



**Wendell Gaa (l.), with Kiefer Sutherland (star of the hit series “24”), after the latter’s Broadway performance of “That Championship Season.” The show will run until May 29.**



*“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; What is essential is invisible to the eye.”*

— **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**

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BY the time this comes out, we'll be out of the country to attend the grand reunion of “**Thrilla Ko Banga**” in Aklan.

It'll be a week of festive events among global **Bangahons** who will gather in our beloved hometown for the first time in history — to share, to laugh, to relive the joyful past, and give thanks to the Lord for the bounty we have received.

Everyone's so excited and thrilled to be seeing high-school classmates, relatives and friends.

Judging from the more than 200 colored pages of the journal with greetings from all over, it really gives one nostalgia and joy to see in the pages Bangahons you haven't seen in ages.

Boy, still lookin' good and groovy.

The journal “Thrilla Ko Banga” was beautifully done by **Manny Pascual** as assembled by **Anthony Macahilig**

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**Reuben Ibarreta**  
and  
**Pete Teofilo**

, the trio who started the whole shebang.

The first reunion was in 2002 in Las Vegas which was well-attended.

But, this time, it is going to be a big, big event, especially the gala on April 26.

Proceeds will go to the renovation of the town parish, **St. Joseph Church**.

Some can give directly c/o **Modesta Macahilig**, treasurer of the Renovation Committee.

All donations will be duly accounted for and all expenses and financial statements will be duly audited.

The Parish Council and the Renovation Committee cannot establish a bank account that could receive U.S. dollars due to the astringent bank requirements in the Philippines.

Therefore, all benefactors who give checks are asked to make it payable to the treasurer who will issue the proper receipts and acknowledgement.

Ditto to those who gave cash.

To those who sent in donations, may I take this opportunity to thank you so very, very much for the great help to my hometown church.

To those who gave cash, I will issue checks in their names and the corresponding amount donated for transparency and easy accounting.

The donation will be duly acknowledged.

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I'm doing four weeks of **S/S** columns as I'll be away that I'm soooo busy, aside from many other things I have to do before leaving.

Thanks to those who sent me jokes, words of wisdom, etc.

They're good fillers for this space.

Mea culpa to friends and relatives I haven't returned calls, but I will do so in due time.

Promise.

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Birthday cheers to April-born **Remy Magluyan, Vic Roldan, Melanie Crudo, Nena Kaufman, Matthew DeLuca**

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**Minnie Azarcon**

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**Jennifer Megrino**

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**Susa Calanog**

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**Net Benozza**

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**Auring Umali**

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**Gary Teodosio**

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**Vanessa French**

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**Albert Medenilla**

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**Glorianne Besana**

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**Jerry French**

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**Glenn Ruiz**

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**Eric Lacanlale**

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**Gloria Papin**

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**Flora Libay**

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**Penn Baluyut**

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**Noning Hernandez**

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**Amy Bernabe**

and you---if this is your month!

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Hope this brightens your day.

From **Nimfa Du-Tinana**.

*The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time.*

*The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.*

*"He's a funeral director," she answered.*

*"Interesting," the newsman thought.*

*He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.*

*She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years.*

*After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her early 20s, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40s, a preacher when in her 60s, and now in her 80s, a funeral director.*

*The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.*

*She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."*



**Christine Nie-Breakford of Pinaric Habraim with her son August in Manila wedding photos.**



**Maureen Sabas Aliena and Ray Rogan after joining the maiden voyage of the luxurious**



Baron and Tricia Moreteng are the parents of this child. Tricia, a graduate from