

Panlilio told to leave post

❑ **Comelec declares Pineda winner in 2007 polls**

By DING CERVANTES

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO - The Second Division of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) declared yesterday that former provincial board member Lilia Pineda won by 2,011 votes over Gov. Eddie Panlilio in the 2007 elections.

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DILG hit for failure to execute orders

❑ **'Disheartened' '07 mayoral candidate won't seek any post this May**

SASMUAN, Pampanga - Why has the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) continued to ignore a final ruling of both the Commission on Elections (Comelec) en banc in 2007 and the Supreme Court way back in 2008 to oust this town's Mayor Nardo Velasco?

Mozart Panlaqui, the only other candidate for mayor in the 2007 elections here, asked this question even as Velasco

filed anew his mayoral candidacy for the May elections in this town in Pampanga's second district where Pres. Arroyo is running for Congress.

Panlaqui himself is no longer seeking any political post in the coming elections after being "disheartened" by the failure of the DILG to enforce final orders from no less than the Comelec en banc and the Supreme Court.

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Students from various public and private schools in Marilao lineup to learn about climate change at SM's Green Film Festival.

SM launches Green Film Festival nationwide

SM talks green with students. SM Supermalls launched its nationwide environment campaign for students with the Green Film Festival held simultaneously in 32 SM malls last February 10, 2010.

The SM Supermalls 2010 Green Film Festival showcased eye opening documentary films that picture the true state of our environment. The activity aimed to promote sustainability among the youth and the community and was

part of the SM Cares program for the environment.

In Bulacan, SM City Baliwag and SM City Marilao have partnered with the Department of Education in this endeavor for the youth's awareness on pressing environmental issues.

Almost 900 students joined the screening at SM City Baliwag. The participants came from Santuario de Sta Maria Theresa School, Felizardo Lipana Highschool, Bulacan Agricultural State College, Mariano

Pince School and Sullivan High-school.

About 1,100 students were the viewers of SM City Marilao's Film Fest. They came from Ibayo Elementary School, Discovery Montessori, Maria Katrina School, Sophia School, Tabing-Ilog Elementary School, Lias Elementary School, Abangan Norte Elementary School, and Marilao Central School. Students of the Alterna-

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OBET'S RETURN. Pastor Jimmylito Yaneza of the Primitive Baptist Church in Pandi town and supporters pray for Bulacan Gov. Roberto Pagdanganan on Wednesday night at the unlighted Tanghalan ng Sining at Kultura within the capitol grounds after announcing that he is assuming office as governor again. Pagdanganan took his oath of office before lawyer Joey Cruz on Wednesday afternoon. See related story on page 10. PHOTO BY DINO BALABO

BABALA SA MAMAMAYAHAG:

Mag-ingat sa marahas na halalan

Ni DINO BALABO

LUNGSOD NG CEBU—Mag-iingat kayo! "This could be one of the bloodiest elections in our history."

Ito ang buod ng mensahe ni Atty. Harry Roque ng Center for International Law Philippines (Center-Law-Philippines) sa mga mamamahayag dahil sa posibilidad na maging marahas at madugo ang nalalapit na makasaysayang halalan sa Mayo.

Kaugnay nito, sinabi niya dapat maging bahagi ng kampanya ng mga kandidato sa pagka-Pangulo

ang mga solusyon para sa culture of impunity o ang kawalan ng napaparumahan sa mga pamaslang sa mga militante at mamamahayag.

Dahil dito ay inimbithan niya upang magsalita sa Abril si Frank La Rue, ang rapporteur ng United Nations hinggil sa freedom of expression.

"This could be one of the bloodiest elections in our history," babala ni Roque sa mga mamamahayag na lumahok sa ikatlong pagsasanay hinggil sa pamamahayag sa halalan na pinangunahan ng Philippine Press Insti-

tute (PPI) at isinagawa sa Waterfront Hotel sa lungsod na ito noong Pebrero 2-5.

Ang babala ni Roque ay batay na rin sa mga problema sa paghahanda sa nalalapit na halalan na hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa natutugunan ng Commission on Elections (Comelec)

Kabilang dito ay ang katiyakan na mabibilang ang mga boto ng bawat botante sa nalalapit na halalan; seguridad ng boto at pagboto; at kawalan ng probisyon sa batas hinggil sa pagsasampa ng

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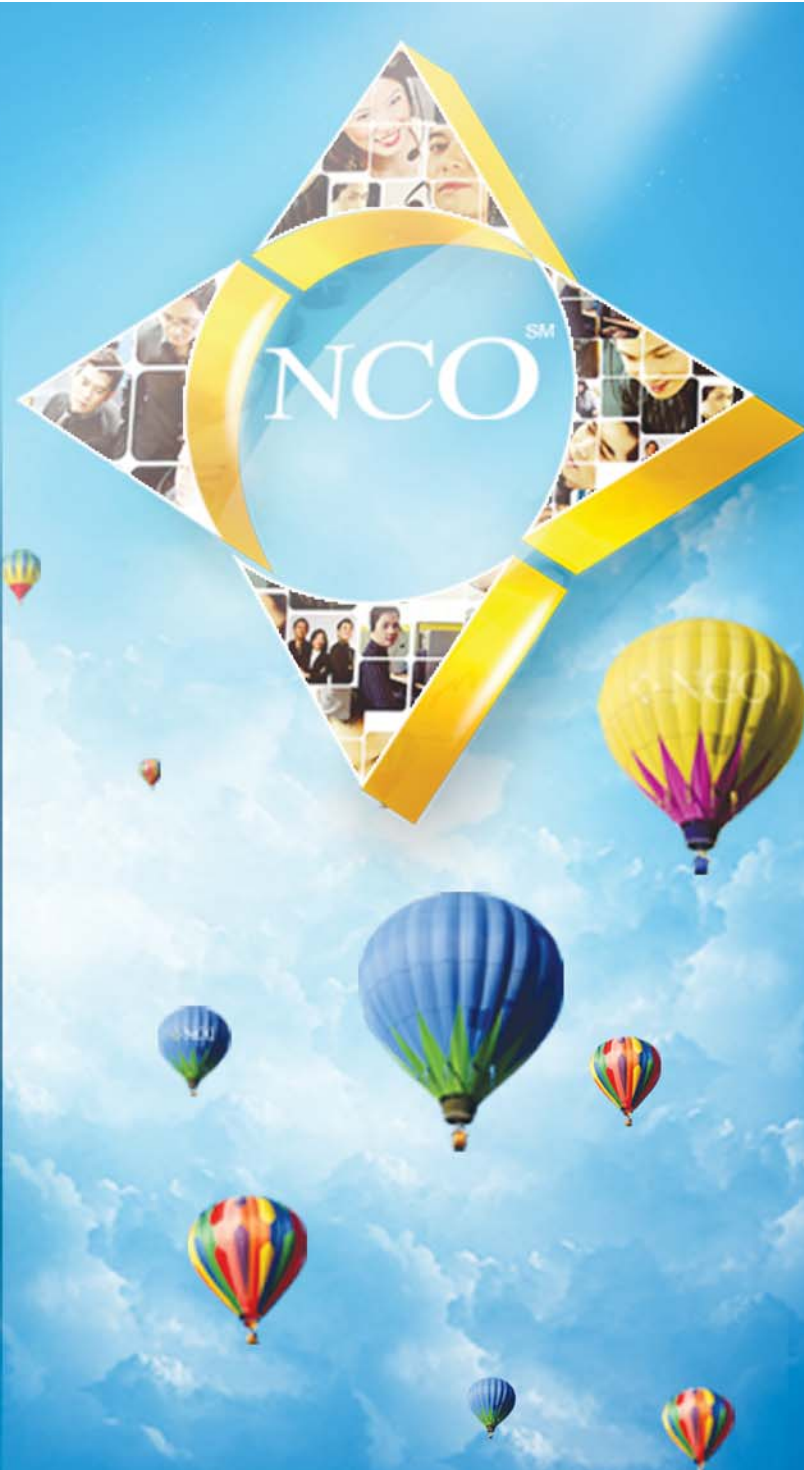
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Subic Freeport eyes growing retirement market

By MALOU DUNGOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — The retirement-tourism industry

in this freeport is expected to take off this year, as government agencies and the business community here

teamed up to come up with a more aggressive marketing program. Eyeing the development of

Subic Bay as a prime retirement facility, the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) and the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) signed a memorandum of agreement with the Subic Bay Freeport Chamber of Commerce (SBFCC) for more effective promotion in the world market. The agreement was signed the other day by PRA chairman Edgar Aglipay, SBMA chairman Feliciano Salonga, SBMA administrator Armand Arreza, and SBFCC president Danny Piano at the SBMA Board Room.

Philippines has almost all the advantages — climate, manpower, culture and services — to outmatch other Asian nations in the retirement business, especially since Filipinos are known worldwide for being highly efficient and professional.

Salonga, meanwhile, noted that the agreement "was very timely, since the number of foreign retirees seeking a safer and more comfortable place to live in is increasing."

A large number of these retirees visiting Subic Bay have settled here for a time, he added.

Arreza said that the Subic Bay Freeport already has world-class retirement facilities, including the Subic Holiday Villas, which is described as a modern leisure and retirement village that can accommodate up to 500 retirees, plus their families.

The three parties agreed to integrate their marketing and promotional activities, including information dissemination, public relations, special events, and other retiree-related tourism programs to maximize Subic's market reach.

Each party also committed to act as an advocate for the design and development of new products and investment opportunities for foreign retirees and tourists, thereby enhancing retiree-related sites, facilities, and services through tourism planning and product development.

"Only through strong partnerships and consolidation of individual corporate goals into one, could the retirement industry in Subic match up with those in the neighboring countries of Asia," Aglipay said.

Other similar facilities in Subic include the Subic Holiday Mansion, the Tropical Paradise Retirement Village, Subic Heights at the Upper Mau Area, Subic Bay Leisure and Resorts at the Boton Area, the Subic Executive Loft Condominium, and Poco A Poco at the Subic Commercial Park.

These world-class retirement communities in the Subic Bay area can accommodate retirees from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and other foreign countries, Arreza added.

GSIS gives free Personal Accident Insurance to AAOs

THE Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) is giving agency authorized officers (AAOs) a free Personal Accident Insurance in recognition of the AAOs' crucial role in the pension fund's processing of the loan applications of members.

The System started giving AAOs free Personal Accident Insurance cards at the beginning of the year.

Among those who are entitled to this free program are principal AAOs and their alternates. They will remain entitled to such as long they remain legitimate AAOs of their respective agencies and registered with the GSIS. The card is renewable every year.

AAOs are the ones that certify the loan applications of employees of their respective agencies through the electronic certification system required by the GSIS. They also submit an agency remittance advice (ARA) to the pension fund, containing the updated data of the member including salary adjustments, change of status, and change of position, among others, in electronic remittance format. The GSIS updates the member's GSIS records accordingly based on the ARA.

To date, of the total 16,300 registered AAOs in the country, around 8,000 of them have already availed of the free Personal Accident Insurance card.

All forms of accidents that result in death or dismemberment are covered by the free Personal Accident Insurance, including dog bites and ac-

cidental gunshots, among others.

The policy covers an indemnity of P500,000 for accidental death and dismemberment. For medical reimbursement, the claim is P50,000; for bereavement assistance, the claim is P10,000; and for unprovoked murder or assault, the claim is P50,000.

Under this program, AAOs are covered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, wherever the accident occurred.

To file for claims, the AAO must file a notice of loss within 14 days to the nearest GSIS servicing office. For those who have not yet availed of their free Personal Accident Insurance card, the GSIS advises them to contact their respective GSIS Membership coordinator or send an email to ragustin@gsis.gov.ph or call 02-4793561 for further inquiries or assistance.

Under its usual personal accident insurance program dubbed as My Shield, the GSIS covers an individual aged three to 80 years old for a basement-low premium of just P0.40. For just 40 centavos, an individual can already get P1,000 worth of personal accident coverage. My Shield offers a minimum coverage of P50,000 to a maximum protection of P5 million.

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Pinoy, proudly

“(WITH) HIGH-QUALITY motor and technical skills, quick learners and hardworking, and they put into practice whatever they learn in trainings.”

Thus hailed Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Administrator Armand Arreza the qualifications of the Filipino worker in that Freeport.

“What many foreign investors like about Subic is the competitive workforce... more competitive than those in other Asian countries. And here in Subic Bay, we take pride in our talented and high-quality workers.” So Arreza enthused.

No empty breast-thumping for Arreza there, walking his talk, so to speak, with the announcement that Subic-based shipbuilder Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction-Philippines, Inc. (HHIC-Phil) has bagged yet another huge ship construction project. Even as its reputation for employing skilled and hard-working Filipinos grows with each finished vessel.

Hanjin reported signing a contract with Hsin Chien Marine Co., Ltd., a Taiwanese shipping company, for the construction of two 180,000-ton Cape-size bulk carrier vessels due for staggered delivery starting September 2011.

Last month, Hanjin unveiled the *MT Leyla K*, the first oil tanker to be made in Subic. Since 2006, Hanjin has launched several ships, mainly cargo ships, then proceeded to build two units of Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) worth a total of \$330 million.

Hanjin is now the largest shipbuilder in the Philippines and the fourth biggest in the world. Filipino workmanship has greatly contributed to that.

Blowing in the wind

A LEGACY of financial health, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is leaving her successor.

So proclaimed one Dr. Emilio Antonio, Jr., chair of the Research Education and Infrastructure Development, and former dean of the School of Economics of the University of Asia and the Pacific.

The Philippine economy as a whole “will have sound financial health, owing to its ample cash position, surplus of income over spending and a regained access to other people’s money.”

“Because of this situation, the country can expect relatively predictable prices of foreign currencies, funds and goods, as well as a favorable environment for growth of economic activities.”

So went the good news gospel of Antonio.

In the current scheme of things political, Antonio might as well be blowing in the wind.

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Zona Libre

Bong Z. Lacson

So was one Erlinda Borromeo, founding president of the Autism Hearts Foundation, quoted as saying in a press release from the Clark Development Corp. This after an ocular visit at the site of the proposed Autism Institute of Asia that is expected to rise in this Freeport.

No, it was not said in the press release if Borromeo found the Clark Freeport ideal for the autism institute because autism is endemic in the CDC.

CAPITOL employees told to wear black.

Judgment Day – the Comelec announcement of the results of the recount of 2007 gubernatorial votes – being yesterday, the Pampanga Capitol braced itself for the expected mourning over the anticipated demise of the Panlilio maladministration. This, hyped by Gov. Eddie T. Panlilio’s own lawyers.

“Tingin ko talo kami,” so was Panlilio’s lead counsel, the brilliant Atty. Sixto Brillantes, quoted as saying.

So did the employees wear black? Why should they? They are in very festive mood. A Capitol chief of office told us on the phone.

By the time this comes out, we would know the true winner of the 2007 gubernatorial contest.

CITIZENSHIP takes prime spot in *Kaganapan 2009*, the celebration of the cityhood of San Fernando.

MABALACAT CITYHOOD sealed.

So screamed out banner headline here yesterday, the Department of Finance issuing the Mabalacat local government a certificate of compliance on the requirements of cityhood.

“The average income of Mabalacat for Calendar Year 2008 and 2009 based on the year 2000 constant prices, exclusive of IRA, special funds, transfer and non recurring income is P144,541,537.24, which is above the minimum income requirement of P100 million pursuant to RA 9009 amending section 450 of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code for the conversion of a municipality into a component city.” Read part of the certification. Pending the approval of Congress, a-birthing now is the City of Mabalacat.

With cityhood, the victory of Mayor Boking Morales is sealed and secured, just awaiting delivery with a Comelec proclamation. Eat your heart out, John Sambo.

NGOs conduct ocular inspection of Clark autism institute site. The Clark Freeport is an ideal site to build a research institute for Autism Spectrum Disorder – a first in the Philippines and in Asia.

Organizations and individuals, principally comprising the multi-sectoral governance council, were given feted Wednesday night by the city government in appreciation and recognition of their active role in the pursuit of the vision of the city as a Habitat of Human Excellence by 2030.

As one of those recognized, I was asked for a brief response. Here is it:

Taking part in the multi-sectoral governance council raised the issue of journalistic independence among many of our peers. Indeed, the very tradition of media in an adversarial stance vis-à-vis the government was invoked, in apprehension of some subservience, if not subjugation of our being mediemen to the local government of the City of San Fernando.

But we know where we stand: were a dichotomy of our persona be demanded: We are journalists, yes. But we are citizens first.

Hence, like our fellow citizens here gathered, we are grateful and gratified for this opportunity to exercise that duty.

With all the international and national awards that have come San Fernando’s way since Mayor Oscar S. Rodriguez took over in 2004, his reelection to a third term is a cinch.

No need to heed the wisdom of the *sabungero* in the mayoralty contest in San Fernando: “*Maluse-luse yang buguk, ing taya king manuksing manuk.*” Whatever – whomever – that meant.

Zing on Valentine’s Day

ZING.

If there is one new word that couples must add to their valentine’s day vocabularies, this is it – Zing. It’s spelled with a capital “Z”, not an “S”, as it doesn’t have anything to do with harmony or sweet music. On the contrary, it’s synonymous to a subtle verbal attack by a man against his partner and vice-versa. Distressingly, it has become a commonplace phenomenon.

I came across the word recently as I was reading an article in the “O” Magazine, and it made me think about how I’ve been unconsciously taking swipes at my wife, Liza, in front of people.

A “Zinger,” as explained by Jancee Dunn, a Contributing Editor of Rolling Stone Magazine, is a clever comment that flies back and forth between couples, usually in front of a crowd. It’s meant to be a funny remark, but it’s actually a blurt that hurts.

Intriguingly, “Zinging” usually happens between two couples who are openly affectionate to each other – the hand-holders, the ones who sentimentally proclaim to the world that they are the best of friends – but couldn’t

resist sticking it to each other once in a while.

Here is one good example of “Zinging”:

Wife (speaking in front of friends): I just love our newborn baby. I don’t mind the difficulties, like no sleep.

Husband: Or no sex. (The crowd laughs.)

Wife: Oh yeah? How about sex on the internet? I saw 100 pornographic websites you’ve visited lately.

(Crowd freezes, smiling awkwardly, until someone timely changes the subject.)

Psychologists specializing in couples counseling say that a “Zing” against a spouse is actually an unexpressed resentment that just pops out. Others call it “Billboarding” because it happens when one spouse announces a grievance in the open to get the other’s attention. A classic case is when the wife tells the husband to press the toothpaste from the bottom-up, but the husband continues to use the toothpaste anyway he likes. Before you know it, the wife brings up the topic in public, to everyone’s horror.

Sometimes it’s a case of a



The Blue-Sky Scenario

Atty. Bong Roque

power struggle between the husband and the wife. Take this other case for instance:

Wife (in the midst of close friends): “For all intensive purposes...”

Husband: “What did you just say? Hello! The phrase is ‘for all intents and purposes.’”

(Throughout the evening, the husband kept on dropping the phrase “for all intensive purposes” into the conversation.)

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Angeles City and the SCAD Corridor (Part 2)



Agyu Tamu! Atbp

Edgardo “EDPAM” Pamintuan

IN MY last week’s column, I said I would give you in today’s Agyu Tamu! article a glimpse into the near future of Angeles City. A glimpse of what Angeles will become based on the planned social and economic development projects for the SCAD Corridor, on projects that had been implemented and completed and on the on-going construction of infra-structure projects in the Corridor—projects that would definitely redound to the social and economic development of Angeles City which, as I pointed out in my column last week, is at the very center of the SCAD Corridor and, therefore, surely a principal beneficiary of all the social and economic developments and business activities taking place and/or that will take place within and outside the Corridor

Already, even at this point, concrete signs of social and economic progress in Angeles City can be seen from the rising job and livelihood opportunities.

This is because of the development and construction in the Corridor of various vital infrastructure projects (like the DMIA, SCTEX, NLEX, Interchanges and Access Roads, etc) in the Corridor, which gives rise to the development and construction of new hotels and resort facilities, malls (like the SM, the Marquee, etc.) new housing subdivisions catering to high-end and middle-income markets (like those being developed and constructed by Globe Asiatique of Mr. Delfin Lee in Angeles City and Mabalacat), new restaurant and recreation centers like the Courtyard (again, of Mr. Delfin Lee), and the very evident mushrooming of several small business enterprises in and around Angeles. All these have generated business and economic activities, great volume of commerce and trade, and industrial investments—activities that will ultimately and inexorably move Angeles City forward to the path of social and economic progress in the very near future.

I can see the completion in the not too distant future of the on-going infra-structure projects (over which your humble servant and cabalen was put as overseer in my capacity as the Development Champion of the Luzon Urban Beltway Super Region and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development Council, Office of the President). Apart from those I already mentioned in the previous column, I would like to mention here seven (7) of some 40 infrastructure projects I am overseeing which, I am sure, will accelerate the social and economic development of Angeles City in particular:

1. Subic-Clark-Tarlac-Dingalan Road Project, which is a virtual extension of the SCTEX, thereby linking the Corridor, which consists of areas west to the China, to the vast areas east toward the Pacific Ocean, thereby effectively linking by land transport the western and eastern parts of the Corridor which would otherwise have remained separated by two great bodies of water, the China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

2. Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX) Phase 1 and 2, again a virtual extension of SCTEX to the northern provinces of Luzon, which would open markets for trade and commerce and tourism and various industries for both ends

of the Corridor and, of course, for Angeles City and Mabalacat.

3. DMIA Passenger Terminal II Expansion Project designed to accommodate at least 5 to 7 million passengers per year;

4. Northrail Project Phase 1 (Caloocan to Malolos) and Phase II (Caloocan to Clark). While project completion may take place well after 2010, the good thing is that the project (which had long been stalled got finally started when I took over as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Northrail in October 2008) will surely be finished by 2012 since all legal, technical and funding problems have been resolved and the project is now moving ahead according to schedule.

5. Northrail – Southrail Linkage Project (Caloocan to Alabang), which effectively connects by railway the Southern and Central parts of Luzon.

6. NLEX-SLEX Connection via C5 Road (Segment 1 – NLEX to Mindanao Avenue and Segment 2 – Carlos P. Garcia to Mindanao Avenue. The significance of this project to Angeles City in particular is the facilitation of travel and transport of goods and services from Metro-Manila to Central Luzon

7. Construction of additional interchanges and access roads at SCTEX and farm-to-market roads in Pampanga to further facilitate transport of goods and agricultural products and, therefore, further promote trade and commerce and industry in the Corridor.

I can see Angeles City in time becoming a major metropolis where all roads lead to it from north and south, from east and west of it, a veritable beehive of social and economic activities, a dynamic and vibrant center of commerce and trade and industry, of culture and sports and recreation, of growth and progress.

I can see Angelenos enjoying a better quality of life; I can see a peaceful and responsible community of civic-minded citizens enjoying a higher sense of social wellbeing.

More things I can see but for lack of space I must pause here until next week’s column for more glimpses of Angeles City’s future.

Mabuhay to all! Always remember: Agyu tamu abel!



Napag-uusapan lang

Ni Felix M. Garcia

Section 4, Article 7 of the 1987 Constitution, ‘di malinaw?

KUNG ALIN man kina Pangulong Arroyo At Joseph Estrada, na dating Pangulo, Ay di mahaharag basta ng kung sino Na di kandidato sa parehong puesto

Gaya halimbawa ng pagtakbo ngayon Ni Ginang Arroyo bilang isang Solon, Ay di kung saan itong nag-“file” ng petisyon Na si Riza Hontiveros at Pamatong

Ay di katunggali sa kanyang pagtakbo Bilang Kongresista sa Pampanga mismo, Kundi itong Riza’y para sa Senado At si Pamatong ay para pam-Pangulo

Ay ibasura ng kinauukulan O ng naturang komisyon sa halalan Nang naa-ayon sa batas na naturan, Pero ang nangyari ay kabaligtaran.

Pagkat lahat na ng “disqualification case” Na naisampa ryan sa ating Comelec Ng iba pang nag-“file” ay pawang nabasket, Ng pabor sa ngayon ay “sitting president;”

Kaya’t suma total ay kabaligtaran At naging aksyon ng kinauukulan O ng nasabing komisyon sa halalan Ang pagbasura sa petisyong naturan.

Kung saan ang “equal protection” sa batas, Sa puntong ito ang direktang nalabag; Laban sa isang nasa kanya na ang lahat Ng puersa, “sources,” at halos lahat-lahat!

Na sana man lang (kung talagang puede Itong humabol pa) siya’y nagdimitte, Upang maging patas ang labanan bale Nina Simpa at ng ating Presidente!

Na tuwirang paglabag sa Section 26, Ng Article III ang ating nasasilip; Kundi man lubusang pagbasurang pilit Sa Konsitutasyon ang aksyon ng Comelec.

Ganun din sa muling pagtakbo ni Erap, Na pam-Panguluhan pa mandin ang hangad; Gayong nasasaad sa Saligang Batas Ang Pangulo’y walang “re-election” dapat.

Na ubod ng linaw sa parteng Section 4, Ng Article 7 sa “ting Konstitusyon;” “that bar presidents for (any) re-election (Or there should be no other election at all;”)

Na ayon na rin sa isang miyembro noon Ng “framers” ng 1987 Con-com, At ex-chairman ng Commission on Election, “the word (any) refers to any position?”

Ay tila kakaiba sa interpretasyon Nitong nakaupong Commissioners ngayon, Pagkat hayan, “denied” lahat ang petisyon Nitong sa pagtakbo nila’y di sangayon!

Kung ganun pati na ang dating Pangulong Fidel V. Ramos ay puede pang humabol Sa pagka-Pangulo kung katulad nitong Kahit pala labag sa ting Konstitusyon

Ay pupuede basta walang magsasampa Ng petisyon laban sa pagtakbo niya? (O dahil na rin sa ang Comelec pala Ay di kumpleto ang ginipin sa sistema?)

(May karugtong)

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PEACE MAKER. Liberal Party standard bearer Senator Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III called for sobriety among Bulakenyos who were divided as the Commission on Elections issued on a resolution on Monday affirming former Governor Roberto Pagdanganan's victory in the 2007 gubernatorial race against embattled Gov. Joselito Mendoza. Aquino and his running mate, Senator Mar Roxas visited Malolos City Wednesday to give moral support to Mendoza. **PHOTO BY DINO BALABO**

MORAL SUPPORT TO JONJON

Noynoy, Mar visit Bulacan

By DINO BALABO

MALOLOS CITY—Liberal Party standard bearer Senator Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III and his running mate Senator Mar Roxas visited Bulacan on Wednesday to give embattled Governor Joselito Mendoza moral support.

Their arrival was greeted with cheers by Mendoza's supporters, and jeers by supporters of returning Governor Roberto Pagdanganan, who is now with the Nacionalista Party. He will run for Congress in the first district of Bulacan in the May polls. In a brief speech, Roxas vowed to give Mendoza full legal support in the election protest filed by Pagdanganan in 2007 but Comelec affirmed the latter's victory last Monday.

"Maling-mali ang desisyon ng Comelec en banc," said Roxas, the president of the Liberal Party. He alleged that Comelec's

decision was politicized and warned that Pampanga Governor Eddie Panlilio and other party-mates might suffer the same.

Both Mendoza and Panlilio joined the LP late last year, and both are facing separate election related cases in the Comelec.

For his part, Aquino called for sobriety among Bulakenyos and advised them not to resort to violence.

"Dapat tayong manatiling payapa habang hinihiling natin na ibigay ang karapatan ni Gov. Mendoza na marinig ang kanyang panig ayon sa proseso," Aquino said.

Earlier, Mendoza said that they will seek redress before the Supreme Court with regards to Comelec en banc's decision re-leased on Monday.

The said decision denied Mendoza's motion for reconsideration and affirmed the decision issued by its second division on

December 1 that nullified Mendoza's proclamation. It also ordered him to vacate the governor's office to give way to Pagdanganan.

The recent Comelec en banc's decision also granted Pagdanganan's request for writ of execution pending appeal.

Pagdanganan assumed the gubernatorial post yesterday after the Comelec issued the resolution on Monday.

His supporters said Pagdanganan is waiting for a representative from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to implement the Comelec decision.

However, it was not served on Wednesday due to the untimely visit of Aquino and Roxas.

Joey Munsayac, close supporter of Pagdanganan said "ayaw makisabay kung nandyan sina Noynoy, baka magkagulo pa."

Tubero tiklo sa buy-bust

10 sachet ng shabu nakumpiska

Ni ERNIE B. ESCONDE

ABUCAY, Bataan- Tiklo ang isang tubero matapos mahulihan ito ng 10 maliit na heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet na naglalaman ng pinaghinalaang shabu sa isang buy-bust operation Sabado ng gabi sa barangay Wawa, Abucay, Bataan.

Ayon kay Insp. Galahad D. Taqueban, Abucay police chief, bumagsak sa kamay ng pulisya si Cesar Renosa, 42, isang tubero ng Wawa, na kasalukuyang nakapiit sa Abucay municipal jail matapos ang isang matagumpay na operasyon sa tulong ng isang police poseur-buyer alas-7:30 ng gabi.

Inihahanda na ng Abucay police ang kasong paglabag sa Republic Act 9165 sa ilalim ng Sections 5, 11 and 12 o ang violation sa anti-drugs act. Nahuli sa suspek ang shabu na diumano'y may street value na P10,000. Isang tother na gamit

sa paghithit ng shabu ang diumano'y nakumpiska rin sa kanya.

Pinaigting ang kampanya laban sa mga ipinagbabawal na

gamot sa utos ni Senior Supt. Arnold Gunnacao, bagong Bataan police director, sabi ni police information officer Insp. Dennis Orbista.

NOTICE TO THE CONSUMERS

In compliance with the Order dated 25 January 2010 of the Energy Regulatory Commission, notice is hereby given that the "Application for the Approval of Power Supply Agreement between San Fernando Electric Light and Power Co., Inc. and AP Renewables Inc. with Prayer for Provisional Authority" filed by San Fernando Electric Light and Power Co., Inc. ("SFELAPCO") and AP Renewables Inc. ("APRI"), will be heard by the Energy Regulatory Commission for initial hearing, expository presentation, pre-trial conference and evidentiary hearing on Wednesday, 24 February 2010 at nine o'clock (9:00 a.m.) in the morning at the Social Hall, University of the Assumption, Unisite Subdivision, Del Pilar, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Said Application was filed by SFELAPCO and APRI to fill the energy gap that cannot be supplied by NPC as well as to offer SFELAPCO consumers fair and reasonable generation rates.

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SOURCE: Luz Rimban's lecture on social media during the Civic Journalism seminar at the Waterfront Hotel, Lahug in Cebu City.

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Sundalong Ecijano na namatay sa Haiti, tinanghal na bayani

Ni ARMAND GALANG

SAN LEONARDO, Nueva Ecija – Tinanghal na isang bayaning Novo Ecijano ang sundalong namatay sa lindol habang naglilingkod sa United Nations Peacekeeping Force sa Haiti kamakailan.

Ayon kay Teresita Bermudez, hanggang sa ngayon ay hindi

niya maiwasan ang malungkot sa nangyari sa kanyang anak na si Eustacio Bermudez ngunit kahit paano ay gumagaan ang kanyang pakiramdam dahil sa mga pagkilalang iginawad dito.

Mula sa lansangan patungo sa kanilang tahanan sa Barangay Mambangan hanggang sa mga pambansang lansangan ay nasabit ng mga streamer na

nagsasad ng "Sgt. Bermudez, isang tunay na bayaning Novo Ecijano."

Bukod sa pagkilala mula sa Armed Forces of the Philippines, ayon kay Aling Teresita, binigyan ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Posthumous Commendation si Bermudez.

Bago tuluyang ihatid sa kanyang huling hantungan noong

Miyerkules ay pinagmasdan pa ng mga nakikiramay na kamag-anak, kabigian at mga kababay-an ang mga medalya at plake ng kagitingan ng sundalo.

Si Eustacio ay dumaan sa mga pagsasanay sa pakikipaglaban sa himpapawid, kalupaan at karagatan, ayon kay Aling Teresita.

Ang sundalo ay nakatalaga

sa tanggapan ng UN Team sa Christopher Hotel sa Haiti nang yanigin at iguho ito ng lindol na ikinasawi rin ng iba pang Pilipino, kasama ng iba pang mga dayuhan at Haitian.

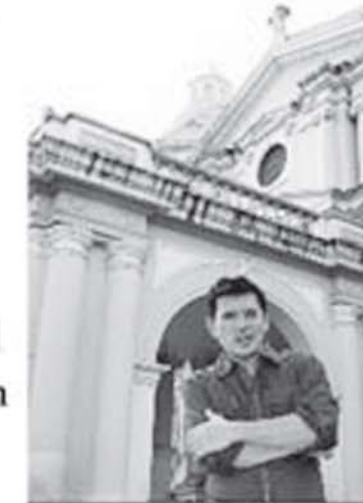
Sa kabila ng kanyang kabayanihan, gayunman, naiwang pangarap ni Eustacio ang pagpapaaayos ng bahay ng kanyang mga magulang at kapatid.



Now you can share with us your own story about the beauty of Pampanga... the best places to go to, restaurants to discover, people you love and off the beaten track places you would like to share with readers. You may also write how SM Pampanga made the City even more endearing and how it changed the lives of the Kapampangans.

Film director Brillante "Dante" Mendoza has brought great honor to the Philippines by winning numerous awards for his independent films shot in digital video. As featured in PUNTO last January 11, 2010, Brillante shared with us how his hometown inspired him through the years. Born in San Fernando, he is proud of his Kapampangan heritage and makes frequent visits to his hometown, and remains a true Cabalen at heart.

"I like to visit the Metropolitan Cathedral whenever I go home. It brings back memories of my high school life when I was an altar boy. The place is very nostalgic. It reminds me of my high school days were I have to line up



every morning to catch a school bus to Assumption. I also like going to different restaurant at the old market. I'm always looking forward at the Lantern Festival every 3rd week of December." "Having SM in the midst of what used to be a barren land gives hope and joy to a lot of Kapampangans. It is not only a mall where people go to shop, but it has become like a meeting place for all Kapampangans in different parts of the province."



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PEO completes some infra projects

THE CONSTRUCTION and development of roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects in Pampanga helped pave the way to economic progress of barangays and villages in the province.

This was attested by Bong Libiternos, a resident of Barangay Pabanlag in Floridablanca town, in his letter to Pampanga Governor Eddie T. Panlilio as he thanked the provincial administration for restoring the bridge in the said barangay.

Libiternos acknowledged that the said infrastructure project was "malaking tulong sa mga taga-barrio at kanilang pangkabuhayan" as he added that because of this, "masaya ang mga kababayan".

Barangay Chief Jose dela Cruz of Lakandula in Mabalacat also formally wrote the Governor to convey his constituents' gratitude for the fulfillment of their long time-dream of having the 13th street in the said barangay cemented.

According to dela Cruz, the said project meant "tulang e asali, gawang saup e akalingwan kabang mabie" for them.

As he reiterated his appreciation to the Governor, Dela Cruz expressed hope that the provincial administration would find their barangay deserving of their generous help in the future.

Reports from the Provincial Engineer's Office show that P458,679,088 worth of infrastructure projects were completed in Pampanga's 20 towns and one city for the past two and a half years.

These projects, according to Pampanga Gov. Eddie T. Panlilio, were completed by the provincial government without the commission or percentage usually attached to construction and purchasing projects.

"We saw to it that they are completed in transparent, honest and clean manner as we, in public office, are accountable to our constituents and must ensure that the taxes they pay and entrust to the government are used properly," Panlilio said.

The completed projects include the construction of three elevated classrooms each at the Fausto Gonzales Sioco Elementary School and Apalit National High School, covered court in San Vicente; rehabilitation of Balucuc-Tabuyuc road; and concreting and upgrading of barangay roads in San Juan, San Vicente-Sulipan, Paligui, Calantipe, Sampaloc, Balucuc, Paligui, Colgante, Cansinala and Calantipe, all in Apalit worth P15,512,186.

—PIO Pampanga

Panlilio told to leave post

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In an interview with Punto, Second Division chairman Commissioner Nicodemo Ferrer stressed, however, that the decision was not immediately executive as the camp of Panlilio was also given five days from yesterday within which to submit a petition for reconsideration.

Panlilio's lawyer Ernesto Francisco said

he will file the petition on Tuesday.

At the Capitol here, Panlilio's chief of staff Armando Vitug asked Panlilio's supporters to start a prayer vigil earlier than the initially slated 7 p.m. at the Capitol grounds. Employees will reportedly wear black during the vigil.

Otherwise, however, the atmosphere remained calm as news spread about the Comelec verdict

at about 3:30 p.m. yesterday.

The Second Division cited results of the recount of votes cast for governor in the 2007 polls indicating that Pineda got 190,279 votes as against Panlilio's 188,718.

The recount, which was finished last September, arose from the electoral protest filed by Pineda after the Comelec proclaimed that Panlilio won

over her by 1,145 votes in the 2007 gubernatorial elections.

Ferrer said in the interview that while the verdict of his Second Division ordered the ouster of Panlilio, Pineda cannot take over the governor's post unless Panlilio fails to submit any petition for reconsideration within five days.

"Also, the decision can not be enforced without any writ of execution from the division," he said. The petition for reconsideration would then be submitted to the Comelec en banc for decision.

Ferrer also said that the en banc's verdict could also be appealed before the Supreme Court. Asked whether supporters of Panlilio should expect immediate takeover of the gubernatorial post, he emphatically replied, "No."

In an interview, however, Pineda's lawyer George Garcia said he would immediately file a petition for a writ of execution.

of the Comelec decision. He said that the Supreme Court has recently been approving such petitions so as not to deprive a candidate such as Pineda of what remains of her term.

While members of the Pampanga Mayors' League expressed jubilation over the decision of the Comelec, civil society groups have expressed concern.

Aur Broquil, chairperson of the Kilusan para sa Pampansang Demokrasya, accused the Comelec of bias in favor of Pineda, as she noted that Pineda and Pres. Arroyo are known to be close friends.

"It's all part of a grand scheme of Mrs. Arroyo to install Pineda because that would work well for her plans to run for Congress in the second district," she said.

Broquil debunked the allegations of Pineda in her electoral complaint that

Panlilio committed anomalies in the 2007 polls.

She noted that Pineda had vast resources when she ran as candidate of the administration Kabalikat ng Mamamayang Pilipino (Kampi Party), while Panlilio, who had just resigned from being parish priest of Betis in Guagua town, was an independent candidate without resources. During the last elections, the Pampanga Mayors' League (PML) also backed Pineda as the league's president is her son Lubao Mayor Dennis Pineda.

Panlilio is seeking reelection as the official candidate of the Liberal Party in the May polls while Pineda is running anew for governor as candidate of the administration Lakas-Kampi-CMD party.

Pineda is the wife of Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda, who was tagged as a big time gambling lord during the Senate trial on the plunder charges against former Pres. Estrada.

DILG hit for failure...

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The Supreme Court's order to implement Velasco's ouster was dated way back Dec. 24 2008, while the Comelec en banc's order was first issued on Oct. 15, 2007.

So far, however, the DILG provincial and municipal office here, which were tasked to implement the orders, have failed to do so. The orders also tasked the provincial and municipal police to "assist" the DILG in the task.

DILG provincial chief Angie Blanco earlier said there were no orders yet from her central office to comply with the ouster orders. Reached by phone yesterday, provincial police chief Senior Supt. Gil Lebin said he has not received any request for assistance from the DILG.

"It's incredible. This is too much," Panlaqui said in an interview. He had filed and pursued the electoral case against Velasco. He cited reports that Velasco is being backed by a relative of a Malacañang official.

Velasco, a "balikbayan" from the US, filed mayoral candidacy here for the 2007 polls. The local Board of Election Inspectors (BEI), however, immediately disqualified him for lack of the one year residency requirement of the law. But he pursued his candidacy after the Municipal Trial Court issued on

Feb. 9 in the same year an order for the BEI to include Velasco in the local voters' list.

The MTC verdict, however, was reversed by the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Guagua after Velasco assumed post as mayor. The RTC backed the BEI's position that Velasco was not qualified to run for mayor for lack of residence.

On April 20, 2007, the provincial Comelec Supervisor Temmie Lambino issued a resolution saying Velasco committed "material misrepresentation when he stated that he is a registered voter of Precinct No. 103-A, Barangay Sta. Monica, Municipality of Sasman."

Lambino said that the RTC verdict was final and executive.

On July 6, 2007, the Comelec's Second Division issued a resolution on Panlaqui's petition, cancelling Velasco's certificate of candidacy and declaring his proclamation "null and void".

Panlaqui recalled that the case was muddled to some extent when the 14th Division of the Court of Appeals, upon Velasco's petition, issued an order on March 13, 2008 and reversed the RTC decision backing the MTC verdict that favored Velasco.

Five months later (on Aug. 19), however, the same court reversed this and dismissed the case

for lack of merit.

Velasco, however, appealed his case up to the Comelec en banc and finally the Supreme Court. On Oct. 15, 2007, the Comelec en banc issued a verdict upholding Velasco's disqualification.

On March 5, 2008, the Comelec en banc issued a writ of execution of its Oct. 15 ordering Velasco "to vacate the position of municipal mayor" and "to cease and desist from performing the functions thereof and immediately make a return of the service within five days therefrom."

On Dec. 24, 2008, the Supreme Court also issued a similar decision with finality.

Last Nov. 3, the Comelec en banc again issued another resolution stressing that its order was "to give effect to the decision of the Supreme Court on Dec. 24, 2008" and again tasked the local DILG, with the assistance of the police, to comply with the order to oust Velasco.

Velasco, however, has remained in post and filed his first voter's registration form before the Comelec here only last Dec. 5. Pun-to obtained a copy of his registration form. It revealed that he wrote "no" to answer the question of whether he has any voting record.

Velasco is running under the Lakas-Kampin-NUCD. —*Ding Cervantes*

SM launches Green Film...

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tive Learning System also joined the screening.

The Philippine Science Journalists Association-Bulacan Chapter, the Municipal Government of Marilao, the Sangguniang Barangay ng Ibayo, and SM City Marilao's Multi-Partite Monitoring Team

composed of representatives from PENRO, CENRO-Guiguinto, and JCI Marilaw also joined the activity as partners of the program. Councilors Alex Castro and Irma Celones were present to join the guests in the campaign.

At SM City Baliwag, CENRO-San Rafael represented by its head Mr.

Meneto Vicente, supported the activity together with Edmund Santiago of Sugod Kabataan Movement, and David D'Angelo of Sustainable Development Group.

Featured films were State of the Planet, Warnings from the Wild, The 11th Hour, and Planet Earth.

The Blue-Sky Scenario

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When asked about it at a later time, the husband justified his remark by explaining that he considered the members of the group as his close friends with whom he can show the real relationship he had with his wife. Apparently, in his mind, his taking a dig at his wife was a sign of his closeness with his friends. What the husband did not realize was that he exposed a sort of a wrestling-for-power relationship, wherein the husband made himself feel large by reducing his wife.

New York psychologist, Dr. Elyse Goldstein, says: "Sometimes people see their mate as a kind of sibling and the audience as a parent. So they are vying for attention by showing the other person up."

Here are some more public statements you may be able to identify with:

"You think my husband is gentle? You should hear his ear-piercing snores at night..."

"What did you say? My wife looks young? Let's see if it won't take you two days to remove the make-up cast on her face..."

"My wife's figure used to be like a Coke bottle. Now that Coke in cans is the in thing..."

"Are we talking about boobs or insect bites?"

"Aloe Vera used to keep our garden lush and green, until my husband started using it on his balding spots."

The problem of "Zinging" does not end with husbands and wives. The friends who are witnesses to the couple's sniping do not have an idea how to regroup after a hideous silence. For instance, if you are part of the group that heard that "aloe vera" joke, what will you say? Will the remark "At least you still have hair on your legs!" be of any help? Or how about this: "Good for you because you can save on shampoo!"

Counselors advise that it is best to change the topic. If the "Zinging" happens

over dinner, you may say, "Anyone who wants a second serving?" Or you can throw the more familiar question: "How about another round of beer?"

As to "Zinging" couples, here's what marriage counselors have to say: Before you blurt out a cutting remark, try to step outside of yourself. Then, examine your motive: Do you want to sound funny, or are you just trying to get your spouse's attention? Are you showing how comfortable you are with your mate, or are you just mad about something he did or said? Great advice.

If I only learned of these things earlier, I could have avoided "zinging" my wife countless times in the past.

Here's a familiar landscape. Whenever people find out that Liza hails from Cavite, the next question that inevitably crops up from the audience is: "So how did Liza learn to speak Kapampangan?" In these instances, I always jump the gun on Liza and answer the query in a funny way: "Well, when Liza learned that I was a Kapampangan, she found creative ways to learn the dialect so that she can pursue me all the way to marriage."

Zing! Gracious Lord! What was I telling people? That I was every woman's fantasy? Geez, just look at my aloe vera-hungry forehead and my big front teeth that beats Bugs Bunny's, and you'll know how delusional I am.

"Liza found creative ways to learn the dialect so that she can pursue me all the way to marriage." Not funny at all. That was "Zinging" plain and simple, because I made myself look good at Liza's expense.

Time for me to cut it out. In the first place, you wouldn't believe that it was Liza who pursued me, would you?

Guess who ended up looking good.

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Quote for the week: *Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.*

(Colossians 3:19, NIV)



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Ara Mina sinisiraan ni Aiko Melendez at ng mga bayarang baklang showbiz reporter

KAWAWA NAMAN si Ara Miina. Hindi siya tinatantanan ng mga baklang bayarang reporter ng kalaban niyang si Aiko Melendez. Lumalaba na walang humapang ang ginagawang pagsira sa political career ni Ara at ang itinutuong salarin nga ay si Aiko Melendez na halatang insecure dahil nga mataas ang rating ni Ara Mina.

Gaya nga nang minsang mag-guest siya sa isang show, medyo nagkaroon ng kapalpakan sa mga sagot niya. Ginamit yun ng mga kalaban niya't nilagay sa You Tube yung segment na yun ng programang kinasuungan niya.

Nitong mga nakaraang araw ay kumalat through YouTube at Facebook accounts ang video clip ng live queesting ng aktres at kandidato para sa pagkonsehal sa 2nd district ng Quezon City na si Ara Mina sa show ni Mo Twister sa ANC na I.M.O. (In My Opinion) noong January 12.

Sa video, ipinakita ang pagsagot ni Ara sa mga ibinatong tanong sa kanya. Hindi naging maganda ang reaksiyon ng mga nakapanood ng video dahil sa mga sagot ni Ara.

Heto po ang sagot ni Ara sa mga paninira sa kanya. "Thanks for giving me the chance to answer the issue kasi at the rate it's going, naging viral campaign na against me, which is unfair kasi nai-influence ang mga tao based on a video that has been re-edited.

"Una, I will not claim and I have never claimed na napakagaling ko or that I know everything about national issues. Kung ang tanong is that may alam ba ako? Oo. But in an interview na rapidfire ang pagtatanong, siyempre nag-iisip pa ako, bumabalanse at nag-a-assess kung ano [ang] implication ng sagot ko.

"For example: Am I for or against pre-marital sex? Ask me again and I will still give the same answer—Against. Bakit? Maraming kabataan na ang nakatingin sa akin ngayon, who will follow my example, who will take my answer seriously. Tama bang sabihin ko na yes, I am for pre-marital sex? Hindi. Kalat na kalat ngayon ang issue ng pagdami ng may HIV at AIDS na kabataan tapos sasagot ako na parang kino-condone ko pa?

"Susunod, are you for or against private armies? I said 'for' but sasabihin ko yung totoong nasa loob ko. Realistically po, kaya ba natin maalis ang private armies? Even dito sa bagong commission na tinatag nila, tingin mo po mawawala yung mga politiko o tao na natatakot ma-ambush o mapatay? Hindi. Alam niyo po, yung problema kasi during the interview, ang dami kong tinitimbang sa isip ko. At kahit sinong guest siguro dumadaan sa ganito—"tama ba o hindi?" "Ok ba o hindi?" Hindi ibig sabihin noon, wala akong alam o wala akong pakialam.

"Ang problema ko lang po, hindi ako sanay sa political interviews. Pero yung husgahan ako na parang ang sama-sama ko na, ang sakit naman. Sana natanong ako sa issue ng [2nd] district like palupa, patubig o ano pa, para napakita ko [kung] ano yung alam ko. Ang sama ng loob ko is, kung bakit after almost one month after ko nag-guest, 'tsaka nilalabas ito? Obviously, may gustong manira sa akin. Imagine, halos isang oras yung show tapos nilalabas is a 3 or 5-minute video kung saan naka-highlight yung supposed pagkakamali ko."

Angelica Panganiban mahusay ding gumiling gaya ni Marian Rivera (Palakihan ng boobs sina Angelica at Shaina)

Effective si Angelica Panganiban bilang isang alluring kontrabida kaya naman binigyan siya ng award bilang Villain of the Year sa 1st Supreme to the Extreme Awards ng Phil. Star as "Scarlet" sa lisa Pa Lamang. Now the darling "bitch" is back and she is sexier and nastier bilang si Rubi kapalit ng PBB Double Up simula sa Lunes. Isang bonggang prescon na ginawa pa sa Central Park, Eastwood ang handog ng cast ang Rubi kung saan sumayaw ng Latin dance ang mga bidang sina Angelica, Diether Ocampo, Jake Cuenca at Shaina Magdayao. Takaw-pansin ang suot na sexy red dress ni Angelica kung saan halos maaninag na ang kanyang malusog na boobs. Puwede niyang talbugan si Marian Rivera sa galing niyang umindak. Pero hindi raw tulad ng Marimar ang Rubi kasi wala raw sayawan sa bago niyang teleserye. Sa teaser ng Rubi ay patalbugan sila ni Shaina sa palakihan ng boobs, lalo na sa eksenang itinulak niya si Shaina sa swimming pool.

Angel Locsin hawak na rin ng manager ni Aga Muhlach

MATAGAL-TAGAL ding hindi nakita si Angel Locsin ng entertainment press kaya naman sa presscon ng bago niyang endorsement na Mosbeau, inulan siya ng tanong tungkol sa latest update sa buhay niya partikular na ang talk of the town na nagpalit na siya ng manager at umalis na sa poder ni Becky Aguilas.

Kinumpirma naman ng young actress na si Manay Ethel Ramos na ang kanyang bagong manager at aniya, nag-usap sila nang maayos ni Tita Becky at napagkasunduang maghiwalay na.

Bago inamin ni Angel ang tungkol sa pagkakaroon ng bagong manager, tumungo muna siya sa table ni Manay Ethel at nagpaalam kung pwede na ba niyang opisyal na ihayag ang pagbabago.

Pumayag naman si Manay Ethel at kinumpirma na rin niya na siya na ang bagong manager ni Angel.

Para naman sa young actress, wala raw naging problema sa paghihiwalay nila ni Tita Becky at naging maayos naman daw ang kanilang pag-uusap.

Samantala, natanong din kay Angel ang tungkol kay Luis Manzano. Aniya, ganu'n pa rin ang sitwasyon nila at nagpupunta pa rin ito sa bahay nila. Sa ngayon, magkaibigan pa rin daw sila although hindi niya inaalas ang posibilidad ng reconciliation.

Sa career, umpisahan na pala ni Angel ang movie with Aga Muhlach, na ngayon ay kasama na niya sa management ni Manay Ethel.

Sa March 15 daw ang scheduled first shooting day pero wala pang title.

Bago naghiwalay sina Tita Becky at Angel, naisara ng una ang Mosbeau endorsement at ilan pang commitments na ayon sa young actress ay tatapusin naman niya.



Angelica Panganiban

State banks honor Obet's request to defer capitol transactions

By DINO BALABO

MALOLOS CITY—Former Bulacan Governor Roberto Pagdanganan announced on Wednesday night that state banks have honored his request to defer transaction of the provincial government citing that he is lawfully elected governor of the province.



Pagdanganan

This came two days after the Commission on Elections (Comelec) en banc affirmed its second division's resolution on December 1 that nullified Gov. Joselito Mendoza's proclamation in 2007 and ordered him to vacate the governor's office to give way to Pagdanganan.

However, Lawyer Sabino Mejarito, the provincial election supervisor of Bulacan said that Pagdanganan still have to secure a writ of execution from the Comelec Election Contest Adjudication Department (ECAD) to formally assume the post of the governor.

"I wrote letters to Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Philippine National Bank (PNB) to temporarily stop transactions of the provincial government," Pagdanganan said in Filipino before

his supporters who gathered in the unlighted Tanghalan ng Sining Kultura located at the mini-forest within the capitol grounds.

He added that his request has been granted on Wednesday when the LBP deferred to encash checks of the provincial government worth P21-Million.

His supporters said that Pagdanganan's move is timely as it came a day after when Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of local government units for the first quarter of the year is scheduled for release.

Pagdanganan also told his supporters that he has taken an oath of office before Lawyer Joey Cruz on Wednesday afternoon, and

later explained that an official's oath of office can be rendered by a notary public.

Pagdanganan and his group later proceeded to the Gat Blas Ople Building to check its facilities, but they were later prevented by uniformed police officers belonging to the 306th Provincial Mobile Group headed by Supt. Manuel Lukban.

Lukban said that Pagdanganan cannot enter the building as they have not received order from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

While inside the building, lights went out which surprised Pagdanganan's supporters waiting outside the building.

Some shouted, "*ganyan talaga kabastos ang nakau-po, pinatay ang kuryente.*"

Others said, "*nararamdaman na nila ang simula ng kanilang wakas kaya pinatay ang kuryente,*" which was greeted with cheers.

Moment's later, Pagdanganan and his group along with Lukban emerged from the building.

Pagdanganan again called on his supporters to remain sober.

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