

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Pacquiao forms own political party

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 politics and save himself from the taint often attached to politicians. "People's Champ" was the moniker given Pacquiao by the House in a resolution last year. Poll commissioner Nicodemo Ferrer said Pacquiao's petition for accreditation was filed by his party's counsel, Minveles Beloncio-Gulle, last December and heard by the Comelec last week. Ferrer refused to say when the commission would rule on the petition. **Go easy**
 A senior Comelec official present at the hearing said it appeared

Pacquiao's registration documents were in order and there seemed no apparent reason for the poll body to nix his petition. Some lawmakers are also urging Pacquiao to think twice before entering the political ring next year. Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teodoro Casiño said it was up to Pacquiao to decide whether he should turn his back on boxing or dive into politics, either as a congressman or mayor in Sarangani. Casiño said his only advice to Pacquiao was to train for the rigors of politics, especially lawmaking, with the same dedication he gave in training for his fights because public office required a serious effort. ■

Pacquiao ignores DOH flu advisory

nila at 10pm Wednesday, May 8. Atienza stressed Pacquiao and his entourage are willing to go through the screening procedure at the airport—including thermal scanning—to determine if he or any of his companions has fever, which is one of the symptoms of the A(H1N1) flu. Pacquiao said he and in his entourage who were in Los Angeles, do not have any flu symptoms that could justify their quarantine. The World Health Organization advised Pacquiao and his group to observe self-quarantine for the same length of time after their return, and airport welcomers should maintain a one-meter distance from the boxing champ and his party, avoiding handshakes and hugs. ■

It's Pacquiao's time!

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 the first round. With the Filipino crowd on its feet, British fans were in disbelief. Pacquiao pounced on Hatton again a few moments later. This time, Pacquiao landed a flurry of punches before a left straight to the head of Hatton fell the Englishman. Pacquiao finished off Hatton in the subsequent round. Pacquiao landed a left hook on the chin and below Hatton's earlobe, a textbook knockout punch. Hatton was out before he fell to the canvas. Referee Kenny Bayless immediately waved the fight over with one second remaining in round two. "I was just doing my job in the ring and doing my best to make the people happy," said Pacquiao. "There's nothing personal I was just doing my job this was a big for me as the De La Hoya victory." Hatton was not made available for comment after the fight. The British boxer was rushed to the hospital for precautionary measures, according to Golden Boy CEO Richard Schaefer. "Ricky is desperately sorry to all his fans," said Garret Williams, the CEO of Hatton Promotions. "He got caught with a great shot. Congratulations to Manny Pacquiao. He is the best fighter, possibly of all time there's no shame in losing to somebody like that."

"I thought Ricky would get him," said Floyd Mayweather Sr., after the match. "I don't want to get into it more than that." Before the match, Roach predicted a Pacquiao knockout in three, he'll settle for two. "Manny is unbelievable," said Roach at the post-fight press conference. "I'm the best trainer in the world because I have the best fighter in the world." Roach said that Hatton was very predictable. "Every time he throws the left hook and cocks it, he is wide open for the right hook from the south-paw stance," Roach explained. "We worked on that every day in the gym and it just worked beautifully." "I knew it was over," added Roach. "Ricky fights the same way

SCE honors Asian Pacific American leaders...

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 Asian Pacific American communities in Southern California for 30 years. State Senator Carol Liu, who represents Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, portions of Los Angeles, and surrounding cities and communities, lauded the award recipients, saying, "the seed of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was planted in part by one of our own, Norm Mineta, in 1977." The month of May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of workers that laid the track of the railroad were Chinese immigrants. The first celebration of APAHM was for one week, in 1978, and that was extended to a month-long celebration in 1992. "We've come a long way," Senator Liu said. "There are now more than 50 million APAs in the United States, that's 14 per cent of the

population. Asian Pacific Islanders are the fastest-growing racial and ethnic groups in the US," Senator Liu said. Senator Liu was the first person of color that was elected to the council of La Canada-Flintridge in 1992. "I had very few counterparts in other areas' councils," she said. "Today APA representation in councils has grown in other regions." Likewise, when she was elected to the State Assembly in 2000, there was only one APA in the Legislature. "Now the members of the Joint APA Legislative Caucus have grown to twelve, ten in the Assembly and two in the Senate," she attested. She said those changes were brought about the nation's growing awareness and understanding of diversity within the APA population. "We are a people of many cultures, many histories, and many languages," Senator Liu said. Susan Ahn Cuddy, who was born in 1915 in Los Angeles, was emotional seconds after she received the award. "I like to talk, but I am

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