

## KITCHEN RESCUE

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# Here's to thank you

**T**HE OTHER WEDNESDAY, Brad Geiser handed me a bouquet of long-stemmed Toblerone roses. When I asked him what it was for, he simply said, "Amor and I would like to thank you."

My next question was fairly simple, "Thank me for what?" He simply replied, "That we made your acquaintance."

As it turned out, Brad's been bitten by a bug that is the National Thank You Day, a project that his firm is handling.

I asked him how National Thank You Day came to be. Truth be told, I was not at all interested. I thought it was just another marketing ploy.

Then I was told that we did so poorly in a

recent study conducted on common courtesy. The study checked, among other things, whether residents of a city still knew how to say thank you.

New York, Zurich and Toronto were the top three while Manila ranked 22, according to Reader's Digest Canada magazine (To read more on the study, log on to <http://www.readersdigest.ca/mag/2006/07/polite.php>).

I was flabbergasted! How could this be? We are proud of all that we are: warm, hospitable and courteous. We are a race that takes pride in holding on to age-old values like respect for elders and the beauty of our *bayanihan* spirit, etc.

Though I strongly disagree and do not believe a mere study should be a basis for judging an entire race, I am saddened just

the same.

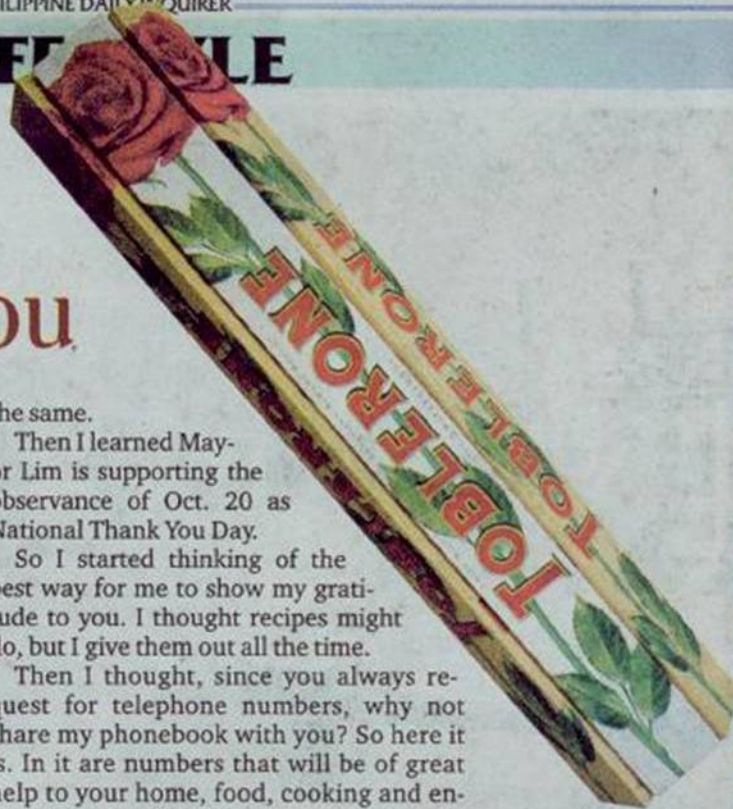
Then I learned Mayor Lim is supporting the observance of Oct. 20 as National Thank You Day.

So I started thinking of the best way for me to show my gratitude to you. I thought recipes might do, but I give them out all the time.

Then I thought, since you always request for telephone numbers, why not share my phonebook with you? So here it is. In it are numbers that will be of great help to your home, food, cooking and entertaining needs.

From me to you, *maraming salamat po!* Thank you for taking time out to read Kitchen Rescue!

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## Reggie's Phonebook

Acoustic Strings	0917-8915865
Mang June, aircon repair	8681073
Arnaldo Zamora, party props	6696641/0927-7201968
Spices, Assad	5261349
Bailon's Lumpiang Bacolod	8436673
Sweetcraft, baking supplies	5321595
Claudine, speciality olive oils, salt, fruits	0917-8958191
Food order (reasonably priced), Boots Salas	0916-5265284
Food boxes (packaging), RM	7138547
Brazo de Mercedes and Butter Cake	8107529
Frozen Brazo	8438086
Bordadoras	7180901
Best Buko Pandan	045-9616817
Coffee caterers, Cafe ni Juan	0917-5277141
Beautiful yet reasonably	0917-5339275