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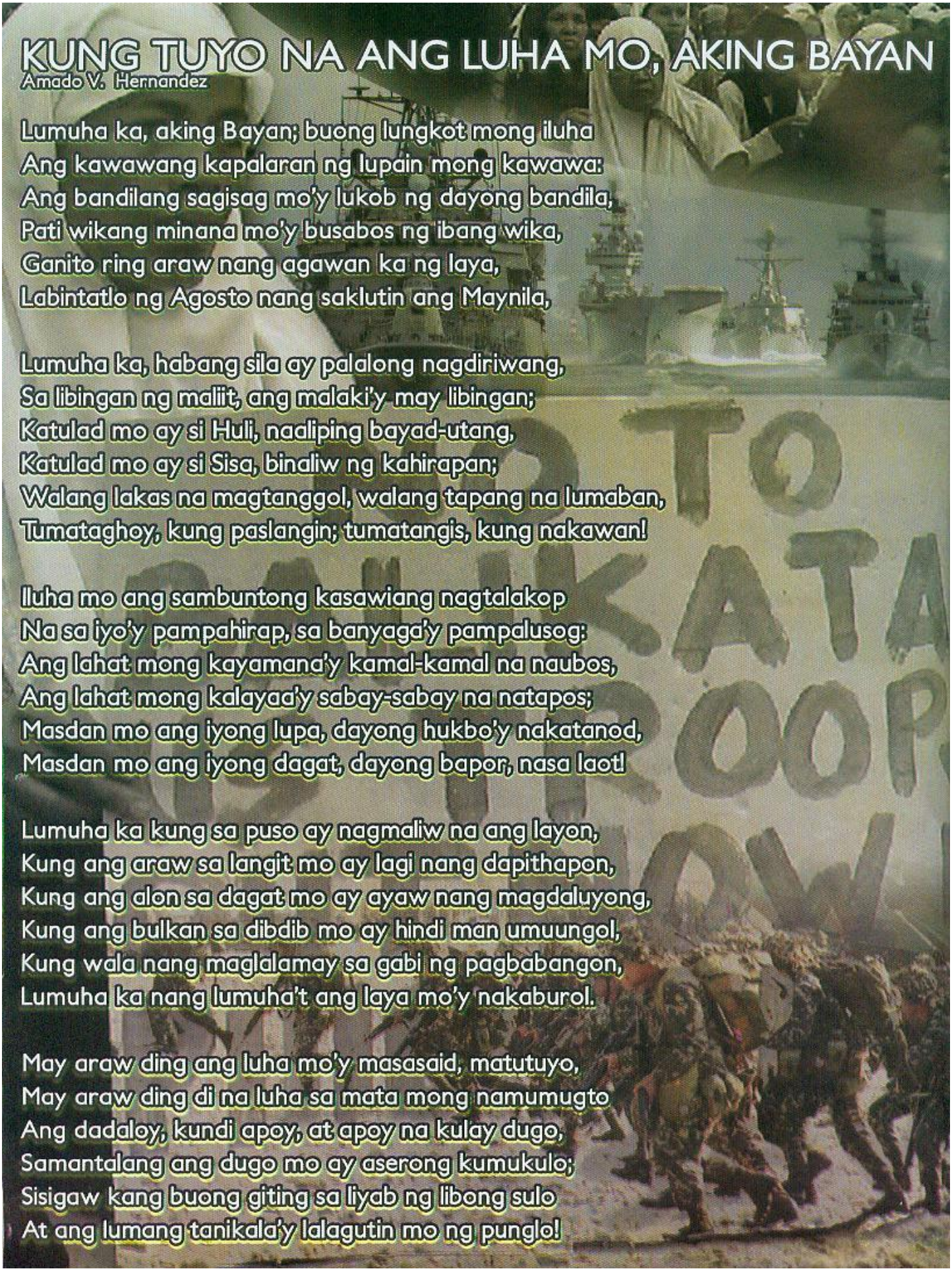


KUNG TUYO NA ANG LUHA MO, AKING BAYAN

Amado V. Hernandez

Lumuha ka, aking Bayan; buong lungkot mong iluha
Ang kawawang kapalaran ng lupain mong kawawa:
Ang bandilang sagisag mo'y lukob ng dayong bandila,
Pati wikang minana mo'y busabos ng ibang wika,
Ganito ring araw nang agawan ka ng laya,
Labintatlo ng Agosto nang saklutin ang Maynila,

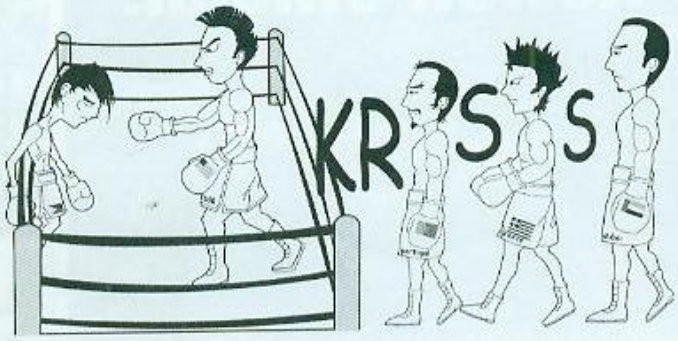
Lumuha ka, habang sila ay palalong nagdiriwang,
Sa libingan ng maliit, ang malaki'y may libingan;
Katulad mo ay si Huli, naaliping bayad-utang,
Katulad mo ay si Sisa, binaliw ng kahirapan;
Walang lakas na magtanggol, walang tapang na lumaban,
Tumataghoy, kung paslangin; tumatangis, kung nakawan!

Iluha mo ang sambuntong kasawiang nagtalakop
Na sa iyo'y pampahirap, sa banyaga'y pampalusog:
Ang lahat mong kayamana'y kamal-kamal na naubos,
Ang lahat mong kalayaa'y sabay-sabay na natapos;
Masdan mo ang iyong lupa, dayong hukbo'y nakatanod,
Masdan mo ang iyong dagat, dayong bapor, nasa laot!

Lumuha ka kung sa puso ay nagmaliw na ang layon,
Kung ang araw sa langit mo ay lagi nang dapithapon,
Kung ang alon sa dagat mo ay ayaw nang magdaluyong,
Kung ang bulkan sa dibdib mo ay hindi man umuungol,
Kung wala nang maglalamay sa gabi ng pagbabangon,
Lumuha ka nang lumuha't ang laya mo'y nakaburol.

May araw ding ang luha mo'y masasaid, matutuyo,
May araw ding di na luha sa mata mong namumugto
Ang dadaloy, kundi apoy, at apoy na kulay dugo,
Samantalang ang dugo mo ay aserong kumukulo;
Sisigaw kang buong giting sa liyab ng libong sulo
At ang lumang tanikala'y lalagutin mo ng punglo!

Barangay Elections Anyone?



A spate of proposals were aired recently regarding the barangay elections slated on October 25, 2010.

Vice-President Jejomar Binay resurrected an old proposal to do away with barangay elections and the abolition of the Sangguniang Kabataan altogether. Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri filed Senate Bill No. 60 seeking the deferment of the synchronized elections for barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials to October 2012.

Binay said that mayors should be given full authority to appoint barangay captains as he simply dismissed the Sangguniang Kabataan as a breeding ground for corruption of the youth.

Zubiri on the other hand intends to extend the terms of office of barangay officials to five years but admitted that the "basic premise of the postponement is cost and savings to government."

There is sensibility in these proposals. Barangay elections, like all elections in the country, is a money and popularity contest and, only incidentally a contest of qualifications. It boggles the mind that for a position that draws less than P20,000 in most urban barangays, and less than P10,000 in small and rural barangays, hundreds of thousands, and in some cases in Quezon City millions are spent by individual candidates.

What is the significance of the barangay machinery in local administration? During the Spanish period, the cabeza de barangay was responsible for the collection of the hated taxes, in gathering conscripts for the Spanish Army and menfolk for the forced labor. In short, the barangay captain was an instrument of oppression of the people.

Today, barangay councils and barangay captains function as appendage in the delivery of basic services to the barangay. They implement local government projects, providing for security, and administering the first echelon of justice popularly called barangay justice. To be sure, these functions are essential to the community.

But then the degree barangay captains or barangay councilors can deliver on the services depends largely on their relationship with the mayor. In practically all places in the country, an "unfriendly" barangay captain will not be given funds for projects or worse, their internal revenue allocation withheld. There are the cases wherein vehicles and other equipment earlier assigned to the barangay are recalled by the mayor if the winning barangay captain is deemed an "opponent" . It is to the credit of outgoing Mayor Sonny Belmonte and a few other enlightened mayors that they made the release of the barangay IRA automatic and ministerial. But then again, these examples are few and far in between.

Here lies the crux of the Binay proposal. If the effectiveness of the barangay captains are dependent on the mayor, why not simplify the matter - let the mayor appoint the barangay officials whom he believes can be his partner in the administration of the city or municipality. As to the Sangguniang Kabataan, less said about them the better.

On the other hand, the barangay positions are the only real elective positions accessible to the moneyless or poorer segment of the population. The farther away from Malacanang and Congress, the more opportunities there are for real empowerment to the farmers, workers, urban poor and all other marginalized sectors. Thus, in most rural areas and some urban poor barangays, some truly qualified, even if poor candidates can actually be elected. Not a few have distinguished themselves quite honorably in service to their community.

In this sense, democratically elected barangay are better than those appointed on the whim of mayors. What guarantee is there that mayors won't appoint all his relatives, his gardeners and manicuristas as barangay captains?

More than the issue of the purported efficiency of appointed barangay captains and councilors, barangay elections offer the people the opportunity to choose from among themselves who will run the most basic of all government units. This is something that the Zubiri and Binay proposal wishes to deny.

Unlike national elective positions where millions and billions are required to win, barangay elections even if marred by money politics offer a semblance of real democracy. Perhaps, our leaders can look at other modes of saving money and let the barangay elections take a pass.

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Publisher's Note

A Strange Protocol at City Hall



With a new administration in Quezon City Hall, it can be expected, even forgiven, that the first few weeks could be described as organized chaos. New appointments are being made, offices refurnished, and new staff housebroken to the protocols of City Hall.

It was during this same time that Quezon City Times was reformatted from a weekly tabloid to a fortnightly newsmagazine. With the change in format came the change in gathering news.

These changes in City Hall and Quezon City Times ran to a head recently. Quezon City Times reporters were initially surprised, then later exasperated with the degree with which some City Hall officials gave protocol a whole meaning.

Requesting for interviews (verbal or via email) become a test of patience that would daunt even the biblical Job. For example, Mayor Herbert Bautista's office which was quite solicitous of media attention during the campaign, found it impossible to answer emailed questionnaire. Even small requests for, say, pictures of local officials seem like getting SARO from DBM. The staff of Vice-Mayor Joy Belmonte, in reply to request for more current pictures of the vice-mayor, answered that the vice-mayor needs to give permission to give out her pictures! (And to think they were peppering the city with pictures only a few months ago during the campaign?)

What's quite alarming is this trend appears to rub off on some barangay officials. Some barangay officials have taken to bureaucratic measures more apt in Malacanang. Such red tape made news gathering, and thus, informing the people, much harder. Of course, its a different story when you ask a barangay official out for a drink.

On the more positive note, neophyte councilors such as Alfred Vargas, Roderick Paulate, Gian Carlo Sotto are more accommodating, less informal in their protocol but nonetheless as efficient. Some barangay officials such as the ones featured in this paper are hospitable and open in their transactions.

It is understandable that some protocol should be in place for appointment seekers, and we in Quezon City Times do not place ourselves above the hoi polloi. This is why, our staff took time to send out written requests for all councilors, and even barangay captains, to gather news that Quezon City citizens needs to be informed about.

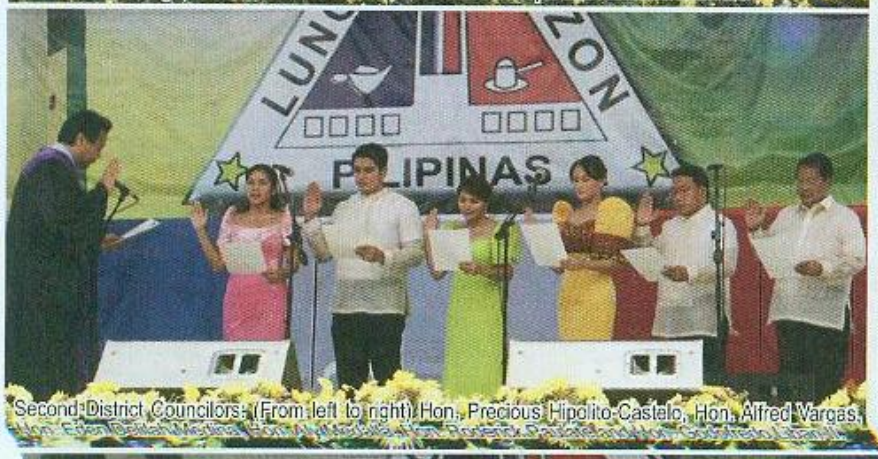
Still, transparency and efficiency, the very things promised by the Bautista Administration must not be compromised by protocol. If simple things like pictures or emailed interviews cannot be handled by staff, what more of the more substantive things?

Images

Its Now Official!



First District Councilors: (From left to right) Hon. Francisco Calalay, Hon. Dorothy Delarmente, Hon. Onix Crisologo, Hon. Ricardo Belmonte, Hon. Juico Joseph and Hon. Alex Herrera



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Third District Councilors: (From left to right) Hon. Julian Coseteng, Hon. Allan Reyes, Hon. Jaime Borres, Hon. Don de Leon, Hon. Giancarlo Sotto and Hon. Eufemio Lagumbay



Fourth District Councilors: (From left to right) Hon. Edcel Lagman Jr., Hon. Jesus Manuel Sunaty, Hon. Jessica Daza, Hon. Raquel Malangen, hon. Vincent Belmonte and Hon. Marvin Rillo

TOP 10 RICHEST PERSONS

1. Henry Sy
2. Lucio Tan
3. John Gokongwei Jr.
4. Jaime Zobel de Ayala
5. Andrew Tan
6. Tony Tan Caktiong
7. Enrique Razon Jr.
8. Beatrice Campos
9. George Ty
10. Eduardo Cojuangco Jr.

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TOP 10 TAXPAYERS

1. Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao
2. Elaine Bautista Gardiola
3. Ronaldo Romero Soliman
4. *Rainero Manapat Borja*
5. Lauro Liboon Baja Jr.
6. Wilfredo "Willie" Revillame
7. Francisco dela Fuente Guerra III
8. Kristina "Kris" Aquino-Yap
9. Patricia Miranda Zobel de Ayala
10. Manuel Bayan Zamora Jr.

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HON. DOROTHY DELARMENTE
1ST. ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER

HON. JESUS MANUEL SUNTAY
MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

HON. JULIAN ML. COSETENG
2ND ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

HON.EUFEMIO D. LAGUMBAY
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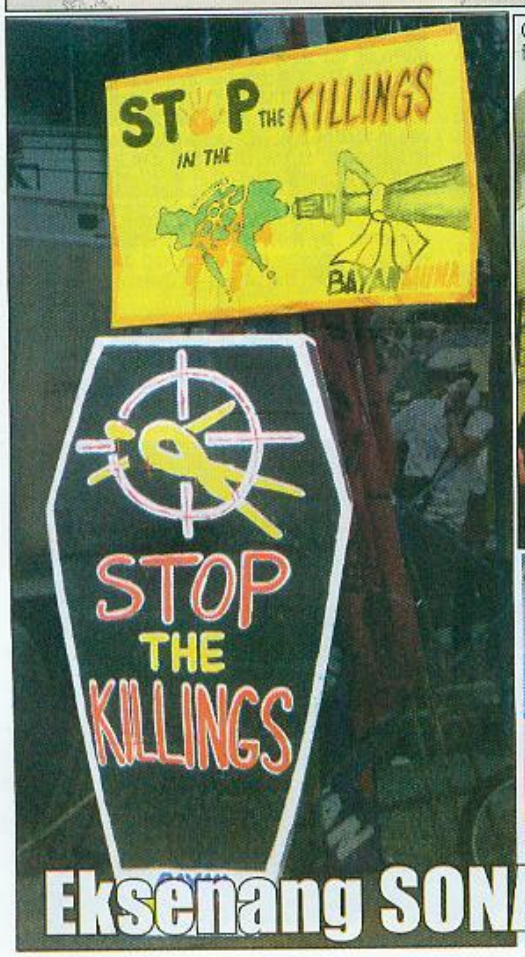

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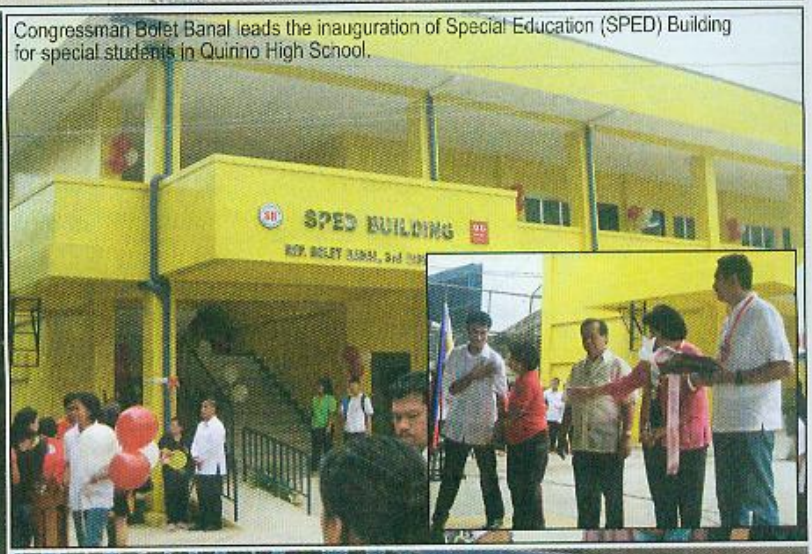


Congressman Bolet Banal leads the inauguration of Special Education (SPED) Building for special students in Quirino High School.

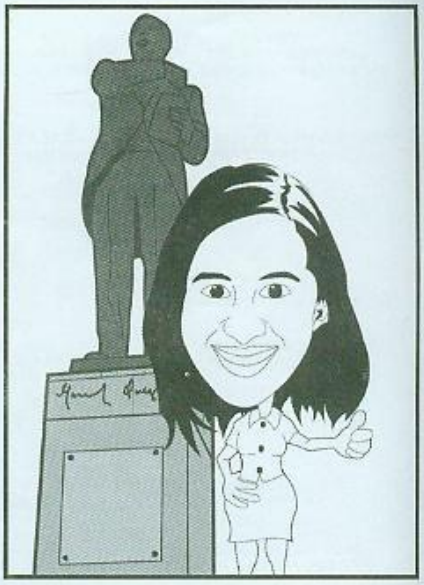


Chikoy Pura continues to rock against injustice

Profile

An old name with a new challenge

Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte-Alimurung



In the quest to follow in her father's footsteps, Joy Belmonte-Alimurung, daughter of outgoing mayor and newly elected congressman Sonny Belmonte, vanquished all opposition with a clear majority of over 300, 000 votes over her nearest rival, and became Quezon City's third female vice-mayor

But despite winning the vice-mayoralty seat, little is still known about Belmonte-Alimurung. In a survey conducted among those who voted for Joy Belmonte, most answered that Joy was Sonny Belmonte's father. Other than that, they know nothing else. In an interview, a voter was asked what she thinks Joy's occupation is, and she answered, "A nutritionist, or an agriculturalist." Another voter thought Joy Belmonte graduated from the US.

Unknown to most, Joy Belmonte has a master's degree in Archeology at the University of London, and master's in Museum Studies in Leicester University in England. Joy also holds a social science diploma from the Ateneo de Manila University.

Joy spearheaded excavation jobs around the country, taught for a while in UP Diliman, and has an archaeological consulting firm. She's also a chairperson of the social development committee of the QC Development Council. She also visited several third-world countries like Vietnam and Cambodia. Prior to her running for vice-mayor, she headed a foundation dedicated to the rejuvenation of the city's cultural tradition as well as upliftment of livelihood and education of the city's residents.

Even then, to Joy Belmonte's critics, she is not prepared for the job, and they frown upon her victory which they attribute to her father. But despite her apparent limitations, the people gave her their mandate.

Joy may not come close yet to what her father has done for the city. But her constituency cannot be faulted to hope for much better performance from her. She is fresh and unmarred by the dirty and self-serving politics. Her father left a legacy, one that Joy can draw strength from. Sonny Belmonte leaves Quezon City in exceptional high state of growth. He is leaving the city at the hands of his trusted lieutenant, Mayor Herbert Bautista. And just like Noynoy Aquino, she is duty bound to give her best in return for the trust and opportunity the Quezon City voters gave her.

A lot has to be done to sustain initial advance made by the previous city administration. Quezon City is a rich city but still faces numerous problems from unemployment to housing shortage, health service and education.

The city has somehow addressed the problem of classrooms for its public schools. However, the city must also face the problem of the deteriorating quality of education. Teachers are overworked and poorly paid. There is no well-laid and funded program for continuing education and training for teachers. Facilities such as computers and access to the internet are still lacking. Tertiary education is still inaccessible to lower-income families who make up the majority of the city residents.

The city is vibrant and booming. The city has become a flourishing hub for the growing BPO industry of the country. It also prides itself as one of the busiest commercial cities in the metropolis. Thousands of service workers are employed in the various malls, fast food chains.

The manufacturing sector has stopped growing. The city must attract Filipino entrepreneurs that would help create job opportunities for the vast human resources available in the city. Unfortunately, a sizeable portion of them are informal settlers under threat from demolition and relocation.

Health service is still wanting for many poor residents of the city. Medical workers are mostly hospital-based. Most have no health insurance as many are unemployed or are not earning enough to get health insurance. Malnutrition especially among children and women of these communities is prevalent.

These are some of the problems that council needs to confront. It is said that the city's treasury has billions in its coffers, but Quezon City's finances must be managed well to sustain growth and provide what the constituents need most.

Joy Belmonte-Alimurung has her work cut out for her. With the both the trust and the mandate given by the people, it is Belmonte-Alimurung's duty to make a difference and to bring progress. She must prove that her youth is not an impediment but rather an asset for Quezon City. She can in fact be a good example to many youth and intellectuals of the city. She can establish ties with the academe and other intellectual resource to help the city council in creating innovative projects and endeavours to address various city concerns. By mobilizing city's enormous human resource, Joy can encourage and develop volunteerism among the people of Quezon City.

In this way, she can increase the city's resources that are not found in ledgers and accounting books. With a surname like Belmonte and the people behind her, how can she not succeed – after all, the people are the city's true wealth.



NEPA: Pilipinas, dapat nang maghanda sa pagkalat ng Sovereign Debt Crisis ng mga mauunlad na bansa.

Hinamon ni Bayan dela Cruz, pangulo ng National Economic Protectionism Association (NEPA) ang mga Pilipino na kumilos at huwag umasa sa kung anung mapagkakasunduan ng mga bansang kabilang G8 at G20 upang isalba ang lumalalang krisis pangekonomiya ng daigdig.

Sa inilunsad na Roundtable Conference ng Ibon Foundation noong Hulyo 29 sa Bahay Kalinaw , UP Diliman, hinimok ni Dela Cruz ang kapwa niya Pilipino partikular na ang mga kapwa niya negosyante na magsawa ng angkop na mga hakbangin upang hindi tuluyang bumagsak ang ating ekonomiya sa harap ng krisis pampinansya ng mga malalaki at malalakas na bansa sa buong mundo.

Matatandang nabangkarote ang bansang Iceland noong isang taon, at ang Greece noong nakalipas na dalawang buwan dulot ng napakalaking utang panlabas na bunsod ng krisis pinansyal. Dahil dito, naobliga ang European Union na magbuhos ng 300 bilyong euro (o $360 billion) para isalba ang Greece.

Ngunit ang pagpapautang sa Greece ay may kakambal na atas ng paghihigpit ng sinturon o austerity measures tulad ng radikal na pagpapaba ng deficit ng pamahalaan Athens. Sa ngayon, nangangamba ang EU na maaring sumunod ang Spain at Portugal sa domino ng mga nababangkaroteng mga bansa.

Dahil dito, nagpasya ang pulong ng G8 at G20 sa Canada noong nakalipas na buwan na ipatupad ang austerity measures (liban sa Estados Unidos) para sa lahat ng mga kaanib na bansa upang masawata ang napipintong krisis sa pinansya.

"I believe that whatever the consensus in the G8 and G20 summit in Canada are - be it a continuation of the stimulus route or austerity measures, the negative implications for the Philippines will be the same," pahayag ni dela Cruz.

Pahayag pa ni dela Cruz, matagal ng sumasailalim ang ating bansa sa pagtitipid simula pa noong panahon ng administrasyon ni dating pangulong Marcos ngunit hanggang sa ngayon ay wala pa ring pagbabago sa kalagayan ng ating ekonomiya bagkus ay lalo pa itong lumalala. "Sad to say, Philippines had been there, done that to no effect."

"Austerity measures or stimulus spending generally means that the poor should have less while the capitalist, the big banks, and big corporations who all contributed heavily in the financial and economic crisis are the ones that is bailed out," ani pa ni dela Cruz. Para sa kanya, walang masama kung tayo ay makikipagnegosasyon sa iba pang bansa ngunit huwag nating kalimutan na tanging kapwa Pilipino din natin ang makakatulong upang hindi tayo tuluyang bumagsak sa kahirapan.

Sa kabilang banda, tinukoy sa roundtable conference na hungkag ang naging tangka para sa stimulus spending o pump priming ng administrasyong Macapagal-Arroyo dahil halos kalahati ng badyet ay ibinabayad lamang sa utang panlabas at lumiit pa nga ang aktwal na gastusin ng gobyerno kumpara sa nakaraang mga taon.







Ipinanawagan ni De la Cruz ang pagpapalakas ng suporta sa lokal na manupaktura at agrikultura kasabay ng pagpapataas ng sahod upang mapasigla ang lokal na domestic spending bilang harang sa pag-alagwa ng krisis pinansya ng mga mauunlad na bansa sa Pilipinas.

Speech to Ibon Roundtable Conference on the Global Debt Crisis

Sa ngalan ng National Economic Protectionism Association, Magandang Umaga sa inyong lahat!

Lubhang napapanahon ang roundtable conference na ito na ipinatawag ng Ibon Foundation sa okasyon ng G8 at G20 summit sa Canada. Malinaw ang mga katanungang inihapag ng IBON sa pulong natin ngayon. Subalit tulad ng maraming tanong, mahirap, kumplikado ang mga sagot. Pagpasensyahan ninyo na ang aming munting ambag.

Has there been or rather is there recovery from the worldwide financial and economic crisis? If the events in Greece, and earlier in Iceland, is any indication, we believe that is no recovery now, or is there in the near forseable future.

The worldwide crises and attempts to mitigate and control the financial turmoil triggered by the US sub-prime and mortgage debt problems created and multiplied the crisis exponentially. That much is clear.

From a purely domestic and US problem of greed in profit making, the world reaped a recession none had ever seen before. The US-led stimulus or pump priming effort increased the public debts of governments worldwide not unlike the mythical Hydra - the more you cut off the heads, the more problems arise in its stead.

And so, the much ballyhooed trillion dollar stimulus package the US had been bandying about, more if we count the European counterpart stimulus package, created a new monster in the form of massive sovereign debt. Greece is only just the beginning.

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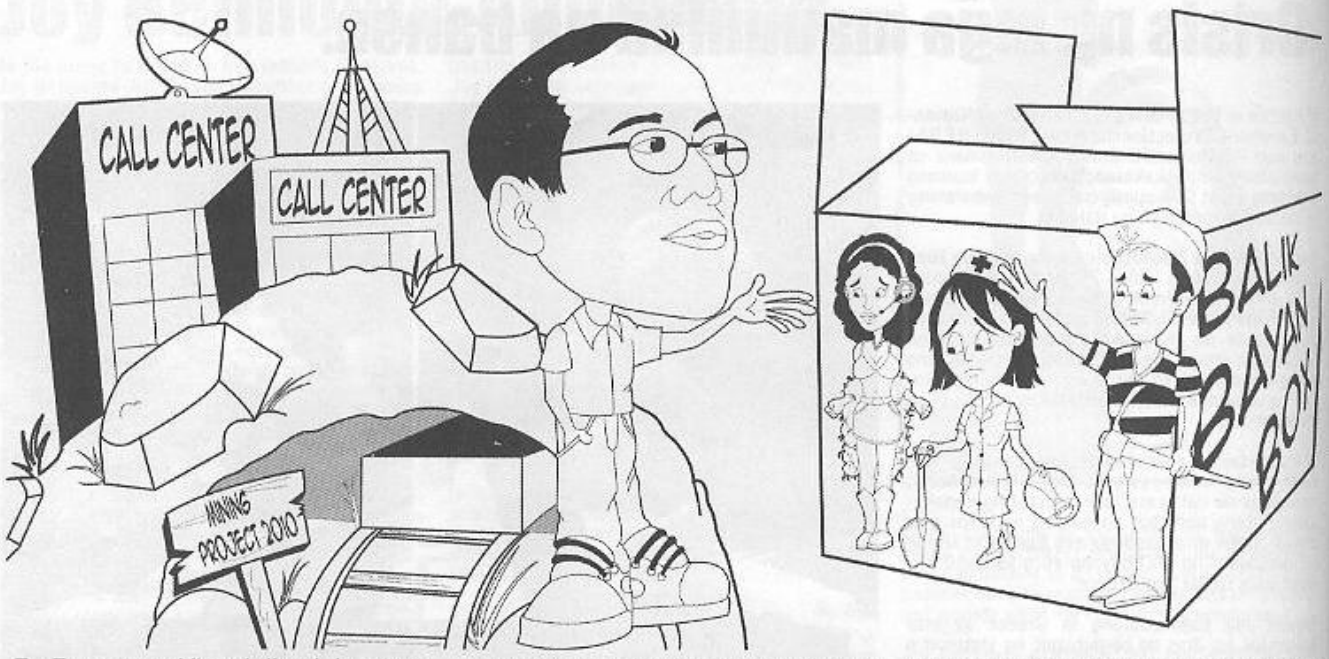
Economics

Noynoy Economics

Part II

Calling all OFW's: D2 na me, wer na u?



May mga positibo subalit nakakapangambang bagay sa economic agenda ni President-elect Noynoy Aquino. Sa pananalita sa harap ng Makati Business Club noong panahon ng kampanya, inilatag ang noo'y kandidatong Aquino ang ilang sa mga mayor na pundasyon ng kanyang economic strategy. Isa sa tumawag ng pansin sa kanyang plataporma ay ang paninindigan kaugnay ng mga OFW. Sa ilalim ng kanyang panunungkulan, nangako si Aquino "to create jobs at home so that working abroad will be out of choice, not necessity."

Hindi ko alam kung ito ay bahagi ng kanyang political campaign strategy upang manyutralisa niya ang mahigpit na karibal na si Manny Villar (na unang nagpasikat gamit ang OFW) o dahil sa matibay na paninindigan laban sa labor export strategy.

Pero kung titingnan paano minaliit ni Aquino ang ipinagmalaking 7.3% growth sa unang kwarto ng taon na aniya ay dulot lamang ng election spending at OFW remittances, may inisyal na batayan para sabihin seryoso si Aquino na baliktarin ang labor export strategy.

Sa halos apat na dekada, ang labor-export policy ang isa sa haligi ng export-oriented development strategy na sinimulan ni dating Pang. Ferdinand Marcos noong Martial Law. Umayon sa isang panahon ang labor export strategy sa paglaki ng pangangailangan ng Middle East sa skilled at unskilled labor noong dekada 70 at 80.

Sa ngayon, humigit kumulang 9 na milyon ng ating kababayan o 10 por syento ng ating populasyon ay nasa ibayong dagat na nagtatrabaho bilang mga domestic helpers doktor, nars, engineers, seamen, teachers, entertainers at kung anu-ano pa. Nakakalat sila sa buong daigdig maski pa sa pinakamapanganib na lugar ng pagtatrabaho tulad ng Afghanistan at iba pang war-torn areas. Noong 2009 ay nagpadala sila ng $17.3 bilyon (na tinatayang 10.8% ng gross domestic product. Kung wala ang kanilang remittances, matagal na sanang tumaob ang ating ekonomiya.

Sa likod ng sakripisyo ng mga pagkakahiwalay ng mga pamilya dagdag pa sa economic cost ng edukasyon (gumastos ang bansa ng bilyung-bilyon taun-taon para edukahin ang mamamayan upang pagsilbihin lang sa ibayong dagat!), napapanahon na talaga upang repasuhin tungo sa pagbawi ng labor export policy.

Paano babaliktarin ni Aquino ang labor export policy? Aniya, kailangang malikha ang trabaho sa loob ng bansa. Sa puntong ito nakakapangamba ang ilang bahagi ng programa ni Aquino.
Upang mapalawak ang ekonomiya tinukoy ni Aquino ang agrikultura, business process outsourcing (call centers and outsourced office work), creative industries, infrastructure, manufacturing, logistics, mining and tourism.

Nakakapangamba ito dahil ang tinukoy ni Aquino na "growth areas" ang mismong prayoridad ng mga foreign chamber of commerce (nangunguna dito ang US Chamber of Commerce) at tinatawag nilang "Big Seven" industries. Tinataya ng mga dayuhan na ang mga ito ay may potensyal na kumabig ng US$75 billion ng dayuhang pamumuhunan sa susunod na 10 taon.

Kapansin-pansin na ang mananatiling nasa unahan ng prayoridad ang call centers at BPO's. Hindi na nga kailangang pumunta pa sa ibayong dagat upang magtrabaho para sa mga dayuhan dahil maari kang magtrabaho bilang taga-kolekta ng utang ng mga US credit card companies at US banks sa air-conditioned rooms ng mga call centers dito sa Pilipinas.

Makakapagparami ba ng trabaho sa pamamagitan ng call centers? Kung titingnan ang karanasan ng huling mga taon na kinatangian ng pandaigdigang resesyon, ang pagdami ng trabaho sa call centers ay nakasalalay sa pagsigla ng ekonomiya ng US dahil ito ang pinakamalaking customer ng mga call centers. Ang tanong? Paano kung di kaagad makabangon ang US mula sa resesyon? At sa pagbangon ng US, di kaya uunahin nila bigyan ng trabaho ang sarili nilang mamamayan kaysa ipasa sa Pilipinas ang mga trabaho?

Wala pang detalye anong bahagi ng manufacturing ang nais paunlarin ni Aquino, pero kung susundin ang pangangailangan ng mga dayuhan, hindi na rin lalayo ito sa mga electronic at semiconductors industries na tulad ng call centers ay apektado ng pandaigdigang resesyon.

Kung sa minahan naman, malamang magpasok ito ng pondo pero bilang exploration contracts at hindi maaring maging trabaho kaagad-agad. Sa kabila ng pagpaprayoridad ng Arroyo Administration sa pagmimina na nag-anyo sa tuwirang pagpapailalim sa Bureau of Mines sa Office of the President, at paghawak ng mga kamag-anak niya sa mga komite sa Kongreso na may kaugnyan sa enerhiya at pagminina, hindi ito nagresulta sa pagdami ng mga trabaho.

Nangako din siya na repasuhin ang buong programa ng Department of Agriculture at hihikayatin ang paggamit ng "supply chain management". Pero paano niya gagawin ito ay bagay na dapat pa niyang ilinaw.

At kung titingnan ang demographics ng mga OFW's hindi sila tumutugma ang mga prayoridad ni Aquino. Malaking bahagi ng mga nasa Middle East ay unskilled at semi-skilled workers sa construction. Malaking mayorya ng nasa Hongkong ay mga domestic helpers habang mga entertainers at GRO naman ang nasa Japan. Ang bulto ng mga nurse at doctor ay nasa US at UK. Paano sila babalik sa Pilipinas kung ang iniaalok na trabaho ni Aquino ay call centers, minahan, at electronic manufacturing?

May malinaw na disconnect sa vision at estratehiya sa ekonomiya ni Aquino. Sana'y hindi maging malungkot na biro sa mga OFW ang kanyang pangakong hindi na nila kailangang mangibang-bansa para lamang mabuhay ang kanilang pamilya.

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NEPA Corner

Speech to Ibon Roundtable Conference on the Global Debt Crisis

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Already, developed countries are in a quandary - will it pursue the US-initiative of pump priming their economy or be more prudent in the form of austerity measures - the same measures EU imposed on Greece in exchange for 300 billion euros? What ever their solutions are, one thing is clear, it would be in the interest of their respective economies. The Philippines need to think the same. What would be in our interests?

The worldwide recession impacted on the Philippine economy almost immediately. The electronic manufacturing sector, along with several other industries lost tens of thousands of jobs. Labor export contracted across the board. The cost of imports primarily that of petroleum increased, triggered in part by increased demand and a falling peso-dollar exchange rate. The list is long. But again, this is the price we are paying for a globalized economy.

The Philippine response had been typical. Follow the US lead. And so the government initiated its own version of a stimulus package. But lacking the manufacturing and industrial base and strong domestic market with which to maximize any pump priming activity, our version of pump priming had been lost in haze corruption estimated in the billions of pesos annually.

The result of our half-hearted and misdirected stimulus spending is massive public debt. The Philippines debt problem had long been in life support, surviving primarily on the billions of dollar annual remittances of our overseas contract workers. Without these remitances, our country's finance and economy had long ago went belly up.

Should we follow the austerity route? Sad to say, the Philippines had been there, done that to no effect. The austerity measures initiated by President Marcos during the early 80's and those that followed the Aquino assassination led untold economic hardship by the people. Austerity measures generally means that the poor should have less while the capitalists, the big banks, and the big corporations who all contributed heavily in the financial and economic crisis are the ones that get bailed out!

And so, I believe that whatever the consensus in the G8 and G20 summit in Canada are - we would still be in an economic and financial free fall. The stimulus package or austerity measures in Europe will mean prioritizing employment to citizens of European countries to the detriment of Filipino migrant labor. Austerity measures in Europe will also reduce to a trickle investments in the Middle East already feeling the crunch of real estate bubble. Any which way, Filipino migrant workers, already a tenth of our population face uncertain future abroad, and a bleaker future once they return to our country.

President-elect Noynoy Aquino economic program is not comforting to say the least. Based on his speech to the Makati Business Club last February, his economic platform is grounded on one: anti-corruption efforts designed to eliminate a P280 billion waste in government budget annually; two, focus on what the American Chamber of commerce are rooting for the Big Seven - agriculture, business process outsourcing, creative industries, infrastructure, manufacturing, logistics, mining and tourism and thirdly, fiscal reforms grounded on a no-new taxes promise.

On its own, the anti-corruption platform will not immediately translate to the reduction of the budget deficit as corruption is deeply ingrained in almost all economic and governmental activities. The no-new-taxes policy is at best misguided or just plain political propaganda. The Aquino administration is looking at a more than P300 billion annual budgetary deficit and a P600 billion yearly debt amortization.

What is more worrisome is the growth focus of the current administration. It appears that the Aquino government had copied verbatim the economic agenda of the US chamber of commerce in the Philippines. If adopted by the Aquino administration, the government will only be replicating the economic pattern started by his predecessor with the same or worse results.

As to solutions, NEPA had for the past 75 years had been a voice in the wilderness. But the voice of economic nationalism had been proven right during the only period when the country experienced high economic growth - that is during the 50's. It is at this time that our country managed to build its industry and manufacturing sector and became the second most developed nation in the whole of Asia.

The current global crisis is similar to the one that confronted us during the 50's. We have an opportunity - an opportunity to build a comprehensive economy where we as a nation produce what we need, interacting with the world but standing on our own two feet. We need not look very far for examples. Korea is an economic giant. Malaysia is also quite near there. Once agricultural economies, it took them only a few decades to become economic powerhouse using the path of national industrialization.

Hence, we propose the following:
One, increased state investment in and promotion of local manufacturing. We call for more state support for small and medium-size entrepreneurs in the form of increased and relaxed credit windows and technical support.

Two, review of export processing charters with the view of putting into place stringent import substitution and technology transfer requirements for locators in various export processing zones in the country.

Three, immediate suspension and review of all tariff reduction commitments that had impacted negatively on agriculture and local manufacturing industries.

Four, increased state investments in and promotion of local manufactures. We call for more state support for small and medium-sized entrepreneurs in form of increased credit and technical support.

Five, immediate suspension of the automatic appropriations for debt service, a moratorium on payments to tainted loans public or private loans (with sovereign guarantees) and the implementation of a more rational debt payment mechanisms.

Six, creation of an OFW provident fund with the view of providing for entrepreneurial packages for returning OFWs as well as technical, health and other benefits and services.

Seven, government assistance in the promotion and development of nationalist ideals among young entrepreneurs.

And eight, creation of a body to formulate a national industrialization strategy.

We cannot continue on our current path - the one pursued from one Macapagal to the other Macapagal. For the past years, NEPA had endeavored to promote the ideals of economic nationalism among small and medium entrepreneurs through lectures, internet propaganda, seminars and services. We believe that the current crises will turn the tide in favor of nationalism.

The G20 summit will not save us. It is up to us. My friends, let us unite under the banner of economic nationalism.

Fallout of the austerity measures in Greece and Portugal

Workers in in Greece and Portugal organized generals strikes to oppose highly unjust and anti-people crisis measures of their governments as prescribed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the European Union (EU).



Greek workers on strike

The general strike in Greece, which is the sixth staged this year, brought planes, ferries and trains to a halt as tens of thousands of people marched through Athens and other major cities to protest the social spending cuts and severe tax measures being imposed by the IMF and EU. Major unions continue to lead the historic anti-imperialist general strike.

In Portugal, railway workers demonstrated their strength against cuts in social spending made by their government by significantly bringing the country's train transport into a halt. More unions across the country are expected to join the ongoing general strike.

The message of the general strike in Greece and Portugal is very clear: Workers and the people overwhelmingly oppose the imperialist robbery perpetrated by the IMF and EU through a monstrous $378 billion loan. They strongly oppose the budget cuts on education, healthcare and other social services. They vehemently oppose the increase of taxes and other measures which will make them pay for the crisis which they never caused in the first place.

Experienced Teacher and Progressive Religious at the Helm: Who is BRA?



Prof. Louie C. Montemar

A teacher is at the helm. The New Chief of the Department of Education is Br. Armin Luistro FSC, or as some informal documents fondly note, "BrA."

This appointment is a disappointment perhaps to some who may be hoping for a more secular arrangement, what with Sex Education (and Population Management through the Reproductive Health Bill) being an issue related to the formal school curriculum.

But wait, before we throw our hands up in the air in frustration over what appears to be a questionable appointment — some say there is conflict of interest since BrA represents the private school sector and is a devout Catholic — let's see, who, after all, is "BrA"?

Br. Armin Altamirano Luistro FSC is a Filipino—a Batanguenyo—De La Salle Brother born on December 24, 1961 to Jose Dimayuga and Magdalena Aranda Altamirano in Lipa City. Brother Armin, as most Lasallians refer to him, first studied at the Canossa Academy in Lipa City, Batangas, but finished his grade school (1973) and high school (1977) at De La Salle-Lipa.

With a De La Salle college scholarship grant, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Letters degree from DLSU-Manila in 1981. He studied at the Ateneo de Manila University for some time and earned master's degree units in Religious Education. He eventually earned a Master of Arts degree in Religious Education and a Doctorate from DLSU-Manila.

From 1997 to 2003, Brother Armin was Brother Visitor (Brother Provincial, or simply "head") of the DLSU Brothers in the Philippines. Together with the Bishop of Manado, Indonesia, Josef Suwatan, Brother Armin founded, in 2000, the DLS-Manado. In 2004, he was appointed by the DLSU Board of Trustees as President of the DLSU System and was such until the establishment of De La Salle Philippines, Inc., of which he was the President and Chief Executive Officer until his recent appointment as DepEd Chief.

With such a general background, one might easily just sense the possibility of undue Church influence on the Education Department. But wait, there's more to this scion of Batangas.

At the height of the 2004 Electoral Fraud-Garci Scandal, Br. Armin led the LaSallian Brothers in calling for the resignation of Gloria Arroyo. He was projected as part of the United Opposition in calling for the resignation of the President and became a prominent figure in the activities of the Black and White Movement, as it advocated against President Arroyo's continued stay in power.

But I think what many failed and fail to note is that Br Armin was, from the year 2001 to 2004, also Co-Chairperson of the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP). The AMRSP is a progressive network of the religious, church workers, including the once very dynamic Task Force Detainees of the Philippines. In fact, with its deep socio-political involvement, AMRSP was often viewed by some sectors within the Church as being "too political."

In its own website, the AMRSP describes that through its history, since the 1970s, "AMRSP has joined hands with the people to struggle against continuing poverty and repression. AMRSP was there in vigilant protest against GATT (1995); the anti-terrorism bills and the establishment of a national ID system (1995): APEC (1996); oil deregulation and oil price increases (1997); charter change (1997) and the overall effects of globalization and Philippines 2000. In the decade of the 90s, the AMRSP affirmed its response to the challenges of becoming the Church of the Poor as envisioned in PCP II."

Brother Armin's conscious political involvement and his openness to progressive ideas should serve him well. His ability to be steadfast in the midst of political turbulence should make him a good candidate for a very delicate and strategic government post. On a personal note, let me say that I have heard Brother Armin express his thoughts many times and I have read some essays he has crafted and I can sense a strong openness to meaningful social change in him.

Still, as one blogger asked and noted: "But will Br. Armin defend the right of the state over his vows as a religious Brother if the need arises about this particular issue? Will he become the bridge between the state and the religious sector in order to come to a more acceptable sex-ed program? Or will he succumb to the lobbying of the Catholic Church on education programs that the latter finds against its so-called moral stand?"

The same blogger points out however that he has no question about Br. Armin's competence and that "he is a great educator and school administrator, and an upright man." The blogger cautions that Brother Armin has the "burden and biases" of a person "strongly affiliated with a religious group when he enters the government. He is strongly bound by his religious beliefs and vows."

In the final analysis, one thing that really gives me hope is this: Brother Armin is, first of all, a teacher. A classroom teacher and a formator. As the Edcom (Congressional Commission on Education) Report of 1991 underscored, "teachers are at the heart of the matter of education reform." Now, therefore, the real question is will Brother Armin be able to push forward the much delayed reforms in education as, for instance, articulated in the Basic Education Sector Reform Agenda (BESRA)?

There is reason to be hopeful. A classroom teacher is at the heart of the matter.

Hence I have but one humble suggestion (or reminder) to the good Brother, listen to OUR teachers. Look at what they have done, what they are doing, and what they want to do given the urgent problems of education in this country. I am sure our teachers have much to say beyond asking for better pay. Learn, once again, from them. The teacher should, once again, be the student.

Prof. Louie Montemar graduated from UP Diliman and is currently teaching at De La Salle University.

Two Public School Teachers Killed, Another Survives Attack in Masbate

Two more activists, this time teachers, where one is a member of the leftist group Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), were killed in just the first 10 days of the administration of President Benigno Aquino III, bringing the number of extrajudicial killings under his watch to four.

Mark Francisco, 27, a teacher of San Isidro Elementary School in Palanas, Masbate province in Bicol, was on his way home with four co-teachers on Friday, July 9, at around 5:00 p.m when two men wearing masks and camouflaged uniforms fired at their group. His body was riddled with bullets from an M-16 rifle. Francisco's co-teacher managed to escape as the killers tried to pursue him. He reported the incident to the police.

On the same day, Edgar Fernandez, 44, another public school teacher from Barangay central, Masbate City, Masbate, was shot dead by unidentified men on his way home.

"I least expected that this would happen because Edgar seemed to be very happy during the welcome program that we prepared for students that day," Myrna Laurio. She is the principal of Roco C. Pahis Sr. Central School where Fernandez taught.

Laurio said Fernandez sleeps in the school during weekdays because he lives far from the school. He only goes home on Fridays for the weekend. But on July 9, Fernandez and a co-teacher, both riding a motorcycle, were fired at by an unidentified man. Fernandez died immediately but his co-teacher survived with a bullet wound.

"The whole school is in mourning," Laurio said. She added that these unidentified gunmen seem to have no respect for the lives of the teachers who were probably educating their children.

Earlier, another ACT member and public school teacher Dexter Legazpi, 36, also of Palanan, Masbate was shot at on July 6. Luckily, he survived. He and his wife were on a motorcycle going to school when five men, also wearing ski masks and military uniforms, shot at them. Legazpi was able to speed away to safety on his motorcycle.

Francisco and Legazpi are public school teachers and members of the Alliance for Concerned Teachers' local chapter in Masbate. They actively campaigned for its party-list bid during the May 2010 elections.

Benny Almanzor of ACT in Masbate said teachers in Palanas town in Masbate are afraid to go to school now. Classes were suspended in 16 schools in the said town because of the killings. "Teachers and barangay captains are going to the local government office to see what can be done to protect the teachers." As for teachers in Roco C. Pahis Sr. Central School, Laurio said they are taking extra precautions. -By JANESS ANN J. ELLAO, Bulatlat.com

News Damayan sa Brgy. Damayang Lagi

Muling pinatunayan ng mamamayan ng Quezon City na walang hangganan ang pakikisama sa harap ng kalamidad. Noong Abril 25, 2010, tinupok ng apoy ang 800 kabahayan ng halos 2000 pamilya sa Brgy. Damayang Lagi – isa sa pinakamaking sunog sa syudad ngayong taon. Subalit sa kabila ng trahedya, mabilis na sumaklolo ang iba't ibang pribado organisasyon at publikong ahensya upang mabilis na makabangon ang mga residente ng Brgy. Lagi.

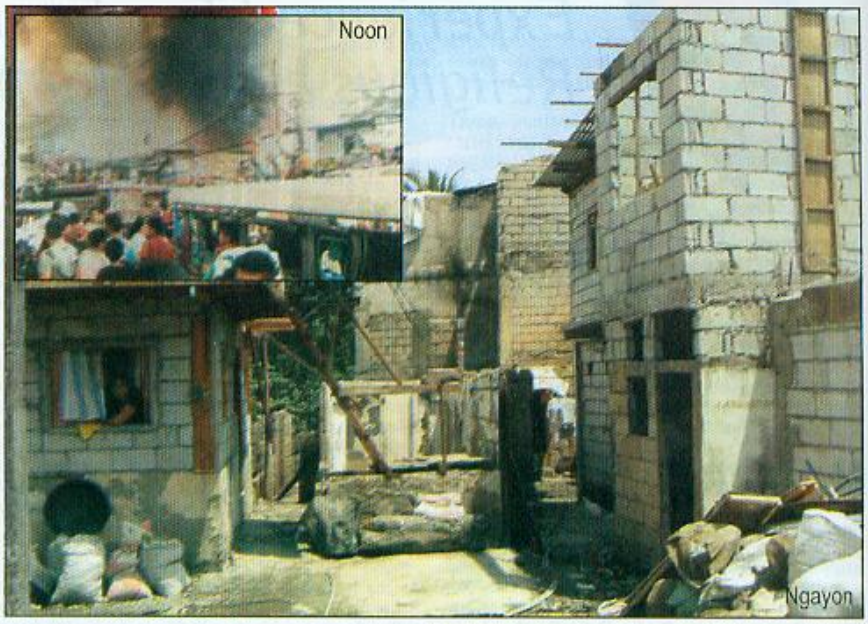
Sa panayam kay Josel D. Clet , brgy. Chairman ng Damayang Lagi, nagbigay na agarang financial assistance ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Quezon City. "Ang mga may ari ng bahay /owners ay tumanggap ng P2,000 bawat pamilya ang mga renters / sharers ay P1,000 bawat pamilya," ani ni Clet.

"Marami pang tumulong sa mga nabiktima, tulad ng NGO'S, Red Cross, Philippine Charity Sweepstake Office na nagbigay mga materyales para sa paggawa ng bahay bukod pa sa mga relief goods," dagdag pa ni Clet.

Dahil naganap ang sunog sa panahon ng kampanyahan sa eleksyon, maraming kandidato ang nagbigay ng tulong sa mga biktima tulad ni Herbert Bautista, Mike Defensor, Arlene De Guzman, Edwin Rodriguez at marami pang iba.

Dahil sa mga tulong na ito, at sa pagsisikap ng mga residente mabilis na naitirik ng mga residente ang kanilang mga bahay. Sa pagkakataong ito, karamihan ng mga itinayong bahay nila ay yari sa kongkreto.

"Halos lahat ng nakapagpatayo dito ng bahay ay mga konkreto na dahil ayaw na nilang maulit ang nangyari sa kanila ng nagdaang insidente,' sabi ni Kristine Bernadeth Legaspi, isa sa mga biktima.



Proyekto sa ngayon ng Pambansang pamahalaan sa naturang lugar ang pagpapalawak at pagsasaayos ng mga mga iskinita sa loob ng lugar para sa seguridad laban at upang mabilis na makaayuda ang mga bumbero at pulisya sa panahon ng sunog at iba pang sakuna na maaring maganap sa hinaharap. -Ulat ni Rose Del Rosario

Freedom of Information, ipasa na!

Ang pagpapasa sa Freedom of Information Bill, ang panukalang batas na nagbibigay-ngipin sa karapatan ng mamamayan sa impormasyon at transparency sa mga transaksyn ng gobyerno, ang isa mga pangunahing hamon bumungad sa pagpasok ng administrasyong Aquino.

Sa isang pahayag nanawagan ang National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) sa bagong administrasyon na bigyan ng agrang pansin ang pagapapasa sa FOI. "On the very first day you take over the reins of government, send an unequivocal signal to the 15th Congress to make the speedy passage of the freedom of information bill its first priority."

Bukod sa NUJP, nanawagan din ang tinatayang mahigit sa 160 civil society group na kabilang sa nabuong Right to Know, Right Now Coalition sa mga bagong halal na kongresista at senador na isabatas na ang FOI.

Matatandaang hindi naipasa ang panukalang batas sa Nakababang Kapulungan sa huling araw ng sesyon nito noong Hunyo sa kabila ng pagpasa nito sa Senado noong pang Pebrero 2010. Naging kontrobersyal ang maka-isang panig na pagdedeklara ng dating Speaker Prospero Nograles ng walang korum ang Kongreso kung kaya't namatay ang panukalang batas na ilang taon nang isinusulong sa Kongreso ng maraming grupo sa media.

At upang matiyak na hindi maulit ang sinapit ng FOI bill, agarang isinampa ni Rep. Teddy Casino ng BAYAN MUNA partylist ang Freedom of Information bill sa ika-15 Kongreso. Ayon kay Casino, "his measure is stronger because it has a more forceful provision on mandatory compliance, a clause on declassifying information, and a shortened period for government agencies to disclose requested information."

"We will be working with the Liberal Party, Nacionalista Party, Nationalist People's Coalition, and even Lakas-Kampi on this important proposed law," dagdag pa ng Bayan Muna.

QC acts to ease water shortage

Quezon City residents are now breathing a sigh of relief as the threat of water crisis passed.

The prolonged dry season a few months past was pointed as the main culprit that precipitated the water crisis last July. At 157.6 meters, Angat Dam water level was said to be at its lowest in history, lower even than 1998 El Niño phenomenon.

Maynilad, one of the main suppliers of water in Metro Manila, was severely burdened by the decreasing water level in Angat Dam. It is said that 50% of their coverage area was affected by the crisis.

Maynilad was forced to conduct mitigating measures and cut supply of water in certain areas in the Metro.

In Quezon City , 28 barangays or almost 350, 000 residents were left scrambling for water because of water supply shortage.

The lucky ones received 12-14 hours supply service, while some barangays 0-6 hours water supply. But because of the severity of the water crisis, barangays like Barangay Batasan Hills in Quezon City received not a single drop of water for weeks.

Residents lived without taking a bath, and were compelled to suffer long queues just to fetch water from either a deep well or from water rations.

The Quezon City Government implemented water rationing in the affected barangays to prevent a water crisis.

About 38,500 gallons of water in District 1, 77,000 gallons in District 2, and 3,000 gallons in District 4 were distributed by fire volunteer brigades as of July 31, 2010.

Parks Development and Administration, headed by Engr. Zaldy de la Rosa, and Barangay Operations Center , headed by Jorge Felipe, also undertook water rationing in their designated areas.

The QC fire marshal said that water rationing will continue on a daily basis until water supply becomes normal especially to those areas being served by Maynilad.

"Water rationing will not stop until this water shortage persists. Our fire trucks are always ready to supply water to those areas in need. There's no need to panic... families affected by water shortage should calm down and just call us," Baruelo said.

Among the affected QC barangays are Bahay Toro, Nayong Kanluran, Paltok, Paraiso, Mariblo, Damayan , Del Monte, Talayan, Batasan Hills, Commonwealth, Payatas, Greater Lagro, North Fairview , Kaligayahan, Sta. Lucia, San Agustin, Novaliches Proper, Nagkaisang Nayon, Sta. Monica, San Bartolome, Talipapa, Baesa, Balonbato, Apolonio Samson, Tatalon, Doña Imelda, Santol and Doña Aurora. -Ralph David

No New Taxes in QC, Mayor Bautista Says

Quezon City residents need not worry that additional taxes might be imposed during the new administration of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista.

Supportive of the administration policy of President Benigno Simeon "Noynoy" Aquino III, mayor Bautista formally declared that no additional taxes will be imposed on the city's taxpayers during his term. Although Bautista admitted that there is need for more funds for his programs for housing, education, and infrastructure development, he said that creating additional or new taxes is not the only solution.

"We can realize this administration's dreams without imposing additional taxes...only an innovative mind and strict implementation of the revenue code are needed," he said.

Stressing the learning he acquired from former Budget and Management Secretary Emilia Boncodin, his former professor, Bautista claimed that there are lots of ways to augment and increase the city government revenue. One idea he had in mind, the mayor said, is the strict implementation of payment of taxes due from companies using city government properties such as lands and structures like those for Meralco posts, from which there are about four companies benefiting but only one company is paying the tax to the city government.

"Dapat singilin ang tatlong kumpanya na gumagamait ng poste ng Meralco sa kanilang negosyo hindi lang ang iisang kumpanya. Dapat maging mahigpit tayo sa mga bagay na ito kahit pa magalit sila sa atin o sa akin, basta ginagawa natin ang alam nating tama," he said.

He challenged revenue generating offices and departments in QC hall to do their best to make sure that the revenues of the city today will be sufficient to support the programs and project of his new administration.

"Since this is the incubation period of my administration, I am giving all the chances to all the city executives to prove their worth. This is a challenge to them-to work or to work better," he said.#PAISO

New QC Mayor wants more housing for the poor

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista is set to build decent houses for informal settlers, or those who belong to about 40 percent of the city's population whose only shelters are found in danger zones, mostly along waterways that swell during heavy rains.

During his first executive meeting at the QC Hall after being sworn in as Mayor, Bautista declared that one of the thrust and flagship programs of his administration is housing for the poor. Other thrusts are environment and peace and order.

Bautista said that it's been his long time dream as public servant to se that most families in the city are living in comfortable and decent houses without worrying of rain, storm, and heat of the sun, accident, eviction and demolition.

"It might be a dream but it is better to have one than nothing," Bautista told city's executives as he expressed his desire to accomplish this dream during his term as Mayor.

For this dream, he challenged revenue generating offices such as Business permits and Licensing Office (BPLO), and City Assessor's Office to strengthen tax collection efforts as well as innovate some measures that will boost the city's income to realize his administration thrust.

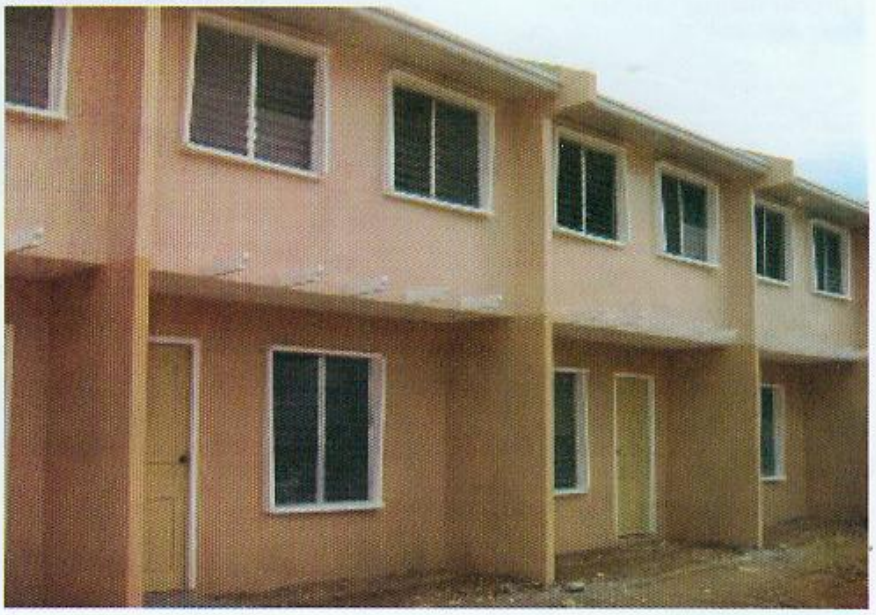
Some of the city's tax collection boosters are tax credits and proceeds from the city's delinquent property auctions, he said.

He also said that the city government may ask for a share of tax credits collected from big companies which are directly given to the National Housing Authority (NHA)/ He added that if the city could have its share, it would be able to build infrastructure for housing.

"We have a vast land here in the city. We have lots of families that need houses. Let's do something about this problem by innovating measures that would help us realize this program, he said.

At the same time, he urged the Office of the City Prosecutors and Clerk of Court to join the executive meeting to better understand his administration's aspiration for mass housing.

"I want the city prosecutor and clerk of court to accompany us during executive meetings to discuss matters regarding housing without prejudice to their decision in case such as eviction, demolition and the like. Ang gusto lang naman natin ay maialis sa delikadong lugar ang mga resident eng lungsod na nakatira sa may estero, ilalim ng tulay at iba pa," he said. # PAISO.



QC CENTENARIANS AWARDED MONTHLY STIPEND

Quezon City Centenarians are now entitled to a P1,000 monthly stipend.

Mayor Herbert Bautista said that awarding this monthly benefit is vital in promoting the total well-being of the city's senior citizens especially those who reached the age of 100 years or more.

Former Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. signed an executive order providing for this new benefit during his last week as QC chief executive, according to Mayor Bautista.

The P1,000 monthly stipend, which shall be made available to the program, beneficiaries during the remaining years of their lifetime, is non-transferable.

To qualify for the financial assistance, the centenarians are required to register at the QC Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) for proper identification and documentation. They must also present documents to show that they are bonafide QC residents. OSCA also requires them to present duly authenticated birth certificates or equivalent documents to validate their age.

The OSCA has been tasked to oversee the implementation of the program, which was initiated by the city government pursuant to Articles XIII and XV of the Constitution which mandates the state to adopt social security programs for senior citizens.

The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of the executive order shall be included in the annual general fund budget of each year under "donation" account of the city mayor.

Aside from P1,000 monthly stipend, QC is also implementing an ordiance which provides centenarians with one-time P10,000 cash incentive plus yearly Christmas and birthday gifts in the amount of P2,000 as rewards from the QC government.# PAISO

Feature

Mga Ama ng Barangay

Teachers Village West



Name: **Federico S. Jong**
Age: 75 years old
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Spouse: Milagros Ybanez Jong
Childrens: Frederick, Eliza

Educational Attainment :
Elementary: Camangcalan College
High school: Camangcalan College
College: Camangcalan College

Achievements /Awards/ Programs:
- Barangay Hall Construction
- Street Lightning
- Drainage Improvement
- On-going Improvement of Matahimik St.
- Cleen and Green Project
- Peace and Order
- Improve Garbage Collection and Waste Management

Sto. Domingo



Name: **Richard N. Yu**
Age: 40 yrs old
Bday: March 19, 1970
Spouse: Gennalyn Yu
Children: Michelle Ann, Mikee Ann

Educational Attainment
Elementary: Grace Christian HS
High School: Council Rock HS Pensylvania
College: Colegio De San Juan de Letran

Business: Security Agency ManPower Services

Achievement/Awards/Programs:
- Officer of the Year – Air Force 2001
- Medical Mission
- Barangay Hall Renovation
- Free Circumcision
- Provide stall for Vendors
- Provide Dump truck for Garbage Collection
- Improve Cleanliness and Peace and Order

Damayang Lagi



Name: **Josel D. Clet**
Age: 37 years old
Birthday: October 7, 1972
Address: 246 E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd
Spouse: Nora B. Clet
Children : Princess, and Christian Josel

Educational Background:
Elementary:
Doña Imelda Elementary School
High School: Trinity College of Q.C.
College: Far Eastern University

Achievement/Awards/Programs:
- Former Chairman, Sangguniang Kabataan
- Renovation of Barangay Hall
- Acquition of Fire Equipment
- Propose for the Barangay Resident's water and Electric Connection

Sila ang sumbungan ng bayan. Sila madalas ang humaharap kapag mayroong kaguluhan. Wala silang mahimbing na tulog dahil anumang oras ay maari silang katukin para makatulong sa kanyang mga kabarangay. Sila ay ang ating mga punong Barangay o sa mas kilalang katawagan "Kap".

Mabigat na tungkulin ang maging isang kapitan dahilan sa sila ang unang nakararamdam ng tunay na kalagayan sa barangay, ang unang nakaririnig ng mga problema. Sila rin ang mga taong kung tutuusin ay dapat gising bento kwatro oras, 'ika pa nga sa isang programa sa telebisyon; walang tulugan..

May142 barangay chairman sa Quezon City. Sa dami nila, hindi maiiwasan ang kanilang pagkakaiba-iba. Mayroong mga kapitan na araw-araw makikita mo sa kanyang opisina, abalang-abala sa mga problemang dinudulog ng kanyang mga kabarangay. At kung merong laging nariyan, syempre hindi mawawala ang mga "always absent" na mga kapitan. Araw-arawin mo mang puntahan sa barangay hall ay hindi mo talaga matatagpuan.

Bukod sa "attendance", mayroon pang ibang mga bagay na kapansin-pansin sa ating mga kapitan. Sa pagbisita sa barangay hall maaari kang makakita ng mga kapitan na may smiling face, masayahin at mukhang madaling lapitan. Makita mo pa lamang siya, alam mong hindi ka niya tatanggihang tulungan. Ngunit kung mayroong mga smiling face na kapitan, hindi maaaring mawala ang mga barako at masusungit na mga kapitan; mga kapitan na parang lagi kang pagagalitan, hindi mo na nanaising dumulog pa sa kanila.

Sa kabila ng pagkakaiba-iba ng ating kapitan, iisa lamang ang katangian na sa kanila ay nag-uugnay; ang kanilang kagustuhan na pamunuan ang kani-kanilang mga barangay. Ilan sa kanila ay ating nakausap at nakapanayam, kabilang na rito sina Kapitan Frederico Jong ng Teacher's Village West, Kapitan Josel Clet ng Damayang Lagi, Kapitan Richard Yu ng Sto. Domingo, Kapitan Wilfredo Concepcion ng Sto. Niño, Kapitan Benedick Bañega ng Tatalon at Kapitan Daniel Sakay ng Santol.

Lahat sila ay may iisang layunin; ang mapangalagaan at mapaunlad ang kani-kanilang barangay. Kitang-kita naman ito sa mga proyektong kanilang naisagawa at programang nailatag para sa mga taong kanilang nasasakupan.

Isa dito ay ang proyekto ni Kap. Yu na malaking tulong sa mga manininda sa kanilang barangay.

Sa naturang proyekto, natulungan niya ang mga manininda na magkaroon ng sariling stall kung saan sila makapaghahanapbuhay nang maayos at hindi na mangangamba pang mapaalis. "Gusto kasi natin na matulungan sila at hindi na mahuli ng mga MMDA, naawa kasi ako sa kanila kaya ginawan natin ng paraan na magkaroon ng seguridad ang lugar na kanilang pinagtitindahan," pahayag ni Yu.

Napakahalaga ng edukasyon sa bawat tao, kung kaya't ang pagpapatayo ng dalawang Daycare Center ang isa sa mga pangunahing naging proyekto ni Kap. Dick Bañega." "Malaki ng populasyon namin dito sa barangay kaya pinilit nating makapagpatayo ng dalawang daycare center. Sa tulong nito magiging maganda ang simula ng buhay eskwela ng aking mga batang kabarangay," ani ni Kap. Banega.

Maliban sa daycare center, taun-taon ding namimigay ng mga school supplies sa mga estudyante si Kap. Bañega, Malaking tulong ito para hindi na ma-

Mga Ama ng Barangay

Feature

Sto. Niño



Name: **Wilfredo Concepcion**
Age: 52 yrs old
Bday: August 5, 1957
Spouse: Maria Corazon
Children: John Andrei, Paolo and Wiko

Educational Attainment
Elementary: Bagumbuhay Elem. School
High School: Manuel Roxas High School
College: Manuel L. Quezon University

Achievement/Awards/ Programs:
• Known as the 1st barangay to have Sustainable Barangay Development Course
• Improved and Cemented 10 streets
• Medical Assistance and Mission
• Barangay Hall, SK Hall, Medical and Dental Center Renovation
• Free Circumcision
• Improve Cleanliness and Peace and Order

Tatalon



Name: **Benedick Bañega**
Age: 42 yrs old
Bday: November 24, 1967
Spouse: Marilyn Bañega

Educational Attainment
Elementary: Trinity College of Quezon City
High School: Adamson University
College: Manuel L Quezon University

Achievement/Awards/ Programs:
• 2nd Placer most Outstanding Punong Barangay
• Housing Project
• Peace and Order
• School Supplies Giving for Grade I students
• Barangay Hall renovation
• Medical Mission
• Improve Sidewalk
• Provide Mini park

Santol



Name: **Daniel Sakay**
Age: 44 yrs.old
Bday: July 21, 1936
Spouse: Leonora Sakay
Children: Liwayway, Lolita, Danie, Luningning, Danilo and Lina

Educational Attainment
Elementary: Nueva Ecija Elem. School
High School: San Juan High School
College: MAPUA Institute

Achievement/Awards/ Programs:
• Former President, Liga ng mga Barangay Distict IV
• Medical Assistance and Mission
• Barangay Hall, SK Hall, Medical and Dental Center Renovation
• Improve Cleanliness and Peace and Order

hirapan pa ang mga magulang na sustentuhan ang mga gamit pang-eskwela ng kanilang mga anak.

Karaniwan na ding problema ang kalusugan. Dahil isa ito sa kalimitang idinudulog ng mga mahihirap na residente, naisipan ni Kap. Concepcion na pursigihin ang pagkakaroon ng botika sa kanilang barangay.

"Alam naman natin na mahalaga sa isang tao yung health, kapag nagkasakit ka mahirap yung wala ka man lang maipambibili ng gamot. Dito sa ating botika, maaari silang makakuha ng gamot ng wala silang babayaran, lagi itong bukas para sila ay paglingkuran," kwento ni Concepcion.

Malaking tulong para sa kanila ang nasabing botika, ayon sa ilang resident eng Barangay Sto. Niño. "Dito talaga kami tumatakbo, buti na nga lang at mayroon kaming botika dito," ani Cecil, nakatira sa nasabing barangay.

Sa kanilang mga kabarangay na marahil magmumula ang lakas ng ama ng barangay, sa kanilang mga kabarangay nakukuha ang ideya ng kung ano ang totoong kalagayan at suliranin ng kanilang lugar ganundin ang solusyon sa mga ito.

"Ang mga tao yung nagsasabi kami naman ay mga tagapagpatupad lamang," wika ni Kap. Sakay.

Dahilan sa malubhang kalagayan ng kapayapaan at seguridad ng kanilang lugar bago pa man ang kanyang panunungkulan, naisipan niyang magpatupad ng mga batas na siyang magpapabuti sa nasabing kalagayan. "Peace and order talaga ang kailangan tutukan, masarap tumira sa lugar na alam mong safe ka."

Ang kalagayan din ng kanyang mga residente ang naging pangunahing programa ni Kap. Jong. Ayon sa kanya, nais rin niyang mapalagay ang kanyang mga kabarangay sa kanilang lugar. "Dati madalas manakawan ang mga kababayan natin dito kaya pinalagyan natin ng mga gate bawat street dito sa barangay, kasama rin ang paglalagay ng streetlights para maiwasan ang kaso ng nakawan."

Ani pa ni Jong, mahigpit din ang ginagawang pagbabantay ng kanyang mga tanod. Gabi-gabi rumoronda ang mga ito upang masiguro ang kaayusan ng kanilang barangay. Anumang oras mo sila kailanganin ay tiyak na hindi sila mahuhuli sa pagresponde.

Tinatawag din nilang frontliners ang mga kapitan at dito subok na subok ang ating huling kapitan; si Kap. Jocel Clet. Ilang ulit mang dumaan sa trahedya ang kanyang kabarangay ay hindi nakitaan ng panghihina ng loob ang kapitan. "Hindi na natin maiiwasan ang mga trahedya, walang nakakaalam kung kailan dadating kaya ang dapat na lang nating gawin ay paghandaan ito, "ani Clet.

Sa ngayon, nakatakda nilang ipaayos ang mga linya ng kuryente sa buong Damayang Lagi upang makaiiwas sila mga trahedya kagaya ng sunog na siyang naranasan noong buwan ng Disyembre at Abril- mga pangyayari na nagpatatag hindi lamang sa buong pamunuan ng barangay kundi pati na rin sa mga residente nito.

Katatagan, pagiging bukas ang kalooban at kakayahang mamuno. Sila ang ama ng mga barangay.

(Mula sa isyung ito, regular naming ilalathala ang mga nagawa ng mga kapitan sa kani-kanilang barangay.)#

-Jey Benosa with reports from Rose Del Rosario and Lita Del Rosario.

Profile

Roderick Paulate

Behind the actor, an activist heart



Beneath the humble veneer of a neophyte politician, there is a progressive politician in actor Roderick Paulate. He slid into politics in the most un-traditional way for an actor, that is. Paulate shunned the showbiz glitter that defined the campaign of other actors and actresses who moved into politics. Despite offers from heavyweight showbiz friends like Vilma Santos, Maricel Soriano, Ogie Alcasid, Cherie Pie Picache, Nova Villa and so many other friends, Paulate campaigned in District II without the star power he can easily command.

"Tinatawagan ako palagi ni Ogie A, lagi ako hinahanap kasi active nga siya sa campaign ng iba. Pati si Vilma, sabi niya maski isang beses man lang gusto niyang sumama sa akin, pero sabi ko, thanks, huwag na lang," narrated Paulate.

And so Paulate campaigned in the most unassuming manner, meeting and greeting the largely urban poor population of his district with only his close friends in tow. Limited by resources compared to the more established machinery of other candidates running under the Bautista and Defensor teams, Paulate campaigned under the Susano ticket. "Para kaming independent candidate compared sa kalaban," said a close friend.

This seeming illogic is largely rooted in a rather unknown part in an otherwise very public persona of Paulate.

"Martial Law baby ako," stated Paulate.

Paulate said his father once occupied a high position in the now-defunct Manila times owned by Chino Roces who fought then Pres. Ferdinand Marcos. Along with Roces, Paulate's father fought the Marcoses and when the Manila Times was padlocked in 1972 Paulate's father lost his job.

As fate would have it, Roderick Paulate had already made his mark in showbiz as a child actor during the late 60's and late 70's. And so at a young age, it would be Roderick who would carry the economic burden for his family.

Despite working at a tender age and a hective showbiz schedule during the seventies, the echoes of his father's fight for democracy would linger in the young Paulate. Not for long, he would find a more welcoming atmosphere when he entered the University of the Philippines in Diliman in the early 80's.

As a student in UP, he found his other calling in the UP mantra - "iskolar ng bayan, maglingkod sa sambayanan." And so, he ran and won in the student council at a time when such was not only unfashionable but also dangerous.

"Hindi naman ako bago sa pulitika. Noon pag tumakbo ka sa eleksyon sa konseho, iyon ay para makapaglingkod, kung tutusin, delikado pa nga, di tulad ngayon," revealed Paulate.

"Na-ASSO ako noon," declared Paulate. ASSO being the Arrest, Search and Seizure Order regularly issued by then Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile to arrest "subversives" and anti-Marcos personalities.

Paulate revealed that his ASSO came as a result of their activities exposing the plight of Dole plantation workers in Mindanao. "Inilabas naming ang isyung yun, kawawa na ang mga manggagawa, P.25 lang ang sweldo kada araw," recalled Paulate.

His activism was kept under wraps as he feared it would jeopardize his contract with Regal. During this time, Paulate was doing movies and television left and right.

And so, why run for councilor?

"Balanse at kabuluhan sa buhay," humbly declared Paulate. It used to be that Paulate would accept showbiz commitments left and right. Then a few years ago, he stopped his breakneck pace to take time off after every project to vacation and refresh himself. It was in this period that politics came beckoning.

"Matagal ko nang gusto maglingkod, at dalawang beses na akong inalok tumakbong congressman sa Bicol, kaso ayaw ng nanay ko." It's public knowledge that am close to my mom."

But then he revealed, "tumatanda na tayo, kailangan natin ng balance sa buhay, yung kabuluhan." And so late last year, Paulate's mother gave her belated consent. Paulate revealed that her mom, despite being fearful for his safety during his college days, would find ways to help people in Bicol. "Hindi siya tumutulong nang sinasabi pa, basta tumutulong siya di lang sa aming bayan o distrito kundi sa kung saan-saan sa Bikol. She would get my old clothes and give it to the poor, yun nga lang paano naman magagamit yung mga damit ko ay madami dun may sequence pa!" laughed Paulate.





At home among his people

Unfortunately, Paulate's mom died recently, and Roderick wistfully notes, "kung alam ko lang na ang kapalit ng pagtakbo at panalo ko ay ang mother ko, I would not have run."

Thus, public service, not the politicking kind of public service, is a trait that Paulate learned from his parents and his own UP experience. And it explains why Paulate decided to campaign his way, low key manner sans showbiz glitter.

A Platform for the People

Paulate revealed that he accepted the City Council's Committee on Tourism. "I accepted and will work hard sa tungkulin ko sa committee - that is promote Quezon City as the premier city of the country."

But then, that is only secondary to his real platform - that of service to the people. "Alam nyo naman na sa distrito ko ay maraming urban poor. Di naman pwede na promote ka nang promote, tapos yung tao mapapabayaan." Hindi naman talaga ma-solve lahat kaagad pero we need to reach out to them, kahit pakonti-konti para makatulong tayo. That is my platform - yung tao!"

Paulate explained that development of the city must go hand-in-hand with the upliftment of the people. "Hindi naman pwede na panay paganda tayo ng syudad tapos ang mga tao gutom o walang bahay. Hindi ko pa man kabisado ang workings ng council, pero matagal na akong aware sa sistema ng ating bansa, pero aralin ko lahat para magampanan ko tungkulin ko."

It took a while but Roderick Paulate, the good son and iskolar ng bayan, is home to where his heart is – serving the people he loves.

Profile

Gian Carlo Sotto
Environment's New Champion

"Habang bata ang tao, at binigyan mo ng proper education, sa pagtanda niya alam na niya ang dapat gawin," stated Giancarlo Sotto on why it is important to teach students the effects of global warming and climate change. Not something he expected to say a few years back. But he relates how he used to lead a life that's both selfish and self-centered.

"Rakista ako dati. Pero naisip-isip ko na napaka self-centered pala ng buhay ko noon," Giancarlo confessed. Giancarlo desired change – a change for the better. He hopes to reach out to those in need and at the same time to be relevant.

He idolizes Bono, the Irish frontman of U2, who single-handedly fights poverty, hunger, and AIDS, to name a few. Bono's passion to end poverty has kindled Giancarlo Sotto's own passion to help those in need. Giancarlo recalls one story when Bono once called a high-ranking politician during one of his concerts and made him commit to an aid project.

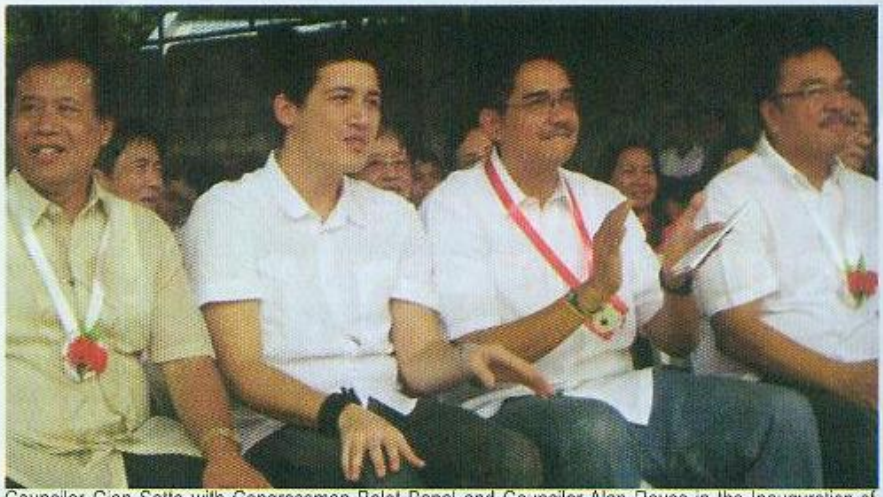
He grew up from a family that has both an illustrious and distinguished political careers. From his great-grand father Vicente Yap Sotto, who was a Senator and authored the Press Freedom Law, to his father, Senator Vicente C. Sotto III, who was once vice-mayor of Quezon City.

Looking for ways on how to make a difference, the opportunity presented itself when the 2010 election arrived. Politics was never he's thing but this time he told his family his intention to run in the elections. They gave their whole-hearted support and their blessings for his endeavor.

According to Giancarlo, politics is a word that's misused and badly labeled. Politics is service, and should not be for one's own gain. He chose the Liberal Party for he believed in President Noynoy Aquino's desire for change in the system of government. He believes that he and Noynoy is fighting for the same purpose. He desires to change how the people view politics.

Since, becoming councilor for District III in Quezon City, Councilor Sotto has been promoting health and family values. He understands the need for a better outreach program targeting unwanted pregnancies and drug addiction.

Giancarlo said that based on studies he had read, 90% of drug-users came from broken families or to families that hardly makes both ends meet.



Councilor Gian Sotto with Congressman Bolet Banal and Councilor Alan Reyes in the Inauguration of SPED Building Quirino High School

He says that, "Napakalaking bagay na makapag-usap kayo at least during meals."

He would be starting up several outreach programs in partnership with Victory Christian Fellowship, where he is also a member. "Naniniwala ako sa buhay, hahawakan mo ang Diyos. Actually, siya ang hahawak sa'yo," Giancarlo said.

To him there are three things important in life, first is God, then family, and lastly the ministry. He accedes to the fact that whenever students or young adults see priests preaching about the evils of drugs and unwanted pregnancies, they get easily scared not of things but of the preacher!

To realize the goal of reaching out to people, especially kids and young adults, he plans to set up this outreach program coupled with concerts, to make them more affable and open. But more importantly, Sotto is gearing for a fight to save Quezon City and Mother Earth.

Councilor Sotto sees global warming as the most serious issue facing the country and the world. According to him, "Kulang ang teaching about climate change. Climate change and global warming is the most alarming issue we are facing," adding that, "Kaya mas mabilis na ngayon bumaha. It's all part of global warming."

As committee chairman for the environment, Councilor Giancarlo aims to pass an ordinance compelling the Department of Education to make teaching of climate change and global warming mandatory in all primary and secondary schools in Quezon City.

Aside from climate change, Sotto's environmental platform includes tackling Quezon City's environmental problems. He understands the need to curtail the growing menace of environmental degradation and destruction.

The councilor sees that the only way to stop these dangers is by going after not only establishments who pollute their surrounding, but also, go after any person littering or throwing trash in any undesignated area.

Sotto also, plans to pass an ordinance that would urge barangays to enforce and implement the Presidential Decree 1160. P.D.1160 gives power to barangays to enforce pollution and environmental control laws on their area and was enacted by the late president Ferdinand Marcos.

In cooperation with barangay officials, Sotto hopes to strictly enforce the environmental laws and to identify major offenders, as well as, frequent violators of the law, and bring them to justice.



Gian with Megastar Sharon Cuneta for a campaign photo shoot



The Sotto Family

On the other hand, he praises the environment-friendly projects of Barangay Bagong Buhay in District III and their recycling initiatives which turn plastics into tiles. Giancarlo said that, in comparison to other barangays, Bagong Buhay is garbage free.

Giancarlo admits that though he can never be as big as Bono nor as powerful as a presidents, he hopes to make a difference, a district and a city at a time.

-Ralph David



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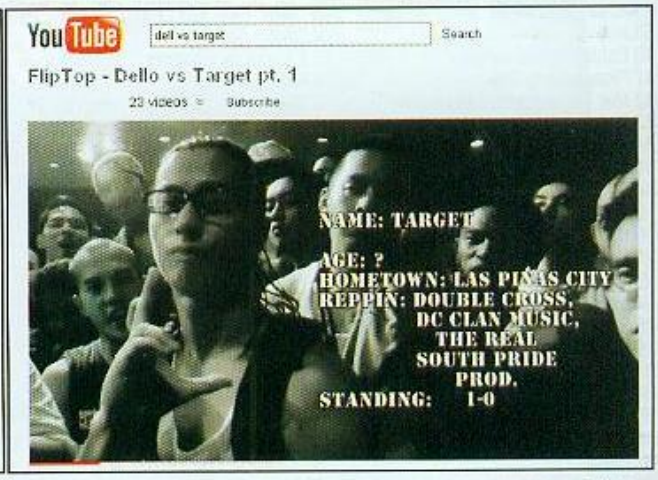
Rap Battles





The tension is electric. You can feel the excitement in the air. As the clock ticks inevitably to zero, anxious faces turn toward the person in front, waiting upon a battle that is to come.

A lone voice speaks, loud enough to reach at the back of the crowd. After a brief introduction, the owner of the voice gestures to his left. One of the three individuals, encircled by the crowd makes a sign with his hand. A few seconds later, the second person standing was also introduced.

With a toss of a coin, the battle commenced. A spontaneous, rapid, rhyming expletive gushes forth, and the audience cheers.

This is battle rap.

This phenomenon, spearheaded by Fliptop, has caught fire in the hearts and minds of the youth, from lowly street children to rich kids from Ayala.

Fliptop showcases Filipino rappers and their talents in battle rap, which they then upload on Youtube. These rap battles are not the nice and ornery ones people hear on the radio, but dirty and downright obscene.

According to Wikipedia, rap battle or battle rap, is a type of rapping that includes a lot of bragging and boasting content "combined with put-downs, insults, and disses against real or imaginary opponents."

Battling can occur on recorded albums, though battle raps are often recited or freestyled spontaneously in live battles, "where rappers will perform on the same stage to see who has the better verses."

Battles can either be "freestyle" or "written" form. A freestyle battle is a contest in which two or more rappers compete or battle each other using improvised lyrics. Each competitor's goal is to 'diss' their opponent through clever lyrics. Freestyle battles can take place anywhere: street corners, on stage at a concert, or in school.

A live audience is critical to a battle. Each rapper must use skill and lyrical ability to not only 'break down' his or her opponent, but to convince the audience that they are the better rapper. Appointed judges have been used in formal contests, but even when no winner is announced, the rapper who receives the best audience response is viewed as the victor. In addition, it is considered an act of dishonor to recite written and memorized raps in a freestyle battle, because it shows the rapper to be incapable of 'spitting' spur-of-the-moment lyrics.

Now, the reaction to battle rap among conservatives is patently negative. Philippine society has a very conservative and feudal society. And with it, a certain culture that frowns on youthful freedoms. The youth has relatively little voice, especially if used against the Establishment. In a way, society pushes the youth into rigid conformity which breeds youthful rebellion. History has shown the outcrop of a negative society, and rebellion takes different forms in many arts, from the paintings of van Gogh to rock and roll and hip-hop.

These rap battles are the youths of this generation way of breaking out. This is the reflection of how society is treating them. This is a form of communication to express their inner feelings, and things they can't and won't say to their elders. This is a rebellion against restriction, and against everything negative they see in society.

There is beauty in their rap's brutal honesty.

This melodramatic presentation of their honesty is a stark contrast to society's pretentious comedy. Mass media usually portrays the lowliness of "ugly people" without necessarily saying it. Television is replete with "ugly" characters who are often the butt of jokes. But unlike the shows in the media, rap battle's "right-in-your-face" style of ridicule can truly be funny, especially when a rapper tells how repulsive his opponent's looks are, when in fact his competition is better looking than him.

Looking closely, the lines sure are dirty, but each line has an element of melody, rhyme and poetry in it, kind of like Balagtasan of yore, in reverse.

Yes, even before hiphop came into being, Filipinos already has its own rap. It's called Balagtasan. In the olden days, Filipino courtship involved competitive Balagtasan – which involves praising the girl and dissing the opponent. But this is now, and now rap prevails, and Balagtasan has been consigned to history.

Society should not look upon rap battles too unkindly for there are a few good things about it. Rap battles cost almost nothing, has little production cost, and everyone can get in as long they know how to spit the words right. Participants don't need to be good singers with high vocal range. Rap makes their mind keen because of its spontaneity. And everything can just be posted on Youtube. Hey, expressing youthful feelings thru rap battles is a whole lot more pleasant compared to violent gang wars, doing drugs, skipping schools, and alcohol.

Society should criticize itself and not the youth or rap. Let people express freely, let the youth express themselves without retribution and restriction. What society should do is guide the youth to a better road. They can guide rap battles to have positive content and not just full of negativity. Remember Francis M and how he stood up for patriotism in rap.

The youth and the rappers won't be rebellious if they have an understanding society to accept them.
-Ralph David

Excerpts from Dello vs Target Fliptop rap battle

Dello	Target
Ang haba ng nuhok mo pare, bakit di ka pagupit? Kasi kahit umabot yan hanggang tuhod, di ka malupit	Nung nakita kita kanina parang gusto ko sumipol Ganyan na pala ang itsura pag nagdamit na si smeagle
Alam mo ba dito ang sasapitin mo dito mapati Si Dello mukha lang inosente pero di ito mabaita	Ikaw na ang pinaka gwapo Dello para wala ng pagtatalo Yun ay yung mga panahong di pa uso ang tao
Kaya ang ganyang itsura sa akin may kalalagyan Sa akin nyo iharap ang kamera, pag sa kanya basag yan	Bakit ako magpapapogi, bakit ako magpapa-Bello? Digmaan pinuntahan ko, di pag momodelo

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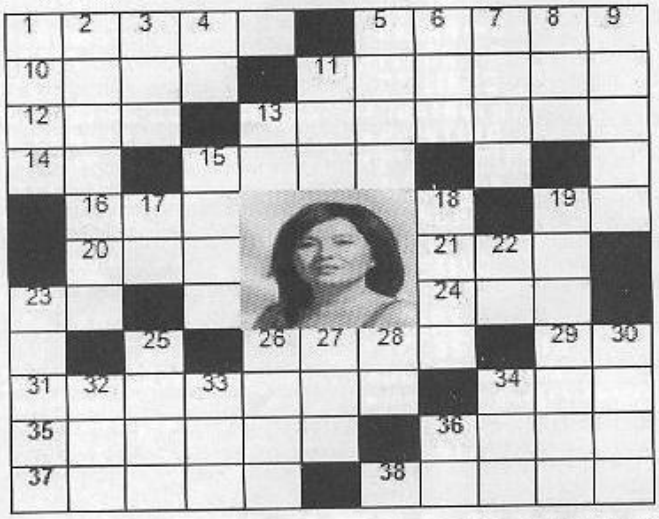

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AMERICAN IDOL WINNERS

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FANTASIA BARRINO	- 2004
CARRIE UNDERWOOD	- 2005
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DAVID COOK	-2008
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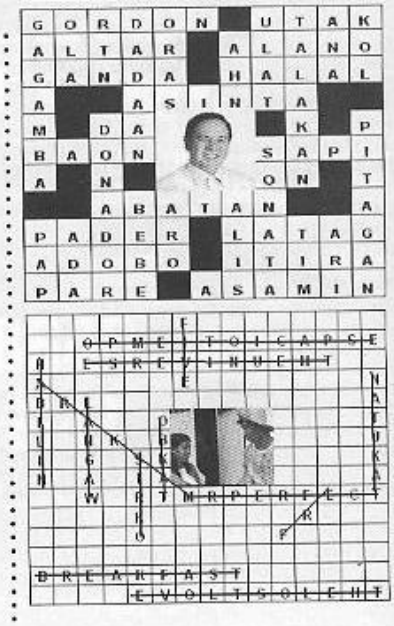

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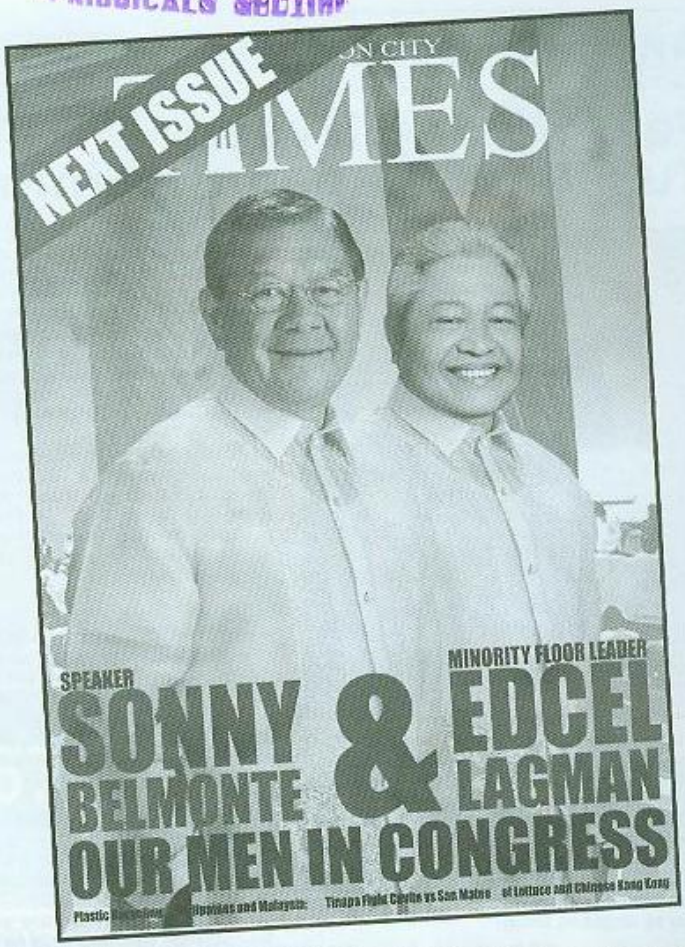

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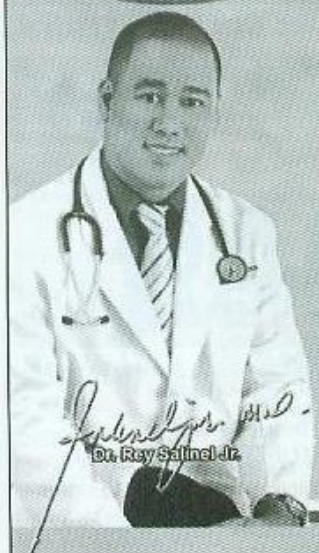

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Isang poster sa Facebook ko ang nakatawag ng aking pansin, ang poster ng SHEIKA. Kalbo ang babae. Halos mapagkamalan mong totoo ang mga sugat-sugat sa ulo ng artista dahil sa husay ng prosthetic artist. At ilang papansing mga bangaw ang nakadapo rito. Hay, ang hirap maging artista. Halos masuka-suka nga ang bida ng Sheika sa mga bangaw na ito, pero tuloy lang. Artista ka, e! Ganyan si Fe Gingging Hyde, isang tunay na alagad ng sining!

Kamakailan ko lang siya naging kaibigan. Naiad ko siya mula sa facebook. Friend siya ni direk Arnel Mardoquio. Sa pagpapalitan namin ng puna't papuri sa mga larawan sa fb, unti-unti ko siyang nakilala. Isa siyang tunay na tao at tapat na kaibigan. Napanood ko lang siya noon sa "Hospital Boat" na pangalawang full length movie ni direk Arnel, at noon pa lang, nakitaan ko na siya ng husay sa pag-arte. Dahil dito'y lalo akong nagka-interest alamin kung sino nga ba si Fe Gingging Hyde, ang mahusay na aktres mula sa Davao City.

Since high school pa lang ay nasa theatre na siya. Naalala pa nga niya ang mga kanta ni Joey Ayala na sinasayaw nila sa school. Then, nadevelop na siya nang college na. Kasama siya sa isang theatre group called SALAMINDANAW ng University of Mindanao.. Talagang nag-enjoy siya sa acting, dancing at singing sa theatre. Nagpunta siya sa abroad noong April 1999 sa (Malaysia) bilang singer ng isang banda (Davao band), then, June 1999, na-booked sila sa Dubai.

Hanggang ngayon ay naka-base pa rin si Gingging sa Dubai. Naging singer siya sa Sequencer band for nearly 5 years. Natigil lang nang magbuntis, (hindi na healthy sa buntis ang kumanta sa mausok na lugar). Huminto muna sa pagiging singer at nag-decide na maging band agent na lang muna, at tuluyang natigil nang manganak na.

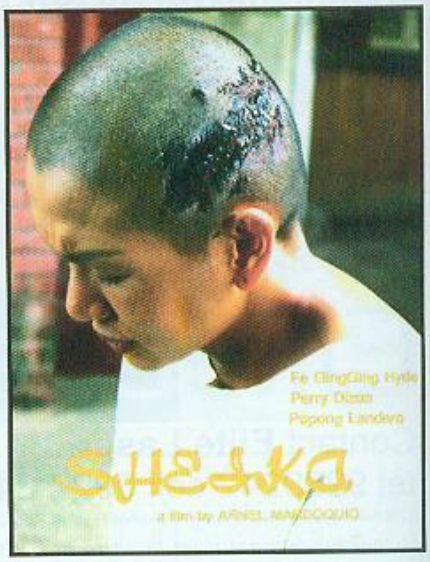
Ang pagpalaot sa indie films ay nang umuwi nang Davao para mag-interior design sa sariling bahay, nagkataong napanood ang AY! QUILE na sinulat ni Direk Arnel Mardoquio at dinirihe ni Nestor Horfilla. Nakaramdam tuloy siya ng pagka-miss sa theater. Nang bumalik ng Dubai, nag-decide na sumali sa theatre workshop sa DUCTAC (Dubai Community of Theatre and Arts Centre), last year lang 2009. Ang mga kaibigan niyang sina Rikki and Ahbet, mga stand up comedians sa Davao, ay nagsabi sa kanya na may isang filmmaker na looking for a filmvestor dahil nabanggit niya sa mga ito na parang gusto niyang mag produce ng indie film, in which na inspired siya nang mapanood ang "THE THANK YOU GIRLS". Gusto niyang mag-produce ng indie film na gawa sa Davao/Mindanao.

Sa unang movie exposure niya, ang Hospital Boat, ay hindi talaga siya ang orihinal na gaganap na Fatmawatti. Kaso, wala naman silang ibang makuha, so, direk Arnel at Lyndee, asked her to do the role. Kinabahan siya sa first acting na iyon sa film. Wala na rin kasi silang time na magpa-audition.

Post prod yun ng Hospital Boat nang alukin ni direk Arnel si Gingging to play the lead role, bilang Sheika. Sa umpisa pa lang, umayaw na talaga siya, at makaraming ulit na pag-ayaw. Ikinatakot niya kasi ang gumanap na bida. Iniisip niya ang mga pagkakataong iyon na di pa niya kakayanin. Hanggang pagiging producer lang daw ang kaya niya. Ngunit sadyang malaki ang tiwala ni direk Arnel kay Gingging.

Hindi makalimutan ni Gingging ang sinabi ni direk: "I can't find anybody who's gonna play Sheika. This is you. Iyong prinsipyo mo sa buhay, iyong pagmamahal mo sa Mindanao..." Na-challenge siya sa sinabi ni direk. Nasayangan siya sa istorya dahil para sa kanya, sobrang ganda talaga nito. Na-challenge siya, tinanggap na niya ito. Natapos na ang Sheika. Ang daming trials at kontrabida sa paggawa nila nito. Isa na roon ang dapat sana'y isa ito sa 10 finalist sa Cinemalaya 2010, ngunit inatras na nila ito sa competition. Ayaw ni direk na pakialaman ang kanyang casting. Sabagay, ang tunay na kalayaan ay ang hindi pakikialaman ang artistic vision ng direktor. Ngunit naging survivor sila. At naging matagumpay ang premier night nito noong Hulyo 17, 2010, alas 9:00 ng gabi sa Tanghalang Aurelio (Little CCP).

Nagpatuloy sa paggawa ng indie films si Gingging. Nag short films na rin siya. Siya'y gagawa ng mini documentary sa Dubai para sa The Empowered Filipina mid this year. Kamakailan kasi ay nahirang siya bilang WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE 2010 sa UAE.

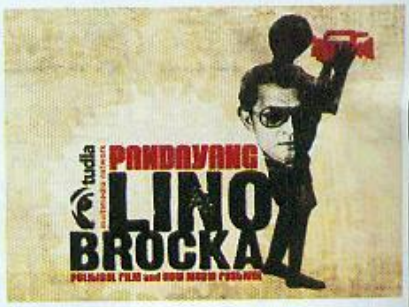


Sa huling chat ko kay Ginging, nagmarka sa isipan ko ang kanyang mga tinuran na lubos kong ikinahanga: "I just want to help lang naman iyong ibang mga bata who has dreams na kung tutuusin, mahirap talagang abutin. I was once like them, and I'm so blessed na hindi ko kayang hindi i-share ang blessings. Talents are gift from God, so why waste it..."

2nd Pandayang Lino Brocka Politicial Film and New Media Festival

The festival opens at the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman Film Center (Cine Adarna) on August 11-12, 2010, 9am to 9pm. Film screenings start at 1pm. Free admission.

The film fest also celebrates the 25th year anniversary showing of Lino Brocka's Bayan Ko, Kapit sa Patalim.



Selected films:

Ang Sandaling Sadya Nina Lire at Isa, Francis Losaria
Wag Kang Titingin, Pam Miras
Handum, Manie Magbanua
Bingit, Michael Christian Cardoz
Hamon ng Panahon, Kodao Productions
Ing Magdarame, University of Assumption Pampanga
Babae ako, Jeyow Evangelista
Dissatisfied, Jet Leyco
Tagulaylay sa Hacienda Yulo, Rom Factolerin
Mga Liham mula sa Alaska, Roberto Reyes Ang
Kinulayang Kiti, Richard Legaspi
Kibo, Rosswil Hilario
Lawa ng Bae, Donnie Sacueza
Hulagway, Jerry Jumawan
Kakasa ka ba?, Mayday Productions
Kababayang Kalakal, Ilang Ilang Quijano and King Catoy
Badjao, La Consolacion College Manila
Dumagat, Boy Villasanta



VIRGO

There will be major changes in the health this month and overall it will be a mixed bag. Some days you will feel that you are very healthy and then on some days you will have health problems. Issues pertaining to digestion will continue to trouble you throughout the month. Digestion related problems like indigestion, constipation, vomiting, body pain, gas, acidity etc will give trouble to you this month.

CAREER

There will be minor conflicts with your superiors in the 1st half of the month. The 2nd half of the month is beneficial for getting good results in the career. There will be added responsibilities which need to be fulfilled. There will be extra work assignments received and needed to be carried out. Those individuals who are seeking promotions will benefit and get successful. Those who are eligible will receive promotional letters in this month. There will be rise in stress and work environment will become stressful. Those who are seeking change in job, career, stream will receive lot of opportunities during this month.

LOVE/MARRIAGE/PERSONAL RELATIONS

There will be a lot of difficulties to you in the domestic front. There will be difference of opinion between you and your partner. There will be obstruction in displaying your love and affection to your partner. Those natives who seek to separate and terminate their relationship will succeed in this month. Those natives who are married will have major differences between the partners leading to even violence. The temper could rise leading to domestic conflicts at home. Those who are seeking love will be dejected.

TRADE/FINANCE

There will be losses in speculation related activities. Those who are into trading will get difficulties, delay and obstructions. Those who are into imports and exports will suffer losses. Those who are dealing and trading with banks will have losses in transactions. There will be increase in expenditure in the 2nd half of the month. It is advised to put a hold on to starting new intitiatives and ventures this month. Do not enter into new legal contracts this month.

ADVICE

Praying to lord Maha Vishnu and reciting Vishnu Sahasranamam everyday will reduce all evils

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Produktong Pinoy

Tinapalicious!

by Jey Benosa



Isa ang tinapa sa mga paboritong ulam sa hapag ng mga Pinoy. Madalas na hinahain tuwing almusal kasama ang mainit-init na sinangag at malasadong itlog. Sarap!

Maituturing na tradisyunal na pagkaing-pinoy ang tinapa, kahit saang palengke ay maaaring makakita ng mga nagbebenta nito.



Ang proseso ng tinapa o pagpapa-usok sa mga isda ay isang paraan ng pagpreserba ng isda na sinimulan ng ating mga ninuno bago pa dumating ang mga Kastila sa bansa. Ito'y sa kalagayan kung kailan hindi pa uso ang yelo at refrigerator. Sa paglipas ng panahon, hindi na lamang isang simpleng prosesong pambahay ang pagtitinapa kundi naging isa nang negosyo.

Sa kasalukuyan, parami na ng parami ang mga pumapasok sa negosyo ng tinapa. Bukod umano kasi sa pagkain ito at madaling ibenta ay napakadali pa itong gawin. Ilan sa mga lugar na may malalaki at lumalagong tinapahan ay San Mateo, Rizal at Rosario, Cavite. Walang dudang halos lahat ng mga residente sa mga nabanggit na lugar ay pagtitinapa ang ikinabubuhay.

"Minsan mabenta, minsan hindi rin naman." Ito ang naging reaksyon ni Ernesto Coral, isang negosyante ng tinapa mula sa San Mateo nang aming tanuningin kung ano ang masasabi niya tungkol sa kita mula sa pagtitinapa. Aniya, madali lang umano ang paggawa nito ngunit kailangan pa rin ang sipag at pagpupursige upang manatili sa nasabing negosyo.

Maliit na halaga lamang umano ang kailangan kung nagnanais magsimula ng sariling negosyo. Kwento ni Moral, sa halagang P5000 lamang ay maaari ng magkaroon ng iyong sariling tinapahan. Hindi ganoon kagarbo ang paggawa ng tinapa ganundin ang mga kagamitan sa paggawa nito kung kaya't hindi kinakailangan ang malaking pera.

Bukod sa isda na inaangkat sa Navotas, mayroon pang ibang kinakailangan upang simulan ang nasabing negosyo. Inisa-isa sa amin ni Mang Ernesto lahat ng mga gamit para sa paggawa ng tinapa. "Kinailangan namin ng lastay (kawayan na lalagyan ng mga isda na pauusukan), kahoy, kusot, at yung drum kung saan namin pinauusukan yung mga isda."

Pagdating naman sa isda, hindi rin magiging mahirap para sa mga nagsisimula ang paghahanap sa kung anong isda ang maaaring gawaing tinapa. Hindi tulad noon, mas marami na ngayong isda tulad ng bangus, tamban, tilapia at kahit pa salmon ay pwede na rin. "Marami ng isda ang maaaring gamitin ngayon, hindi katulad noon na galungggong lang ang maaaring gawing tinapa," wika naman ni Alita Dumagsa, isa ring may-ari ng tinapahan sa Maly. Nagbigay paalala din siya na kinakailangang laging sariwa ang isda dahil sa makakaapekto ito sa magiging lasa ganundin sa hitsura ng kalalabasang produkto.

"Kailangan maaga kapag kukuha ng isda sa bagsakan dahil kung magpapahuli ka siguradong mga napagpilian na ang mga isda na mabibili mo," paalala pa ni Dumagsa.

Tinatayang nasa P200 ang halaga ng isang lastay kapag inaangkat ng mga manininda ang tinapa mula sa mga nagluluto nito. Maaari naman nila itong ibenta sa palengke sa halagang P20 – P25 kada apat na piraso kung malalaki ang isda at walo piraso naman kung ito ay maliliit.

"Madalas sa isang benta ng tinapa, limang piso ang tubo ng tindera pero nasa diskarte na ng tindera kung paano siya tutubo ng mas malaki. Mas lalaki ang tubo kung ikaw na ang gumawa at ikaw na rin mismo ang magtitinda, solo mo ang kita," kwento ni Dumagsa.

Matagal na din sa negosyong pagtitinapa si Vicenta Calbis at ang kinikita nila mula rito ang kanilang pinangtutustos sa pag-aaral ng kanilang anak. Hindi man umano gaanong kalaki ang kita sa negosyong ito ngunit malaking tulong na rin para mairaos ang kanilang pang-araw-araw at ilang biglaang pangangailangan.

"Karamihan ng mga umaangkat sa amin ay mga kamag-anak namin, minsan may ibang tao. Masaya kami kasi hindi lang pamilya namin ang natutulungan ng negosyo naming na ito," pahayag ni Calbis.

Ang Rosario, Cavite ang isa pa sa maituturing na may malaking industriya ng tinapa. Pangingisda ang pangunahing ikinabubuhay ng mga residente ng Barangay Wawa, Sapa Muzon and Ligtong sa nasabing lugar dahil sa ito ay napapaligiran ng Lawa ng Maynila.

Matagal ng panahon ng magsimula ang mga residente ng Rosario sa pagnenegosyo ng tinapa na siyang inaangkat lamang ng mga manininda at idinadala sa iba't-ibang palengke sa Cavite. Ito na rin marahil ang naging dahilan upang makarating sa iba't-ibang panig ng Luzon ang tinapa mula sa kanilang lugar.

Tunay na isang pagkaing Pinoy ang tinapa. Pambahay man o pangnegosyo siguradong papatok ito. Kung kaya sa mga nagnanais ng negosyong masarap at madaling mapagkitaan. Simulan mo na ang iyong tinapalicious na hanapbuhay. -Karagdagang ulat mula kay Lita at rose Del Rosario

Paraan ng Paggawa ng Tinapa:

1. Linisang mabuti ang isda.
2. Ihanda ang pagpapakuluan. Lagyan ng asin at suka ang tubig.
3. Pakuluan ang mga isda ng limang minuto.
4. Hanguin ang mga isda at salain.
5. Ilagay ng maayos sa mga lastay ang mga isda.
6. Ihanda ang mga pagpapausukan at ilagay ang mga lastay sa ibabaw nito.
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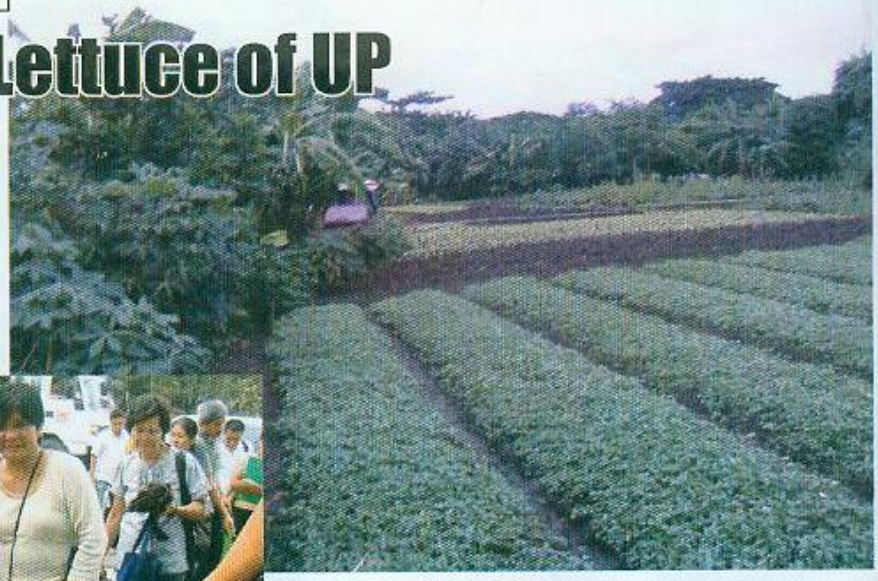

Vegetable salad will never be complete without the fresh lettuce; the salad's main star. Lettuce commonly known as lechugas is native to Southern Europe and Western Asia is considered as one of the most important crop in salad making. For many years, Philippines relied on other countries particularly Australia and United States to complete the salad fare.

To reduce lettuce importations, many Filipino farmers tried their hand at lettuce production because of potential big earnings. And so it came to pass that lettuce is amply produced in the cold climes of the Cordilleras and in some areas in Mindanao. But even if produced locally, lettuce is still considered a rich man's food due to high cost of transportation from the Cordillera. Lettuce from Mindanao is inordinately expensive as it comes in vacuum-sealed containers by multinationals Dole and Del Monte.



That is until recently. Lettuce had in the past few seasons become abundant and cheap in Quezon City thanks to the pioneering spirit of Filipino entrepreneurs in agriculture.

In Doña Aurora, one of the barangays adjacent to the University of the Philippines in Diliman,, residents have managed to make productive and profitable lettuce farms. This despite the relatively hot clime in the Metropolis.

Hilda Briquel, avendor of lettuce in front of Quezon City Hall gave us a tour to one of the largest farm in UP Diliman.

Fresh, green and organic. This two words best describe the lettuce that grows in not so cold a place like UP Diliman. According to Briquel, this crop does best in sandy loam or silt loam soils rich in organic matter and should be transplanted as soon as they have formed the first true leaves.

The process of planting lettuce is not easy especially when pest and common diseases attack the young lettuce. In controlling pest, there are two methods to consider: the non-chemical method and chemical method. Briquel reminds us that chemical methods of control may be used upon consultation with the local government and but UP farmers prefer to apply the non-chemical method that uses steady stream of water.

Lettuce may be harvested within thirty to forty-five days; it should be done when the crop has reached its fully developed head. Harvest should be done in the afternoon to prevent rapid wilting of leaves and to keep the crops from becoming watery. Proper storage and containers are also important in harvesting lettuce; containers used for transport should be properly ventilated. Baskets made of bamboo are commonly in UP.

The lettuce industry in the country is continuously increasing. Many of the lettuce growers have to wrangle with factors such as production cost, labor cost, equipments, seed costs, fertilizers, and insecticides that may affect their incomes.

However, one good thing about the UP's lettuce is that it doesn't use expensive fertilizers. "In fertilizing our lettuce, we decided to avoid chemical fertilizers and so we utilized chicken manure, it is cheap and guaranteed safe," Briquel said.

Since the lettuce from UP has a low cost production, it is also sold in the market in a very cheap price. Vendors from different part of the city are noticed selling this lettuce that is from UP. "Most of the time, it is sold in the market 25 pesos per bunch, three times cheaper than other lettuce compared those from Dole or Del Monte," Briquel added.

For Briquel, lettuce has a potential in the industry simply since there is continuous demand thus planning, marketing and production practices must be adapted for successful lettuce growing.

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