolan Jr <ramonbpjr@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 11:51 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

I too am in shock and still in denial that our dear Jong has passed away...trying to get reconfirmation from Mercy and others....his brave heart just probably gave up on him....our prayers for him and condolence to Ting, David and Eleanor.....mon and Mimi

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Lourdes Ladrido <bopeepladrido@yahoo.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 12:16 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

May Jimmy/Jong rest in peace. Condolences to his family.

He was my brother's friend. Now, they'll see each other in Heaven.

Bopeep

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-----Original Message-----

From: Arthur Adiarte <aladiarte@gmail.com>
To: upscalloop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 12:45 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

This is shocking news. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Ting and the family. I last saw Jimmy during a reception at Mon's during our December 2012 visit to the Philippines.

Regards,
Arthur & Cherrie

-----Original Message-----

From: Isagani R. Cruz <isaganicruz@gmail.com>

To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 2:21 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Wake for Jimmy Ong tentatively set for Dec. 7 starting 6pm and Dec 8 at Christ the King Green Meadows. Please email or text Lourdes Caluag Molina to confirm. No other details yet.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Nievera <anievera@cox.net>

To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 3:35 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Mon, Mercy

Will we see you tomorrow at the wake?

-----Original Message-----

From: Vyva Aguirre <vyvaaguirre@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 3:37 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

May he rest in peace!

-----Original Message-----

From: Angela L A Blair <grussgott@me.com>

To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Cc: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 3:49 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Deepest sympathy and condolences to Ting and family. A total shock to hear of Jong's passing! Eternal rest be upon him and for Ting and children - prayers for God's peace, comfort and mercies.

Lennie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Erlinda Rojas-Santos <erlinda_r_santos@hotmail.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <upscalloop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 6:10 PM
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Jimmy Ong, RIP

May I offer my deep sympathy to the bereaved family of Jimmy Ong / JOng . How sad it is to lose a family member and it is just as shocking to all his friends.....

I think I saw him once at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass of Noel and Angge Soriano held at the Delaney Hall in May 2011. And was he not with your own circle during the UPSCA Grand Homecoming held at the SOLAIR at UP Diliman in December 2008 which I also attended and had pics with your group, Boots Anson-Roa, Sor Letty Allado, Susan Villareal- Sulit, Pepito and May Gatchalian, et al.

May Jimmy Ong rest in peace in the bosom of Our Lord.

Sincerely,
Erlinda Rojas Santos, Pharm Chap 1952-56

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nel Reformina <nreformina@optonline.net>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com"
<UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 7:34 PM
Subject: [UpscaLoop] Jimmy Ong: UPSCA Evening Gathering at Tessie CC residence, February, 2013 [3 Attachments]

[Attachment(s) from Nel Reformina included below]

After so many years we were together - Jimmy Ong, standing 3rd from left in the first photo. May he rest in peace. Nel

----- Begin forwarded message -----

Subject: UPSCA Evening Gathering at Tessie CC residence

Date: 02/28/13 05:38:06 AM

From: "Nel Reformina" <nreformina@optonline.net>

To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com"
<UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Once again, after so many years we were together - dinner hosted by Tessie Chua Chiacco at her residence in D. Tuazon, QC. Food galore! Tessie awed the group with her piano rendition of a couple of Chopin's pieces, Jimmy Abad recited with pride 3 of his poems from the Nicaragua Poets festival and Nonong Pedero played his famous commercial jingles singing himself every one of them. I wish I had my video camera. Attached are 3 photos of this memorable evening with Mon and Mimi Pasicolan, Jimmy and Mercy Abad, Bong and Beth Nuqui, Nonong Pedero, Jimmy Ong and Lourdes Caluag. Did I miss anybody?

Nel





-----Original Message-----

From: Danny Gil <Fergil@aol.com>

To: tessie.chua.chiaco@gmail.com

Cc: "UpscaLoop@yahogroups.com UpscaLoop@yahogroups.com"
<UpscaLoop@yahogroups.com>

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 8:38 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Jimmy Ong: UPSCA Evening Gathering at Tessie CC residence, February, 2013

> On Dec 6, 2013, at 7:34 PM, Nel Reformina <nreformina@optonline.net> wrote:

> After so many years we were together - Jimmy Ong, standing 3rd from

> left in the first photo. May he rest in peace.

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> Nel

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-----Original Message-----

From: "bertop@aol.com" <bertop@aol.com>

To: UpscaLoop@yahogroups.com

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 7:41 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Condolence to the family and prayers for the repose of the soul of Jimmy Ong.

Bert P

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-----Original Message-----

From: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>

To: avelinagil1917 <avelinagil1917@gmail.com>; databus72
<databus72@gmail.com>; ramong <ramong@freshc.com>; babettegil7
<babettegil7@gmail.com>; joeysgil <joeysgil@gmail.com>

Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 1:03 pm

Subject: Fwd: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong + RIP

Folks,

FYI, our dear friend Jimmy Ong just passed away this morning in Manila. He was in the bathroom when he fainted, and was dead on arrival at the hospital. He had a heart condition..

He was a very good friend of Gerry and wrote/compiled the GGF book "Wordshmith with a Slingshot".

We will miss him a lot. May he rest in peace.

Strange but the latest 3 close Upscan friends we had who passed away in the past 2 years were sudden, unexpected demises: JOng, Angge Soriano, and Ruben Rivera, just like Gerry.

One never knows really.

Love,
Danny/Pops

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joey Gil <joeysgil@gmail.com>

To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>

Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 3:02 pm

Subject: Re: Fwd: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong + RIP

We're sorry to hear the news.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramon Gil <ramon@freshc.com>

To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>

Cc: avelinagil1917 <avelinagil1917@gmail.com>; databus72
<databus72@gmail.com>; ramong <ramong@freshc.com>; babettegil7
<babettegil7@gmail.com>; joeysgil <joeysgil@gmail.com>

Sent: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 6:56 pm

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong + RIP

Our prayers to auntie Ting, David and of course Eleanor. I liked Uncle Jimmy.

Ramon, Glenda, Emilio & Victoria.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Melvyn Martin <maisu2000@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 9:29 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Masses & prayers for our dearly departed friend Jong. We share your grief Ting. –

Susan & Melvyn

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mercyabad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>

To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 10:29 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Antoine, Mon still abroad. We will be there at the wake. See you.

Mercy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Nievera <anievera@cox.net>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 10:45 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Thanks Mercy, plan to be there around 6sh

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-----Original Message-----

From: TheReyeses <thereyeses@yahoo.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 10:52 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Our deep condolences to Ting and Jimmy's children. We are positive he was admitted instantly into the express elevator to Heaven and is being shown around the place right now by St. Michael and St. Peter personally, who gladly took a break from their hectic schedules to welcome this special person, but we will pray for his soul anyway.

Johnny & Mila

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Snow <edbingsnow@yahoo.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 11:10 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Prayers for Ting and family. This coming after Bobby Nery's equally sad situation. 2013 should just go real fast.

Mercy, Didn't JOng have a heart condition one time or another?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mercyabad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 11:17 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Yes he had some kind of heart condition but I did not think it was life threatening. We still do not know what did him in. Ting said he just slumped.

Mercy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Clemencia Natividad <clemencianatividad@yahoo.ca>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 11:48 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

I just walked 12 minutes to the Sanderson library to read my e-mail.

Stunned by the news. Tears not enough to express how I feel.

Jimmy Ong, a faithful and brilliant friend.

Baby Nats.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Effie Hall <effiehall@mchsi.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: UPSCA Loop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 2:09 AM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

This is most shocking news. I am full of sorrow over this loss. I remember Jong most fondly and consider myself blessed to have enjoyed his friendship both at

UPSCA and San Miguel Corporation. To Ting and family, I send my love and prayers, and wish I were there to grieve with you.

Love,
Effie

-----Original Message-----

From: Pilar Ignacio <larphy@yahoo.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 4:36 AM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

I just read his email about Bobby Neri. . . ! Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

-----Original Message-----

From: Erwin P. Gomez <airgomez@comcast.net>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 9:07 AM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Mercy and Tony, I wish I could join you at JOng's wake. I don't think I can get there fast enough. Please convey my condolences esp. to Ting and David, and also to JOng's sisters Avo and Baby.

Erwin

-----Original Message-----

From: Thelma Teves <theteves@yahoo.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 9:24 AM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

I remember Jimmy as Head of UPSCA in my first year as an UPSCAN, quiet but intimidating.

May God bless his family in their hour of grief.

Thelma

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mercyabad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>

To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 9:51 AM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Message from Ting

To all friends and family of Jong, Jimmy's wake will be from 5 pm today until Tuesday at Chapel C of Christ the King Parish in Greenmeadows.

See you there.

Mercy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia Calejesan <cynthiacalejesan@gmail.com>

To: Upsca Loop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 1:28 PM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Message from Ting

Dear Ting and Family,

I am so very saddened by Jimmy's passing. I will miss his quiet charm, sharp sense of humor and unique insights. To think Georgie was just telling me about the lovely lunch they had last week.

I think Jimmy went the way he wanted - no muss, no fuss.

We're so very sorry, Ting. You have our prayers.

Jun and Cynthia

-----Original Message-----

From: Alberto H. Sandoval <sandarqc@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 7:33 PM

Subject: [UpscaLoop] Our condolences to Ting and family

Ting and Family,

Our deepest condolences on the passing
away of your beloved Jimmy.

Bert & Lenore



-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy L Cruz <cruznl@hotmail.com>

To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <upscalloop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2013 3:42 AM

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

I did the same and just forwarded the news about Bobby Neri to Christie B. Kawal .
She replied with the sad news of Jimmy's passing.
Christie's younger sister is a good friend of Jimmy's younger sister.

So sorry to Ting and family for their loss.

Nancy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Canikiisle <Canikiisle@aol.com>
To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2013 12:31 AM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

So sorry to hear about Jimmy Ong's passing. Prayers and comfort to his family at this sad time.

Rory

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-----Original Message-----

From: Federico Macaranas <fmmacaranas@hotmail.com>
To: Jose Galvez Tan <upscalloop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2013 8:32 AM
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Jimmy will be greatly missed by many, including the Philippine Quality Awards group that he was actively helping over the past years. My prayers and condolences to the entire family.

Poch Macaranas

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christie Kawal <donaldek21@comcast.net>
To: Mercy Abad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>; Danny Gil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Dec 10, 2013 6:42 am

Subject: Our condolence to Ting and Family

Please relay our heartfelt condolence to Ting and family. Don and I will always have fond memories of the Sedona get together with the Lakbayan group. Don especially enjoyed Jong's history telling of his Chinese heritage.

Of course, I'll always remember Jong as a leader during our Upsca days. He will be missed. We will keep him in our prayers.

Christie and Don

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-----Original Message-----

From: Isagani R. Cruz <isaganicruz@gmail.com>

To: UPSCA Loop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 8:05 AM

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Fwd: Our condolence to Ting and Family

Danny, with your usual sipag at tiyaga collating loop mails, could you compile the ones that offer condolences to Ting, print them out or put them into a long email for her to read after her long period of mourning? At the moment, she really has no time to do the Web, since she is always at Jong's urn's side. Nevertheless, we do mention to her whoever sent condolences, but I doubt if she will remember the names. There are always a lot of people at the wake. Jong's circles were very wide: San Miguel, De La Salle University, the PR orgs, Stanford alumni, Enderun, the Wine Club, media people, and of course, UPSCAns.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "airgomez@comcast.net" <airgomez@comcast.net>

To: Upscans <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 11:41 PM

Subject: Fwd: Fwd: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong [2 Attachments]

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: airgomez@comcast.net

To: ferngil

Cc: Upscans

Sent: Tue, 10 Dec 2013 10:11:52 -0000 (UTC)

Subject: Fwd: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Hi Danny (and everyone interested),

I'm forwarding a letter from (anonymous), who was also saddened by JOng's passing as I was (and everyone). The letter is self explanatory, and he has given permission to circulate it, esp. if you agree to undertake the compilation project that Ani Cruz proposed to you.

Regards, and stay healthy.

Erwin

From: [anonymous]
To: airgomez@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2013 6:26:15 PM
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

Thanks, Air. Here are two attachments from my scrapbooks I thought I might share. Feel free to forward to anyone you feel they may help.

(1) Photo from 1963 showing me and you among others preparing to throw JOng off the roof of Delaney Hall. No longer remember who took the pic, but notice how serious we are and how happy JOng is.

(2) Scan of clipping from 1972 Manila Chronicle giving JOng's Chicken Marengo recipe. If you forward this to anybody, please include a request that if they have the rest of the recipe (mine's been truncated by time rot, as you can see), to please send it to me so I can make JOng's Chicken Marengo sometime over the holidays.

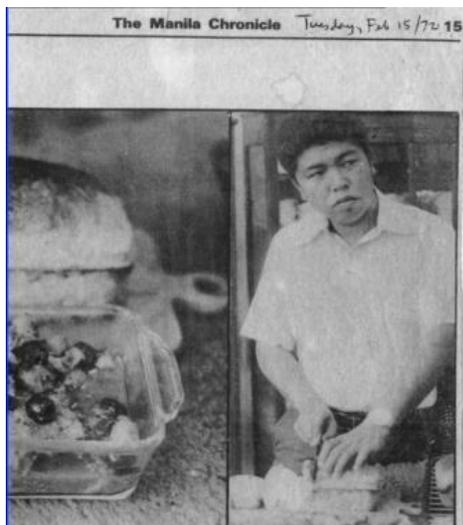
Also, here's a limerick JOng wrote in 1965. It's not signed, but it's in his handwriting, so I know he wrote it:

"An unfortunate suitor, Ruben,
Was turned down again and again,
So he swallowed some stuff,
Which turned out to be snuff,

So instead of dying forlornly, he just sneezed."

I assume Ruben is friend Rivera.

PS Just in case some recipient of these JOng mementos gets the wrong idea, they don't have to worry, I'm fine. As some of you know from my earlier requests for photos, I'm writing a book about my 1960s rock band and in connection with that have had to go through my scrapbooks.



[Photo of JOng being thrown off the roof of DH - didn't come out in the email forwarded by Erwin. Danny]

MEN WHO COOK - 20th of a Series

Learning What Cooks With This Bachelor

A few year's sojourn in the U. S. as a scholar at Stanford U., and Jaime Ong came back a staunch adherent of do-it-yourself-gourmet cooking.

He is, of course, not alone in this, for if there is any direct, beneficial effect of the U. S. on Filipino male residents, it must be that it gets them active in the kitchen.

Living alone in an apartment or with a room-mate minus household help can certainly bring this about, he says, although his own cooking experience abroad was not merely a matter of necessity - he actually enjoyed hassling up three or four dishes at a time for the enjoyment of friends who dropped in for visits. Now that he is back home and settled down to confirmed bachelorhood (or so he says) and a career as an instructor in UP's Mass Com department and as a freelance writer for several metropolitan publications, Jimmy hasn't left off the habit of cook-ins - this time in the family kitchen.

He has earned enough competence over the cooking range that he can now cook German and French dishes as well as American ones in a breeze - and bake bread to boot.

At a recent birthday party (his), he cooked the main dish himself - Chicken Marengo - in a way, he says, even Napoleon never was privileged to enjoy. (He puts in tomato sauce instead of plain tomato puree and uses real sipping wine not just the cooking variety)

He did a repeat recently of this same chicken dish and this we had the good fortune to try out with some freshly baked bread (another item he likes to do every now and then), a truly great combination especially when both Marengo and bread are eaten, as we did, still piping hot.

It is evident that with this Mass Com specialist, there's no communications gap - foodwise, anyway. - D. G. Nuyda

CHICKEN MARENGO,

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|------------------------------|---------|
| 1 young chicken | 8.00 |
| 3 tbsp. olive oil | .30 |
| 2 large tomatoes | .20 |
| 2 tsp. tomato sauce | .20 |
| 1 large onion | .10 |
| 1/2 cup white wine | 2.00 |
| 1/2 cup chicken stock | |
| 1 clove garlic | .05 |
| 1 small can mushrooms | 4.00 |
| 20 ripe olives | 1.00 |
| 1 tsp. chopped parsley | .05 |
| butter | .20 |
| salt | |
| pepper | |
| 2 tbsp. catsup | .10 |
| 1 tbsp. worcestershire sauce | .30 |
| 1/2 tsp. marjoram. | .10 |
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Cut the chicken and fry to golden brown in olive oil. Remove the chicken pieces, add crushed garlic clove and tomato sauce to the oil. When the sauce darkens a little, add stock, quartered tomatoes, and wine. Season with salt, pepper, and marjoram, and mix well. Return the chicken pieces to the saucepan, bring to boil, cover and let simmer for 45 minutes. Mean-

Attachment of (anonymous)'s email from his scrapbook.

-----Original Message-----

From: poruf <poruf@aol.com>

To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>; UpscaLoop
<UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Cc: georginaprufino <georginaprufino@gmail.com>

Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 12:13 am

Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] Remembering Jong....

This is a shock! When did JOng pass away??

JOng visited SF a few times - and we got together those few times. But even after UP and UPSCA, we stayed in touch. More recently, he and Mon P were helping / advising my daughter on getting an internship at San Miguel during one of her breaks from B-school.

My condolences to Ting, David, and the rest of their extended family. May JOng rest in peace!

Susan Po-Rufino

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-----Original Message-----

From: nilo cruz <nccruz412@gmail.com>

To: UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com

Cc: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 12:21 AM

Subject: [UpscaLoop] Re: [UPLakbay] Remembering Jong....

My early encounter with Jong was in grade school at Ateneo.... we used to play baseball at break time and his passion was always to be the catcher and of course none other than a Brooklyn Dodger one... then on his birthday that year.... we both went out for a movie, I believe "Tarantula" then some burgers after then back to his house...that was a fun day with him.... and of course also watching him play catcher...

Nilo

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramon B. Pasicolan Jr<ramonbpjr@gmail.com>
To: UPLakbay@yahoo.com
Cc: UpscaLoop@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2013 11:48 AM
Subject: [UpscaLoop] Re: [UPLakbay] Remembering Jong....

Hi all!

Here is an extended version of what I sent earlier to some but now wish to share to all of my happy memories of Jong!

Mon

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ramon B. Pasicolan Jr" <ramonbpjr@gmail.com>

Date: December 9, 2013 at 9:36:25 AM PST

To: Mercy Abad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>, tony <anievera@cox.net>, "airgomez@comcast.net" <airgomez@comcast.net>, Effie Hall <HALLEFFI@Grinnell.EDU>, "Isagani R. Cruz" <isaganicruz@gmail.com>, "ferngil@aol.com" <ferngil@aol.com>, cynthia calejesan <cynthiacalejesan@gmail.com>, "tony.estrera@gmail.com" <tony.estrera@gmail.com>, Digna Dacanay <dignadrscj@gmail.com>, "thereyeses@yahoo.com" <thereyeses@yahoo.com>, lourds caluag <lourds45@yahoo.com>, gemino abad <gemino_eugenio@yahoo.com>, Jose Galvez Tan <pingtan44@gmail.com>, Elizabeth Arcellana <feb446@yahoo.com>, HONESTO NUQUI <hg_nuqui@yahoo.com>, magtoto eduardo <ermagtoto@yahoo.com>, 'Edna Zapanta Manlapaz' <ezmanlapaz@yahoo.com>

Cc: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

Subject: Fwd: [UpscaLoop] jimmy ong

I too wish that I can still catch up with Jimmy's funeral...I am still stunned up to now and have been carrying Jong in my thoughts since i first read and re-read Gani's cryptic message....it's the same deep sense of grief that I had when Freddie left us so suddenly and then Gerryfollowed by Ruben and then dear old Fr. Ben.

I wish to remember Jong not only as a great friend with a brilliant mind...but us a great teacher and an erudite mentor.....I was one of his early beneficiaries....one day he visited me at Fuji-Xerox where I have been working for quite sometime, after coming back with Mimi from San Francisco.....he was in Personnel then and enthusiastically recruited me to join the then "Tisoy-dominated" San Miguel.....so in a leap of faith I joined San Miguel....and from day one...he mentored me and guided my career in the labyrinth of San Miguel's culture and politics. Since then and up to my retirement...I owe him "big time"..... But watching him at work...tending the corporate vineyard ...was pure delight.....every encounter with a subordinate is a "teachable opportunity " whether giving work instructions or an occasional disciplinary talk...he always leaves a distinct impression and in his usual " tough-love " manner that he was there for them..... among his colleagues who sought his opinion...he sheepishly and with great reluctance dispensed his thoughts and insights in a well-organized and understandable manner....just like you are reading a well-written thesis...but interspersed in that conversation...his characteristic but well-disguised bits of wisdom....one always ends up.... somehow a little more thoughtful...and unknowingly all the better for it.

That innate trait of Jong was recognized early enough in his career when San Miguel sent him to Stanford to take up his Masters in Communication (Gerry Gil, Jolly Benitez, and Fr. Niebres S.J were school mates).There they nicknamed him the " Eskimo". I suspect Gerry Gil gave it currency.

Upon his return he was given more responsibilities in the PR office as Director of Corporate Donations, a pioneering program that is now popularly referred to as Corporate Social Responsibility, where the company won many Anvil Awards in Public Relations.

But more than that what Jong uniquely brought to bear in the various responsibilities and positions he held in San Miguel was his incisive ability to ask the right questions and listen hard....a tool every good teacher must possess ...that is why later in his career it was not a surprise that the younger Mr. Andres Soriano III appointed him as Director of the first San Miguel Learning Center--- a Management Training Facility in a Tagaytay...but he was as well Mr. AS111 speech writer up to the time of his untimely death.....again as a special project he headed a Quality Assessment Program that later made him a recognized expert in the field.

Upon his retirement, who else but the ever smart De La Salle Fellow, Isagani Cruz grabbed Jong to join the La Salle faculty...Jimmy wanted to teach Shakespeare but

he ended up Head of its Marketing Department....there again as a great teacher he mentored many of his students Into winning many Marketing Awards beating the likes of Ateneo and UP...but guess what? one subject he managed to get the administration to include in its curriculum and became a " cult favorite" among the students is an elective course in a Film Appreciation on Kurosawa.

But to my mind and in all those many years I have been a friend of Jong.....his tenderest and loving " teachable moment " had always been with his daughter Eleanor.

He will be sorely missed both as a friend and a great teacher!

Mon

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Fengil@aol.com" <Fengil@aol.com>
To: 62ndForum@yahogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 2:14 AM
Subject: [62ndForum] Jimmy Ong - RIP

To the UP folks in the 62nd St Forum, some of you may have known Jimmy Ong, prof in La Salle, formerly VP in SMC, columnist, etc. He passed away unexpectedly Dec 6 in his house in MM. I believe he was 68. He was high school valedictorian in Kuang Chi, then started out in UP in Physics(?), but ended up as an English Major, and much later finished his doctorates in Stanford. He is survived by his spouse Ting and two children.

There has been an outpouring of shock and grief among so many of his friends, especially those in the Upsca loop.

He will be sorely missed.

May he RIP.

Danny

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Dadap <dayoncos@gmail.com>
To: 62ndforum <62ndForum@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 2:17 AM
Subject: Re: [62ndForum] Jimmy Ong - RIP

Danny,

This is indeed a sad news specially for Jimmy's family. My condolences to surviving loved ones.

Michael Dadap

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-----Original Message-----

From: Liliosa Evangelista <liliosa.evangelista@yahoo.com>
To: "UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com" <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 1:19 AM
Subject: [UpscaLoop] Just thought I'd share my best memory of Jimmy Ong

In Paris, we were on the third day of the 2003 (?) UPSCA France lakbay. So far we had been going about on foot and riding the trains to see the sights. But on the third day, we were to have the luxury of riding 2 vans which Danny rented. The vehicles would be available after lunch, though given the Paris traffic, more likely by mid-afternoon. So it was decided that morning would be rest time, since we had been walking around for the last 2 days anyway.

I was not happy with the decision. What a waste of time, I thought, to languish in an ETAP hotel for a whole morning. I was rarin' to go out again! I asked if anyone wanted to take the subway to downtown Paris with me and cram in a few more sights--Aix la Chapelle, the Luxembourg gardens, shopping at Lafayette, etc.--and then meet up with the vans somewhere. There were no takers. All I got were some quizzical looks. I was quite annoyed, and ready to stomp out on my own. That was when Jimmy Ong took me aside and said, "Look, why can't you come to terms with your age?" My initial reaction was shock, and I wanted to say something to counter. But it fortunately dawned on me soon enough that, whether he meant it or not, what he said was an unspoken positive, and I ended up laughing, then settled down with everyone else taking it easy. I will always remember this, not only as an example of JOng's wit, but especially of his candor, qualities which made him a pleasure to have

around, and to hold as a treasured friend. And since then, "coming to terms with my age" has become my personal mantra, whether or not I went by it!

Liliosa M. Evangelista

-----Original Message-----

From: Isagani R. Cruz <isaganicruz@gamil.com>
To: UPSCA Loop<UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 3:45 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Remembering Jong ...

I made sure that Jong did end up teaching Shakespeare once every year (and sometimes, three times a year, since DLSU is on a trimester schedule). He became such a Shakespeare expert that, in my Knowledge Channel TV series on Teaching Literature, I got him to talk on *Romeo and Juliet*. His most popular course, though, was his elective course on Broadway Musicals. The reason he got to teach all of these courses (including the Kurosawa subject that Mon mentioned) is that he made it a non-negotiable condition that, if he were to accept my offer for him to teach at DLSU, he had to have at least one subject in the Department of Literature every term. Oh, as an added feather to his cap, when DLSU decided to retire everybody at the age of 60, we put in a provision that extraordinarily excellent teachers may be asked to stay until the age of 65. When Jong reached 60, he became the very first teacher to be extended (despite his being new to DLSU!). He was clearly one of the select few who were masters of all trades.

-----Original Message-----

From: nilo cruz <nccruz412@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 9:38 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Re: [UPLakbay] Remembering Jong....

I completely forgot.... in that birthday party, Mr. Sung was one of his friends that attended.... the Jaguar king in the Philippines...

Nilo

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mercyabad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 12:56 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Re: [UPLakbay] Remembering Jong....(For Nilo)

Nilo you might mean Willie Soong. The Kwangchi Jesuits had a Fr. Sung who later on left the order.

Mercy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nilo Cruz <ncruz412@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>; Mercyabad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 9:55 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Re: [UPLakbay] Remembering Jong....(For Nilo)

Mercy, that's right Willie Soong..... Tough when you're 69.
Nilo

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny Llaguno <jennyllaguno@rocketmail.com>
To: 62ndForum <62ndForum@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 2:04 pm
Subject: Re: [62ndForum] Jimmy Ong – RIP

I don't believe it, Danny Gil. We were just together attending the PEN Congress on Dec. 3, my late husband's birthday. Can you please enhance your bad news with some basic info if you know them--like where is the wake, burial, and of what did he die of? It's already the 10th and I have no way of reaching him except through his own cell phone. How truly saddening.

Many thanks,
Jenny Romero Llaguno

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-----Original Message-----

From: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
To: jennylaguno <jennylaguno@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 3:28 pm
Subject: Fwd: In Memoriam - JOng

Quite shocking to all, too.

Here attached is a compilation I made of all the loop emails up to early this morning. I think the wake may already be over. I'm down here in Dumaguete area.
Danny.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Valera <jimmynora@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 2:51 pm
Subject: [UpscaLoop] On shock waves felt in Toronto, remembering JONG

JONG offered me my first job three days after graduation at Delaney Hall. Though I was a psych major, he said as a Collegian reporter I would be fine to take his place as news editor of The Mindanao Cross in Cotabato City. This was the compassionate friend. He was getting ready to go to Stanford. In ten days , I was off to this unfamiliar territory to which JONG diligently guided me through the muddy or rainy physical terrain as well as the politically environment. in his one year stint in Cotabato, he made himself an expert of the Culture. I believe I was not able to do as much as he did in the year I stayed there.

JONG as many of you know was brilliant and apparently unmerciful to small- minded scholar pretenders. He looked and was a serious fellow. But he deeply enjoyed great jokes .

Too bad, I will never meet him again to tell him what a truly humble person he was. When we met in San Miguel after he came back from Stanford with his PhD, he asked me what I thought of his dissertation. He did a well-crafted piece compared to my studgy work in Wisconsin. I smiled and said, it's a good work because "it has more than a 2 x 2 table. " This humble Jimmy made another Jimmy a humbler creature. (note : there were too many Jimmy's in UPSCA then,

thus, jimmy ong became JONG ; jimmy valera was re baptized jemz....there was jimmy nierras ,jimmy banaag, and of course ,jimmy Abad)

May he enjoy the better jokes In the skies with Freddy, Ruben and Gerry

JEMZ valera

-----Original Message-----

From: airgomez <airgomez@comcast.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>; ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>

Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 3:13 pm

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] In Memoriam - JOng [1 Attachment]

I am resending the photo anonymous sent me in both IE (Windows) and Quicktime (for Apple users) format. I also had trouble opening Anonymou's attachment initially, but hopefully this will help. I thought it was a curious picture, since even I do not remember the episode, and JE thought so too, and took the trouble of sharing it. I also attached what I thought were representative pictures of JOng (from 2003).

Erwin

-----Original Message-----

From: Ferngil <Ferngil@aol.com>

To: airgomez <airgomez@comcast.net>

Cc: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 5:47 pm

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] In Memoriam - JOng [1 Attachment]

Great photo, Erwin. Obviously, they didn't drop JOng. Here I am re-attaching just that roof photo. But tell me, who were the others (I can of course recognize you, Anonymous, Johnny Reyes, JOng). Is the fellow crouching Rodney Baquiran? And the fellow to your right side, is he Alex Villaflor? Re the other 2003 photos of JOng, they were from the French Lakbayan, right?



Danny

-----Original Message-----

From: airgomez <airgomez@comcast.net>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Cc: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 11:05 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] In Memoriam - JOng

Alex Villaflor is a good possibility. The crouching fellow I can't tell. I'm sorry I don't remember that episode. (Maybe we were tossing him off the roof for writing that limerick?)

Yes, JOng's solo photo was in Arles; I think we were sitting outside a small cafe waiting for breakfast. The photo with Ting was in an ice cream shop in Martigues.

Erwin



-----Original Message-----

From: Lilirosa Evangelista <lilirosa.evangelista@yahoo.com>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>; airgomez <airgomez@comcast.net>
Sent: Thu, Dec 12, 2013 9:41 am
Subject: Croucher's identity

Isn't the croucher Ernie Pangilinan?

Liliosa M. Evangelista

-----Original Message-----

From: anonymous

To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>; airgomez <airgomez@comcast.net>

Sent: Thu, Dec 12, 2013 8:17 am

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] In Memoriam - JOng

There were eight of us on the roof that afternoon: L-R Reyes, Villaflor, Gomez, X. Crouching is Ani Cruz. Kneeling hidden behind him is Rolly Santos (you can see part of his right arm), Hidden behind me is Jemz Valera (you can glimpse part of his olive drab jacket sleeve). I'm not sure but I think Al Diaz took the photo. He may also have developed this print in the UPSCA darkroom.

Air, I didn't realize you had problems opening my jpegs. Try opening in Firefox, both PC and Mac. Were you able to open the scan of JOng's Manila Chronicle clipping?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Habito, Ruben" <rhabito@mail.smu.edu>

Date: December 10, 2013 at 2:38:46 PM PST

To: "alexcuejilo@gmail.com" <alexcuejilo@gmail.com>, "Poruf@aol.com" <Poruf@aol.com>, "deroseminar@yahoo.com" <deroseminar@yahoo.com>, "bingsnow@comcast.net" <bingsnow@comcast.net>, "jess7054@yahoo.com" <jess7054@yahoo.com>, "manuelcastillo711@yahoo.com" <manuelcastillo711@yahoo.com>, "tynee_a@yahoo.com" <tynee_a@yahoo.com>, "fbmangahas@hotmail.com" <fbmangahas@hotmail.com>, "vangiecruzado@yahoo.com" <vangiecruzado@yahoo.com>, "victoriadub@netscape.net" <victoriadub@netscape.net>, "fmmacaranas@hotmail.com" <fmmacaranas@hotmail.com>, "sinoce@aol.com" <sinoce@aol.com>, "Lyreb8@yahoo.com" <Lyreb8@yahoo.com>, "jbm_endouro@yahoo.com" <jbm_endouro@yahoo.com>, "Victor.Salanga@gmail.com" <Victor.Salanga@gmail.com>, "edwardgarcia109@yahoo.com" <edwardgarcia109@yahoo.com>
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Subject: joining everyone in... Remembering Jong.... R.I.P.

Dear Friends,

I join everyone in mourning the passing of our beloved friend, JOng. I fondly recall that year at Delaney Hall and environs when I was there the year before entering the SJ, when he just became UPSCA prez, and he and buddy Mon P., were always around and warmly welcomed us "newbies" into the fold, and even hung out and bantered with our ELPS crowd on occasion. I was privileged to be in those small group discussions with on all sorts of topics ranging from religion, philosophy, politics, social issues, arts, literature, one in particular wherein we discussed Gerald Manley Hopkins' The Windhover. As Mon notes in his loving remembrance below, he was always ready to offer a gem of wisdom on those themes being discussed, and gave us a glimpse of the breadth and depth of his own inner life.

Going on UPSCA excursions with him (I recall a trip to Baguio, among others) he always made me and everyone else feel welcomed and special, and showed a kind of big brotherly affection, always approachable and ready to offer a helping hand or a wise word of wisdom.

I've been away all these years and never really got to associate with him beyond that eventful time at UPSCA, but continue to feel that he is a significant presence among us all. I wish i could fly over there to join you all in offering tribute to JOng at the wake...and place my palms together in prayer, and as i join everyone in sadness at his (unexpected) passing, convey my deep gratitude for JOng's life, and for how it has impacted my, and all our lives.

Sincerely,
Ruben H.

Ruben L.F. Habito
Dallas, TX 75225

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Nievera <anievera@cox.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Cc: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>; nazgul.jso
<nazgul.jso@gmail.com>; mamabiik1024 <mamabiik1024@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 8:26 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] In Memoriam - JOng

Danny

Let us gather more anecdotes and testimonials. Last night at the services they called for an UPSCAn to speak but neither Jimmy A nor I volunteered, and allowed SMC and De LaSalle colleagues to share stories, hopefully this would be comforting to Ting and children.

Last night Mr and Mrs Romy Manlapaz, Jimmy and Mercy Abad, Tigi and Nora Barcelona, Gani Cruz, Lourdes Caluag and Eleonor Laya and Georgina Reyes attended the services.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Dacanay <aledac@yahoo.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 5:20 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Digest Number 3381[3 Attachments]

Has anyone mentioned Jong's prowess at table tennis (pingpong)? The two best players in UPSCA in the early '60s were Lito Domingo and Jong who had completely contrasting styles -- which made their games absolutely fun to watch: Lito was an attacking player who used padded rackets for maximum velocity in his drives; Jong was an grim, defensive whiz who preferred a racket with rubber pimples that deadened the speed and reversed the spin on the ball for his wicked chops. Many an UPSCA night, we would watch the two go against the other in a contest which never really determined a clear winner...and cheer!

Once, as a business reporter trying to wheedle an insight into the Soriano-Cojuangco rivalry, I sought out Jong and found him in the office gym, sweating in camiseta and black pants and engaged in a serious pingpong battle with another rival. He was dourly standing his ground but would shift every now and then to quick, over-the-net flips and earn well-deserved points. A great player! And I can never forget that quality that his mind also showed both in quick repartees or studied essays: a reflexive mien, a flair for exactness, and even the poetic turn-of-phrase. Will miss him, too, like everybody else.

Alex

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-----Original Message-----

From: azrong <azrong@cox.net>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Dec 12, 2013 10:02 am
Subject: Re: In Memoriam - JOng

Dear Danny,

Thank you for sharing this with me. I knew that Jimmy had friends from different circles than mine, but I did not know there was such a big number who thought so highly of him. I have found a new pride in having him as my brother. And a new sadness, that he left so many such comrades behind.

Let us now rejoice that he is with the Almighty -- meeting his old barkada -- and finding new friends. I think he had a great journey through life. And now the journey continues without end.

Sincerely,

Monet
Brigadier General Ramon M. Ong (Retired)
Armed Forces of the Philippines

PS I was surprised to see his recipe for Chicken Marengo -- I'll have to try it someday soon.

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-----Original Message-----

From: tessie chua chiaco <tessie.chua.chiaco@gmail.com>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Dec 13, 2013 7:31 am
Subject: Re: In Memoriam JOng - Final

Thank you, Danny.

I was playing a vocal concert with a lovely Hungarian lady on December 8. I think JOng would have enjoyed it. I think heaven is a nice place to be. Please give his family my love and condolences.

Love,
Tessie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ferngil <Ferngil@aol.com>
To: thereyeses <thereyeses@yahoo.com>
Cc: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Dec 12, 2013 9:26 am
Subject: [UpscaLoop] Re: In Memoriam - JOng

Johnny ol' boy, your email below makes me decide that NOW should be the cut-off point for the present email compilation about JOng.

Your "tons of ideas and material" will be another project that we'll discuss with Mon, Mercy, etc.

Danny

-----Original Message-----

From: thereyeses <thereyeses@yahoo.com>
To: Ferngil <Ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Dec 12, 2013 9:11 am
Subject: RE: In Memoriam - JOng

Great job, Danny -- this ongoing JOng compilation. I'm dying to help and contribute -- I've got tons of ideas and material trying to burst out of my head.....

Compilation of various emails (for this ongoing list) has ended.

For all those out there, please continue sending in your anecdotes, notes of appreciation, photos, etc, about JOng for a forthcoming project of compilation.

Danny Gil ferngil@aol.com
13 December 2013

Additional emails since then:

-----Original Message-----

From: Adelaida Tiotuyco

To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>

Sent: Wed, Dec 18, 2013 9:03 pm

Hi, Danny!

Of course we remember you!

We were devastated by Jimmy's passing away. We had breakfast with him and Ting in their home, and then he got up to dress up for his class in La Salle. He told us that he was never absent during his thirteen years of teaching.

Half an hour after I left, I received a call from Ting that he collapsed inside their bathroom. She brought him to Medical City but doctors could not revive him.

Ting cannot accept the fact that Jimmy is gone, and until now, we cry together. His wake went well, and so many people remembered him.

Avo and Dave came, but Dave had to return to Philly. Avo will spend Christmas with her daughter Mia in Cagayan de Oro, and will return to Philly just in time to spend the New year with Dave.

How are you, are you ok? Where do you live/

I will end here, still need to bake orders of rum cakes for tomorrow's delivery. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Baby

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Thu, Jan 2, 2014 10:12 pm

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] In Memoriam JOng - Final

Hi, all.

Please pardon the late reply -- things have been a bit busy, and it's only now that I got around to checking Pop's email.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this compilation; to everyone who came to the wake; to everyone who took time to sit down at his or her computer and share a few words about Pop. Your love and support have been overwhelming. Our loss was sudden and unexpected, but each and every one of you has helped to cushion the blow.

To all friends and family far and near, my mom, my sister, and I thank you.

David

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Fri, Jan 10, 2014 11:03 pm

Subject: [UpscaLoop] Thank you from the Ong family [2 Attachments]

Hi, all.

Jimmy was a very private person, so he chose not to disclose to anyone his health condition. That said, many of you may be wondering about the circumstances that led to his sudden passing. I hope he won't take offense for the following narration.

In April 2013, we were seeing a urologist for his kidney and gall stones, and at some point, the doctor asked him what his last prostate count was. He's never had his prostate condition checked all his life. And so, the doctor ordered a blood test to that effect. The result showed a very high prostate-specific antigen (PSA) count of 49—the normal range is 0 to 4.

The ensuing biopsy was done and he was diagnosed as being positive for prostate cancer, with a Gleason score of 6. He was then given a choice of three types of treatment:

1. Surgery: NO WAY! He's diabetic and hypertensive—both conditions will pose complications in surgery.

2. Brachytherapy: Radioactive “seeds” are placed inside or next to the area requiring treatment. This option would take only three days’ hospitalization, which, to Jimmy, made it the most attractive, considering his teaching loads at both De La Salle University and Enderun Colleges (a top-notch Hotel & Restaurant Management and Culinary school in Manila), where he was teaching business communication and English.

3. Radiation: a tedious 42-day, 5-days-a-week form of treatment in which beams of radiation are aimed at the cancerous area. Jimmy found this the least attractive. However, both the urologist and radiation oncologist recommended it, saying it would be the most effective for his condition.

We sought the opinions of his cardiologist and a second urologist. Dr. Ramon Abarquez, who has been Jimmy’s cardiologist for the past 30 years or so, was on the conservative side, urging Jimmy to consult with the urologist and radiation oncologist regarding their estimates on Jimmy’s life span, and whether or not treatment will affect quality of life. Both replied—maybe 5 to 10 years more. Direct radiation will also not affect the good cells, so he will live a normal and pain-free life.

To provide some context, about 30 years ago, Dr. Abarquez diagnosed Jimmy as having three blockages in his arteries. Since then, he had maintained Jimmy on oral medication all these years, and so the condition was kept under control without the need for invasive procedures.

The second trimester of DLSU came around, and for some reason, Jimmy was assigned one less class than usual. This free time became the deciding factor for him to undergo treatment—this was in September. We finished all 42 sessions of radiation with great difficulty: the treatment’s temporary side-effects included making Jimmy feel weaker and having less energy, as well as having to get up to relieve himself several times a night, after which he would also have difficulty going back to sleep.

After we’d completed all 42 sessions in mid-November, both the urologist and radiation oncologist recommended that Jimmy take further supplementary medication in the form of hormonal injections over the next 18 to 24 months.

On December 6th, we were scheduled to visit the urologist to discuss in detail what the injections would entail. That morning, at around 9am, after breakfast with me and Baby (his sister, who happened to drop by), he excused himself so he could use the shower and prepare for the doctor’s appointment. Half an hour later, Baby left and I

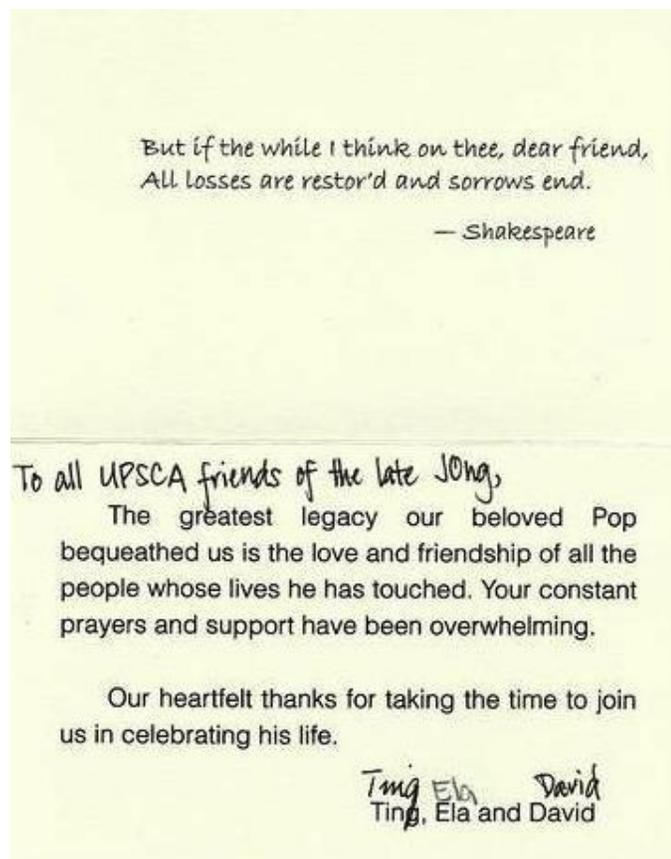
went upstairs to the bedroom, only to see that he wasn't out of the bathroom yet. I knocked on the door, but he didn't respond. When I opened the door, I saw that he had already collapsed in the shower area, and his lips were already blue. We rushed him to Medical City. After around 10 minutes of trying to revive him, the doctors decided that there was nothing else they could do for him. He was declared dead at 10:30 that morning; the official COD is cardiac arrest.

He'd decided a long time ago that in the event of his passing, he would like to be cremated immediately, and requested that we not hold a wake for him. But upon learning of his passing, so many of his friends and former coworkers expressed their wish to say goodbye, so the family decided to have a short wake anyway. It was only over the course of that four-day wake that we realized the number of people whose lives he had touched, and the extent to which he had touched them. In paying their last respects to Jimmy, all these people whom Jimmy had grown up with, studied with, worked with, taught, or simply met and befriended, showered us with such open, sincere, immutable love. And this we will treasure forever.

Attached is a scanned copy of a thank you card from Ela, David, and myself.

Once again, thank you all.

Ting



-----Original Message-----

From: Gemino Abad <gemino_eugenio@yahoo.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Jan 11, 2014 1:49 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Thank you from the Ong family

Thank you, Ting! we shall always miss
Jong whose perceptions I've highly
valued - for so much intelligence and
good judgment.
He's among our closest friends!

Jimmy and Mercy

-----Original Message-----

From: aj Peony
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jan 10, 2014 4:41 pm
Subject: Re: Hello! (Resent) + from Danny

Hi Danny,

Yes, I do have the compilation and Jimmy gave Dave a copy of "Wordsmith." I am awake at this odd hour, thanks to jet lag which refuses to leave me just yet. I will read your blog later today, when Dave is in the university. I will forward it to him too. Thanks for sending it.

If you and Lisa are ever in the East Coast again, do drop in or better yet, spend some days with Dave and me. We would love to have you. We live in a suburb just in the outskirts of Philly, and it is quite near a train station. Jimmy and Ting spent many a night here with Dave and his late wife Dini. We had tried our best to entice them to visit us but in the last years, they very understandably preferred to go to places they had never seen yet. Dave misses his best friend and kumpare. I knew Jimmy had not been well for several years but it's still hard to believe that I will never see my favorite brother again.

Maayong hapon.

Avo

On Jan 10, 2014, at 3:17 AM, ferngil@aol.com wrote:

Hi Avo,

Thanks for your reply.

You probably already have a copy of the "In Memoriam" PDF file I made for the Upsca barkada a week after JOng passed away. And if you did, it wouldn't be the latest. Anyway, here I am attaching it for your perusal. It is a compilation of emails.

Time really flies. My wife Lisa and I are residing in her hometown Tanjay, north of Dumaguete, 8 years after we retired from the US, wherein we stayed 25 years, first in LA, then the last 4 in NY/NJ area.

As you know, Gerry passed away in 1995. My Ma at 96 still is up and about, and until last year, was all OK mentally and physically. However, since then, her mind has started to wander, and last week, there's a lump we discovered on her cheek and we are now seeking medical opinions.

JOng wrote the book about Gerry "Wordsmith With A Slingshot" in 1997. I made a blog about the book and Gerry's other creations. You might find it interesting if you click on the link below:

<http://www.ramongil.com/ggf/>

The Upscans are again meeting on the 18th for the 40th of JOng at one of our gangantes' (Tigi Barcelona) in San Juan.

Hopefully by then, I would have expanded that compilation to include many of JOng's emails over the years.

Do keep in touch, and regards to all.

Danny

On Dec 18, 2013, at 2:29 AM, aj Peony wrote:

Hi Danny,

I certainly remember you, your gracious mother, and your brother Gerry.

Thanks for remembering Baby and me.

I now live in Philadelphia and am married to Dave Jones, Jimmy's best friend in Stanford, who is Ela's godfather, and after whom Jimmy named his son. Dave met Jimmy through Gerry.

We arrived on the 10th. Dave left last night because he has pressing masters to attend to in Drexel University, where he is the dean of the Honors College. I will be here in the Philippines until the 29th. I am here in Pasig where I am doing my best to help Ting through her deep grief. She breaks down often but as much as I can, I remind her to be happy for Jimmy. She made him so happy, he loved his work, and he went quickly, as he would have wanted.

Dave and I arrived too late to see him but it is just as well. I prefer to remember my last times with him, his eyes sometimes crinkling with amusement or his eyebrows knitting together in his usual scowl when something annoyed him. Whenever I am in Manila, I stay in Pasig. I was quite close to him. He could be a bit of a curmudgeon but he had a 24-karat heart of gold.

Sincerely,

Avo

-----Original Message-----

From: Mercy Rivera Abad <mercyabad@yahoo.com>

To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahogroups.com>

Sent: Sun, Jan 12, 2014 8:08 pm

Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] Re: San Diego pics- Godo Juliano

JOng passed away last Dec 6 I think. He was cremated right away. We are holding this memorial for him and also to get together because

we are getting fewer. Last year we also lost Ruben Rivera, Angge Soriano and Johnny Ramos.

Try hard to be with us. There are many balik-bayans: Jun and Cynthia Calejesan, Tony and Bernie Nievera, Roselle Aquende who you might know.

Tige's address is #201 Mariano Marcos, San Juan Rizal which fronts the old residence of Marcos and Imelda. We will be there till late.

I heard about your wife's demise just recently. I guess we are all in the pre-departure area, especially the older ones like us.

Mercy

From: Godofredo Victor A. Juliano <gvjuliano@gmail.com>;
To: UPLakbay@yahoo.com <UPLakbay@yahoo.com>;
Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] Re: San Diego pics- Godo Juliano
Sent: Sun, Jan 12, 2014 5:21:37 AM

Hi Mercy,

Jimmy Ong passed away? So sad to hear. have not even had a chance to see him, touch base since UP days. Not sure if I can make it. But can I have Tiggie's address?

All the best to you and Jimmy

Godo

-----Original Message-----

From: airgomez <airgomez@comcast.net>

To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>

Sent: Sun, Jan 12, 2014 11:33 pm

Subject: Re: nazgul

Hi Danny,

That email I also remember, but likewise also vaguely. It may have been even before the France Lakbay, when JOng was rooting for England, because of his experiences driving around Shakespeare's countryside??

I do remember his explanation that "nazgul" was a reference to a Tolkien character, a race of former humans converted into demons or something. I think JOng's son David also had something to do with concocting that address (?).

Jong made significant contributions to the Loop, but sadly my Comcast account seems to archive only part of my old mail and my old AOL account went away with my defunct iMac.

Erwin

On Sun, Jan 12, 2014 7:03 pm ferngil@aol.com wrote:

Hi Erwin,

I am attempting to expand that compilation I made 3 weeks back on JOng. I intend to include the more interesting emails he made over the loop.

I vaguely remember an email where the "nazgul" addy came about. Would you know?

Danny

The following are miscellaneous selected emails of JOng extracted from the UPSCA Loop (YahooGroups) files over the past 5 years. Some have explanatory parenthesized notes added (when the Subject isn't too clear), while others have earlier reference emails that are indented. The oldest are at the bottom.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wed, Aug 28, 2013 7:49 pm
Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] Marine engines

Many thanks, Johnny and Danny, for your truly enlightening expositions. Just what I need the next time cylinder bore and stroke marine diesel engines made 60 years ago come up in conversation.

JOng

(His annoyed response to Johnny's and Danny's long exchanges on marine diesel engines)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sun Jul 7, 2013, 11:10 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Fr. Ben Villote

Hi, Tony and the rest.

Your memories of Fr Ben attest to his gentleness, unfailing decency, and concern for the down and out. I didn't want to inject a jarring note by recounting an anecdote that might seem out of place. But Tony talks of the contrast between Fr Pat and Fr Ben, so I guess I can remind one and all that many in the UPSCA central council of the mid-60s much preferred Fr Ben, and spent a helluva lot of time talking of ways to minimize Fr Pat's presence in our affairs.

In short, we groused and plotted and schemed, sometimes late into the night, with Fr Ben as one of our sympathizers. We were doing just that one night in Fr Ben's room in the rectory, when Fr Pat suddenly turned up, Naturally we didn't want him to see so many of us huddled with Fr Ben. Can't remember who else were there, but I do know that in the scramble to get out fast, Danny Gil jumped from the 2nd flr to the ground below. I moved much slower, and had to duck into Fr Ben's bathroom. Fr Ben told me to sit tight and be quiet while he answered Fr Pat's knock on his door. Upon returning he said Fr Pat had seen a prowler jumping from the 2nd flr, did Fr Ben see him too? Fr Ben answered, truthfully enough, no, he saw no prowler. So Fr Pat retreated into his own room, where I could hear his rocking chair creaking.

It creaked a long time, as Fr Pat was something of an insomniac and stayed up late. And there I was, on Fr Ben's toilet seat, making no noise, and wishing I were in Pittsburgh. Fr Ben slipped in a

handwritten note: "Very funny." I spose he saw the humor at the time. Finally the rocking chair was silent, I guessed the coast was clear, and tiptoed off. It must have been past 1 am. I don't know how I got home.

But I was wrong about Fr Pat; he was still awake, and heard me, and confronted Fr Ben about it. I guess Fr Ben had to come clean about my presence, but I never asked exactly what he said. I can't imagine his relations with Fr Pat ever improved. Danny subsequently referred to me as Chief Sitting Bowl. Thank goodness the label didn't stick..

Jong

In a message dated 7/7/2013 10:18:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, Ferngil@aol.com writes:

As one of the participants, let me recall what happened. I didn't jump from the 2nd floor to the ground, I shimmied down of those diagonal posts. And Fr Pat actually caught a glimpse of me, shouted out about a "sneak thief", not a " prowler", and was all set to call the UP Police. Fr Ben must have prevailed on him not to.

Then much later, I bandied the joke that JOng was so impatient, he was all set to flush himself down the toilet.

Danny

On Jul 7, 2013, at 9:26 AM, Ramon B. Pasicolan Jr. <ramonbjr@gmail.com> writes:

Yes that was during what Fr.Pat referred to as the ' cooing and mooing ' days of Melvyn Martin's ' UPSCA presidency.....the other guy who was in the room was Melvyn...now there are many accounts...but the other version.... was besides Jong, Mel was also in Fr.Ben's small bathroom....whether Melvyn was sitting on Jong's lap or vice versa...only anyone of the two or both can now deny....but rewriting history that would probably be known as " Two-0n-A-Bowl" Incident.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Wed, May 29, 2013 1:59 pm

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Fwd: All Filipinos must share this to the world! Let the world know

Well, Nim, GMA was always friendly with China. Remember ZTE?

Jong

On Tue, May 28, 2013 at 6:10 AM, Nim Gonzalez <nimg1016@yahoo.com> wrote

Good Info. Please pass

Now you know the true story about the Spratly Island controversy with China, OIL and GAS are the real reason !!! Never mind history ! Ask Mrs. Macapagal Arroyo----she approved that we allowed the Chinese govt to study how much oil and gas reserves we actually have under the Spratly Islands. Now that the Chinese knows, they want to own it

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Apr 10, 2013 11:27 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] greetings to Liliosa

Hi, Erwin. Sorry to hear you've been ailing, and glad that you're better. When the gang gets together, conversation often drifts to our respective infirmities, doctors, medications, diets, and coping mechanisms. Not the most cheerful of topics, though we seem to retain our optimism. You do the same, okay?

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Mar 2, 2013 5:34 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Farewell, Angge!

I heard Noel's "Happy, happy" when we shook hands today, and I think Clara reads him right. What I remember most about Angge is how she usually led the hymn-singing at UPSCA get-togethers. Often when people pray, they ask for something, or are sorry about something. Angge's hymns were prayers, but they weren't prayers of supplication or sorrow. They were songs of joy.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: poetswannabe <poetswannabe@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Feb 2, 2013 7:58 pm
Subject: Re: [poetswannabe] Testing

Have long known I'll never be a poet, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2013 9:33 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Re: JOng

Tasted like sisig. Liver flavor. I'd have taken more than 2 spoonfuls, but needed only to satisfy my curiosity.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Sep 27, 2012 4:21 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] B day

You're so right, Lisa. That's why, when Mon P sends huge bucket list photos of lechon, sisig, bopis and morcon, some of us just watch.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong nazgul.jso@gmail.com
To: UpscaLoop UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, Jan 28, 2013 1:25 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] JOng

Hi, everyone, and many thanks for your cheers and best wishes.

Clem and Erwin: now that you mention it, I guess my days of pigging out at Ma Mon Luk are over, and I really must watch my sugar intake. As advised by Ping Tan's brother Jimmy, have been meatless for nine months. (With the notable exception of midnight dinner in Palawan last New Yr's eve, when I just had to taste crocodile sisig.)

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Oct 23, 2012 9:12 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] letter to dar employees from a fellow upscan

Unfortunately, some princes of the church are like their counterparts in royalty -- spoiled, effete, and convinced they are better than everyone else.

On Tue, Oct 23, 2012 at 11:24 AM, Vyva Aguirre <vyvaaguirre@gmail.com> wrote:

Welcome, JOng. It's very sad that even Bishops are influenced by people with vested interests. Some interests are not really pecuniary - gusto lang maging sikat as "defender of the oppressed".

On Mon, Oct 22, 2012 at 11:19 PM, Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks, Vyva, for this informative and well-reasoned letter.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Sep 26, 2012 12:13 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Re: For Ani, Clara and Bopeep

Greetings and best wishes, Mercy and Lisa.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Oct 18, 2012 9:32 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Jimmy Ong

Been keeping to myself, Bopeep. Am currently struggling with a teaching overload (never again!), which leaves no time for email.

Jimmy

On Sun, Oct 14, 2012 at 2:33 PM, Maria Lourdes Ladrido wrote:

Hello, all!

Is Jimmy Ong (JOng) still in the loop? I didn't find him in the list of members. Does anyone know his email address?

Thanks.
Bopeep

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Jul 16, 2012 11:28 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] 15 Fascinating Facts About Smiling

Only if you're a vampire, Mercy.

JOng

On Sun, Jul 15, 2012 at 10:47 PM, Mercyabad <mercyabad@yahoo.com> wrote:

Do the 19 different smiles give the same effect?
Mercy

(Following the email exchange on types of smiles)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Apr 9, 2012 1:58 pm
Subject: Re: Photography buffs- snapshots around Quiapo church Manila

Thanks, Gus, though your confidence in me is probably misplaced. Oca Palabyab, who's in the UPSCA loop, would be much better positioned to show Tony's marvelous photos to the folks at DOT.

JOng

(Gus commenting that Tony's photos will surely sell the Phil and that Jimmy ONG might be able to show to our tourism people.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Jan 16, 2012 12:06 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Ramblings - delete if not interested

If the Republicans win in the US presidential elections, climate change and global warning will stop. Also evolution.

JOng

(On Bernie's comment: "Who wins or loses is not the point in climate change, but is there change from normal variability of climate")

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Oct 6, 2011 12:44 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Steve Jobs: 1955-2011

Good advice to keep in mind, Lily. But being the curmudgeonly party pooper that I am, when I come across this commencement address, I remind my source that Steve Jobs wasn't the only person who loved what he did. So did Adolf Hitler

(On Lili's quote that we enjoy playing with our MacIntoshes, eMacs, iMacs, iPods, iPads, etc, knowing that our "toys" are [Steve Jobs]'s labor of love when he said "I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love ... and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work).

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Aug 31, 2011 11:44 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] putting things in context

And the outraged bishops ran to Imelda Marcos for comfort and succor, and she obliged with a lecture on art and beauty. Now, THAT's obscene.

(On Isagani's subject of "On Dicks and Double Standards: Misplaced Reactions to Misplaced Phalluses")

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Aug 18, 2011 9:39 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] The Song ... God Bless America !

Addendum on Irving Berlin: He was born Russian, and wrote "God Bless America." He was Jewish, and wrote "White Christmas" and "Easter Parade."

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Jul 31, 2011 4:21 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Fw: St. Bernadette

Hi, Bernie.

So sorry to hear of your hospital stay, but I guess we are all at the stage when much of what we talk about when we get together is ailments, medicines, doctors, surgery and equally cheerful topics.

It would be nice to see you when you are feeling stronger. How long will you be in town?

Jong and Ting

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Jul 20, 2011 11:51 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] UP President Declines offer of Professor 12

Well said, Bert. Now, taking a cue from the Mitsubishops, the NCPAG should demand Winnie Monsod's resignation for her forthrightness, which compelled Pascual to decline the proffered honor, albeit with gritted teeth and petulance.

(On Bert's comment that Dr. Pascual supposedly said "The UP president reiterated that he will keep his office's communication lines open to the university community. "I would love to hear your views, comments, and suggestions," he said." To this end, as an alumnus, here are my views:.....")

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Jul 4, 2011 9:46 am
Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] For Erwin Gomez

Hi, Erwin.

Ting and I join your many buddies and well wishers in rejoicing over your new albeit slightly used kidney. I spose your breakthrough case will be written up in some medical journal? We'll tell your namesake, David Erwin, when he gets home from work. Hang in there, friend.

Jong

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Apr 24, 2011 10:09 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Move to the Phils? + more

A lot bigger, Tony, but I'm not sure what your point is. Sarah Palin wasn't contented with running Alaska, and Jinggoy wasn't contented with San Juan. (Neither was Erap.) The chismis is that Jinggoy has started organizing for 2016.

But don't get sidetracked by this political prognoses. Danny and others have a point: one could do worse than spend his golden yrs in the Philippines, and you'll be most welcome.

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Mar 20, 2011 4:30 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] stable

Ani, you have garnered enough awards, credentials, affiliations, officerships, publications, academic degrees, titles, and credits for three lifetimes. Now spend a little more time with the wonderful women in your life.

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Feb 15, 2011 12:30 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] (unknown)

It's fascinating that people seem to be divided into two camps: those who are incensed because so much has been stolen from the soldiers and taxpayers, and those who are outraged because our senators have no manners.

J Ong

(On Mercy's comment on Statement on Death of Gen. Angelo Reyes and the Meaning of Public Office is a Public Trust)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Mar 15, 2011 11:52 pm
Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] Re: [Taga Tanjay Ko Ting] Ramblings / FJG

Hi, Danny.

I don't remember an acacia tree cut down in SMC Ortigas; possibly you refer to one of three stories -- two involving trees, none of them balete -- that date back to 1992 onwards, when we moved out of QC into our present home in Bo Kapitolyo, and when SMC put up its management training center along Tagaytay Ridge. Here goes:

1. The training center sits on a 24-ha. property that straddles two cities in two provinces. The land was once a pineapple farm, so I don't recall any trees had to be chopped down to make way for the two buildings, driveway, parking and staff house that would occupy 4 has. But there was (probably still is) a large tree, probably acacia, with wide spreading branches, that the construction workers didn't, and wouldn't touch, and I learned why.

Seems there was this old coot who appeared and struck up a conversation with the foreman, and casually mentioned that XXX, one of the crew, was dead. The foreman didn't believe him, because he'd seen XXX the day before, but didn't contradict the ancient either, not wanting to be rude. To be polite, he asked the fellow where he was from, and the fellow pointed at the large tree. Now I'm sure, thought the foreman, this old coot is nuts, and ended the chat. The foreman then met his workers, asked about XXX, and learned that XXX had died that morning, apparently in his sleep. There followed some sort of ritual, involving the death of a chicken and sprinkling of its blood on the cornerstones. I never met the old coot myself, although a yr later when all the buildings were up (and properly blessed by a priest from some nearby religious house) and I would spend an occasional night at the center, the driver would refuse to sleep in the staff house, because he claimed someone kept calling "Pssst!" from outside the window, which kept him awake all night. He slept in the L300 van instead.

2. When we moved into Bo Kapitolyo, the place had coconut trees so tall nobody could climb them to harvest the nuts, which would then fall with a loud thud when a strong wind blew. This worried my mom, who feared that Elanor and David, playing in the garden, might get conked on the head. So the trees had to go, and through Orly, a pingpong friend, we contracted someone handy with an axe to do the deed. Which he did, chopping all day one weekend while Orly, Jun Gella and I swatted pingpong balls.

Orly was back early next day. He had to pray and make amends at the tree stumps, because our woodsman had suddenly gone bonkers -- first time it ever happened -- and been checked into the mental hospital. The elders' consensus was that he had upset the spirits dwelling in the trees, and so Orly had to beg pardon. (A concept quite familiar to our David, whose yaya had taught him, when he was about 2 yrs old, to call "Tabi tabi, pa-ihi" out loud before peeing outdoors.) Orly did his penance, and apparently earned forgiveness, because our woodsman recovered promptly and checked out of the looney bin the next day.

3. But perhaps the spirits became restless, and needed a new hangout, or maybe new spirits came along. For a period lasting maybe some wks, Elanor, then about 7, began acting strange. She'd be perfectly fine with her lola downstairs, or in our room with Ting and me, then suddenly she'd see something or someone none else could, and start crying in abject terror, and wrap herself tight around Ting. As you know, she's handicapped and unable to explain what it was that so upset her.

Finally Ting called for help, and a cousin brought in an old couple from Antipolo. The old man rubbed a coconut oil concoction on Elanor's and David's backs, patted them down with bond paper, peered at the resulting imprints, and rendered his verdict.

Both had spooks, following them around. David's spook was harmless, and simply found him entertaining. But Elanor's was evil. The old man tried to illustrate by pointing out the malevolent features outlined on Elanor's paper. Neither Ting nor I could discern a thing, but hell, at that point we were willing to try anything.

The old couple returned a day or so later, with the requisite paraphernalia for a blessing. These were, as I recall, a native chicken, a plateful of biko (suman to you?), a foul-smelling incense, even fouler cigars, and a bottle of Tanduay rum. (No, I held my tongue and didn't insist on using Ginebra San Miguel out of a sense of company loyalty.) Of course all of Ting's siblings were there for the ceremony, and watched while Ting, eyes shut and arms trembling, gripped the chicken while the old man slit its throat and made the blood drip into a pan. Then the couple led us in procession around the house, wafting incense- and cigar-smoke through every room.

And that was that. Elanor was never bothered again. She still sees, and converses with, invisible friends, though very rarely these days. One of them was clearly with her when we spent 2 weeks in Beijing in '97, following her around but at some distance, so Elanor once had to open the door to let her in after we were already in the house. The friend was a small thing, who had to be lifted up on to a kitchen table so she'd be eye level with Elanor. She also preferred to stay under the dinner table while we had our meals.

J Ong

(On Danny's cc to JOng because he did mention something long ago about a large acacia tree that was cut in the SMC area in Ortigas, and there were interesting consequences.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Mon, Mar 7, 2011 10:21 pm

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] WAR! - W/o bombs or bullets, but w/ wounds a-plenty?

Ruben, Gerry Gil was right to challenge the claim that no animals except horses appear on Shakespeare's stage. Apart from Lady M's damned Spot, one can think of Cleopatra's asp, Launce's dog Crab, a bear that chases Antigonus, and stretching things a bit, sundry animal parts -- Bottom's ass's head and the witches' brew ingredients that include eye of newt and toe of frog, wool of bat and tongue of dog, adder's fork and blindworm's sting, lizard's let and howlet's wing.

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Oct 27, 2010 9:37 am
Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] FW: stroke/blood clot symptoms

Hi, Jimmy, hi, Bernie.

I can think of at least two types of people who may have problems uttering a simple sentence coherently. The first would be PhDs in literary theory. The second would be diplomats.

(But as you know, I have problems smiling.)

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Aug 26, 2010 1:36 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] national shame

Hi, Ani.

Surely there's more to the notion of plagiarism than is suggested by your column in today's Star? Are *The Sound and the Fury*, *In Dubious Battle* and *The Grapes of Wrath* examples of plagiarism because Faulkner and Steinbeck don't credit Shakespeare, Milton and Julia Ward Howe?

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Jul 26, 2010 8:21 pm
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop Fw: Prodigy

As some of you are UPSCAns of an earlier generation, you may wish to know that Louie Lagdameo died Friday, at 74. He'd had a heart bypass a decade or so ago, but continued to smoke after that. What finally felled him was an aneurysm of the aorta.

If memory serves, he was active in the dramatic guild on campus, and tried engineering before going on to literature and speech & drama. Was a founder of NUCD and headed the Public Estates Authority and DOTC during FVR's presidency. But widow Chingay Diaz Lagdameo seems proudest of having two children join the Jesuit Volunteer Program in the same yr.

Tigi Barcelona was best man at Louie's wedding, 45 yrs ago, so it wasn't easy for Elnora to break the news to him. But they showed up at the wake last night. Another contemporary, Mundy Gonzales, went Saturday.

Encryptment is tomorrow.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, May 21, 2010 11:08 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] FW: Something to think about.....

I was speaking facetiously, Nel. "Immigrants" is a relative term; the folks who now consider themselves patriotic Australians are descended from immigrants, too, deported from England because they were convicts. Having displaced and dispossessed the Australian aboriginals, they now feel righteously hostile toward newcomers of different color, customs and creeds.

(On Nel's comment that the Maranaos and Tausogs are not immigrants - they have been here as long as the Ilocanos, Tagalogs, Bicolanos, Visayans, etc. The Muslim religion came earlier to Mindanao than Magellan.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Mar 4, 2010 8:11 am
Subject: Re: Gerry Gil Foundation

Could be a question a lawyer should answer. Melvyn, maybe. Can she set up what is effectively a new foundation in Gerry's name, w/o the participation of Gerry's next of kin, to pursue a slightly revised, though not entirely unrelated, and doubtless still noble, purpose?

Not a bad idea. She certainly has the wherewithal to fund it -- mentioned P1m when we had breakfast. A problem may be working out the mechanics of the award with the Phil Press Institute. Might take time and effort, and right now (I'm on my last term as full-time teacher at DLSU, and busier than ever) I can't spare either.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Feb 22, 2010 6:25 pm
Subject: Re: Gerry,s guest list..... + more

Hi, Mon, hi, Danny.

I texted Pete Garrucho and will follow up with email, but his text reply -- ""Will try to make it" -- suggests that he won't. I also emailed Lisa Soriano, who seems to serve as Loida Lewis's girl friday; no response to my request for Loida's and Mely's email addresses.

I don't have Fr Ben Nebres's address, but will ask around. Mot sure who you mean by "that Muslim and the Eskimo."

Dennis O'Leary is in the US, but I'll send him a note. I'll email Johnny Mercado, who's based in Cebu.

Danny has a point: quite a crowd. Maybe someone should be on top of RSVPs (I'm NOT volunteering) and forewarn Nora Barcelona?

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Jan 28, 2010 12:59 am
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] greetings Jong

Many thanks, everyone. As I texted Mercy Abad earlier today, among the most cherished gifts that life has showered on me are friends like yourselves.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jan 8, 2010 2:58 pm
Subject: Re: January 18 Monday Dinner, Rockwell + for JOng

Hi, Danny, and happy new yr. Since Liza Soriano has been emailing you but not me, I surmise the ff:

1. Liza -- probably Loida's Manila-based secretary or gofer -- expects you to a) relay the invite to Ting and me, and to Lito Demonteverde (she can't seem to get the name right) and then b) relay our corresponding replies back to her;

2. Neither Liza nor Loida is aware that you no longer reside in Makati, or they might think Tanjay is Tanay, just a few minutes drive to Loida's condo;

3. Both Liza and Loida assume you know Lito D and know how to get through to him. I wouldn't make the same assumption, because I've never seen you together. Lito, an Ateneo contemporary of Joly Benitez, came to Palo Alto 40+ yrs ago to marry his sweetheart Dorothy, who'd been shipped out of Manila because she's Chinese and her folks opposed a match with a non-Pinoy. Joly B, your brother Gerry, and others got all the Stanford Pinoys to rally around at Lito and Dorothy's wedding -- a gamble of sorts at the time because Lito was in the US on a tourist visa and jobless. So Lito owes Joly and Gerry bigtime. But does that mean you know where to reach him before Loida's invite on the 18th? I certainly don't.

Okay, so you've begged off from attending. Now, since you've copied me in on your email exchanges with Liza, should I take that as a bonafide if indirect invite, and write Liza to ask if the invite is still on, since you can't make it?

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Thu, Sep 17, 2009 8:07 am

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] JOng's piece - relayed by MonP

Thanks, Mon, for relaying the piece. Thanks, Ani and Cynthia, for the kind words. And yes, Johnny, with Ping and Erap turning viciously on each other, and the ruling coalition choosing an epitome of machine politics as standard bearer, there is hope.

J Ong

On Wed, Sep 16, 2009 at 12:51 AM, TheReyeses <thereyeses@yahoo.com> wrote:

Do I detect a tinge of hope in JOng's article, or am I reading too much into it?

Regards. Johnny

On Tue Sep 15, 2009 10:22:41 AM cynthia calejesan tingtingc@hotmail.com wrote

Brilliantly thought and worded, Jimmy, albeit while mid-streaming. Thanks for the relay, Ani and Mon.

Cynthia

To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com

From: isaganicruz@gmail.com

Date: Tue, 15 Sep 2009 22:01:59 +0800
Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] JOng's piece - relayed by MonP

Bravo, Jong! You really should have a column in one of the papers.

Commentary
Mar's beau geste
By J. S. Ong
Philippine Daily Inquirer
First Posted 00:30:00 09/14/2009

Filed Under: Eleksyon 2010, Benigno Aquino III, Mar Roxas, Inquirer Politics

One predawn hour, I got up for my second pee of the night, then found myself unable to sleep again. Nothing unusual about that; I take diuretics for diabetes and other infirmities of old age, so most nights my sleep is interrupted by a quick trip to the john. If I get up close to wake-up time, sleep becomes elusive.

But something else stirred me awake that Wednesday—Mar Roxas' stunning announcement the day before that he was ending his bid for the presidency, and giving way to Noynoy Aquino.

This was unexpected. A day earlier, I had told a friend I was willing to vote for a Mar-Noynoy, or a Noynoy-Mar, ticket; but I thought the Liberal Party would first go through a bruising selection process, Mar counting on the regulars he'd been cultivating for years, Noynoy being pushed forward by an external and more energetic groundswell, neither side willing to back down, until the party elders and moneybags hammered out a deal in a smoke-filled room.

But here was something so not in the script, in the way that Tita Cory's funeral sendoff was so not in the script. Gabby Claudio's bravado reaction—"an interesting twist that will complicate matters for the opposition"—was cheerful but clueless. Mar's decision embodies idealism, selflessness, long-term thinking and recognition of the deeper yearnings of the public—qualities unfathomable to and absent in Malacañang today.

It will take a while for Malacañang's denizens to grasp what is happening and what will happen next, infatuated and hardened as they are by the frenetic pursuit of tactical advantage; and for whom, all there is to political life is politics itself, all there is to governing is the thrill of rule. All they can see, all they can fall back on, are the tricks of the trade—the timely interception at the airport, the recourse to cash-filled envelopes, the invocation of executive privilege, the vicious treatment of whistle-blowers, the supercilious dismissal of approval ratings.

Claudio is only partly right. Mar's beau geste will complicate matters for the opposition, but the complication will be happy, because forces will start to coalesce. At the very least, three putative candidates can no longer claim to be handpicked by heaven by virtue of direct lines to God. Noynoy and Mar are not saints, but in this milieu, being unsullied will suffice.

Mar's graciousness will also complicate matters for the party in power, but more dangerously. The forced marriage of Lakas and Kampi was flawed and fractious to begin with; now the ship of state will begin to look like a leaky and overloaded ferryboat in a gathering storm, with some deck officers racing for lifeboats ahead of the crew. Noynoy and Mar will

have to be particularly wary of those operators who even now may be making overtures, and arguing, with compelling evidence, that they have been useful to previous Palace occupants; and, given the chance and for the right price, can be so once again.

Finally, Mar and Noynoy will also complicate matters for people of my generation, whose memories of the last quarter century have left us skeptical and weary. We threw out Marcos, and saw our hopes frustrated because Marcos left a legacy of militarists with a taste for power and a fascination with force. As putschists, they were pathetic failures, but they stymied and wasted Cory Aquino's years as president. One day we looked up and the Marcos cronies were back. One day we threw out Erap, and ended up with Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Now we must ponder on Mar and Noynoy, and ask ourselves what we in turn must be ready to give, or give up, and if we have what it takes.

Forty years ago James Reston of the New York Times told my graduate mass com class that all one needed in his line of work was a sturdy pair of legs (a reporter walks a lot) and a strong bladder (a reporter listens to long speeches). Well, 40 years ago, as a sometime campus militant who helped occupy an applied electronics lab to protest the research it was doing for the Department of Defense during the Vietnam War, I discovered, when the police came and chased us out, that I could outrun any cop in California. Now my cardiologist warns me to=2 Opause between floors when I walk up to my office. As for bladder strength, now I can't sleep through the night without getting up to pee.

So what can I bring to bear on the coming struggle? Whatever I can, I suppose, for as long as I can. E-mail friends, connect class lectures to contemporary issues, renew old fellowships. But the fervor doesn't burn as strong any more. I feel more like Don Quixote's broken-down nag Rozinante, than like Don Quixote himself.

Perhaps the song associated with Ninoy, "The Impossible dream," is too slow-paced, almost too dirge-like, to suit the times. The dream is not impossible, and the time for dreaming is past. We might be better spurred to action by the musical's title song: "Man of La Mancha" has a livelier tempo, and its opening lyrics might better capture the faith and hope we will need in the days and years to come:

Hear me now, o thou bleak and unbearable world:
Thou art base and debauched as can be;
And a knight, with his banners all bravely unfurled,
Now hurls down his gauntlet to thee!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>
To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Jun 10, 2009 10:24 pm
Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] No Job - No Wonder

Hi, Cynthia.

I can empathize with your son-in-law, up to a point. During my career with San Miguel Corp, the thought of drinking any beer other than San Miguel, or eating any ice cream other than Magnolia,

was anathema. It helped, too, that most of our beer and ice cream were pretty good. But if truth be told, I never touched Lagerlite beer after we launched it, because it was terrible; and I never felt disloyal about not drinking it, because I felt I was entitled to a better product. (The rest of the Filipino beer-drinking public felt the same way; the brand went into oblivion.)

I daresay you prefer Japanese cars because they happen to be better products in some way -- lower-priced, or more fuel-efficient, or easier to handle. That's not being unpatriotic; it's what sensible consumers do. Toyota just happened to realize it before GM did.

JOng

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From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Sun, Aug 9, 2009 10:09 pm

Subject: Re: [UpscaLoop] Gloria living it up while Cory lay dead

Oh for heavens sake, have pity on the woman. She's been hurling herself at Barack Obama for the past 8 months, finally wangled an invite, and at her moment of glory, a starstruck colegiala batting eyes at her idol and creaming in her undies, she gets completely upstaged by a mother-and-daughter team, the one quietly slipping away and the other making like a drama queen about the pulled-out security detail. And the US media gave better coverage to Obama's beer summit with a literature prof. If that had happened to me, I'd drown my sorrows in Krug champagne too.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime Ong <nazgul.jso@gmail.com>

To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Tue, Jun 9, 2009 11:53 am

Subject: Re: [UPLakbay] No Job - No Wonder

Hi, Mercy, and the rest.

The anecdote is a witty and amusing demonstration of global interconnectedness, although it could have added that John took a phone call for a customer care call center based in Quezon City. Take heed, though, that you don't use the anecdote to argue against international trade. One might conclude from John's experience that he can't land a decent job in the US because by buying Japanese clocks, and Sri Lankan shirts, and German cars, and Saudi Arabian fuel, he has perversely and unpatriotically given employment to the Japanese, Germans, Sri Lankans, etc instead of reserving it for his fellow Americans. Which would in turn imply that patriotic Americans should buy only cars made in Detroit, and use only fuel pumped out of Texas oil wells, and fly only Northwest, and for good measure, refuse to be treated by Filipino doctors and nurses.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Mon, May 25, 2009 11:18 pm

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] For Jong and Ting

Hi, Jimmy.

Yes, the New Zealand landscape is wondrous, whether the road one travels cuts through the mountains or hugs the coastline. One thinks of foliage as green; well, not when autumn, distance, sun angles, frost and the sheer variety of plant life interact to create every imaginable hue.

Another memorable feature of our trip was the local English language. You are fascinated by what Filipino writers have wrought from a language imposed by colonizers, and how we have fashioned it to our purposes. What struck me in NZ was that the colonizers changed the language they'd brought with them too, enriching it with Maori expressions, many of them terms for animals, trees, plants and practices, as well as words, emerging from livelihood, trade or simply local usage, that are unfamiliar to those more used to American or even British English. Had to have an NZ English dictionary beside me while I read a local bestseller, to decipher phrases like "feeling crook" (weak, sick) or "ringer" (an expert sheep-shearer).

Jong

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Sat, 23 May 2009 3:50 pm

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] for Jimmy Abad - 1st Prize Awardee as Foreign Author - by Italian Committee

To Jimmy and Mercy, and the rest:

Ting and I join the chorus of congratulations, with apologies for being so late.

By way of lame excuse, we got back last night from 4 wks in New Zealand, during which we motored from Auckland in the north to Queenstown in the south, and back. Truly serious driving for 5,263 km, which could have been more if snow hadn't closed a couple of mountain passes in our itinerary. Antarctica exported winter early this yr. One result of being on the road so much, and staying in all manner of lodgings, from backpacker resorts with communal kitchen and loo to time-share condo with fireplace and heated jacuzzi, was that we checked email only intermittently, and stopped altogether after Queenstown. So I didn't read the loop's email about Jimmy's triumph till last night. (And got a text message about it from Lino Faenar this am.)

What can one say, to add to the acclaim? One particularly pleasant thought, for me, is that Jimmy is not the stereotypical poet starving in a garret, or unkempt bohemian spouting cinquains in an opiate haze, or wildeyed radical risking jail or fatwa for inflammatory verses. No, he is thoroughly normal, disgustingly healthy, unfailingly cheerful, and friendly to everyone. Amazing.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, Jan 13, 2009 9:13 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] JOng on Inquirer letter to the editor

Sorry, Danny, didn't ask those questions while I was acting as consultant. I do know VC employees have a fairly low turnover rate, which suggests that pay and benefits are competitive within the industry and country; attendants tend to leave only if they find overseas jobs (and they do, thanks to their training and discipline). Since the service is designed to minimize face-to-face interaction between patrons and attendants, I imagine there aren't many opportunities to solicit or leave tips.

But why do you ask? You thinking of a second career?

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, 11 Jan 2009 2:21 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] JOng on Inquirer letter to the editor

Hi, Tony and Ruben.

Since your curiosity about my research is entirely academic, here are excerpts from an article I wrote sometime back, which appeared in the Mla Bulletin:

Customers look for privacy, location, fast service and cleanness when they choose a motel. Social mores may be changing, but people still take pains to keep their patronage a secret. Hence they tend to choose motels located far from home or workplace, but conveniently near the bars and watering holes where they've completed preliminary wooing.

While customers spend money when they have it -- room usage peaks on paydays -- patronage doesn't plummet when times are hard or depressing. As one lodge manager reasons, Filipinos respond to bleakness by splurging on a good time. (One reason for this country's low savings rate?) Still, promo rates are offered in the leaner months of June, August and September.

Given their enduring appeal, there are more motels these days, and larger motel chains, more widely dispersed -- Pasay, Pasig, Sta Mesa, Caloocan, Malate, Cavite, Batangas, San Fernando.

Proliferation and competition have spurred them to pursue more creative ways of catering to customers. Employees still observe the basic service norms -- strictly no eye contact or chitchat with the ladies, a deep bow and scripted welcome to the gents, quick entry into the room to switch the aircon on before guests move in. But a leading motel chain has added new standards in recent years:

When a guest orders food (by phone, to maximize privacy), delivery time is within 15 minutes, or the food is free.

Manualized procedures specify how a room's features are to be cleaned and sanitized, and in what sequence. Before use, a restroom should be spotless and completely dry. Not a strand of hair anywhere, particularly on the towels. Aircon filters washed every three days.

Improvement ideas are drawn not just from guest comment cards, but from forensic experts who study and interpret the evidence of guest behavior. They've learned, for instance, that many guests bring candy. So now house freebies may include candy, along with hair dryers, TV and in-house movies.

To satisfy exacting performance standards, employees receive considerable training in quality tools and techniques -- ISO9000, Six Sigma, 5S -- and are kept on their toes by the occasional visit of a "mystery guest" commissioned by the motel.

Since customer satisfaction is a continuing journey rather than a final destination, motels are likely to continue to think up more novel ways of delighting guests. One manager's fearless forecast: Current room layout is based on what males prefer -- dim lighting, masculine colors, an abundance of mirrors. But since women are becoming increasingly assertive and in control of relationships, future interior design will be more attuned to feminine tastes, and rooms will be brighter, settings more airy, and furnishings more stylish and elegant.

Still, the compelling urge that lures couples to motels will not be changing decor or amenities, but the constants of romance, opportunity and hormones. The old Cole Porter song put it aptly: "We're all alone/ No chaperone/ Can get our number./ "The world's in slumber;/ Let's misbehave!"

J Ong

PS. I know something about motels mainly from my consultancy. Speaker Nograles should know something about motels mainly because ... but that's another story.

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Jan 10, 2009 6:28 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] JOng on Inquirer letter to the editor

Hi, Tony.

In addition to teaching marketing (or pretending to) for a second career, I do a bit of consulting on the side. You may find this hard to believe, but in 2007, Victoria Court was a client.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, Oct 16, 2008 11:05 am
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Medy ok

So for one brief shining moment let's halt the logomachy that triggers daily warnings that my mailbox is over its size limit, and give thanks.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, 21 Sep 2008 12:10 am
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Re: Fw: UP

Wash Sycip asks searching questions, and I shan't stop anyone from examining his conscience and feeling sinful.

But if it seems logical to ask, after 100 yrs of UP, why the country is in such a mess, one might more righteously ask, after 2000 yrs of the Catholic Church, why the world is so fucked up, with even more horrific extremes of poverty, war, disease, persecution etc than we see in our neck of the woods.

Sycip may well ask, when UP graduates have held the presidency for 46 yrs, why etc etc. But one wonders if he ever asked that same question of the UP grad who was president for 20+ of those yrs, when Sycip enjoyed a ringside seat on that president's administration, what with top SGV graduates like Cesar Virata, Bobby Ongpin and Jimmy Laya right up there in the cabinet.

JOng.

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Sep 5, 2008 5:00 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Mercy, thank you for the two Filipino novels

Hi, Johnny and Mercy.

The novel with a female corpse shipped home from the Middle East is clearly Butch Dalisay's Soledad's Sister. What's the other one? If it happens to be FH Batacan's Smaller and Smaller Circles, that one is another page-turner, a murder mystery with even more corpses. Highly recommended.

JOng

(In reply to Johnny's comment: "Thanks Mercy for the two Filipino novels which Danny was kind enough to mail on to me. I've started reading the one with the female corpse arriving aboard a plane from the Middle East, and so far it's been a no-put-down.")

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Sep 6, 2008 10:49 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] The Ernie Pernia paper on the Reproductive Health Bill

Hi, Romy.

Another consequence of the hardline stance against modern family planning methods, not mentioned in Ernie Pernia's paper, is it leaves the bishops on the wrong side of the global fight against AIDS.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: Ferngil <Ferngil@aol.com>
Cc: Mon Pasicolan <ramonbp@i-manila.com.ph>
Sent: Sat, Jul 26, 2008 12:38 pm
Subject: suggestion, query, etc.

Hi, Danny.

1. Now that we have all been hugely entertained by Ruben Rivera's howls of outrage, do you suppose it's time to explain to Cesar Lumba and Melvyn Lopez and David Martinez (if you know them, and were instrumental in bringing them into the UPSCA and Poetswannabe loops) that Ruben is incurably Ruben, and getting more so each day? It may be fun to imagine him hunched over his keyboard and banging out typographical errors with febrile fingers, but he isn't doing anyone any good -- not himself, not his long-suffering roommate, and not the causes he defends with the fervor of a bulldog with a bone.

This suggestion comes from Ting, not from me. Must confess I was actually tempted to complicate things by sending the ff message to Pasicolan c/o the Loop: "Mon, w/ you pls stop ganging up on Ruben?" But Ting restrained me.

2. I know you're babysitting out there in the US and far way from your trove of old pictures. But would you know if Gerry kept his own collection of photos, and if they date back to campus days in the 60s, and if they might still be stashed in your old home?

I asked because, after the folks connected with the UP centennial called for contributions to a a compilation of "Kuwentong Peyups," I sent in a piece about UPSCA in the 60s, and now they ask if I have any pictures from that era. Unfortunately, I don't, and neither does Mon, and Tigi and Ping Tan say it might take days to dig through their old files. I'm willing to do a bit of digging myself, but that's if you think your place on Palma St might store pictures of life at the DH or chapel grounds during our time.

Thanks.

J Ong

(On Ruben's strongly worded replies to postings of two new-comers who were included in the YahooGroups loops).

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pldtdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Thu, Aug 21, 2008 7:57 pm

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Re: Kwentong Peyups

Hi, Mommy Gil and Bopeep.

Though Gerry never mentioned it, I wouldn't be surprised if he knew about the connect between UP Beloved and your uncle. Gerry read, and absorbed, and recalled, an astonishing amount of stuff, and pulled it out seemingly without effort whenever he gave an impromptu lecture, which was often.

Which is why he was a marvelous editorial writer and columnist, and why, Mommy, he may not have wanted to spare himself from taking a stand on birth control, corruption, or any other topic of the day. Taking a stand is what columnists do, sometimes till they become predictable bores. But the only predictable thing about Gerry's writing is that it sparkled.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Mon, Aug 25, 2008 3:45 pm

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Joi Barrios to teach Tagalog and Philippines Lit this fall at UCB

Hi, Lili.

Well, not everyone in the Loop is into poetry.

Joi B writes poetry in Pilipino. She says in her Foreword: "I asked Ateneo professor Jonathan Chua to edit my translations. However, Jonathan not only edited the translations but re-translated almost all of the poems."

JOng

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>; UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
poetswannabe <poetswannabe@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Thu, Jul 24, 2008 10:24 am

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Obama's Plan - Surrender & Retreat of Imminent Victors?

Ruben, you call it "an important, terrible war." "Terrible," yes, but why "important"? To dismantle the weapons of mass destruction? To get even for 9/11?

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: clemencianatividad <clemencianatividad@yahoo.ca>

Sent: Sun, Jul 20, 2008 11:28 am

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Baby Nats at last in the person

Hi, Clemenciana Tividad, aka Clem, aka Baby Nats. And thanks, Danny.
Good to hear you're alive and well and free for now of stress-inducing work.

Don't know if your cousin Danny has invited you to the Loop, a loose circle of maybe 80 UPSCAns, of different generations and domiciled in different continents, who stay in touch by Internet. Some more assiduously than others, esp. if they're retired. But if your work with computers has left you allergic to staring at a screen and keyboard, maybe you'd rather not join. Ex-IBMer Tigi is legendary in that respect.

Am intrigued by your thesis that one way of reducing stress is guided imagery. Do my fantasies of Nicole Kidman count?

Stay well.

J Ong

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pldtdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>; jed.natividad <jed.natividad@gmail.com>

Sent: Fri, Jun 27, 2008 11:17 am

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] BabyNats - Fwd: email addys

Hi, Danny.

Ting and I join BabyNats's friends and kinfolk in prayer.

While it's understandable she can't bear to face a PC at home after staring at one for 8 hrs or more each working day (that doesn't seem to bother Tony Nievera much, though I note we don't seem to get a lot of email from his fellow computer professional Tony Estrera, and of course ex-IBMer Tigi's aversion to his amag-ridden PC is legendary), it may be the right time for you to convince your cousin that getting cheery email from people who remember her fondly might speed up her recovery.

J Ong

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pldtdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Fri, Jul 11, 2008 10:30 am

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Movie Stars with Alliterative Names

Hi, Danny.

Don't recognize Danielovich but I think Archibald Leach is Cary Grant. Now, do you know Ira Grossel and Spangler Arlington Brugh?

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Ferngil@aol.com
Sent: Fri 7/11/2008 1:03 AM
To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [UpscaLoop] Movie Stars with Alliterative Names

Hi JOng,

This is turning out to be a quickie-quiz on movies. I suppose you know the screen names of one Izzur Danielovich or Archinald Leach. No googling. We just arrived in LA last night, and am lazing around in Joey's place.

Danny

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 1:46 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Movie Stars with Alliterative Names

Hi, Danny.

Spangler AB is Robert Taylor. Ira G is Jeff Chandler. And kudos to your son Ramon for his delightful piece in defense of native born roosters. Do you recall how we UPSCA males felt when Ateneo SCA members would drop by the DH and, under the guise of forging closer ties with fellow catholic actionists, invite the UPSCA females to their expletives-deleted soirees? Couldn't make do with flirting with Maryknollers, no, they had to cross the street and barge into UP.

Now you know how your native roosters feel.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 10:15 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] RE: Movie Stars with Alliterative Names

Hi, Danny.

Anouk Aimee...Alan Alda ... Brigitte Bardot ... Barbara Bach ... Claudia Cardinale ... Charlie Chaplin ...Doris Day ... Diana Dors ... Would Donald Duck count? ... But maybe I'll stop here and allow others to try their luck.

JOng

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>; upscalloop <upscalloop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Mon, Jul 7, 2008 10:59 pm

Subject: [UpscaLoop] RE: Elnora's mom

Hi, everyone.

In case you missed the obit in today's Inquirer:

Elnora Barcelona's mom -- Cecilia Bautista Conanan, whom some of you may have met the last time or two we were at Tigi's home in San Juan -- passed away early Sunday, July 6. She was 90. Her remains will be in Santuario de San Jose in Greenhills till Thurs July 10, when she will be brought to Ibajay, Aklan for burial.

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Mon, Jun 23, 2008 12:17 pm

Subject: [UpscaLoop] RE: Thanks to Mercy Abad and Mommy Gil

Hi, Mercy. (And Danny.)

Was that you who dropped off Mommy Gil's Bridges to Understanding at my place? The handwriting on the note looks like yours. Many thanks, to you and Mommy Gil (you warn me that she has a new email address, but I don't think I have it), for a book that triggers both memory and admiration: memory because of Gerry's letter -- a glimpse into a lost love and aborted romance that I suspect could have been blissful had Gerry -- just this once! stopped being his logical and argumentative self and allowed his heart to rule over his reason; admiration because, as a teacher with limited talent, I am filled with awe by Mommy Gil's gift for spinning Gerry's letter and Jimmy's poems (and sundry folktales, speeches and feature articles) into learning activities that will beguile students into thinking for themselves.

Shortly after our dinner at Rockwell Plant I got in touch with Johnny Mercado re the possible reactivation of the GGF. Johnny says the PPI is still the organization best qualified to administer awards in community journalism.

J Ong

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: ferngil <ferngil@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jun 20, 2008 12:38 pm
Subject: RE: Bangui Windmills + other enjoyable things

Hi, Danny.

Here's some facts from the press release and other materials, circa June, 2004:

NorthWind Power Development Corp, a company organized by Filipino and Danish businessmen and engineers, headed by chair Ferdinand Dumlao and president Niels Jacobsen, with credit (US\$29 million) from the Danish International Devt Agency, organized the Northwind Bangui Bay Project with a 25 yr foreshore lease along Bangui Bay, Ilocos Norte..

The project is a 24.5 MW power generation plant consisting of 15 units Vestas NM82 wind turbines rated at 1.65 MW each, arranged in a single row 326 meters apart. The turbine's hub height (ground level to center of nacelle) is 70 meters, each blade 41 m long for a windswept area of 5,281 square meters.

Support facilities include a 30 MVA 13.8/69kV substation and a 57 km 69 kV transmission line from the site to the delivery point in Laoag. All 15 wind turbines are connected to the Luzon grid and deliver power to the Ilocos NOrte Electric Cooperative (INEC) vis Transco Laoag. INEC's franchise covers 23 municipalities including Laoag. The project is designed to deliver up to 1/3 of the province's total power requirement. At the inauguration, then gov Bongbong noted that Ilocos Norte has always been at the end of the power supply line; now, the province can look forward to being at the other end.

The project is the Philippines' first to enter into an Emissions Reduction Purchase Agreement with the WorldBank's Prototype Carbon Fund under the Carbon Development Mechanism established by the Kyoto Protocol.

Some 20% of all electricity produced in Denmark is based on wind.

JOng

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Jun 15, 2008 6:53 pm
Subject: RE: [UPLakbay] Travelogue 3 - delete if not interested

A hugely enjoyable travelogue, Danny. Btw, the blessing and inauguration of the Bangui Bay Windmills in 2005 was handled by --- tadaaa! -- Ting and her sister Sonia.

JOng

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sun, Jun 15, 2008 6:54 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] KARL RAHNER, Women and the Priesthood

Reminds of Joe Castillo XJ's teaching: "The three great virtues are Faith, Hope and Charity, and the greatest of these is Prudence." I.e., no woman is likely to be ordained priest till maybe two centuries after the US has its first black woman president.

JOng

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sat, Jun 7, 2008 10:37 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] ERWIN: An Author Requests Translation of "TOTI EMUL ESTO"

It's really Latin, and translates as "Ignoramus! Do stop using that obsolete ancient language."

No, I haven't turned polyglot. Just happen to have a copy of How to Insult, Abuse & Insinuate in Classical Latin, by Lovric and Mardas, and finally found some use for it.

JOng

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: ruben rivera <river3333bend@yahoo.com>; jimmyhabad <jimmyhabad@yahoo.com>
Cc: upscalloop <upscalloop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thu, May 15, 2008 11:03 pm
Subject: [UpscaLoop] RE: Falstaff in "Street Pinoy"

You have a point, Ruben; haven't heard of a Pinoy version of Henry IV or Henry IV either.

I have to disagree with your contention that "the events and most of the personalities" are alien to Pinoy culture. When I teach H IV, I stress that one better appreciate how the play addresses questions found in "mirror of princes" Renaissance literature by understanding something about Henry IV and how he became king -- a story told in the earlier play, Richard II.

Richard was incompetent, self-indulgent, foul-mouthed, spendthrift, and devoted to court favorites who were frivolous, empty-headed and corrupt. Richard was also believed responsible for the murder of one uncle (Gloucester), and then seizing the assets of another (John of Gaunt) after first banishing Gaunt's heir Henry Bolingbroke from England. Well, if you consider that Erap was an inept president, showered his cronies with favors, and had Bubby Dacer disappear, Erap was a disaster, like Richard.

Supported by nobles who were much annoyed by Richard's cronies, Bolingbroke returned from exile, forced Richard to abdicate, and threw him into prison, where he died. But even if Richard's earlier confiscation of Bolingbroke's inheritance was shocking, Bolingbroke's ascension was, to many, even more unthinkable, as the legal heir apparent to the childless Richard was someone else. An assembly of lords and bishops attended Henry's coronation -- a popular acclamation, like an oath-taking at EDSA -- but the assembly was technically not Parliament, and Henry was not in the line of succession to the king he deposed. So his title would always be of questionable legality. So the play Henry IV Part 1 opens with a tone and mood far different from the power and pomp with which Richard makes his first appearance in the earlier play.

Well, GMA dethroned Erap, with the help of Davide's Supreme Court, and then held on to the crown with the help of Garci. So even if she has yet to confess "So shaken as we are, so wan with care," she hasn't had a moment's peace since then. And the questions posed by Shakespeare can, if reworded slightly, still be asked today: Is a legitimate king (descended from another legitimate king) preferable to and more capable than a king who gains power through dubious means? Is a leader who enjoys the support of the masa more effective than one who is widely reviled? How should one treat one's allies on the road to power? After power is attained?

I've tried teaching Shakespeare's history plays this way, comparing, say, Exton's "Didst thou not mark the King, what words he spake, / "Have I no friend will rid me of this living fear?" (after which he kills Richard) to Erap's "Papaano naman ako?" (after which the movie industry stopped advertising in the Inquirer). The resonances are not numerous, but one finds them, because Shakespeare isn't alien.

You are absolutely right about Falstaff. We don't have a contemporary counterpart in the political landscape, but if Pete Lacaba were to translate his language into street Pinoy, I daresay a Filipino audience would go wild, as Shakespeare's audience did. We'd have a box-office hit, a palpable hit.

JOng

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>; UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Wed, Apr 30, 2008 1:01 am

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Re: Lito Domingo discovered.

Biro lang, Lito. Actually, the reasoning behind my boast goes like this: I've found that as people become more mature and more prosperous in life, they outgrow the more strenuous activities of college years, and take up slower, more prestigious pursuits. Since Alex D describes you as a

mining executive, my guess is you are now into golf. Me, I am neither mature nor prosperous, and still play ping-pong.

Jong

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Apr 28, 2008 11:53 pm
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Re: Lito Domingo discovered.

Hi, Alex, and welcome, Lito. Yes, I can still whip you at table tennis.

Jong

-----Original Message-----

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wed, Mar 19, 2008 11:03 am
Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] Re: Arthur C Clarke Dies at 90

Johnny, Tony.

I join you in a fond farewell. One of the courses I teach at DLSU is Intro to World Lit. I dutifully assign many of the authors listed in the department syllabus -- Homer, Shakespeare, James Joyce, Basho, Neruda. But I always begin the term with a writer who's not in the syllabus, but whose story makes, I think, a more pleasurable intro to literature than some of the aforementioned heavy hitters. I use "The Star" by Arthur C Clarke.

Jong

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>
To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Mar 17, 2008 9:57 am
Subject: RE: [UPLakbay] Ashley Alexandra Dupre My Space

True, but his sinister intent shows, and sometimes he overreaches and ends up with egg on his face, placed there by his surprise witness.

The point I wished to make is that the Senate inquiry -- long-winded, repetitive, grandstanding -- is not its finest hour, but it has also been the venue for Neri to reveal Abalos's P200 m bribe offer, and for Razon and Gaité to reveal how desperately they tried to keep Lozada from testifying. Outcomes worth applauding.

Jong

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From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UpscaLoop <UpscaLoop@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Tue, Mar 4, 2008 11:10 am

Subject: RE: [UpscaLoop] What's happening?

Hi, Mercy.

The fear that the Ombudsman and the DOJ Secretary cannot conduct credible investigations is not based on the premise that they are presidential appointees. It is based on their actual behavior. The Ombudsman took two yrs to act on the Supreme Court's directive to determine criminal liability in the case of the MegaPacific contract -- and when she acted, it was to clear Abalos. (So the equipment rusts unused, and the money is long gone.) And Raul Gonzalez thinks any PeaceCorps volunteer who is murdered has only herself to blame.

Some presidential appointees are all right. The better ones -- Cesar Purisima, Simeon Marcelo, to name a few -- have left.

J Ong

From: PLDTFOA-Cynthia Ong <nazgul@pltdsl.net>

To: UPLakbay <UPLakbay@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Tue, Feb 19, 2008 8:38 pm

Subject: RE: [UPLakbay] Overview - RP, GMA, ZTE, Lozada, etc

Oops, I forgot. Yes, lurking behind every whistleblower, civil society marcher, Makati exec, landless farmer and nun is some godless commie hit squad.

J Ong

Next 8 pages are photographs of J Ong and his friends over the years. Last 2 are thumbnails with titles of the 54 enlarged ones.

These were easy to put together because they all come from a CD Rom I made 3 years ago as a fundraiser for an UPSCA cause. The CD Rom was entitled "UPSCA- Through the Years" and had almost a thousand photos in about 75 dated and categorized folders.

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