

**DPWH RECORDS SHOW:**

# P4.6-B used for anti-flood projects in Pampanga

By DING CERVANTES

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO** – The P105-million calamity fund released to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for former Pres. Arroyo’s home district is only a pittance compared to the P4.6 billion cost of anti-flooding projects whose implementation started in 2008 in this province.

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## CAPAS OR MONTALBAN

### 2 landfills eyed for Angeles garbage

By JOEY PAVIA



Pamintuan

**ANGELES CITY** – Mayor Edgardo “Ed” Pamintuan announced here yesterday that they are eyeing two sanitary landfills where the city would dump its waste, aimed at solving the garbage problem left by former mayor Francis “Blueboy” Nepomuceno. Pamintuan said they will choose between the Kalangitan landfill in Capas, Tarlac or the landfill in Montalban, Rizal.

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Sinabuyan ng apog ng lalaking ito ang mga basura sa open dumpsite sa likod ng Bulacan Medical Center upang hindi langawin at mabawasan ang mabahong amoy. **KUHA NI DINO BALABO**

## Rehab ng open dumpsite sa likod ng ospital sinimulan na

NI DINO BALABO

**LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS** – Sinimulan na ng kapitolyo ang paglilinis at rehabilitasyon sa open dumpsite sa likod ng gusali ng Bulacan Medical Center (BMC) na mahigit dalawang taon ng inirek-

lamo ng mga mag-aaral ng katabing Bulacan State University (BulSU). Ayon kay Provincial Administrator Jim Valerio, ang nakatambak na basura sa likod ng gusali ng BMC ay ipahahakot ng kapitolyo at ilalagak sa tamang pasilidad.

Dalawa ang pasilidad na kinukunsidera ng kapitolyo. Ito ay ang Waste Custodian Management (Wacuman) sanitary landfill sa Sitio Tiakad, Barangay San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan; at ang sanitary landfill sa loob ng luga-

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## Probers in Tetangco murders hunt driver from Nueva Ecija

**ANGELES CITY** – A driver from Nueva Ecija is now being sought by the police task force investigating the killing of a brother of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) governor and two others here last June 2.

This, after he was identified as the last man who had talked to one of the victims on the phone on the night of the murders. Task force chairman Senior Supt. Wendy Rosario told Punto that the

man used to be a driver of somebody who used to play poker with businessman Florencio Yap. Yap was killed together with Rene Tetangco, brother of BSP governor

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**OLD FRIENDS FOR A CAUSE.** Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement Chair Pert Cruz discusses draft of a publication on the pollution problem caused by piggery and poultry farms in Porac and Angeles City with Deedee Sytangco, close confidante of President Cory Aquino and member of the core group of her son, President Noynoy. Sytangco reminisced with Cruz how the beloved Cory was herself bugged by flies and the odor from the piggeries at a luncheon in the Cruz home.



Members of the Sta. Maria town rescue group attends to the needs of a student of played the role of an injured victim during the simulated earthquake drill at the Bulacan State University in Malolos City yesterday. PHOTO BY DINO BALABO

OCD TO NCR, PAMPANGA, BULACAN:

## 'Be prepared for earthquakes'

BY DINO BALABO

MALolos CITY—Prepare for the worst.

This was the advice of Neri Amparo, Central Luzon director of the Office of Civil Defence (OCD) to Bulakenyos after a simulated earthquake drill at the Bulacan State University campus here on Tuesday.

According to Amparo, a Japanese-funded study claimed that a 7.2-magnitude earthquake may hit Metro Manila along with the provinces of Bulacan and Pampanga as it will have a radius of 100 kilometers.

"We don't know when disaster especially earthquake will hit but we know that the country is rocked by an average of 20 earthquakes a day, some of which, we don't feel," she said.

"We have to prepare for the worst case scenario because

anything can cost lives," she added.

Amparo also advised officials of the Bulacan State University to come up with their own disaster response team saying that in case of massive disaster, trained individuals on rescue operations may be assigned or called to respond in other places.

"It is important that the Bulacan State University to have its own disaster response team so that while waiting for outside group, they can already address immediate needs of students injured in possible disaster," she said.

As the largest state university in Central Luzon, the Bulacan State University has over 25,000 student population.

This is one of the reasons why Dr. Mariano de Jesus, president of the Bulacan State University, requested the Provincial Disaster Management Office (PDMO) of the provincial government of

Bulacan to conduct a regular simulated earthquake drill within the university campus.

De Jesus said that aside from drills, students also attend seminars on disaster awareness.

For their part, Amparo and Liz Mungcal, head of the PDMO, said that disaster preparedness awareness is one of the keys in responding disaster situations.

"If people know what to do in times of disaster, we can minimize loss of lives," Mungcal said.

The same was echoed by Amparo who stressed that anybody who wish to respond to disasters, "should know what to do including the risk involved".

She said that a person must secure his or safety first, then his or her family before responding to the needs of others.

## Clark airport's HR coerced

BY JOEY AGUILAR

ANGELES CITY — Councilor Jay Sangil has denounced Clark International Airport Corp. (CIAC) Victor Jose Luciano for allegedly coercing Human Resource manager Marie Tessibeth T. Cordova.

"This is unbecoming of him who is trying to coerced airport employees just to save his neck," Sangil said in a phone interview. This after Cordova did not sign Luciano's petition letter for his retention as CIAC president and chief executive officer.

"Why have you HR people not been signing the petition for my retention?" Luciano was quoted as saying in a letter of Cordova dated July 26 emailed to Sangil.

However, Cordova answered Luciano saying that the HR department should maintain a neutral position on the matter.

But Luciano answered back: "You cannot be neutral. This is management. Either you are for it or against it. You are not independent. You tell joyce."

Earlier, hundreds of Clark airport employees have signed a petition urging President Noynoy Aquino to retain Luciano as president of CIAC.

As of presstime, Luciano cannot be reached for comments.

### CELEBRATE WITH 50% OFF SYSTEM-WIDE SALE

## CEB flies 45 millionth passenger

THE PHILIPPINES' largest airline, Cebu Pacific (CEB) recently flew its 45 millionth passenger from Incheon (Seoul, South Korea) to Cebu, and decided to mark this milestone with a 50% off seat sale to all its 33 domestic and 16 international destinations. The 50% off seat sale is from July 30 to August 1, 2010, for travel from October 1 to November 30, 2010.

Mr. Jae-Soo Hur, a Korean who has previously visited Cebu and Boracay via Cebu Pacific, was in the departure area when his name was called as CEB's 45 millionth passenger.

He was awarded two Cebu Pacific Incheon-Cebu-Incheon air tickets by CEB representatives Chris Kim and KS Kang, joined by Incheon International Airport Corporation Aviation Marketing Director Tae-Soo Yuh.

"I like going to Cebu on Cebu Pacific because the ticket fare is very attractive and I think that 'Go Lite' is a good idea. In my opinion, no-frills airlines like CEB are better for young people like me because the savings on airline fares can be used for other activities. The flight schedule of CEB is also quite convenient for me since I'm an office worker and I can go to the Philippines after work," said Hur.

Mr. Hur was also awarded a two-night stay in a Mactan sea-view suite with breakfast, courtesy of the Imperial Palace Waterpark Resort and Spa in Cebu.

Candice Iyog, CEB VP for Marketing and Distribution, said,

"CEB can only grow even further, now that we have passed the 45 millionth passenger mark. We began in 1996 with three domestic destinations, and now we are set to launch our 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> international destinations Brunei and Beijing."

"We thank our passengers for their continued support, and hope they can take advantage of our 50% off system wide seat sale to visit our expanding network in the Philippines and the region," she added.

The seat sale includes destinations such as Boracay (Catclan), Puerto Princesa, Bacolod, Iloilo and Davao, as well as Osaka, Incheon, Singapore, Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Macau, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Bangkok, Kota Kinabalu, Pusan and Jakarta.

For bookings and inquiries, passengers can call the reservation hotlines (02) 7020-888 or (032) 230-8888, visit nearest travel agents, or go to [www.cebupacificair.com](http://www.cebupacificair.com) or <http://funtours.cebupacificair.com>. The latest seat sale updates can be found at [cebupacificair.com](http://cebupacificair.com) on Twitter and Facebook Fan Page.

Based on Civil Aeronautics Board data, CEB overtook Philippine Airline's passenger numbers in the first quarter of 2010, making it the Philippine's largest airline. CEB operates the youngest aircraft fleet in the country, and garnered an 89.45% on-time performance in the first half of 2010, higher than the industry standard of 85%.

## Arrest of 'serial killer' gives way to hunt for coddlers, loose arms

BY DING CERVANTES

ANGELES CITY — Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan declared on Wednesday as "solved" the serial murder cases in this city with the arrest of suspect Mark Dizon in San Fernando, La Union last Tuesday morning, but police authorities said they are not yet about to let go of his coddlers and his still missing firearms.

An initial five counts of murder and robbery were filed here yesterday morning against Dizon, but evidences piling up would likely make him answerable for a total of nine murders committed in three separate incidents this month in this city.

Pamintuan, a lawyer, cited yesterday "preponderance of evidence" to eventually pin down Dizon, as he and police officials led by Central Luzon police director Chief Supt. Arturo Caodac and Angeles police Chief Senior Supt. Danny Bautista presented to media three laptops, several cell phones, cameras, and even bottles of perfume Dizon carted away from his victims.

The Angeles police filed on Thursday another case of illegal possession of firearms against

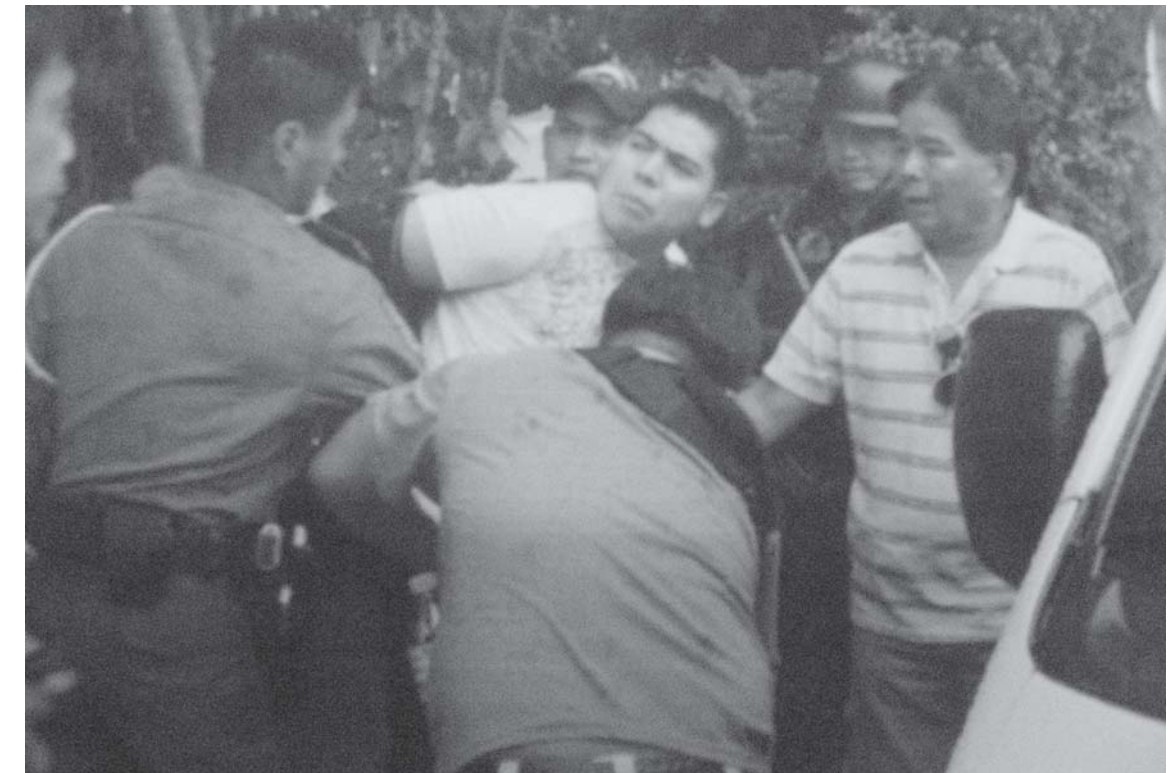
Dizon who was nabbed in San Fernando, La Union after he was found with a .22 caliber pistol during his arrest.

Bautista and Caodac said that those who had secured Dizon after he was identified as suspect in the last of the serial murders last July 22 would be charged with harboring a criminal. They also said police probes is finding out if Dizon had also secured various firearms, including an M-16 rifle, in the safekeeping of others, after photos showed him posing with the long firearms and three assorted pistols, including the .9 mm. caliber firearms used in the serial murders.

Pamintuan said that while the cases against Dizon were filed only on Wednesday, his arrest the other day was justified based on a warrant of arrest he had eluded in 2005 on charges of carjacking and robbery.

On the other hand, Bautista justified the arrest as part of the police's hot pursuit operations following testimonies of witnesses in the latest murder case.

Caodac said the initial five counts of murder charges filed pertained only to the massacre of retired US air force MSgt.



Serial murder suspect Mark Dizon being arrested by Angeles City police in San Fernando, La Union at about 4:10 p.m. last Tuesday.

Albert Mitchell, 70, and her mother Janet, 53, and their househelps Isabel Fajardo, Marissa Prado, and Yulberto Catli in their home in Henson-

ville Court subdivision in Barangay Malabanas last July 22.

But Caodac stressed that the recovered laptops and other properties from Dizon's possession, the .9 mm. caliber pistol used in all the murders, and the testimonies of witnesses who saw him during the time of the crimes also identified him as the culprit in two other earlier murders.

The other victims were South African national Geoffrey Allan Bennun, 60, and his live-in partner, Abigail Helina, 20, whose decomposing bodies were found inside their house at Oasis Hotel and Villas in Clarkville Compound in Barangay Anunas here last July 12.

Last July 16, British James Bolton Porter, 51, and his live-in partner, Melissa Madarang, 22, were also found dead with .9 mm. pitols bullet holes in their bodies in their house at 4-11A Nicolas St. in Sta. Maria subdivision in Barangay Balibago here.

Police probes noted Dizon's obsession with laptops and other electronic gadgets of his victims.

Pamintuan said that his friend Rey Malig was able to convince Dizon's parents to arrange for a meeting last Tuesday, as it turned out that the suspect was in San Fernando, La Union.

"He wanted to surrender to the mayor and not to the police whom he feared would kill him," Malig said in a press conference.

No one could say during the press conference who would get the P100,000 reward reportedly raised by local expatriates to anyone who could help solve the murder cases.

Caodac said that Dizon had no plans to surrender and reportedly told his parents he would rather be a communist rebel. The policemen, led by Senior Supt. Elvis Diaz, posed as rebels for the meeting arranged by the victim's father.

"But when the disguised police team arrived, Dizon seemed suspicious and had to be grabbed. That was when the pistol fell from him," Caodac related.

Dizon was detained at the city police headquarters in Barangay Sto. Domingo here.

## Fire guts down 2-storey building

BY ERNIE B. ESCONDE

ORION, Bataan - A fire at dawn of Wednesday gutted down a two-storey building at the commercial district in this town and turned into ashes P5-million worth of various merchandise.

Building owner Angelito Inton said the building was filled with newly delivered merchandise like medicines, canned goods and other grocery items.

"Natutulog kami sa itaas nang biglang may pumutok ng malakas, tapos pagbaba namin may usok na at mabilis na kumalat ang apoy na kahit tsinelas wala kaming nadala," Inton said.

His wife was crying while being comforted by friends and relatives.

Senior Fire Officer Reynaldo Tuazon, Orion fire chief, said they are still investigating the cause of the fire and the damage it has caused. He said they received a call about 3:30 a.m. and "we immediately responded."

Fire was placed under control at 4:30 a.m. with five firetrucks from nearby towns responding.

Operating in the burnt building include the Bataan Convenience Store, Liwayway Drug Store and Michelle Bakery.

Inton suffered some bruises while bringing out from the burning building his wife, mother and children.



THE LIGHT OF JESUS Catholic Community presents the Angeles Feast, a weekly prayer and worship meeting at the Angeles City Library every Friday at 7PM. In photo are Bro. Cezar Piscasio (Finance), Bro. Ruben Ramos (Discipleship Builder), Bro. Bo Sanchez (Preacher, Author and Founder of Light of Jesus), Bro. Marvin Tan (feast Builder) and Teena Villafranca (Event Head).

# Editorial

## Idiocy

"YES TO a flood-free San Fernando. Yes to cityhood." A most stupid proposition that made the rounds of the capital at the time of the campaign for its cityhood.

So San Fernando became a city, so its inundation continued and even worsened. Remember that time a full stretch of the Gapan-San Fernando-Olongapo Road became a vast ocean two or three years back?

Flood-mitigating measures have become a major component of the administration of City Mayor Oscar S. Rodriguez. As a matter of course, a city flood czar has been tapped even.

Still the floods – though minimized – came.

Of late the city government has reposed its hope for the final solution of the flooding problem in the Sagip-Ilog Project.

The P169-million flood control project at the San Fernando River covers rehabilitating some 5.26 kilometers of the San Fernando River so as to allow the freer flow of floodwaters out of the city.

The project however is way behind its target date of completion, 54 percent (un)accomplished to date. Its contractor, R.D. Policarpio fingered as the only "problematic contractor" of all those engaged in the P4.6-billion urgent flood-mitigating program for the whole of Pampanga.

Pleas as well as denunciations have gone the way of the Department of Public Works and Highways to compel R.D. Policarpio to do the job its is being paid for – finish the project.

Just on Tuesday, in a city council committee hearing, the construction firm and the DPWH to – in the words of Councilor Jimmy Lazatin – "get an assurance from the DPWH that flooding would not hit the poblacion area in case of sudden rains. Some of our constituents fear that there might be severe flooding because the project has yet to be fully completed in time for the rainy season."

It gladdens us to see our officials working hard to rid our city of floods. But to put all our eggs in one basket, so to speak, relying solely on the completion of the Sagip-Ilog Project as the definitive solution is myopic.

Engineering interventions need to have the natural means as complementary measures in the solution of the flooding problems. And it is here that the city government is most remiss, if not directly at fault.

The wholesale killing of trees in the city, the idiocy being parroted now by even the highest echelons of local government and the business community to cut down all trees along MacArthur Highway will totally negate whatever efficacy expected of a completed Sagip-Ilog Project.

For all their supposed intelligence, dedication and commitment, a number of our local officials have no sense of the meaning of symbiosis, a number of our so-called astute business leaders are plainly idiotized by their vested interests.

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## Zona Libre

### Bong Z. Lacson

Luciano, the manifesto said, served as – my own direct translation now – "the key that opened the door of development and change at the CIAC."

Because of his managerial acumen, his integrity and deep concern for the welfare of the CIAC employees, Luciano effected the leaps and bound in their salary range – "Malayo na rin ang agwat ng sahod namin ngayon kumpara sa dati naming tinatangap."

Aye, it's Luciano – solo – all the way at the DMIA. Eat your heart out, CIAC Board Chair Nestor Mangio.

The various awards that have gone Luciano's way – Most Outstanding Kapampangan in Government Service in 2009, Triple A Awardee of the Asian Institute of Management, even this paper's Man of the Year for 2009, among others – are a testament to Luciano's "correct and wise leadership at the CIAC."

No, the manifesto vowed, the employees will not allow Luciano's detractors to have their insidious ways, refusing to believe any of the canard thrown Luciano's way, hence the expression of whole-hearted support to his leadership.

Woe unto you, Mayor Jerry Pelayo! Damn the demolition job of, er, on Luciano!

## (Re)signing privilege

EAT YOUR heart out, BNR.

Where the Clark Development Corp. miserably failed, the Clark International Airport Corp. appeared to have succeeded. That is in propping up its head honcho for retention in the Aquino administration.

Early this month, rumors as well as a press release out of the CDC alleged that its top executives – notably President-CEO Benny N. Ricafort – enjoined the workers' union to undertake a signature campaign purposely to stay the hand of P-Noy from cutting them off their lofty perches.

Nipped in the bud – with two CDC unions on denial mode over the reports – the signature campaign sputtered to a stinking fart. Now it's CIAC's turn to go on frenzied hunt for signatures.

"Luciano gets broad support from CIAC employees in all levels." So screamed a press release I received Tuesday with an attached manifesto entitled "Liham Suporta para sa Mahal na Presidente, Pres. Victor Jose I. Luciano."

The manifesto deplored what it called the concerted effort to destroy the reputation of Luciano, even as the employees re-invested their faith in Luciano as the single catalyzing factor to the development of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport.

United in their desire for, and practice of the highest standards in running the DMIA, hoping for a continuous soar of the DMIA in the global aviation industry, the employees prayed that Luciano be given a new lease on leadership at the CIAC. Thus, the stirring call: *Kailangan pa si Mr. Luciano sa CIAC!*

The manifesto did not even fill up one whole page but the signatories comprised all of eight pages, totaling 320 names. Which goes to show the "broad support" Luciano enjoys among the CIAC employees.

Indeed, so apparently great is the support of the employees to Luciano that at least eight of them signed the manifesto twice – Jose Marlowe Pedregosa on pages 1 and 6; Rodel I. Lagman on pages 1 and 2; J. Abelardo Punzalan on pages 1 and 8; Manuel Banez on pages 1 and 2; Josa P. Landayan on pages 1 and 2; Ronald P. Aquino on pages 1 and 2; Alvin Marimla on pages 1 and 2; and Cynthia Cordero Dungca on pages 1 and 6.

Conspicuously missing though is the name and signature of Alexander Caguairan, executive vice president of CIAC.

That tells a totally different story. But will Caguairan oblige?



## Hard to Get

### Joey Aguilar

The DMIA is certified by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) with ratings of Category I for Precision Approach Runway and Category IX for the Emergency Services. It is well equipped with a Terminal Radar Approach Control, Instrument Landing System, Navigational Aids, Meteorological Equipment, and Complete Airfield Lighting System.

Laging laman ito ng balita sa mga pahayagan, subalit tila mananatili na lamang itong "press release" ng Clark International Airport Corp., ang korporasyong nangangasiwa sa DMIA.

Sa katunayan, siyam na taon na naging pangulo si GMA subalit hanggang ngayon ay hindi parin "fully operational" ang nasabing paliparan. Kung sa siyam na taon ay hindi niya ito nagawa, lalo na siyang walang magagawa bilang isang mambabatas o congresswoman ng ikalawang distrito ng Pampanga.

Sa kabila ng madaming kapalpakan at kahihayan sa NAIa na nananatiling pangunahing paliparan ng Pilipinas.

Delayed flights, bumabaha kapag malakas ang buhos ng ulan, nagsisikipang mga pasukan at labasan, zero visibility sa area ng NAIa, at bulok na mga comfort rooms.

Gustuhin mang isaayos, dagdagan at lakihan ang mga runway, wala naring "area for expansion" ang NAIa dahil sa mga iskwater at mga gusali na nakapaligid dito. At sa kabila rin ng mga ito,

## Panakip butas

HINDI KO minamaliit ang kakayahan ni P-Noy, subalit may isang hamon sa kanya na mahirapan niyang maisagawa.

Hindi ito nagawa ni dating pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo na isang Kapampangan, at ito ay hindi rin nabanggit sa State of the Nation address ni P-Noy.

Isa ito sa palatandaan na sadyang ang Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA) ay magiging panakip butas na lamang sa mga kapalpakan at mga hindi kayang gawin ng Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA). Nakapangalan sa dalawang naging pangulo ng ating bansa ang dalawang airport. Ang isa ay sa ama ni GMA at ang isa naman ay sa ama ni P-Noy, pero wala akong ibig na ipakahulugan.

The DMIA is now on 24-hour operation, is on course in its development as a premier gateway of the Philippines in the next 10 years.

It is one of the biggest aviation complexes in Asia with its two 3.2 kilometer parallel runways that will be extended to 4 kilometers to accommodate new generation wide-bodied aircraft.

nananatiling pangunahing paliparan parin ng bansa ang NAIa.

Ni anino rin ng Philippine Airlines (PAL) ay hindi pa nakita sa DMIA bagama't mayroon ng nakareserbang lupa para dito.

Ang hamon nga ng mga Kapampangan kay P-Noy, sa pangunguna ng Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement, ay dapat na gawing pangunahing paliparan na ang DMIA sa lalong madaling panahon.

Ngunit kahit 100 tubes pa ang gawin at kahit 10 mga runway pa ang idagdag sa DMIA, hindi ito magiging fully operational at mananatili itong isang panakip butas kung ang ating pangulo ay "nakatali sa leeg" sa ibang mga negosyante sa Maynila na pumipigil upang maging pangunahing paliparan ang DMIA.

Ito ang nagiging dahilan kung bakit lagi na lamang nagiging kawawa ang mga overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) o mga balikbayan na taga-Tarlac, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Baguio, at ibat ibang mga probinsiya sa Norte at Gitnang Luzon at maging sa ibang mga lugar sa Pilipinas na bumibahe pa papuntang Maynila para lamang makasakay ng eroplano.

Maraming nagsasabi na magkaibang magkaiba ang nakaraang administrasyon sa kasalukuyan lalo na sa laban sa kahirapan at laban sa korapsyon. Subalit sa bagay na ito ay may pagkakahalintulad si GMA at P-Noy.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

### Fighter jet collides with passenger plane

A MID-AIR collision between a Boeing 727 and a fighter jet in Japan kills 162 people on this day in 1971. The military plane was flying without radar.

All Nippon Airways Flight 58 was traveling from Chitose Airport in Hokkaido to Tokyo, filled largely with members of a group dedicated to the assistance of war victims.

Takeoff was uneventful and

the plane soon reached 28,000 feet. Cruising over the Japanese Alps, Flight 58 suddenly encountered two military jets.

One of the Japanese F-86 Sabre jets was piloted by Captain Kuma; the other was being flown by his student, Sergeant Ichikawa, who had only a few hours of flying experience. Neither jet was equipped with radar, which would have indicated the

presence of the Boeing 727.

Ichikawa's fighter jet struck the airliner and sent both planes plunging into the mountains. Ichikawa was able to eject himself and parachute to safety. Everyone on board Flight 58, however, was killed.

Yoshimi Ichikawa was charged with involuntary manslaughter, but was acquitted at trial.



## The Bottomline

### Hector P. Soto

investigation of at least 10 private foundations that were given funds for the government's rice production program. Some of the foundations could not be located. This happened during Yap's watch at the DFA.

TRIVIA

My barber shop friend who is a PNOY supporter ask me if the President will succeed in his plans for changes.

I told him that maybe I will have to ask Paul, the octopus, who predicted all the winners in the last world classic on football.

## Well said Mr. President

REACTION ON President Aquino's SONA vary but on the whole speech was well-accepted. As expected, the President spoke in Filipino. This is most probably in keeping with his desire to be understood by every Filipino.

Well said Mr. President. While giving emphasis on his plans and programs, the President also pointed out the excesses of the Arroyo administration.

As pointed out by Senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the President should have bared his plans for our overseas workers.

The 40-minutes speech applauded 30 times is very short, compared to the previous state of the nation (SONA) addresses of former Presidents.

What has probably escaped the serious attention of the public is the re-organization in the Senate and the arrest of a congressman in Hongkong.

To say the least, it's a shame. If convicted the congressman need not even be expelled from Congress. He may served his term in jail.

Looking at the retention of Senator Juan Ponce Enrile as Senate President, political buffs believe this is good for the Lib-

eral Party and the Senate as a whole.

It is said that with Enrile, the Senate would most probably retain its image as a truly independent body.

With impeachment cases expected to be filed, the Senate would play the most important part in the trial. This of course if the Lower House refers the cases for trial to the Senate.

This corner hopes that the C-5 road controversy will finally be resolved. It may be re-opened although Senator Many Villar is still in the Senate. It should be remembered that in the last session of the 14th Congress, the Senate failed to act in the ethics case against Villar.

Maybe, just maybe, this time Villar will defend himself against the accusations should the case be re-opened. It is only fair that Villar clears himself.

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Former Cabinet members of the Arroyo administration deny any wrong-doing in their respective departments. One of them, former Department of Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap who is now a congressman should explain what happened to the



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## Napag-uusapan lang

### Ni Felix M. Garcia

## 'Justice delayed, Justice denied'

(KARUGTONG NG SINUNDANG ISYU)

KAHIT BATID nilang di birong panganib Ang kakaharapin sa pagpupumilit Na maiharap sa ating Bar of Justice Ang ilang posibleng sa kaso ay dawit.

At alam din nilang kadalasa'y hirap Pati na ang tagapag-ingat ng batas Na maipairal n'yan ng buong tapat Ang paghimay ayon sa sukatang patas

Partikular laban sa mga maykaya, Na kalimutan ay posibleng kasangga Ng nakataataa at maimpluwensya, Kung kaya't mailap minsan ang hustisya

At di ang tunay na maysala ang siyang Nabibilanggo at napapanusahan; Kundi ang kawawang sunud-sunuran Sa utos ng ilang makapangyarihan.

O ng naghaharing angkan, na kabaya Ng mga Ampatuan at ibang suspek pa, Sa karumaldumal at maka-hayop na Pagpatay sa aming kapatid sa Media

At sa marami pang mga walang malay Na wala ring taros na pinagpapatay Ng mga demonyo sa tabi ng daan, Saka ibinaon sa isang hukay.

Kaya tunay naman ding napakasakit Ang sinapit pati ng mga Journalists, Na ang pakay lang ay mangalap, maghatid Ng pagbabalita sa puntong nabanggit.

Pero ng dahil lang sa pagtupad nila Ng tungkuling dapat ihayag sa masa, Panganib lagi ang kaakibat tuwina Lalo't ang usapin ay pampulitika.

At ng bantang kung di itikom ang ibig Sa pagsisiwalat ng anumang nais Nilang ilantad ay posibleng iligpit, Gaya ng ginawa sa ilang Journalists

Na paisa-isang itinotomba riyang Ng nakararaming salot ng lipunan, Na kagaya nitong pinatay kailan Ilang Sa ibang dako ng ating kapuluan.

Na di pa rin lutas pati ang naunang Pagpaslang, bunsod ng sobrang kabagalan Ng ilang ahensya ng pamahalaan Na dapat tumutok nitong nakaraan.

Kung saan pati na posibleng testigo Na puedeng magamit ng ating hugdang Upang matatag na tumayo ang kaso Ay takot humarap at isakripisyo

Ang sarili, pagkat ang kinakailangang Proteksiyon dapat ibigay sa sinumang Nais tumestigo'y walang katiyakan Na matatamo ng kinauukulan.

Sa kung ilang administrasyong nagdaan, Partikular na kay Gloria Macapagal, Kung saan ang 'media killings' na natural Ay lumobo sa kanyang kapanahunan.

Sa puntong yan wala kaming tanging hiling Kay P-Noy kundi ang sana'y bigyang pansin Ng kanyang mandato itong 'media killings' Na maipakulong ang mga salarin; (Pati kung sino ang talagang bumaril Kay Ninoy - na dating kabilang sa amin)

# P4.6-B used for anti-flood projects in Pampanga

FROM PAGE 1

Tokwing Joint Ventures, a contractor for one project costing P491-million, was recently identified by Public Works Sec. Rogelio Singson as among which had cornered most of the projects from calamity fund under the Arroyo administration.

A report presented by the Mt. Pinatubo Engineering-Project Management Office (MPE-PMO) to the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PampCham) indicated that the projects costing P4.6-billion are a component of engineering interventions against Mt. Pinatubo's lahar flows and floods laid out way back in 1996.

None of the projects were among the 19 that was ordered suspended in various parts of the country by Public Works Sec. Rogelio Singson.

The report referred to the projects as Pinatubo Hazard Urgent Mitigation

Projects or PHUMP with three phases. Phase 1 cost P2.5 billion and covered projects implemented from 1996 to 2001 at the Sacobia-Bamban River, which used to be an active lahar channel from Mt. Pinatubo between Pampanga and Tarlac.

Phase 2, costing P4.5 billion, covered the Pasig-Potrero river and a proposed "third river" affecting Pampanga supposed to be implemented from 1999 to 2006. The third river, however, has not been fully implemented.

Phase 3, costing P4.6 billion, has six "contract packages" covering projects, again at the Pasig-Potrero and the Porac-Gumain river basins. These rivers, particularly the Porac-Gumain, affects former Pres. Arroyo's Lubao hometown in the second district of Pampanga. This phase started in 2008 and slated for completion in 2015.

The DPWH report said that funds for these

projects were either derived or are expected to be derived from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and had nothing to do with the six special allotment release orders (SARO) given to the second engineering district of the DPWH for roads and flood control projects in six towns in Pampanga's second district.

The SARO's, all dated last May 20, showed that P20 million allocation for Lubao; P15 million for Porac; P20 million for Guagua; P20 million for Floridablanca; P15 million for Sta. Rita; and P15 million for Sasmuan. Mrs. Arroyo won overwhelmingly in congressional race in these towns comprising the second district.

Budget Secretary Florencio Abad said earlier that since no bidding had been done or contracts awarded on projects using these funds, the allocations could be recalled and used for projects that were badly needed.

In his first State of the Nation Address, Pres. Aquino accused the Arroyo administration of squandering the government financial resources. He noted that Mrs. Arroyo had set aside a P2-billion national calamity fund for this year, of which P1.4 billion had already been spent. Pampanga received P108 million, of which P105 million went to Arroyo's district during the election month, he added.

In a meeting of PampCham recently, one of the contractors under Package 3 of PHUMP Phase 3 came under fire after MPE-PMO project manager Philip Menez reported the contractor has failed to finish its project that could ease flooding in the capitol town of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The project assigned to RD Policarpio covers rehabilitating some 5.26 kilometers of the San Fernando river so as to allow the free flow of floodwaters in the city. The project cost

some P169 million.

Menez said contractor RD Policarpio Construction is the "only problematic contractor" assigned to Phase 3. He noted that China Water International Corp. is on schedule in its work at the Porac-Gumain

River diversion channel (P1.5 billion), the Tokwing Joint Venture in the construction of outlets and bridges at the San Fernando river (P491 million), and LRT Construction in flood mitigation works in Guagua town (P183 million).

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of HONORIO M. LIMPIN who died intestate on January 9, 2000 at Dr. Armando L. Garcia Hospital in Angeles City executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of his estate more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 232-1-2 of the subd. plan Psd-03-012293, being a portion of Lot 232-1 (LRC) Pas-327720, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga and covered by TCT No. 340156-R.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 30, August 6 & 13, 2010

### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 61 ANGELES CITY

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILDREN, JOLINA S. MARCELO AND CATHERINE S. SAMPANG,

SP. PROC. NO. 8411

SPS. MARK STEVEN HENSON AND LERMA LEE C. SAMPANG - HENSON  
Petitioners,

X ----- X

#### ORDER

In this amended petition for adoption of minors, Jolina S. Marcelo and Catherine S. Sampang, the petitioners alleged that Mark Steven Henson is an American citizen while Lerma Lee C. Sampang-Henson is a natural born Filipino citizen. They reside at No. 2009-2 California St., Villasol, Balibago, Angeles City. They got legally married on April 21, 2004. However, up to the present they have no children of their own. They decided to adopt Jolina S. Marcelo and Catherine S. Sampang who are both nieces of petitioner wife Lerma Lee C. Sampang-Henson. Jolina S. Marcelo who was born on August 27, 1997 is the daughter of Lerma Lee's sister, Vilma C. Sampang-Marcelo and Catherine S. Sampang who was born on January 22, 2000 is the daughter of Lerma Lee's brother, Ricardo C. Sampang.

Mark Steven Henson is 49 years old while Lerma Lee is 30 years old. His government has diplomatic relations with the Philippines and considering that the minors are relatives within the 4<sup>th</sup> civil degree by consanguinity of his petitioner wife, Lerma Lee C. Sampang-Henson, the requirement of 3 years residency under Section 7 (b) of R.A. No. 8552 and certification of his qualifications to adopt in his country are waived.

As to their qualifications to adopt, in addition to the foregoing, they are legally, financially, physically and morally capable to bring up and educate the two minors properly and adequately. They have been supporting and providing the needs of the minors such as expenses for education, shelter, food, health and other needs and they will continue doing these. As proof of such continuing support, they executed a joint affidavit of support. They receive an annual income of US\$111,123 and have savings of US\$34,264.40 and own real property worth more or less US\$255,000 located at 1101 Jeanett Way, Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland 21014. They had undergone psychological and medical examinations and consultation which found them physically, psychologically and emotionally fit and capable to take care of the children. They are of good moral character and have not been charged nor convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude. The children who are more than ten (10) years old are likewise qualified to be adopted and like their respective parents, are aware of this adoption and they have given their written consent to this adoption. Petitioner wife's illegitimate child, Kyla Melissa Joyce Sampang, has also given her written consent to this adoption. Lerma Lee's identification cards and other documents carry her name Lerma Lee C. Henson for which reason, she attached to this petition an affidavit of discrepancy.

As to their relationship to the children, they have established a cordial parents and daughters relationship. They have loved and supported the children. As proof of their good relationship they have picture with them as one happy family. The children have no properties of their own except those personal properties they have provided them. They want to adopt the children as their adoption will serve the best interest, welfare and well-being of the subject minors.

In prayer, the petitioners pray that after due notice, publication and hearing, a judgment be rendered ordering the subject minors free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to their natural parents and that they be declared as the adopted children of herein petitioners and use the full name Jolina Sampang Henson and Catherine Sampang Henson, respectively.

Attached to the petition is the Social Case Study report of Zenaída David, one of the RTC Social Workers. However, a reading of the same shows that it is the Home and Child Study Report.

This Court finds the petition sufficient in form and in substance and therefore, sets it for hearing on August 2, 2010 at 1:30 in the afternoon, on which date and hour, any person who may have an interest in or may be affected by this petition is ordered to appear and signify his/her opposition to this petition.

Let 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.

Any person who may be affected by or may have an interest in this petition is given fifteen (15) days from the last publication of this order within which to file his/her opposition thereto.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, Philippines, July 12, 2010.

BERNARDITA GABITAN ERUM  
Judge

PUNTO! Central Luzon: July 16, 23 and 30, 2010



# The Gossip-miller

by Cesar Pambid

"Hindi naman, medyo matagal din akong nabakante. Bale last regular show ko pa 'yung Stairway to Heaven, after that wala pahinga na ako at ngayon lang ako ulit nagkaroon ng show.

"Pero, eversince naman, ang mga tao ang nagdesisyon kung ano ang ibibigay na label sa akin. Pero ewan ko. Siguro naman noong time na 'yun, hindi mo naman masasabi na favoritism," di ba?

"Hindi naman ibig sabihin na may trabaho ako ulit, huwag naman natin baliktarin 'yun. Kasi 'yun naman talaga ang mangyayari. Magpapahinga ang tao, magiging busy. Siguro, mawawala ulit, ganoon. Tanggapin na lang natin kung paano ang kalakaran sa showbiz," mahabang komento ni Rhian.

# Kaibigan lang daw si Mo Twister... Rhian Ramos di prioridad ang pag-ibig

MISMONG SI Rhian Ramos ang nagsabing kaibigan lang niya si Mo Twister. Kung anumang daw yung kumakalat na isyung silang dalawa na ay walang katotohanan. Pero sinabi rin ni Rhian na talagang importanteng lalake sa buhay niya si Mo sa ngayon. "We dine out, we go out together, pero hanggang dun alng yun, no romance involved," paniniyak pa ni Rhian.

Kahit naman si Mo is denying this issue at kahit na panay pa ang tukso sa kaniilang dalawa, hindi siya bumibigay at talaga namang pinangangatawanang wala sila ni Rhian.

"She is just a very special girl, a very special friend, yun lang wala ng iba."

Pero saan naman kaya hahantong ang espesyal nilang pagkakaibigan?

Hindi kaya in the end lumabas na talagang sila na nga?

At kung meron man daw pinagkakaabalahan ngayon ngayon si Rhian, ito ay ang bago niyang sitcom sa GMA 7.

After mapanood sa sitcom na Kaya ng Powers, pinaghandaan naman daw ng prime artist ng GMACC na si Rhian Ramos ang bago niyang Kapuso primetime series na Illumina, with Aljur Abrenica and Jackie Rice.

May kabog daw sa dibdi si Rhian sa kanyang bagong soap dahil naglalakihang artista ang makakasama nito sa Illumina, tulad nina Christopher de Leon, Jean Garcia, Ara Mina at ang balik-Kapusong si Cesar Montano.

"Masayang-masaya ako kasi nu'ng nalaman ko na makakasama ko si Ara Mina, natuwa ako. Tapos si Christopher de Leon pa then si Jean Garcia, siyempre masa-yang-masaya lalo ako.

"And to top it all, nandoon pa si Cesar Montano na sa buong career ko, hindi ko akalaing makakatrabaho ko. Akala ko kasi, strictly nasa ABS-CBN na siya, pero mali 'yung akala ko at makakatrabaho ko pala siya. Ang saya 'di ba?

"Masaya lang talaga ako dahil hindi lang top actors and actresses ang makakasama ko, nawa-widen pa 'yung range ng mga taong puwede kong makuhanan ng lessons sa pag-arte," kuwento ni Rhian.

At dahil sa sunud-sunod na trabaho, hindi pa rin nakakaligtas sa puna si Rhian na kesyo paborito daw siya ng GMA7.

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## "Hindi buntis si Kris Aquino!" – BOY ABUNDA

TO THE RESCUE agad-agad si Boy Abunda sa kanyang matalik na kaibigang si Kris Aquino. Tungkol ito dun sa isyung kumalat sa isang internet site nakabuntis naga si Kris. The site alleged na buntis nga si Kris and suffering from eclemsia, isang grabeng kundisyon ng mga buntis na may kinalaman na blood pressure. Ayon pa sa tsismis ng site, hindi matutuloy si Kris sa Pilipinas Win na Win kasi nga, may diperensiya si kris.

Sabi pa, hindi naman daw magpapalit ng desisyon si Kris na di na makikisama kay James Yap kahit pa buntis na ito.

Anyway, malinaw yung ipinasabi daw ni Kris kay Boy Abunda na walang katotohanang ang isyung siya ay buntis. "No, Kris Aquino is not pregnant, hindi siya buntis, hindi siya buntis," paulit-ulit na sabi pa ni Boy sa isang news program.

"Hindi nga raw alam ni Kris kung saan nanggaling ang mga ganyang istorya ng wala namang katotohanan. Anyway, siya mismo ang nagsabi sa aking walang katotohanan yan, kaya tuloy na tuloy na sa Sabado yung Pilipians Win Na Win."

So there!

## Krista mang-aagaw ng lalaki ng may lalaki!

MATAGAL NAGPAIKOT-İKOT yung istoryang inagaw ni Krista Ranilio si Manny Pacquiao sa asawa nitong si Jinky .

Kung true ito o hindi, malabo nang malaman ng publiko dahil wala naming umaaming kampo tungkol dito.

Ang malinaw ngayon, sa mode na inagaw din ni Krista yung lalaking pakakasalan niya. Kumpirmado ang tsikang ikakasal na nga si Krista Ranillo sa boyfriend nitong si Nino Lim sa August 8. Ikinagulat nga raw ito ng ilang kababayan natin lalo't ang alam nila ay si Janelle So, news anchor sa TFC na long time girlfriend nitong si Nino ang pakakasalan ni lalaki.

Ang tsika nga, may relasyon pa nang ipinagpalit daw nito ang gf kay Krista. Bongga for sure ang magiging buhay ng aktres sa piling ng mapapangasawa dahil may-ari lamang naman ito ng ilang department stores. Kaya naman parang hindi na 'ya pinanghihinayangan ang pagtalikod sa showbiz dito sa Pilipinas.

Marami rin ang nabigla sa biglang pagyaman ni Krista na ayon pa sa aming source bukod sa pagkakaroon ng sariling boutique ay mayroon na ring supermarket.

## Willie Revillame sobrang demoted sa ABS-CBN

BY NOW alam na ng lahat na tuluyan nang sinibak ang Wowowee ni Willie Revillame sa ABS-CBN. For obvious reasons, sinibak na nga ng program at yan ay upang i-rid off si Willie sa ABS-CBN. Instead na pagbigyan nga ang mga imposibleng demands ni Willie, ayun, isang once a week show na lang ang naka-earmarked para sa kanya.

Nakasaad sa announcement last Tuesday na may ibibigay na bagong show kay Willie, kung ano ito ay hindi pa ini-reveal ng management but isang source ang nagsabi sa amin na once a week show ang inihahain sa TV host-comedian at kasalukuyang nasa proseso pa ng negosasyon.

Samantala, Pilipinas, Win na Win na ang bagong title ng noontime show nina Robin Padilla, Kris Aquino, Mariel Rodriguez, Pokwang at Valerie Concepcion at hindi na Pilipinas for the Win na naunang inanunsyo ng ABS-CBN management.

Napagdesisyonang ang bagong title dahil mas madali raw itong tandaan at sabihin kesa sa dati.

From a source, we learned na biglaan ang naturang show at bago narating ang desisyon na ito ay napakaraming options at planong pinagpilian.

'Yung ideyang magkakaroon ng game show si Kris sa tanghali, noon pa lumulutang ang balitang ito at halos kumpirmado kung tutuusin dahil nang iprinta sa TV host-actress ang konsepto ng show ay nagustuhan niya at kaagad na tinanggap.

Pero ang unang plano ay hindi niya papalitan ang Wowowee. The original plan was isisingit ang time slot niya at papagitna sa Show Time at Wowowee.

'Yung pagkakatanggal sa Wowowee ay biglaan, ayon sa aming source, pati na ang pagka-cast kay Robin sa bagong show.

We learned na last Saturday lang sinabi kay Robin ng management ang bagong show. Nagustuhan naman daw ng action star na ngayon ay bago nang TV host at pumayag siyang gawin ito.

Matatandaang tinanggihan ni Binoe ang offer ng network na mag-host ng Wowowee dahil ang katwiran niya ay para kay Willie ang show na ito.

This time ay bagong show ang in-offer sa kanya kaya tinanggap niya.

What surprised everyone ay ang pagsisimula nito na ngayong Sabado na agad. Noong Sunday daw napagdesisyonang ng management na magsimula na sa July 31 at Monday naman umano nabuo ang desisyon na tuluyan nang alisin ang Wowowee matapos ang pakikipag-usap kay Willie ng mga bossing.

Marami ang nagulat sa announcement kasama na ang iba pang hosts na sina Mariel, Pokwang at Valerie.

Si Pokwang ay ipinakitang napaiyak pa nang tanungin ng TV news about the new show na kasama siya. Si Mariel din daw ay walang kaalam-alam sa bagong development.

Maging ang manager ni Valerie na si Becky Aguila ay nagulat sa biglaang desisyonang kumalat noong Martes ng hapon.

Kasabay nito siyempre ay natuwa ang manager na na-absorb si Val sa bagong show dahil as we all know, ang ibang mga kasamahan nito sa Wowowee ay natsugi na.



Krista Ranillo

# 2 landfills eyed for Angeles garbage

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ficer Deo Sambilay disclosed that City Administrator Atty. Dennis "Noy" Pamintuan had proposed to the mayor that the Montalban landfill would be a better choice.

Sambilay said that in a study made by Atty. Noy, they will save some P2-million in monthly expenses in transporting garbage to Montalban.

"Even it's far we can still save a lot of money because Montalban

charges a flat rate of P3,500 per truckload of garbage. The landfill in Capas charges us per ton," Sambilay said.

The mayor said they will test for three days bringing the garbage to Montalban. It will begin either today (Friday) or on Saturday.

It could be recalled that Nepomuceno had incurred some P63-million of unpaid debts to the Kalangitan landfill. The city then was banned from dumping waste for at least three

months before the May 2010 elections.

Less than a month before vacating his post, Nepomuceno decided to stock truckloads of garbage at a Material Recovery Facility making it a virtual open dumpsite. The MRF is situated near a public hospital and a public market in Barangay Pampang.

Pamintuan said the city government would soon resume bringing garbage either at Montalban or Capas after the bidding

on hauling.

"It has been the focus of my administration to solve the garbage problem which hounded our city for the past three years. With the help of the community, we can all come up with the best solution to rid our city with garbage," said Pamintuan in a statement.

He added that "we were able to clean up the Pampang MRF and more than 500 truckloads of garbage and those trucks were used by the city government free of charge."

# Rehab ng open dumpsite...

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paing nasasakupan ng Clark Freeport na matatagpuan sa Barangay Kalangitan, Capas Tarlac.

"Hindi maaaring manatili ang ganitong pagtatapon ng basura, baka sa halip na luminis ang ating kapaligiran ay makasira at maka-apekto pa sa kalusugan ng tao," ani Valerio at iginiiit na kalinisan at sanitasyon ay responsibilidad ng bawat isa.

Sinabi rin niya na matagal ng napabayaan ang nasabing basurahan kaya't kailangan ang maingat na rehabilitasyon.

Inayunan naman ito ng mga mag-aaral at guro ng BuISU partikular na ang mga may klase sa gusali ng College of Social Science and Philosophy (CSSP) na matatagpuan sa tabi ng basurahan.

Ayon sa mga mag-aaral, mula pa noong sila ay nasa unang taon (first year) ng pag-aaral ay problema na nila ang nasabing

basurahan. Ngayon ay nasa ikatlong taon (third year) na sila ng pag-aaral sa BuISU.

"Kung hindi mausok, mabahong-mabaho ang amoy," ani ng mga mag-aaral.

Hindi lingid sa mga guro at opisyal ng BuISU ang problemang ito, at ito ay napatunayan ng Punto batay sa mga dokumento o liham na kaniilang ipinahatid sa kapitolyo at pamunuan ng BMC, bukod pa sa panayam sa kanila.

"Ayon kay Dr. Mariano De Jesus, mahigit dalawang taon na nilang inireklamo ang nasabing basurahan.

Batay naman sa pahayag ni Dr. Protacio Bajao, ang hepe ng BMC, ang nasabing basurahan ay isang "temporary holding area."

Sinabi pa ni Bajao na tumanggi ang dating pamunuan ng lungsod ng Malolos na kolektahin ang basura sa kapitolyo kaya't iyon naipon.

# Probers in Tetangco murders...

FROM PAGE 1

Amando Tetangco, and a certain Dennis Guinto in this city and neighboring Mabalacat town.

Rosario said the driver, whom he declined to name, reportedly owed Yap some P60,000. His cell phone number was the last to be dialed by Yap on his phone.

He said a woman had identified the number as belonging to the driver who was her friend. Apparently, however, the driver had already junked the SIM

card bearing that number, he noted.

"It would seem that the driver was in the area of Nueva Ecija when Yap called him up. It was the last call Yap made at about 7:51 p.m. on the night they were murdered," Rosario said.

The bodies of the three were found in Yap's Ford Expedition van abandoned on an empty lot along Friendship Avenue in Barangay Pampang here. They were apparently killed elsewhere but the suspect drove their bodies to the site

to confuse probers. The victims were on their way to King's Poker and Sports Club in this city when they were killed sometime between 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. last June 2.

The three victims were supposed to play poker with former Bacolor Mayor Buddy Dungca and defeated mayoral candidate Dinan Labung at King's club, but they never reached their destination.

Rosario clarified, however, that the driver was not employed by either Dungca or Labung. "The driver

used to work for another person with whom Yap had played poker with for about a year before the murders," he said.

Rosario said the driver might have decoyed victims, who were already driving to King's, to another destination for the murder plot.

This, even as the task force has identified a fenced property with a warehouse in Barangay Sta. Cruz in Porac, Pampang as the probable site of the still unsolved murders. --*Ding Cervantes*

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# NFA: No spoiled rice in Bulacan

BY DINO BALABO

MALOLOS CITY—Not a bag of imported rice in National Food Authority (NFA) warehouses in Bulacan was rotten, said Serafin Manalili, manager of NFA-Bulacan.

However, he admitted that they have to dispose sacks of rice in six months since their warehouses are not equipped to keep inventories longer.

Manalili added that the province will have enough rice supply until the first quarter of next year when imported rice will start coming in.

He said that rice stocks have shelf life of six months to one year. "It's impossible, because we were able to dispose our inventories within the allocated period of time."

"Our warehouses and the warehouses that we rent are not equipped to maintain certain temperature, so we have to dispose our older inventories first," he said noting that it is within the six month period.

Manalili also said that modern warehouses are equipped with large air-conditioning machines, but it will jack up the price of rice if they try to do the same.

Rice inventories of the NFA are usually sold in some 500 NFA-accredit-



Serafin Manalili, manager of National Food Authority office in Bulacan inspects grains of rice on their inventory. He said that there are 1.076-Million bags of rice in their warehouses in the province that will be enough until the first quarter of the year. PHOTO BY DINO BALABO

ed stores in different parts of the province.

At present, Manalili said that Bulacan have 1.076-million sacks of rice which can last until the first quarter of next year.

About 220,000 sacks of the said inventories were procured locally while more than 700,000 bags were imported by the NFA national office from Thailand and Vietnam.

Manalili stressed that current rice of inventory of Bulacan meant that the province's 3.2-million population will have enough rice until next year as per capita daily consumption

is only 250 grams of rice per person per day.

Eduardo Camua, another NFA-Bulacan official, said that NFA's local procurement has started gaining momentum in 2008 when the country faced rice shortage.

He noted that one of the reason for NFA's high procurement was due to the higher price their offered to farmers compared to price offered by commercial traders.

Camua said that NFA is paying P17 per kilo of palay while commercial traders are offering lower price than that.

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