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GREEN BUFFER IN DANGER. Trees still stand -- but for how long? -- on the fenced-off leased area of Capilion Corp. where a mixed-use BPO, residential, commercial facility is to be built. **Photos by Bong Lacson**

City council nixes P7-B Clark project

By Ashley Manabat

ANGELES CITY – The sangguniang panlungsod (SP) has expressed its vehement opposition to any construction of structures along M.A. Roxas Avenue which is running parallel to Don Juico Avenue along the south perimeter fence of the Clark Freeport here.

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IN THE MAKING. Makati of the North in Porac, Pampanga. **Contributed photo**

Alviera leaps forward as Phase 1 dev't surges

CLARK FREEPORT – Despite a brewing controversy with militant peasant groups, Alviera, the 1,100-hectare large-scale master planned development of Ayala Land, Inc. (ALI), continues to move forward with its Phase 1 development.

During the media forum "Talk Widus" organized by the Pampanga Press Club at the Prism Lounge of the Widus Hotel and Casino here on Wednesday, Alviera General Manager John Estacio said Phase 1 will see the rise of its industrial park, country club, three Ayala Land residential communities and two academic institutions spread over 207 hectares.

A joint venture of ALI and Leonio Land Holdings, Alviera will be built at a cost of over P90 billion over its project life. "We're in the middle of Phase 1 developments which will be undertaken over the next three years at the cost of P7.3 billion," said Estacio.

Embankment works have now been completed in priority areas and soon to be followed by land development works and utilities which will include a seamless road connection from Alviera to SCTEx, he added.

Duplicating the success of its Laguna Technopark in the south, ALI has the Alviera Industrial Park (AIP) to drive economic ac-

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Fear grips Korean community in AC

CLARK FREEPORT – There is a pervading air of uneasiness hanging over the Korean community just outside the Friendship Gate of this freeport with the government's seeming apathy towards their welfare.

This developed even as they assured the health conditions of their compatriots recently coming from Korea in the light of the spreading Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-Corona Virus (MERS-COV) contamination in their country.

During the media forum "Talk Widus" organized by the Pampanga Press Club (PPC) at the Prism Lounge of the Widus Hotel and Casino here last Wednesday, the president of the Korean Community Association Central Luzon, Inc. (KCACLI) said they are saddened by some



Kim Ki Young

of their compatriots who give in to bribery just to have peace and settle down quietly.

But even with this development, KCACLI President Kim Ki Young also gave his assurance that Koreans recently arriving here from Korea are now being monitored by their community pri-

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OVER WEST PHILIPPINE SEA ROW

Independence Day protests at Chinese, US embassies set

By Ding Cervantes

ANGELES CITY - The fisherfolk group Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya) said it will hold on Independence Day protests against China and the United States amid the controversy in the West Philippine Sea.

The group said both countries comprise "a real and serious threat to Philippine sovereignty and territorial integrity."

In a statement, Pamalakaya Vice Chairperson Salvador France assailed the Chinese government "for violating the Philippine sovereignty and for claiming that almost 90 percent of the West Philippine Sea is China's 'indisputable sovereignty' under their so-called 9-dash line theory."

"This means the loss of 80 percent of Philippines' exclusive economic zone (EEZ)'" he noted.

"China has no basis on their 9-dash line theory and no other countries but only China recognizes it. We condemn the Chinese government for their aggressive occupation of reefs and other rock formations within Philippines' EEZ." France said.

The fisherfolk group also asked the Chinese naval units to "stop harassing Filipino fishermen who are only trying to make a living in the West Philippine Sea", as it cited the "water cannon incident" last April where a Chinese vessel used water cannon to drive away Filipino fishermen from Panatag Shoal.

At the same time, Pamalakaya also slammed the United States government "for meddling in the issue to justify and promote increased US military presence in the archipelago."

"The Philippines can stand on its own without the help of another giant who has more and bigger economic interest in the contested waters rather than upholding our national interest." the group said.

For his part, France said "asking for the help of the United States is like choosing a rapist over the thief; it will only cause more trouble because neither of these two super powers will protect, but instead, are a big threat to our national sovereignty. This is our fight so we should stand on our own and be independent from any other pretentious help especially from the US."

The Independence Day protest which has the theme "Hands off the Philippines" will be held in front of the Chinese Embassy in Makati City starting 9 a.m., followed by a caravan to the US Embassy on Roxas Boulevard from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Peasant groups to 'bury' bogus CARP, US-Aquino regime

By Ashley Manabat

ANGELES CITY – A "funeral march" for what they call "bogus" Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and the "US-Aquino regime" was announced by peasant groups during a press conference at the Camalig Restaurant here on Thursday.

The militant Alyansa ng mga Magbubukid ng Gitnang Luson (AMGL), together with other progressive mass organizations, disclosed the holding of "SAKBAYAN 2015," a caravan they dubbed as a funeral march.

Unlike the conduct of the previous years where peasants travelled on foot, this year's SAKBAYAN will be a caravan starting on Saturday (June 6) and will culminate on the 10th.

Provincial caravans will also be launched on June 6 and 7 and will converge at Plaza Miranda here on the morning of the 8th for a regional protest rally.

The peasants' caravan will then move to Hacienda Dolores in Porac, Pampanga for another demonstration.

The peasants' caravan is also expected to stop at the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Regional Office and other government offices before moving to the House of Representatives in Quezon City.

"Peasants from all over Central Luzon will leave their farms for a while to call for genuine land reform. The bogus CARP, the longest, most anomalous, and bloodiest land reform ever enacted in Asia, has long been dead. Thus, peasants themselves will bury CARP with the landlord regime of Aquino," said Joseph Canlas, chairperson of AMGL.

Highlights of the said caravan are the local struggles of the peasants of Hacienda Luisita, Hacienda Dolores, and Clark Green City where indigenous people are also threatened, said Canlas.

Peasants are also supporting the passage of the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill (GARB), a progressive alternative to CARP which is being proposed by the solons of the Makabayan Bloc.

"But this should not be mistaken that genuine agrarian reform will be implemented by the bureaucrats. Genuine agrarian reform is still an initiative of the farmers and it is enacted as peasants assert their rights over the lands they till even over idle lands," said Canlas.

He added that in the countryside, peasants take the initiative to occupy and till lands, a concrete manifestation of the strength of the peasants' collective action.

The peasants' caravan is expected to stay in Manila until the 11th for another protest at the Mendiola Peace Arc near Malacañang Palace.

Also present during the event were former Anakpawis partylist congressman and Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) Chairman Rafael "Ka Paeng" Mariano and Rep. Fernando Hicap also of Anakpawis.



(L-R) Charisse Tugade, Curatorial Head, is joined by Marlene Ruth Sanchez, Deputy Executive Director of NCCA, Adelina Suemith, OIC Executive Director of NCCA and Marielle Nini of the Department of Foreign Affairs' Office of ASEAN Affairs in the opening of Woven Identities: Clothing Traditions of ASEAN.

ASEAN textile exhibit travels around the Metro, Luzon in line with ASEAN Integration

THE NATIONAL Commission for Culture and the Arts in cooperation with SM Supermalls, in its continuing commitment to the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (ASEAN-COCI) in implementing the commemorative activities for the ASEAN Integration 2015, will bring "Woven Identities: Clothing Traditions of ASEAN" exhibit to various SM Malls across Luzon from June through December this year as part of the awareness campaign towards the realization of the ASEAN community in 2015.

Woven Identities will be travelling around the Metro and some parts of Luzon starting its first stall this June at the Event Centre 2 of SM City Clark in Pampanga, June 10 to 15. From there, it will be transferred to various SM Malls – SM Lucena's Mall Atrium from June 23 to 28; SM City Baliuag from August 5 to 9; SM City Marikina from September 18 to 24; SM City Masinag from September 38 to October 4; SM Center Angono from October 5 to 11; SM City San Mateo from October 12 to 18; SM City Taytay from October 19 to 25 and SM San Lazaro from October 26 to 29.

Woven Identities showcases a plethora of weaving techniques and embroideries that symbolize ASEAN's unique identity, tradition and heritage. Featured in the exhibit are the full traditional attire of the ten member states, complete from footwear and accessories - the Terno and the Barong Tagalog of the Philippines; the Ao Dai and Ao Gam of Vietnam; Laoatian Xout Lou; Cambodia's sampot; Myanmar's Yinzi and Tikepon; Suea Phraratchathan and Chong Kraben of Thailand; Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam's variants of their Baju Kurung and Baju Melayu; the Indonesian Kebaya and Jas Betawi; and Singapore's traditional Peranakan attire.

According to NCCA's OIC Executive Director Adelina Suemith, the exhibit is a way of conveying a message of affirmation of the Philippines' unity and solidarity with its fellow ASEAN member states, especially on the cusp of the ASEAN Integration 2015.

"Through this project, we hope to bring several messages to the public. First, that the Philippines is a member of the ASEAN and second, that it shares a rich textile and clothing tradition that stand parallel with its ASEAN neighbours" Suemith said.

Ms. Charisse Aquino-Tugade, head of the curatorial team, noted the identifying quality of the wrap-around skirt among the Southeast Asian community as each ASEAN member state sport its own variant and use of the piece of clothing – the malong of the Philippines, the sampot of Cambodia and the sarong of Indonesia.

The exhibit was initially installed at the Bulwagang Apolinario Mabini, Department of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the commemorative reception of the 47th ASEAN Day Celebration in Manila last August 2014. Madame Gretchen del Rosario and NCCA Chairman Felipe de Leon Jr., along with Heads of Missions and Representatives from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States, led the opening of the exhibit.

Aside from its DFA showcase and the up-coming mall tours of the exhibit, Woven Identities was also mounted at the Senate of the Philippines in Pasay City, and the NCCA Gallery in Intramuros, Manila.

Tour itinerary may still change, for inquiries and future hosting request, you may send an email to ncca_iao@yahoo.com or call the NCCA International Affairs Office at 527-2206 and look for Mr. Ian Felix Alquiros. ***–PR***

CEB UNVEILS NEW LOGO

THE PHILIPPINES' leading airline, Cebu Pacific Air (PSE:CEB) rolls out its new logo starting June 1, symbolizing the airline's growth and evolution from a low-cost pioneer to its larger operations today.

Proudly Filipino, the airline now uses the country's natural canvas as inspiration, featuring shades of the Philippines' land, sea, sky and sun.

"We have always prioritized building an extensive network within and from the Philippines, because we know how much air travel makes a difference in the lives of Filipinos. We bring the Philippine warmth and sense of fun everywhere we go. Now, with the Philippines natural colors on our logo, we showcase the country to the world," said CEB VP for Marketing and Distribution Candice Iyog.

"The new branding is not just a tribute to our roots, but also a nod to the future. As we expand to farther shores, we look forward to being an even more relevant player in the wider, global market," she added.

A game changer, CEB began flying in March 1996 with four aircraft and 24 flights to key cities in the country. It revolutionized the air travel industry and changed the way Filipinos traveled. Now, it operates over 2,200 weekly flights to 34 domestic and 28 international destinations, utilizing 55 aircraft. With its wholly owned subsidiary Cebgo, it offers the widest network in the country. The airline also recently flew its 100 millionth passenger.

Bataan town ready for APEC

Hotels, resorts fully-booked

By Ernie Esconde

BAGAC, Bataan - This mountain town known for beautiful sandy beaches adjacent to the West Philippine Sea is ready for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation on June 9 – 12, 2015, an official of the town and the Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar announced Tuesday.

Nicanor Ancheta, Bagac municipal administrator, said the third class municipality is all set for the holding of the APEC Workshop on Fiscal Management Through Transparency and Reforms & Senior Finance Officials Meeting.

Dexter Manansala, head of the tour guides department of Las Casas, said the new Hotel de Oriente, a replica of the destroyed Hotel de Oriente in Binondo Manila, is ready for APEC.

"Muling nabuhay ang Hotel de Oriente, ginawang convention center na ang unang gagamit ay ang APEC," he said. Manansala said the fully-air-conditioned convention hall can accommodate 1,200 persons.

He said that what are being prepared are minor ones like the sound systems, tables and chairs. "Ang buong building ay handa na," Manansala said.

Ancheta said that Mayor Rommel del Rosario has met with police and other security agencies as well as village chiefs in 14 barangays in the maintenance of peace and order. "The mayor asked all residents for full cooperation in the maintenance of cleanliness in their respective areas," he said.

Ancheta said their problem is where to house members of the Philippine Army and the Philippine National Police, especially their top officials.

He said that as of Tuesday, heritage park Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar has stopped accepting reservations. "Aside from Las Casas, the National Power Corporation Hotel and Resort Village and resorts are fully-booked," he said.

The NPC Resort Village has 20 rest houses, 48 hotel rooms and four VIP rooms that Ancheta said are all taken. "Pati lahat ng 15 malalaking beach resorts at iba pang maliliit na resorts ay punuan na rin," the municipal administrator said.

Ancheta advised visitors who cannot be accommodated in Bagac to get hotel accommodations in Balanga City which is merely 45 minutes of land travel away.

Manansala said that delegates as well as other visitors will be awed with the beauty and comfort they will experience in the new Hotel de Oriente.

The floors of the two-storey building are of wood parquet while the ceilings are made of wood mosaic with painting of national artist Botong Francisco. The steps of the winding stairs are also of wood mosaic.

At the first floor is Juan Luna's Spolarium made of wood mosaic also done by a local artist. "Hindi ito kinulayan at ang ginamit ay ang natural color ng kahoy," Manansala said.

He said that the new Hotel de Oriente was built through pictures and documents about the old one that was destroyed during World War II. At the former site is the Titana Building near Binondo Church.



TALENT AND BEAUTY. Lakan at Mutya ning San Fernando 2015 candidates Rommer Rodriguez of Barangay Bulaon and Roxanne Sarmiento of Barangay Dolores are all smiles after receiving the Darling of the Press special award sponsored by Punto, represented by Punto Administrative Officer Irma Tullao, during the coronation night last May 29 held at SM City Pampanga. **Photo courtesy of CTIPO**

Misconduct charges vs. mayor dropped

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By Ashley Manabat

PANIQUI, Tarlac -- The passing away of Tarlac Rep. Enrique "Henry" Cojuangco last month has softened the stand of the sangguniang bayan here against its chief executive, Mayor Miguel "Dors" C. Rivilla.

The death of Cojuangco, a stalwart of the Nationalists People's Coalition (NPC) in this province, proved to be the catalyst that softened the stand of the NPC dominated municipal and provincial councils against Rivilla who was earlier charged with various offenses.

Councilor Evelyn David (NPC) has withdrawn the administrative case she filed against Rivilla at the Tarlac Sangguniang Panlalawigan claiming "she has lost interest to pursue her case."

She however added that her withdrawal of the complaint is without prejudice to its refilling.

Docketed as SP Administrative Case No. 02-2014, David charged Mayor Rivilla for culpable violation of the Constitution, misconduct and abuse of authority when Rivilla allowed the payment of the salaries and wages of contractual and job order municipal employees, most of whom have been working at the municipality-owned hospital for months.

David is the wife of Rivilla's political rival Rommel David, who occupied the municipal hall after Rivilla was suspended by Gov. Victor Yap based on the complaints against the mayor.

In her notice to the provincial council, David prayed that the "above entitled case be considered withdrawn by the plaintiff without prejudice, that the undersigned will be submitting the foregoing motion for the resolution of this honorable council, without further arguments, immediately upon receipt hereof."

In his formal reply to the case, Rivilla however maintained that his payment to the employees was above board as he cited numerous legal documents and position papers from various official sources including, among others, the Department of the Interior

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Editorial

Nanay cares

UNIVERSAL HEALTCHCARE for all Kapampangans has, since Day One, served as the core aspiration of the Pineda administration. And Gov. Lilia "Nanay Baby" Pineda has not let up since.

As a matter of record, no other governor – indeed, all the previous governors combined – did as much as Pineda is doing for the health and well-being of her constituents.

In a matter of days this week, Pineda chalked up two major achievements in the health front.

In Sta. Ana town, the Capitol-funded P2.7-million diagnostic center was inaugurated with Pineda assuring the townsfolk of services from medical specialists for maximum healthcare at the facility.

In Mexico, Pineda announced that the sangguniang panlalawigan had granted her request of P12 million for the construction of an extension building of the Mexico Community Hospital.

This, even as she led the distribution of 8,483 PhilHealth Member Data Records to indigent families for their "Tsekap" and free admission to government hospitals at no cost.

The governor has been distributing tens of thousands of the same PhilHealth MDRs in weeks past to the different towns of Pampanga always with the motherly admonition: "Do not wait for your condition to worsen before seeking help from your doctors. Use your PhilHealth cards and avail of the free check-up provided by the Alaga Ka program of PhilHealth."

The governor knows whereof she speaks. Upon her initiative and the support of Vice Gov. Dennis G. Pineda, the provincial board has approved millions of pesos allocation to pay for the Point of Care Philhealth premiums of non-members who will be confined to the 11 provincial and district hospitals.

The Kapampangans have a ready lifeline: Sick? Call *Nanay* very quick.

Swell.

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Travesty of transparency

NO OTHER government agency this side of BS Aquino III's *daang matuwid* is as transparent as the Clark Development Corp.

No other government agency, here, there or everywhere has Atty. Arthur P. Tugade at its helm. That's why. For Tugade is the very definition of transparency.

Of even greater meaning, Tugade translates that transparency to trust. Whence finding best articulation – and recurrent refrain – thus: "But what had the biggest impact on CDC's performance was the set of policy reforms initiated by Tugade that, among others, instituted a culture of integrity and transparency in the dealings of the government-owned firm and its personnel with the Freeport *(sic)* current and prospective business locators and other clients." As just about every report of accomplishment at the Clark Freeport invariably carries, albeit in variations of that same theme.

Risking redundancy, if only to justifiably impact a most deserved accolade: No other government agency this side of BS Aquino III's straight path is as transparent as the Clark Development Corp.

Again, all due to Tugade. Meriting now the honorific His Transparency, Atty. Arthur P. Tugade.

In all appearances, Tugade has so defined transparency at the Clark Freeport that the word finds its singular meaning in him, applies and accrues only to him, thereby becoming – the word and Tugade – deprived, if not devoid, of any synonym in the whole CDC, its board, its vice presidents, its managers, the rank and file.

As Tugade owns virtual copyright to transparency, its antonym necessarily makes the rest of the CDC, where obtains an either-or proposition. In this case, where one is, all the others are not. Easy picking the nut, er, the not.

Thus, outside Tugade/transparency, only opacity in the rest of CDC. Consider:

Just last May 6, representing Tugade at the Talk Widus forum of the Pampanga Press Club at the eponymous hotel-casino, CDC VP for Business Development Eva Tejada power pointed the latest accomplishments of CDC – net income of P554 million for 2014, the highest single-year remittance of P400 million cash dividends turned over to the national government, all-time high cash position of P2.277 billion by the end of 2014, and $4.75 billion exports value also in 2014, to cite the most awesome.

Pursuant to the express policy of His Transparency at the CDC, the media asked Tejada, for statistics not covered by her presentation, such as the import volume to range against exports and find the differential profit or loss; the status, cost, and contractors of CDC projects related to the APEC senior ministers meeting at the Freeport, notably the rotunda at the entry to Clark, the parade ground rehabilitation including the toilet and jogging path, the Clark Museum refurbishing and the 4-D theatre construction plus the Risen from the Ashes video, the CCTV control center set-up. Plus, the copy of the contract of Customs Commissioner Bert Lina, parts of his leased property remained undeveloped since the 1990s and yet spared of the take-over policy of His Transparency for such lands.

Tejada – before TV cameras, recorders and pen-paper of the assembled media -- asked for one week to give her ample time to provide the data they wanted.

I am writing this June 4, and what we have received from CDC – by email last May 28, full 15 days past Tejada's deadline – was incomplete stats on the parade ground project. As is:

PARADE GROUND IMPROVEMENT

1. *Park Improvement including new CR, Repair of Jogging Path, Benches with Pavers and Landscaping. Php 4.7 M*
2. *Asphalt overlay of Jogging Path, Phase 2. Php 2M*
3. *Supply and Installation of Rubber Jogging Track. Works consist of supply and installation of Polyurethane "PU" Rubber Matting, Sealer and two coats Rubberized Paints including Anti-skid on Top Coat. Php 7.7 M*
4. *Supply and Installation of Park Lights and Area Lights. Works consist of supply and installation of additional 49 sets of 10ft Park lights (20watts LED) and 16 sets of 50ft Area Lights (1,600 watts LED). Php 6.2M*

First to notice: No name of contractors and suppliers. Did the contract carry a confidentiality clause on their identity, Madame Eva?

Second: Obfuscation on the item for the CR – at P4.7 million – lumped with some other works, notably "repair of jogging path" which should have been included in the other items pertaining to the same subject, i.e. items 2 and 3 in the list above.

So how much did the P4.7-million CR really cost?

Something is not transparent there. Giving due credence to what the investigative Ashley Manabat wrote in his story on this subject in our past issue: "…that CDC higher ups asked not to include it (project cost) in the press release which came out in several local newspapers without the figures."

Almost past a month now, we have yet to see even but a page of the other data we asked for, and Tejada promised to give us. Leading us to speculate, if maliciously, that some CDC managers are now frenziedly applying their doctoring degrees on the reports we wanted.

Which makes a travesty of Tugade's very persona at the CDC. Aye, His Transparency wears the emperor's new clothes.

TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

Source: www.kahimyang.info

Peace Treaty of Cebu is signed

ON JUNE 4, 1565, the peace treaty of Cebu between Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, representing King Philip II of Spain, and Rajah Tupas of Cebu was signed. It is the first Philippine peace treaty which effectively created Spain's suzerain over Cebu.

Rajah Tupaz was the son of Sri Parang the Limp, and the nephew of Rajah Humabon (also known as Sri Hamabar). He is known to have been baptized on March 21, 1568 at age 70, placing his birthdate at about 1497.

He ruled Cebu with his peers until he was defeated by Miguel Lopez de Legazpi's soldiers on April 27, 1565.

Following the signing of the treaty, in the same year, the church and convent of Santo Niño, the first Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines, was built by Father Andres de Urdaneta.

This marked the beginning of Roman catholicism in the Philippines as Spanish priests from other religious orders followed.

*I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much. –**Mother Teresa***



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

Videoke, ipagbabawal na?

TAMA LANG at sadyang panahon na upang
tularan ng lahat itong kagaya riyan
nitong ordinansang kapapasa pa lang
ng 'city council' ng Angeles, kabayan

Regulating the use of audio devices,
gaya ng karaoke, videoke component
in certain areas within the city limit,
residential, private and/or public places

And other restricted zones as defined by law
in an Ordinance sponsored by Councilor
Ed Pamintuan Jr. to ease residents from
unregulated use of some amplified sounds,

Lalo na sa mga alanganing oras,
gaya kung umaga at ubod ng lakas
ang pagpapatugtog, yan sa taong puyat
ay natural lamang na nakababanas.

Ganun di naman kung ika nga'y malalim
na ang gabi pero di pa tumitigil
ang nagkakantahan, gamit ang nasabing
Videoke o ano mang amplified machine,

At boses palaka itong kumakanta,
yan kahit kanino ay natural din na
nakakairita't masakit sa taynga,
kaya ikaw man bang ya'y makatulog ka?

Na apektado ng boses na nasabi
at sobrang lakas ng tunog ng Videoke,
Sanhi ng kung anong ginanap na party,
na umabot hanggang lampas alas dose?

Kaya nararapat na ngang ipagbawal
kung sa ibang tao ay bale wala lang
na mabulabog sa dulot nilang ingay
ang halos lahat ng mga kapit bahay!

The ordinance states that it's the policy
of the government of Angeles city
to protect the welfare of its citizenry
from discomfort lalo't disoras ng gabi

Kaya nga't sanhi ng malakas na tunog
at sobrang ingay r'yan na idinudulot
ng mga nasabing klaseng instrumentos,
umabot sa puntong ipinag-uutos

Ng ordinansyang yan na kumuha muna
ng permiso mula sa barangay nila,
Itong sino pa mang gustong umarkila
ng 'Sounds,'at kahit na sariling kanila

Para sa anumang uri ng okasyon
ay dapat masunod ang mga kondisyon
na nasusulat at kung saan ang 'volume'
ng pagpapatugtog mababasa roon;

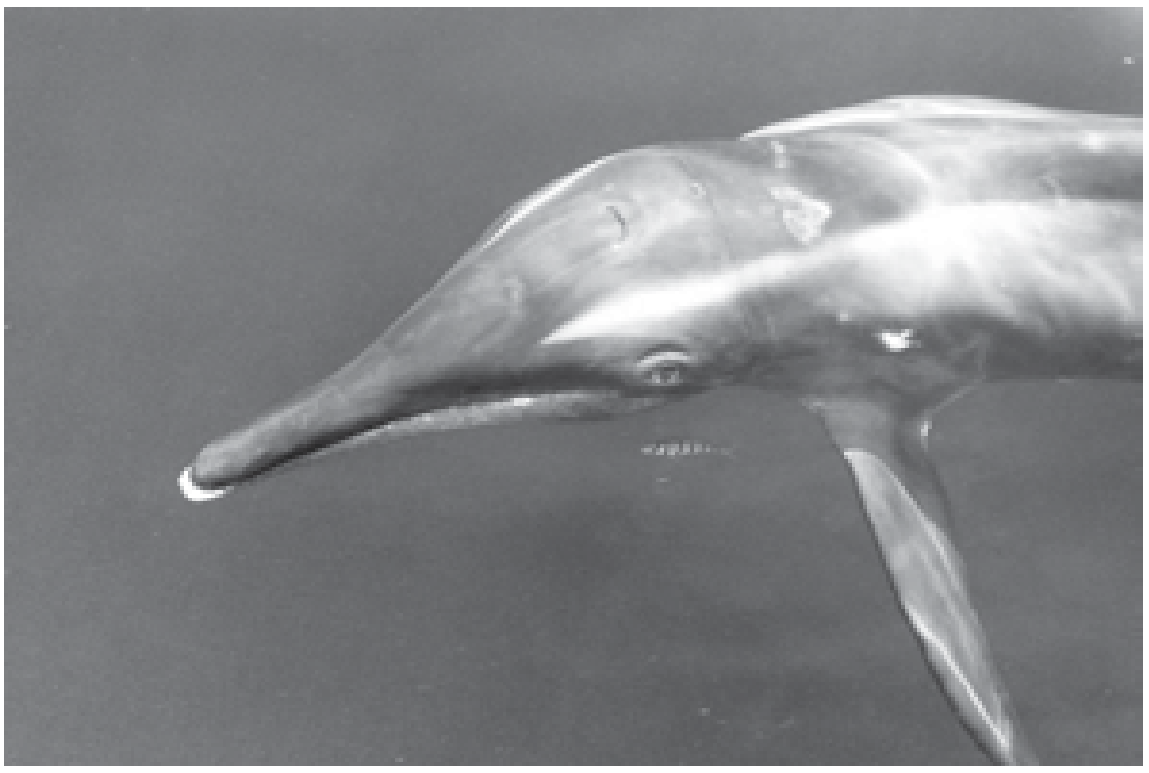
Nangangahulugang anumang paglabag
sa ordinansyang yan, 'warning' muna dapat
O ang permiso n'yan kanselado agad
kapag sa 'restriction' ay di nakatupad?

But since there's an exception in every rule,
Ano ang posibleng mangyari kaya kung
ang lumabag mismo ay taga 'city hall'
o dili kaya ay isang 'untouchable?'

Palagay natin ay di kukunsintihin
ng sinumang miyembro r'yan ng city council,
Sapagkat base sa nakikita natin,
bago ang lahat ay una ang tungkulin.

Na di nalalayo sa klaseng serbisyo
ng butihing ama ni konsehal mismo,
Mabait ngunit may kakaibang prinsipyo,
pagdating sa palingkurang pang-gobyerno

Kaya naman siya ang maituturing
na 'multi-awarded' sa lahat ng ating
naging city mayor sa Angeles pa rin
ng kahapon, ngayon, araw pang darating!



Kagitingan, the 6th dolphin to be rescued after being disoriented by dynamite fishing off Zambales shores, is now doing well in Subic freeport. Experts suspect,, however, that he might have suffered some hearing loss. **Photo courtesy of Ocean Park**

6th dolphin victimized by dynamite fishing doing well in Subic freeport

By Ding Cervantes

CLARK FREEPORT - The sixth dolphin to be rescued in the past 10 months by the Philippine Marine Mammal Stranding Network (PMMSN) in Zambales is on its way to full recovery at the Dolphin Rescue and Rehabilitation Center at Ocean Adventure in Subic Freeport

Gail Laule, chief operating officer of Ocean Adventure, said however, that the dolphin seemed to have suffered some degree of hearing loss, like the five other dolphins rescued earlier by the PMMSN over a 10-month period.

Laule said all the dolphins seemed to have been victims of dynamite fishing off the shores of Zambales.

The latest rescued male dolphin was named "Kagitingan" because he was rescued on April 30 which is commemorated annually as Araw ng Kagitingan.

Laule said that ''through the timely efforts of PMMSN members and the Ocean Adventure Dolphin Rescue team, Kagitingan is alive and well today."

"He has been in rehabilitation just over a month and has completely recovered his buoyancy and can swim, dive, and do low breaches," Laule added.

Laule also said that Kagitingan's "vigor and appetite are now fully restored, and there are no signs of complications that might give rise to a concern. But there is still the possibility that he is suffering from some degree of hearing loss. "

She noted that if Kagitingan's hearing loss is significant ''he would not be able to find fish, communicate with other dolphins, and survive in the wild."

In the meantime, Laule said that Kagitingan has developed a close tie with April, a dolphin who was also rescued earlier and transported to the Dolphin Rescue Center.

"They rest, eat, and swim together," she said.

Dr. Leo Suarez, staff veterinarian at Ocean Adventure, said Kagitingan has "a great appetite and eats four times a day. He has just been recently taken off antibiotics but still receives three different supplements everyday."

Suarez reiterated that Kagitingan might be suffering from "acoustic trauma," which is highly likely caused by dynamite fishing.

Laule said that Dr. Aude Pacini, an expert on acoustic trauma, will be brought into the country to look into Kagitingan's condition.

"We will spare no expense in guaranteeing that Kagitingan gets the best care possible. His rescue and treatment is symbolic of our commitment to the welfare of marine mammals, and to the success of PMMSN," he said.

Laule noted that six dolphins have been brought to Ocean Adventure the last year due to injuries caused by dynamite fishing. Two died, including a Frasers Dolphin named Julius from Pangasinan. The other three survived but suffered permanent hearing loss. Fondly referred to as the "Dynamite Girls," they are living in the open water lagoons at the park.

Gov: SP grants P12-M for Mexico Hospital extension bldg

By Joel P. Mapiles
Pampanga PIO

MEXICO, Pampanga – Gov. Lilia Nanay Pineda announced yesterday that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan granted her request for the provision of P12-million for the construction of extension building of Mexico Community Hospital.

"Inaprubahan ne ning Sangguniang Panlalawigan king pamanimuna ng Vice Governor Dennis "Delta" Pineda ing kahilingan ku na aprubahan de in P12-million a pondo para pagawang additional a building ning Hospital," she said.

This came as the governor led the distribution of 8,483 Philhealth's Member's Data Record (MDR) that will be used by the indigent patients for their Tsekap (Check-Up) and free admission to government hospital at no cost to the beneficiary.

The governor, together with 3rd District Board Members Teddy Tumang and Rosve Henson and Mayor Roy Manalastas explained the importance of having a Philhealth membership to the beneficiaries

However, the governor said those who failed to get a NHTS Philhealth membership have nothing to worry about as the provincial government will provide Philhealth's Point of Care (POC) Program intended for those who are non-Philhealth members.

The governor said the provincial board approved millions of pesos enough to pay the POC Philhealth premiums of non-members who will be confined to eleven provincial and district hospitals.

"Pagbeyaran ne pu ning Kapitolyu ing POC Philhealth premium ning pasyente, automatic pu member na ne ning Philhealth or active neng pasibayu ing Philhealth na kaya agamit na ne murin ning pasyente kalupa ding ordinaryong miembro ning Philhealth. Ala nya mu naman pung bayaran keng government hospital," Governor explained in the dialect.

City council nixes P7-B Clark project

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Sponsored by Councilor Max Sangil, Resolution No. 7184, S-2015 "vehemently objects on the construction of any structure" in the said area. The said resolution was unanimously approved by the city council during its Regular Session No. 15 held on June 2.

This means that Singapore-based Capilion Corp. Pte. Ltd. which has committed to invest P7 billion for the long-term lease and development of a three-hectare lot in the area will have to scout for another site. That is if the council resolution will "hold legal water" with the Clark Development Corp., said a councillor.

"Whereas, it has been a matter of policy that no structures or edifices will be built or established in the aforesaid area which is significant as a buffer zone since the American time," the resolution stated.

"Whereas, the structures will disturb the aesthetic structure of the area…a great concern with regard to traffic gridlock may occur in case of business establishments be constructed in the said area," it added, as it cites "certain environmental issues with regard to the construction of those structures which may result to the cutting of aged old trees."

The resolution was co-sponsored by Councilors Amos B. Rivera, Maricel G. Morales, Bryan Matthew C. Nepomuceno and Alexander P. Indiongco. It was seconded by Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Danica A. Lacson, Carmelo G. Lazatin, Jr. and Carlito M. Ganzon.

Cleared

Meanwhile, the Clark Development Corp. (CDC) said the area earmarked for the Capilion project has been cleared for mix-land used by the CDC Board.

Noel Tulabut, CDC-External Affairs Department assistant manager, also said a "traffic study plan" was required by CDC and such study will be submitted by Capilion to CDC which is a requirement by CDC.

On the environmental impact, Tulabut said "nothing has been earmarked for cutting or transfer and if and when the project begins, CDC will require Capilion to submit its plan." He said "CDC would not hesitate to impose sanctions just in case there would be any violations."

CDC President-CEO Arthur P. Tugade has said Capilion is the biggest contract to be signed by his administration in terms of employment generation with a projection of 75,000 that can be accommodated within seven years.

Capilion was established in 2006 in Singapore to act as an international private equity and corporate finance advisory firm. It is part of the Capilion Group of Companies, Capilion Financial Ltd. and Capilion RE Engineering Ltd.

The Capilion Group has businesses involved in private equity, corporate services, real estate, financial securities, ship ownership, shipping and shipbuilding, infrastructure development and clean and renewable energy projects.

Capilion has presented to CDC demand drafts worth $4.9 million to represent the firm's advance lease, security deposit and performance security plus a reservation for another 8,639 square meters adjacent to its property.

Capilion also presented a bank certification confirming the firm's fund of P2 billion for the property development in Clark.

Fear grips Korean community in AC

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marily for health reasons due to the MERS-COV scare.

KCACLI Vice President Kim Tae Young said there are more than 20,000 Koreans and some 150 business establishments in the Korean community in Angeles City excluding investor-locators in this freeport.

The Phoenix Semiconductor Philippines Corp. (PSPC), a Korean company which specializes in packaging and testing semiconductors, is the top locator here with roughly P7.6 billion in investments here.

Ruperto Cruz, chair of the advocacy group Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement (PGKM), has earlier urged the government to exercise fairness in dealing with Koreans especially those who invest in the community.

Cruz said the Koreans should be given credit for resurrecting the Friendship Area from a ghost town in the aftermath of the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions into a thriving business community now.

During the media forum, a Korean businessman narrated how he was victimized by customs personnel when he arrived in the country via Asiana Airlines. "They open all the bags and take whatever they want," he lamented.

He said he went through the Chek Lap Kok Airport in Hong Kong via Cebu Pacific and never experienced being harassed by customs.

Another Korean said they are being shaken down for money even if they try to seek the assistance of government agencies.

Kim admitted that some Koreans want to settle down in peace that's why they negotiate. "We do not know what happens after that," he added.

Meanwhile, KCACLI Secretary Chung Su Min said among the Korean organizations in their community include Korean schools, a culture center, Korean safety measure community and its affiliated groups, church council, missionaries' council, athletic associations, Korean travel agencies council, women association, youth association and the Korean elders' association.

Kim said they want the government to realize that more Korean investors would be coming here if their problems are resolved.

He said as a sign of cooperation, the KCACLI is now currently installing 16 CCTVs along the Friendship highway in the Korean community to help the local police fight crime.

The KCACLI has also established the Fil-Kor police for the longest time to help monitor peace and order in their area.

Kim said the government's positive response to their plight will have a big impact on would be investors.

The KCACLI said they are also monitoring the cases of Korean investors locked up in controversy with government agencies as they call for "fair treatment" on their cases.

The KCACLI was founded in 2001 and has chapters in practically all provinces in the region.

–Ashley Manabat

Misconduct charges vs. mayor dropped

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and Local Government and the Department of Budget and Management.

"These employees have rendered so much hours of service to the public and therefore only deserved to be paid. Otherwise, withholding their salaries and wages was tantamount to a violation of their right to just compensation," the mayor has repeatedly said.

Rivilla added that, for most of those contractual employees, delayed wages also meant delayed or no food for the table for their children and respective families.

Some observers believed however that with her withdrawal of the case, David has lost her credibility as a public crusader.

"If she was really fighting for truth and governance, she should have allowed the case to go its usual course of hearings and let the SP decide on it which was simply a matter of time. After all, she was already able to have Rivilla preventively suspended for 60 days last year," a Paniqui businessman said.

THINK GREEN

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MELINA S. CASUPANAN** who died intestate on December 21, 2012 in Mabalacat, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale of her estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013001094
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A parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk. 3 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-03-014649, being a portion of Lots 91-C-2, Psd-03-079298, 91-C-1-H, Psd-03-082227; 76-A & 77-A, Psd-03-081615 & 76-B-1, Psd-082727, L.R.C. Rec. No. 128), situated in Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Magalang, Pampanga;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013001095
Registry of Deeds of Angeles City

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Blk. 3 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-03-014649, being a portion of Lots 91-C-2, Psd-03-079298, 91-C-1-H, Psd-03-082227; 76-A & 77-A, Psd-03-081615 & 76-B-1, Psd-082727, L.R.C. Rec. No. 128), situated in Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Magalang, Pampanga;

before Notary Public Almario D. Marimla as per Doc No. 577, Page 55, Book XXVI, Series of 2015.

Punto! Central Luzon: June 5, 12 & 19, 2015

NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JOSIE M. LACSON**, of legal age, Filipino Citizen, single, resident of 4070 T. Bugallon St., Agapito Del Rosario, Angeles City and the sole surviving heir of **JOSEFINA MAGDANGAL LACSON** who died intestate on January 29, 2015 in Angeles City executed and Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on her estate, more particularly described as Three (3) Passbooks Savings Account, to wit:

a. **Metrobank Passbook Savings Account, Sto. Rosario, Angeles City Branch with Account No. 297-3-297-32420-0;**
b. **Landbank Passbook Savings Account, Sto. Rosario, Angeles City Branch with Account No. 1521-0717-33; and**
c. **Bank of the Philippine Islands Passbook Peso Savings Account, Angeles City Main Branch with Account No. 0523-4933-88;**

before Notary Public Kris Dyan P. Cayabyab as per Doc No. 269, Page 34, Book III, Series of 2015.

Punto! Central Luzon: June 5, 12 & 19, 2015

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that **CHRISTINE JOYCE S. EDEJER**, of legal age, Filipino Citizen, single, resident of 2-26 Jasmin Dr., Town and Country Homes, Telabastagan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and the daughter and legitimate heir of **NICOLAS EDEJER** who died intestate on September 23, 2013 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Angeles City executed and Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate, more particularly described as the following motor vehicles, to wit:

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BODY TYPE	: **TRUCK**	BODY TYPE	: **WING VAN TRUCK**
PLATE NO.	: **XGT 676**	PLATE NO.	: **RGG 772**
SERIES	: **FORWARD**	SERIES	: **FORWARD**
ENGINE NO.	: **6HE1683921**	ENGINE NO.	: **6HH1-260909**
CHASSIS NO.	: **FRR32HC-3000019**	CHASSIS NO.	: **FRR33L4-3003190**
YEAR MODEL	: **2003**	YEAR MODEL	: **1997**

before Notary Public Regina C. Gopez-Agustin as per Doc No. 313, Page 64, Book XV, Series of 2015.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 29, June 5 & 12, 2015

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 59
ANGELES CITY

IN THE MATTER FOR PETITION FOR
ADOPTION AND CHANGE OF NAME
OF JOHN MICHAEL CALUPE TO
JACOB OLEN DELA CRUZ CROWE,
SP. PROC. CASE NO. R-ANG-15-00478-SP

SPS. OLEN CROWE AND
ARLENE DELA CRUZ CROWE,
Petitioners,

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ORDER

The petitioners' "Amended Petition" dated May 6, 2015 is hereby ADMITTED.

In the verified Amended Petition for the Adoption of Minor John Michael Calupe, the material allegations are as follows:

Petitioners-spouses Olen Crowe and Arlene Dela Cruz Crowe are both of legal age, American and Filipino citizens, respectively, and residents of Lot 1, Block 1, Timog Park Homes, Barangay Pampang, Angeles City. They are husband and wife; out of their marriage, they did not begot a child of their own. Petitioner-husband has been living in the Philippines for the past six (6) years and has already made Philippines his home.

Prospective adoptee John Michael Calupe was born on May 1, 2014 in Angeles City. His biological mother, Mary Ann Osman Calupe, executed an Affidavit of Intent and Consent wherein she declared her absolute and irrevocable consent to the adoption of John Michael Calupe by the petitioners.

The petitioners have expressed their desire to adopt said minor and to consider the latter as their natural child; and they executed an affidavit on their capability to support the minor. Petitioner-husband is financially stable to support the minor. The petitioners are in full possession of their civil rights and have never been convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude in the Philippines or abroad; they are psychologically fit to adopt; and are of good moral character and emotionally capable of taking care of the prospective adoptee. Petitioners have attended pre-adoption counseling conducted by SWOII Zenaida C. David. They are of good moral character, citizens of good standing, legally qualified to adopt, and suffer no disqualification under the law.

Minor John Michael Calupe is physically healthy to be adopted. Petitioners-spouses are physically and mentally fit to adopt the minor child. The change of name of John Michael Calupe is prayed for as it has always been the petitioners' dream of naming their child as if he is their natural born child that is, he will have petitioner-husband's given name as part of his given name and petitioner-wife's maiden surname as his middle name.

Petitioner-husband's country, the United States of America, has diplomatic relations with the Republic of the Philippines; his embassy wrote him a letter dated April 27, 2015 in reply to his request for clarification of legal capacity to adopt. In the letter, it is stated that the U.S. Embassy is unable to issue a Certification of Legal Capacity to adopt. The letter further states that petitioner-husband should execute an affidavit stating that he meets all the requirements as outlined in Republic Act No. 8552. The adoption of John Michael Calupe will be for his best interest and well-being.

Petitioners pray that after due notice, publication and hearing, a decree of adoption be issued adjudging John Michael Calupe freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to his biological mother and unknown natural father; declaring John Michael Calupe, for all legal intents and purposes, the child of the petitioners and that his name be changed to JACOB OLEN DELA CRUZ CROWE; and ordering the Office of the City Civil Registrar of Angeles City and the Office of the Civil Registry General to make the necessary correction in the birth records of the adoptee to the effect that the adoptee is the child of the petitioners. Other just and equitable reliefs are also prayed for.

The court finds the Amended Petition sufficient in form and substance and therefore sets it for hearing on **August 27, 2015 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning,** on which date and hour any person who may have interest in or may be affected by the Amended Petition is ordered to appear and signify his/her opposition thereto and show cause why it should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in **"Punto Central Luzon"**, a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City, which was selected by raffle under the supervision of the Executive Judge, at the expense of the petitioners.

Serve copies of this Order upon the Office of the Solicitor General; Office of the City Prosecutor of Angeles City; petitioners and their counsel; Department of Social Welfare and Development; National Statistic Office, Civil Registrar General; Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City; SWOII Zenaida C. David; the minor's biological mother; and **"Punto Central Luzon"**.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, Philippines, May 18, 2015.

MA. ANGELICA T. PARAS-QUIAMBAO
Presiding Judge

Punto! Central Luzon: May 22, 29 & June 5, 2015



The Gossipmiller

Cesar Pambid

Showbiz personalities sa pulitika, pumuposisyon na

KAHIT sa isang taon pa ang halalan, marami na ang pumuposisyon na mga pulitiko and aspiring politicians sa kanilang mga respective desired position.

Malamang hindi na ituloy ni Sen. Bong Revilla ang kanyang pagtakbo sa mas mataas na posisyon dahil sa kanyang pagkakakulong habang nakaabang naman ang buong bansa sa magiging desisyon ng kaisa-isang anak ng yumaong movie king na si FPJ at movie queen na si Susan Roces na si Sen. Grace Poe-Llamanzares.

Marami rin sa ating mga showbiz personalities ang magpapatuloy sa kanilang political career habang ang iba ay ngayon pa lamang papalaot sa mundo ng pulitika.

Tahimik pa rin hanggang ngayon ang dating halal na gobernador ng Laguna na si E.R. Ejercito kung ito'y muling sasabak sa pulitika matapos siyang mapababa sa kanyang posisyon bilang gobernador.

Although nililigawan si QC mayor Herbert Bautista na tumakbo sa pagka-senador, mukhang desidido siya na ipagpatuloy at tapusin ang kanyang termino bilang alkalde ng QC.

Muling kakandidato sa pagka-kongresista ang aktor na si Alfred Vargas bilang kinatawan ng isang distrito ng Quezon City.



LJ Reyes

Liza hihintayin ni Enrique

TAONG 2011 nang ipakilala sa publiko si Hope Elizabeth Hanley Soberano na mas kilala ngayon bilang si Liza Soberano, ang 17-year-old Filipino-American teen star na sumikat nang husto nang siya'y itambal sa young actor na si Enrique Gil sa nagtapos na hit teleserye na "Forevermore".

Una silang nagsama sa pelikulang "She's The One" na pinagbidahan nina Bea Alonzo at Dingdong Dantes but it was just a minor role kung saan gumanap si Liza bilang best friend ni Enrique.

Si Liza ay ipinanganak sa Amerika. Ang kanyang Filipino father ay si John Castillo Soberano at ang kanyang American mother ay si Jacquelyn Elizabeth Hanley.

Nang magkahiwalay ang mga magulang ni Liza, napunta siya sa pangangalaga ng kanyang maternal grandparents sa Visalia, California. Sampung taon naman siya in 2008 nang mag-desisyong lumipat ng Pilipinas para makasama ang kanyang ama at ibang mga kaanak.

Liza was 13 nang maispatan ng isang talent scout at ipinakilala sa entertainment writer-turned actor at talent manager na si Ogie Diaz na siyang nagdala dito sa Star Magic, ang talent management arm ng ABS-CBN.

In March 2013, isa si Liza sa mga bagong ipinakilala ng Star Magic kasama sina Julia Barretto, Janella Salvador, Jerome Ponce, Jane Oineza, Jon Lucas, Kahlil Ramos, Julia Estrada, Michelle Vito, Ingrid de la Pas, Alex Diaz at Kit Thompson.

Samantala, hindi ikinakaila ni Enrique na kakaiba na ang kanyang nararamdaman ngayon kay Liza na muli niyang katambal sa pelikulang "Just The Way You Are" under Star Cinema.

Pero hindi pa handa si Liza sa pakikipagrelasyon, at willing si Enrique na maghintay until she's 18 o handa na.

Sa part naman ni Liza ay malaki ang chance ni Enrique na inamin niyang crush niya and the closest guy sa kanya ngayon pero ayaw lamang niyang magmadali dahil ayaw niyang ma-disappoint ang kanyang pamilya.

Enrique is 23 at 17 naman si Liza turning 18 in January 4 next year.

LJ iniwan na ni JC

LJ REYES' romance with JC de Vera proved to be short lived. We're told they've stopped seeing each other. As of now, they're both quiet as to why it quietly ended, so someone quipped that it's because JC is now pursuing again Michelle Madrigal who has returned to ABS-CBN to become a Kapamilya once more. If you'd recall, Michelle was JC's very first girlfriend when he joined showbiz.

We inquired about this and a source told us this is simply not true since Michelle is currently committed to her boyfriend, a basketball player. "Matagal na sila," says our source.

Another informer says it's because LJ is hoping that she'd reconcile with Paulo Avelino, the father of her son Aki. "Natapos ang romance nila ni JC noong umamin si Paulo na wala na rin sila ni KC Concepcion," observes a writer. "So baka nga umaasa si LJ na magkabalikan sila ni Paulo."

But someone close to LJ says the real culprit is that both LJ and JC are just very busy and didn't have time for each other. JC is in a new movie, "Anino sa Likod ng Buwan", an entry in the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival at the Czech Republic in July, and also in a new soap paired with Jessy Mendiola. Her hit afternoon soap, "Yagit," now on its 8th month, has just been extended again for another month. It is rating very well and sometimes even tops the ratings of GMA's perennial afternoon toprater, "The Half Sisters".

Alviera leaps forward...

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tivity in the region.

Sixteen lots of the 31-hectare industrial park have already been sold, according to Estacio. Three clusters of standard factory buildings (SFB) are still available for lease, he added. The SFB floor area totals 20,000 square meters available for lease with rental rate starting at P150-200 per square-meter per month.

AIP is seen to complement the industrial hubs in Clark and Subic targeting companies in light to medium, non-polluting enterprises.

A slide show during the forum showed that Avida Land, Alveo Land and Ayala Land Premier are all offering a broad range of residential options for the growing Alviera community. About 1,500 residential units will be ready by the end of phase 1 development, it was learned.

Avida Settings Alviera offers houses and lots, and lots alone, ranging in size from 125-313 square meters. About 85 percent of the residential units have been sold out. The community will rise across Alviera's future city center, Estacio said.

Alveo will launch its phase 1 project in the middle of the year with about 784 units of prime lots with scenic views of the mountain range.

Estacio said lot cuts will be from 250-542 square meters in size. This new residential community will lie beside Miriam College. Holy Angel University is also set to build a campus in Alviera.

Ayala Land Premier's project will have the lowest density and the largest lot cuts of 450-1,400 square meters. The community will be launched later this year and will rise beside the six-hectare Alviera Country Club.

Designed by the renowned architectural firm Leandro V. Locsin and Partners, the country club promises to be an iconic structure in Pampanga which will feature pools, a kids' area, wellness spa, sports facilities, entertainment facilities with active sports bar, event areas like meeting rooms, a boardroom, a multi-purpose hall and ballrooms that can accommodate as much as 500 to 600 guests. It will have a main restaurant and a specialty restaurant.

Alviera Country Club will be managed by the Ayala Club Management, Inc., which also manages Anvaya Cove and South Links Golf Club. Club shares go for P580,000 for individuals and P950,000 for corporate shares.

"People can expect retail in Alviera as residential units are turned over. The retail development will follow the build-up of population in the development. Currently, we are developing a retail program for SandBox at Alviera given that the park has been getting a lot of visitors most of which are from Central Luzon and Metro Manila," said Estacio.

SandBox at Alviera covers about two hectares of outdoor fun attractions such as the country's first rollercoaster zipline, a giant swing, an aerial obstacle course, a climbing wall, mini golf course, bike trail and more. It recently opened an outdoor archery range and will soon expand to have an urban karting facility.

"Following the success of Ayala Land in developing large-scale master-planned mixed communities like Makati, Bonifacio Global City and NUVALI, we envision a bright future ahead in our newest venture in the north," Estacio noted.

He added that he is optimistic that the brewing controversy with militant peasant groups in the area will soon be resolved amicably as gleaned from their track record in Laguna. ***–Ashley Manabat***

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