

Arayat dike collapses, 2 barangays in danger

By JOEY PAVIA

ARAYAT, Pampanga – At least two barangays here are in danger following the collapsed of the P25-million Arayat-Apalit setback levee constructed through the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) of 3rd District Rep. Aurelio Gonzales.

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Mayor Espino shows Gov. Pineda and Board Member Tolentino the collapsed dike in Barangay Guemasan on Monday. PHOTOS BY RIC GONZALES

Senate approves Mabalacat cityhood on 2nd reading

THE SENATE Committee on Local Government has approved on 2nd reading House Bill 2509/4736 or the Mabalacat cityhood bill on January 31.

"Its one step closer to cityhood," said a jubilant Mabalacat Mayor Marino "Boking" Morales, who

expressed gratitude to Senators Lito Lapid, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Tito Sotto, Franklin Drilon, Jinggoy Estrada and Rep. Carmelo Lazatin who sponsored the Mabalacat cityhood bill.

Morales had already embarked in a beautifica-

tion plan for Mabalacat town which is expected to become a full-pledged city by 2013 which coincides with the 300th founding year of the town. "After 300 years, Mabalacat will be a component city complete with an internation-

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Gov opens P10-M Arayat hospital

First-ever major rehab in 35 years

ARAYAT, Pampanga – Gov. Lilia "Nanay Baby" Pineda on Monday led the inauguration of the P10-million building at the Emigdio C. Cruz Sr. Memorial Hospital (ECCMH) here,

earning praises from local officials as it was the first-ever major rehabilitation work at the over-35-year-old hospital.

Pineda joined Mayor Luis Espino and other officials as they opened the

extension facility increasing the bed capacity of the ECCMH.

Dr. Benjamin Simbul Jr., ECCMH chief of hospital, said that there are now 57 beds at the district hospital.

"It used to be just 25 beds and we really are very full daily. It was normal to see patients along the hallway then," said Simbul. The hospital takes in an average of 40 patients per

day. Mayor Espino expressed gratitude to Pineda, saying "no other governor had given that much attention to our hospital benefitting the poor ones."

Espino said their hospital also serve residents of nearby Cabiao town in Nueva Ecija.

Arayat Councilor Pines Alejandrino said Pineda "had fulfilled her promise to

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February 7 hearing of Lapid's wife deferred

US lawyer says Marissa unaware she would be arrested in US

By DING CERVANTES

CLARK FREEPORT - The first preliminary hearing on the bulk dollar smuggling case against Sen. Lito Lapid's wife Marissa has been postponed to a still unannounced date within 60 days from the initial Feb. 7 schedule.

In a telephone interview with Punto, Marissa's American lawyer Eliot Krieg-

er also clarified that while Marissa flew to Las Vegas last Jan. 15 upon the invitation of the US Homeland Security Department, she was not aware that she would be arrested.

Marissa was told not to leave Clark county in Nevada with an electronic monitoring bracelet around her ankle, after she was allegedly caught with \$40,000 undeclared cash on top of

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COMMENDATION. Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan awards plaques of commendation to officers and men of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-Pampanga led by Senior Supt. Rudy Lacadin, chief of the Regional CIDG and Chief Inspector Julius Caesar Mana, Pampanga CIDG chief, for the successful apprehension of three members of Cordillera-based marijuana trafficking syndicate in a buy-bust operation that resulted to the confiscation of P7.2-million worth of dried marijuana bricks and hashish. **PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELES CIO**

AFP chief turns over North Luzon command, vows to “show no mercy” on erring soldiers

By DING CERVANTES

ANGELES CITY- Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Jessie Dellosa vowed yesterday to “show no mercy to erring personnel” to “prevent the relentless and exaggerated focus on corruption and human rights violations” within the Philippine armed forces.

This, even as Dellosa also reiterated “the need to upgrade equipment” for “territorial defense” as he noted “particular concern on matters of the West Philippine Sea.”

Dellosa cited these as

among his priorities in his speech turning over his concurrent command of the unified Northern Luzon Command (Nolcom) to Lt. Gen. Anthony Alcantara in ceremonies held yesterday at the Nolcom headquarters at Camp Aquino in Tarlac City.

He also assured his audience that “your AFP is serious in continuing our organizational reforms.”

Dellosa has been Nolcom commander for a year before he was appointed AFP chief of staff. On the other hand, Alcantara, who belongs to the 1979 batch

of the Philippine Military Academy, used to be Armed Forces deputy chief of staff and, before this, the commander of the 6th Infantry Division of the Army in Central Mindanao.

He stressed that “aside from being true to respecting human rights and international humanitarian law, we have also commendably executed justice by showing no mercy to erring personnel.”

“This is to stop some few rotten personnel from spoiling and degrading the majority or most men in uniform who are doing their job right. This is also to pre-

vent the relentless and exaggerated focus on corruption and human rights violation in the AFP,” he said.

Dellosa lamented that “this constant heckling and scoffing at the AFP is undermining the esprit de corps, morale, corporate credibility, and effectiveness of this institution.”

“It ignores and mocks the fruitful efforts at reform that the AFP has been carrying out for many years now. It further ignores the efforts and successes of the AFP in reform toward combating corruption and inculcating respect for human rights/

that have been undertaken or achieved already,” he added.

But Dellosa said that “threat groups will always do something to prove us wrong.”

He said, however, that “guided by the Internal Peace and Security Plan (IPSP) Bayanihan, this means it is requiring us to exercise our maximum tolerance.”

Dellosa also cited concerns over “territorial defense”, noting Nolcom’s “particular concern on matters of West Philippine Sea and the need to upgrade equipment of the Navy and the Air Force.”

Mga insidente ng carnapping, wala na daw kinalaman sa mga Dominguez

Ni ROMMEL RAMOS

MALOLOS CITY—Imposible na daw na maiugnay pa sa magkapatid na Raymond at Roger Dominguez ang mga insidente ng carnapping at pagpatay sa isang carnapped victim sa Bulacan.

Ito ang pahayag ni Atty. Jose

Cruz, abogado ng mga Dominguez, sa isang exclusive interview ng Punto kamakalawa.

Ayon kay Cruz, nakakulong na at hindi naman nakalalaya ang kanyang mga kliyente kayat imposible nang maiugnay sa mga ito ang mga nasabing krimen sa Bulacan.

Aniya, maari namang silipin

sa bilangguan ang magkapatid kung nakalalabas nga daw ang mga ito at maiugnay pa sa mga krimen.

Kung may remnants man daw ang grupong ito ay tiyak na baklas na ito matapos makulong ang magkapatid.

At kung mayroon man anyang remnants na nagtatrabaho

pa sa carnapping ay umaakto na daw ang mga ito sa sarili nila.

Mahirap aniya na maestablish ang komunikasyon sa loob ng bilangguan dahil sa higpit ng pagpapatupad ng seguridad dito.

Aniya, ang insidente ng pamamakil kay Cristina Roxas noong nakaraang Linggo matapos du-

malo sa pagdinig sa reklamo nito laban kay Raymond Dominguez ay maituturing na bad coincident lamang daw.

Nakalulungkot aniya at nakikiramay siya sa pamilya ng pinatay ngunit tinitiyak daw niyang wala nang kinalaman dito ang magkapatid.

Ni hindi nga daw nakikita ni Raymond ang kanyang complainant na pinaslang.

Hindi naman daw kasi natuloy ang pagdinig bago paslangin si Roxas at hindi naman daw nag-abot ang dalawa sa korte.

Aniya, hindi dapat matakot ang mga nagsampa ng reklamo sa magkapatid na Dominguez ng dahil lamang sa pangyayaring ito.

Wala din anyang kinalaman sina Raymond at Roger sa pagtangay ng SUV sa Meycauyan at mga napatay sa shootout sa Meycauyan.

Mula sa 14 ay walong kaso na lamang daw ang natitirang hawak niya sa mga Dominguez.

Marami na din daw kasi ang natapos sa pagdinig at may mga kaso naman na nadismis na dahil sa hindi naman na-identify sa korte ang kanyang mga kliyente.

Mensahe niya sa mga complainant ng kanyang mga kliyente na hindi dapat matakot dahil sa mga insidenteng ito dahil sa aniya ay wala ng kinalaman dito ang magkapatid na Dominguez.

Dapat lamang daw na ituloy pa rin ang pagdinig sa mga isinampang reklamo laban sa kanyang mga kliyente upang sa gayon ay lumabas ang katotohanan.

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SM City Olongapo



SM City Olongapo opens February 10

GREAT SHOPPING, leisure, and entertainment goes to Zambales when SM City Olongapo, SM Prime Holdings' 42nd supermall, formally opens its doors to the public on Friday, February 10, 2012.

Strategically located in Magsaysay Drive corner Gordon Avenue in city's Central Business District, the seven -storey 40,863 square meter mall will serve customers in Zambales, Bataan, and other nearby provinces.

Situated at the southern part of Zambales and the northwestern interior of the Subic Bay area, Olongapo was once the site of a US Naval Base. After it was turned over to the Philippines, Mayor Richard Gordon worked for its conversion into a Freeport, launching an aggressive international investment promotion program that has made it into a prime industrial and tourism zone.

Today, it is a city known for its innovative methods of urban management, pioneering an integrated solid waste management system, volunteerism, organized vendors, and a color-coded transport system among other things. It has also brought much honor to the country with international awards like the **UNESCO Cities for Peace** representing Asia

and the Pacific in 1997 and the **Konrad Adenauer Local Medal of Excellence** in 1999.

The opening of SM City Olongapo will be a catalyst for employment and business opportunities, as well as lifestyle trends for residents of this bustling. With the SM Department Store and SM Supermarket as its major anchors, it also features SM mainstays like the SM Appliance Center, ACE Express, Watsons.

Eating out options include popular international and local food chains like Pizza Hut, KFC, Jollibee, Mang Inasal, Greenwich, Chowking, Savory Classic, and Hainanese Delights. Banking services and three state of the art digital cinemas – the first such theaters in the city - complete the shopping experience.

For customer convenience, SM City Olongapo has allotted three levels of parking with more than 300 slots, as well as a color-coded jeepney terminal just across the mall.

SM City Olongapo's design team includes DSGN & Associates, Design Consultants; G & W Architects, Architect of Record; DA Abcede and Associates, Project Manager; and New Golden City Builders, General Contractor. **-PR-SMOL**

Olongapo City conduct reef monitoring

OLONGAPO MAYOR James "Bong" Gordon Jr. has tasked Supervising Agriculturist Jhobal Sebarotin to develop a comprehensive plan of action relative to the continuous monitoring of the artificial reef installed in the deep sea of Barangay Barretto last January 14, 2012.

It can be recalled that Mayor Gordon led divers from the PNP Maritime Command and the Olongapo FARMC in planting the concrete reef.

Built entirely of cement, steel bar, white sand, gravel and tie wire, the man-made reef resembles a 5-layer pyramid around 250 centimeters high.

The reef was installed to promote marine protection, fisheries enhancement, and reef rehabilitation.

According to Sebarotin, the planned monitoring activities will include recording and documenting the presence or absence of plants, invertebrate and fish and guarding the physical condition of the man-made reef.

"We will again ask for the invaluable help of BFAR, PNP Maritime, OCPO, DMO, the barangay and of fishing communities to assist us with the monitoring," he said.

"Aside from monitoring, the data that will be

gathered from this project may be useful for future references regarding marine life and to properly educate the public on marine conservation," Mayor Gordon explained.

Meanwhile, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Public Relations Manager Armie Llamas said that the artificial reef project "was painstakingly realized thru the efforts of the men and women of SBMA, in partnership with the Subic Bay Integrated Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (SBI FARMC)".

"It was thru the initiative of SBMA that an Environmental Guarantee Fund was established to safeguard the welfare of fishing communities affected by the development in the Freeport," said Llamas in an e-mail sent to the city's Public Affairs Office (PAO).

"From the time the said project was conceptualized, approved by the SBMA Board for funding, until it was built and installed in Subic and San Antonio, Zambales, as well as in areas in Bataan, the SBMA has been in close coordination with the municipal FARMC Chairmen of the aforesaid localities including Mr. Danny Mejia, Chairman of Olongapo City FARMC," she added.



AFP chief says no victory in military option, puts peace process as priority

By DING CERVANTES

ANGELES CITY- Armed Forces chief of staff Lt. Gen. Jessie Dellosa vowed yesterday his commitment to the peace process, as "there is no victory when both Filipinos fight and kill each other in the guise of love of country."

Dellosa stressed this in his speech during rites that turned over his concurrent capacity as commander of the unified Northern Luzon Command (Nolcom) to Lt. Gen. Anthony Alcantara in ceremonies held yesterday at the Nolcom headquarters at Camp Aquino, Tarlac City. "I am positive that our years of experience in ideological warfare had taught all of us, valuable lessons that it (military option) will only give our

country more harm than good," he said.

Dellosa noted that "one thing for sure, we now know, that military solution alone is not an option", as he thanked members of the negotiating team of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPPAP) "in their arduous efforts to make peace process the center of our National Security Policy."

"All these changes in our paradigm shift taught us military men that indeed, there is no victory when both Filipinos fight and kill each other in the guise of love of country," he said.

Shifting his speech to Pilipino, Dellosa also said that "in armed clashes especially in the north, no one wins and all of us end

up as losers because always, only civilians are caught in between the clashing forces."

Dellosa called on "wayward Filipino brothers to now manifest sincerity by giving up arms and giving way to change and peaceful struggle" through "peaceful and sincere dialog."

Dellosa, noting the role of the Nolcom under his leadership in helping victims of typhoon Quiel in Central Luzon, also reiterated that as AFP chief of staff, disaster preparedness and response would remain one of his major thrusts.

"In the AFP, we will definitely push through with the close coordination with the Office of the Civil Defense to fast-track the identification and the study needed in training and equipage of personnel for di-

saster response," he said.

Dellosa noted that "this concept does not only entail military rescue and relief operations but also in how to integrate the untapped capabilities of our reservists and how to engage the community volunteer participation."

He also vowed to enhance the capability of the AFP's public affairs office, saying "my perception on media relations changed enormously when I was assigned here (at Nolcom)."

"Here in Northern Luzon Command, we enhanced the capability of our Command Information Office (CIO) to serve as its venue to connect with partners in media. It inspired me even more to replicate this public affairs capability enhancement in other AFP units," he added.

Red tide continues to affect Bataan

By ERNIE B. ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY - The provincial agriculture office on Friday announced that the ban on the gathering, transporting and eating of shellfish imposed by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources on November 22, 2011 still continues in Bataan.

"Patuloy pa rin ang kampanya laban sa pagkain ng shellfish dahil mataas pa rin ang toxin level ng sulib o sunset shell sa bayan ng Samal na umabot ng 5,119 unit grams per 100 grams shellfish meat." Tolerable limit is only 60ug per 100g shellfish meat.

She explained that although the toxin level in green mussels or tahong has gone down in Balanga City and the towns of Pilar, Orion, Limay and Mariveles, the high poisonous level in Samal affects the mentioned area and the towns of Hermosa and Orani.

"Dahil nasa coastal area ng Manila Bay ang lahat ng siyam na bayan, apektado ito ng current ng karagatan kaya paikot-ikot lang ang red tide," Nieto said. She said that the province and BFAR provincial officer under Danny Abrera continue to monitor the situation.

Nieto said to help more than 600 families involved in the raising and selling of shellfish, BFAR has recently handed out 150 fishing nets. The Department of Social Welfare and Development extended cash for work while the provincial government under Gov. Enrique Garcia has provided relief goods, she said.

Resy Banal, a shellfish vendor, said although they were thankful for the fishing nets, they still need daily subsistence for their families. "Kailangan naming ng hanap-buhay para sa araw-araw na pagkain na nawala buhat pa noong Nobyembre 2011," she said.

"Mahirap ang kabuhayan namin at nabubuhay kami paekstra-ekstra lamang sa construction kaya sana tulungan kami ng pamahalaan," said Avelino Banal and Jeric de Jesus.

Fish, squids, shrimps and crabs were not affected by the red tide provided these are fresh and properly cleaned. "OK pa naman ang benta sa mga isda," a woman vendor said.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of BLANCA JULIETA TIGLAO ANGELES who died intestate on October 30, 2003 in Angeles City executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of her estate more particularly described as one-eighth share over a parcel of land (Lot 693-B-2 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-095296, being a portion of Lot 693-B (LRC) Psd-206798, L.R.C. Record No.) situated in the Barrio of Balaba, Mabalacat, Pampanga and covered by TCT No. 478107-R of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 23, 30 & February 6, 2012

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of MA. LISSA J. TIGLAO MOHAMMAD JAFARI who died intestate on December 28, 2002 in Makati City executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of her estate more particularly described as one-eighth share over a parcel of land (Lot 693-B-2 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-095296, being a portion of Lot 693-B (LRC) Psd-206798, L.R.C. Record No.) situated in the Barrio of Balaba, Mabalacat, Pampanga and covered by TCT No. 478107-R of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

RURAL BANK OF MABALACAT, INC.

EF NO. 256-11
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-versus-

SPS. RICO MERCADO
Mortgagor/s

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by RURAL BANK OF MABALACAT INC., with its principal address at Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga against Spouses RICO MERCADO and NANCY M. MERCADO with residence and postal address at Centro Calulut, Del Carmen, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 30, 2010 amounts to THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY NINE PESOS and 41/100 (P3,468,269.41) excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Ex-Oficio Sheriff and/or his duly authorized Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on February 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter (from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the main entrance of the RTC Bldg., City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH/ or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvement thereon to, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 432898-R

A parcel of land (Lot 3651-B, of the subd. plan Psd-62350, being a portion of Lot 3651 of the Cad. Survey of San Fdo., L.R.C. Cad Rec. No.) Situated in the Bo. of Del Carmen, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (1,563) square meters.

"All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 21, 2012 without further notice."

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the title herein above described and encumbrances therein, if any there be. City of San Fernando, Pampanga, January 9, 2012.

CARMELITO D. CATAJAN
Sheriff IV

RURAL BANK OF MABALACAT, INC.
Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga

SPS. RICO and NANCY M. MERCADO
Centro Calulut, Del Carmen, CSFP

ATTY. JOSELEA Y. FLORIA
Clerk of Court VI
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFICIO SHERIFF

BALIKATAN HOUSING FINANCE, INC.,
Mortgagee,

EJF No. 260-11

SPS. ALEX A. RADOVAN AND
ESTELITA O. RADOVAN

Mortgagor/s

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

(Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118)

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by BALIKATAN HOUSING FINANCE INC., mortgagee, with principal address at 24th Floor, BPI Bldg., Buendia Center, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, against SPS. ALEX A. RADOVAN AND ESTELITA O. RADOVAN, mortgagor/s, with residence and postal address at 158 Plaridel, Obando, Bulacan, and/or Lot 7, Blk. 3, 7th Avenue, Villa Julita Subd., Bo. Saguin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 25, 2010, amounts to FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 PESOS (P462,850.00) excluding interest and other charges, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Oficio Sheriff and / or her duly authorized Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on February 14, 2012 from 9:01 A.M. to 12:00 N.N. and from 1:00 P.M. to 3:59 P.M. at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court Building, City of San Fernando (P), to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following property/ies with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFEER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 341903-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 7, Blk. 3 of the subd. plan Psd-03-004903, being a portion of lot 4171-A, Psd-03-004746, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Saguin, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of one hundred twenty (120) SQUARE METERS. x x x"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 21, 2012, without further notice.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the title herein above described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be. City of San Fernando, Pampanga, January 10, 2012.

ATTY. JOSELEA YRAOLA FLORIA
Clerk of Court VI
& Ex-Oficio Sheriff

ARNOLF F. OCAMPO
Sheriff IV

cc: BALIKATAN HOUSING FINANCE INC.,
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Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

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Motorsiklo sumuot sa container van, magkasintahan patay

By ERNIE B. ESCONDE

ABUCAY, Bataan- Patay ang magkasintahang magkaangkas matapos bumangga at sumuot ang sinasakyan nilang motorsiklo sa ilang ng nakaparadang container van sa bahagi ng Roman Superhighway sa baying ito bago mag-alas-9 ng gabi nitong Linggo.

Idineklarang dead on arrival sa Bataan General Hospital sa Balanga City ang rider na si Jonathan Nate, 23, kawani sa Elizabeth Supermarket at ang kaangkas niyang si April Robles, 22, na umano'y hindi pa nagtatagal niyang ka-live-in.

Nagkabutas-butang ang suot nilang crash helmet at matindi ang sira ng motor-

siklo matapos tumama sa hulihan ng malaking trak.

Sinabi ng pulisya na tumakas diumano at hindi pa makita ang drayber at pahinante kaya hindi malaman ng pulisya kung bakit nakaparada sa madilim na shoulder ng highway ang container van.

Ayon sa ilang kaanak, mula sa bahay ng magkasintahan sa Barrio Kamposa Balanga City, papuntang Pampanga ang dalawa upang dumalaw sa patay na kamag-anak ng babae nang mangyari ang aksidente.

Patuloy pa ang imbestigasyon ng mga pulis at nananawagan na sana'y sumuko na ang drayber ng container van.

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SM MALLS SHINE AT PRA AWARDS



Led by SM City North EDSA's induction into the Philippine Retailer's Association's **Hall of Fame**, it was a shining moment for the SM Supermalls as three other shopping centers received awards and citations during the PRA's **Outstanding Retailers Awarding Ceremony** at the Crowne Plaza. SM Prime Holdings President Hans T. Sy is shown with the SM Supermalls team: (L-R) SM Supermalls President Ms. Annie Garcia, VP for Operations-Premiere Malls Mr. Steven Tan, VP for Operations-North Mr. Bien Mateo, Regional Operations Manager Arch. Renee Bacani, AVP for Operations-North Luzon 2 Mr. Juancho Sibala, and SM City Bacoor Asst. Mall Manager Mr. Joseph Forrosuelo together with PRA President Mr. Bernie Liu and Vice Chairman Mr. Mars Chua. SM City North-EDSA was awarded as the **Outstanding Shopping Center of the Year in the Large Category** for the second year in a row apart from being elevated to the **Hall of Fame**. SM City Baguio, on the other hand, received an award as the **Outstanding Shopping Center of the Year in the Medium Category**; while SM City Bacoor and SM City Pampanga were finalists in the Large Category.

Buhay ni Ka Blas, tagumpay ng isang 'promdi'

NI DINO BALABO

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS—Ip-inagbunyi ng mga opisyal sa Bulacan ang buhay ni dating Senador Blas F. Ople at inihalintulad ito sa tagumpay ng isang "promdi" na nakipagsapalaran sa lungsod.

Ito ay kaugnay ng pagdiriwang noong Biyernes, Pebrero 3, ng ika-85 kaarawan ng dating senador na nagmula sa Hagonoy na mas kilala sa tawag na "Ka Blas."

Ang pagdiriwang ay pinangunahan nina Gob. Wilhelmino Alvarado, Bise-Gob. Daniel Fernando, Bokal Felix Ople at ni Cynthia Villar ng Partido Nacionalista na nagsilbing panauhing tagapagsalita.

"Walong taon matapos siyang pumanaw, patuloy nating ginugunita ang kaarawan ni Ka Blas dahil ang kanyang kasaysayan at karanasan ay isang masayang awit ng tagumpay," ani Alvarado.

Inilarawan ni Alvarado ang buhay ng yumaong Senador bilang "tagumpay ng isang probinsiyano sa isang malaki at malupit na lungsod."

Ayon kay Alvarado, kahanag-hanga ang tagumpay ni Ka Blas dahil sa ito ay nagpakita ng "karakter ng tao laban sa mga puwersa na akala natin ay hindi kontrolado ng kanyang mga kamay."

Binigyang diin pa niya na ang buhay ng dating Senador ay "tagumpay ng pangarap laban sa marahas na realidad, tagumpay ng potensiyal ng isang bagong tao laban sa bundok ng mga balakid, tagumpay ng paghihimagsik laban sa pagpapatianod, tagumpay ng hindi malupig na espiritu ng tao at ng katatagan ng kanyang pananalig, tagumpay ng karunungan at katarungang panlipunan at dignidad ng pamban-

sang pamayanan, tagumpay ng katwiran at katinuan laban sa katiwalian at karimlan, tagumpay ng konsensiya sa pita ng laman, tagumpay ng katapatan sa Konstitusyon at pananalig sa paghahari ng batas, at tagumpay ng integrasyon ng buong bansa at pagkaka-isa ng sambayanan."

Para naman kay Villar, "si Ka Blas ay isang natatanging lider at Bulakenyo, dapat siyang gayahin at maging huwaran."

Si Villar ay maybahay ni Senador Manny Villar, ang pangulo ng Partido Nacionalista na kinabibilangan ni Ka Blas bago siya napabilang sa Kilusang Bagong Lipunan ni dating Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos.

Inayunan din ni Bise Gob. Fernando ang pahayag ni Villar.

Sa kanyang maikling talumpati sa pagbubukas ng palatuntunan, sinabi ni Fernando na si Ka Blas ay isa sa ilang Bulakenyo na patuloy na nagbibigay inspirasyon sa kasalukuyang henerasyon.

Bilang tugon naman, binasa ni Bokal Felix Ople ang isang mensaheng isinulat ng kanyang ama sa paggunita ng ika-80 kaarawan nito noong 2007.

Ayon sa batang Ople, kung nabubuhay ang kanyang ama, tiyak na ito rin ang sasabihin.

Ganito ang sinasabi sa binasang pahayag ng batang Ople na sinulat ng kanyang ama: "A birthday is a summing up, an event that recapitulates a whole life. I have experienced God's miracle in my own life, transforming a poor boy from Hagonoy to a public figure of some consequence in our country. If there are worthy strands in that life, one has the privilege to offer them to the Lord God in heaven, and on earth to my country and community. Whatever remains of that life, I have resolved to consecrate to the common

good, to the welfare of my country and humanity."

Si Ka Blas ay panganay na anak nina Felix at Segundina Ople, at isinilang noong Pebrero 3, 1927 sa bayan ng Hagonoy.

Nagtapos siya bilang valedictorian sa Hagonoy Elementary School, ngunit bago siya nakatapos ng high school ay napabilang siya sa Del Pilar Regiment ng Bulacan Military Area (BMA) na nagpasuko at dumakip kay General Tomoyuki Yamashita sa Kiangnan sa pagtatapos ng ikalawang digmaang pangdaigdig.

Matapos ang digmaan, nagtrabaho si Ka Blas bilang

kargador sa North Harbor kung saan ay nakita niya ang hirap ng mga trabahador na sumailalim sa "cabo system."

Dahil sa angking kakayahan sa pamamahayag, natanggap siya bilang deskman sa Daily Mirror, isa sa mga pahayagan ng Manila Times.

Noong dekada 60, napasama si Ka Blas sa kampanya ng yumaong si Pangulong Ramon Magsaysay, at di nagtagal ay sa kampanya ni Marcos noong 1965.

Siya ay itinalaga ni Marcos bilang Ministro ng Paggawa, kung kailan ay inakda niya ang Labor Code ng bansa na nagbukas ng pinto sa milyong Pilipino

kaya't tinagurian siya bilang "Ama ng mga Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW)."

Matapos ang Edsa Revolution, si Ka Blas ay nahalal bilang Senador noong 1992, at sa kanyang ikalawang termino, nahalal siya bilang Pangulo ng Senado.

Hindi niya natapos ang kanyang ikalawang termino dahil sa itinalaga siya ni dating Pangulong Gloria Macapagal Arroyo bilang kalihim ng Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

Si Ka Blas ay pumanaw noong ika-14 ng Disyembre 2003 samantalang nasa eroplano patungong Bahrain mula sa Tokyo, Japan.

Dragon Boat competition, ginawa sa huling araw ng Ibon Eburn-Festival sa Candaba

NI ROMMEL RAMOS

CANDABA, Pampanga—Naging makapigil hininga ang huling araw ng Ibon-Eburn Festival dito kamakalawa sa pagsasagawa ng isang dragon boat competition bilang atraksyon.

Ang exhibition game na ito ay kinabibilangan ng DLSU dragon boat team, Onslaught Racing Team at Triton Dragon Racing.

Sila ang bumubuo ng Philippine Dragon Boat Federation teams na siyang lumalahok sa mga competition sa bansa pagdating sa dragon boat racing.

Ayon kay Candaba Mayor Jerry Pelayo, pangarap nila na makabuo ng sariling dragon boat team sa kanilang bayan.

Titipunin daw nila ang mga

mangingisda sa kanilang bayan na siyang bubuo ng kanilang sariling racing team na siyang ipambabato nila sa mga susunod na kumpetisyon.

Aniya, taon-taon na nilang gagawin ang dragon boat racing sa Candaba river.

Kapag mayroon daw kasing ganitong activity sa kailugan ay nakikita ng mga tao ang kahalagahan ng kalikasan at naipapalaganap ang mensahe na dapat itong ingatan.

Bago ang competition ay nag-motorcade muna sa Candaba ang buong dragon boat teams.

Matapos niyon ay nagpakitang gilad sa sila sa pagsagwan sa kahabaan ng Candaba River.

Tuwang-tuwa ang mga manonood dahil sa kaunahang pagkakataon ay

dinayo sila ng professional dragon boat team.

Ayon kay Alexander Dover, team captain ng Onslaught Dragon Boat team, masaya sila na naimbitahan sila sa Candaba.

Marami na daw silang napuntahan na ilog upang sagwanan ngunit kakaiba daw ang Candaba River na may mga paliko kayat kailangan nila ng diskarte para sa dragon boat racing.

Karaniwan daw silang nagdaraos ng karera sa Manila Bay ngunit deretso lamang daw iyon ngunit paliko-liko naman ang kailugan ng Candaba.

Aniya, kikilanin ang Candaba River na isa sa mga venue para sa dragon boat racing dahil sa kakaiba ang ilog na ito at may kalinisan.

Editorial

Double strike

LIGHTNING STRUCK illegal drug dealers twice in the Metro Clark area last week.

On Sunday, January 29, police operatives led by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group seized some 156 kilos of marijuana and hashish, with a street value of P7 million, in a drug bust at the Dau bus terminal in Mabalacat.

The operation also led to the arrest of three members of the so-called Kamot Gang, which the police identified as a major dealer of marijuana and hashish in Central Luzon, Metro Manila and Cavite.

The suspects were identified as Catherine Lamog, 44, reportedly the leader of the syndicate, and Julie Bagcas, 37, both of Barangay Mainitin Bontoc, Mt. Province; and Yolanda Adaol, 42, of Loccong, Tinglayan in Kalinga province. The places of their residences indicate the very source of the illegal commodity they traded.

On Tuesday, January 31, it was reported that joint security operatives of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Customs and airport security intercepted eight kilos of shabu, with a street value of P40 million, at the Clark International Airport.

The contraband was taken from one Marvin Sia, identified as a Filipino-Chinese businessman of Quezon City. He reportedly came from China.

Even as we join the local community in commending this signal accomplishment of our authorities in the war against illegal drugs, we take cognizance of the pivotal position the Metro Clark area serve in drug trafficking.

The volume of the illegal drug haul, the scene of drug-bust operations – bus terminal and airport – clearly indicate the Metro Clark area as being both transshipment point and premium market in the illegal drug trade.

Hence the need for the PDEA, our police authorities, Customs, as well as our local government units to exert greater vigilance.

Opinion

Gas-trapped



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Zona Libre Bong Z. Lacson

Rodriguez welcomed the move and said the facility would be a big relief in solid waste management for the city and other municipalities.

So we read in *Sun-Star Pampanga* over the week-end. Which got me hitting the daily's archives for earlier stories on the Biosphere project, and bingo! One dated August 11, 2011 reads:

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — After about a year and a half in the making, this city's waste to gasification program may see light as Mayor Oscar Rodriguez confirmed that all equipment needed to run the Biosphere facility have been completed.

Rodriguez said during his State of the City Address that he received a call from an official of Bluesteel, proponent of the ballyhooed multimillion waste to energy project, that the needed equipment have arrived in Manila.

The project has been taken much "off the books," after Rodriguez and City Administrator Ferdinand Caylao opined they have been "taken for a ride" by proponents of the project. Capitol has a similar project being undertaken with the McKay Group of Germany.

"I just received a call from our proponents and I was told the equipment needed to run it is Manila. Let's hope for the best we could work this out for the sake of the province," said Rodriguez.

The multi-million Biosphere project, which Rodriguez and City Administrator Ferdinand Caylao earlier dismissed as "just a ride," will now complement Capitol's moves on adverse solid waste management.

Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office chief Art Punsalan said: "If that materializes, then we could get a breath of fresh air on our garbage woes. If San Fernando's Biosphere could churn out 600 tons per day into power and Capitol's McKay program an additional 700 tons, we could very well be addressing our solid waste management problems."

Punsalan added that Capitol's waste-to energy project will start late this year, as soon as required documents are complied with.

From Biosphere, we segue now to the Capitol's "McKay program" that the PENRO talked about.

On September 14, 2011, Gov. Lilia "Nanay Baby" Pineda and Lubao Mayor Mylyn Pineda-Cayabyab signed a memorandum of agreement with James Mackay, chairman of the Pampanga Green Management Inc. (PGMI) and the MacKay Green Energy Inc. for the establishment of a US\$63-million facility that will convert the province's garbage into electricity.

Per the MOA, the facility will not entail any cash-out from the provincial government while the Lubao municipality will provide the site for it at its central materials recovery facility in Barangay Sta. Catalina.

The facility is expected to be completed within four months from the signing of the agreement.

SOME TWO years in the making, the Biosphere waste-to-energy facility in Barangay Lara, City of San Fernando has started operating.

So crowed the Honorable Reden Halili, city council environment committee chair, presenting to Mayor Oscar S. Rodriguez green energy pellets supposed to have been produced at the facility.

"We observed the production of the green pellets during the dry run... We are hopeful that by March 1 this year, we will dump garbage there and not in Kalangitan," Halili said.

(But the city's been dumping its waste *there*, not in Kalangitan, Your Honor. The procession of overloaded garbage trucks from San Fernando's barangays is a morning ritual at the megadike. To be doubly sure, I will have to check with Sonny Dobles, chair of the environmental desk of the Advocacy for the Development of Central Luzon. He has a list of all LGUs accessing Kalangitan for their garbage.)

Anyways, Halili also said that once all pieces of equipment of the Biosphere facility are put in place and it becomes operational next month, it can already generate electricity for the city and nearby towns.

Mat Evans of MacKay Green Energy Inc. explained that through a process dubbed as "treating metropolitan solid waste and using the refuse derived fiber to produce renewable energy," 800 metric tons of garbage a day will go through combustion to generate 22 megawatts of electricity, enough to energize 110,000 households at the rate of one megawatt for every 5,000 households.

"With combustion at 1,200 to 1,800 degrees centigrade, the facility produces no toxic gases," Evans stressed. "With our system, there will be no longer any need for landfills. With our facility you can be guaranteed to be safe from any leachate, which is very hazardous. Methane issues will no longer be a problem."

That was the last thing we heard of the MacKay program.

Almost five months have passed since the MOA signing, and no facility stands at the Lubao MRF site.

Could it be that the Capitol and the municipality of Lubao took heed of the warnings aired by Greenpeace activist Von Hernandez at the time of the MOA signing?

Said Hernandez: "The Clean Air Act of 1999 explicitly prohibits the incineration of municipal waste, and the proponent (MacKay) is using clever semantic subterfuge (i.e. characterizing their technology as gasification, pyrolysis, or plasma arcs) to try to exempt their proposed facility from the ban.

"They will claim that their technology is state of the art and without emissions. I find such spectacular claims hard to believe. While there may be state of the art incinerators, there is no such thing as a pollution-free incinerator.

"The combustion of waste especially chlorine containing materials like plastics creates cancer-causing dioxins and furans, liberates heavy metals into the air, essentially converting a waste problem into a formidable toxics pollution problem which will threaten the communities around the proposed facility."

Concluded Hernandez: "The Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and the Pampanga provincial government should be cautious and not fall into this trap. Under the Clean Air Act, the public can take them to court for sabotaging and violating the provisions of the law."

As San Fernando's Biosphere facility is similar to MacKay's, then the gas-trapped city has one hell of an environmental situation in its hands.

That is if Hernandez – the 2003 Goldman Environmental awardee, 2007 Time Hero of the Environment, member of the Steering Committee of the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, an international anti-incineration coalition promoting zero waste, and the executive director (on leave) of Greenpeace Southeast Asia – is right.

Yeah, I really need to consult Mr. Dobles on this.



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Look at the brighter side

THREE YEARS ago, at four in the morning, our neighborhood was suddenly in mayhem when a mother shouted for help. Her daughter took sleeping pills - several of them - to end her life. The reason for her suicide: her boyfriend of five years eloped with her best friend. They were slated to tie the nuptial knot by December - or five months away.

Fortunately, the doctors were able to save Anna (let's call her that way to protect her privacy). Her family and friends consoled her. "Maybe, he's not really the man for you," the mother said.

True enough. Anna's brother came home two months after the incident. Together with him was his American friend. They were introduced and before they knew it they were smitten by each other. To make the long story short, they got married. Today, the couple is now living in the United States and has a son.

Whatever happened to Anna's former boyfriend? Well, he was separated from his wife, with whom he has two kids. A drunkard, he has no steady job. "At that time, I didn't know that what he had done was the best thing that ever happened," Anna said. "I should have known better."

Because of that lesson, Anna now always looks at the brighter side. And that's what optimism is all about. As inspirational author Zig Ziglar puts it: "No person ever ended his eyesight by looking on the bright side."

Here's an advice from Bob Losure: "People have been wonderful to me in the good times and the bad, and I've come to believe that you do indeed reap what you sow. For those who constantly gripe about life, I turn and walk away. For those who speak negatively about people behind their backs, I move on."

Christian D. Larsen urges: "Look at the sunny side of everything. Think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best. Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your won. Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. Give everyone a smile. Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others. Be too big for worry and too noble for anger."

Some optimists people from history I know included Napoleon Bonaparte ("Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools"), George Eliot ("Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand"), Duke Ellington ("Gray skies are just clouds passing over"), Ralph Waldo Emerson ("Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year"), Anne Frank ("I don't think of all the misery, but of all the beauty that still remains"), and Benjamin Franklin ("Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight").

The other side of optimism is pessimism. This means that when two pessimists would meet in a party, they would shake their heads instead of hands. "Sometimes, I don't think we realize how wonderful today is until tomorrow," Jim M. Owen. That's the reason why the past is called "the good old days."

Hollywood film actor Woody Allen contributes: "More than any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other, to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly."

Helen Keller deploras: "No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars or sailed to an uncharted land or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." Michael Arlen contributes: "She not only expects the worst, but makes the worst of it when it happens." A quintessential optimist, indeed.

So, what's the difference between the two? "The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds," says James Branch Cabell, "and the pessimist fears this is true."

Albert Schweitzer differentiates: "An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while a pessimist sees only the red stoplight. The truly wise person is color-blind." American author Joe Karbo illustrates: "The pessimist sees the bottle as half empty. The optimist sees it as half full."

Here are more thoughts. William A. Ward penned: "The optimist pleasantly ponders how high his kite will fly; the pessimist woefully wonders how soon his kite will fall." Felix Adler wrote: "An optimist is a person who sees only the lights in the picture, whereas a pessimist sees only the shadows." Winston Churchill said it all: "The optimist sees opportunity in every danger; the pessimist sees danger in every opportunity."

The pessimist allows a disappointment in one area of his life to pervade the rest. For instance, he's laid off from work. The pessimist not only feels bad about losing his job, but he also starts to worry that his marriage is in trouble and his kids are out of control. On the other hand, the optimist doesn't let one setback contaminate his whole life. He may say:

"So at the moment I don't have a job. My wife and I are still close, and my kids made the honor roll."

In an article which appeared in Good Housekeeping, Tamara Eberlein wrote: "Positive thinking is a lot more than blind faith - and its power over people's lives is awesome. Optimists fare better than pessimists in almost every aspect of life, often achieving more and enjoying greater social success."

According to Robert J. Flint, when it comes to business, people are far more likely to agree with the optimist than to disagree. "Conversely, people are far more likely to offer a 'No' to the sour, gloomy pessimist. A pessimistic man's words may be completely unheeded or inspire a lack of confidence, but a healthy, vital, optimistic man uttering the same words may rock the world."

Studies have shown that optimistic people are less susceptible to depression and physical ills. "There's evidence that optimism bolsters the immune system," reports Dr. Martin E. Seligman, an American psychology professor.

This must be the reason why American comedian and talk show host Joan Rivers believes in optimism. She points out: "I have become my own version of an optimist. If I can't make it through one door, I'll go through another door - or I'll make a door. Something terrific will come no matter how dark the present."

In other words, the sun has a sinking spell every night but rises again in the morning. Behind the clouds, there's a silver lining.



Napag-uusapan lang

Ni Felix M. Garcia

Ing bie tsuper

KASEBYAN, ding tsuper 'playboy' la pin kanu, Malagad yang bina ing e babaeru; Aku, king sariling kapaniwalan ku, Alang matsura na e la mamerwisyu.

Ing e mu masanting karing talasawa, Ya'ytang mipaburen pati pamilya ra; Imbes pangabiayan da ne rugu keta, Miraras mu karing babaing kabit da.

Ding tsuper... king bie ra, pablasa madalas Laman no' ning dalam agyang nanung oras, Deti makanyan lang makabitag agad Karetang babaing palibut, palakad.

Kasi pin nung iti parati neng sake King bus o keng dyip nang pamasadang pane, Pakabitan mung e binang luat, abe Manintun ne namang upahan nang bale.

Metung pang ugali ding aliwang tsuper, Madalas ala lang piming garahi ren; Malagad mung tutung atyu kang Kumander, Lalu pa't nung e ne sarili ing saken.

Nung tsuper ya keng bus, karaniwan naman E makagyu ketang atlu mu tatalnan; Makanano, alus bala nang terminal Atin yang 'lover girl' parating darasan.

Nung tsuper nemang dyip, keraklan kareti Nung angga mung apat atin yang babai; Inia rugu'ing saken nung e ne sarili, Menasa ala yang ibie pang-'boundary'.

Nung tsuper da ne man ding ausan dang 'dump truck' Ding keya... ila ring keng 'highway' kabukas, Inya keraklan ken pati karga rang gas, Mananap kagnan ning biahi rang balas.

At nung taxi neman ing pamasada na, Ditak la nung sabyan kung angga lang lima; Uling kareng Disco, kabaret at kasa Suki reng parati detang balyerina.

Anti naman keni istrok ding aliwa, Buri ra ila pang king babai kakua; Inya rugu agyang lupa yang pindangga Makusuelu ne yan kesa ketang ala.

Atin namang tsuper a milalu ilig E ne mamili mang buring maging kabit; Madalas pati na sadyang ating sabit, Pakialaman deting pakikalbit-kalbit.

Inya e malaut malyari na kabud King metung a pugad miyabe lang lumukub, Nung ing babai na a keta atisud Kalupa ne bisyu, bubuldit, patusuk.

Nung king bage ninung lalaking mangangas Mapis o kumet king e kaya'ing mansanas, Nung e mu pin tutung king mesabing prutas Y Eba, yang kang Adan manuksu madalas?

Inya e sumala... misan ku pang sabyan, King uli nang Eba ating mitabakan! Inya masasanting... nung bandi neng Julian Ing kumpareng Pablo, manitindi neman;

At e ne makyabe makisalat-salat King e keya banting milisya keng kaplas, Uli ning katutuan a e na la ditak Ding king anti kanyan tinakman balasbas!!!





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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING LOCAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVES TO INDUSTRIES
AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF ANGELES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

CHAPTER I
Title, Policies and Objectives

Section 1. Short Title - This Act shall be known as the Angeles City Investment and Incentive Code of 2011.

Section 2. Declaration of Policies - It is hereby declared a general policy of the City Government of Angeles to attract investors, both local and foreign, by creating a good climate for investors and providing incentives for investments that will promote sustainable development, income generation and employment for the people of Angeles City.

Furthermore, the development of the local economy of Angeles City shall be pursued under the principle of contributing to the national economic goal of achieving global competitiveness, fostering economic efficiency, and encouraging and supporting investments that promote countrywide development and create productive and quality employment. In line with this, the following are hereby declared as specific policies of the City Government of Angeles:

- The City shall create and maintain a stable and market-responsive investment administration that will encourage and support private-sector investments;
- The City shall extend fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to promote investments in economic activities that will significantly contribute to the achievement of the city's development objectives;
- The City shall grant incentives based on a system that is clear and simple to administer, time-bound, and performance-based taking into consideration the need to be competitive in attracting local and foreign investments;
- The City recognizes that industrial peace is an essential element of economic growth.

Section 3. Objectives – The Objectives of this Code are as follows:

- To lay down a comprehensive and legal framework and mechanism for integrating the investment incentives laws of the national government with the local development initiatives;
- To promote and attract foreign and local investment generate employment opportunities and provide backward and forward linkages among industries in the city, province and the country;
- To transform selected areas of Angeles City into highly developed centers of Industry, Commerce, Tourism, Medical, Eco-Tourism, and Finance of the province, the region as well as of the entire country;
- To promote balanced development and the general welfare of the people of Angeles City through rationalized land use.

CHAPTER II
Definition of Terms

Section 4. Definition of Terms - For purpose of this Code, the following definition of terms shall apply:

BOI - Board of Investment under Executive Order No. 226, otherwise known as the Omnibus Investment Code.

Capitalization- means the total project cost including buildings, machineries, -vehicles, Furniture_and_fixtures Information System and working capital.

Sustainable Development means a pattern of resource use that aims to meet human needs while preserving the environment so that these needs can be met not only in the present, but also for generations to come.

Expansion –means modernization and rehabilitation and increase of existing volume of production or upgrading the quality of the registered product or utilization of inefficient or idle equipment under such guidelines as Board may adopt.

Center - means the Angeles City Business Development and Promotions Center.

Board – means the Angeles City Investment Board.

Existing Firms – means those firms already existing and operating within the jurisdiction of Angeles City.

Firms Under Expansion - means existing firms already engaged in preferred investment and are expanding their operations in these preferred investments to Growth and Priority Development Areas pursuant to the City Land Use Plan/Zoning Ordinance.

Firms Under Diversification - refers to existing firms that are investing in or diversifying to preferred investments listed in Section 12 and locating these investments in the Growth and Priority Development Areas, pursuant to the City Land Use Plan/Zoning Ordinance.

Subsidiary - a company that is more than fifty percent owned by another company to which it is subordinate.

Foreign Investment – means equity investments owned by a non-Philippine national.

Code/Local Investment Code - refers to the Angeles City Investment and Incentive Code of 2011.

Investment - means expenditures for future benefits.

National Laws -refers to the following:

- OIC of 1987 - OMNIBUS INVESTMENT CODE of 1987.
- RA 7844 - EXPORT DEVELOPMENT ACT of 1994.
- RA 7916 - SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995.
- RA 7718 - BUILD-OPERATE TRANSFER LAW OR BOT LAW, ENACTED MAY 1994
- RA 8289 - MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES
- Tourism Act of 2009 (TIEZA)
- RA 7160 Local Government Code, Sec. 192
- RA 7160 (IRR) Section 282

Preferred Investment - refers to investments listed in Section 12 of this Code and those that may hereafter be identified by the Board.

Business Plan - means a project profile in prescribed form, which presents the marketing, technical, financial and socio-economic aspects of the project.

Registered Enterprise – means any individual, partnership, cooperative, corporation or other entity incorporated and/or organized and existing under Philippine laws that is registered with the Board of Investment (BOI), Department of Trade and Industry, Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperative Development Authority, and other business registering agencies.

Registered Eligible Enterprise – means any individual, partnership, cooperative, corporation, or other entity incorporated and/or organized and existing under Philippine laws that is registered with the Angeles City Investment Board and granted a Certificate of Eligibility for availment of benefits under this Code.

CHAPTER III
Angeles City Investment Board

Section 5. Angeles City Investment Board - The Angeles City Investment Board (ACIB) is hereby created for the purpose of overseeing the implementation of the Angeles City Investment and Incentive Code.

Section 6. Composition of the Angeles City Investment Board - The Board shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson - City Mayor
- Vice Chairperson - City Vice Mayor
- Members - Chairperson, SP Committee, Ways and Means
Chairperson, SP Committee, Trade and Industry
City Treasurer
City Assessor
City Planning and Development Officer
Provincial Director - Department of Trade and Industry
Representative from MACCII
Representative from FCCCII
Representatives of the CSOs/ NGOs in the DCAC
Legal Officer

Section 7. Meetings and Quorum of the Board- The Board shall meet at least once every quarter, or as may deem necessary. The presence of majority members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the quorum of a meeting shall be required by the Board to exercise its powers and perform its functions.

Section 8. Powers and Duties of the Angeles City Investment Board - The Board shall be responsible for the regulation and promotion of investments in the City. The majority of the members of the ACIB shall constitute a quorum sufficient for it to exercise its powers and perform its duties which shall be as follows:

- Approve, disapprove incentives applications, and cancel or suspend availed incentives subject to the provision of this Code.
- Make arrangements with national government agencies and/or private organizations for the purpose of promoting investments.
- Monitor and evaluate Annual Reports of Eligible Registered Enterprises submitted to the Center.
- Exercise all powers necessary or incidental to attain the purpose of this Code.
- Designate the Angeles City Investment Promotions Center to act as the Secretariat and to consequently supervise the same in its operations.

CHAPTER IV
Incentives for Preferred Investments, and Others

Section 9. Investors Enjoying Incentives under National Laws. – Investors enjoying incentives under E.O. 226 (OIC of 1987), RA 7844, RA 7916, RA 7718, RA 8289 and TIEZA, shall be entitled to the following non-fiscal incentives:

- Assistance with site location;
- Assistance in facilitating and processing of all documents and requirements of the City;
- Assistance in the labor recruitment and /or manpower sourcing;
- Assistance in securing direct source of electric power, water supply, telecommunications and other utilities.
- Recognition of outstanding enterprises.
- Other non-fiscal incentives as may be determined by the Board.

CHAPTER V
Incentives

Section 10. This Chapter grants incentives to investors in preferred investments and investors locating their businesses in Growth and Priority Development Areas in relation to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, investors under expansion and diversification and the industries provided in the CLUP.

Section 11. Incentives – Section 192 of RA 7160 and Article 282 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code shall be the bases for granting tax incentives.

Capitalization and Employment Generation Requirements, Period of Exemption for Preferred Investments and Existing Business under Expansion and Diversification with a minimum of Ten Million Pesos for preferred investments shall be entitled to the incentives provided for under this ordinance for a period of one (1) year

A. For Preferred Investments

Classification of Enterprise	Committed Investment	Year	Schedule of Incentives	Employment Size
Medium	15,000,000.00-30,000,000.00	1	100%	20
Medium	30,000,001.00-50,000,000.00	1	100%	25
Medium	50,000,001.00-100,000,000.00	1	100%	30
Large	100,000,001.00 - above	1	100%	35

Section 12. Investors Under Preferred Investment - The incentives in Section 11 shall be available to those investing in new projects under preferred investments listed below:

- Tourism related business such as but not limited to :
 - Mid-range hotels and other tourist-related facilities (Restaurants, Spas, Clubs, Souvenir Shops)
 - Resorts
 - Theme Parks
 - Tourist Transport Facilities
 - Eco-Tourism Projects
- Property Development projects such as but not limited to:
 - Commercial complexes (malls)
 - Retirement villages (*with medical facilities*)
 - Convention centers
 - Private industrial estates
 - Economic Zones
- Hospitals/Medical Centers for Retirees (Tourism related)
- Common bonded warehouses
- Education-related entities but not limited to new educational facilities and bookstores
- Any business enterprise that may produce and/or utilize renewable or innovative energy and prevent climate change.
- IT and IT-enabled services
- SWM or Recycling facilities, sewage treatment plants
- Manufacturers
 - Food processing
 - Furniture
 - Garments
 - Souvenir shops

Section 12(A). Addition of Preferred Investments- The Board may, if necessary, add new investments to the list after a study made either by the ACIB or study group engaged by the ACIB. The bases for addition to the list found in Section 12 are:

- a. Must generate high levels of employment.
- b. Must feature a high degree of added value to raw materials.
- c. Must create linkages with local industries.
- d. Must promote sustainable development.

Section 12(B). Removal of Preferred Investment- The Sangguniang Panglungsod may recommend the removal of any activity from the list of preferred investments under Section 12 or of additions thereto under Section 12(A) in the following cases:

- a. Sufficient investments in the preferred area of activity have been attained as determined by the Angeles City Investment Board.
- b. The continued extension of incentives for the specific investment is no longer to the interest of Angeles City.
- c. The investment or activity does not attract investors within a reasonable length of time or may result in an unfavorable business climate.

Section 13. Investors under Expansion and Diversification- Investors who are expanding in and/or diversifying to a preferred investment in Growth and Priority Development Areas are qualified for incentives under Section 11, provided that the requirements are complied with.

CHAPTER VI Other Incentives

Section 14. All qualified and accepted applicants to the Investment Incentive Program shall enjoy the Business Tax Exemption Privileges for a period stated hereof. For construction of buildings and other improvements excluding land, effective upon occupancy and/or completion, whichever comes first.

Section 15. Existing business of any nature and real properties shall not be allowed to apply under this Ordinance for the purpose of availing the incentive program.

Section 16. Coverage. Business enterprises applicants falling under the following types or nature of business shall be given priority under the investment incentives program:

Tourism related; Technology related; Service Industry (manpower services); Housing Development; Food Processing and Infrastructure (BOT).

CHAPTER VII Requirements, Application, and Approval Process

Section 17 – Requirements- For firms to enjoy the incentives under this Code, they must comply with the following:

- a. Period for filing of applications - Applications for incentives under Chapter IV and V must be filed before the start of construction or commencement of business operations.
- b. Requirements common to Single Proprietorships, Partnerships, Corporations, and Cooperatives:
 - 1) Three (3) copies of completed application forms available from the Angeles City Business Development Center.
 - 2) Business plan of the proposed investment (prescribed form available from the Center)
 - 3) A certified copy of the Certificate of Business Name Registration from the Department of Trade and Industry, or the SEC or CDA registration
- c. Certification from the City Treasurer that the applicant has no outstanding obligation with the City.
- d. Certification of Registration if enjoying incentives under the National Laws.
- e. Additional requirements for Partnerships, Corporations, and Cooperatives:
- f. Authority from the partnership or Board of Directors to file applications.
- g. Partnership or incorporation documents.
- h. Cooperatives Development Authority documents in the case of cooperatives.
- i. Proof of compliance with the pertinent provisions of Sections 9 to 13 as to capitalization, employment generation, nature of investment, and project or business location, as the case may be.
- j. Performance bond and/or Cash bond equivalent to 5 % of committed investment
- k. Construction Bond equivalent to 1% of total project cost

Section 18. Procedure for Filing, Processing/ Evaluation and Approval of Application

1. The Center provides orientation/briefing to prospective applicants as to the various provisions of the Code.
2. The Center issues a checklist of requirements and forms for the applicant to accomplish.
3. The applicant submits all the required documents to the Center.
4. If the Center determines that the documents submitted are complete, it requires the applicant to pay the non-refundable filing fee of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00)..
5. The Center accepts the application and supporting documents, indicating the date of acceptance and official receipt number in the application form and the Application and Registration Book.
6. The Center forwards the application and its Evaluation Report and Recommendation to the Board. The Board shall deliberate and decide within 15 working days upon receipt of the application.
7. The Center records the approval or disapproval of the Board in the Application and Registration Book.
8. The Center notifies the applicant through a formal written communication of the decision of the Board and if approved, requires payment of the registration fee as provided in Section 20 hereof.
9. Upon Payment of the Registration Fee, the Certificate of Eligibility is issued and the business is registered as an eligible enterprise.
10. A Performance Security shall be put up by the investor in the name of the city which is refundable and non-interest bearing equivalent to 5% committed investment renewable annually.
11. For new construction, in lieu of a surety bond, a construction bond equivalent to 1 % of the project cost is required. Refundable after presentation of the Occupancy Permit.

Section 19 - The Approved Enterprise shall pay a one-time registration fee as follows:

INVESTMENT COST	One-Time <i>REGISTRATION FEE</i>
Over 10M	20,000.00
Over 25M	25,000.00
Over 50M	30,000.00
150M	35,000.00

Section 20 - Certificate of Eligibility - A qualified enterprise under this Code shall be issued a Certificate of Eligibility with the signature of the Chairperson and/or such other officer as the Board may designate for the purpose. The Certificate shall be in such form and style as the Board may determine and shall state among others, the following:

- a. The name of the eligible enterprise.
- b. The area of investment that the eligible enterprise will engage in.
- c. Committed investment must be reached within half of the period of incentive time.
- d. Such items and conditions as should be complied with by the eligible enterprise to continue to qualify for incentives during the period granted in its Certificate of Eligibility.
- e. The Certificate of Eligibility will be valid for one year from the date of issuance and renewal prior to expiration date.

CHAPTER VIII Reports and Other Documents

Section 21 - Submissions of Reports and Other Documents- Every registered eligible enterprise shall for each investment availing of incentives under this Code, submit to the Board through the Center the following reports and/or documents within the time prescribed:

- a. Amendments of Articles of Incorporation of by-laws, or Articles of Partnership, or Article of Cooperation, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of approval of said amendments by the Securities and Exchange Commission or Cooperative Development Authority;
- b. Change of Directors within 30 calendar days from the change;
- c. Quarterly report on alien officers and/or employees within 30 calendar days from the date of registration as an eligible enterprise, or from the appointment of the aliens/replacements, with the added requirement that alien officers and employees are registered as such with the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID) and with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);
- d. Quarterly report on employment of bona fide Angeles City residents within 30 calendar days from the date of registration as eligible enterprise and/or from the appointment of their replacements;
- e. Quarterly report on business operations including production or gross sales or receipts, to be submitted within 30 calendar days from end of each quarter;
- f. Audited Annual Financial Statements with Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) stamp acknowledging receipt within 30 calendar days after submission of the same to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), but not later than 30 calendar days after the deadline for filing such audited statements with the BIR.

CHAPTER IX Angeles City Business Development and Promotion Center

Section 22. Angeles City Business Development and Promotions Center. There shall be an Angeles City Business Development and Promotions Center with adequate personnel and budget for personal services, operation and maintenance, equipment, promotions, and other needs. The Center shall perform the following functions:

- a. Prepare Investments Promotion Plan for approval of the Board;
- b. Assist the Board in the promotional aspect of the Code such as: establishing business linkages and networking, conducting and coordinating investment missions, preparing trade and investment promotion collateral, conducting/coordinating investment /economic briefings;
- c. Provide orientation/briefing to prospective applicants and answer their inquiries;
- d. Receive applications of firms/establishments, seeking to avail of incentives under this Code;
- e. Evaluate applications on the basis of documents submitted. The Center shall forward complete applications of qualified investors to the Board, otherwise it shall inform applicants of the rejection of their applications and the reason/s therefore;
- f. In the event the application is approved by the Board, furnish the City Treasurer, City Assessor, and the Business Permit and Licensing Division, copies of the Board resolution granting incentives and Certificate of Eligibility, for their information and guidance in the implementation thereof;
- g. Have custody and responsibility for filing and safekeeping of all records and documents.
- h. Provide administrative and secretariat services to the Board;
- i. Facilitate the issuance of business permits of registered eligible enterprises.
- j. Conduct ocular inspection of the premises of the business establishments.
- k. Receive required reports and other documents from registered eligible firms;
- l. When appropriate, as when a registered business has violated the Code, recommend the cancellation or revocation of the Certificate of Eligibility and withdrawal of all incentives granted;
- m. Perform such other functions and responsibilities as may be authorized.

CHAPTER X Budgetary Requirements

Section 23. Budgetary Requirements. The City shall appropriate the funding requirements which are necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Code based on the budget presented by the Board, to include Personal Services, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), Capital Outlay and Contingency.

CHAPTER XI Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 24 - Visitorial Power of the Board or the Center - The Board, the Center or any duly authorized member thereof, is hereby empowered and authorized to conduct an ocular inspection of the premises and business activity of any enterprise, and examine the books registered or applying for registration as eligible enterprise, provided that such inspection or examination is done at a reasonable time of the day, during office hours.

CHAPTER XII Final Provisions

Section 25- Penalty - Cancellation or revocation of the Certificate of Eligibility shall mean the withdrawal of all incentives granted under the Code, and all fees and charges previously unpaid because of the exemption shall become due and demandable.

Section 26. - Separability Clause. - The provisions of this Code are hereby declared separable. The validity of one or more provisions shall not affect the validity of the other provisions thereof.

Section 27. - Repealing Clause. - This Code supersedes, amends and repeals previous ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Section 28. - Effectivity. This Code shall take effect on the day following its publication in a newspaper of local circulation in Angeles City.

Sponsored by Councilors **Bonifacio, Nepomuceno, Rivera and Lacson**
Seconded by Councilors Indiongco and Sangil

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present: Councilors Morales, Suller Indiongco, Rivera, Sangil, Bonifacio, Lacson, E. Pamintuan, Dimapilis and JC Pamintuan during Regular Session No. 43 held on December 27, 2011.

Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on December 28, 2011.

APPROVED:

EDGARDO D. PAMINTUAN
City Mayor

MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING
City Vice Mayor
& Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

LEONARDO KIRK I. GALANZA
Executive Assistant V

ATTY. ERIC V. MENDOZA
Department Head II
City Secretary

Arayat dike collapses, 2 barangays in danger

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Gov. Lilia Pineda and provincial engineers on Monday inspected the damaged portion of the slope protection in Barangay Guemasan. They were accompanied by Mayor Luis "Chito" Espino.

Residents of Guemasan and nearby Barangay Cupang here are in danger if the water of the Pampanga River would not be diverted to its old channel.

Earlier, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) regional office desilted the

old channel but it was not enough to divert the flow of water, it was learned.

Pineda said she will ask sand quarry operators to desilt the heavily-silted area.

"We will not charge the truckers of any quarry fee. This is to fast track the desilting and save the peo-

ple before it's too late," added Pineda in the dialect.

"We must do it now before the rainy season comes," she added.

Residents interviewed said they had "no choice but to stay around despite the danger."

"We thank the gover-

nor for helping us this early. Sadly, the dike was destroyed already," they added in the dialect.

Fourth District Board Member Nestor Tolentino said that "the idea of the governor is good." He added that the "only feasible and faster way is to divert the flow of water."

He said to repair the

dike requires too much funding.

Joel Mapiles, provincial information officer, said the Arayat-Apalit setback levee is the second line of defense against perennial flooding in the province. He added that the first is the Arnedo dike but its portion in Arayat was recently totally damaged.

Gov opens P10-M Arayat hospital

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extend the hospital to serve more people."

Simbul said they have at least 57 doctors, nurses and regular staff at the Arayat hospital. About 10 others, he added, are helping them run it.

Simbul, who has been assigned at the ECCMH for more than 20 years already, said he had been told several times by the first-term governor to serve the "people well with a smile."

"And that is also a reminder to all my staff," he added.

Simbul said Pineda had also planned to fund the repair of the old building. —**Joey Pavia**



Gov. Pineda (left) is assisted by Mayor Espino in cutting the ceremonial ribbon during the opening of the new building at the Arayat District hospital. With them are (L-R) Board Member Nestor Tolentino, Dr. Simbul and Board Member Raul Macalino. PHOTO BY RIC GONZALES

Senate approves Mabalacat Cityhood...

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al airport, freeport zone and modern expressways," according to Morales.

The upcoming cityhood of Mabalacat comes in the wake of a P500-million stimulus plan to develop major infrastructure in the soon to be Mabalacat City. Among these are the new Mabalacat Public Market, Triple A slaughterhouse, lighting of major roadways, construction of additional classrooms in Mabalacat Community College and the proposed 168 retail building in Barangay Mabiga.

"Mabalacat will be-

come the center of trade in Pampanga, because it will play a major role in the development of the Clark International Airport. Soon, more hotels will be built in Mabalacat to accommodate the influx of tourists," said Morales.

Earlier, Mabalacat residents have expressed their gratitude to the political luminaries who worked out for the realization of the much-vaunted cityhood bill or House Bill 2509/4736 saying that this was a "dream come true."

It is expected that a referendum in Mabalacat town will vote for the passage of the cityhood bill,

which is greatly anticipated by residents.

"It is a dream come true," according to Mabalacat Water District Chairman Deng Pangilinan. "For the last 10 years, we had been trying to achieve cityhood status amid the current developments in the town and the Clark Freeport Zone. We are the only town in Pampanga with an international airport and a Freeport zone," said Pangilinan.

"Like what our Mayor Marino Morales had been saying in the past, Mabalacat will be the 'Next Makati North of Manila' and change is definitely coming our way in Maba-

lacad," said Pangilinan.

Under cityhood, Morales sees further improvement in the delivery of basic services to the people. "We will see further improvement in the programs of the local government on education, health, livelihood, employment, peace and order, etc."

Mabalacat stands to earn P800 million in 2012 once it become a component city. For 2011, the town is expected to earn P500 million.

On February 7 the Senate Committee on Local Government will deliberate the 3rd and final reading on the cityhood bill.

February 7 hearing of Lapid's wife...

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\$10,000 and P10,000 she declared at the Las Vegas airport on Nov. 27 last year.

Asked about Marissa's chance of being cleared in the case, Krieger said, "It's too early to say."

"The invitation from Homeland Security was in regard to the Nov. 27 incident, but she was not informed about the arrest. She was arrested on a Sunday and the following Monday was a holiday then, so she remained under detention until I brought her out on Tuesday," Krieger said.

Marissa was able to spend her Christmas in the Philippines after the Nov. 27 incident pending the filing of formal charges against her. After the charges were filed, the Nevada district court issued a warrant for her arrest last Jan. 5, without her knowing it.

Krieger also clarified that the Marissa will not yet face trial but rather undergo preliminary investigation for the prosecutors to find out whether there is "probable cause" to charge her in federal court. As in the Philippines, an arraignment would follow if probable cause is determined, he added.

He also said that while Marissa, who was told to wear an electronic bracelet monitoring her movements, has obeyed court orders to remain in a house she owns in Clark County in Las Vegas, she could petition the court to allow her some freedom if she wanted to.

"One can be allowed by the court to go to other areas to attend a wedding of a relative, for example. I have had a case in which my client was even allowed to go to Israel, but there has to be a good reason," he stressed.

He also said that so far, Marissa has not made any request to be allowed by the court beyond Clark County where her movement has been restricted. "But she certainly can file for such petition," he added.

Krieger also said that lawyers are not responsible if such clients do not come back, as such clients are allowed some freedom only after they pay bonds.

In the case of Marissa, the court accepted a \$500,000 lien on Marissa's real estate property in Las Vegas.

Krieger also said that as of the moment, he saw no reason for Sen. Lapid to testify in Marissa's case.

If convicted of the offense, Marissa could be sentenced up to five years in jail, fined up to \$250,000 and have the currency forfeited to the United States.

Krieger declined to comment on the affidavit of Albert Giangregorio, special agent of the Homeland Security Investigation, which was among the evidences submitted to US Magistrate Judge Peggy Leen who issued the Jan. 5-dated warrant of arrest against Marissa.

The affidavit related that when Marissa, upon arrival at the Las Vegas International Airport on Nov. 27, was asked about the \$50,000 she did not declare before Customs officials there, she replied "I'm sorry. It's for my house."

Giangregorio also said Marissa apologized and repeated several times, "I screwed up."

Krieger said that the case against Marissa pertained only to allegations of bulk dollar smuggling and had nothing to do with whether the cash on her was illegally obtained.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF FIRST NAME

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that ALEXANDER BATAS RAZON has filed with this Office a petition for CHANGE OF FIRST NAME from ALEJANDRO BATAS RAZON in the Certificate of Live Birth of ALEJANDRO BATAS RAZON who was born on April 20, 1949 in Pangatlan, Mexico, Pampanga and whose parents are MARCELA BATAS and TEOFILO RAZON.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

ROSANA AGUAS
Municipal Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: February 6 & 13, 2012

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

HARVEST CREDIT CORPORATION

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 11-0324(M)

SPOUSES LORENA MAGTALAS and

RONNEL S. MAGTALAS,

Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act. No. 3135, as amended by Act. No. 4118, and Act No. 1508, as amended, filed by HARVEST CREDIT CORPORATION with principal office at Unit 1008 Philippine Axa Life Centre, Senator Gil Puyat Avenue, corner Tindalo St., Makati City against SPOUSES LORENA MAGTALAS and RONNEL S. MAGTALAS with residence at Purok 4, Capalangan, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 24, 2011, amounts to THREE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT AND 89/100 PESOS (PhP332, 128.89), Philippine Currency, inclusive of the stipulated penalty charges and liquidated damages and attorney's fees but excluding legal costs and expenses, the undersigned will sell at public auction on February 9, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 696957-R

A parcel of land (Lot 1062-A of the subd. plan Psd-03-013694, being a portion of lot 1062, Apalit Cad. LRC. Rec. No.)situated in the Bo. of Capalangan, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp. Bounded on the SE., along line 1063; on the SW., along 2-3 by lot 1000; on the NW., along line 3-4 by lot 1061, all of Apalit Cad.; on the NE., along line 4-1 by lot 1062-B of the subd. plan. Beg. At a pt. marked "1" on plan being N. 16 deg. 33'W., 290.86 m. from PBM No. 11 Apalit Cad.; thence S. 62 deg. 48'W., 40.86 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 42 deg. 48'W., 6.08 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 64 deg. 43'E., 42.28 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 30 deg. 15'E., 4.45 m. to the pt. of beg; containing an area of TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN (213) sq. m. All pts. ref. to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS. cyl. conc. mons. Bearings true; date of the orig. survey, Jan. 1919- Mar. 1920 and was approved on Apr. 11, 1986.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 16, 2012 at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, January 2, 2012.

Sgd. EMERSON S. LACAP
Sheriff IV

Sgd. EDGARDO C. LOZANO
Officer-in-Charge

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Unit 1008 Philippine Axa Life Centre
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, corner Tindalo St.
1200 Makati City

Spouses Lorena Magtalas and
Ronnel S. Magtalas
Purok 4, Capalangan, Apalit, Pampanga

Atty. Augustus Caesar C. Aspiras
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The Gossip-miller

by Cesar Pambid

Kris Aquino, Anne Curtis parehong payag makipaghalikan nang sobra kay Robin Padilla

SINA Robin Padilla at Kris Aquino ang magkatambal sa Kailangan Ko'y Ikaw. Nagkaron na ito ng story conference last Thursday night sa 14th Floor ng ELJ Bulding.

Present ang tatlong lead stars at ang isa rin sa main cast na si Xyriel Manabat.

After the storycon, binigyan ng surprise birthday treat sina Anne and Kris na sabay na magdiriwang ng kanilang kaarawan on Feb. 14.

Pagkatapos nito, nagkaroon na ng tsikahan with the press.

Sobrang excited ang tatlo sa project dahil napakaganda raw ng materyal. Siyempre, bilang dating natsismis sina Kris and Binoe, kinakantiyawan sila ng press.

Mag-asawa ang role nila rito kaya hindi maiwasang maitanong kung may kissing scene.

Nagbiro nga si Robin na gusto raw niya, torrid kissing scenes at say naman ni Kris, "Why not?"

Dugtong pa ng actress-TV host, "Eh kasi, tatlo naman ang anak namin dito, paano naman kami nagkaanak kung wala namang love scene na naganap?"

Humirit pa ng question si Anne ng, "How far do you plan to go, ate?"

Sagot ni Kris, "This is TV, Anne. So, how far can you really go? 'Yung far na far, hintayin na lang natin kasi may movie ako for that."

Leading lady din ni Robin si Anne kaya naman natanong din ang young actress kung okay din sa kanya na magkaroon ng kissing scenes sa action star.

"Of course, of course. With this role comes a mature love story. So, I'm game, of course, to do what my role requires to do and kung 'yun ang requirement, why not?"

Proud ding ikinuwento ni Kris na nakaka-touch si Robin dahil panay ang 'thank you' sa kanilang dalawa ni Anne.

"He kept on saying 'thank you' talaga sa amin ni Anne. Sabi niya, 'uy, thank you, thank you talaga.' Para bang sabi ko, 'we're so important, tayo ang tina-thank-you-han ni Robin Padilla.'

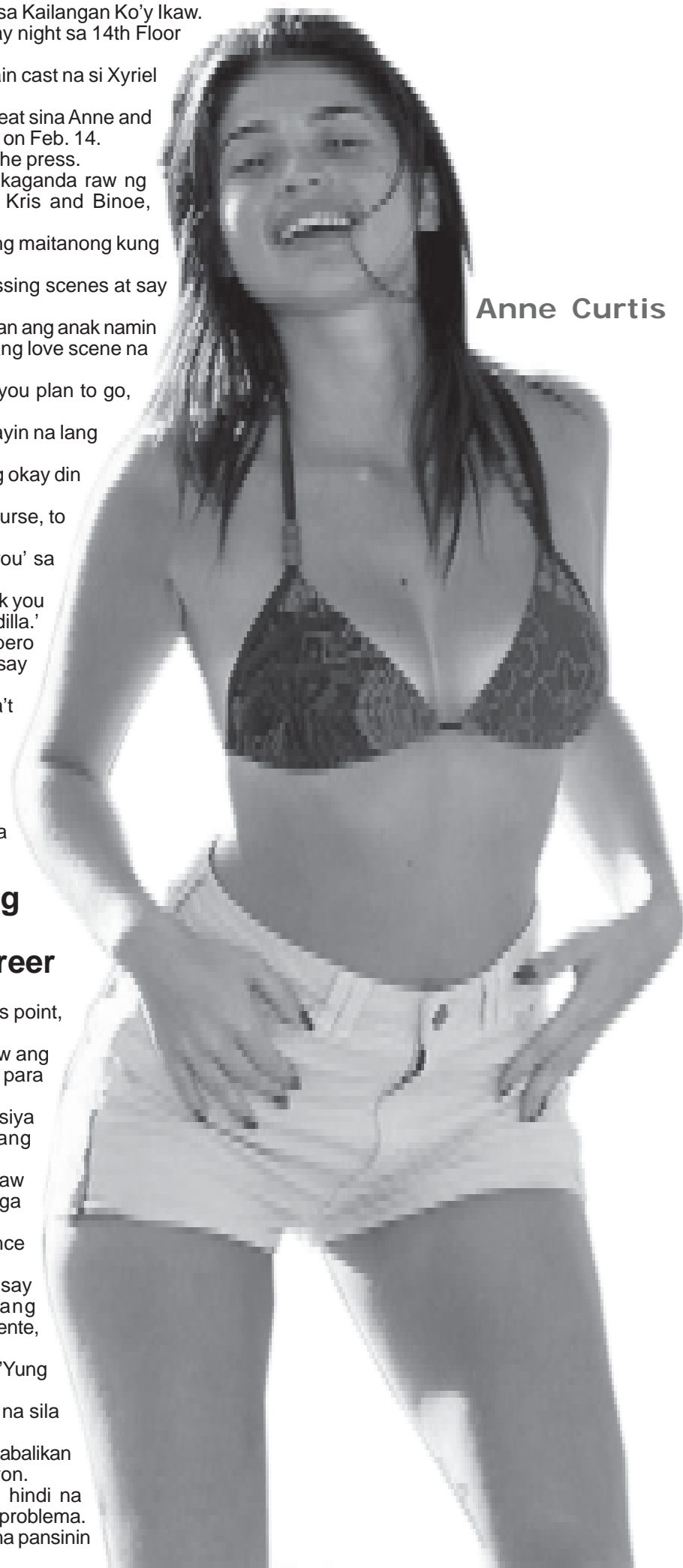
"Kasi nagawan nila ng paraan to make a series that will have the element of action pero pumayag si Robin talaga na at its core, it's a family drama and a love story. Kaya, yey!" say ni Kris.

Pero paano 'yan, baka magselos na naman si Bimby, this time kay Robin, lalo na't makikita silang may kissing scenes?

"No, kasi bago ako pumunta rito, in-explain ko sa kanya at sinabi ko sa kanya na 'honey, when it's in front of the tv, you know, it's pretend. So, 'pag pretend, okay lang. Sabi ko, 'it's pangit if it's real life but if it's in front of the camera, it's work, it's okay.

"So, okay siya ru'n. Basta work."

Magsisimula nang mag-taping ang serye sa Feb. 21 at ididirehe ito nina Malou Sevilla at Joyce Bernal.



Anne Curtis

Nadine Samonte gusto nang mag-asawa pero mas pinapaboran muna ang career

KUNG si Nadine Samonte ang tatanungin, at this point, aminado siyang gusto na niyang magpakasal.

She's turning 24 sa March at marami nga raw ang nagsasabi sa kanyang bata pa ang ganu'ng age para mag-asawa.

Pero katwiran niya, makapamilya raw siya talaga at gusto niya talaga na maagang magkaroon ng anak.

Kaso, nanghihinayang naman daw siya sa kanyang career at sa mga opportunity na nagdaratingan.

Siyempre, iba na nga naman once na nag-asawa na siya.

"Gusto ko talaga, gusto ko na," say niya about getting married nang makatsikahan namin siya sa set ng Valiente, her new teleserye sa TV5.

"Ang problema kasi, 'yung projects, eh. 'Yung mga opportunity, sayang, eh," dugtong niya.

Kinumpirma rin ni Nadine na nagkabalikan na sila ng non-showbiz boyfriend na si Emerson Chua.

Last November or December pa raw sila nagkabalikan at mas maganda na raw ang relasyon nila ngayon.

"Masasabi kong 'yung lahat ng problema, hindi na pinuproblema. Dati kasi, parang konting bagay, problema. Pero ngayon, parang 'ay ganyan lang? Huwag na pansinin 'yan,' parang ganu'n," say niya.

Napag-uusapan naman daw nila ni Emerson ang kasal, pero hindi pa 'yung talagang seryoso at hindi pa rin naman daw ito nagpo-propose sa kanya.

So, proposal na lang ba ang hinihintay niya?

"Hindi ko alam kung naghihintay ba ako ng proposal or kung talagang ready na ba ako, hindi ko alam, eh," say niya.

Pero kung sakali, mahihirapan namang magpakasal si Nadine this year since heto nga't magsisimula pa lang ang Valiente sa Feb.

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Siya ang leading lady ni JC de Vera habang si Oyo Sotto naman ay gaganap na nakatatanda niyang kuya.

Robin Padilla, Mariel Rodriguez parang laging bagong kasal

BAKIT nga ba hindi pa nagkakaanak sina Rabin Padilla at Mariel Rodriguez? Kulang ilang taon na rin naman silang kasal, pero bakit nga ba wala pang baby?

Ayon kay Binoe ay mas okey na raw muna ang ganitong wala silang anak.

"Wag muna 'tol. Kasi bagong kasal kayo, enjoy-in n'yo muna," sey niya.

Nalalapit na ang Valentine's Day, ano ang plano niya?

"Siyempre, kasama ko ang aking nag-iisang asawa."

Talaga bang nag-iisa na lang?

"Oo siyempre," mabilis niyang sagot. "Medyo mahirap ang buhay ngayon."

Sa Araw ng Mga Pusong, wish ni Binoe na mabigyan naman daw ng bakasyon si Mariel mula sa Willtime Big Time na programa ni Mariel sa TV5.

"Kasi, ang gusto lagi ni Willie (Revillame, host ng Willtime Big Time), laging live sila, eh. Hindi ko pa alam kung ano ang gagawin namin pero siyempre, nakasalalay 'yun sa trabaho niya."

Weekdays kasi natapat ang Feb. 14, Tuesday to be exact, kaya may trabaho nga si Mariel. "Kung hindi siya papayagan (na um-absent), doon ako. Maglalagay na lang ako ng table do'n kung saan man siya."



Nadine Samonte



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