

**For whom the bell tolls**

Anthony Elmo Tan, Jr. 50, died on May 31, 2003 of heart attack. His remains lay in state at Funeraria Paz, Araneta Ave., Q.C. until Friday, June 6th then on Saturday, 7th he was transferred to Urduja Village, Novaliches where Elmo resides. The Barangay officials requested this. On Sunday, June 8, 2003, he was interred at Serenity Memorial Park near Urduja Village.

He is survived by her parents, Letty and Elmo Sr. Other survivors are: Randy, Eden & kids; Omar, Marina & kids; Lorna, Jing, Tisoy & kids; Uncles, aunts & cousins, relatives and friends. (Nita Martinez Lazaro informed me of this)

Lourdes Furagganan, 72, widow of the late Dick Furagganan, died on June 5, 2003 of asthma. Her remains lay in state at the family residence in Novaliches, Q.C. She was interred

on June 14, 2003 at the North Cemetery.

She is survived by her six children: Corazon, Darda, who watched over her sick mother, Nelia, who came home from Italy, Susan, Cesar, who came home from Kuwait, and Rosario, who came home from Japan.

(Ising Martinez Liguigan informed me of this)

Jesus Balatico Gonzales, Jr. 60, died on June 16, 2003 of heart attack at Manila Doctors' Hospital, Ermita, Manila. His remains lay in state at Funeraria Nacional, Araneta Ave., Q.C. and was interred on June 21, 2003 at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Q.C.

He is survived by his wife, Aida Bermejo Gonzales, children, Noel, Lorena, Carlo, Orland and Nino and other relatives.

(Naty Macayayaong informed me of this)

**The more the merrier**

This observation has been proven again when ROSE, daughter of Teresita and Rodolfo Asperilla and ARNEL, son of Nena vda. de Pagud, were joined in matrimony at St. Peter Thelmo Church in Aparri on May 28, 2003.

A significant thing about this was that more than a hundred (112 by actual count!) stood as sponsors. Another was that ten pigs and three cows were slaughtered at the reception held at the residence of the groom in Maura, Aparri. A band from Laoag was hired to provide the music. Even the weather cooperated in that it unleashed typhoon "Chedeng" only after the day's activities making the affair really merrier.

(The bride is my granddaughter - her grandfather on her father's side, the late Ernesto Asperilla - was my cousin. Our mothers were sisters.)

**Thanks to my donors**

Thanks to Lydia Cuade Tria and Carol Pajarillo both in Aparri. And another one who said, "No need to mention this. This is to keep the newsletter flying."

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**AN OPEN LETTER**

**of Aparrianos - by Aparrianos- for Aparrianos**

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**That "something" could be SARS in its early experimental stage**

As early as 1993, China may have started toying with the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and if they had read my story then they must have felt some satisfaction. Aware of the prediction of Nostradamus that the US and Russia would be allied against China the latter must have thought of creating a weapon of mass destruction to battle these two.

Without sounding presumptuous, I like to think that, wittingly or unwittingly, I had written on the matter way, way ahead of the world - a world now worried and fearful of that "something".

**She is taking part in an international course**

My granddaughter, Dr. Hazel L. Paragua, neurologist, is taking part in an international course: from basic knowledge to rational prescription in epilepsy. This will be held at the Venice International University, San Servolo, Venice, Italy on July 10 - 19, 2003.

She has been granted a bursary made available by the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) Commission on European Affairs which includes: 1. registration fee, 2. double-room accommodation for the duration of the course, and 3. air travel.

The course is limited to a maximum of 40 applicants (not all 40 are granted a bursary, this time only six, more or less, are chosen) who are selected on the basis of their curriculum vitae (CVs) and consideration is given to insure participation of trainees from different geographical origins and disciplines. About a hundred member-nations of ILAE have sent their applicants and Hazel is the only one coming from the Philippines and one of the six lucky ones.

This is sponsored by the International League Against Epilepsy, Commission on Therapeutic Strategies, Commission on

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*Something in the wind*

THE cold weather prevailing in Aparri, Cagayan and neighboring towns along the northern coast of Luzon has been a seasonal occurrence (PDI, 3/13/93). PAGASA says that this is the result of intensified northeast monsoon blowing in from Siberia. But it is only now that matters have seemingly become disastrous.

A relative who went to Aparri for a vacation got sick because of the weather. When she came back to Manila, she died three days later. Another relative is still sick in Aparri.

Some 30 years ago, as a news correspondent for the pre-martial law *Manila Times*, I filed a news item on the Cagayan weather (copy enclosed). Notice that while the people in 1963 were



bothered by the cold, there was the lighter side of it. The marriage rate improved by 25 percent.

Strange, but PAGASA said that the temperature now in Aparri is 75 degrees Fahrenheit while it was 60.1 F in 1963 when I filed my report. Could there be something in the wind coming from Siberia or mainland China that is causing these deaths? -- **ORLANDO PARAGUA, 2446 Tejeron St., Sta. Ana, Manila.**

**He makes it to two scholarship exams**

My grandson, Jor-el Paragua, son of Yolanda Esguerra, chief, Inspection Division, POEA and Clifford Paragua, TESDA Director, was among the 12 from the National Capital Region who passed the GSIS scholarship examination out of the thousands of students who took it at the Manila Science High School.

Earlier he had passed the scholarship examination of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). As a Merit Scholar, he is entitled to tuition fee and stipend.

European Affairs and European Epilepsy Academy.

Another thing, Hazel has begun teaching at San Beda this schoolyear which could disturb her trip to Italy but she has been granted by San Beda to go on with her schedule.