

The term "Dietzcoveries" is a word that I coined to highlight the facts unearthed by Ms. Lorna Dietz – as backed up or confirmed by writers like Romeo P. Marquez, Joseph G. Lariosa and others like this author. She is an attractive-and-sexy Northern-California-based community leader, public figure and budding blogger (online journalist). You can meet Ms. Lorna and read her postings in <http://radiantview.com/blog/about/>

The Menorgate, as part of the NaFFAAgate, is actually a compilation of the adventures and/or misadventures of Ben Menor, who used to chair the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA) chapter in San Jose, California. He served also as one of the national executive officers (NEOs) of the NaFFAA headquarters in Washington

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. Readers can check up on the various episodes of the Menorgate in this URL:

<http://www.mabuhayradio.com/sections/naffaagate.html>

* Here is a recent “Dietzcovery,” as posted by Ms. Lorna in an e-mail forum. (Her entire posting is reproduced at the bottom of this article – in the User’s Comments.) I posted in the same public forum that, “ A Ms. Nenita Lumagui who was listed as a payee in the Financial Report for the NaFFAA convention in San Jose, CA, in August 2002, has been confirmed by two of our sources as being the alleged mistress of Ben Menor. She was listed in the Financial Report as having received six checks issued by Mr. Menor for a total of \$4,232.09.”

Ms. Dietz corrected me by posting, “(Bobby Reyes could not put) *Nenita’s name down correctly. Her name is Nita Geda. The crabs had a thing for Nita. They even stalked her and did a*

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stakeout at her home, one of the CRABS told me (Penny Aguila). Poor woman! I don't think her name should be dragged in the trollish home of Bobby Reyes. Imagine, 'alleged mistress!'"

* * **Webmaster's Note:** This is the third time that Bobby Reyes has written a parody of the Hollywood flick, [Sex, Lies, and Videotape \(1989\)](#)

, as directed by Steven Soderbergh. With James Spader, Andie MacDowell, Peter Gallagher. A sexually repressed woman's husband is having an affair with her sister.

Bobby has written [Sex, Lice and Videotape](#) and

[Sex, Lice and Videotape \(Part Two\)](#)

After this writer received from one of his Deep Throats the NaFFAA's 2002 Convention's "Smoking Gun" (the financial report that the NaFFAA NEOs refused to release to the public), I alerted the NaFFAA leadership, including Ms. Dietz, by posting this finding by the auditor who examined the financial report: "Petty Cash expenses refunded were small amounts except to: Nenita Lumagui who received 6 checks with a total of \$4,232.09 – No explanation for payment."

But Ms. Dietz could be right. The payments could have been made for Ms. Nenita acting as Mr.

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Menor’s Mistress . . . of Ceremonies (emcee) in the 2002 NaFFAA convention in San Jose. But certainly, Ms. Lorna embellished the report by stating that Mr. Menor’s critics even had a stakeout at Ms. Nenita’s home (presumably to catch Mr. Menor in action?).

* The CRABS. If you did not understand what the CRABS meant in Ms. Lorna’s posting, it is the acronym for “Citizens Rebelling Against Bogus Spending.” The CRABS was formed by several American citizens of Filipino descent who were domiciled in Northern California. Did the CRABS turn into a virtual omelet Mr. Menor and Company by running after their nest eggs?

It was actually a CRAB cofounder, Tito Cortez, who alerted the City of San Jose, California, about the alleged financial scam that happened in the Northside Community Center (NCC), which Mr. Menor headed. Mr. Cortez was Mr. Menor’s deputy executive director at the NCC

But after Mr. Menor divorced Mr. Cortez’s sister, all hell broke loose. It is said to be public knowledge that a Ms. Nenita Lumagui (AKA per Ms. Dietz’s report, Nita Geda) was the other woman in the break-up of the Menor marriage. This was revealed to the press by Mr. Cortez. Remember the adage, “Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned”? Indeed, hell hath no fury like a scorned woman, who has a righteous brother.

* And while apparently a triangle was the 3-sided “marital” polygon that triggered off the

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Menorgate in San Jose, it was the “square root” that caused the break-up of the friendship between Romy Marquez of San Diego, California, and Greg Macabenta, the NaFFAA head honcho.

Contrary to reports that it was just one woman (allegedly Mr. Macabenta’s girl friend who tried to flirt with Mr. Marquez), there was another girl. Proof? Mr. Macabenta sent this nasty e-mail to Mr. Marquez: “. . . your sordid lovemaking with a poor defenseless woman. Screw you . . .” (To read the Macabenta e-mail in its entirety, please go to [The Bottle, oops, “Battle of the Bulge” Now Looms for the NaFFAA’s Midwest Convention in Chicago](#))

So, per the educated guess of Poet-pundit Fred Burce Bunao, whose “eyes and ears” in San Diego reported that there were allegedly two girls that were the root causes of the Macabenta-Marquez break-up. It is easier now to believe the claims of Mr. Bunao because Mr. Macabenta himself mentioned in the said e-mail about the “sordid lovemaking . . .” Remember that the first girl in Mr. Bunao’s report was merely flirting with Mr. Marquez, ergo . . . Is this the Filipino-American version of the “Hollywood Squares”?

* Here is another “Dietzcovery.” Ms. Dietz said in her posting: “Ben Menor, in his capacity as the event manager of the NaFFAA 2002 Conference, delegated certain tasks to certain employees and volunteers at Northside – including me! I had to buy 400 candles in San Francisco for the final ceremonies of the convention. I was empowered to shop, too!”

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Wow. Four-hundred candles. Now maybe Mr. Lariosa will now revise his oft-quoted cliché “Pinabili lang ng suka at pagbalik ay journalist na.” (He/she is sent merely to buy vinegar and he/she becomes a journalist upon his/her return.) Perhaps the adage should now read, “Pinabili lang ng kandila (candle) at pagbalik ay journalist na.”

Well, according to Mr. Bunao (again), Mr. Menor and Company allegedly wanted to have the 400 candles so that the 150 delegates (per the count of Ed Navarra, the NaFFAA Midwest-region chairman, who attended the 2002 NaFFAA convention in San Jose) could participate in a ritual of “sauli-an ng kandila” (returning the candle to end relationship, like ending his in-law ties with Mr. Cortez?).

Mr. Bunao said that the band apparently played a song of Elton John, as the candles were lit. Elton John’s song? It was the “*Scandle in the Wind*” . . .

* The “Smoking Gun” also contained these auditor’s notes about the 2002 NaFFAA convention in San Jose in August 2002:

“Charges which appear quite high

a. labels & stickers \$7,134.75

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b. souvenir program \$4,330.00

c. miscel charges - balloons, markers \$1,234.90

d. banners \$1,360.70 . . .”

A NaFFAA co-founder, Apo Ernie Gange (the Filipino-American pundit of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), opined that the expense for labels (140 delegates tags) could be justified if the convention committee, as headed by Mr. Menor, printed the tags on fifty-dollar bills. LOL.

Poet-pundit Bunao said also that the charges for the balloons and markers were justified, as it included supplies of “small balloons” to any convention delegate who requested for them. He said that a synonym for the “small balloons” is “condoms” . . . More LOL.

(To be continued . . .)

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