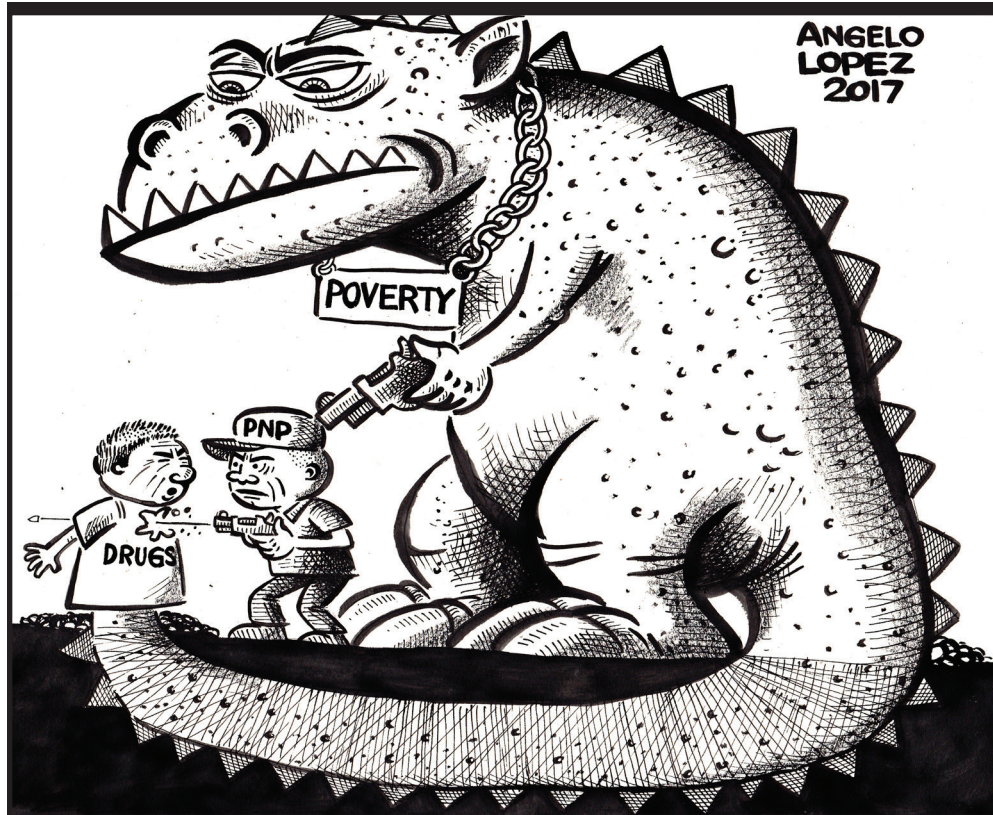




EDITORIAL

New BSP governor, DENR chief

Finally, President Rodrigo Duterte has named Nestor Espenilla Jr. as the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) starting on July 2. At the same time, the President appointed former Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Roy Cimatu as secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources after tumultuous hearings by the Commission on Appointments involving then Secretary Regina Paz Lopez who had sent shockwaves to destructive miners but gained world support for serving foremost as environment warrior in her short stint at the DENR.

In choosing Espenilla, Duterte was seen to have opted for continuity in the administration of the country's Central Bank since Espenilla is the current Deputy Governor of BSP, a position he held for six years now. Espenilla will succeed current Governor Armando Tetangco whose second six-year term ends in early July. Tetangco was first appointed as BSP governor by then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and was re-appointed by former President Benigno S. Aquino III.

Tetangco led those who congratulated Espenilla for his selection as BSP governor, saying the BSP family supports his successor. Espenilla has served the Central Bank for 36 years in various capacities. Espenilla comes to the post with sterling academic background having graduated Magna Cum Laude from UP Diliman School of Economics with a Bachelor of Science in Business Economics in 1980. He took his Master in Business Administration Honors Program at the UP College of Business Administration. He also attended the Graduate Institute of Policy Science in Tokyo, Japan. Espenilla had also served as the Assistant to the Executive Director (Western Pacific) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The banking sector also welcomed Espenilla's appointment even as some sectors have expressed concern about some cases in which he figured.

Cimatu, on the other hand, was also welcomed by the environmentalists and miners groups for his new job in government even as other sectors prepared to watch as he proceeds with his work. He was plucked by Mr. Duterte while in the Middle East where he served as special envoy in the Mideast and for overseas Filipinos. Immediately, he vowed to balance progress and growth with ecological protection in his new role as DENR chief. Filipinos will be watching Governor Espenilla and Secretary Cimatu.

'Must-watch' ALLICE skit

Philippine Consul General Henry S. Bensurto Jr. and California Assembly Member (19th Dist.) Phil Ting have been in the spotlight advocating for their constituents. True to form, the diplomat and the legislator will lead advocates, service and resource providers in promoting elder care and preventing elder abuse at a community event on the eve of Mother's Day.

They will headline 11th Annual Our Family, Our Future, a free event 1-3:30 pm, Saturday, May 13, at Grace United Methodist Church on 2540 Taraval St. in San Francisco. Open to the public, the event is staged purely on donations by ALLICE Alliance for Community Empowerment, a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to prevent and end family violence through education.

"We support and endorse ALLICE and this event to bring enlightenment and healing, especially to families," said Bensurto, whose keynote address is expected to captivate with personal anecdotes and pearls of wisdom.

Longtime ALLICE allies and media pioneers Lloyd LaCuesta and Frances Dinglasan will reprise their roles as co-emcees.

"In my previous day job, I covered stories involving families struggling with violence," said LaCuesta, retired South Bay bureau chief of KTVU Channel 2 News. "It is an issue facing every community, and yet many are uncomfortable reaching out, whether to friends, professionals or the faith community. Events like 'Our Family, Our Future' can help us recognize and learn to distinguish between healthy and abusive behaviors, and make adjustments to promote healthy relationships."

"Our children are our future and we adults are their models," Dinglasan, general assignment reporter with KGO Channel 7, explained the event objective. "How we behave toward our parents, elderly relatives, associates – and even strangers – is how our young will tend to behave toward us and older persons."

"Sometimes," she added, "we are not aware that we are hurting our elders. Maybe we copy what we see on TV or in the movies. Maybe we don't realize that we are actually committing abuse, thinking such is always physical. Which is why the heart of the event – the skit depicting unhealthy interaction and the healthier alternatives – is a must-watch."

Rev. Alex Cambe, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, embraced the all-volunteer alliance and its efforts to foster wellness of the spirit on top of the body and mind.

"Being a faith community we set examples by practicing scripture as followers of Christ," Cambe underscored. "The Holy Scripture teaches, requires us to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8)."

Every spring the Kumares & Kumpares, as ALLICE members call themselves, focus on senior matters around May, Older Americans Month, in the first of their two major yearly events. In the fall, they zero in on intimate partner relationships in commemoration of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"2017 is the 14th year we have been staging free education presentations to address family issues," said Jennifer Jimenez Wong, a licensed MFT and surrender ALLICE president. "This 11th spring event sheds light on issues intersecting domestic violence. In homes where there is intimate partner violence – or violence between two people romantically involved with each other – chances are high there is abuse involving other members of the family including the elders, the subject of today's event. Hearing from our experts enables us to recognize healthy and unhealthy behaviors and make changes as needed."

Reinforcing the message are 15 service providers led HICAP of San Mateo that will be present to consult on their programs and services. Kaiser Permanente Filipino Association will provide free health screenings.

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Upside

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FORMER FACC PRESIDENT DIES

By JOSEPH G. LARIOS

CHICAGO (JGL) – Pedro Rey J. Sapnu, Jr., who had a chaotic reign as president of the Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago (FACC), died last Tuesday, May 2, in the Philippines, according to an obituary notice from the FACC's email addresses emanating from Executive Director Elaine Lehman. He was 74.

"It is with saddest regret that we announce the death of Rey Sapnu, community leader and friend. Mr. Sapnu died at 2:30 am on May 2, 2017, in the Philippines. His memory is a Blessing to all who knew and loved him," the notice said.

"Rey served briefly as the President of the Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago in the early 2000s, until the Alfonso Bascos lockout (AB's license to practice law, (Commission No, 2013 PR00052) was recently suspended on 3 counts)," the notice added.

Rey was also a sports columnist for Via Times, a monthly community newsmagazine in Chicago, Illinois. He served as chairperson of Kalayaan for Philippine Independence Celebration, and was an active member and participant of Cyclists of the Philippines.

Pedro Rey J. Sapnu, Jr., date of birth: July 16, 1942, is survived by wife, Milagros Sapnu, elder sister Teresita Car; children Rey, Questor, Sydney, Leizle, Allan, Ruth, Revo and Miggy; add grandchildren Kimberly, Cerielynn Rae, Carl, Andrew, Raine, Borgy, Kenneth, Alyssa, RJ, Dana, & Chloe.

Wake: 12 noon - 9 pm, May 3 - 6, 2017 at St.



PEDRO REY
J. Sapnu, Jr.

Peter Chapels, Araneta Ave. Cremation will be on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at St. Peter Chapels, Araneta Ave. Rey wished to be buried with parents at La Loma Cemetery in Tondo, Manila.

According to available records obtained by the Journal Globalinks, FACC was initially incorporated under the name of The Filipino National Council of Chicago on March 11, 1953. Among others, its purpose was to "acquire and maintain a Filipino Clubhouse, Not For Profit, to be named, "Dr. Jose Rizal Memorial Civic Center" to serve as a meeting place for the promotion of its social, religious, civic and patriotic functions."

On June 18, 1997, The Filipino National Council of Chicago was renamed, The Filipino American Council of Chicago. On July 10, 1998, this was further renamed Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago. (Contact reporter: jglariosa@hotmail.com)



Consul Gen. Henry Bensurto Jr.



Assembly Member Phil Ting



Journalists Lloyd LaCuesta



Frances Dinglasan.

Pilipino Bayanihan Resource Center, Union Bank and Seton Medical Center are sponsoring the event with San Mateo Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Philippine News, Philippines Today, Positively Filipino, GMA News Online, Rappler.com, The Filipino Channel, Lucky Chances, Moonstar, Noah's Bagels, Chalet Ticino and Peninsula Family Service donating refreshments and raffle prizes.

ALLICE is a passion project of Philippines Today columnist Cherie Querol Moreno.

For more information on the event, call Philippine Consulate General 415-433-6666, Grace United Methodist Church 415-731-3050, or Pilipino Bayanihan Resource Center 650-992-9110. See the psa elsewhere in this issue or visit www.alicekumares.com.

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