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NYC to offer low-cost healthcare to uninsured immigrants

New York will become one of the first major U.S. cities to expand low-cost healthcare to uninsured immigrants regardless of their legal status under a pilot program to launch next spring. Mayor Bill de Blasio said last Thursday. According to Reuters, the pilot, called Direct Access, will initially apply to 1,000 immigrants. Some of them are in the country legally but still ineligible for support under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare. The program is expected to expand in the following years. Turn to page 8



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‘Becoming president is plan of God, not man’: Pacquiao

By MANNY CABALLERO
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The spirituality of boxing icon and Congressman Manny Pacquiao was evident throughout the hour-long Question-and-Answer that the legendary boxer and members of the New York and Fil-Am media conducted at Asia Society in New York City on Oct. 12.

Pacquiao was in New York to receive the prestigious Asia Game Changer Award from Asia Society given at the United Nations. Turn to page 11



Future first ballot boxing Hall of Famer and Sarangani Rep. Manny Pacquiao admiring the Philippine Gold Exhibit at Asia Society in New York on Oct. 12. Right photo: Pacquiao being interviewed by Tom Nagorski, Executive Vice President of Asia Society. (Ella Halpin/Life Society)



Consul General Mario L. de Leon, Jr. (left) receives certificate handed over by Director David Turley of the Office of Constituent Affairs. (Photo by Ethel Lopez)

Historic proclamation from Cuomo granted to PH community

It's official in the Empire State: October is Filipino American History Month. New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a Proclamation. Turn to page 11

Roxas, Robredo formalize '16 tandem

By PATRICIA LOURDES VIRAY and ROSETTE ADZEL

MANILA — Former Interior and Local Government Secretary Manuel “Mar” Roxas II and his running mate, Camarines Sur Rep. Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo, on Thursday filed their certificates of candidacy for the 2016 national elections.

President Benigno Aquino III earlier endorsed Roxas as the standard-bearer of the ruling Liberal Party (LP) and will seek presidency.

Roxas, meanwhile, chose Camarines Sur Rep. Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo as his running mate. Turn to page 14



In this Oct. 5 photo, ruling Liberal Party presidential candidate Manuel “Mar” Roxas II and his running mate Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo prepare to address supporters following an announcement to be the administration's standard-bearers in next year's presidential election in San Juan City. (AP/Rafael Marquer, file)

SPAA exhibit in Queens

The Society of Philippine-American Artists (SPAA), in celebration of Filipino American History Month, is reaching beyond the Philippine Center in Manhattan, its perennial option for its annual exhibition partnership. Turn to page 8

ing instead with Topex Arts in Woodside, Queens. It will be on view Oct. 16 to Nov. 21, 2015.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Turn to page 8

AARP survey: Stressed NYC Asian-American Gen X, Boomers struggling to save for retirement

Nearly two-thirds of New York City's Asian-American Gen-Xers and Baby Boomers say they are worried about having enough money to live comfortably when they retire, saying the high cost of living, paying for education and healthcare. Turn to page 10

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58 Aklan mothers die in 100,000 live births

By BOY RYAN S. ZARAL

KALIBO, Aklan — Data from the Department of Health (DOH) shows Aklan ranked third with the highest maternal mortality rate among the six provinces in the region. Aklan had an average of 58.48

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