

Virtual looting continues at city hall – Pamintuan

□ Incoming mayor seeks police help

By DING CERVANTES

ANGELES CITY – Incoming mayor Edgardo Pamintuan will assume his post in city hall bereft of 28 brand new official vehicles, as well as computers and other office equipment which were carted off recently in the wee hours of the morning by persons allegedly identified with outgoing Mayor Francis Nepomuceno.

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OPERATION SMILE

Foreign, Pinoy experts offer free surgeries to poor folk

□ Mission to benefit some 200 indigents with cleft lip, palate in CL

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Some 50 plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, dentists, nurses, speech therapists and child life specialists from foreign countries joined their Filipino counterparts on Saturday and started their “International Surgical Mission” providing free reconstructive surgery for poor folk disfigured with cleft lip and palates.

“All of them took a leave from their private practice and regular hospital work to participate in the mission lasting one week,” said Bobby Manzano, president and executive director of Operation Smile Philippines (OSP). He said the foreign specialists include 14 Americans, two British, two Chinese, and two Indians. They are members

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WINNERS of the Lakan at Mutya ning San Fernando are all smiles during the coronation night last Friday at the Event Centre of SM City Pampanga. Reigning over the prestigious event are (left-right) Lakan ning Turismo Mark Koseph Mendoza, Lakan ning Kalikasan Francis Kenrick Gelbolingo, Lakan ning San Fernando Herwin Drieghe, Mutya ning San Fernando Marish Alyssa Marquinez, Mutya ning SF-Sinukwan Ricel McCallum and Mutya ning Turismo Michelle Ann Teopaco. PHOTO COURTESY OF RUSTON BANAL JR.

PYESTANG FERNANDINO

Del Pilar, Telabastagan bag Lakan and Mutya

By NIELSEN OCAMPO, MERRY ROSE SOLIMAN, RIONEL LAZATIN, INTERNS

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Herwin Drieghe of barangay Del Pilar and Marish Alyssa Marquinez of barangay Telabastagan bagged the Lakan at Mutya Ning San

Fernando 2010 on Friday during the grand coronation night held at the Event Center in SM City Pampanga.

“I am very happy. I have been a beauty queen ever since so I will love to represent our city to the Binibining Pilipinas one day and I wish I can win it so everybody will be

proud of me”, said Marquinez when asked about her goals as a young successful beauty pageant title holder.

Hailed as City Ambassadors of Goodwill, she assured Fernandinos to promote environmental awareness saying that “having a

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FOR PCOS MACHINE ERRORS

Teachers to Smartmatic: Extra pay for extra work

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Teachers who served in the May 10 automated elections want Smartmatic-TIM to pay them P500 each for their extra work on the additional round of testing and sealing of precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines.

“Smartmatic-TIM officials admitted that they made a mistake with the configuration of the CF cards. In the same way that they shouldered the logistical cost of recalling, reconfiguring, and redistributing the CF cards, they should likewise shoulder the cost of the extra

working hours that teachers had to put in to retest and reseal the machines. It should not come from the Filipino taxpayers,” said ACT Teachers partylist president Antonio Tinio.

This, even as he lamented as “inadequate” the P500 that the Commission on

Elections (Comelec) announced earlier as “additional honorarium” for the teachers.

“We reiterate our call for an additional P 2,000,” he said, even as he debunked the claim of election Commis-

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Una at nag-iisang halal na alkalde sa Bulacan na nagtapos ng DPA

Ni DINO BALABO

BUSTOS, Bulacan – Ibat-iba ang kakayahan na tinapos na kurso ng mga halal na opisyal sa Bulacan.

Mayroon sa kanilang duktor ng medisina, mayroon ding negosyante, abogado, accountant, artista at inhinyero.

Ngunit kakaiba ang kursong tinapos ni Arnel Mendoza, ang halal na alkalde ng bayang ito.

Siya ay nagtapos ng Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) sa Bulacan State University (BulSU). Hindi lamang siya ang unang halal na alkalde sa lalawigan na may titulong DPA, siya rin ang nag-iisa na nagpapakita ng mataas na pagpapahalaga sa edukasyon bilang isang alkalde, ayon sa mga opisyal BulSU.

"He is our first DPA graduate who will assume a top elective position in a municipality or city," ani Dr. Ricardo Santos, isang propesor sa BulSU Graduate School na nagsilbing tagapayo ng 47-taong gulang na si Mendoza sa pagtatapos ng kursong DPA.

Para naman kay Dr. Danilo Hilario, ang vice president for external affairs ng BulSU, kahanga-hanga ang naging kapalaran ni Mendoza.

"Hindi simple ang kanyang determinasyon sa pag-aaral at sa paglilingkod sa bayan," ani Hilario.

Si Arnel ay panganay na anak ng yumaong si dating Mayor Pablito Mendoza at Dr. Rosalinda Mendoza na may-ari ng Sto. Nino Hospital sa Bustos.

Ang matandang Mendoza ay yumao nito lamang Marso 17. Siya ay nagsilbing alkalde ng Bustos mula 1988 hanggang 1998.

Pagkatapos ng termino ng kanyang ama noong 1998, kumandidato at nanalo si Arnel, ngunit noong 2001 ay tinalo siya ng kanyang dating Bise Alkalde na si Carlito Reyes.

Ang panalo ni Reyes ay tumapos sa 13 taong panunugkulan ng mga Mendoza sa bayang ito.

Noong 2004 at 2007 ay nilabanan ni Arnel si Reyes, ngunit tinalo pa rin siya nito.

Sa kabila nito, hindi sumuko si Arnel. Ginugol niya ang kanyang panahon sa pagkadalubhasa at pagtuturo ng Pilosopiya sa BulSU-Bustos Campus.

Sa panahon ding iyon, ipinagpatuloy ni Arnel ang kanyang pag-aaral hanggang sa matapos niya ang Masters degree at ang kursong DPA noong 2008.

Noong nakaraang Nobyembre, muling nagsumite ng

kanyang certificate of candidacy (COC) si Arnel upang labanan sa ika-apat na pagkakataon si Reyes na kumandidato rin sa kabila ng pagbabawal ng Commission on Elections (Comelec) dahil nakatatlong sunod na termino na siya.

Ang muling paglaban ni Arnel kay Reyes ay tinutulan din ng kanyang pamilya at mga kaibigan.

Ngunit hindi siya napigilan sa paniniwalang, kung hindi siya lalaban, wala siyang tsansang manalo at isulong ang kaunlaran ng bayang ito.

Nadagdagan pa ang agam-agam ng pamilya ni Arnel sa kanyang kandidatura dahil sa pagkamatay ng kanyang ama noong Marso 17.

Ngunit nanatili ang determinasyon ni Arnel. "Talagang determinado at very focus siya sa kampanya," ani Dr. Mendoza patungkol sa anak.

Sinabi niya na nagsilbing inspirasyon sa kanyang anak ang muling makapaglingkod sa kanilang mga kababayan.

Hinggil sa mga kurso ng pagkadalubhasa na tinapos ng kanyang anak, sinabi ni Dr. Mendoza na "I think he is more prepared now, kumpara sa unang election niya at mga kampanya."

"We are very glad he devoted his time to more productive endeavor and he was able to come back," ani Dr. Mendoza.

Idinagdag pa niya na "not too many were given a chance to go to graduate school and pursue doctoral studies. I know, my son will use what he learned in school for further development of our town."

CEB celebrates over 50% market share

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 60 ANGELES CITY

SPS. LUINIO S. TONGSON AND
RALYMAR L. FAMORCA,
Petitioners.

-versus-

SPEC. PROC. NO. 8375

CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MABALACAT,
PAMPANGA

Respondent.

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ORDER

This is a verified Petition filed by petitioners Sps. Luinio S. Tongson and Ralmar L. Famora praying that after due notice and hearing, the respondent Civil Registrar of Mabalacat, Pampanga be directed to cancel the marriage contract between the petitioners which is entered as Registry No. 88-1390 of the said office so that only one marriage contract will remain on the record which will jibe with the entries appearing in the birth certificates of the petitioner's children.

The petition alleges that petitioners are residents of 19 Kalaw Hills, Tandang Sora, Quezon City. On September 28, 1988, the petitioners entered into a contract of marriage which was solemnized at, and by the Honorable Jose G. Montemayor, Municipal Judge of Mabalacat, Pampanga which marriage contract was recorded in the Civil Registry of Mabalacat, Pampanga as Registrar No. 88-1390. On May 4, 1992, the petitioners again executed a marriage contract before the Hon. Gregorio D. Dayrit, Metropolitan Trial Judge of Quezon City as Register No. 92-057. On November 22, 1994, petitioners' first child whom they named Darryl Mathew was born and the date and place of their marriage which petitioners affixed in the birth certificate of said child is May 4, 1992 and Quezon City.

On April 30, 2001, petitioners again gave birth to their second child whom they named Luke Stephen and the date and place of their marriage they affixed on the child's birth certificate is also May 4, 1992 and Quezon City. When petitioners tried to secure a copy of their marriage contract from the National Statistics Office in connection with their and their children's projected trip for abroad, they were provided with a copy of their first marriage and not the second date of their marriage which will not jibe with what appears on the birth certificates of their children. When petitioners requested for a copy of the contract of their second marriage they were advised to first have their first marriage contract cancelled.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on June 28, 2010 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Session hall of this Court, Ground Floor, Hall of Justice, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City.

Let copy of this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioners.

Notice is hereby given that anyone who objects to the Petition shall file on or before the date of hearing his/her opposition thereto with a statement of his/her ground therefore.

Let copy of this Order together with copy of the Petition and its annexes be served upon Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amoroso Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City; the Civil Registrar General, the National Statistics Office (NSO) at Edsa cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City; the Office of the City Prosecutor of Angeles City; the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Mabalacat, Pampanga; and the petitioner.

Furnish also Atty. Jose F. Mañacop and the petitioners with copy of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, Philippines, April 6, 2010.

OFELIA TUAZON PINTO
Presiding Judge

Nakiisa ang Bulacan sa National Flag Day

NI ROMMEL RAMOS

BULAKAN, Bulacan – Nakiisa ang lalawigan ng Bulacan sa pagdiriwang noong Biernes ng National Flag Day kung saan kasama ang naturang lalawigan sa mga sagisag ng araw sa watawat.

Ayon sa Samahang Pangkasaysayan ng Bulacan o SAMPAKA, magmula pa noong panahon ni pangulong Diosdado Macapagal ay pinagdiriwang na ang National Flag Day.

At ng panahon ni dating pangulong Fidel Ramos ay isinulong ang isang linggong pagdiriwang nito.

Kung tutuusin umano ay sa Bulacan unang ipinagdiriwang ito, ang araw ng watawat ng Pilipinas noong Unang Kongreso ng Pilipinas.

Nilagyan anila ng mga bandila ng bansa ang kahabaan ng Paseo Del Congreso mula Simbahan ng Barasoain hanggang Malolos Cathedral.

Ayon pa sa SAMPAKA, Mayo 28, 1898 unang winagayway ang watawat ng bansa ni Hen. Emilio Aguinaldo sa Muevo Cavite na ngayon ay Lungsod ng Cavite na bahagi naman ng labanan sa Alapan sa Imus Cavite.

Sa pamamagitan anila ng National Flag Day ay nais ipaalala ng gobyerno na ang watawat ay sagisag ng kalayaan ng Pilipinas na minsang ng pinigilan ang pagbandila nito noong panahon ng Amerikano.

Ang bandila anila ang isang matibay na ala-ala ng tagumpay ng kalayaan ng bayan.

Sa pagdiriwang nito sa buong Pilipinas, ay taunan ng nakikisabay ang Bulacan.

Kaugnay nito ay panawagan ng SAMPAKA na galangin ang bandila at maging ang Lupang hinirang dahil sa may batas na nagsasaad na galangin ito.

Mahigpit ding pinagbabawal ang pagsabit ng mga kupas na watawat ngunit dahil sa kaku-langan ng pondo ay naisasabit pa rin ang mga lumang watawat sa mga eskwelahan at ahensya ng gobyerno.

Matatandaang naging kontrobersyal ang pag-awit ng Lupang Hinirang matapos baguhin ng ilang mang-aawit ang himig nito sa mga Pacquiao fights.

Summer Cadre ng AFP, nagtapos na

CLARK FREEPORT – Nagtapos na ang may 600 Summer Cadre trainees, sa ibat-ibang bahagi ng bansa na hinubog upang maging future leaders ng Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Ang Summer Cadre ng AFP ay nakakalat sa ibat-ibang bahagi ng bansa sa Luzon Visayas at Mindanao.

Kabilang sila sa mga ng nagtapos mula sa ibat-ibang kolehiyo sa Gitnang Luzon, Cordillera, Laguna at Metro Manila na nagsanay sa Clarkfield Pampanga Air Force city.

Ayon kay Brig. Gen. Rame-ro Busalanan ng AFP, ang Summer Cadre ay regular na kurso ng Air Force.

Ang mga kasali dito ay pawang mga 2nd year college students na gustong maging opisyal ng Air Force sa sandaling makatapos ang mga ito sa kanilang pag-aaral.

Ito aniya ay isang daan up-

ang ang mga estudyante ng kolehiyo ay maging isang reservists o opisyal ng AFP.

Ang kahalagahan din aniya ng pagsasanay na ito ay upang baling araw ay magamit na pwersa ng AFP ang mga Summer Cadre trained.

Sa ilalim ng 60 araw na summer cadre ay nagsanay ang mga estudyante mga drills and ceremonies, first aid, obstacle course at mga lectures.

Nahuhubog aniya ang mga estudyante sa summer cadre na nais maglingkod sa bayan at sa Diyos.

Ayon pa kay Busalanan, kung siya ang tatanungin ay dapat na ibalik sa mandatory ang ROTC sa mga kolehiyo.

Aniya, sa ROTC kasi ay nakatutulong sa pag disiplinang mga kabataan, protektahan ang inang bayan at maging ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan.

—Rommel Ramos



KATAKAM-TAKAM. Ipinakikita ng mag-aaral na ito ang isang bandehadong halabos na alimasag na isa sa mga inihanda sa katatapos na Piging ng Lahing Magiting Culinary Arts Festival na isinagawa sa Ciudad Clemente Resort sa Paombong, Bulacan noong Biyernes.

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Good, but...

"AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT in Central Luzon provinces posted a three percent growth in the first quarter of the year despite the El Niño phenomenon that hit the country."

So triumphantly crowed Department of Agriculture regional director Redentor Gatus, concluding that "the onslaught of the prolonged dry spell caused minimal impact to agricultural crops in the region."

Statistics at the DA-Region 3 showed that as of May 13, a total of 16,844.12 hectares of rice lands and 3,879.86 hectares of corn lands in the region had been affected by El Niño.

Gatus accredited victory over El Niño to his department's "interventions such as the release of additional budget for affected sectors, provision of seedlings and water pumps, giving of fuel subsidies to farmers and the implementation of a rotational irrigation system have been put in place." Which served as "mitigating measures that helped and supported farmers to cope with the adverse effects of the dry spell."

Enthused Gatus: "As early as December last year, the DA had already created a task force to carry out its five-point program to raise crop production along with farmers' incomes in the face of a then-looming El Niño attack that is expected to last until the middle of the year."

Keeping it hands-on, up close and personal with the farmers, the DA – Gatus said – "Advised the farmers that they can plant crops only until January 15. Heeding our advice, the farmers succeeded in harvesting their crops before this phenomenon occurred."

Hence, instead of losing to the dreaded El Niño, the Central Luzon farmers even managed a three percent increase in their agricultural output.

Good. Swell. Great. Now, if only Gatus translated that three percent increase in terms of actual number of sacks, er, tonnage of rice and corn, and properly benchmarked, then his crowing would actually be... substantial?



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Zona Libre

Bong Z. Lacson

"What do you want us to do? Stop the canvassing? We are calling for a session not for legislation but for the purpose of canvassing. I don't think it is possible to add anything other than canvassing. We have June 30 anyway."

So ranted House Speaker Prospero Nograles, reiterating that Congress "had agreed to resume its session a week earlier than scheduled solely for the canvassing of votes for the top two elective posts."

The papers even reported Nograles as having warned supporters of the bill not to "pressure" him into passing the measure before the 14th Congress made its final adjournment.

Ululated Nograles – as the news stories recounted: "I am not the author of this. This is not my baby. Like all laws that could not be accommodated, you have to refile it... I'm just one vote. Don't pressure me. Let us see if we can insert it in the session."

Yeah, the irritability of a sore election loser coming out of Nograles there.

No, we do not propose here that Congress put precedence on the Freedom of Access to Information Bill over the canvassing of the election tallies. But for the sake of the people too, can't Congress find time to do what could just be some ministerial act to enact the bill into law?

After all, the Freedom of Access to Information bill has already been approved by the bicameral conference committee and ratified by the Senate. Only the House ratification is needed to have it signed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

For the sake of the people, we wrote above, if only to underscore the signal importance of the bill.

Read what the joint foreign chambers of commerce and industry had to say: "As you know, foreign direct investment in the Philippines is much too low, in part because of the perceptions of corruption in the country. New investors frequently consult the foregoing indexes when considering where to locate their overseas investments... As a result of the declining ranking of the Philippines, many needed jobs that could have been created in the country have not been."

That slide will be arrested, the joint foreign chambers believed, with the ratification of the Freedom of Access to Information bill, and will "ultimately help shore up foreign direct investments in the country."

Read what 67 local and international organizations who are championing the bill wrote: "As advocates of freedom of expressions, of the press, and of information, we have been following closely the Philippine movement for the passage of the Freedom of Information Act... We view the

Right to know

"SUBJECT TO reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest."

So mandates Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution (Declaration of Principles and State Policies).

"The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law.

So holds Article III, Section 7 (Bill of Rights).

The Constitution was promulgated in 1987 yet. To flesh out the above-cited provisions, House Bill 3732 or The Freedom of Access to Information legislation was first introduced in Congress five years after, in 1992.

Eighteen long years after, it came "extremely close" to final passage in the still extant 14th Congress. Only to be frustrated by the stalemated canvassing of the election tallies for the presidential and vice presidential races.

adoption of legislation giving effect to the right to information as fundamental to the respect of all human rights, as well as to democracy."

Yes, the very essence of democracy rightfully invoked there.

A Freedom of Access to Information Act will make available to the citizens all public records in print, sound or visual form.

It mandates all government agencies to upload all contracts or transactions on the Web. This is considered as a deterrence to corruption in the bureaucracy.

The Act requires government agencies to make available to the public "scrutiny, copying and reproduction, all information pertaining to official acts, transactions as well as government research data used as basis for policy development regardless of their physical form or format in which they are contained and by whom they were made."

Any denial of any request for information requires the government agency to notify the person making the request of such denial in writing or through electronic means within seven days from the receipt of the request.

That denial is appealable to the agency concerned 15 days from the notice of denial. The Office of the Ombudsman can be asked to resolve the appeal in 60 days.

Read news reports of the other provisions: "A penalty of imprisonment of one to six months, not less than one month but not more than six months awaits those who would violate the proposed legislation.

"The bill sets out clearly defined and reasonable exceptions, including matters dealing with national defense and security, ongoing foreign affairs negotiations, trade secrets, drafts of executive orders and personal information.

"To safeguard against government abuse of these exceptions, the proposed law says an agency should specify the public interest sought to be protected by the nondisclosure of information.

Second, there is a legal presumption in favor of access to information.

Third, those who request information have the opportunity to show that the public interest in the disclosure outweighs the harm to the public interest sought to be prevented by the exceptions.

Fourth, any public officer or employee claiming an exception under the act faces criminal liability if it is shown that the claim is manifestly devoid of factual basis.

Access to information is empowerment. Uphold the right to know. Ratify the Freedom of Access to Information Bill NOW!



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Hard to Get Joey Aguilar

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Friends, peers, Agyu Tamu supporters and barangay leaders have similar assessments on how EdPam won the big fight which has been the talk of the town for weeks now.

Like EdPam's battlecry Agyu Tamu, the "Abe-abe, Saup-saup" campaign jingle captured the heart of Angeleños, young and old. Original, catchy and "it sounds promising". Even a kindergarten could easily follow and memorize its lyrics. It pictures how the come-backing mayor would govern a misgoverned city:

"...Isulung na ing kab'yayan, ekonomiya't edukasyon, at ing kalinisan na dati tamung number one... Abe-abe, saup saup, magpamisan tana kang Pamintuan. Abe-abe, Agyu Tamu, Abak na balen Ed Pamintuan tana..."

Unknown to many, the composer of the jingle is a public school teacher living in barangay San Jose. He gave a CD to one of the organizers during EdPam's opening salvo at the Plaza Miranda. "You can use this if you like it," a certain Mr. Miranda told organizers.

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Like father like sons. EdPam should also thank Edu, Atty. Berts, Fidel, Atty. Noy and Jake (3 sons and 2 *pamangkins*). He was lucky to have humble children who are approachable, respectful and hardworking.

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The moment EdPam and Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo "Tarzan" Lazatin sealed their alliance, both have also sealed their victories.

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But the key to winning the mayoralty post in Angeles City is in the hands of a lady who has a big heart, a gift from heaven indeed. She is not a prophet or an apostle. She is not Jang-geum, the first female royal physician of the Joseon Dynasty of Korea. She is simply Aling Herminia "Miniang" Pamintuan, a wife of noble character and EdPam's Jewel in the Palace:

"Isang mabait na babae sinong makakasumpong? Sapagka't ang kaniyang halaga ay higit na makapupo kay sa mga rubi."

"Ang puso ng kaniyang asawa ay tumitiwala

Jewel in the Palace

OUTGOING Angeles City mayor Francis Nepomuceno and his close aid, ally, adviser and administrator, Mark Allen Sison are probably wondering up to now how they lost with some 26,457 votes against former cabinet secretary Edgardo "EdPam" Pamintuan.

Based on the Commission of Election's final count, Pamintuan got 60,562 votes over Nepomuceno's 34,105. In third place is Balibago Barangay Captain Rodelio "Tony" Mamac who got 13,875 votes.

Mayor-elect EdPam was even surprised by his lead saying that he expected to win only by 5,000 to 10,000 votes. "I think it was a sort of revenge translated into votes by poor Angeleños," he said.

Local folk know better than those who call themselves political analysts. They predicted a landslide win for EdPam. These are the people who never had the chance to talk and congratulate Nepomuceno after the latter won the mayoralty post in 2007. "*Gusto lang namin sanang i-congratulate si Blueboy noong 2007 pagkapanalo niya pero hindi kami binigyan ng pagkakataon. Kailangan pa daw ng appointment,*" a former supporter of the mayor said.

sa kaniya, at siya'y hindi kukulangin ng pakinabang."

"Gumagawa siya ng mabuti sa kaniya at hindi kasamaan lahat ng mga kaarawan ng kaniyang buhay."

"Siya'y humahanap ng balahibo ng tupa at lino, at gumagawang kusa ng kaniyang mga kamay."

"Siya'y bumabangon naman samantalang gabi pa, at nagbibigay ng pagkain sa kaniyang sangbahayan, at ng kanilang gawain sa kaniyang alilang babae."

"Binibigkisan niya ang kaniyang mga balakang ng kalakasan, at nagpapalakas ng kaniyang mga bisig."

"Kaniyang namamalas na ang kaniyang kalakal ay makikinabang: ang kaniyang ilaw ay hindi namamatay sa gabi."

"Kaniyang itinangan ang kaniyang mga kamay sa panulid, at ang kaniyang mga kamay ay humahawak ng panghabi."

"Iginagawad niya ang kaniyang kamay sa dukha: Oo, iniaabot niya ang kaniyang mga kamay sa mapagkailangan."

"Ang kaniyang asawa ay kilala sa mga pintuang-bayan, pagka siya'y nauupo sa kasamahan ng mga matanda ng lupain..."

"Binubuka niya ang kaniyang bibig na may karunungan; at ang kautusan ng kagandahang-loob ay nasa kaniyang dila."

"Kaniyang tinitignang mabuti ang mga lakad ng kaniyang sangbahayan, at hindi kumakain ng tinapay ng katamaran."

"Nagsisibangon ang kaniyang mga anak, at tinatawag siyang mapalad; gayon din ang kaniyang asawa, at pinupuri siya niya, na sinasabi: Maraming anak na babae ay nagsisigawang may kabaitan, nguni't ikaw, ay humihigit sa kanilang lahat."

"Ang lingap ay magdaraya, at ang kagandahan ay walang kabuluhan: nguni't ang babae na natatakot sa Panginoon, ay siya'y pupurihin."

"Bigyan ninyo siya ng bunga ng kaniyang mga kamay; at purihin siya ng kaniyang mga gawa sa mga pintuang-bayan." (Ang Mabuting Asawa - Kawikaan [Proverbs] 31:10-31)



Napag-uusapan lang

Ni Felix M. Garcia

Isang bilyong piso para sa tiyak na panalo?

(KARUGTONG NG SINUNDANG ISYU)

GAYON DIN naman sa naging alegasyon Ng isa, kung saan Regional Direktor At umano'y mga PCOS operator Ang direktang sangkot sa manipulasyon

Ng "election returns" pabor sa kung sino Na naghahangad ng tiyakang panalo Kapalit ng di lang ilang milyong piso Kundi ng bilyon sa mataas na puesto.

At kung saan kabilang din sa inalok Ng naturang mga PCOS operators, Itong isa pa ring "vice presidentiables," Ayon naman sa dating PCSO Boss.

Yan ay maaring di paninira lamang Ng ilan laban sa kinauukulan, Kundi ng posibleng pagsabotahe n'yan Sa kredibilidad ng ating halalan;

Kasi, kung di rin lang handang tumestigo Ang sinuman sa "whistleblowers" na ito Ay di maaaring umusad ang kaso Sa kawalan n'yan ng sapat na testigo. .

Pagkat kagaya nga n'yang si "Koala Bear" (Na nagtatago sa alias nitong "Robin") Ay takot humarap sa anumang "hearing" Upang panindigan ang lahat sa atin

Ay papano nito mapapatunayan Na nagkaroon nga ng transaksyong ganyan Sa pagitan nitong naturang opisyal Ng Comelec at ng ilang indibidual;

Na umano'y nilapitan nga't inalok Ng kung sinong mga PCOS operators At nitong nasabing Regional Directors Ng Comelec, base sa ulat o report.

Kung mananatili siyang nagkukubli Sa likod ng kanyang maskara ang dyaske? Gayon di naman si Manoling, at pati Itong umano ay dalawang Attorney;

Na muntik nang makasuntukan ni Ferrer Dahilan na rin sa kanilang "expose" Na nagsasangkot sa ilan pang "officers," At kung saan sila itong "whistleblowers"

Ay marapat lang na humarap "in public" Ang lahat ng may kinalaman sa (tsismis?) Upang panindigan ang mga nabanggit Na insidente r'yang di kanais-nais.

Pagkat tunay namang kasiraang puri Sa sinumang damay sa isyung nasabi Ang pangyayaring yan, at kung saan pati Itong taongbayan ay natuturette

Kasi hangga't patuloy na nasisira Ang integridad ng halalan sa bansa, Ay sino pa nga ba ang maniniwala Na ang mau-upong lider ay halal nga?

At kaya lang nanalo ang karamihan Ay ng dahil na rin sa "hokus-pokus" lang? Gaya halimbawa ng napabalitang Posibleng nagwagi pagkat nagbayad yan!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Big Ben goes into operation in London

THE FAMOUS tower clock known as Big Ben, located at the top of the 320-foot-high St. Stephen's Tower, rings out over the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London, for the first time on this day in 1859.

After a fire destroyed much of the Palace of Westminster--the headquarters of the British Parliament--in October 1834, a standout feature of the design for the new palace was a large clock atop a tower. The royal astronomer, Sir George Airy, wanted the clock to have pinpoint accuracy, including twice-a-day checks with the Royal Greenwich Observatory. While many clock-makers dismissed this goal as impossible, Airy counted on the help of Edmund Beckett Denison, a formidable barrister known for his expertise in horology, or the science of measuring time.

Denison's design, built by the company E.J. Dent & Co., was completed in 1854; five years later, St. Stephen's Tower itself was finished. Weighing in at more than 13 tons, its massive bell was dragged to the tower through the streets of London by a team of 16 horses, to the cheers of onlookers. Once it was installed, Big Ben struck its first chimes on May 31, 1859. Just two months later, however, the heavy striker designed by Denison cracked the bell. Three more years passed before a lighter hammer was added and the clock went into service again. The bell was rotated so that the hammer would strike another surface, but the crack was never repaired.

The name "Big Ben" originally just applied to the bell but later came to refer to the clock itself. Two main stories exist about how Big Ben got its name. Many

claim it was named after the famously long-winded Sir Benjamin Hall, the London commissioner of works at the time it was built. Another famous story argues that the bell was named for the popular heavyweight boxer Benjamin Caunt, because it was the largest of its kind.

Even after an incendiary bomb destroyed the chamber of the House of Commons during the Second World War, St. Stephen's Tower survived, and Big Ben continued to function. Its famously accurate timekeeping is regulated by a stack of coins placed on the clock's huge pendulum, ensuring a steady movement of the clock hands at all times. At night, all four of the clock's faces, each one 23 feet across, are illuminated. A light above Big Ben is also lit to let the public know when Parliament is in session.

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Karambola ng 3 sasakyan, 8 sugatan

Ni ERNIE B. ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY – Walo ang sugatan, kabilang ang dalawang bata, matapos magsalupukan ang dalawang kotse at madamay ang isang motorsiklo sa kahabaan ng Roman Superhighway sa Upper Tuyo, dito, Linggo ng umaga.

Kinilala ni Senior Insp. Erwin Ferry, deputy police chief ng Balanga, ang mga nasugatan na lulan ng kotseng Honda Civic na sina Katherine Vasquez, 30, Gezcel Suela, 21 at Angel Yu, 5; pawang residente ng Project 6, Quezon City.

Sina Leslie Mercado, 18; Berlyn Cayabyab, 18, Joel Ignacio, 30 at Christopher Vitug, 4; pawang nakatira sa barangay Kaparangan, Orani, Bataan na lulan naman ng kotseng Mitsubishi RVR ay nagtamo rin ng mga sugat sa iba't-ibang bahagi ng katawan. Nagalusan naman si Jonalyn Sand, 34, ng barangay Central, Balanga at nag-iisang rider ng motorsiklo.

Ayon kay Leslie Mercado, pauwi na

sila sa Orani matapos mamasyal sa Mount Samat nang mangyari ang sakuna matapos mag-overtake sa isang sasakyan ang driver nila. Maaari diumanong hindi napuna ang kasalubong na kotse.

Agad rumisponde ang pulisya at mga kasapi ng Balanga City Paramedics. Buong tiyaga nilang hinugot ang isang biktimang naipit sa front seat ng isang sasakyan.

Sinabi ni PO1 Leonelle Gatchalian, Balanga City police investigator, na nagkaroon ng head-on collision ng dalawang kotse bandang alas-9:10 ng umaga at nadamay ang motorsiklong tumatakbo sa *shoulder* ng kalsada.

Wasak na wasak ang unahang bahagi ng dalawang kotse samantalang bali naman ang manibela ng motorsiklo na halos napaibabaw sa isa sa dalawang sasakyan.

Sa hindi malamang dahilan, hindi mahagilap ang driver ng Mitsubishi RVR na si Mark Valenzuela ng Samal, Bataan, sabi ng pulisya.

Life is better for rice farmers...

FROM PAGE 10

or join organizations as through organization, farmers can pool resources and have easier access to government incentives.

She also suggested the expansion of irrigation areas as this creates “more favorable environ-

ment for rice farming in particular and agriculture in general.”

To attract more people to be involved in rice production, Vergara proposed that technologies lessening the drudgery of rice farming should continually be developed.

“It is important that the

government continue to monitor the rice-based farm household to determine or approximate the impact of their interventions. This will also give them enough knowledge on the direction of the policies that they would improve the countryside,” Vergara said.

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 60
ANGELES CITY**

IN THE MATTER OF
CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
EDITHA LUCABAN LAZARRA AS
TO HER DATE OF BIRTH FROM
DECEMBER 15, 1970 TO
DECEMBER 15, 1978:

EDITHA LUCABAN LAZARRA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

SPEC. PROC. NO. 8382

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
ANGELES CITY AND THE
NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE
OF METRO MANILA,
Respondents.

x ----- x

ORDER

This is a verified Petition for Correction of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of Editha Lucaban Lazarra.

Petitioner is of legal age, Filipino, and presently residing at Sitio Pader Pulung Maragul, Angeles City.

Respondent the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City and the Civil Registrar General, National Statistics Office are hereby impleaded as respondents because they are the government entities which keep the records of petitioner.

Petitioner prays that after due notice and hearing, an order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City to correct an erroneous entry in the birth record of Editha Lucaban Lazarra.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on June 21, 2010 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Session Hall of this Court, Ground Floor, Hall of Justice, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City.

Let copy of this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles city, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner.

Notice is hereby given that anyone who objects to the Petition shall file on or before the date of hearing his/her opposition thereto with a statement of his/her ground thereof.

Serve copy of this Order together with copy of the Petition and its annexes upon the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City; the Civil Registrar General, National Statistics Office at Edsa cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City; the Office of the City Prosecutor of Angeles City; and the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City.

Furnish Atty. Regina Gopez-Agustin and the petitioner with copy of this Order.

SO ORDERED.
Angeles City, April 22, 2010.

OFELIA TUAZON PINTO
Presiding Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: May 24, 31, & June 7, 2010

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of TOMAS P. FRANCISCO who died intestate on March 2, 2010 in San Matias, Guagua, Pampanga executed an Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale of his estate more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2474-B of the subd. plan Psd-03-120606, being a portion of Lot 2474 Guagua Cad. LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Matias, Mun. of Guagua, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by TCT No. 7641 R.P.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 24, 31 & June 7, 2010

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 56
ANGELES CITY**

IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION IN
THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
HYUN JAE YIM y MAGALLANES,

MARILYN G. MAGALLANES,
Petitioner,

SPEC. PROC. NO. 8414

-versus-

OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF ANGELES CITY and THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR GENERAL / NATIONAL
STATISTICS OFFICE

Respondents.

x ----- x

ORDER

A verified petition having been filed by Marilyn G. Magallanes praying that after due notice, publication and hearing judgment be rendered directing the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City and the Civil Registrar General/ National Statistics Office, Manila to make the necessary correction in the Certificate of Live Birth of HYUN JAE YIM y MAGALLANES in the following manner:

ENTRY	FROM	CORRECTED TO:
ENTRY NO. 2	FEMALE	MALE
GENDER/ SEX		

which appears to be sufficient in form and substance, set the hearing of said petition on June 23, 2010 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning on which date and time, all persons interested may appear and show cause, should they have any, why the petition should not be granted.

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

Likewise, let copies of this Order and Petition be furnished the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City, Civil Registrar General and the Office of the Solicitor General.

SO ORDERED.
Angeles City, May 11, 2010.

IRIN ZENAIDA S. BUAN
Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: May 24, 31, & June 7, 2010

**Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 43
City of San Fernando, Pampanga**

PETITION FOR CORRECTION
OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE
OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR ROMMEL
JAY SALTIVAN PASCUA,

SUSANA SALTIVAN PASCUA-GALVEZ,
Petitioner,

-versus-

SPL. PROCEEDINGS NO. 5276
For:

CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA
and CIVIL REGISTRAR
GENERAL, MANILA,

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR
CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN
THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE
BIRTH

Respondents.

x ----- x

ORDER

This is a verified Amended Petition filed by the petitioner, thru her counsel, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the Honorable Court grants the petition and an Order be issued allowing the following correction to be made in the Certificate of Live Birth of minor ROMMEL JAY SALTIVAN PASCUA:

- Entry No. 6 Mother's registered name from : SUSANA CARINO SALTIVAN to : SUSANA SALTIVAN PASCUAERIC
- Entry No. 9 Father's registered name from : ROGELIO FLORES PASCUA to : BLANK or UNKNOWN
- Entry No. 12 Date and Place of Marriage of Parents from : OCTOBER 1, 1992, SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION to : BLANK
- As legal consequences of the above correction, the NAME of minor ROMMEL JAL SALTIVAN PASCUA be corrected as follows:
NAME : ROMMEL JAY
Middle Name : BLANK
Family Name : PASCUA

Finding the aforesaid petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court hereby sets the hearing thereof at the Session Hall of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 43, Hall of Justice, City of San Fernando, Pampanga on June 21, 2010 at 2:30 in the afternoon, where and when all persons who may have interest on the said petition may appear and show cause why the same should be granted.


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

Furnish copies hereof, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Local Civil Registrar of City of San Fernando, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General, Manila and the Solicitor General.



SO ORDERED.
City of San Fernando, Pampanga, May 19, 2010.

CARMELITA S. GUTIERREZ-FRUELDA
Presiding Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: May 24, 31, & June 7, 2010



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- 2nd Place - 3k, Skateboard trucks, Dickies Giftpack, RHB Giftpack
- 3rd place - 2k, Skateboard wheels, Dickies Giftpack, RHB Giftpack

BMX Stunt Park and BMX Stunts Flatland

- Champion - 5k, BMX Frame, DC Shoe, Dickies Giftpack, RHB Giftpack
- 2nd Place - 3k, BMX fork, Dickies Giftpack, RHB Gift-pack
- 3rd place - 2k, BMX Handle Bar, Dickies Giftpack, RHB Giftpack

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 62
ANGELES CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF KATHLEEN MANLAPAZ ALMAZORA

KATHLEEN MANLAPAZ ALMAZORA
Petitioner.

-versus-

SP. PROC. NO. 8410

RODOLFO ALMAZORA, SPS. RUBEN AND ESTILIA ALMAZORA, SPS. CANDIDO AND FELICISIMA MANLAPAZ OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR OF MABALACAT, PAMPANGA OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL (NSO)
 Respondents.

X-----X

ORDER

In the verified Petition for the correction of entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Kathleen Manlapaz Almazora, she prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Mabalacat, Pampanga and the National Statistics Office in Quezon City, to correct and/or change her status reflected in her birth record from LEGITIMATE to LEGITIMATED and that the entry under entry No. 12 be deleted and the same be changed to NOT APPLICABLE.

The petition being sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby given due course. The Court sets the initial hearing of the said petition on June 24, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Court Room of this Court, 2nd floor, Hall of Justice, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, after this Order shall have been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

Notice is hereby given that anyone who objects to the petition should file on or before the date of hearing his/her opposition thereto with a statement of his/her ground therefore. The Local Civil Registrar of Mabalacat, Pampanga, Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, Rodolfo Almazora, Sps. Ruben & Estilila Almazora and Sps. Candido and Felicisima Manlapaz are hereby given a period of fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order and a copy of the petition within which to submit its comment/opposition thereto.

Serve copies hereof, together with copies of the petition and its annexes, upon the National Statistics Office, the Office of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Mabalacat, Pampanga.

Furnish Atty. Angela T. Abrea, the Office of the Clerk of Court, Prosecutor Ramon Tomas, and the petitioner with copies hereof.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, May 4, 2010.

GERARDO ANTONIO P. SANTOS
Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: May 31, June 7 & 14, 2010

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 58
ANGELES CITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF MIGUEL C. CHAN,

MIGUEL C. CHAN,
Petitioner,

-vs-

SP. PROC. NO. 8353

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA & the NATIONAL CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL (NSO), QUEZON CITY,
 Respondents.

X-----X

ORDER

A verified amended petition for correction of entries has been filed by petitioner Miguel C. Chan, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, an order be issued directing:

- I. The Local Civil Registrar of Magalang, Pampanga:
 - a. To correct the wrong entry in the Petitioner's Name of Mother from Chua Chu Yieng to **CHUA CHU JIENG**;
- II. The National Statistics Office:
 - a. To correct the Register Number from 78 to 79;
 - b. To correct petitioner's date of birth from January 24, 1948 to **February 20, 1948**;
 - c. To correct petitioner's Name of Mother from Chua Chu Yieng to **CHUA CHU JIENG**. Other reliefs just and equitable are likewise prayed for.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be in due form and substance and pursuant to Rule 108 of the Revised Rules of Court, this Court hereby sets the initial hearing of this case **on June 15, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m.** to be held at **1271 Stall F, DMC Building II, McArthur Highway, Brgy. Ninoy Aquino, Angeles City** and directs the publication of this Order in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, at which date, time and place of hearing, any person who may have interest in the petition may appear and show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted.

Serve copies hereof, together with copies of the petition and its annexes, upon the **CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL**, National Statistics Office, at Edsa cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, the **OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL**, at 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and the **MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA**.

Furnish copies hereof to the **CLERK OF COURT, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, ANGELES CITY**, to the **PETITIONER**, and his **COUNSEL**.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, May 12, 2010.

PHILBERT I. ITURRALDE
Presiding Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: May 31, June 7 & 14, 2010

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
TARLAC, TARLAC

FILE NO. 2219

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508, as amended, filed by RURAL BANK OF STA. ROSA DE LIMA- with principal office at Paniqui, Tarlac, against OLIVIA MARIVIC GARCIA- with postal address at Olivianville Subd. San Vicente, Tarlac City. to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 21, 2010 amount/ s to THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P370,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding interests, attorney's fees and other expenses such as expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized Deputy will SELL at public auction on July 9, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Tarlac Court Building, Regional Trial Court, Tarlac, Tarlac, to the highest bidder, for CASH, Philippine Currency, the following described property/ies, together with all the its existing improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 227490

A parcel of land (Lot 28, Blk 7, of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-229550, being a portion of lot 2-B Pcs-1748 L.R.C Rec. No. 1843) situated in the Bo. of Carangian, Mun. of Tarlac Prov. of Tarlac. x x x x x Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED TWELVE (212) square meters.

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

Tarlac, Tarlac, May 17, 2010.

ATTY. SHALANE T. GO-PALOMAR
Provincial Sheriff

ANTONIO V. LEAÑO JR.
Sheriff IV

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1. R/B of Sta Rosa de Lima Paniqui, Tarlac
2. Olivia M. Garcia Olivian Ville Subd. San Vicente, Tarlac City

PUNTO! Central Luzon: May 31, June 7 & 14, 2010



Virtual looting continues at city hall...

FROM PAGE 1

Pamintuan sought the help of city police director Senior Supt. Danny Bautista to secure official properties at city hall, even as he deplored a recent city council resolution donating to local barangay chairmen and other parties a total of 28 brand new vehicles of the city government.

"Please protect and preserve whatever is left of properties at city hall," Pamintuan told Bautista in a text message.

He said from 3:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. for at least three nights last week, persons identified with Nepomuceno were seen carting off properties from city hall offices. One witness said among those carted away were computers and high powered arms which the city government had bought for the local police.

Pamintuan urged Bautista to double police force at the city hall and "now allow them to be influenced".

"After congratulating me, Blue Boy (Mayor Nepomuceno) instructed his

people in the council to donate and distribute 28 brand new service vehicles to the barangay captains who supported him," he lamented. The council passed the resolution the other Friday.

Pamintuan said that under the resolution, the mayor brother Robin Nepomuceno, who is barangay chairman of Cutut, "got five vehicles including the Grandia official vehicle of the mayor."

He said that earlier, he had requested for a special audit team from the national Commission on Audit (COA) to perform an audit at city hall.

Punto failed to reach Nepomuceno, his administrator Mark Allen Sison and Bautista for comment on Pamintuan's report.

Nepomuceno (Nationalist People's Coalition) lost in his reelection bid to Pamintuan (Lakas-KampCMD) who got an edge of some 27,000 votes over him.

Pamintuan used to be presidential adviser on external affairs, chairman of the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development Council, and president of the Luzon

North Railways Corp.

In letters dated last May 18 and 19, Nepomuceno asked the city council to hold a special session and pass resolutions authorizing him to donate cars and other vehicles of the city government to various beneficiaries.

The cars, mostly bought last year, consisted of Mitsubishi, Toyota, Isuzu, Nissan brands. The vehicles included on Isuzu dump truck.

"This is virtually raiding the city coffers before his (Nepomuceno's) exit and is in violation of our agreement on orderly transition," Pamintuan said.

The letters of Nepomuceno identified the beneficiaries which included barangay chairmen who had supported his reelection bid.

Other beneficiaries were identified by Nepomuceno as SK Federation through Carl John Miranda, Commission on Audit officers Edelmira Gonzalez and Amelia Manabat and Abel Pamintuan of Kapanalig, Inc.

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judges Omar Viola and Gerardo Santos were listed as prospective recipients of a Toyota Avanza and a Toyota Innova, respectively.

A Toyota Avanza will also go to Angeles City Public Schools Credit Cooperative through one Manuel Duenas, and yet another such car is slated to be turned over to the Philippine Elementary Schools Principal Association through Dr. Enriqueta Tayao, Nepomuceno's letter on the resolutions said.

Pamintuan deplored the donation move, saying "the motive of the donations is highly questionable."

"It is not only meant to disable the incoming administration but also to bizarrely reward people who caused his trouncing in the last elections," he said.

Earlier, Vega and three city councilors filed plunder charges against Nepomuceno and his city administrator Mark Sison for allegedly overpricing by P92 million the purchase of a five hectare land in Barangay Mining here for a proposed sports complex.

Foreign, Pinoy experts...

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of the US-based Operation Smile International (OSI), the mother organization of OSP.

Together with their Filipino counterparts, the specialists started on Saturday doing surgery on indigent patients, both adult and children, at the Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Medical Center here, assisted by the hospital's medical staff.

Manzano said organizers expect some 200 patients to be treated during the entire mission. The beneficiaries are from various parts of Central Luzon.

He said the International Surgical Mission is being sponsored by Op-

eration Smile in partnership with the Kapampangan Development Foundation (KDF) and other local civic groups. KDF is headed by Clark Development Corp. president and chief executive officer Benigno Ricafort.

A cleft refers to a fissure or opening. Cleft lip and cleft palate are congenital deformities caused

by abnormal facial development of a baby in its mother's womb. Sometimes, some babies are born with both deformities.

Medical statistics say about one in every 700 children born have either cleft lip or palate or both. Only surgery could normalize the appearances of victims.

-Ding Cervantes

Del Pilar, Telabastagan bags Lakan...

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clean environment is having a healthy body which leads to healthy mind, progress and development."

Meanwhile, Drieghe said: "I cannot believe I won the title because my goal is always to make it to the top 6, then I made it to the top 3, so to win the title is really unexpected for me," said the half-blooded Belgian, who has difficulty speaking the Kapampangan dialect.

"Being a Kapampangan is not about the lan-

guage alone, but it's what we do that makes us Kapampangans," he said.

Winning Lakan at Mutya ning San Fernando 2nd Runner-Up Turismo include Francis Kenrick Gelbolingo of barangay Del Pilar and registered nurse Michelle Teopaco of barangay San Jose.

At least 11 pairs of Fernandinos from various barangays here joined the annual competition which showcased their talents, fashion glamour, fitness, professionalism and wit.

Present during the pageant night is the con-

troversial Binibining Pilipinas 2nd Runner-Up Nicolette Henson.

In an ambush interview, she said "this is just the beginning of making their dreams a reality."

She urged the participants to "take good care of this dream and always make San Fernando proud."

On the other hand, World Class Mayor Oscar "Oca" Rodriguez told Punto Central Luzon that the candidates will be of great help to the community especially in various projects on education, en-

vironment and tourism.

"Ambassador of goodwill din sila, ilalaban din natin sila sa ibang competitions, tapos sa iba't ibang mga activities kasama natin sila (They are also Ambassadors of goodwill, we will send them to different competitions, and get them involve in various activities)", Rodriguez said.

As one of the media partners and sponsors of the pageant, Punto awarded Drieghe and Rona Villamor of barangay Lourdes as Mr. and Ms. Punto Darling of the Press.

Teachers to Smartmatic: Extra pay...

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sioner Gregorio Larrazabal that the teachers who served in the Boards of Election Inspectors (BEI) were allocated the highest honoraria in history.

The total payment initially allocated by the Comelec for each teacher is P4,300, consisting of P3,000 as election day honorarium, P500 honorarium for sealing the book of voters, P500 for testing and sealing of PCOS machines, and P300 for transportation allowance.

The P500 additional honorarium recently announced by the Comelec would put the total at P4,800.

But even at P4,800, Tinio disputed Larrazabal's claim that the payment is the highest in history.

"Teachers are being paid the same amount in 2010 as they were six years ago. The compensation is only higher this year because Comelec has given teachers additional tasks, namely the testing and sealing of

PCOS machines and the sealing of the book of voters, requiring extra days of work," Tinio noted.

He also said that the teachers' demand for an additional P 2,000 is "fair considering that the teachers rendered extra days of service due to additional testing and sealing of the PCOS machines, extension of voting hours by one hour on election day, and the huge workload brought about by precinct clustering."

Tinio also insisted that the additional P500 offered

by the Comelec "should not be seen as a bonus, but as fair compensation for the second round of testing and sealing of PCOS machines performed by teachers as a result of Smartmatic's erroneous configuration of compact flash cards."

He urged the Comelec to require Smartmatic-TIM to shoulder the compensation of teachers who had to perform an additional round of testing and sealing of PCOS machines.

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Punto! Central Luzon: May 31, June 7 & 14, 2010

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT ANGELES CITY

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee, FC Case No. 2010-601 -for-

-versus- FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDED

SPOUSES TOMAS R. PANGILINAN, JR. AND VILMA S. PANGILINAN, Mortgagees. X-----X

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK against the Mortgagors, SPOUSES TOMAS R. PANGILINAN, JR. AND VILMA S. PANGILINAN with residence and postal address at No. 1005 Ma. Clara Street, Essel Park Subd., Telabastagan, San Fernando, Pampanga/ Global CD & P Corporation, Unit 1010-P Solar Building, GT Complex 14-A Sta. Rita corner Canal Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone in order to satisfy the mortgage debts which as of March 5, 2009 amounts to SEVEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT PESOS AND SIXTY ONE CENTAVOS (Php 7, 421,998.61), less the bank's bid of FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS (Php 5,953,700.00) over the mortgaged properties of the debtors/ mortgagors located in San Fernando, Pampanga during an auction sale conducted on June 2, 2009 at the Main Entrance of Regional Trial Court of San Fernando, Pampanga where the bank was declared as the highest bidder. The debtors/mortgagors have therefore a balance of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT PESOS AND SIXTY ONE CENTAVOS (Php1, 468,298.61) as of March 5, 2009 after deducting the bank's bid. Under the said Mortgage Contract and/or its Amendments, PNB is entitled to ten percent (10%) of the total amount due as and for attorney's fees in case collection of the obligations secured thereby is made through an attorney-at-law, the expenses of this foreclosure and other expenses and charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on June 15, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Angeles City located at the 2nd Floor Hall of Justice, Brgy. Pulung Maragul, Angeles City will sell at public auction for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements existing thereon to, to wit:

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

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PUNTO! Central Luzon: May 17, 24 & 31, 2010



Ibang lalaki ang dahilan... Hindi si Robin Padilla ang nagpa-break kina Mariel Rodriguez at Zanjoe Marudo

The Gossip- miller

by Cesar Pambid

Siguro talagang may misunderstanding na ang dalawa nu'ng pumasok si Robin sa Wowowee. Huwag daw naman gawing isyu na si Robin ang cause ng hiwalayan nina Mariel at Zanjoe.

KUMPIRMADO, break na nga raw sina Mariel Rodriguez at Zanjoe Marudo. Matapos ang maraming katsismisan tungkol sa gulo sa lovelife ng dalawa, finally, they moved on at nag-break na sila.

Ang itinuturong dahilan ay si Robin Padilla. Pero siyempre, di yun totoo, lalo na nga't mismong si Mariel ang nag-deny nito. Di ba naman, noon pa man, ayon sa tsismis, isang aktor na bakla ang dahilan ng gulo sa pag-ibig ng dalawa. It is said na nahuli sa akto ni Mariel si Zanjoe while sleeping in bed with the gay singer/actor? Now, we are not saying na ito ang totoo, but at least, yan ang iniisip ng marami na dahilan kung bakit nagsawa na si Mariel na ang karibal kay Zanjoe ay bading. Ganung kay ganda nga naman niya at larawan ng isang tunay na babae, sa bakla lang pala siya ipagpapalit ni Zanjoe?

Deny-to-death nga si Mariel sa isyung si Robin ang dahilan ng break up nila ng dating nobyo. Nakahihiya naman daw kasi sa action star. Si Robin ang pansamantalang pumalit kay Willie Revillame bilang special host sa Wowowee. First time na nakasama ni Mariel si Robin sa show kung saan first time din ni Robin na mag-host since nag-artista siya.

Aminado si Mariel na na-starstruck siya sa action star nu'ng magkita sila sa noontime show dahil idol na niya ito kahit wala pa siya sa showbiz. Katunayan, ang magandang TV host mismo ang nagsabi na nawawala ang kanyang kadaldalan kapag nakakasma sa segment ang idol ng Pilipinas at nanlalamig ang buo niyang katawan.

Gandang-ganda naman si Robin kay Mariel lalung-lalo na raw ang mata ng aktres na gustung-gusto niyang tingnan. Marami ang nagsasabing nagseselos daw si Zanjoe kay Robin kaya nag-break diumano ang dalawa. Napakababaw naman sigurong dahilan kung 'yun nga ang naging rason ng paghihiwalay nina Mariel at Zanjoe.

Anne Curtis 'di marunong tumanggap ng puna

EMOTE-TO-DEATH si Anne Curtis sa kanyang tweet sa internet.

Heto ang mahabang tweet ni Anne: *"This tweet is for a certain reporter. YOU know who you are & I hope you get to read this. Next time you ever write anything about me, please get your facts correct because the certain article you recently wrote including me obviously goes to show you know absolutely nothing about the REAL STORY behind everything hence making you have NO CREDIBILITY at all.*

"This isn't the 1st time you've done this to me & I have been patient but now I've had enough. As my father told me once before. YOU would be the type that should be categorized under GUTTER PRESS because anyone else in your field of work would have the DECENCY to get & hear my side of the story too. Anyway, in spite of all this, I still wish you well & hope you have happiness in your life..."

"Just wanted to let you know though I do not appreciate what you have done & think it's sad that YOU let it come to these. There, I said my piece. Nooooo, its time to move on & BE HAPPY!?"

Obvious bang galit si Anne? Sana raw makarating ito sa miyembro ng press na 'di naman niya pinangalanan. Curious tuloy kami kung ano ang isinulat ng reporter tungkol kay Anne na ikinagalit nito. Pero teka, tama ba naman na paringgan na lang ni Anne kung sino man ang reporter na tinutukoy niya? Bakit niya pinahuhulaan lang gayung puwede naman niya itong kasupin nang deretsahan para malinawan ang lahat.

Sa true, hindi naman tama na sabihing hindi totoo yung sinulat ng reporter tungkol sa kanya. Pag sinabi ba ni Anne na hindi totoo, hindi na talaga totoo? Bakit sino'ng artista na ba'ng umaming totoo ang mga masamang nasulat sa kanila? Gutter press ek ek pa si Anne. Alam ba niyang meron din namang mga gutter actresses sa paligid niya? Aaminin ba niyang puwede rin naman siyang maging gutter actress? Paano na kaya kung may kumalkal ng mga di wastong ginagawa niya sa buhay, umamin kaya siya?

Willie Revillame malabo nang pabalikin sa Wowowee

ON INDEFINITE LEAVE daw si Willie Wowowee, ayon sa napagkasunduan sa meeting with some bosses of ABS-CBN. Malabo yun, di po ba? Laging indefinite leave ang tawag sa mga kasong di na pabalikin ang sinomang nasa kontrata. Marami ng biktima ang indefinite leave ek na yan.

Humingi ng tawad, tinanggap naman. Pero, pinag-indefinite break habang ino-observe ang mga obligasyon sa kontratang mag-e-expire sa September 2011.

Ito, more or less, ang napagkayarian ng controversial Wowowee host na si Willie Revillame at ABS-CBN big bosses na sina Gabby Lopez at Charo Santos-Concio sa isinagawang closed-door meeting nu'ng Lunes ng gabi.

Base pa sa napagkasunduan, hindi puwedeng lumabas o magtrabaho si Willie sa kaninumang tao o kumpanya na direktang kakumpetensiya ng ABS-CBN sa loob ng panahon na siya'y "nagbabakasyon."

Ibig sabihin, imposibleng magkatotoo ang mga natsismis na show na gagawin ni Willie sa ibang channel. Nauna na kasing nabalita na nakipagnegosasyon ito sa isang TV exec sa isang major network at nagbigay pa ng kondisyon na bibititin ang ilang staff ng Wowowee.

Nariyan din ang usap-usapan na iho-host nito ang local franchise ng The Price is Right.

Lumutang din ang usaping lilipat ng TV5 si Willie dahil sa pagpapa-interview nito sa matalik na kaibigang si Cristy Fermin sa Paparazzi matapos hamunin ang ABS-CBN na magre-resign siya 'pag hindi sinibak ang naninira raw sa Wowowee na si Jobert Sualdito.

Pero sa exclusive interview ng Philippine Entertainment Portal (PEP) kamakailan, pinabulaanan ni Perci Intalan, TV5 head for Creative and Entertainment, na may offer sila kay Willie.

Isang TV5 insider din ang nagsabi sa PEP na ang boss nilang si Manny Pangilinan "will not touch him (Willie) with a 10-foot pole." Kung nagawa raw hiyain ni Willie ang ABS management, hindi malayong gawin din ito sa kanila. May ilan namang nagsasabi na kung talagang may interesado, puwede nilang i-buy-out ang kontrata ng TV host-comedian sa Dos.

Sa tantiya ng isang source ng PEP, aabot sa P2 billion ang puwedeng kitain ni Willie sa loob ng 18 buwan na natitira sa kanyang kontrata. At dahil nag-invest na rin ang Kapamilya network sa kanya, hindi raw bababa sa P3 billion ang magiging asking price ng istasyon para lang pakawalan ito.

Pero, ispekulasyon lang lahat 'yan. Mangyayari lang ang ganitong scenario oras na pahintulutan ni Mr. Lopez.

So, kumbaga sa basketball, ang bola ay nasa korte pa rin ng ABS-CBN big boss.

Ayon sa dalawang sources, si Gabby daw talaga ang galit na galit sa mga ginawa ni Willie.

Madali namang intindihin kung bakit, lalo pa nga't napakarami na niyang tsansa na ibinigay sa tila hindi na natutong si Willie.

Sabi ng komedyante sa kanyang napakahabang "please release me" letter nu'ng May 12, inako niya ang lahat ng kapalpakan sa Wowowee magmula sa Ultra stampede, Wilyonaryo at Tita Cory controversies.

Nakalimutan niya na isa ang Ultra stampede sa rare TV appearances ni Mr. Lopez, kung saan he boldly faced the public para akuin ang lahat ng responsibilidad sa pagkamatay ng mahigit na 70 katao.

Doon pa lang, dapat sana'y tinablan na ng hiya si Willie sa among abot-langit ang pagsuporta sa kanya. Kaso, hindi.

Kung nu'ng Ultra tragedy, nag-earn ng pogi points ang ginawa ni Mr. Lopez sa TV, ngayo'y siguradong positive vibe ang hatid ng desisyon niyang pagbakasyunin si Willie, indefinitely.

Sabi nga ng isang beterana sa industriya na nakausap namin kahapon, hangang-hanga siya sa ABS-CBN big boss. Wala raw siyang masasabi rito kundi "bravo!" Anyway, dapat sana'y naka-schedule magbigay ng interview si Willie kay Ted Failon sa TV Patrol World kagabi. Pero, ipinakansela raw ito ng TV host-comedian ilang oras bago umere ang primetime newscast ng Dos dahil sa "health reasons."

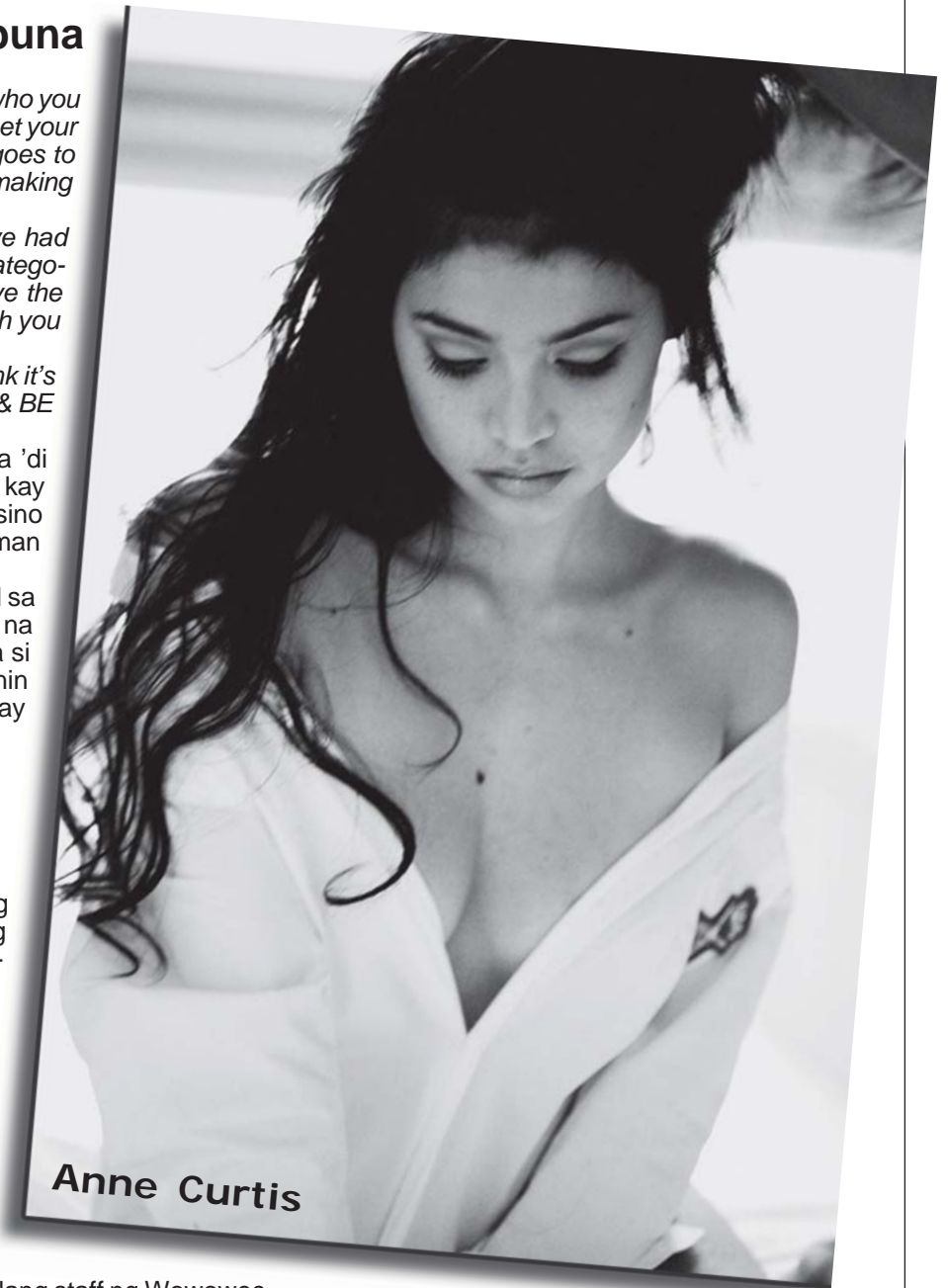
Narito naman ang opisyal na pahayag ng ABS-CBN tungkol sa meeting nina Willie, Gabby at Charo na ipinadala sa e-mail kahapon ng corporate PR head na si Bong Osorio: "Nagkausap na ang ABS-CBN management at si Willie Revillame kahapon (meaning, Monday).

"Inamin ni Willie ang kanyang pagkakamali at humingi ng apology sa ABS-CBN bunsod ng kanyang paghamon sa ABS-CBN management on air noong May 4, 2010 at ang hindi niya pagpasok sa kanyang programa mula noong May 5, 2010.

"Tinanggap ng ABS-CBN management ang apology ni Willie.

Kaugnay nito, hiningan namin ng reaksiyon hinggil sa naging resulta ng pag-uusap ang isa sa pinakamalalapit na tao kay Willie at itinuturing na niyang nanay-nanayan sa industriya na si Nanay Cristy Fermin at narito ang kanyang sagot via text message.

"Ang sa akin lang, kung saan mas kumportable at masaya si Willie, nirerespeto ko 'yon. Meron siyang kakapusan sa nangyari pero meron din siyang puntong ipinaglalaban.



Life is better for rice farmers – SED study

By ARMAND GALANG

SCIENCE CITY OF MUNOZ – Life is becoming better for farmers, at least a study by an agricultural agency showed.

A study which was conducted by the Socioeconomics Division (SED) of the Philippine Rice Research Industry ((Phil-Rice) tackled the social and economic status of Filipino farmers for the last decade, a PhilRice release said on Thursday.

The study “Changing the image of the Filipino rice farmer”, led by Divina Gracia Vergara, focused on trends transpiring in rice-based farm households and rice lands, and among farmer operators in 33 provinces for the last ten years.

“This intensive study captures the farmers’ image from 1996 to 2007,” she said.

The study shows that the rice-based farm household income is increasing as gross household income has increased from P68,974.85 in 1996-1997 to P127,799.95 in 2006-2007. The finding is also consistent with the result showing that almost 60 percent of the households are above poverty level (57 percent) in the 2006-2007.

The share of non-farming activities as a source of income had steadily been increasing as the study found that rice and rice-based farmers are now engaged in other businesses such as rubber production, wood craft, welding, and work overseas.

“This finding implies an important question. The question in the long run will be about the presence of household members who are willing to pursue rice farming in the future or dependence of rice farm households on hired labor for the management of their farms,” Vergara said.

Aside from the improving household

and increasing income, Vergara also learned that the number of farmers owning rice land had been increasing by 10 percent for the last 10 years.

Moreover, there is also an increase in farmers’ yields regardless of season from 3.30 t/ha to 3.72 t/ha during the wet season and 3.37 t/ha to 3.94 t/ha during the dry season.

Across the three survey rounds, most villages are located in irrigated areas and results show that irrigation is expanding from 60 to 66 percent.

Current trend revealed by the study also suggests that highly educated persons are venturing into rice farming although the majority is modestly educated or with elementary education only. There is a 2 percent increase in the number of farmers with at least college education venturing into rice farming.

In terms of organizing farmers, however, results show that more than 50 percent of the respondents are not affiliated with rice or rice-based organizations.

Most of them have not also undergone training since 2004.

Noting that half of the farmer-respondents have been farming for 20 years, Vergara also said that farmers’ households are benefiting from the technologies and services that are being provided by the government.

Despite the interventions, however, average yields gained during dry and wet seasons are still below the experimental and on-farm trial yields, which is 7 to 9 t/ha.

Gaining insight from the study, Vergara and her co-authors recommended that training should be sustained to continuously update farmers’ knowledge.

She also stressed the need of the government to encourage farmers to form

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