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Pacquiao: The legend grows

*Filipino icon decisions
Vargas, claims WBO belt*

By ABAC CORDERO

LAS VEGAS – A hard left that felled his rival marked the return of Manny Pacquiao in a thrilling showdown that further added luster to his legacy before a crowd of more than 16,000, including the very man the world wanted to see in a rematch with the Filipino icon.

Pacquiao outclassed Jessie Vargas to win a third welterweight

title via unanimous decision at the Thomas and Mack Center here Saturday to become what he described as the first fighting senator in the history of prizefight.

He displayed speed and tremendous power and fought like the Pacquiao of old, dropping the Mexican-American champ in the second round, and kept the pres-

sure throughout the 12-round fight.

It was an exciting showdown although Vargas, who at 27 is 10 years younger than the former eight-division titleholder, absorbed punishing lessons from a master fighter.

With Floyd Mayweather Jr. seated at ringside and his young daughter to his right, Pacquiao tried to put on a show.

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*Pinoys cheer Pacman's
ring comeback victory*

Filipinos erupted in jubilation In cinemas, bars, restaurants

Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao celebrates after defeating Jessie Vargas in their WBO welterweight title boxing match in Las Vegas yesterday. AP



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