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Hunt sacrificed his finances for Janelaze

Organizers to tame 2 bikini contests due to clean-fun call

THE administrator of a pastor's office in Thomas J. Hunt's church in Arizona said the American was so in love with his young Cagayanon wife that he sacrificed his finances for her and her family in Cagayan de Oro.

"It was a sad situation with Tom (Hunt) and his finances," said Pam Doerr, the pastor's office administrator at Valley Baptist Church in Yuma, Arizona.

Hunt, 72, died at the Polymedic General Hospital here last April 26. He had been confined there since Jan. 29. His Cagayanon wife Janelaze who promised to move with him here from the US never came—not even during Monday's funeral at the Cagayan de Oro Gardens.

Many have questioned how Janelaze spent Mr. Hunt's money. The American septuagenarian, who entrusted his bank account to his wife, had a monthly pension of US\$1 thousand.

Mrs. Hunt's mother See **SACRIFICED**/p.5



Candidates to the Miss Bikini Open 2009 strike a pose during their media presentation here May 9. The finals will be on Friday. Organizers say they are "taming" the women on the ramp and unlike what happened in previous years, the women won't go wet on stage. PHOTOS BY GERRY GORIT

ORGANIZERS of two bikini contests here said they would tame competitors who would take the runway out of respect for city hall's call for more "decent and moral forms of entertainment" in the city.

The catwalks would be "toned down" and compared to competitions in previous years, would be less "torrid" and make it a bit wholesome, organizers said.

Speaking during a presentation for the 2nd OIC Mr. and Ms. Bikini Open 2009, organizer Erica Dosoran said the competition would be staged indoors.

She said organizers don't want the women in two-piece bathing suits to get wet in case it rains. "With the onset of the rainy season and the unpredictable weather, we have decided to hold this indoors," he said.

Unlike in the past, Dosoran said, competitors would not be sprayed with water and gyrating would be a no-no on stage.

"There will be no gyrations at all. They will just walk on the ramp and pose... There will also be a casual wear competition," Dosoran said. "Our show is going to be wholesome. We only want to show that Cagayan de Oro has lots of beautiful bodies."

And take this: the audience will not be allowed to take pictures during the competition "to protect the competitors' privacy."

The competitors told reporters that their parents gave them their "blessings" to join the bikini competition at OIC on May 30.

A similar competition, the Hot Summer Grind 2009, would be held in a Bulua resort on Saturday. Event director Francis Loreto Valmores said the Bulua competition would also be tamed.

The competitors would take the runway to endorse four bikini brands. "There will be a catwalk by the pool but definitely, there will be no shower show," Valmores said.

MARK FRANCISCO



Acain daughter to sit in Misor legislature, announces Moreno

MISAMIS Oriental Gov. Oscar Moreno said he would send to President Arroyo an endorsement to make a daughter of the late provincial board member Enerito Acain as the newest member of the province's legislature.

Moreno's announcement came after councilors in Acain's hometown, Initao, where he had served as mayor, passed a resolution endorsing lawyer Mercy Grace Acain to serve the remainder of her late father's

term. In the resolution approved by Initao Vice Mayor Agustin Caberte, the town councilors stated that they "felt the need for (Acain's) replacement in order to continue his pro-... See **SIT**/p.7



Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay talks to The Gold Star Daily-Butuan bureau chief Pat Samonte. PHOTO BY OBET SAMONTE

Binay declares bid in Butuan

By **PAT SAMONTE** Butuan bureau chief and **OBET SAMONTE** Correspondent
BUTUAN City—Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay announced here his bid to become president with a battlecry for a clean government and a promise to empower local governments. Binay told *The Gold Star Daily* that the "widespread graft and corruption" under the Arroyo administration See **DECLARES**/p.7

Govt auditors find same old problems in city hall's books

By **MARK FRANCISCO** Staff member
SO what else's is new? The Commission on Audit (COA) has found 12 major discrepancies in city hall's books that, it said, are "not in conformity with sound fiscal administration." In a 59-page report on city hall's finances in 2008 prepared by supervising au-

ditor Adolfa Creayla, the Commission said the delayed completion of the South Diversion Road and Macasandig Bridge due to land acquisition problems that resulted in additional costs amounting to P40,430,459.14. COA recommended that for future similar projects, land acquisition and road right-of-way issues be ad-

ressed first before any construction work. COA also discovered that special accounts in the general fund were not recorded by the city government, thus its financial status could not be ascertained. For this, the Commission recommended that city hall require the city accountant to coordinate with the city See **FIND**/p.7

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Linda however told a reporter earlier that the American's pension was not even enough for his medical needs.

But even before Hunt was hospitalized here, he already had financial difficulties—allegedly because of Janelaze.

Doerr said in an e-mail: “Even before he and Janelaze got married he was sending money over to the Philippines for every little thing. Her family needed money for medical bills, then needed a new appliance, whatever they needed, he would send money over there to them.”

Doerr said when Hunt brought Janelaze to Arizona where they subsequently married, the American continued to send money over to his wife's family here.

Hunt wanted a wife who would be with him but instead “she would go off to different places supposedly to work and help him financially, but that never happened.”

Doerr said Hunt got deeper and deeper in debt and

took out a couple of second mortgages on his home, didn't read the fine print and was stuck with huge payments that he couldn't afford.

She said Hunt was drawing social security and working but couldn't make both ends meet.

For some time, Doerr said, Janelaze worked for minimum wage at different places but “she didn't like it.”

Doerr said Janelaze would be gone for weeks at a time. There was a time, she recalled, when Janelaze was gone for several weeks and Mr. Hunt didn't have the money to bring her back to Yuma.

“The church paid for her way back to Yuma with the stipulation that she would stay here. That lasted just a couple of weeks and gone again. Always, to work somewhere else and send money back to help Tom,” said Doerr.

She said Hunt borrowed so much money from so many people that “he really did burn his bridges.”

Doerr said Hunt was repeatedly advised by people

to stop sending money to Janelaze's family in Cagayan de Oro because it reached a point when he could no longer pay for his medication.

Before Hunt left for Cagayan de Oro, the couple paid a druggist for some medicine. The check given to the druggist bounced, according to Doerr.

Doerr said, “He lost his house, moved into an apartment and was almost evicted from there. His cousin bailed him out of that (one of numerous times). Tom was a very lonely man and just wanted someone to love him. He thought that person was Janelaze.

“Everyone could see what was going on except for him. He would get very angry if you said anything to him about Janelaze.

“We were all praying that maybe things would work out for him in the Philippines. He was very excited about going. And when I heard that Janelaze didn't go with him, I knew she wasn't ever planning to go.”

Doerr said Hunt used to be so good in handling money until he met Janelaze. **HERBIE GOMEZ**