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on the 2nd anniversary
of the Maguindanao Massacre

Self-fulfilling prophecy

REFERRING to the extrajudicial killings that were so much a part of the past Arroyo administration, and the killing of journalists that spiked on November 23, 2009, President Benigno Aquino III declared in his 2010 State of the Nation Address (SONA) that his administration would "hold murderers accountable."

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DOH opens Red Orchid Awards in CL

By DING CERVANTES

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The Department of Health-Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) in Central Luzon said yesterday it is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Red Orchid Awards.

DOH-CHD information officer Sherill Aure said “the Red Orchid aims to give due recognition to government offices, government hospitals and local government units (LGUs) with commendable practices and measures

against smoking.”

Aure said the “nominees will be judged based on the strength of their comprehensive efforts to implement a 100 percent tobacco-free environment following the World Health Organization’s MPOWER initiative.”

MPOWER is an acronym referring to the six anti-smoking objectives including monitoring tobacco use and prevention, protecting people from tobacco smoke, offering help to those who want to stop smoking, warning on

the dangers of smoking, enforcing laws against tobacco advertising, and raising taxes on tobacco.

Aure said those who would obtain the highest rating of at least 85 percent would be bestowed with Red Orchid Award.

Aside from the trophy, winners would be given a certificate of recognition and P100,000 worth of nicotine replacement therapy patches and medicines to help smokers quit.

She also said that the

Pink Orchid Award would be given to the first runner up and the White Orchid Award to the second runner up.

Aure advised those interested to make nominations to download an assessment form from the website www.doh.gov.ph and submit it to the DOH-CHD regional office here in the soonest possible time.

The latest Red Orchid awardee was Balanga City in Bataan. Other previous awardees were the cities of Maasin, Davao, Roxas and Legaspi.

North Phil nets P2-M in sales

ANGELES CITY – This year’s North Philippines Tourism and Travel Expo, held on November 11-13, 2011 at SM City Clark earned P2 million in actual and projected sales.

Regional Director Ronaldo Tiotuico of the Department of Tourism – Region III said “this may be declared as the top grosser after six years of implementation.”

He said more than 100 tourism exhibitors and merchandisers joined what he described as the biggest marketing event of the year.

“The annual event is a showcase of a wealth of opportunities for people needing to travel anywhere around the country – all under one roof,” Tiotuico said.

He added that most of the tourism-related enterprises and traders that participated in the travel mart expressed satisfaction over the outcome of the event because thousands of shoppers and would-be travelers visited the exhibits and trade booths for vital information on the next best places to visit and pasalubong to bring home.

Retailers from Ilocos and Pampanga said their sales increased this year. Some of the native products they sell include delicacies ranging from Sukang Ilocos, longanisang Vigan and Cabanatuan, tinapang bangus from Bataan to peanut brittle from Baguio and Christmas décor from Pampanga.

Tiotuico said that “even travel agents and hoteliers (including resort owners) were ecstatic about the success of the event.”

“Bookings on accommodation and tour packages were contracted until the first quarter of 2012. Shoppers were treated to a 3-day line-up of cultural presentations, games and raffle draws,” he said.

The regional director also disclosed that “on the international front, seven big-ticket travel agents from Malaysia and Singapore including the Sabah Tourism Board flew in to witness the affair and see for themselves what the North Philippines has to offer.”

“They flew back home happy about their fam trips to Subic, Clark, Manila and Baguio even as they committed to start selling tour packages back home. The agents were invited to a Buyer-Meets-Seller program where they met and did business with their local counterparts here on November 12 at Holiday Inn Clark,” Tiotuico said.

During the awarding rites, the pavilion of Aurora province capped the Best Destination Pavilion for the third time, earning its rightful place in the prestigious hall of fame award.

On the other hand, the province of Nueva Vizcaya won the Best Booth Category (for LGU) followed by Olongapo City and Bataan. The Sabah Tourism Board led by Gordon Yapp won the Best Booth (for corporate category) tied up with Pampanga Agents Travel Society (PATS). PATS also won the Early Bird award followed by Cebu Pacific and Zobic Safari.

Among the seven DOT booths that participated in the event, DOT - NCR bagged the Best DOT Showcase followed by Region VI and XII. DOT-NCR and Intramuros won the Best Booth Staff Award. Cebu Pacific Air won the Best On-site Marketing and Promotions Award for giving away discounts to “early bird” passengers.

The event was organized by the four regional offices of the Department of Tourism in the North Philippines (Regions 1, 2, 3, and CAR) and fully supported by the Central Luzon Tourism Council, Inc. and PETCO as event organizer.

Among the corporate sponsors are: Cebu Pacific as official airline partner, The Manor Camp John Hay, Ensogo.Com, Holiday Inn Clark, Manila North Tollways Corp., Business Mirror, Punto Central Luzon, Sunstar Pampanga and CLTV36. Destination partners included Aurora, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Clark Development Corp., and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

This year, aside from the four regional destinations in the north, the event was participated in by other regions in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, namely Region NCR, Region 6 (Western Visayas), Region 7 (Central Visayas), Region 11 (Southern Mindanao) and Region 12 (South Central Mindanao). Four attached agencies of the department also participated, namely Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), Nayong Pilipino, Intramuros Administration and Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA).



LECTURE-FORUM. Angeles City Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan, along with Bishop Pablo S. David, awards a plaque of appreciation and token to Regina Lopez (left), managing director of ABS-CBN Foundation. Lopez is one of the invited resource speaker during the 3rd lecture-forum series on Environmental Waste Management conducted by the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Politics (PPCRP) at Holy Angel University. **PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELES CIO**

Trade officials upbeat on Ecija SMEs

By ARMAND GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY – Nueva Ecija entrepreneurs ranked second, next to Pampanga, when they generated a total sales amounting to P8.448-million in the recent Likhang Central Luzon (LCL) Trade Fair.

Pampanga got P9.99-million in total sales but local trade officials here have underscored on Monday an upward trend in terms “of quality and marketability of local products.”

Nueva Ecija’s shared 27.60% of the P30.606-million total regional sales which is lower than Pampanga’s 32.67%.

The figure is also lower than Ecija’s previous year sales of P25.584-million. “This was however true to other provinces as the total regional sales dropped to P30.606-million from 2010’s total sales of P42.399 million,” said Brigida Pili, provincial director of the Department of Trade and Industry in Nueva Ecija.

She noted that the 13th regional fair at the SM Mega-

mall (Megatrade Hall 2) in Mandaluyong City was held on October 19-23, 2011, a few weeks after Typhoons “Pedring” and “Quiel” wrought havoc in several Luzon areas, including Metro Manila and Central Luzon.

Some 28 small and medium enterprises from different sectors such as food and food processing, wearables, homestyles, giftwares and holiday decors, from Nueva Ecija had their products exhibited, Pili said.

She added that they initially targeted only 25 participants.

“What we can see here is that our producers are growing in terms of quality of products as well as packaging,” Pili said.

A six-year old SME, Better Country Community Corporation from Gapan City engaged in agriculture especially production of guided rice (brown rice or unpolished rice like jasmine, dinorado, red rice, black rice and lutinous rice) and home decors topped all regional participants with a P1.539-million of combined cash

and booked sales during the LCL, she noted.

This development made BCCCI a Hall of Famer after besting the fair for four consecutive years - from 2008 to 2011).

Pili attributed the growing excellence of local SMEs to consistent government and private intervention, now called public-private partnership, with the introduction of various programs like the DTI’s One Town One Product (OTOP) where the agency helps a particular community in determining what product it has to fully develop.

“OTOP had boosted the performance of micro and small enterprises as well as farmers-producers and is continuously gaining a headway in SME development in the province,” said Ely Duran, DTI Nueva Ecija’s business development chief.

Underscoring Nueva Ecija’s vast natural resources, Pili said, the DTI coordinated with local governments and local entrepreneurs in drawing up with festivals that press producers to upgrade

whatever crops and craftsthey generate.

These include Walis Tambo Festival in San Antonio town every January; Longganisa Festival for Cabanatuan City in February; Mushroom of Guimba in March; Sibuyasan of Bongabon, Waterlily of Cuyapo, Pagibang Damara or Harvest Festival of San Jose City, Pandawan of Pantabangan, all in April; Tsinelas of Gapan City in April-May and Dairy Festival of Talavera, Llaneraans Science City of Munoz in May.

Palayan City, on the other hand, stages Calamansi festival in December.

The institutionalization of OTOP at the LGU level, the officials said, has resulted to the heightened awareness of the people on it an LGU and national government’s program, continuous LGU support enjoyed by the SMEs and other stakeholders, sustained implementation of public-private partnership and having OTOP products improved and becoming popular.

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PNoy urged to use same effort exerted vs. GMA

By DINO BALABO

MALOLOS CITY—Journalists and local officials here challenged the national government to end the culture of impunity and bring justice to Maguindanao massacre victims by exerting the same effort used in stopping the departure of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo from living the country.

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) Bulacan chapter said that recent government action on the former President shows that "it means business." However, when it comes to the Maguindanao Massacre, the Aquino administration appeared to lag behind in dealing with the case.

"The government showed its muscle in the

case of the former President, why not on the case of the Maguindanao Massacre?" the NUJP-Bulacan said in a brief statement on the eve of the second year anniversary of the gruesome murder of 58 persons including 32 journalists.

The same was echoed by Lawyer Christian Natividad, the mayor of this city.

In an interview yesterday,

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Gov. Pineda (left) welcomes Lee after his group joined the inspection of the Bacolor district hospital on Thursday. With them are (L-R) Board Members Garbo, Tolentino and Laus, Ho Choi, Choi and Dr. Sonny Aquino. PHOTO BY RIC GONZALES

Korean traders to donate medical equipment

By JOEY PAVIA

BACOLOR, Pampanga – Korean businessmen vowed to help Gov. Lilia "Baby" Pineda in improving a district hospital here by donating medical equipment needed for its full operation. It is expected to open late this year.

Pineda, together with Koreans Jin-Hwa Lee, president of the Kumsang Pharm Co., Ltd., and his com-

panions Choi Seung-Ho and JP Choi, visited the Ricardo Rodriguez Hospital (RRH) recently.

Board Members Cris Garbo, Raul Macalino, Nestor Tolentino and Monina "Monz" Laus also joined in welcoming the Koreans during the inspection of the hospital.

"We are here to see what's best we can give to the hospital. But there will be," Lee said.

Pineda thanked Lee's group,

saying "we can really provide decent medical care in all areas in Pampanga with the help of many."

Laus, chairman of the committee on health, said they welcome the help of Lee. "Hospital beds and other useful medical equipment are really needed."

Dr. Antonio Ong, head of the RRH, said the private contractor is set to turn over the building on No-

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P1.8-B panukalang budget, tiniyak na ipapasa ng SP

Ni ARMAND M. GALANG

PALAYAN CITY – Tiniyak ni Vice Gov. Jose Gay Padiernos na maipapasa ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) ang panukalang P1.8-billion pondo para sa taong 2012 bago matapos ang kasalakuyang taon.

Ayon kay Padiernos, nasa kasagsagan ngayon ang SP sa deliberasyon ng naturang panukala.

"We are now consulting with the various chiefs of officers. We expect the deliberations to be finished by December," ani Padiernos sa gitna ng pagtiyak na hindi na muling mararanasan ng pamahalaang

panlalawigan, sa ilalim ng kanilang pangangasiwa sa SP, na magtiis sa re-enacted na budget na tulad noong 2007, 2008, 2009 at 2010.

Ang pahayag ay ginawa ni Padiernos matapos isumite ni Gov. Aurelio Umali ang 2012 budget na may kabuuang halaga na P1,857,319,103.

Sinabi ni Umali na kasama sa kanyang prayoridad ang paglikha ng isang "agro-industrialized province," lalo pa't ang Nueva Ecija ay isang lugar pansakahan.

Sa kanyang budget message, sinabi ni Umali na ang panukalang gas-

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Mother of Pinoy on Saudi death row appeals for help

By DING CERVANTES

ANGELES CITY – With only about P430,000 raised from sympathizers out of the P35 million "blood money" needed to save her son from beheading in Saudi Arabia, Letty

Lanuzza has bared a commitment from "a group of Filipino businessmen" to add US\$10 to every US\$10 donation received from other supporters.

"This is a mother's appeal for your compassion to help her win her son's

life and his freedom," Mrs. Lanuzza, mother of death convict Rodelio "Dondon" Lanuzza, said in an email to Punto.

Appealing for more financial help to raise enough blood money, she said: "Please believe me

when I say that the death of a Saudi Arabian national caused by my son was accidental."

Her son was convicted of killing a Saudi Arabian national in 2000, but he insisted it was a self-de-

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Masusing pag-aaral sa Angat Dam dapat tiyakin ng pamahalaan

HAGONOY, Bulacan—Sino ang magsusuri sa mga resulta ng isinasagawang pag-aaral ng Engineering Corporation of the Philippines (Edcop) at Tonkin & Taylor sa katatagan ng Angat Dam?

Ito ang katanungan ni Inhinyero Roderick Dela Cruz, isang dam safety expert mula sa bayang ito matapos ipagkaloob ng National Power Corporation (Napocor) Metropolitan Waterworks and Sew-

erage Service (MWSS) at Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management (Psalm) ang kontrata sa mga nabanggit na kumpanya noong unang linggo ng Nobyembre.

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Bilang isang dam safety expert, ipinayo ni Inhinyero Roderick Dela Cruz ng Southern California Edison ang pagkakaroon ng independent consultant ng gobyerno sa pagsasagawa ng pag-aaral sa katatagan ng Angat Dam. Ang Kontratang nagkakahalagang P30.78 Milyon ay ipinagkaloob ng pamahalaan sa Edcop at Tonkin and Taylor upang magsagawa ng pag-aaral. KUHA NI DINO BALABO



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Despite that pledge, six journalists have been killed since then, or a total of ten since the Ampatuan Massacre of November 23, 2009 which claimed the lives of 58 men and women, of whom 32 were journalists and media workers. Dozens of human rights workers, political activists, labor leaders and others have also been abducted, tortured and killed during the same period.

In addition to the killings that have continued in the Aquino administration, a number of community journalists have also been threatened, sued for libel on the flimsiest grounds, barred from attending interviews and press conferences, and physically assaulted. In a recent incident, unidentified persons also burned a Catholic Church-owned radio station in Occidental Mindoro. All are indicative of a state of mind among those who want to silence the press that could, in the present circumstances, lead to murder.

And yet, except for increasing the budget of the Witness Protection Program and reforming the National Prosecution Services, the Aquino administration has taken almost none of the steps agreed upon in the August 2010 meeting between media advocacy and journalists' organizations and his communication group and the department of justice as necessary to stop the killings. Among these steps were Malacañang support for changes in the rules of court to speed up the judicial process, and the inclusion of media representatives in the formation of Quick Response Teams to immediately investigate the killing of journalists and assure the preservation of evidence in the crime site.

After his pledge in his 2010 SONA to prosecute murderers, Mr. Aquino has been surprisingly silent when it comes to both extrajudicial killings and the killing of journalists. A statement from him each time anyone, whether activist or journalist, is murdered declaring his displeasure over the failure of the police to prevent it, and ordering immediate police action, could prod the police to greater efficiency and warn the would-be killers that things have changed since the Arroyo regime, and they will now be prosecuted. Mr. Aquino has also yet to dismantle the private armies, despite their role in the November 23 massacre and in a number of other cases of political and journalists' murders in other parts of the country.

Only by demonstrating that the killers and would-be killers of journalists and political activists, human rights workers, students, judges, lawyers, and others who have been targeted in the Philippines can no longer get away with murder can the killings stop, and begin the process of dismantling the culture of impunity. That only ten cases involving the killing of journalists and almost none in the abduction, torture and murder of political activists have resulted in convictions since 1986 encourages the continuing killing of journalists and others in the Philippines. That much has been known to the national and international human rights, press freedom and media watch groups since 2003, when they found that the media and political killings had become so much a part of the Philippine environment because of the weaknesses of the justice system in the communities.

That awareness did not prevent the international press, free expression and media advocacy groups from being shocked when the Ampatuan Massacre, which included 26 non-journalists, occurred. They have declared November 23, 2009 the International Day to End Impunity not only to emphasize the global significance of what happened to journalists and media workers on that date, but also to call attention to the imperative of stopping political killings as well as the murder of journalists.

Has the Aquino administration surrendered even before the battle has begun? Is it that self-fulfilling prophecy that's driving the Aquino government's inability and apparent unwillingness to take the steps necessary to dismantle the culture of impunity so as to stop the killings that since 1986 have made widows, widowers and orphans of hundreds of Filipinos?

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Zona Libre

Bong Z. Lacson

Two years have passed. And still counting. But there shall be no forgetting. The mourning continues. The struggle for justice remains unceasing. The fight to end the culture of impunity that caused and effected the massacre unwavering. Heed us then the call to arms: "Do not go quietly into that good night...Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

To us the living is repositied that sacred duty until justice is done and the victims of the Ampatuan massacre, as well as all the martyrs in the cause

There shall be no forgetting

IN PAIN. In sorrow. In rage. Today, November 23, 2011, we solemnly observe the second anniversary of media's own day that will live in infamy. Nowhere in the world, not at any time in history had there been 32 media workers killed in one place, in a single day. Not to mention the 20 other civilians who perished along with them.

The evil of that day impacted in our minds, the tragedy befallen our colleagues inscribed in our hearts, the heinousness of it all troubling our very souls.

Two years have passed. In the Filipino tradition, the period of mourning has already ended a year back yet. That life has moved on.

But not to us.

Two years have passed. With the pain, the grief over our loss only increasing by the day. The nation embittered by the slowness of the justice system.

of press freedom shall truly rest in peace.

Dalawang taon na ang lumipas. Subali't hindi pa rin tayo makakapag-babang luksa.

Patuloy ang panaghoy, kaakibat ang pagpapaigting sa pakikibaka. Hanggang ang katarungan ay ganap na makamtan.

Ang paglimot sa adhikaing ito, ang paglihis sa tungkuling ito ay paglapastangan sa kadakilaan ng pagbuwis ng buhay ng mga martir ng Maguindanao.

Matapos ang dalawang taon, wala pa rin ang pagluluksa.

Opening the skies

BEING archipelagic in land-forms, a group of islands separated by the seas from each other and the mainland continents, the Philippines' internal travel or the movement of people and cargo had to be by boats or by land vehicles over bridges where these were feasible between the islands. The development of aviation provided another medium of transportation. Likewise, this is the nature of the connection of the Philippines with the rest of the world.

Transportation or the movement of people and goods within economies is a basic condition for the development of human settlements and commercial trade. The general profile of the theory of locations in the world reveal the conduct of transportation along natural and established paths and roads by land and along rivers and seas by waterways. These transportation arteries have given birth to break-bulks along strategic points on lands and to ports along waters. These have evolved into hubs for settlements and cities and centers of commerce.

The initial settlements of the Philippines, with Pampanga as a specific example, demonstrate this theory of transportation. The early settlers from Indonesia, Malaysia and even China went through Manila Bay, entered the mouth of the Rio Grande of Pampanga and settled on the enormous plains which the rivers led into. Pampanga means "river-

banks." And almost all of the Pampanga town centers are along rivers, with a tripartite center of development of the Municipio, the Church and the Marketplace clustered together.

On a global scale, the colonization thrusts into becoming the first world powers of Spain and England was due to their naval supremacy inspite of being small countries. This is still evident from the strategic naval supremacy and coverage of the world by the USA. However, today, the sophistication and technology of air and space travel has opened up new dimensions of global power, politics and economics. The USA, by virtue of its supremacy on land, sea and air, leads the world in managing the global political dynamics. The commercial and economic aspects of transportation, particularly aviation, is much more complex.

With the air space of a country being a vital economic and strategic resource and the specification of the nine freedoms of the air agreed upon in the Chicago Convention of 1944 (which this column discussed), countries have begun to use these as negotiation chips in order to secure consequent economic benefits brought about by trade and transportation. Commercial aviation provides the fastest, most efficient and even most cost effective means of moving people and goods. These results in more trading activities, specialization, comparative advan-



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Romeo N. Dyoco, Jr.

tages, logistics benefits, production and employment. In short, economic development and progress to be accessed by and spread to each corner of the world. At least, theoretically.

This brings us to specific negotiations principles and issues. And there is the classic debate of free trade versus regulated or controlled trade, free market principles versus governmental, in varying degrees, intervention. Will we specify and calibrate each freedom of our air to be negotiated? And under what terms and reciprocal requirements? What about opening the skies entirely? We are told that the Philippines is one of the few left which has not adopted open skies. This is not precisely correct. But let us process these questions in the next column.

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Hard to Get Joey Aguilar

Ang kanilang mga hotel at hostel naman, maliban sa mura na at maganda, ay may libreng wifi access ang lahat na silid. Hindi kagaya ng mga malalaking hotel sa Pampanga at Clark na bukod sa napakamahal ang bayad ay hindi pa libre ang wifi access. Maraming mga turista tuloy ang nadidismaya.

Ang mayamang kasaysayan ng Vietnam at mga Vietnamese ang nagiging kalakasan ng kanilang turismo at hindi ang pagpapalit lamang ng slogan. Paano mo nga naman makakalimutan ang karanasan sa makasaysayang Cu Chi tunnel kung saan natalo ang Estados Unidos. Bilang mga turista ay ma-uukit din sa aming isipan at puso ang mga katotohanang nasa War Remnants Museum na hindi pa alam ng maraming tao.

Pero sa aking karanasan sa paglalakbay, sa pagpunta sa ibang bansa kagaya ng Macau, Hongkong at Vietnam, masasabi ko na walang katulad ang Pilipinas pagdating sa yaman sa kasaysayan at sa marami pang bagay.

Makasaysayang mga lugar kagaya ng Bataan, Bulacan at Cebu, mga kahanga-hangang gawa ng mga Pilipino kagaya ng Banawe Rice Terraces, at ang tanawin sa ibat ibang mga lugar kasama na ang underground

Lakbay Aral

MADAMI akong natutuhan sa pagpunta namin sa Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Pagbaba palang sa taxi ay agad ko ng napansin ang maraming mga puno at halaman sa gitna ng lungsod na halos dalawang metro lamang ang layo sa bawat isa, naka-numero na tila palatandaan upang huwag itong putulin.

Dahil sa mga punong ito'y hindi namin masyadong naramdaman ang init bagamat ang Vietnam ay isang tropikal na bansa kagaya ng Pilipinas.

Naisip ko tuloy ang kalapastanganang ginawa sa mga puno sa kahabaan ng Mac Arthur Hiway sa Lungsod ng San Fernando, Pampanga. Hindi ko tiyak kung ang Advocacy for the Degradation of Central Luzon (ADCL) ang may kagagawan nito, pero isa lang ang alam ng mga Kapampangan – isa sa kanilang lider ay tunay na talunan at mamamatay puno.

Kapansin pansin din na hindi nilalamukot ng mga Vietnamese ang kanilang salaping papel. Buo at tila laging plantsado ito. Hindi man sila magsalita, sa ganitong bagay makikita ang paggalang at pagkilala sa katapangan ng kanilang kinikilalang bayani na si Ho Chi Minh na siyang nakalarawan sa mga salapi.

river sa Palawan. Naririto rin ang mga magagandang beaches sa Asya kagaya ng Boracay at CamSur.

Alam din nating lahat na ang pagka-maalam at kagalingan ng Pilipino ay natatangi at maipagmamalaki sa mundo. Magaling tayong mag-Ingles kumpara sa ibang mga lahi kaya nga maraming turista ang nawiwiling pumunta at bumalik sa ating bansa. Magaling tayong mag-entertain ng mga bisita at magaling din tayo sa ibat ibang mga larangan – sa beauty pageant, sa sports o palakasan, sa talento sa pag-awit at pagsayaw, sa katalinuhan, at marami pa.

Subalit sa madalas na pagkakataon ay tila sumosobra tayo sa galing na minsan ay ginagamit sa masamang paraan – sa pagnanakaw o pangungurakot at sa panloloko sa mga tao. Ito ang nagiging dahilan kung bakit marami sa atin ay kulang sa mabuting gawa, sa tamang asal at pag-uugali, at sa aral.

Pero angat parin tayo sa ibang mga lahi kagaya ng mga Vietnamese. Ang pagkakaiba nga lamang ay naisasapuso nila ang tinatawag na nasyonalismo, mayroon silang pagkakaisa lalo na sa paggawa. Ginagawa nila ang bawat makabuluhang bagay hindi lamang para sa kanilang sarili kundi para sa kanilang bansa. At yun ang wala tayo.

When the rich steal from God

AS ALWAYS, being rich has its perks and power and puff. Often, awards are given to people because they “made” themselves incredibly wealthy. In some cases, regardless of riches acquired through crime, the rich find themselves surrounded by subservient folk wanting brief interludes with the pomp of big money.

Politicians scoff those chiding them for letting go of wads of cash in casinos, reasoning it's their money anyway. The rich, already having enough to tide over their living descendants through comfortable lives to the day they die, themselves die striving towards nothing but getting richer. In death, they are hailed by the living as “successful” because they had stashed so much wealth.

Even in a Catholic country like the Philippines, that biblical passage on the rich and the camel and the hole of the needle has all but lost meaning.

Let's go back to the woman who was privileged to experience and have insights into Purgatory (culled from a book with nihil obstat and imprimatur, translated by Fr. Adolf Faroni, SDB). Here are pertinent quotes from her.

“The Good Lord has given to men a superabundance of ma-

terial goods with the duty to help others who have too little. The rich have the duty to give alms in the name of God, because to Him belongs the wealth and every property. And if the rich truly want to avoid loading their consciences with sin, they should consider riches not as something of their own, but from God.”

And this quote from her I want to stress: “They (the rich) should consider themselves sent by God to distribute riches.”

The privileged woman was not short of underscoring the role of the rich: “If the Good Lord blesses them so much with riches and takes care of them so generously, He does it so that, in turn, they may take care of the poor and that He himself, through them, may take care of others.” She opted to remain anonymous.

“There are, in Purgatory, many rich people who are frightfully poor, but also many poor people who are rich in the Lord. To help others, to do good is not only benevolence but a duty. Woe to the rich who have used the superfluous for themselves only, while they were giving little to their poor brothers, or despised them,” she said.

She lamented” “How many could do more helping others,



Halo-halo By Ding Cervantes

and yet do not do so, while they themselves enjoy superabundance. God has not given riches only for those who possess them, but also for others.”

“Those who live in superabundance steal from God. God imposes tributes. He who has little, has given the maximum with little, but he who has much should give much and give humbly because riches come from God and belong to Him,” she added.

Having been taken to the sphere of eternity, the woman once remarked: “It is disturbing to contemplate the spectacle which takes place in eternity. Books cannot cover what the soul can embrace here.”

Eternity, as against the temporal riches of the world.



Napag-uusapan lang Ni Felix M. Garcia

Constitutional crisis

(KARUGTONG NG SINUNDANG ISYU)

SA BISA ng ‘watch list order’ ni De Lima Na ipinalabas ng tanggapan niya, At kung saan pinagmukha nitong tanga Ang dating ‘first couple’ sa harap Media

Na animo si Mam ay kriminal na nga Sa kung anong aksyon na pinag-gagawa At ‘undiplomatic’ nitong pagsawata Para mapigil ang paglabas sa bansa.

At ang isa pang lubhang kapansin-pansin Ay kung bakit parang wala lang sa ating Mahal na Pangulo itong pangyayaring Animo ay pasapawan d’yan ng galing

Ng ‘judiciary’ at nitong ‘executive’ Hinggil sa isyu kung itong ‘court of justice’ O ang kay De Lima ang dapat manaig Base sa ‘ting nakikita’t naririnig.

At kahit ‘premature’ itong De Lima Na ginawang aksyon laban kay Mam Gloria, Dala nitong di pa siya nakapagsampa Ng anumang kaso ay hinaras na niya

Ang huli, ay isang napakaliwanag Na ‘blatant ignorance’ sa Saligang Batas Ng una, kung kaya matinding paglabag Sa ‘rule of law’ itong namayani’t sukat.

Upang pati ang karapatang pantao Ni CGMA ay kanyang inabuso, Kung saan posibleng damay ang Pangulo Sa puntong si De Lima’y Kalihim nito.

Pagkat ‘under command responsibility’ Ay pananagutan niya ang Secretary Sa anumang kapalpakang mangyayari At posibleng maging ‘lapses’ nito pati.

Sa pagtupad nito ng kanyang tungkulin Bilang isang ika nga ay masunuring Galamay, (kundi man sipsip na Kalihim) Kung kaya animo ay tigre ang dating

At gilas ng ngayon ay kasalukuyang Secretary of Justice ng Malakanyang, (Na naging chairperson noon ng CHR Nang presidente si Gloria Macapagal;

Pero si De Lima ngayon ang No. 1, Kung paglabag din lang ang pag-uusapan Ngayong ang dating ‘chief executive’ ang siyang Parang namaltrato sa puntong naturan).

Balikan natin ang lubhang panggigipit Kay CGMA ng Department of Justice, Na sa ganang amin di dapat manaig Ang sa huli kundi ang sa ‘Court of Justice’

Pagkat ano’t “Supreme” itong matatawag Kung ang “Supremacy” nito’y walang sapat Na kapangyarihan sa ngalan ng batas Upang ang utos ang dapat ipatupad?

Laban sa alin mang sangay ng gobyerno Pati na rin ang tanggapan ng Pangulo, Na ngayon ay tila dinedma ng husto Ng DOJ ang ng Malakanyang mismo.

Kung saan bunsod n’yan maaring manganib Ang ‘rule of law’ kapag itong ‘Executive’ Ang sa kautusan nitong ‘Court of Justice’ Ang di sumunod at posibleng balakid.

Sa target ni P-noy na daang matuwid Na maaring mahirapan niyang makamit Dala na rin ng ‘Constitutional Crisis’ Na posibleng sumiklab anumang saglit!!!

New projects expected at Clark in 2012

CLARK FREEPORT – Congruent to the vision of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) to develop the Clark Freeport “as the fulcrum of Central Luzon development,” the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) said new projects are expected to take off by 2012.

CDC President Felipe Antonio B. Remollo said in the pipeline now are at least five major projects that are expected to reinforce the Freeport’s reputation as both an investment and tourism destination.

The first project involves another world-class tourism blueprint – Mega-

World Corporation’s mixed-use project to be located in a 400-hectare area between the Clark Freeport Zone and the Clark Special Economic Zone.

This involves the construction of a mixed-use complex that features office, commercial, retail, and leisure, residential, health, and wellness components at a development cost of at least P7 billion.

At least 200 hectares was allotted for the CDC’s second project – the proposed Clark STAR, which stands for Sports, Training, Amusement and Recreation. Located at the sprawling Clark Highlands,

Clark STAR is the perfect site for transport terminal, wakeboarding complex, soccer stadium, hotels and villas, athletes’ dormitories, nature and theme park, swimming center, boulevard and promenade, and athletes’ training ground.

The third project, meanwhile, is the Clark Highlands, formerly known as the Next Frontier located at the Sacobia Valley. It covers 10,684 hectares of land adjacent to the Clark Freeport will be developed into ICT parks, residential, light-industrial, agro-industrial, and tourism and leisure projects.

Clark STAR, Clark Highlands and the Clark

Special Economic Zone are all located in Sacobia Valley.

In April of next year, Korean firm Donggwang Clark Corporation is expected to complete its \$200-million tourism-related project, which includes the Clark Sun Valley Golf Course located at main zone of the Freeport.

With the groundbreaking of this fourth Clark project, Donggwang is poised to be the new leader in tourism complex and golf course construction in the Philippines, Remollo said.

According to Remollo, the Korean firm will create a 304-hectare tourism complex with residence

villas, water theme park, and various amenities. Complementing this is a 10-storey office and residential building – the biggest of its kind inside Clark.

While Tower 3 of Donggwang’s ODE County Office is already complete, February 2012 will see the completion of two of its other structures – Towers 1 and 2, said Remollo.

And lastly, expected to

be completed by April 2013 is the proposed CDC Corporate Building, which will consolidate the various departments and offices in one modern, environment-friendly structure.

At present, departments and offices of the CDC’s Corporate Headquarters are located separately in nine different buildings and structures.

–Peter Alagos, CDC-PRD

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ALFREDO D. DIAZ who died intestate on May 22, 2011 in Angeles City executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of his estate more particularly described as one-fifth (1/5) share of a parcel of land (Lot 43, Block 1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-29604, being a portion of Lot 6 described on plan Pcs-4920, LRC (GLRO) Record No. 8715) with existing improvements, situated in the Barrios of San Jose and Sto. Domingo, City of Angeles Province of Pampanga and covered by TCT No. 89605.

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PNoy urged to use same effort...

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day, Natividad challenged the Aquino administration to exercise same effort on the two year-old Maguindanao massacre.

“It is about time for the government to take a closer look on the Maguindanao Massacre and hasten its trial to fast track justice,” Natividad said.

He stressed that if the government used swift action in preventing the departure of the former President, it must do the same on cases of media killings.

Comparing the two

cases, Natividad said that the Maguindanao Massacre case appear to have more evidence than the case filed against Arroyo.

A lawyer by profession, he explained that for a case to prosper including the issuance a warrant of arrest, the prosecutor’s office must determine a probable cause.

In the case of Congresswoman Arroyo, a judge was the one who determined the probable cause after the presentation of evidence to him.

“Pwede naman yung judicial determination of the probable cause pero

madalang ang cases na ganon, usually mga fiscal and nagdedetermine,” he said.

This developed, journalists in Central Luzon will band together at the San Fernando Cathedral in Pampanga for a Holy Mass to be led by Bishop Paciano Aniceto at 8 a.m. today (Wednesday).

The said mass is expected to draw about a hundred journalists, students and activists in commemoration of the second anniversary of the Maguindanao Massacre.

In Bulacan, journalists, students from different uni-

versities, and religious organizations are set to hold a torch march in front of the provincial capitol at 5 p.m. on the same day.

The torch march will be highlighted by reading of statements from different organization calling for the President to act and end impunity in the country.

The said activities coincides with other activities prepared by about 60 other chapters of the NUJP in the country in time for the International Day to End Impunity led by the International Free Express eXchange (IFEX) based in Canada.

P1.8-B panukalang budget...

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tusin ay nilikha nang may pagbibigay-pansin sa “primary thrust of transforming Nueva Ecija into a sustainable and progressive agro-industrialized province.”

Inaasahan aniya ng kanyang administrasyon naangat ang kabuhayan at kalagayang panlipunan ng mga Novo Ecijano alin-sunod na rin sa walong layunin katulad ng “improvement of agricultural productivity, provision of jobs and livelihood; provi-

sion of quality education, social welfare, nutrition and related social services; rehabilitation of typhoon-affected areas, infrastructure development, enhancement of revenue-generating measures at promotion of public-private partnerships in development.”

Ang panukalang budget, 4% na mas mataas kaysa budget nitong 2011, ay nagpanukala ng P691.9 million para sa personnel services na kumakatawan sa 37% ng pondo, P368.2 million

(19.8 percent) para sa maintenance at iba pang gastusin, P279.8 million (15 percent) para sa capital outlay.

Sinabi naman ni Board Member Joseph Ortiz, chairman of the SP’s committee on appropriations, na isa sa mga katangitang bahagi ng panukalang budget ngayong taon ay ang paglalaan ng P265.8 million para sa Annual Investment Plan na sumasakop sa economic at social services, general services, health,

housing at community development.

Ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ay umaasang maitataas ang local na internal at external revenues, kabilang na dito ang P1.35 billion bilang internal revenue allotment (IRA) at mga bahagi mula sa yamang pambansa, grants, at donasyon, pagbebenta ng mga ari-arian at bahagi mula sa share galing sa Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. at Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Mother of Pinoy on Saudi death row...

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fense case which has become viral on Facebook with scores of sympathizing Filipinos echoing the need to help Lanuza.

“Since 2000, my tears have flowed and my heart has been broken but my prayers to God are unceasing. God answered my prayers when in February of this year, due to the work of the Embassy of the Philippines and other Members of the (Saudi Arabian) Reconciliation Committee, the aggrieved family agreed to forgive my son Dondon,” she said.

“However, as is the custom in Saudi Arabia, in exchange for Dondon’s life and freedom, they demand blood money,” she

explained.

The family demanded approximately P35 million.

After the demand for blood money was made and with no assurance financial help from the Philippine government, Rodelio and his supporters launched “Barya Mo, Buhay Ko” fund drive, largely via the social network Facebook.

Mrs. Lanuza said that donations so far have amounted to only about US10,000 but noted that “a group of Filipino business people have given a challenge grant to match your donation dollar for dollar.”

“If you give \$10, they would give \$10 too so that your \$10 is really \$20 for my Dondon,” she said.

Mrs. Lanuza said “we

do not have the luxury of time”, adding that “by February 2012, it would be one year since they forgave and required the blood money equivalent.”

“If by that time, we have very little to show to them, it may mean the withdrawal of their forgiveness and hasten the death of Dondon,” she said.

She said donors could reach her via her telephone numbers + 17024819245 or +17022207206 or her email letty@lbcusa.net or her son’s email donlanuza@gmail.com

Lanuza has been in jail in Dammam, Saudi Arabia for 11 years now. Earlier, the Arab News reported that the Saudi Reconciliation Committee (SRC) had announced that Lanuza

could be saved from execution if blood money was paid to the family of his victim.

The SRC, whose executive chairman is Dr. Nasser Bin Mesfir Al-Zahrani, is credited with saving the lives of 173 people sentenced to death since its inception in 2008. Its mission is to prevent haggling by the families of the murder victims over blood money or “diya.”

Pardoning or forgiving a murderer is permissible in the Shariah, for the sake of Allah, or through the payment of “diya.” In the case of Lanuza, the eldest child of the aggrieved family determined the amount of “diya” with the other option to otherwise have Lanuza beheaded.

Korean traders...

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November 30, 2011. He said “we will try our best to open the hospital by December as requested by the governor.”

Garbo said Pineda had pushed for the completion and operations of the RRH so that Bacolor residents would return to their hometown.

Lahar spawned by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo

devastated several villages in Bacolor in 1995, including the present site of the RRH.

Pampanga Third District Rep. Aurelio Gonzales funded the construction of the RRH early 2010 but the hospital was not finished for unknown reasons.

However, Garbo said that Pineda allotted another P10 million for the completion of the hospital building.

Masusing pag-aaral...

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Ang nasabing kontrata na nagkakahalaga ng P30.78-milyon ay matatapos sa loob ng anim na buwan.

Kaugnay nito, inamin ng isang opisyal ng National Irrigation Administration (NIA) na nangangamba na sila sa katatagan ng mga rubber gates ng Bustos Dam, kaya’t nagpatapos sila ng 1,300 cubic meters per second ng tubig noong Setyembre 27 na naging dahilan ng pagglubog sa mga bayan ng Hagonoy at Calumpit.

“Dapat tiyakin ng gobyerno na tama ang resulta ng pagsusuri at mga rekomendasyon ng Edcop at Tonkin & Taylor sa Angat Dam,” ani Dela Cruz na isang lead dam safety engineer ng Southern California Edison (SCE) sa Estados Unidos.

Si Dela Cruz ay isinilang at lumaki sa bayang ito. Siya ay umuwi noong Nobyembre 12 at nakapanayam ng Punto noong Nobyembre 17.

Ayon kay Dela Cruz, isa sa problema sa pagsusuri sa mga magiging rekomendasyon ng Edcop at Tonkin & Taylor ay ang kakulangan ng eksperto sa bansa sa larangan ng dam safety.

Ang katotohanang ito ay hindi naman itinanggi ni Inhinyero Romualdo Beltran ng Napocor sa mas naunang panayam.

Ayon kay Dela Cruz, sa kawalan ng ekspertong may kaalaman, kakayahang an at karanasan sa pangangalaga ng katatagan

ng dam sa bansa, mas higit na problema ang hinaharap ng bansa.

“Kailangan nila ng second opinion, katulad din lang iyan ng pasyenteng na-diagnose na may cancer, nagpapakonsulta sa ibang doktor para sa second or third opinion,” ani Dela Cruz.

Inayunan din ni Gob. Wilhelmino Alvarado ang pananaw ni Dela Cruz.

Bilang isa sa mga kasapi ng binuung technical working group (TWG) sa pagsusuri ng katatagan ng Angat Dam, inamin ni Alvarado na kailangan nila ng pag-alalay ng mga eksperto sa dam safety.

“Hindi lahat sa amin sa TWG ay maalam sa dam safety, bibilugin lang kami doon kaya importante na may independyenteng nagpapaliwanag sa amin upang matiyak na akma ang pagsusuri at rekomendasyon,” ani Alvarado.

Ang pananaw na ito ay inayunan ni Dela Cruz at sinabing “dapat ay mayroong independent consultant ang government na magmomonitor sa study at para hindi maging gospel truth yung sasabihin ng contractor.”

Iginiit pa ni Dela Cruz na dapat ay kasama na ang Edcop at Tonkin & Taylor ang independent consultant ng gobyerno sa pagsasagawa ng pag-aaral sa katatagan ng dam.

“Importante yan, para habang nagsasagawa ng study, nakakapagbigay na ng inputs yung independent consultant,” aniya.

–Dino Balabo



Girlfriend na ba niya si Sarah G???

“Wag naman nating madaliin, aabot tayo sa ganyan!” –GERALD ANDERSON

The Gossip-miller

by Cesar Pambid

SINA SARAH at Gerald Anderson na ba? Very obvious kasi 'yung mga kilos nila kapag magkasama.

Si Gerald ay nagba-blush kapag tinatanong tungkol sa kanila ni Sarah at hirap na hirap siyang sumagot. May time pa na pinagpapawisan ang young actor na ipinagtataka namin dahil kung tutuusin ay hindi naman mahirap ang mga questions lalo pa nga't sanay na rin naman siya sa showbiz.

Nang tanungin kasi kung ano ba ang nakapigil sa kanya para ligawan si Sarah, halatang nahirapan si Gerald na sagutin.

“Hindi, ah, siguro po, 'yun nga, sinabi naman niya kanina na hindi pa siya ready. Kumbaga, ayaw ko rin pong... ano bang tawag du'n? Kumbaga, pero siyempre, nasa stage rin ako ngayon na 'yun nga, nakaka-miss na, ang tagal ko ring walang girlfriend, malapit pang mag-Christmas, kaya minsan, sa mga eksena namin ni Sarah, kapag nasa loob ako ng eksena, for that moment, 'yun nga, pakiramdam ko, may girlfriend ulit ako.

“Pero 'yun nga, 'wag po nating madaliin, 'wag po nating pilitin. Sarah is a very beautiful girl inside and out kaya 'yun nga, sobrang swerte na nakilala ko siya,” pahayag ni Gerald.

Nang tanungin naman si Sarah kung ano ang reaksiyon niya sa sinabing 'yun ni Gerald, aniya, “basta ako po, pinagdadasal ko talaga, kung sino 'yung... (mamahalin ulit), sana hindi ko na pagdaanan, sabi ko nga, noon, gumawa talaga ako ng paraan para ipaglalan, eh.

“Sabi ko, the next time I'll fall in love, I will make sure na mag-uumpisa sa kanya na ipaglalan niya ako, hindi 'yung ako lang, 'yung akong babae lang ang naglalan ng relasyon.

“Kailangang patunayan ko muna sa sarili ko na, 'ay itong taong ito, kayang harapin ang mga magulang ko, kaya akong ipaglalan talaga, mahal talaga ako ng taong ito, hindi lang parang magka-text kami, or ganu'n.”

“Kailangan ko na po sigurong maging maingat, 'yon 'yung isang natutunan ko.”

Natanong tuloy kung kaya ba 'yun ni Gerald at natawa na lang ang young actor.

“Huwag n'yo namang i-pressure si Gerald,” say ni Sarah na natatawa rin.

Ang I Won't Last a Day Without You ay follow-up sa very successful first movie nina Gerald at Sarah na Catch Me I'm Falling at say ng dalawang bida, mas close na raw sila ngayon kaysa noong una nilang ginawa ang movie.

Pabirong sabi ni Sarah kay Gerald, “noon kasi, hindi mo ako kinakausap.” Sagot naman ng young actor, “hindi mo kasi ako pinapansin noon.” Sagot naman ni Popstar, “hindi mo kasi ako kinakausap kaya hindi kita pinapansin.”

Kinilig naman ang mga fans nang sabihin ni Gerald na sa ngayon daw ay si Sarah ang pinakaimportanteng babae sa buhay niya at mami-miss daw niya ito kapag natapos na ang movie nila.

“Kaya sana nga, mas magkaroon ako ng chance na makilala pa siya.”

Showing na ang pelikula sa Nov. 30 mula sa direksyon ni Raz dela Torres. Kasama rin sa movie sina Joey de Leon, John Lapus, Martin del Rosario and Young JV.

Umamin na...

“OO, KAMI NA!” – Luis Manzano, Jennilyn Mercado

SA HINAHABA-HABA raw ng prusisyon sa simbahan din ang tuloy.

Yes, pagkatapos ng mahabang panahong binitin tayo nina Jennilyn Mercado at Luis Manzano sa kanilang relasyon, heto sa wakas, pareho na silang umaming sila na. Bigla nga kasing umamin si Luis Manzano sa interview ng, “Oo, kami na,” patungkol sa relasyon niya kay Jennilyn Mercado.

Komento tuloy ng isa naming kaibigan, hindi kaya hinintay lang ni Luis na umamin ang ex-GF niyang Angel Locsin tungkol sa relasyon naman nito kay Phil Younghusband?

Kamakailan kasi, sinabi na ni Angel na maligaya siya sa piling ng Azkal player.

Ayaw na naming bigyan ng ibang kahulugan ang pag-amin ni Luis sa real score nila ni Jen dahil nakakatuwang malaman na may bagong nagpapaligaya na kina Luis at Angel.

Kahit pa inamin na ni Luis na sila na ni Jen, tumanggi ang binata ni Gov. Vilma Santos-Recto na sabihin kung kailan naging sila.

Say ni Luis, naipakilala na rin naman daw niya si Jen sa kanyang ina, pero hirrit ng host-actor, hindi pa raw gaanong nakakapag-bonding sina Ate Vi at Jen.

Ayon pa kay Luis, maging ang bestriend at soulmate niyang si Anne Curtis, personal na rin daw nakilala ang kanyang girlfriend.

Simpleng “hi and hello” lang daw ang nangyari between Jen and Anne dahil may lakad sila ni Jen that time.

Pero sinabi raw ni Anne sa kanya, even before pormal niyang makilala si Jen, gusto ng Pinay-Australian actress na maka-bonding din si Jennilyn.

Maging ang Kapuso actress, nabanggit na rin sa isang interview na “mayroon na kaming parang formality. Basta kaming dalawa, formal na rin 'yung relationship namin,” patungkol naman kay Luis.

Coco Martin nagagalingan sa akting ni Angeline Quinto

AYON KAY Coco Martin, natutuwa raw siya sa leading lady niyang si Angeline Quinto dahil kahit first acting project nito ang movie nilang You Light Up My Life ay nakikita niyang may ibubuga raw ang dalaga pagdating sa pag-arte.

“Honestly, nu'ng nagwo-workshop kami, para siyang... zero. Wala pa, wala pa siyang alam about the blocking, everything.

“Pero everyday, habang nagsu-shooting kami, doon ako nagugulat sa kanya kasi palalim siya nang palalim. Siguro dahil malalim ang pinaghuhugutan.

“Ang galing, eh. Kasi mayroon kaming mga eksena na mga drama, nagugulat kami. Kaya sabi ko nga kay Direk, 'Direk, parang niloloko lang tayo nito na sinasabing wala siyang nalalaman pero sinu-surprise lang tayo', kasi totoo 'yung binibigay niya, eh.

“And then, nae-excite kami dahil everyday, natututo siya at palalim siya nang palalim bilang artista,” papuri ni Coco kay Angeline.

Pero ang tanong, nanliligaw na ba siya kay Angeline?

“Hindi pa naman,” nakangiti at nahihiyang sagot ni Coco.

Natawa na lang ang aktor nang kantiyawan siya na mukhang may plano siya in the future dahil sa sagot niyang “hindi pa.”

Idinagdag din niyang sobrang busy rin ni Angeline ngayon at sa nakikita niya ay sobrang focused sa trabaho.

“Parang nakikita ko nga ang sarili ko sa kanya noong nag-i-start ako na halos hindi mo siya makausap,” he said.

Natutuwa lang daw siyang tingnan si Angeline na nag-e-enjoy sa trabaho kaya hinahayaan na lang daw muna niya ito.

“Basta ako, siyempre, gina-guide ko rin siya at sinusuportahan ko siya,” say pa ni Coco.



Jennilyn Mercado



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It all started with no less than the hard working founder Jaime "Jack" Uy when he opened the first video rental store known as

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