

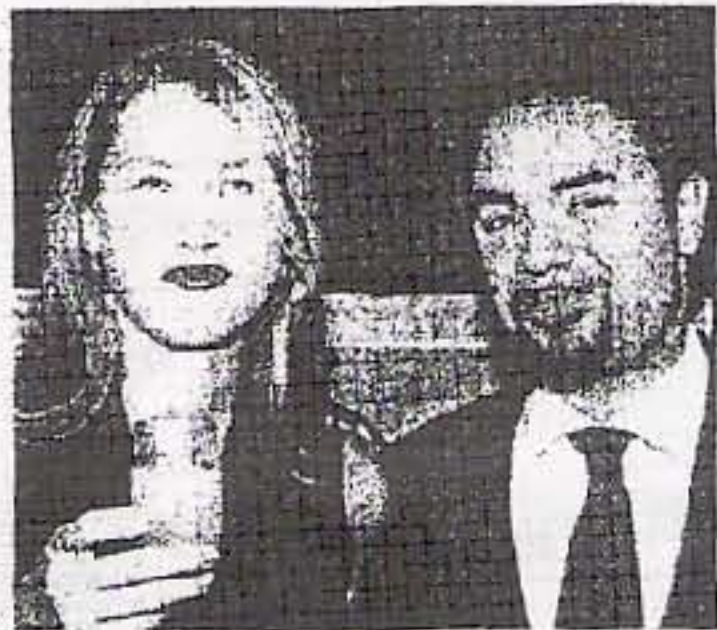
**FEELING ITALIAN.** The mood is evidently over The Podium, at least for the duration of the "Shop Your Way to Milan" promo, now ongoing until November 8 this year.

In the promo, The Podium customers who shop and dine in participating restaurants and shops with a minimum P1,500 purchase get a chance to win a trip for two to Milan, Italy, via Singapore Airlines.

At the launch of the raffle promo, a ceremonial toast of bellinis (one of Milan's best wine offerings) was led by the Italian Embassy's deputy head of missions Dr. Mario Bartoli and Dr. Andrea Ghinvenuti, along with Singapore Airlines GM Clinton Tan, SM Investments Corp. vice chairman Tessie Sy-Coson, Keppel Properties Phils. president Sin Wai M Eg and Podium mall manager Christian Mathay.

It was a festive launch attended by the likes of presidential daughter Luli Arroyo, Pilipinas Makro president and managing director Bunny Khurana, Fuego Hotels

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DR. MARIO & TATJANA BARTOLI



ILLAC DIAZ FLANKED BY Ana Sobrepeña, Impy Pilapil (right).



RACHEL GERODIAS sings Italian arias; Jude Aeropagita on the piano.



PRESIDENTIAL DAUGHTER Luli Arroyo (center) with SIA's Clarissa Morelos, Metrobank's Ana Sobrepeña, Ms. Parisotto, SIA's Rita Dy, Dr. Mario Bartoli of the Italian embassy.



FRANCISCO ORTIGAS III, Janlo Cui, Pat Gerrer, Rafa Alunan.

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& Properties managing director Alfredo Roca, International Labor Org's Aurelio Parisotto, sculptor Impy Pilapil, Francisco Ortigas III of Ortigas Center, Metrobank's Anna Sobrepeña, et al.

Illac Diaz, a Fil-Italian and Ten Outstanding Young People awardee of the Jaycees, emceed the program which featured opera soprano Rachel Gerodias accompanied by pianist Jude Aeropagita as she sang Italian arias.

Members of the travel industry attended the launch such as ... Rolando de los Santos and Jocelyn Nisperos of Trans Air Corp., Joanna Tantiongco of Regent Travel, SIA's Alvin Cruz, Lisa Morales of Taal Vista Hotel, Geologic Int'l's Nancy Uy and Ronnel Alonzo, et al.

Of course, the food and drinks were strictly Italian such as snacks catered by the mall's specialty restos - Florabel, Café Mediterraneo, Roma Mia, Pagliacci and Segafredo Zanetti.

Florabel will showcase bellini, the popular Italian cocktail made from sparkling prosecco wines mixed with peach puree. The prosecco wines (distributed here by Silver Secrets) are made from white grapes from the Veneto region in Italy.

Café Mediterraneo focuses on Italian dishes such as porchops with tomato caper olive sauce, cream dory with orregano and mushrooms, fish filets with caponata, penne with mushrooms, prosciutto and cream, alpb.

Chef Maurizio Bigilini of Pagliacci will be showing off the Italian gelato which he said are not only yummy but low in fat and a healthy food.

Roma Mia will offer Italian dishes like Godfather chops and pawns in tomato Cream. Segafredo Zanetti brews excellent espressos in original, blended, cappuccino and cold versions.



ITALIAN ESPRESSO at Segafredo.



PILIPINAS MAKRO president Bunny Khurana, SIA's Rita Tirol.



MARLA TANADA, owner of Café Mediterraneo.



PROSECCO WINES from the Veneto region of Italy.



GELATO BAR at Pagliacci.

## FEU Chorale performs at Paco Park

The Far Eastern University (FEU) Chorale, under the music direction of Emerson Hernandez, closes the September concerts in "Paco Park Presents" this Friday, Sept. 29, with a program consisting of sacred, folkloric, nationalistic and OPM

The new FEU Chorale was formed in August 2004 and has since become an active musical group representing the University in various engagements and functions in and outside the campus.

Their first public performance was in "Harmonies 2004," a choral festival organized by the UST Conservatory of Music held at the Philamlife Auditorium in November 2004.

The chorale, only three months in existence back then, performed with some of the best choirs in Metro Manila like the UST Liturgikon Vocal Ensemble, the UST Coro Tomasino, the Ateneo Chamber Singers and the Hail Mary the Queen Children's Choir.

Last year, the group opened the 2nd concert

season of Paco Park Presents. On December of the same year, the chorale staged a Christmas concert together with the UST Singers and the Philippine Children's Choir of Mandaluyong, held at the FEU Auditorium.

This year, the FEU Chorale performed at the National Arts Month celebration, and at NCCA's "Sining Gising: Ugnayan sa Tirig ng Bayan" on Channel 4, to mention a few.

The FEU Chorale's is under the guidance of its conductor and musical director Emerson M. Hernandez, a graduate of the UST Conservatory of Music in choral conducting.

The concert, hosted by Thea Perez, is free and open to the public.

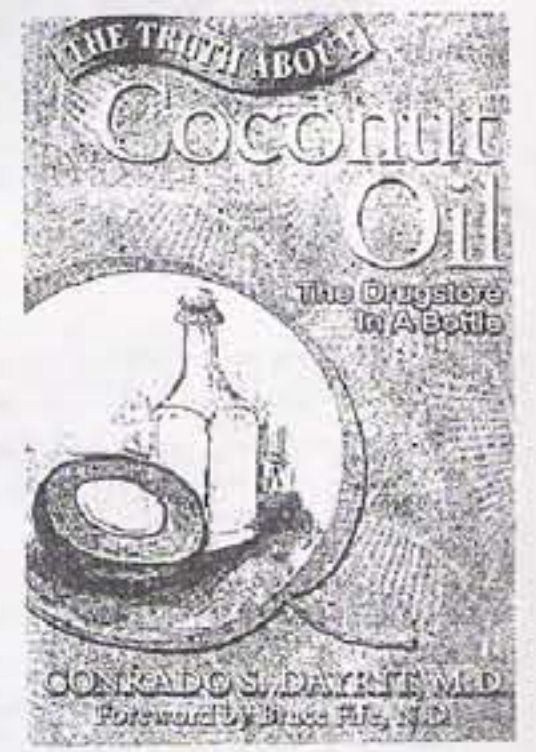
## Gintong Aklat winners named

The biggest names in the country's publishing sector were big winners at the recent Gintong Aklat Awards.

Anvil Publishing was given top awards for the books "The Truth About Coconut Oil, the Drugstore in a Bottle" by Dr. Conrado S. Dayrit; "Barako, The Big Bean" by Chit Juan and Alejandro Mojica; and "Ang Hayop Na Itol" by Virgilio S. Almario in the Natural Science, Trade Books and Filipino Literature categories respectively.

The entries "Slow Book, Philippine Culinary Traditions" by Erlinda Enriquez Panlilio and Felice Prudente Sta. Maria; "Banana Feast Summer" by Merlinda Bobis; "Rosamistica" by Christine Belen were finalists in the trade books, English literature and children's books categories, respectively.

The board of judges, chaired by Commissioner Nona S. Ricafort of CHED, included National Book Development Board chairman Dennis Gonzales, Book Development Association of the Philippines chairman Lirio Sand oval, Reyes Publishing president Louie Reyes, freelance book editor Mimi de Jesus, Jose Maria T. Policarpio, VP of Diwa Learn-



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ing Systems chaired this year's Gintong Aklat Awards Committee while Mylene Abiva-Sazon, VP of BDAP, was in charge of Gintong Aklat Awards.

Entries were judged based on content, quality of production, design, language, and levels of contribution.

Adarna Publishing dominated the children's book category with its entry "100 Questions Filipino Kids Ask" by Liliwa Malabed and Emjou Infante clinching the top prize. "Poliwog Wiggle" by Heidi Emily Abad as a finalist.

Entries from UST Publishing House were named finalists in the Filipino literature, English literature and children books categories.

Ateneo Press entries were recognized as finalists in the Filipino literature, the arts, visual arts, and social science categories.

C&E Publishing got two finalists in the natural science category.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas won top recognition in the arts category for its book "The Truth About Coconut Oil" by Dr. Conrado S. Dayrit.