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'For compromising aviation safety'

By PUNTO I-TEAM

ANGELES CITY – Businessmen at the Friendship area here have deplored the so-called stewards of Clark development and the government's top aviation authority "for compromising aviation safety."

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Revilla backs Mabalacat cityhood bid

By JOEY AGUILAR

MABALACAT – "It's a done deal."

Thus said Senator Bong Revilla Jr. on Monday who was with Mayor Marino "Boking" Morales during a campaign sortie here.

Morales said that Revilla is fully supporting the cityhood of this first class municipality saying that "it is qualified to become a city."

"Mabalacat is very progressive and its cityhood is already a done deal,"

Revilla said.

He also vowed to support sports programs here and other programs for the youth.

Morales earlier said the local government's top priority for this year would be the conversion of the municipality into a component city.

He also said that they are seeking the support of concerned government agencies and the Mabalacenos for the realization of the much-vaunted cityhood of Mabalacat.

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GATEWAY TO GLOBAL WARMING. Stumps are all that's left of once mature acacia trees at the site of the Global Gateway Logistics Center in the Clark Freeport. Writ of Execution legalizing the massacre of trees on site is prominently displayed. **PHOTO BY BONG LACSON**



LP in Pampanga removes posters on trees

THE LIBERAL Party in Pampanga on Tuesday removed all the campaign materials of LP national and local candidates that volunteers unintentionally nailed on trees or hang outside of common poster areas designated by the Commission on Elections in the province.

LP-Pampanga chair

Gov. Eddie Panlilio initiated the move that started along the Balite segment of the old MacArthur Highway (Manila North Road) in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga at 7:30 a.m.

"We want the party to comply with the Comelec ruling against illegal posting. We want also to respect and protect the

trees, which is also part of our ecological advocacy," Panlilio said.

The governor also urged all political parties in the province to follow the Comelec ruling.

"That way, election campaigning will be lot less expensive for candidates," Panlilio said.

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Panlilio



Simpao

SIMPAO: DAVID OR DON QUIXOTE?

'GMA is not a sure winner'

By DING CERVANTES

GUAGUA, Pampanga – He has been dubbed as David out to battle a Goliath. Others see better analogy in Don Quixote brandishing braggadocio against a windmill.

But 41-year-old Adonis Simpao, official candidate of the Lib-

eral Party (LP) against Pres. Arroyo in Pampanga's second district, is convinced he can have a foothold on the political maturity of Kapampangan voters who will eventually sweep him towards victory in the May elections.

This, despite the continuing visits of Pres. Arroyo that he has

criticized as early and unfair campaigning in their district.

Mrs. Arroyo's sorties, particularly starting this year, have been invariably coupled with free medical and dental services, project inspections, distribution of health insurance cards, computers, and charcoal-making equipment, among a plethora of

other benefits falling like manna from Malacanang's largesse.

Even inspection of a proposed fence has become presidential.

But locally grown and nurtured Simpao has no plans to match the magnitude of such

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Hati ang pananaw ng Bulakenyo sa 'dramang pampulitika' sa kapitolyo

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LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS—Magkakaiba ang pananaw ng mga Bulakenyo sa 'dramang pampulitika' sa kapitolyo kung saan ay kapwa inaangkin nina Gob. Joselito Mendoza at dating Gob. Roberto Pagdanganan ang panalo sa halalan noong 2007.

Para sa Commission on Elections (Comelec), hindi pa pinal ang desisyon sa protestang isinampa ni Pagdanganan kay Mendoza; samantalang sinabi ng Liberal Party (LP) na mali ang desisyon ng Comelec en banc at nakahanda silang tulungan si Mendoza na kanilang kaalayado

Habang patuloy ang girian sa kampo nina Mendoza at Pagdanganan, patuloy naman sa pagsasagawa ng vigil o pagbabantay ang kanilang mga taga-suporta sa loob ng bakuran ng kapitolyo, ngunit nananatiling payapa ang magkabilang panig na ang nasa pagitan ay pulutong ng mga unipormadong pulis.

Batay sa pahayag ng mga Bulakenyong nakapanayam ng Punto, kabilang ang mga tumugon sa araw-araw na update ng "Mabuhay Newspaper" sa Facebook ang kaguluhan o dramang pampulitika sa kapitolyo ay patuloy na humahati sa pananaw ng sambayanang Bulakenyo.

Para sa mga taga-suportang nag-ipon sa harap ng kapitolyo, si Mendoza ang nagwagi sa

halalan noong 2007.

Iginiit pa ni Mendoza at mga abogadong sina Carlo Jollette Fajardo at Enrique Dela Cruz na walang bisa ang inilabas na resolusyon ng Comelec en banc na kumatig sa naunang desisyon ng ikalawang dibisyon nito noong Disyembre 1.

Ang nasabing resolusyon ay nagpawalang bisa sa proklamasyon kay Mendoza noong 2007 at nag-atas sa kanya na bakantehin ang kapitolyo upang bigyan daan si Pagdanganan.

"Si Gob. Jonjon ang nanalo noong 2007," ani Lourdes San Pedro, 66, isang residente ng barangay Bayabas sa bulubunduking bayan ng Doña Remedios Trinidad.

Kasama ni San Pedro ang ilang kapitbahay na nagtungo sa kapitolyo noong Martes ng umaga at ayon sa kanya, tinawagan sila ni Mendoza.

Gayunpaman, iginiit niya na sila ay boluntaryong nagtungo sa kapitolyo at pinabulaanan ang alegasyong binayaran sila.

Para naman sa mga taga-suporta ni Pagdanganan katulad nina Cris Clemente at Alberto Mariano ng Baliuag, Joey Mendoza ng Bocaue, at Raul De Guzman ng San Miguel, walang dudang si Pagdanganan ang nagwagi sa halalan noong 2007.

"Ito na ang simula ng wakas ng magkapatid na Josie at Jonjon," ani Joey at iginiit na dapat igtatag ni Gob. Mendoza ang hatol ng Comelec en banc.

Pinabulaanan din ni Joey ang akusasyon ng kampo ni Gob.

Mendoza na na may halong pulitika ang hatol ng Comelec en banc sa protestang isinampa ni Pagdanganan.

"Ngayon ang panahon na kailangang-kailangan ng Comelec ang kredibilidad, ngayon pa ba naman sila magpaimpluwensiya sa administrasyon ni Gloria," ani Joey.

Nagpahayag din ang mga Bulakenyo ng kanilang pananaw hinggil sa drama sa kapitolyo sa pamamagitan ng mga pahina ng "Mabuhay Newspaper" sa Facebook kung saan ay inilathala ng Mabuhay ang mga pangunahing pangyayari sa kapitolyo bawat araw kasama ang mga larawan.

"Luto," ani Gertrudes Sapitan, samantalang sinabi ni Janyll Fernandez na "walang karapatan ang mga impostor at mandaraya na manatili sa puwesto."

Nagbigay naman ng payo si Jose Dennio: "Jonjon should step down peacefully and let Obet take over the position of governor. Tatal ang buwan na lang din naman. Ang nakakapagtaka, bakit ba ayaw niya bitawan pa yan? may sikreto ba siyang itinatago na di dapat mabunyag na baka ilabas ni Obet? nagtatanong lang."

Nagpahayag din sina Danilo Hilario, Lorie Maturangan, Norina Galacio, Wilbert Torres, at Camencita Faundo ng kanilang pananaw.

Ani Hilario, "I dont like the turn of events here at the provincial government of Bulacan... hope the situation will normal-

ize soonest," samantalang sinabi ni Torres na "hay pulitika talaga, alam ko lang si Obet ang nanalo.

Para kay Maturangan, "nakakatawa naman parang TV series na napapanuod ko sa TFC (The Filipino Channel), nag-aagawan sa posisyon,, ano ba yung upuan na yan may ginto ba dyang naka baon? Sabagay magandang negosyo yan politika walang lugi kita mo me nandadaya me pumapatay dahil sa posisyon...eto naman sa tin sa Bulacan nagkagagulo naman dahil sa gintong upuan."

Tinanong naman ni Faundo na, "what so special about that

seat? Ano ba meron diyan? At bakit kung kailan malapit na ang elections eh saka nila inilabas ang result ng investigation. I think we should look into Comelec. Maybe re-org is a must. Bulacan is not an isolated case. We also have one in Pampanga and Visayas. If this will continue, chaos will be with our government. Parang trip to Jerusalem. Agawan ng upuan."

Nagpahayag naman si Galacio ng pag-asa na maaayos din ang lahat at sinabi niya na dapat magkaisa ang mga Bulakenyo at maraming nagawang mabuti sa lalawigan si Mendoza.

Rotary Club of Angeles: 45 years of community service

NOW ON its 45th year, the Rotary Club of Angeles is showing no signs of slowing down on its community-related projects that are aimed to uplift the living condition of the marginalized sectors of the society.

For the Rotary Year 2009-2010, all the members of the Rotary Club of Angeles are now certified Paul Harris Fellows. The RC of Angeles is the second club in Rotary District 3790 to become "100% Paul Harris Fellow Club" which enabled the club's name to be included in a marker at the Rotary Building in Chicago, Illinois.

The Rotary Club of Angeles also became the top contributor to the Rotary Foundation.

At the start of the Rotary Year, Rotary Club of Angeles President Manny Alfonso kicked off the community services with the feeding program to over 100 students at the T.P. Tinio Elementary School, in Sitio Abacan, Barangay Balibago. Some 90 students are also beneficiaries of a second feeding program at the Pineda Gutierrez Elementary School in Barangay Tabun, Angeles City.

The club had been conducting the feeding program for the past six months.

The elementary students were also taken on educational trips to the Clark Freeport Zone to familiarize them with the ongoing development in the area. The rich ecosystem at the Paradise Ranch along the rolling hills of Barangay Calumpang is a sight to behold and had been a destination of choice among Clark visitors particularly students.

Books were also donated to students of T.P. Tinio Elementary School while a computer set donated by Hong Kong businessman Jun Cortes was given to Pineda Gutierrez Elementary School.

At the onset of the rainy season, particularly the advent of supertyphoons "Ondoy" and "Pepeng," the double whammy that wrought destruction in the Luzon Island last year, the Rotary Club of Angeles sprung into action to aid affected resident in Barangay Balanoy, La Paz, Tarlac. Some 400 families have received relief goods from the club in the farm of Alfonso.

Korean expats from the Rotary Club of Angeles Friendship, a provisional club, also assisted in the relief operations in Barangays Balanoy and Macalong, La Paz, Tarlac. Most of the villages in La Paz, Tarlac had been swamped in several feet of floodwaters that took several days to subside.

At least six wheelchairs have been given to old, disabled and poor people in different communities. Most of the wheelchairs had been donated by Hong Kong-based businessmen. The Rotary Club of Angeles has also extended medical assistance to other people who sought help.

Alfonso noted that the Rotary Club of Angeles will continue serving the communities as part of the Rotary International's mission to extend medical assistance and nourishment to the poor people all over the world.

"It had been a humbling experience," said Alfonso.

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The elements of earth, wind and fire at SM City Clark



Mallgoers witness the Heliumistic Fashion Show that displays unique and magnificence of balloon-inspired creations on February 14 at the SM City Clark.

WHAT CAN one expect when love and fortune collide? Everyone's all love and fortune last February 14, 2010, when we celebrated Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year in one red-letter day.

All elements are present from Chinese-inspired decorations to the Valentine hearts and Cupid embellishments. And City, SM City Clark, that is, made this occasion Super Momentous.

Earth. The element of the earth commenced the celebration when the Dragon dancers paraded around the place. It was the start of the celebration of good luck and warm hearts. The activity area was filled with the loud yet festive music of the dancers — in keeping with the ancient tradition that loud music will drive away bad spirits and the festive music for a more prosperous life ahead. The crowd mostly composed of families and couples (of course), were delighted with this special treat.

Wind. Aphrodite (or Venus in Greek mythology) came next and sent her army to spread beauty and pizzazz. The Heliumistic Fashion Show displayed unique splendor and magnificence of the balloon-inspired creations paraded by lovely ladies, stunning men, and adorable kids. Undoubtedly, this show brought a fresh breeze in the busy day of the couples, and families alike inside the one-stop shopping mall.

Fire. What's Valentine's Day without the temperatures rising? The element of fire capped the day with the display of hope and jubilation. About 150 couples sent off lanterns to the sky to signify their burning love for each other. This event was led by Mabalacat Vice Mayor Pros Lagman and RW 95.1's Boy Santiago. As the couples are staring at the amber sky, their eyes grew bigger as the horizon became brighter with the spectacular display of fireworks.

Earth, Wind and Fire — all the elements checked. The gods of love and fortune must have been thrilled with this grand celebration because there is more to expect the whole year round here at your City, SM City Clark. Kung Hei Fat Choi!

New town hall inaugurated in Nueva Ecija

BY ARMAND GALANG

PENARANDA, Nueva Ecija — Former Gov. Tomas Joson III led the inauguration of the P36-million new municipal building in Barangay Sinasajan here over the weekend.

The building, financed

through a loan from the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), should "ensure a better and more effective service to the people" of Penaranda," Joson said.

"*Lahat ng ama ng tahanan ay pinapangarap ang maganda at maayos na bahay para sa kanyang pamilya,*" said Joson

stressing the wisdom of the move by town officials, led by Mayor Crisanto Legaspi, in building a new town hall.

But Joson stressed that "efficient service to the people who visits the municipal hall everyday should always be on top of any consideration."

Joson led the province as governor of Nueva Ecija for four terms.

On the other hand, Legaspi said the old building located at the Poblacion will be used as an extension campus of the Nueva Ecija University of Science and technology (NEUST), a state-run

institution whose main campus is situated in Cabanatuan City.

"This is also in line with our thrust of providing quality education to our children while at the same time we provide a conducive atmosphere for both our government employees and the people we serve," Legaspi said.

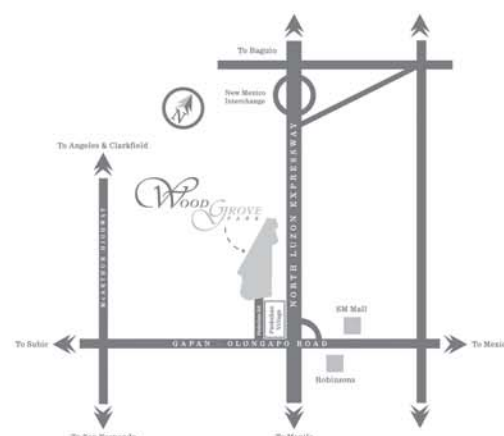


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The news from Clark

TRAFFIC AT the Freeport was damned heavy – bumper-to-bumper, crawl-stop-crawl – the past week-end. No thanks to the centerpiece program of the Clark Development Corp., the Hot Air Balloon Fiesta.

On Sunday, Valentine's Day, traffic virtually came to a standstill on the MacArthur Highway stretch of Barangay Balibago, the hot air balloon crowd joined in by the trysting hordes wanting to expend passion in the entertainment district's motels.

If only curses could kill, some Clark people would have been reduced to ashes even without cremation.

At the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport, 15 officers of the Bureau of Immigration had been recalled while being investigated for their alleged involvement in human trafficking.

Ah, the DMIA has arrived as an international airport. You don't traffic humans through Cauayan Airport, do you?

Congratulations, Clark International Airport Corp. for getting the DMIA in the map of human trafficking.

If only curses could kill, the DMIA immigration office would have turned into a funeral parlor.

The sprawling site of the Global Gateway Logistics Center by the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway is littered with fallen trees and tree stumps.

Scores of fully grown, decades old acacia trees are felled to give way to what has been bruited about as a world-class logistics hub. With the required permit to cut from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, but of course.

This wholesale massacre of trees makes one really ponder if DENR really meant Degradation of the Environment and Negation of Resources.

Curse the DENR, CDC and CIAC too for this yet another crime against nature.

If only trees could kill...

Then there is the text message that first circulated around the Freeport before founding its way just about everywhere. No, we cannot print the message as is here. We need to maintain our decency, you know.

But we can give you the gist: An appeal to all those who love one "slomo" of an executive to unite behind one "C5" as this is the easiest way to extend the term of "slomo" for another six years, to the happiness of one "Maricris." Wow, some intrigues there we would not want to be a party of.

Yeah, no news is good news from Clark these days.

Curses.



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Zona Libre Bong Z. Lacson

Ironically, it should have been Villar that found himself marooned, if not sucked into the depths, of the campaign sea. The *castigo* of the Senate over his alleged improprieties in the C-5 project precisely meant to serve as the millstone tied around his neck to sink him.

Instead, the C-5 probe served as the very booster rocket that propelled Villar to the top of the presidential race.

Right was Villar ally, San Juan Rep. Ronnie Zamora, in saying: "It's pretty clear that the people have made up their minds that the C-5 probe in the Senate is nothing but politics. We expect more black propaganda to come and this is something we have to prepare and we are prepared for it."

Even righter was my coffee buddy who looked like Jun Sula in saying: "Villar is a Teflon candidate. No negative issue stick to him."

The inanities impacted on the political ads of Aquino – *abnoy*-inspired, as one in our group laughed – have also been noted by other political observers as directly contributing to Aquino's drop in the surveys.

"*Pasubli-subliminal pa, kasing lalim naman ng batya ang mensaheng dala,*" said a psychologist of Aquino's commercials.

"They assail the senses and insult the intelligence," agreed the university professor in our own coffee academy.

Viva Villar

SENATOR MANNY Villar has emerged as the man to beat in the presidential derby.

This is no surprise for all my espresso mates at Starbucks-SM Clark, grizzled campaign veterans they all are.

Even when Senator Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino was running roughshod over all pretenders with an over-50 percent poll rating, our caffeine-fixed minds insisted: "Villar can never be a push-over."

And so it happened in the end-of-January survey of Pulse Asia. From 45 percent in December, Aquino dropped to 37 percent. From 27 percent, Villar rose to 35 percent. Aquino's minus 8, directly proportional to Villar's plus 8. There is one hell of a story there. Especially with the ratings of the other candidates practically remaining at a standstill. Aquino's loss directly translates to Villar's gain.

With the set two percent margin of error, the lead goes either of the rival's way.

The momentum though is clearly Villar's, on the rise as he is. Aquino is caught in an inertia, in the doldrums as seamen say, the wind taken out of his sails.

"So they think using Kris Aquino's pre-school son by James Yap is cute? That's child abuse," damned the least caffeinated in our lot.

So what does that make of Villar's use of children in his political ads too?

"Brilliant," was the instant response. "Villar's kids are seen in their natural milieu, gut emotions, simple aspirations directly relating to the viewer in-your-face reality, no glossing over, no photoshopping artificiality. Hence, their effectivity."

The latest survey showed Villar getting 39 percent of the Class E – the *masa* – bracket, to Aquino's 31 percent. There's that difference of 8 again! There really must be some omen there.

Villar's rise has apparently made Aquino come to his senses – that he could not ride the way to the presidency on the memory of his martyred father and sainted mother. Neither on the storied tactlessness of his (in)famous sister.

Two days back, it was reported in the national papers that Aquino said he, personally, would take full charge of his campaign.

With that, Aquino has just signed his own death sentence. Running a campaign and running for president run parallel lines. We have a runaway train in Aquino here.

I will not vote for Villar, like two others in our group of seven, but were the elections held today, we'd all bet our last peso on him.

FEEDBACK

Reactions of Kapampangans on election lawyer Harry Roque's statement: "This could be one of the bloodiest elections in our history."

Roque was one of the guest speakers/lecturer in the recent Civic Journalism seminar held at the Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, in Cebu City on

February 2-5, 2010.

While Inquirer Publisher Isagani Yambot, also the Philippine Press Institute (PPI) chairman, said that he is pessimistic with the possible outcome of the May 2010 automated elections.

We can't blame them for being pessimistic basing from the recent violent election related incidents. However I believe we have to be more optimistic than what others want us to be. **—Sonny Lopez, public relations department, Clark Dev't Corp.**

It could be. Considering that this will be the first automated elections, birth pains are sure to happen. And such reactions to these flaws would be violent especially to those who will lose.

—Rosever Pascua

Everybody knows well the Ampatuan massacre and this is the signal of a more bloody campaign days to come. The victims are opponents, the media and civilians, the evidences speak for themselves.

—Heriberto Canlas

With those disturbing statements, I am inclined to believe that failure of election is being planned. However, I have faith in our electorate. If peoplepower is the key to prevent that sinister motive, I will organize and actively participate.

—Atty. Gener Endona

I share the same views with the two gentlemen. With what's currently happening, no doubt such will happen.

—Mr. Rudy De Guzman

I inclined to agree with Mr. Yambot the slow pace the Comelec is working on d election automation and the education of the electorates on the new process of voting. Let's hope the NO-EL scenario will not prevail. One can just imagine its horrendous effect. Thanks.

—Judge Ofelia Pinto

I have serious doubts on the integrity of the Comelec. They are supposed to be chief arbiters of polls yet they are the architects of cheating and biased decisions depending on the powers that pressure them. Moreso, they remain scot free. Others are even rewarded. Secondly, poll automation is not an assurance to clean and honest elections.

—Irwin Nucum, SFELAPCO

Each has his or her own forecast on possible elections-related disruptions. The key then is eternal vigilance and proactive mitigation. **—Tito Maglaqui**

Each election year signals uncertainties in our country's

politics and economy. But as long as our country continues to have elections and Filipinos exercise their right to vote, as a citizen and leader, I remain hopeful for the Philippines.

—Councilor Jimmy Lazatin

I would like to give this automation a chance. I hope with the awareness of the voting public, it will be very difficult for the candidates to mess up with the automation system being in place. What we are being vigilant of is that the administration maybe capable of rigging this automated elections. If we will not support and let this automation to be in placed kailan pa! Huling huli na tayo sa ating mga neighbors. Salamat.

—Rene Romero, ADCL/Pamcham

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The Bottomline

By HECTOR P. SOTO

C-5 controversy works vs. Villar

THE C-5 ROAD controversy is far from over for lack of quorum. The Senate Committee of the whole failed to come to a conclusion of the case. As expected Senator Manuel Villar who has been linked to the alleged irregularities had repeatedly ignored the Senate probe.

When the Senate was supposed to give its findings, Villar chose to appear and delivered a privileged speech. It was a saintly portrayal of himself. "*Hindi po ako nagnakaw at wala akong balak magnanakaw*" (I did not steal (referring to the C-5 project) and I have no plans to steal).

Villar maintains that the charges against him were politically motivated. However, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and Senator Jamby Madrigal claim otherwise. Both Enrile and Madrigal said there are 900 pages of documents have not been controverted by Villar himself as he refused and continues to refuse to attend the probe.

After Villar's speech he refused to be interpellated and walked out of the Senate floor. He could have at least said he refused to be questioned which is well within his rights. But walking out without any word is viewed by many as unparliamentarily.

What is Villar afraid of? He is not a neophyte in politics. Besides his allies are among the brilliant minds in the Senate.

Unfortunately Senators Joker Arroyo, Aquilino Pimentel and Allan Peter Cayetano had been dragged into the controversy. The minority in the Senate will not be appreciated by boycotting the Senate session last February 3. It is not very often that the minority in the Senate avoids participation in matters of national interest.

For Villar he should clear himself of the charges against him some people had already considered him guilty after what was said of him. The C-5 road controversy will hurt Villars presidential bid.

As a Senate reporter of the defunct Evening News in the

early 1960's, I am yet to see the likes of Senators Ambrosio Padilla, Arturo Tolentino, Gil Puyat, Ferdinand Marcos and Benigno Aquino Jr. They are truly the models of an ideal legislator and statesman. But to then Senate President Eulegio "Amang" Rodriguez, they were all "young turkeys" when they were engaged in long debates. *Amang* really meant young turks.

I was assigned in the Senate to pitch in for Buddy Zaide whenever he was bed-ridden with asthma. It was an honor to sit in the press gallery with the senior political reporters of their respective newspapers, Francisco Kiko De Leon of the Manila Chronicle, Ariel Bacobo of the Philippine Herald and Luis Serrano of the Manila Times, a fellow karpangan.

I have never asked my editor, Artemio Patacsil why I was assigned to cover the Senate when my regular beat was the Quezon City police. Every now and then I also replaced Emerito De Jesus in the coverage of the Department of National Defense. Emy De Jesus was also the elected Mayor of Bacolor and had to go on leave to perform his duties as mayor.

All told I enjoyed the experience.

The National Bureau of Investigation refuses to disclose the whereabouts of Senator Panfilo Lacson who is wanted in connection with the Dacer-Corbito murder case. Lacson left the country two days before charges of murder were filed against him.

It is easy to say that Lacson should face the charges against him. However, Lacson spoke with an alleged "conspiracy" of the powers that be to make sure he lands in jail.

Lacson faces detention as murder is not aailable offense. He most probably chooses to be arrested in a foreign country or seek asylum where we do not have an extradition treaty.

The NBI said it is asking the help of Interpol for Lacson's ar-

rest. Will they (NBI) succeed in arresting Lacson?

The campaign period for national candidates starts today, February 9. Expect more of the dirty tactics.

The tandem of Noy Noy and Mar Roxas still leads in the surveys. Villar appears to be catching up with the Liberal Party bets. What would most likely haunt Villar in his presidential bid is the C-5 road controversy. The case of Villar before the Senate is yet to end. He may even be sued in court.

It is not encouraging news for Gibo Teodoro who has lost the support of his uncle Danding Cojuangco the father of Nationalist People's Coalition or NPC. Danding's wife said on television that they will support anybody but not Gibo. Does this mean Noy Noy who is also Danding's nephew?

But do not count out Gibo. Not yet. He has the talent, the resources and the support of the administration that has a well organize political machinery.

Villar may be in for more trouble particularly his expenses in his advertisements in radio and television, not counting also his printed propaganda materials. This early the Comelec is eyeing the expenses of candidates and there will be more of election expenses as the campaign period progresses.

It is high time that the Comelec and concerned private organizations start voters' information drive as this is the first time elections will be automated. Very few know the process.

If we are to have a credible election let us start with the information on how to vote.

I will ask this again. How will the Comelec stop vote buying particularly in the local level?

My hometown, Bacolor, will celebrate its town fiesta February 10. This is the feast of San Guillermo, the town's patron saint.

Happy Fiesta to our cabalens.



Napag-uusapan lang

Ni Felix M. Garcia

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

(KARUGTONG NG SINUNDANG ISYU)

ANONG SILBI pa ng batas sa eleksyon O nitong ating Commission on Elections, Kung ang Supreme Court din ang magdedesisyon Sa ligalidad ng anumang petisyon?

At pihong tapos na ang halalan bago Maresolba riyang ano pa mang isyu, Gaya ng pagtugon sa iba pang kaso Na nakabimbin pa sa panahong ito.

At kung kailan talo pala halimbawa Itong pinitisyon ay saka pa lang nga Lalabas sa Korte itong kaipala, Ang paghahabol nito'y wala palang bisa.

At bago tuluyang yan ay maresolba Sa Highest Tribunal ay baka tapos na Ang "terms of office" ng "disqualified" pala, Kaya bandang huli ay ano pa nga ba?

Kundi bagama't ang paghahabol ay labag At napuesto itong direktang pinalad Sa kapalpakan ng ilang otoridad, (Ay pasensya na lang sa karapatdapat?)

Pagkat sadyang ganyan na ang kalakaran Sa ating gobyerno sa kasalukuyan, Bunsod na rin nitong pagbulag-bulagan Ng nakararami sa pamahalaan.

Partikular na ng dapat mangalaga Ng naturang bagay sa 'ting Inang Bansa, Na aywan kung sadyang matatalino nga O nahirati na sa maling akala?

Na bagama't malinaw na nasasaad Ang ilang probisyon sa Saligang batas, Ay tila patuloy pa ring nalalabag, Pagkat "appointees" ng Pangulo ang lahat?

Ng nasa Comelec at ilang opisyal Kung kaya kahit na posibleng ilegal Ay nagagawa ni Madam Macapagal? (Para lamang siya minsan pang mahalal?)

Di pa ba sapat ang pagka-upo nito Ng mahigit "9 years" sa magarang Palasyo Kung saan ang lahat halos ng kapritso At sarap sa buhay ay natikman nito?

Puwera pa sa naging pinakapopular Na nilalang ng Diyos sa lahat ng lugar, Pagkat tunay naman di matatawaran Ang katanyagan niya maging sa ibang bayan;

Na kasabihan ay "small but terrible" Ang pagkakilala ng iba pang nasyon, At siya ay di na ipinagtatanong Kung tungkol din lang sa husay nito't dunong.

Aywan nga lamang kung bakit unti-unti Ang kanyang bango at kasikatan dati Ay sa pagdausdos tila namalagi Nitong huli sa di matukoy na sanhi.

Ng kampo niya mismo lalo't nang magpasya Itong humabol pa kaysa magpahinga, At kung saan pati mga kabalen niya Ay marami itong kay Madam pumuna.

Pagkat galing na nga naman sa itaas, Ano't pati dating posisyon ng anak Na si Mikey, parang inagaw pa't sukat Sa pagtakbo niya bilang mambabatas?

Kung si Mam ay wala ng iba pang balak Liban sa distrito niya'y makapag-ambag Ng ika nga'y tunay at serbisyong tapat, Na aywan kung diyan na yan magre-"retired"!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Madame Butterfly premieres

ON FEBRUARY 17 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera Madame Butterfly premieres at the La Scala theatre in Milan, Italy.

The young Puccini decided to dedicate his life to opera after seeing a performance of Giuseppe Verdi's Aida in 1876. In his later life, he would write some of the best-loved operas of all time: La Boheme (1896), Tosca (1900), Madame Butterfly (1904) and Turandot (left unfinished when he died in 1906). Not one of these, however, was an immediate success when it opened. La Boheme, the now-classic story of a group of poor artists living in a Paris garret, earned mixed reviews, while Tosca was downright panned by critics.

While supervising a production of Tosca in London, Puccini saw the play Madame Butterfly, written by David Belasco and based on a story by John Luther Long. Taken with the strong female character at its center, he began working on an operatic version of the play, with an Italian libretto by Giuseppe Giacosa and Luigi Illica. Written over the course of two years—including an eight-month break when Puccini was badly injured in a car accident—the opera made its debut in Milan in February 1904.

Set in Nagasaki, Japan, Madame Butterfly told the story of an American sailor, B.F. Pinkerton, who marries and abandons a young Japanese geisha, Cio-

San, or Madame Butterfly. In addition to the rich, colorful orchestration and powerful arias that Puccini was known for, the opera reflected his common theme of living and dying for love. This theme often played out in the lives of his heroines—women like Cio-Cio-San, who live for the sake of their lovers and are eventually destroyed by the pain inflicted by that love.

Perhaps because of the opera's foreign setting or perhaps because it was too similar to Puccini's earlier works, the audience at the premiere reacted badly to Madame Butterfly, hissing and yelling at the stage. Puccini withdrew it after one performance.

Bizmen hit CDC, CIAC, CAAP

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"By allowing two gasoline stations to locate near the approach to the runway of the Clark airport, the Clark Development Corp. (CDC), the Clark International Airport Corp. (CIAC) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) are gravely endangering not only the planes and their passengers but also those on the ground," an American retiree in a joint-venture business at Friendship said.

He was referring to the Shell and Flying V service stations along M.A. Roxas Avenue which are less than a kilometer from the runway of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA).

"This is no way of operating airports, especially an international airport. The authorities at Clark have compromised aviation safety. I wonder how they got away from the strict measures of ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization)," he added.

The former serviceman with the United States Air Force revealed that in the 1960's a USAF fighter plane overshot the runway and nearly crashed into a base taxi along then Mitchell, now M.A. Roxas Avenue. The incident nearly landed in Ripley's Believe It or Not, he chuckled.

"God forbid if something like that should hap-

pen now with the gas station by the runway's end," he said. The near-accident, he added, moved the US base authorities then to re-align the base perimeter fence "for the safety of the residences and businesses parallel to it and provide an additional buffer area for plane maneuvering in case of accidents."

Part of the buffer area was once leased by the CDC, reportedly to a Taiwanese locator, as an experimental farm where a number of hothouses were constructed. The farm was later dismantled, reportedly out of aviation safety issues.

The Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway traverses part of the buffer zone where a bridge, underneath of which pass vehicles going to Clark's Friendship Gate, is located.

Punto's source said the said bridge could likewise "pose danger to planes."

Some Korean nationals and their Filipino partners in hotels and restaurants in the city's "Korea Town" have also deplored alleged discrimination by the Clark authorities in the height restriction imposed on buildings near Clark.

"They are too strict with businesses outside (Clark) but too lax with those inside," a "Mister Jong" told Punto.

Asked his local partner: "What moral authority have they to impose height restrictions on

buildings outside Clark in the name of aviation safety, when they don't impose the same inside, and even allow gas stations to locate right at the approach to the runway?"

Land developer Rupert to Roper, owner of the Royal Garden Estate and co-owner of Royal Garden Golf and Country Club lamented his own experience with the rules on height restrictions.

"We planned to construct an 18-storey hotel-condominium in our estate which is within the 5-10 kilometer radius from DMIA. We wrote the then Air Transportation Office for guidance on the height limits. The ATO is now the CAAP and we still have to officially hear from them," Cruz said.

Cruz, who is also chair of the advocacy group Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement which first sounded the alarm on the "clear and present danger" the gasoline stations posed on Clark aviation, said the CDC, CIAC and the CAAP should "put their acts together to evolve a clear-cut, rational policy on building restrictions and limitations in Clark and its contiguous areas."

"We are as much concerned with our safety as travelers flying in and out of Clark, as we are with our businesses," Cruz said.

Calls at the offices of the CAAP at the CIAC area in Clark were not returned as of presstime.

Revilla backs Mabalacat...

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balacat.

"We are now one step closer to attaining our dream of cityhood. The Mabalacat Cityhood Technical Working Group has already reported that vital documentations are already in place," Morales said.

These include the certification from the National Statistics Office (NSO) in Manila reflecting the population of Mabalacat at 171,045.

It was earlier reported that a certificate from the Department of Finance (DOF) was finally issued on Feb. 3 to Mabalacat in compliance with the requirements for cityhood.

The DOF certificate showed that this municipality has surpassed the P100 million income requirement for cityhood.

Once a city, Morales said the income of Mabalacat will further increase

and it would further support the delivery of basic services.

"The tremendous increase in its current income and revenues realized locally, which have translated into a continuous socio-economic and infrastructure development, growth, progress and stability will allow the town to become a component city," said Morales.

He added that the attainment of cityhood status is expected to bring in more revenue shares that would translate into more development in Mabalacat town.

From some P153 million income earned in 2004, the amount is expected to increase to P500 million a year once Mabalacat is converted into a component city.

Jaime Mansueto, who owns stalls at the Mabalacat public market, said "cityhood is good for the majority." But he

stressed that the municipal government should prioritize the major repair of the public market in Barangay San Francisco.

"There should be a total facelift of the public entities in the town for cityhood to be more meaningful," he said.

Deng Pangilinan, chairman of the Mabalacat Water District, said

Revilla was "very much impressed" with the developments in the first class municipality.

Councilor Froy Galang said cityhood will benefit the poor folk as the funds for basic services will increase.

"More funds mean more services to the people," he said.

Galang said he would urge Mayor Morales to prioritize education and health care services once the bill had been approved.

— *With reports from Joey Pavia*

LP in Pampanga removes...

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LP candidates Marco Lazatin (for vice governor), Adonis Simpao (for Congress representing the second district), Gil Cortez and Dr. Joe Sandiko (for board members in

the third district) helped in removing the posters.

In that stretch, they and a band of volunteers took out more than 30 posters of LP standard bearer Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino Jr. and his running mate, Sen,

Manuel "Mar" Roxas. These were given to supporters for postings on the gates or fences of their residences.

Panlilio, Lazatin and Simpao have not yet posted campaign materials in public places.

 REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CORPORATION							
FLIGHT SCHEDULE							
DAY	OPERATOR	FLIGHT NO.	ROUTE	TYPE OF A/C	ETA	ETD	
MONDAY	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-371/SJ-150	MFM-CRK-HKG	A-319	0055H	0715H	
	JIN AIR	LJ701/702	ICN-CRK-ICN	B-737-800	0220H	0320H	
	SEAIR	DG 243	CRK-MPH	Let 410	*	0800H	
	AIR ASIA	AK662/AK663	KUL-CRK-KUL	A-320	1115H	1145H	
	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-149/SJ-537	HKG-CRK-SIN	A-319	1145H	1220H	
	TIGER AIRWAYS	TR 794/TR 795	SIN-CRK-SIN	A-320	1210H	1240H	
	SOMA	SM552/523	CRK-TPECRK	MD83	1800H	1300H	
	AIR ASIA	AK 6264/ 6265	BKI-CRK-BKI	A-320	1535H	1600H	
	SEAIR	DG234	MPH-CRK	Let 410	1720H	*	
	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-588/SJ-370	CEB-CRK-MFM	A-319	1820H	1900H	
	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-538/ SJ-589	SIN-CRK-CEB	A-319	1945H	2020H	
	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ 371	MFM-CRK	A 319	2335H	*	
	ASIANA	OZ 707/OZ 708	ICN-CRK-ICN	A-321	2345H	0055H	
	TUESDAY	SEAIR	DG 233	CRK-MPH	DO-328	*	0800H
AIR ASIA		AK662/AK663	KUL-CRK-KUL	A-320	1115H	1145H	
CEBU PACIFIC		SJ-537	CRK-SIN	A-319	*	1220H	
TIGER AIRWAYS		TR 794/TR 795	SIN-CRK-SIN	A-320	1210H	1240H	
AIR ASIA		AK 6264/ 6265	BKI-CRK-BKI	A-320	1535H	1600H	
Feb. 2, 9, 23 '10		TIGER AIRWAYS	TR 796/TR797	SIN-CRK-SIN	A 320	1605H	1650H
Feb. 16 only		TIGER AIRWAYS	TR 796/TR797	SIN-CRK-SIN	A 320	1640H	1710H
SEAIR		DG 282	MPH-CRK	L 410	1710H	*	
CEBU PACIFIC		SJ-538/SJ-941	SIN-CRK-BKK	A 319	1945H	2045H	
ASIANA		OZ 707/OZ 708	ICN-CRK-ICN	A-321	2345H	0055H	
WEDNESDAY		CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-942/SJ-150	BKK-CRK-HKG	A-319	0355H	0715H
		SEAIR	DG243	CRK-MPH	Let 410	*	0800H
		AIR ASIA	AK662/AK663	KUL-CRK-KUL	A-320	1115H	1140H
		CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-149/SJ-537	HKG-CRK-SIN	A-319	1145H	1220H
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	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ 371	MFM-CRK	A 319	2335H	*	
	ASIANA	OZ 707/OZ 708	ICN-CRK-ICN	A-321	2345H	0055H	
	THURSDAY	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-150	CRK-HKG	A-319	*	0715H
		SEAIR	DG243	CRK-MPH	Let 410	*	0800H
		AIR ASIA	AK662/AK663	KUL-CRK-KUL	A-320	1115H	1140H
TIGER AIRWAYS		TR 794/TR 795	SIN-CRK-SIN	A-320	1210H	1240H	
CEBU PACIFIC		SJ-149/SJ-537	HKG-CRK-SIN	A-319	1145H	1220H	
Feb 4, 11, 25 '10		TIGER AIRWAYS	TR 796/ TR797	SIN-CRK-SIN	A-320	1405H	1435H
AIR ASIA		AK 6264/ 6265	BKI-CRK-BKI	A-320	1535H	1600H	
SEAIR		DG 234	MPH-CRK	Let 410	1720H	*	
CEBU PACIFIC		SJ-538/SJ-941	SIN-CRK-BKK	A 319	1945H	2045H	
ASIANA		OZ 707/OZ 708	ICN-CRK-ICN	A-321	2345H	0055H	
FRIDAY		JIN AIR	LJ701/702	ICN-CRK-ICN	B-737-800	0220H	0320H
		CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-942/SJ-150	BKK-CRK-HKG	A-319	0355H	0715H
		SEAIR	DG233	CRK-MPH	DO-328	*	0800H
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	ASIANA	OZ 707/OZ 708	ICN-CRK-ICN	A-321	2345H	0055H	
	SATURDAY	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-150	CRK-HKG	A-319	*	0715H
SEAIR		DG243	CRK-MPH	Let 410	*	0800H	
AIR ASIA		AK662/AK663	KUL-CRK-KUL	A-320	1115H	1140H	
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ASIANA		OZ707/708	ICN-CRK-ICN	A-321	2345H	0055H	
SUNDAY		CEBU PACIFIC	SJ 942/SJ-150	BKK-CRK-HKG	A-319	0355H	0715H
		AIR ASIA	AK662/AK663	KUL-CRK-KUL	A-320	1115H	1140H
		CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-149/SJ-537	HKG-CRK-SIN	A-319	1145H	1220H
		TIGER AIRWAYS	TR 794/TR 795	SIN-CRK-SIN	A-320	1210H	1240H
		AIR ASIA	AK 6264/ 6265	BKI-CRK-BKI	A-320	1535H	1600H
		SEAIR	DG44	MPH-CRK	Let 410	1710H	*
	CEBU PACIFIC	SJ-538/SJ-370	SIN-CRK-MFM	A-319	1945H	2020H	
	ASIANA	OZ707/708	ICN-CRK-ICN	A-321	2345H	0055H	

Di sapat ang pagtitipid...

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mutol na punong kahoy sa loob ng watershed ay ang pagbabaw ng tinggalan ng tubig ng dam dahil sa kapag umulan, nakakalkal ang lupa sa bundok at naiipon sa ilalim ng dam.

Ang patuloy na pagbabaw ng tinggalan ng tubig ay nangangahulugan na mas kaunting tubig ang maiipon doon, kaya mas malaki ang posibilidad na kapusin ng tubig ang magsasaka at ang lumolobong populasyon ng kalakhang Maynila.

Batay naman sa naunang pahayag ng mga opisyal ng Angat River Hydro Electric Power Plant (Arhepp) ng National Power Corporation (Napocor) na namamahala sa Angat Dam, tinatayang umaabot na sa 20 talampakan ang kapal ng silation o burak sa Angat Dam na ang konstruksyon ay natapos noong 1965.

Ayon ka Francisco, tinatayang aabot na sa 9,000 ektarya ng 63,000 ektaryang Angat watershed ang nakalbo o nasira, samantalang halos kalahati ng 6,600 hectare Ipo watershed ang kalbo.

Ibinulgar din niya na

ang mga namumutol ng kahoy at nag-uuling sa loob ng dalawang watershed ay karaniwang nagmumula sa lalawigan ng Rizal.

"Walang habas yung timber poaching sa Mt. Iilas, kahit araw ay patuloy sila," ani Francisco, patungkol sa bundok ng Iilas na matatagpuan sa pagitan o boundary ng Angat at Ipo Watershed, na malapit sa lalawigan ng Rizal.

Kaugnay nito, sinabi ni Alvarado na hinaharap na kakulangan sa tubig ng kalakhang Maynila at magsasaka sa Bulacan ay kumpirmasyon lamang na patuloy ang pagkasira sa Angat Watershed.

"Ang problema natin ngayon ay walang pinagiba sa kasabihan ng mga Bulakenyo na sala sa init, sala sa lamig," ani ng bise gobernador na ilang beses ng nagsagawa ng privileged speech sa SP hinggil sa problema ng tubig sa Angat Dam.

Ipinaliwanag niya na kapag tag-ulan, baha ang nananalasa sa Bulacan katulad noong Setyembre kung kailan hinagupit ng bahang hatid ng bagyong Ondoy ang Bulacan.

Ngunit kung tag-araw

naman ay kinakapos ng tubig dahil sa mababaw na ang dam sanhi ng patuloy na pagkakalbo ng kabundukan.

Kaugnay nito, sinabi ni Liza Sacdalan, isang lider ng magsasaka sa bayan ng Plaridel, na umaabot na sa mahigit 100 ektarya ng bukirin sa Bulacan ang natutuyo kahit hindi pa nagsisimula ang tag-araw.

Sinabi rin niya na nakanseala ang ipinatagaw na pulong ng Provincial Agriculture Office (PAO) noong Biyernes, Pebrero 12 kung kailan ay magsasagawa sana ng konsultasyon sa mga magsasaka upang matukoy ang mga lugar na apektado ng kakulangan sa tubig.

Ayon naman kay Gloria Carillo, hepe ng PAO, hindi man natuloy ang kaniyang pulong ay patuloy ang mga kawani ng PAO sa pagsasagawa ng pagtukoy sa mga lugar na apektado sa lalawigan.

Gayunpaman, hindi niya tinugon ang katanungan hinggil sa posibilidad ng pagdedeklara ng state of calamity sa Bulacan at ang pagsasagawa ng cloud seeding upang muling mapunan ang tubig sa dam.

'GMA is not a sure winner'

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presidential patronage.

In the first place, he lacks the resources as he belongs to Pampanga's average middle class as partner in a family-owned construction company. And he insists there is moral transgression in such "display of magnanimity".

"I hope Pres. Arroyo and her allies realize that she is not a sure winner here in the second district of Pampanga. We intend to give her a very good fight and we intend to win. I believe in the end, the Kapampangans will vote for the true Kapampangan and not someone who didn't even grow up in the province," he said in a statement yesterday in reaction to reports that Pres. Arroyo's congressional allies plan to install her as speaker of the House in the 15th Congress.

This, despite his being almost an accidental candidate after he was prodded to accept the congressional candidacy amid lack of LP standard bearer as the deadline for the filing of certificates of candidacy neared last Dec. 1. As a matter of fact, he filed his candidacy at 10 p.m. on the last day.

Prof. Randy David, who had vowed to challenge the President, had bowed out of the race, even as presidential sister Cielo Macapagal-Salgado, whom LP provincial chairman Gov. Eddie Panlilio had urged to run, opted to dis-

tance herself from politics.

Salgado, in a text message to Punto, declined to comment on whether she would support Simpao, saying that she was "no longer active in the Liberal Party."

Simpao insisted, however, that his candidacy was neither forced on him nor accepted amid lack of choice. "My candidacy was designed by circumstances," he said and he accepted it with full volition despite later objections from members of his family who were not aware he was filing his candidacy against the country's most powerful person two hours before deadline on Dec. 1.

Irwin Nucum, spokesperson of the Kapampangan Kontra Recount (K2R) supporting LP provincial chairman Gov. Eddie Panlilio and opposing the recount of gubernatorial votes done by the Commission on Elections, said Simpao's confidence on his victory was far from being quixotic.

Nucum is a close friend of Simpao who was a convener of the K2R. "He is simple, down-to-earth, and always concerned about other people rather than himself. And he is a man of courage with a long-term vision," Nucum said, noting Simpao's role as president of a province-wide group called Kasaup which battled for good governance and fought against corruption at local government levels in Pampanga.

Nucum said Simpao is convinced that he could win against Mrs. Arroyo. "But much depends on the conscience of the Kapampangan voters. They must now realize how Pres. Arroyo has become the embodiment of patronage and transactional politics. That is where his victory lies, and it is a victory that is therefore achievable," he said.

Last year, the militant group Akbayan, in celebrating its 12th anniversary themed "Realizing hope, celebrating heroes and effecting change", awarded Simpao for his "political courage... as a genuine agent of change as you embark on a campaign to contest the insatiable ambitions of a detested political figure for more power, an admirable crusade which by now has fired up a nation looking for inspiration."

Simpao has admitted that he faces an uphill battle amid the President's hold on power and the hundreds of millions worth of project she has been showering upon their "cabalens" in their district. Mrs. Arroyo was reported to have spent P459 million in infrastructure alone in 2009 in the district comprising of her hometown in Lubao, Guagua, Sta. Rita, Sasmuan, Floridablanca and Bacolor.

"At present, I have been conducting casual group discussions to get advice on how to better make aware our voters on the real motive behind the

projects being used by the President to lure them," he said.

Simpao said Kapampangan voters showed their unusual political maturity in 2007 when they voted for Panlilio as governor despite his being an independent candidate without political machinery and financial resources of his own. Panlilio used to be parish priest of Betis, Guagua, although he was suspended from priesthood when he entered politics. He won by 1,147 votes against presidential friend Lilia Pineda who was the candidate of the administration Kabalikang Mamamayang Pilipino (Kampi). Pineda is also known as the wife of Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda who was named as a big time gambling lord during the Senate impeachment trial against former Pres. Estrada.

"I have confidence the Kapampangans will show the same maturity in the second district in the coming elections. It's a maturity being bolstered further by their awareness that Mrs. Arroyo's candidacy is propelled by her desire to be House Speaker and skirt responsibility from possible criminal charges against her and her family," he said.

He cited nagging reports that presidential son Rep. Mikey Arroyo, who gave way to his mother's congressional bid despite his being only in his second term, will be among the nominees of the group

Galing Pinoy which is among the 144 partylist groups accredited by the Comelec. "This only affirms the real motive behind the congressional bid of Mrs. Arroyo," he noted.

Simpao said that the issue in the second district has become so serious as to remove political party lines. He noted that only recently, Nationalista Party's guest senatorial candidate, Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo toured the second district to throw support for his candidacy against the President.

"In the end I believe that Kapampangans will vote for the true Kapampangan and not someone who didn't grow up in the province," said Simpao.

He said his courage is further bolstered by the support of LP presidential standard bearer Sen. Benigno "Noy" Aquino III and his vice presidential bet Sen. Mar Roxas.

"I know they will come here during the campaign period to give me strength," Simpao said, like a David praying for strength against Goliath.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that LINA YABUT SAPUAY has filed with this Office a petition for CHANGE OF FIRST NAME from LINA to ANGELINA in the Certificate of Live Birth of LINA YABUT SAPUAY who was born on December 28, 1968 at San Lorenzo, Mexico, Pampanga and whose parents are ELIZABETH YABUT and JAIME SAPUAY.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD) ROSANA AGUAS
Municipal Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: February 17 & 24, 2010

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that ZENEN SAMIA HERNANDEZ has filed with this Office a petition for CHANGE OF FIRST NAME from ZENEN to ZENAIDA in the Certificate of Live Birth of ZENEN SAMIA HERNANDEZ who was born on July 30, 1950 at Sto. Rosario, Mexico, Pampanga and whose parents are PAZ SAMIA and ROBERTO HERNANDEZ.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD) ROSANA AGUAS
Municipal Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: February 17 & 24, 2010

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SM City Pampanga holds seminar on handling PWDs

IN ITS desire to provide quality customer service, SM City Pampanga recently held a General Formation with Seminar in Handling Special Customers. The activity aims to further train and educate its employees, tenants and agency personnel in providing better service to persons with disabilities (PWDs).

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The seminar was highlighted by a special talk from Maryann Zamora, vice president

of the Adhoc Committee on Women with disabilities and Antonietta Gomez, local PWD Coordinator. The two guest speakers shared tips on how one can do their part in helping PWDs enjoy their shopping experience. They discussed the Magna Carta for PWDs citing that one should give importance and respect for the rights of PWDs. Gomez and Zamora contributed in ensuring a blissful shopping experience to special customers.

SM City Pampanga shared with the audience that organizing such seminars and advocacies is more than just being compliant with the requirements of a person with disability, as far as standard building codes are concerned. SM Supermalls will always nurture the consciousness that mallgoers with special needs must be attended properly at all cost.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION Branch 63 Tarlac City

IN RE: PETITION FOR RE-APPOINTMENT
AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE
PROVINCE OF TARLAC

Notarial Case Nos. 112-10,
113-10 and 114-10

GODOFREDO M. SABADO, JR.,
ELIZARDO I. EMAS AND OSCAR V.
BERMUDEZ,

Petitioners.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of Attorneys GODOFREDO M. SABADO, JR. ELIZARDO I. EMAS and OSCAR V. BERMUDEZ shall be held on February 23, 2010 at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Tarlac City, January 29, 2010

CESAR L. AGANON
Presiding Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: February 17, 24 & March 3, 2010

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT ANGELES CITY

ROMER M. RECARBAR,
Petitioner/Mortgagee

-versus-

FC CASE NO. 2010-569

JERICO BALUYUT,
Respondent/Mortgagor,

For: "Extra Judicial Foreclosure of REM
Under R.A. 3135, as amended"

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Article 3135 as amended, filed by the above mentioned Mortgagee against the Mortgagor, Jericho Baluyut with address at 38 San Pablo, Magalang, Pampanga, in order to satisfy the mortgagee debt which, as of December 14, 2009, amounts to FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (P550,000.00) Philippine Currency, together with the interest, penalty and other charges thereon as per statement of loan account and to pay the mortgagee all expenses incurred in the filing of this foreclosure aside from the expenses of collection and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **March 2, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at the Magalang Municipal Hall, 2nd floor, Magalang, Pampanga** will sell at public auction for cash and in Philippine Currency the following parcel of land with all existing improvements and future improvements thereon to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 545485-R

*A parcel of land (Lot 7-0, of the subd. Plan, Psd 03-030340, being a portion of lot 7, Psd 03-002295(OLT), LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Camias, Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pamp. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by lot 6, Psd-03-002295 (OLT), on the NW, along line 2-3 by lot 1111-B-11, Psd-03-020461, on the NE., along line 3-4 by lot 7-P, (road), on the SE., along line 4-1 by lot 7-n, both of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N.77 deg. 57'E.m, 519.44m from BBM No. 17, Cad. 95, Magalang Cad. thence N. 39 deg. 04'W., 66.47m. to pt. 2; Thence N. 51 deg. 55'E., 31.80m. to pt. 3; thence S. 39 deg. 33' E., 80.83m to pt. 4; thence S.75 deg. 36'W., 35.69m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (2,363) SQUARE METERS, more or less. A xxx"

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel of land for their information and protection.

In the event the public auction should no take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 6, 2010** at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, February 1, 2010.

JOSE REGINO LIWANAG
Sheriff IV

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PUNTO! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2010

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT Third Judicial Region OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF Guagua, Pampanga

AMERJAN B. EUSOOF,

Mortgagee,

FREM CASE No. G-10-1866

-for-

-versus-

Petition for Extra Judicial

Foreclosure of Real Estate

Mortgage

YOLANDA N. TITCO,

Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118, filed by AMERJAN EUSOOF, with postal address at Villa Rosemarie, San Miguel, Betis, Guagua, Pampanga against YOLANDA N. TITCO married to MARCUS AURELIUS TITCO, with postal address at LM Subdivision, Sta Filomena, Guagua, Pampanga, the mortgagor to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 24, 2009 amounts to SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIVE PESOS (Php673,905.00), Philippine Currency, with interest thereon at the rate of 3% per month until fully paid plus 25% of the amount due as attorney's fees of the total indebtedness plus the expenses of foreclosure, also secured by the said mortgage and such other amount which may become payable to the aforementioned mortgagee. The Ex-Officio Sheriff of Guagua thru the undersigned sheriff hereby gives notice to all interested parties and to the public in general that on **March 31, 2010 at 10:00 in the morning** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice, San Matias, Guagua, Pampanga will sell at public auction thru sealed bidding, to the highest bidder in CASH, Philippine Currency, the real property below together with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 356201-R

A parcel of land (Lot 34, plan Psu-121622-Amd., LR Case No. 217, LRC Rec. No. N-8715), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Filomena, Mun. of Guagua Prov. of Pamp. Bounded on the NE., from point 4-1 by Lot 9, Psu-121622; on the SE., from points 1-2 by Lot 39; on the SW., from pt. 2-3 by Lot 23, Psu-121622, and on the NW., from pt. 3-4 by a Bo. Rd. x x x containing an area of EIGHTY FOUR (84) Square Meters, more or less. . .

This NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE will be posted for a period of twenty (20) days in three (3) conspicuous public places in the municipality where the subject property is located at Guagua, Pampanga where the sale shall take place, and likewise a copy will be published for the same period in PUNTO! Central Luzon, a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before the date of auction sale.

ALL SEALED BIDS with its accompanying transmittal letter addressed to this office must be submitted to the undersigned on or before the above stated date and hour at which time all sealed bids thus submitted shall be opened.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 7, 2010 at 10:00 in the morning** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Guagua, Pampanga, February 12, 2010.

LORD FRANCIS D. MUSNI
Ex-Officio Sheriff

JOLLY JAY S.R. MANGALINDAN
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:

AMERJAN B. EUSOOF
Villa Rosemarie, San Miguel, Betis,
Guagua, Pampanga

YOLANDA N. TITCO
LM Subdivision, Sta. Filomena
Guagua, Pampanga

PUNTO! Central Luzon: February 17, 24 & March 3, 2010

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 53 GUAGUA, PAMPANGA

IN THE MATTER OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF EVAGRACIALA
B. EUGENIO AT THE CIVIL REGISTRY OF LUBAO,
PAMPANGA,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. G-09-2285
FOR: CANCELLATION OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE
UNDER RULE 108 OF THE RULES OF COURT

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LUBAO, PAMPANGA,
Respondent.

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ORDER

This is a verified petition filed by petitioner, through counsel, praying that after due notice and hearing, the Honorable Court issue an Order canceling the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner in the Civil Registry of the Municipality of Lubao, Pampanga.

In essence, petitioner alleges among others that *she was born in Tondo, Manila on September 15, 1983 and her correct and intended name is EVAGRACEALA B. EUGENIO, her maiden name; she is now married to Ezekiel G. Galang; she has learned that her Certificate of Live Birth was erroneously and falsely recorded in the Civil Registry of the Municipality of Lubao, Pampanga, purportedly by her mother, Corazon B. Eugenio, who has denied the same; petitioner's mother, Corazon B. Eugenio, or known as Corazon C. Batul, her maiden name, has been working abroad for the past 20 or more years; petitioner has no registration of birth in the City of Manila because when she tried to register her birth therein (knowing all along that she had no birth certificate) it was denied because her purported and alleged birth certificate appeared at the National Statistics Office (NSO) records as registered in Lubao, Pampanga; aside from her place of birth, said birth certificate bears other erroneous entries with respect to the spelling of her name, her birthday, and middle initial of her father; there is a need for the cancellation of the subject birth certificate so that petitioner may file a correct birth certificate containing her correct personal details in the City of Manila, her correct place of birth; petitioner is a good and law-abiding citizen and has not been charged of any crime involving moral turpitude or any other crimes under the Revised Penal Code, national or local statutes; petitioner has always known her name to be "Evagraceala" B. Eugenio, born in Tondo, City of Manila on September 15, 1983 and she has always been using this information in her personal and scholastic academic records.*

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on **March 8, 2010 at 9:00 in the morning** at the courtroom of this Court.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga at the expense of the petitioner.

Let copies of this Order and the petition be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amoroso St., Legaspi Village, Makati City; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, City of San Fernando (P); Civil Registrar General, National Statistics Office, Quezon City; and the Local Civil Registrar of Lubao, Pampanga.

The civil registrars concerned and any person having or claiming any interest under the birth record which cancellation is sought may, within fifteen (15) days from notice of the petition, or from the last date of publication, file their opposition thereto, and appear on said date and time, and show cause why this petition should not be granted.

SO ORDERED.

Guagua, Pampanga, December 21, 2009.

MARIA CONCEPCION A. YUMANG
Presiding Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 and 17, 2010.



The Gossip-miller

by Cesar Pambid

Shaina Magdayao iniwan ni John Prats dahil nangaliwa? (O kinaliwa si Shaina ni John Prats?)

SOBRANG PARTY ANIMAL daw pala itong si Shaina Magdayao kung kaya kinainasan at iniwan siya ni John Prats. Truth is now out na si John ang nang-iwan kay Shaina dahil nga sonbrang sinungaling pa raw ng kapatid ni Vina Morales.

May kinalaman daw ang ang madalas na pag-attend ng party at paggimik ni Shaina Magdayao kung bakit nga sila naghiwalay ni John Prats.

Napikon na raw si John dahil madalas ay wala raw sa bahay ang girlfriend niya. Kung wala man ito sa party ay nasa gimikan naman daw ito.

Hindi rin daw nagustuhan ni John ang paglilihim ni Shaina tungkol sa kanyang paglabas-labas sa gabi. Minsan kasi, tinanong niya kung nasaan ang dalaga. Sumagot naman daw ito na nasa bahay lang siya. When John checked kung nasa balaysung nga ito, he was utterly surprised na wala naman pala ito sa kanila.

At dahil nasukol na siya, umamin daw si Shaina na nasa labas nga siya together with some friends.

Kahit na may image na isang party animal, wala naman daw kahilig-hilig itong si John na um-attend ng mga party na siyang kabaligtaran naman ni Shaina.

At nang hindi na raw magkasundo, si John na mismo ang nakipaghiwalay sa nakababatang kapatid ni Vina Morales.

How sad!

So far that's the other side of the story sa hiwalayan ng dalawa.

Surprisingly, yung tungkol naman daw sa kanila ni John Lloyd Cruz ang dahilan sa hiwalayan. Kumbaga, lumalabas na pinendeho ni Shaina si John Prats kaya naghiwalay sila.

Isa pang anggulo ng istorya, gumanti lang daw si Shaina dahil nga unang nambabae si John Prats. Nahuli raw sa akto ni Shaina si John and that was the beginning of the trouble with the love affair of the two.

Alin nga kaya'ng totoo. Sa amin kasi, mukhang sanitized version yung una, yung tungkol sa gimik ek.

Alin nga ba? Kasali kaya yung pagiging lasengga ni Shaina sa paghihiwalay nila ni John Prats?

Krista Ranillo non-entity na sa buhay ni Gina Alajar

HINDI NA pala tao ang tingin ng pamilya Eigenmann kay Krista Ranillo. Kumbaga, non-entity na ito as far as the family is concerned kaya bawal na pag-usapan o itanong ito sa sinoman sa member ng pamilya.

Paparating na Michael de Mesa sa Pinas kasama ang magulang na sina Eddie Mesa at Rosemarie Gil para dumalo sa kasal ng anak ni Michael at Gina Alajar na si Ryan Eigenmann.

Pero, bago ang lahat ay napagkasunduan ng pamilya De Mesa na huwag mag-entertain ng tanong about Krista Ranillo, lalo't tungkol sa pagkaka-link ng controversial starlet na balitang sumira raw noon sa relasyon nina Michael at Gina Alajar.

Ayaw ng pamilya De Mesa na mabahiran ng intriga ang kasal ng anak nina Michael at Gina. Nasabi raw ni

Gina: "That Krista thing is no big deal. Hindi dapat pag-aksayahan ng panahon to talk about."

"Mark Anthony Fernandez is a liar!"—CLAUDINE BARETTO

MALAKI PA rin pala'ng tampo ni Claudine Baretto sa dating kasintahang si Mark Anthony Fernandez.

In an interview inisa-isa ni Claudine ang mga puntos kung bakit galit siya kay Mark.

"E, kasi ayoko naman nang kagaya niya na pa-interview nang pa-interview. Parang isang beses ka lang magpa-interview, okey na yun. E, kasi yun nga, parang nagkamali pa siya ng sequencing niya, yung mga events na nangyari yun.

"Kasi siya ang humingi ng tulong sa amin ni Raymart na makausap si Ms. Veronique del Rosario [Viva Artists Agency executive] after three times of not showing up. Pero in fairness, the first time naman, hindi niya alam dahil si Dondon [Monteverde, Mark's manager] naman pala ang dapat na pupunta.

"Pero yung ikatlong beses na siya na ang humingi talaga ng meeting, nag-confirm pa siya kay Veronique. At noong magkausap kami, binigay ko pa sa kanya yung number ni Veronique. Siya pa ang nagbigay ng araw. And that was the day na parang Christmas party ng Viva Films. Ni-moved pa nila ng later pa. So, naghinihintay kami hanggang 2 o'clock. Tapos sabi niya, 4... kaso, wala, walang tawag, walang text or anything. Pero nandun si Paula Punla [manager rin ni Mark]. Sabi niya, nasa Baguio siya that day.

"E, alam niyo naman na taga-Greenhills tayo. Nagkataon na ang ating kapitbahay e, kapitbahay niya rin. So, yun..."

Nanghihinayang daw si Claudine, di lang sa nawa-lang pagkakataon na makatrabaho uli ang dating karelasyon, kundi sa oportunidad na magkaayos na rin sila.

"Actually sana... sana naging friends kami. Kaya lang... e, kasi nga, yung sorry niya kasi, lahat was sa TV. Ewan ko kung ini-assume niya lang na okey na kami. E, paano nga kami magiging okey, hindi nga kami nag-uusap. So, ano, nagsinungaling siya.

"Tinext ko siya, sabi ko, liar siya..."



Shaina Magdayao

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LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS—Hindi sapat ang pagtitipid sa tubig upang tugunan ang taon-taong kakulangan sa tubig na inumin ng kalakhang Maynila at patubig ng mag-sasaka sa Bulacan na nagmumula sa Angat Dam.

Ayon sa Sagip Sierra Madre Environmental Society (SSMES), kailangan ang political will o ang pagpapatupad ng batas para sa proteksyon ng mga watershed ng Angat at Ipo Dam.

Sa kasalukuyan, mas bumaba pa sa 200 meters ang water elevation sa Angat Dam na pinagkukunan ng 97 porsyentong tubig inumin ng kalakhang Maynila.

Binigyang diin ng SSMES ang walang habas na pagkasira ng kabundukan sanhi ng pamumutol ng kahoy at paggawa ng uling doon, samantalang iginiiit ni Vice Governor Willy Alvarado na ang kakulangan sa tubig ay isa lamang kumpirmasyon ng pagkasira ng watershed ng dalawang dam na ilang beses ng naging bahagi ng kanyang privileged speech sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Ayon kay Martin Francisco, tagapangulo ng SS-

MES, palaging ipinapayo ng gobyerno ang pagtitipid sa tubig kung tag-araw, ngunit hindi naman tinutugunan ang tunay na ugat ng problema sa kakulangan ng tubig.

“Patuloy ang pagkakalabo ng kabundukan partikular na ang mga watershed, pero kapos ang pagkilos sa forest protection,” ani Francisco at iginiiit pa na 12 guwardiya lamang ang itinalaga ng Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) para magbantay sa 6,600 ektaryang Ipo Dam watershed.

Dahil dito, sinabi niya na ang payo ng gobyerno na magtipid sa tubig ay nakakahalintulad lamang ng “band aid” o panapal butas lamang, at hindi makakatugon sa taon-taong problema sa kakulangan ng tubig sa irigasyon at iinumina ng kalakhang Maynila.

Ayon kay Francisco, may higit na dapat mapigilan ang walang habas na timber poaching o pamumutol ng punong kahoy sa loob ng watershed, mag-ing ang paggawa ng uling kung saan ay mga maliliit o batang punongkahoy ang pinuputol upang gawing uling.

Isa sa mga epekto ng walang habas na pamu-

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Supremely satisfied burger experience at Brothers Burgers Marquee Mall

BROTHERS BURGERS founded by siblings Daniel, Martin and Enrique Jose in June 1999, at the height of the Asian financial crisis. While it may seem unwise to start a business during that difficult period, the brothers agreed that it was an idea and opportunity whose time has come. “It was a big risk, selling products at a higher price point when many people were tightening their belts”, recalls Daniel “DJ” Jose, VP for Administration and Finance. “But we believed that, like us, many Filipinos were tired of the same old burgers and were willing to try something new”.

So it was with some trepidation, but a lot of confidence, that Brothers Burgers opened its first branch in Ortigas. In time and through positive word-of-mouth, news of their unique burgers spread and customers soon came in droves. “We had families come from as far as Alabang and Laguna to eat at our store”, enthuses Martin Jose, VP for Marketing and Franchising. “That’s when we knew that the designer burger concept was something that Filipinos have long been waiting for”.

While it took the siblings’ admirable initiative to start the business, it was undoubtedly their burgers that made customers sit up and take notice. While other chains were content to churn out the same old burgers, Brothers set itself apart by raising the bar on product quality, innovation and customer satisfaction. It was, quite simply, a revolution in burgers. There are ten reasons to taste the difference of Brothers Burgers: OATMEAL BUNS – Brothers uses oversized oatmeal-topped buns to enhance flavor

of burger; PREMIUM PATTIES – made from 100% pure premium beef, well-seasoned and cut thick, ranging in size from small for the Baby Brothers Burger, to the huge-pound of the Big Brothers Burger; CHARBROILED, NOT FRIED – burgers on a grill, making the meat more tender and locking in its juices to get that rich and smoky flavor plus it is a healthier way to cook burgers; YOUR CHOICE OF MEAT – experience the sumptuous Angus Beef Burger with cheese and Lamb Burger smothered with pesto and topped with feta cheese; UNIQUE TOPPINGS – design your burger with your choice of toppings cheese, mushroom, onions, cilantro cream, bacon, cream cheese with garlic and bleu cheese; ALWAYS FRESHLY MADE – made from fresh ingredients, cooked and prepared only upon order, burgers are worth the wait; SUPER SIZED – biggest burger, double up on half pound patties and Brothers Pounder, a monster one pound burger that will definitely fill you up; DESIGNER COLLECTIONS – limited-edition theme burgers uniquely prepared and made with expertly-balanced ingredients and toppings; SPECIAL SIDE ORDERS – complement order with patented thick french fries and onion rings, go for dessert treats chocolate chip cookies and cool bites ice cream pies then wash it all down with Brothers shakes in chocolate, strawberry and vanilla flavors; MORE THAN BURGERS – discover Brothers Burgers many other menu offerings like Gourmet Sandwiches, Signature Pasta, soups, salads and even big rice meals.

Last February 12, 2010 Brothers Burgers formally opened its



(R-L) Edeline Angeles-Gozon, Angeles City Tourism Officer Pie Angeles-Flores, Jepoy Nepomuceno, City Administrator Mark Allen Sison, Bros. Burger New Bus. Operations Executive Neren Mangabat, Dr. Eril Yturralde and Dr. Luis Uy.



Bros. Burger General Manager Lita Ocampo with hard-working and friendly staff.



Jepoy Nepomuceno, Lita Ocampo and Mark Allen Sison.

first branch in Central Luzon at Marquee Mall, attended by Brother Burgers management team and other special guests.

The program started with a solemn mass, followed by the symbolic Big Burger slicing and then the much awaited burger experi-

ence wherein most of the visitors were served with the all time favorite designer burger – the WAGYU Burger.

OPENING PROMO (February 20, 2010, Saturday, 10:00 A.M.)

First 100 lucky paying customers will win prizes

1st Customer – P1,000 Gift Certificates+BB Shirt+BB Cap+BB Environmental Bag+BB Key Chain
 Next 20 customers – BB Shirt + BB Environmental Bag + BB Key Chain
 Next 30 customers – BB Cap + BB Environmental Bag + BB Key Chain
 Next 50 customers – BB Key Chain