



## Calif Senate OKs bill on juvenile delinquents

Gives kids sentenced to die in prison rehab chance

SACRAMENTO—On a bipartisan 23-15 vote, the California Senate has approved legislation that would allow courts to review cases of juveniles sentenced to life without parole after 10 years, potentially allowing some individuals to receive a new sentence of 25 years to life.

Senate Bill 399, or the Fair Sentencing for Youth Act, "recognizes that children have a greater capacity for rehabilitation than adults," said Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo) in a statement released by his office.

"The neuroscience is clear; brain maturation continues well through

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## 130 Las Vegas residents re-acquired Filipino citizenship

SOME 130 Las Vegas residents became citizens of the Philippines last Saturday, May 23, during a consular outreach in this city.

Data from the Philippine Consulate Los Angeles (PCG LA) showed that 130 Filipino-Americans in Las Vegas filed applications for the re-acquisition of their Philippine citizenship.

Consul General Jim San Agustin administered the oath of allegiance to the Philippine Republic during the said consular outreach program, making the applicants Filipino citizens again.

The 130 oath-takers lost their Filipino citizenship after being naturalized citizens of the US. But Republic

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## UNSWAYED BY OPPOSITION

# Cha-Cha to push through with or without Senate

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Inquirer.net

MANILA – The House of Representatives is moving on to the next stage of its Charter-change express, unswayed by the growing opposition to perceived moves to perpetuate President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in power.

Nueva Ecija Representative Rodolfo Antonino of Lakas-Kampi-CMD said in an interview that the House leadership was preparing to send Resolution 1109, which seeks to convene a constituent assembly even without the Senate's participation, to

senators "individually and not as an institution" for their endorsement.

"It's up to the individual senators to endorse it. But we will go on to the next stage – convening a constituent assembly – with or without them. It's up to them if they will participate," said Antonino.

Allies of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo rushed the passage of Resolution 1109 last Tuesday, claiming only a simple majority of all members of Congress as a whole was needed to turn the two-chamber legislature into a constituent assembly to amend the Constitution.

With this interpretation, only a simple majority of all members of both houses of Congress – 294 legislators – was needed to convene a constituent assembly, although a larger, three-fourths vote was needed to adopt specific amendments, Antonino said.

Since 174 representatives signed the resolution, Antonino said the House acting alone could constitute the majority vote to convene a constituent assembly, possibly before Arroyo's State of the Nation Address on July 27.

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## SPECIAL REPORT

## The signs of the times

Internet views, outrage on Philippine Congress 'ConAss'

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IN THE Internet, remnants of the public coverage of the Philippine Congress' passage of the House Resolution (HR) 1109, which calls members of the House of Representatives to convene as a Constituent Assembly to revise the 1987 Constitution, continue to run, despite the resolution being passed in what was a marathon

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Manny Pacquiao during the weigh-in in Las Vegas for his fight with Ricky Hatton in May 2009.

AJPress Photo by Joe Cobilla

## Pacquiao joins Jolie, Oprah in 100 Forbes list

by JOSEPH PIMENTEL  
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LOS ANGELES – The Pound for Pound king is getting some top recognition.

Manny Pacquiao was named in Forbes 100 list of Most Powerful Celebs.

Pacquiao ranked 57th in the magazine's list.

"Widely regarded at the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world, Pacquiao had two blockbuster fights in the past year: He took on Oscar De La Hoya in December and Ricky Hatton in May," wrote Forbes staff. "Pac-Man is a huge celebrity in his home of the Philippines and plans to run for political office there once his days in the ring are over. Counts Nike and beer maker San Miguel among his sponsors."

Angelina Jolie took Forbes No.

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## Lacson drops out of presidential race

Presidential aspirants (from left) MMDA Chairman Bayani Fernando, Sen. Loren Legarda, former President Joseph Estrada and Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay face off during the second leg of the ANC leadership forum at the University of the Philippines Diliman campus in Quezon City on June 5. Inset file photo shows Sen. Panfilo Lacson who sent a message to the leadership forum announcing he was giving up his presidential bid.

Boy Santos/Artemio Dumlaog Jr.



by AUREA CALICA  
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MANILA – Sen. Panfilo Lacson announced on Friday his decision to back out of the 2010 presidential race, citing mainly financial concerns.

Lacson made the announcement during a taped message aired at the beginning of the second ANC Leadership Forum where he was supposed to be a guest along with former President Joseph Estrada, Sen. Loren Legarda, Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay and Metro Manila Development Authority Chairman Bayani Fernando.

Last May, Lacson told Senate reporters before the session that he was "101 percent sure" to run in 2010.

He is currently facing allegations that he was one of those who masterminded the double murder of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver, Emmanuel Corbito in November 2000.

In withdrawing from the race, Lacson said reaching out to the voters, particularly those in the D and E income levels, which altogether comprise some four-fifths of the population, does not come easy. He stressed that "it is most expensive in a political system which has neither strong institutions nor correct procedures."

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## 'No politics in Dacer case'

by MARVIN SY AND ED PUNAY  
Philstar.com

MANILA – Malacañang insists the return of former police senior superintendent Cezar Mancao II and his forthcoming testimony on the Dacer-Corbito double murder case have nothing to do with politics.

Secretary to the Cabinet Silvestre Bello III stressed Mancao's testimony, which could implicate some opposition politicians, is a purely legal issue.

Bello denied allegations of Sen. Panfilo Lacson who accused the administration of being behind the return of Mancao.

Lacson said the government's efforts to bring Mancao back to the country to turn state witness in the murders were only meant to harass him.

Mancao supposedly named Lacson in his affidavit as among the principal suspects in the murders of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer

and driver Emmanuel Corbito in November 2000.

"I don't really see the connection between the statement of Mancao and the political leaders affected by his statement and I don't see any connection between that statement and the administration," Bello said.

Bello said Mancao's affidavit "was given voluntarily, without any pressure, without any encouragement from any group of people."

"It is clear that Mancao did this because he wants the truth to come

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Cezar Mancao II

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