

## CL public schools lonesome in marking LGBT celebrations

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO - Every June, public high schools in Central Luzon hold activities, including beauty contests, among their students belonging to the LGBTQ sector to mark Pride Month.

It turns out that the commemoration is peculiar only to the region via a regional Department of Education memorandum.

Thus, Senate President Vicente Sotto ques-

tioned recently the inclusion of Pride Month in the Department of Education's calendar in Central Luzon.

During the hearing of the DepEd's P525.88-billion budget for 2020, Sotto confronted education officials with DepEd Region III's Memorandum No. 28.

"There was a memorandum issued by the DepEd Region III which calls for... the inclusion

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The controversial 30th SEAG cauldron. PHOTO BY JOANN M. VALENCIANO



# Quirino's arinola, Duterte's kaldera

BY DING CERVANTES

## CLARK FREEPORT -- Will the SEA Games "kaldera" be Pres. Duterte's version of the late Pres. Quirino's golden "arinola"?

The P50-million symbolic cauldron built in time for the SEA Games at the New Clark City has become fodder for netizens who, in unison, held the view that the cost could have been better spent for urgent needs in a country as Third World as the Philippines.

Netizen Manny del Rosario commented: "That cauldron can be repurposed into a planggana for laundry and kaldero for paella."

Another netizen identifying himself as Morx said:

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## SBMA, DENR wage 'Refill Revolution'

BY MALOU DUNGOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT - The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) will team up with the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-EMB) to promote the use of refillable containers as a means of reducing plastic wastes that harm the environment.

On Tuesday, November 19, the two agencies will introduce the "Refill Revolution" program to local residents and stakeholders of the Subic

Bay Freeport during the 7th Recyclables Collection Event (RCE), which is a biennial recycling project of the SBMA.

SBMA Ecology Center manager Amethya dela Llana said "Refill Revolution" is designed to do away with sachets and "tingi" (small retail) packs that usually end up in drainage systems, rivers and other waterways, and eventually the sea.

"By buying in bulk, choosing products without much packaging and by using refillable containers for these prod-

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## 469 NPA rebels, supporters surrender in CL in 2 weeks

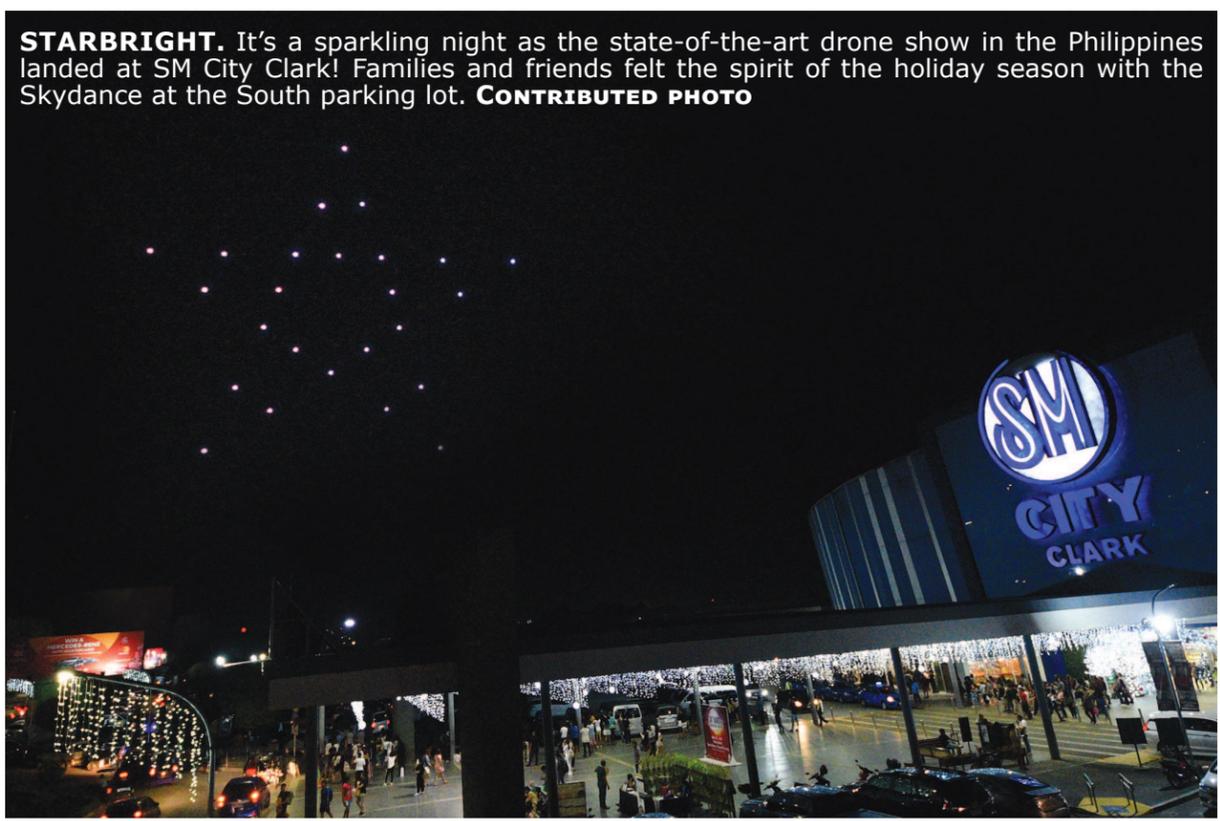
FORT MAGSAYSAY, Nueva Ecija-- A total of 459 members of the New People's Army (NPA) and their supporters in Central Luzon have voluntarily returned to the fold of the government in the past two weeks, the military said yesterday.

"From last Nov. 16 to 19, a total of 81 NPA members, 19 Militia ng Bayan members and 359 NPA supporters yielded to the govern-

ment. This was possible through the full support and cooperation of local government units, national government agencies and the residents of Central Luzon," 703rd Brigade commander Col. Andrew Costelo said.

Officers from the 48th Infantry Battalion, 69th Infantry Battalion, 84th Infantry Battalion and 91st Infantry Battalion

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STARBRIGHT. It's a sparkling night as the state-of-the-art drone show in the Philippines landed at SM City Clark! Families and friends felt the spirit of the holiday season with the Skydance at the South parking lot. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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# Firecracker ban ipaiiral sa pagbubukas ng SEAG

Ni ROMMEL RAMOS

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS -- Pansamantalang ipatutupad ng kapulisan ang firecracker ban sa Bulacan para bigyang daan ang pagbubukas ng SEA Games.

Ayon kay Col. Chito Ber-

saluna, provincial director ng Bulacan PNP, tigil muna sa paggawa at pagbebenta ng mga paputok sa mga bayan ng Marilao, Sta. Matia at Bocaue sa Nobyembre 29-30 sa kasagsagan ng pagbubukas ng palaro.

Ayon kay Bersaluna, sa

mga nasabing bayan ang halos nasasakupan ng Philippine Arena na pagdadausan naman ng pagbubukas ng 30th SEA Games at kanilang iniwasan na magkaroon ng insidente ng pagsabog ng mga paputok sa mga tindahan at mga gawaan habang may palaro.

Kaugnay nito, naglabas na ng executive order ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng Bocaue para sa pagbabawal sa paggawa, paglilipat at pagbebenta ng paputok.

Ayon kay Atty. Juvic Degala, legal officer ng Bocaue, magkakabisa ang kautusan

mula hatinggabi ng November 30 at matatapos sa December 1.

Aniya, nagkaroon na sila ng konsultasyon sa mga nagtitinda at gumagawa ng mga paputok para dito na nakiisa naman para sa kaayusan ng pagbubukas ng palaro.

## Gunman sa Freeport bizman killing hinatulan

Ni JOHNNY REBLANDO

OLONGAPO CITY -- Hinatulan ni Olongapo City Regional Trial Court Branch 72 Judge Richard Paradeza ng reclusion perpetua o 40 taon na pagkabilanggo si Edgardo Luib, ang gunman sa pagpatay sa businessman na si Dominic Sytin sa Subic Bay Freeport noong Nov. 2018.

Nasa anim hanggang 12 taon naman ang natanggap ni Luib para sa frustrated murder kay Efren Espartero, ang bodyguard ni Sytin. Matatandaan na inamin ni Luib ang pama-

maril sa dalawang biktima base sa utos umano ng nakababatang kapatid ni Sytin na si Alan Dennis.

Itinanggi naman ni Dennis ang akusasyon na sangkot siya sa pagpatay sa kanyang nakatatandang kapatid na si Dominic na siyang presidente ng United Auctioneers, Incorporated.

Kasalukuyan pa ring at large sina Dennis at Oliver Fuentes alyas Ryan Rementilla, is pang suspect sa pagpatay.

Si Luib ay nakatakda namang ilipat sa New Bilibid Prison sa Muntinlupa City.

## Oplan Disiplinadong Driver on

OLONGAPO CITY - Joint elements of the Zambales Provincial Highway Patrol Team, 301st Maritime Police and the Land Transportation Office are strictly implementing Oplan Disiplinadong Driver pursuant to the Simultaneous Anti-Car-napping Law Enforcement Operation (SACLEO) along the National Highway, Barangay Barretto here.

Under the supervision of Zambales PHPT provincial officer PMaj. Ohmar Bognot, the said operation is spearheaded PLt. Urfendo Abadilla, Jr., together with PCMS Bong Toledo, PCMS Angelito Gapay,

PSMS Lex Dedicataria, PCpl. Winlove Taliping and PCpl. Gibson Sumat.

The operation initially effected the impounding of one Mitsubishi Lancer driven by Carl Hansen, legal age, of Baloy Beach, Barangay Barretto.

Hansen was apprehended for not wearing seatbelt (R.A. 8750), with his vehicle without a validating sticker for CY 2019, No DL (ATTA) and un-registered from 2017 to date.

PHPT operatives also enforced RA 4136, RA 10883, the implementation of the law on overloaded vehicles, the campaign against illegal use of HPG logo sticker, Oplan Sita/Oplan Tokhang Kontra Wang Wang and other related laws in connection with Oplan Disiplinadong Driver.

—Johnny R. Reblando

## Paaralan sa NE susuyurin kontra droga, terorismo

Ni ARMAND M. GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY - Susuyurin ng 1<sup>st</sup> Provincial Mobile Force Company (1PMFC), ng Nueva Ecija Police Provincial Office (NEPPO) ang malalaking pampublikong paaralan sa ikatlo at ikaapat na distrito ng lalawigan para sa mas pina-igting na kampanya laban sa illegal na droga at terorismo.

Ayon kay PLT. Col. Dennis Wenceslao, commanding officer ng 1PMFC, uunahin nilang puntahan ang Nueva Ecija High School sa lungsod na ito upang makipag-dayalogo sa mga guro at mag-aaral. Ang NEHS ay isa sa pinakamalalaking eskwelahan sa Nueva Ecija.

Paliwanag ni Wenceslao, ipinag-utos ni Central Luzon police director Brig. Gen. Rhodel Sermonia ang malawakang implementasyon ng Kabataan Kontra Droga at Terorismo (KKDAT) upang mailayo ang mga estudyante at sektor ng kabataan mula sa masamang bisyo at terorismo.

"Alinsunod ito sa Executive Order No. 70 o ang "All Nation Approach" ni Pangulong Duterte," ani Wenceslao.

Aniya, nais ni Sermonia na tutukan ng pulisya ang "white area" o ang mga target ng recruitment ng mga rebelde, kabilang na ang hanay ng manggagawa.

"Napapanahon ito dahil kailan lang ay isang graduate ng UP (University of the Philippines) na sumunod sa NPA ang nasugatan at naaresto sa engkwentro sa Rizal, Nueva Ecija" sabi pa ni Wenceslao



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# Quirino's arinola, Duterte's kaldera

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"Ito na ba ang kaldero ng Dios na nag-aalis ng kasalanan ng sanlibutan?"

Senate Minority Leader Franklin Drilon has vowed to question sports officials over the P700 million fund released to the private foundation Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Phigoc) Foundation Inc. for the Southeast Asian Games.

"Why was this given to a private sector? Who ordered it? What would it be used for? Is it legal to transfer P700 million public funds to a private foundation?" he asked.

Drilon also questioned the P50-million cost of the cauldron, saying that each million could have built a school building.

Phigoc Foundation Inc. is chaired by House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano.

It was formally recognized by Pres. Duterte on Jan. 25 by issuing Memorandum Circular 56, which directs all government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations

to extend their full support to the body.

The controversy, however, has recently been fueled by reports that some P50 million was spent for the construction of the symbolic cauldron at the sports center at the New Clark City. It is a towering structure holding in its summit a symbolic cauldron designed to hold an Olympics-type fire.

It has turned out, however, that the opening ceremonies for the SEA Games would be held at the Philippine Arena in Bocaue, Bulacan, and that New Clark City would host only four of 64 sports events.

New Clark City, however, would host the closing rites.

Yet one Sung Empress remarked: "Payag ako sa P50M kaldero if we can reuse that to boil plunderers alive."

The design of the cauldron was reported to have cost P4,400,000, while its foundation cost P13,440,000. The biggest amount of P32 million was for the construction and the installation of the cauldron.

The cauldron structure was designed by

National Artist Francisco Bobby Mañosa. This was his last work before he died last Feb. 2019 at the age of 88. He was popularly known as the architect of the Coconut Palace and the EDSA Shrine.

SEA Games organizers said commemorative wrist tags are also to be distributed to sportsmen, at the cost of P6 million.

The Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) has clarified it did not fund the P50-million symbolic cauldron, even as it justified its construction anyway.

"The cauldron located just outside the New Clark City Athletics Stadium came from the budget of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)," the BCDA said in a statement.

"We would like to reiterate however that we fully support the move of the PSC, Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), and the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee (PHISGOC) to construct a cauldron that would serve as a symbol of the government's thrust of giving value and importance to

our Filipino athletes and sports programs," the BCDA said.

It stressed that "monuments like the SEA Games cauldron speak volumes of how the government values its athletes, and this will be a monument that will last for many generations and inspire athletes present and future to bring glory to the country."

The statement recalled that "during the Senate's deliberation on the proposed budget of PSC, PHISGOC Chairman and House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano pointed out that the cauldron is even cheaper than the one built by Singapore four years ago at P63 million."

"The last design project of the late National Artist for Architecture Francisco 'Bobby' Mañosa, the SEA Games cauldron in New Clark City is a tribute to our Filipino athletes who have been neglected for decades," the BCDA also said.

A netizen named Vhie expressed some misgivings: "I hope that multi-billion project for #SEAGames2019 will not become just like

what happened to Cebu International Convention Center. A multimillion project too, used only once. People squatted in, and the place became like a very big bathroom, smelly and all. Left to rot after!"

Some have said the New Clark City cauldron could yet be Duterte's golden "arinola." During the term of Pres. Elpidio Quirino, controversy erupted over his

alleged ownership of a golden "arinola" or bedpan matching a golden bed, an ownership that glued corruption to his name long after his presidency, regardless of the fact that no one has ever proven the existence of the golden items.

In the case of the cauldron, the evidence reaches meters up in the sky, solid and backed by documents boldly admitting its P50-million cost.

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of Spouses **TEODORO S. DAVID** and **FLORENCIA MANALASTAS** who died intestate on January 12, 1987 and February 7, 1987, respectively, both in Porac, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 1210 of the Cadastral Survey of Porac), with improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Romeo L. Yusi Jr. as per Doc No. 777, Page No. 79, Book No. 40, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 21, 28 & December 5, 2019

## NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **WINNIE SAGCAL SANTOS**, of legal age, Filipino, married, resident of 110 Mamatitang, Mabalacat City and sole heir of **JUDITH S. SAGCAL** who died intestate on January 28, 2019 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 7, Blk. 5 of the cons. subd. plan Pcs-03-000868, being a portion of consolidated Lots 6224-A & 624-B (LRC) Psd-60999 & Lot 228, Mabt. Cad. LRC Rec. No. ) situated in the Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 226881-R in the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, before Notary Public Mark Andrew M. Santiago as per Doc No. 1690, Page No. 27, Book No. IV, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 7, 14 & 21, 2019

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R.A. 10172

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172) Notice is hereby served to the public that **RAGHEL USON NAVARRO** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live of birth of **RAGHEL USON NAVARRO** at Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga and whose parents are Rico Jose A. Navarro and Gloria E. Uson.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than seven (7) days after the completion of the publication period.

**VICTOR TERRY A. MEDINA**  
CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR

FOR THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR  
**GLEND A. JARIN**  
Administrative Officer III

Punto! Central Luzon: November 21 & 28, 2019

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RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY  
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RELITO RAZON y AGUAS,  
Petitioner,

-versus-

R-ANG-19-03707-SP

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF ANGELES  
CITY AND THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,  
Respondents.

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## ORDER

A verified Petition dated October 8, 2019 and file on October 9, 2019 through counsel, Atty. Raul F. Macalino praying that an Order/Decision be issued directing the Civil Registrar of Angeles City and the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority to correct the error in the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner under item No. 6 for the Date of Birth from "June 19, 1963" to "December 19, 1959".

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court hereby: (a) sets the case for hearing on December 18, 2019 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon; (b) order petitioner (1) to serve within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt hereof copies of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General of the Philippines at 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Office of the City Prosecutor, Angeles City and Local Civil Registrar, Angeles City; (c) order all persons interested in this petition to appear on said date and time before this court, Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Angeles City and to show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted; (d) direct the Solicitor General to enter his appearance in this case for the State, within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of this Order; and directs the Clerk in charge of this court to furnish copies hereof the petitioner, his counsel, the Solicitor General, the Civil Registrar of Angeles City, the City Prosecutor, Angeles City and the Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City.

Further, the petitioner at her expense, is hereby ordered to cause the publication of this order, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City in accordance with P.D. 1702 before the date of hearing for three (3) consecutive weeks.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, October 9, 2019.

**ERICK A. SADURAL**  
Assisting Judge

cc:  
Atty. Raul F. Macalini III  
Relito A. Razon  
Prosecutor Taprio  
Office of the Solicitor General/  
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in the school calendar the lesbian, gays, bisexual and transgender Pride Month every month of June," Sotto said last Tuesday. "Is the secretary aware of this memo?"

Sen. Pia Cayetano, who sponsored the DepEd budget, said that such a memo was issued but added that no teacher or student was required to participate in Pride Month activities. "They can participate but

they cannot require," she said.

Sotto also questioned why LGBT Pride Month was lumped together with "very good undertakings" such as Women's Month, Breastfeeding Month, Peace Education Month, Children's Month, 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women, and Human Rights Month.

"As far as I know, pride is still one of the seven deadly sins," he said, adding that "In my book that I wrote many

years ago, 'A Vision for a Drug-Free Philippines,' I have written that pride is the head of Satan and humility is his headache. So, I hope the DepEd would try to avoid something as controversial as this."

While Education Sec. Leonor Briones assured Sotto that the memorandum was no longer in effect, Punto has confirmed that some public schools in Pampanga observed Pride Month by holding beauty contests for LGBT members last

June.

Aside from seeking the inclusion of LGBT Pride Month in the school calendar, Memorandum No. 82 also sought a "gender-responsive governance" of schools.

Some of the memorandum's proposed activities include the "integration of gender sensitivity in the subjects or learning areas, trainings" and information and advocacy campaigns on gender and development.

—Ding Cervantes

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ucts, we can help reduce wastes and prevent environmental pollution," she added.

Dela Llana said that under "Refill Revolution", participants can buy powder detergent at P30 per kilo; fabric conditioner at P20 per kilo; dish-washing liquid at P20 per liter; and hand soap at P20 per liter.

Accredited suppliers and sellers will also offer essential household items like soy sauce, cane vinegar, cooking oil, and brown sugar at reduced prices, she added.

Another new activity during the 7th RCE to be held at the Mini Golf Course here is the "Trash for Rice" project,

which is a social development program of the Asia Processing Industry Association of Subic.

Dela Llana said "Trash for Rice" will exchange one kilo of rice for every one kilo of plastic or half kilo of cigarette butts. Organizers aim to collect 1,000 kilos of clean and dry plastic, sando bags, sachet, and cigarette butts, with a maximum of 10 kilos each for each pre-registered Subic Bay Freeport locator.

Like "Refill Revolution", this project targets SBMA employees, Subic Bay Freeport business locators and workers, and residents of Olongapo City, Zambales and Bataan.

Yet another new highlight in the event is a Tire

Upcycling Workshop, wherein participants from the SBMA and the Pastolan and Kanawan Ayta communities in the Freeport would learn how used tires could be turned into artistic creations like plant pots, Christmas wreaths, chairs, and hammocks.

Meanwhile, various groups and business establishments will put up booths to showcase and sell local products and eco-friendly alternatives to plastic packaging.

At the same time, Dela Llana said the 7th Recyclable Collection Event will continue with its objective of facilitating the proper disposal of recyclables. This time, recyclers will take in paper and plastic, used clothes and footwear, and ex-

pired medicines and needles on top of regular recyclables like electronic wastes, used oils, lead acid batteries, busted light bulbs and lamps and tires.

The fees collected for the disposal of hazardous wastes are donated to the "Bantay Kalikasan" environment protection program.

Aside from the Recyclable Collection Program, the SBMA has initiated other environment-friendly programs and has banned the use of single-use plastics in the agency's workplaces.

Dela Llana said every measure in reducing pollution is a big step for environmental protection and everyone can volunteer to help. "So turn in your waste materials, bring your own refill bottles and containers, and join us in loving back Mother Earth," she added.

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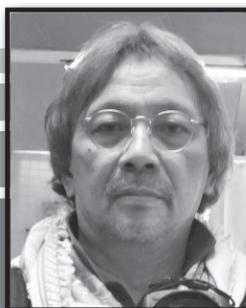
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## The Malpractice

NOTHING BUT minutes of meetings.

So damned a grizzled local journalist of the stories – he would not call them news – appearing in the today's papers.

So much advances in media technology. So much retardation in journalistic quality, syntax and grammar mangled, peg and context unheard, ethics perverted. And he went on to reminisce of the good old days in local journalism, ending: So, why don't you write about it?

I thought I already did. But a click in my PC revealed:

IS IT the times, or it's just me?

This feeling of being so Jurassic amid the current practice of journalism in the province, the subject of a recent coffee talk with a small group of impressionable college writers.

Bred in, if not born into, the web, the kids needed not a few repetition and re-illustration of the "old" way we gathered facts – interviews, on-spot coverage, clandestine meetings; we wrote the news – pen-on-paper, typewriter; and we sent stories – press collect call, courier service, via Philippine Rabbit Bus Line for photos with the negatives – to the editorial desks.

With communication lines routinely going static, we had to learn the spoken phonetic alphabet, especially with the names of suspects and their victims in crime stories. Many times, this spelled the difference between a simple erratum and a case of libel.

So how did we spell over the phone the name of some suspected rapist listed in the police blotter, such as one, fictional now, Zbigniew Levinski? Zulu-Bravo-India-Golf-November-India-Echo-Whiskey – Zbigniew. Lima-Echo-Victor-India-November-Sierra-Kilo-India – Levinski.

Imagine the phone lines going awry and poor correspondent me having to spell phonetically just about every name of persons and organizations, not to mention not-easily-discernible words in my story!

Pity more the poor deskman taking my story – phone cradled between neck and shoulder, patiently listening to my every word while clacking on his typewriter.

Yes, stiff necks – even "multi-level cervical spondylosis radiculopathy with kyphosis," more commonly known as a pinched nerve was a common ailment of deskmen, long before it was appropriated for a former President.

### Snopake

The fax coming into being vastly improved the facility of sending stories from the field to the desk, greatly relieving deskmen of their neck pains. But the fax spawned what has been derided as "Snopake journalism."

Snopake is a brand of correction fluid.

A what?

So, I had to tell my young audience that before the coming of the PCs, our word processors were called typewriters. Where we can easily delete errors in our laptops and netbooks now, then we had to apply correction fluid on our typewriting paper to cover up errors in text. Blow on it to dry and then type the correction over it.

Snopake journalism works this way: After faxing his story to his desk, a newsman passes it to a peer who simply "snopakes" the original addressee and the name of the original author, types over it the name of his own deskman and his by-line, and then faxes the story as his very own.

Many a time one story appeared verbatim in a number of publications differentiated only by the by-lines each carried. A clear case of consensual plagiarism there.

This perversion of journalism later mutated, in adaptation to the web: E-mailed press releases, whether from government offices or business firms, are not even re-encoded but simply copy-pasted with the by-lines of reporters and forwarded to their respective – but now less respectable – papers.

Indeed perverted, aye, debauched in contemporary practice are the much-hallowed ways of olden days of enterprise journalism,

interpretative reporting, and multiple coverage.

### Coverage

In our time, multiple coverage was done this way: A single event is covered by a number of us newsmen, each carrying two or more publications plus the wire services, thus: Sonny Lopez of *Malaya* and *United Press International*; Elmer Cato of *Manila Chronicle* and *Agence France-Presse*; Jay Sangil of *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and *Kyodo*; Arnel San Pedro of *Masa* and *Reuters*; and me with *People's Journal*, *People's Tonight* and *Associated Press*. These aside from our local publications *The Voice*, *Pampanga Newsweek* and *The Angeles Sun*.

Thus, a single event would be carried by more publications and the wires than the number of newsmen who covered it. Here our efforts were maximized, the results multiplied.

Today, multiple coverage means just the opposite: A single event is covered by a number of newsmen representing the same media entities, thus: seven, the editor included, from one daily; 15, the janitor not excluded, from one radio station, etcetera.

Thus, the number of newspaper and radio stations publicizing the event is much, much lesser than the number of media workers who covered it.

The beat – or place of assignment – of a newsman is an exclusive domain which should not be encroached in by other newsmen belonging to the same media outlet. For example, one assigned to cover Angeles City has no business covering the Capitol, unless otherwise requested or instructed by his desk.

The beat boundaries so well defined – and respected – in the past are all too hazy, too porous now, resulting to an open, free-for-all coverage of the province.

Where before the number of newsmen in a coverage was dictated by the impact of the event, by its newsworthiness, now it is determined by the beneficence – and conversely, the miserliness – of the event's principal. Hence, "atin keni" (there is) drawing just about everybody like bees to honey; "ala karin" (there's none) avoiding that somebody like the plague.

### Enterprising

Which inevitably leads to the corruption of the nobility of enterprise journalism.

Enterprise journalism goes beyond, indeed outside, the realm of press releases and media conferences.

It engages in investigation – hence its other incarnation as investigative reporting, in research and in-depth analyses, in diggings – thus its being tagged as muckraking.

Enterprise journalism does not merely report events but takes to light the forces that effect, that shape those events. Enterprise journalism is best paradigmmed in the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism. A number of the enterprise stories I filed in my time included: Central Luzon: the next war zone; Death knell for the Huk Movement; Fiesta time, killing time; Reds join 'cola wars'; Requiem for a River; Clark: A Field of Dreams, among many others.

Enterprise journalism in Pampanga today is so debased as to engage in more search than research, less in dogged investigation than in dogging the most charitable newsmakers, its intended end not an earth-shaking scoop but a swoop – and the inevitable sweep of the pockets of the preyed upon subject.

Yes, what makes the enterprising journalist in Pampanga today is not the number of screaming headlines and frontpage multi-part series bearing his by-line. It is the number and thickness of white envelopes that centripetally come into his orbit.

And then, there is interpretative reporting. Basically, as *The Sunday New York Times*

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**Halo-halo**  
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## Opinion

### If Heaven is real, so is hell

IT WAS as if St. Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) wrote an affidavit, signed it, and had it notarized. At least that was how the first paragraph of her testimony appeared, in obedience to God's order for her to tell us all that hell, that place of eternal damnation, exists.

Noted she: "most of the souls there are those who disbelieved that there is a hell."

But that's going ahead of her affidavit. Rather, her diary. And because many people go about daily life as if hell never existed. Nay, most are afflicted with presumptuousness that all go to Heaven, as indicated by widespread Facebook declarations marking a departed's birthday, saying "Happy birthday in Heaven."

No one ever posts "Happy birthday in hell" even for those who had led the most miserable lives. Perhaps because most people tend to ignore hell. Or its existence.

Which should not be the case, St. Sister Faustina Kowalska warned in her diary. Thus, the following affidavit, uh, testimony I feel obliged to share with readers:

"I, Sister Faustina Kowalska, by the order of God, have visited the Abysses of Hell so that I might tell souls about it and testify to its existence...the devils were full of hatred for me, but they had to obey me at the command of God, What I have written is but a pale shadow of the things I saw. But I noticed one thing: That most of the souls there are those who disbelieved that there is a hell."

She wrote further: "Today, I was led by an angel to the Chasms of Hell. It is a place of great torture; how awesomely large and extensive it is! The kinds of tortures I saw:

"The first torture that constitutes hell is the loss of God. The second is perpetual remorse of conscience. The third is that one's condition will never change. The fourth is the fire that will penetrate the soul without destroying it, a terrible suffering since it is a purely spiritual fire, lit by God's anger. The fifth is continual darkness and a terrible suffocating smell, and despite the darkness, the devils and the souls of the damned see each other and all the evil, both of others and their own. The sixth is the constant company of Satan. The seventh is horrible despair, hatred of God, vile words, curses and blasphemies.

"These are the Tortures suffered by all the damned together, but that is not the end of the sufferings.

"There are special Tortures destined for particular souls. These are the torments of the senses. Each soul undergoes terrible and indescribable sufferings related to the manner in which it has sinned.

"I would have died. There are caverns and pits of torture where one form of agony differs from another. I would have died at the very sight of these tortures if the omnipotence of God had not supported me.

"Let the sinner know that he will be tortured throughout all eternity, in those senses which

he made use of to sin.

"I am writing this at the command of God, so that no soul may find an excuse by saying there is no hell, or that nobody has ever been there, and so no one can say what it is like... how terribly souls suffer there! Consequently, I pray even more fervently for the conversion of sinners. I incessantly plead God's mercy upon them. O My Jesus, I would rather be in agony until the end of the world, amidst the greatest sufferings, than offend you by the least sin."

THERE HAVE BEEN other visions of hell given to persons on earth. On July 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima showed hell to the children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco for the same purpose that Jesus showed hell to Sister Faustina.

Father John de Marchi recounted how Jacinta's father Ti Marto witnessed the children's actions in the Cova da Iria that day. The visionary's father recalled that "that Lucia gasped in sudden horror, that her face was white as death, and that all who were there heard her cry in terror to the Virgin Mother, whom she called by name."

Later at the request of the Bishop of Leiria, Lucia described the vision this way:

"As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands once more, as she had done during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (It must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me). The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. Terrified and as if to plead for succour, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly: You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

Hell exists, whether we like it or not. Life is short, but that's here on earth. What follows is everlasting.

### Zona Libre

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editor Lester Markel defined, as "reporting news depth and with care, news refreshed with background materials to make it comprehensive and meaningful... It is objective judgment based on background knowledge of a situation or appraisal of an event which are essential parts of news."

A certain level of expertise is expected of a reporter doing interpretative reporting as this requires relevant historical background, interviews of advocates as well as adversaries, and the writer's own informed opinion on the causes and possible consequences of the subject he is dealing with.

In current malpractice, interpretative reporting simply means the newsman giving his free interpretation, usually based on uninformed opinion, of the words and action of the news principal.

Thus, when Senator Lito Lapid filed a bill

mandating free legal assistance to indigents, one paper bannered: "Lapid passes free legal aid law."

Or when the good archbishop said he would not make any statements on the case of an errant priest, it being already under legal process and the accused well represented by a lawyer, came the report of the prelate issuing a gag order on the case.

Or when the governor met with the provincial medical personnel to address the 20 cases of loose bowel movement in the flooded towns of Pampanga, out came the headline: "Gov prevents diarrhea outbreak."

Yes, I am of the mind that the body of journalism in Pampanga is diarrheal in irrelevancies and mediocrities, idiosyncrasies, and even outright idiocies. But like a pig in its sty, I've come to relish wallowing in the filth. Else, why am I still here?

(Zona Libre, Nov. 8, 2011 reprint)



**Napag-uusapan Lang**  
Felix M. Garcia

### Kulang sa pito, sobra sa walo

DI KAYA itong si Apollo Quiboloy may sayad na kaya siya ay patuloy sa *self-proclaimed* n'yan na *appointed son* nitong ating dakilang Diyos at Panginoon?

At itong aniya ay pag-aari nito ang lahat ng yaman sa ibabaw ng mundo, yan sa akala ba ng pastor na ito paniniwalaan ng normal na tao?

Di ko sinasabing siya ay may topak pero ang sinumang ganyan kung mangusap, maituturing na may banto sa utak kundi man posibleng nanuno sa tiyanak.

Sinong may matinong muni't pag-iisip ang nagwikang nakarating na sa Langit, kung saan pati na iba pang daigdig nalakbay na, kundi itong ating *'subject'*?

Kung totoong lahat itong sinasabi r'yan ng bulaan na propetang nasabi, ano't ang hamon sa kanya ni Brod Eli ng 'Ang dating Daan' di harapin pati?

Kung saan para lang siya makaiwas sa hamon ni Eli, 'multi US dollars' itong hiniling na sa kanya ibayad, upang si Soriano ay hindi pumayag.

Sino naman kaya r'yan ang matinong manga-aaral itong sa bulaang pastor na kagaya nga ni Apollo Quiboloy itong sa hiling n'yan ay basta papatol?

Palusot na lang ng pastor na mayabang itong paghingi pa n'yan ng kabayaran para lang patulan siya ni 'Dating Daan' Brod Eli Soriano, sa patas na laban.

Anong panama ni Apollo kay Eli pagdating sa puntong tunay na debate ang paglalabanan, at lahat ng klase, sa Banal na Aklat dapat nakabase?

Bakit hihingan niya si Eli Soriano ng *'millions of dollars'* para lang siya nito labanan sa isang kumbaga ay duelo, gayong pag-aari n'yan ang buong mundo?

At siya itong dapat magbigay kay Eli ng premyo, matalo't manalo ang dyaske, bilang pagtugon n'yan sa taong nasabi sa pagpayag na siya ay makadebate.

Kung ang lahat na nga ay nagagawa n'yan nang sa kagaya ng sa Poong Maykapal, bakit itong lindol, bagyo at iba pang klaseng kalamidad di nito hadlangan?

Na hayan, halos ay sa tungki ng ilong at dilat na mata ay malinaw nitong nakikita pati na r'yan ang gamundong pinsala, bakit di gawan n'yan ng aksyon?

At nang ika nga ay solusyong marapat upang ang lahat na ay mabigyang lunas, di kagaya nito na pawang 'palipad hangin' lang na walang buting maihambag?!



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# Kaanak ng 13 nawawala puno ng pag-aalala

Kinakapos na rin sa pagkain

Ni ERNIE B. ESCONDE

MARIVELES, Bataan -- Labis ang pag-aalala ngayong Martes ng mga kaanak ng 13 mangingisda buhat sa bayang ito na nawawala pa rin matapos lumubog ang kanilang bangka sa bahagi ng Reed Bank sa Palawan noong ika-6 ng Nobyembre.

Bukod sa nadaramang lungkot, dumaraing din ang mga kaanak sa kakapusan ng kanilang pagkain dahil ang mga nawawala ang mga tanging sumusuporta sa kanilang kabuhayan.

"Sana huwag tigilan ang paghahanap. Tumatalaga ang araw lalo kaming nag-aalala kasi sa kanila lang kami umaasa. Naiisip din namin si mama," sabi ni Loida Panganiban, bunso sa tatlong anak na babae ni Laureano delos Santos, kapitan ng Three Sisters-2 fishing boat.

"Malakas ang pakiramdam namin na buhay sila. Sana talaga huwag tigilan ang paghahanap. Wala na rin pagkain. Philippine Red Cross pa lang ang nagbigay ng tulong na pinagkakasya namin. Wala kaming ibang inaasahan kundi ang papa ko at ang iba naman ay ang mga nawawala," dagdag ni Panganiban.

Sinabi pa ni Panganiban na huling nakita ang papa niya at mga kasamahan na nakasakay sa mga containers na may lamang krudo.

"Ipinagtataka namin ni isa wala pang nakikitang container ng krudo na nagpapalakas ng loob sa amin at umaasa na buhay pa sila. Baka nasagip sila o kaya napadpad sa isang isla. Sana huwag sumuko sa paghahanap," sabi pa nito.

Baka aniya nasagip ng barko ng ibang bansa ang mga nawawala at hindi palang sila nasasabihan. Sa ngayon daw ang nakikita palang ay isang timba na may lamang gamit ng isa sa 13 nawawala ganon din ang katig ng bangka, at styrofoam na pinaglalagyan ng isda.

Bakas ang hapis sa mukha ni Cristina Gabales, 46, na may dalawang anak na binatang nawawala na sina Christian Gabales, 28 at Ruel Guico, 19.

"Magdadalawang linggo na wala pang balita. Masakit. Nangangailangan din kami ng pang-araw-araw na pagkain. Sa kanila kami umaasa, sila ang naghahanap buhay sa amin," sabi ng matanda.

Sana raw ay matulungan sila sa mga araw-araw na pagkain at higit sa lahat mahanap ang lahat ng nawawala.

"Bigla akong nagigising, nag-iisip. Umaasa pa rin kami na mahahanap sila. Alam ko buhay pa sila sa aking pakiramdam. Hindi ko sila napapanaginipan at parang ginagabayan ako ng Panginoon na lumaban," sabi ni Cristina.

"Mahirap sa pakiramdam ang maghintay ng wala kasi 13 days nang nawawala. Ni wala kaming balita kaya sana kung nakuha sila ng barko may makapagsabi dito sa amin," sabi ni Ruvylyn Villaluz, 26, asawa ng nawawalang si Frederick Falogme, 33, habang hawak ang bunso sa dalawang anak.

Umaasa rin daw si Villaluz na baka barko ng ibang bansa ang nakasagip sa mga nawawalang mangingisda.

"Sa ngayon wala kaming pinagkukunan ng pagkain, gatas at diaper ng aking anak. Nananawagan ako na sana mabigyan kami ng tulong kahit pangkain, pang-gatas at diaper. At hindi din ako nawawalan ng pag-asa na makakabalik sila bago magpasko," sabi ni Villaluz.

Ikinuwento naman ng tanging nakaligtas na si Angelito Epetito ang naranasan niyang trahedyang nagsimula alas-3 madaling araw noong November 6 nang mapuno ng tubig ang kanilang bangka at mawalan ng ilaw at dahil sa lakas ng mga alon ay tumaob at naputol ang Three Sisters-2.

Nang una umano ay hawak-hawak pa sila at magkakasama ngunit sa kalaunan ay napunta siya sa bodega ng bangka samantalang ang mga kasamahan ay sakay ng mga plastic container na may lamang krudo.

Sinabi ni Epetito na sakay siya ng bodega ng bangka at nagpaanod hanggang masagip siya noong madaling araw ng Nobyembre 11.

Ang mga nawawala ay sina Ronilo Epetito, 31, Bobby Gabales, 32, Christian Gabales, 28, Dondon Narciso, 22, Jerry Mantaring, 27, Jerry Villaruel, 26, Ariel Epetito, 30, Frederick Falogme, 33, Jeffrey Abayin, 21, Almar, Benocan, 32, Ruel Guico, 19 at Joel Negrado, 39, at kapitan ng bangka na si Laureano delos Santos, 55.



## Spotlight

Arci Pineda

## Maja Salvador's formula: Maging mabait sa lahat

FOR Maja Salvador, every person is working hard for something.

She says, "Walang boss. Walang mas nakakaangat, pare-parehas lang tayo na nagtatrabaho para sa sarili, para sa pamilya. Kaya ganon dapat attitude mo, maging mabait ka sa lahat."

This has trained her to treat everyone with equal respect and kindness.

"Kasi sa mundo natin, hindi lang po sa mundo ng showbiz, sa kahit anong klaseng trabaho meron tayo, dapat lagi natin iisipin na walang boss, walang mas nakakaangat, pare-parehas lang tayo na nagtatrabaho para sa sarili, para sa pamilya.

"Kaya ganon dapat attitude mo, maging mabait ka sa lahat. Sabi nga nila, 'Always be kind' para tumagal ka kung saan ka nagtatrabaho, kung saan iyong mundo mo."

Maja has been in the showbiz industry for more than a decade. She credits her lasting success to the people around her and the lessons they have imparted.

"Siguro suwerte lang ako na iyong mga nakakatrabaho ko, grabe rin ako i-guide," she continues.

"Sa lahat kasi ng mga nakakatrabaho ko, ginagawa ko silang mga inspirasyon din. 'Tapos kapag nakakatrabaho ko sila, talagang tinatandaan ko iyong mga bilin nila o mga advice nila. Ako kasi, sa bawat tao na nakakausap ko every day, mine-make sure ko na may natutunan ako. Iyong minsan akala mo walang sense ang pinag-uusapan niyo, pero kapag titignan niyong maigi iyong personality ng tao o kung paano niya tignan ang buhay, minsan makakakuha ka doon ng lesson."

Looking back at her 20s, Maja tells the biggest takeaway she got from those years was: "Exciting ang life"

The Killer Bride star adds, "Kailangan mo lang maging strong dahil ang daming mga bagay na gugulat sa iyo. May mga surprises ang life na minsan maganda, minsan hindi.

"Pero iyong mga hindi, doon ka magiging strong. Iyong mga magagandang sitwasyon na mangyayari sa iyo, iyon iyong babalanse sa pagkatao mo."

As she moves forward into her 30s, how does the actress stay motivated?

The 31-year-old Kapamilya star says, "Always believe. Hindi ako magsasawang sabihin na always believe. Sa sarili mo, sa dreams mo, and kay God kasi iyon, super combination na iyon.

"Kapag kinapitan mo talaga at nag-believe ka, it will happen."

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ANDI EIGENMANN and Philmar Alipayo's bundle of joy Lilo is turning four months old on November 24, and raising her on an island has been a breeze.

From their home in Siargao, where she gets her daily dose of "fresh breeze and sunny weather"....

...to El Nido, Palawan, where her mom recently had a "work-vacation," the baby is always in her element.

Lilo also cheered for her dad at his surfing event in San Juan, La Union early this week.

On Instagram, Andi gushes about having "kids that are well behaved during travel."

Lilo and her Ate Ellie are "natural adventurers," she says.

The latter is Andi's daughter by former boyfriend Jake Ejercito.

Raising Lilo on an island has been a breeze.

Of late, Andi says in one of her Instagram posts that she and Philmar have started experiencing "sleep regression" due to Lilo's growth spurt. But the actress and her family easily unwind in their relaxed environment and enjoy the blue skies, white sand, and crystal waters any time they want.

In her post dated November 18, Andi writes, "Not all days are perfect when Lilo and I are left together, but I don't regret any decision I've made that brought us there. When days are tough I've just learned to find my zen and go about it with a smile regardless."

"While Ellie is the reason for all the positive changes in my life, Lilo also allows me to continue to learn and grow as a person. This experience of caring for a baby is truly humbling. Specially now that she is going through a growth spurt. Yes, I am still on that!"

Andi goes on to enumerate Lilo's baby milestones.

"On Saturday [November 23], the same day as ate Ellie's birthday, Lilo will be 4 months old! It has been an exciting journey being able to watch her grow. Other than that she loves exploring her surroundings, and just won't. Sleep.. She too, has now discovered her cute little feet and likes to grab on to them. She has also been trying to taste everything within her arms reach!"

And she can't wait to start the baby on solids that are organically grown.

The mother of two ends, "Actually makes me more excited to introduce her to all the yummy fruit and veggie we love stocking up on at home. Specially those that grow in our very own backyard!"



Maja Salvador

## Ing kasalesayan ning Kapampangan (The history of Pampanga)

BY FR. EDILBERTO SANTOS  
PART 7

KABANATA 2a

Pilublubang Kapampangan

Isundu ta ngeni ing kekatang pamibalikid. Babalikdan tamu ing kekatang amamalayan anyang e dakatamu pa giluan deng Kastila, deng Amerikanu at deng Hapon; inyang itamu mung Kapampangan ding makasaut keti king Kapampangan.

Nanu mo kaya ing amamalayan na ning balang metung a Kapampangan ketang panaun a ita? Amamalayan na ing keyang sarili. At amamalayan na naman ing atyu king lual ning keying sarili. Itang king lual, ya ing minuna nang apansingan, anyang bingut ya. Kaibat na nita, kabang daragul ya, ita mu namang king lub na.

King pilatan na ning lub at ning lual, ating metung a

tabing. Ing tabing a ini ya pin ing balat: ibat king balat ning bumbunan angga king balat ding talampakan. Kayabe ya ken ing balat ning lupa na, ing balat ning arung na, ing balat ding balugbug na; ing balat na ning batal na, tundun na, pago na, gulut na; ing balat ding gamat na, ing balat ding bitis na, ing balat ning atian na, ing balat ning buldit na.

Mistula yang imalan a makasulud ing balat a ini. Mistula yang tabing a makasable king kayang katauan (hindi lang sa ng kanyang katawan, kundi sa ng kanyang katauhan o buong pagkatao (whole person).

Ing balat ya ing mamilatan karening aduang dake a reni: ing lub at ing lual.

(Abatan ya ing kasuglung)

# Clark locators elect board

BY JOANN M. VALENCIANO

CLARK FREEPORT — The Clark Investors and Locators Association (CILA) held its 4<sup>th</sup> quarter general membership meeting and annual election of its board of directors (BOD) on Wednesday at the Quest Plus Conference Center here.

Elected were BB International Leisure and Resort Development Corp. president Dr. Irineo “Bong” Alvaro, Amerton Inc. executive Leda Rodriguez, The Medical City-Clark Inc. communications officer Evelyn Yumul, Cargohaus Inc. official Darwin Malinit, Yokohama Tire Philippines Inc. president Kobayashi Hitoshi, and Sycip, Gorres, Velayo (SGV) & Co. representative Joselito Pepito “Peps” Zabat.

Alvaro expressed his excitement towards the current developments in this freeport during his welcome remarks as he also mentioned his optimism amidst the issues surrounding business development.

“We are very much inclined to concur with all optimism in Clark, given the efforts of government to spur development here,” he said. “Some say that the epicenter of the flagship projects under the Build, Build, Build program of government, said to be the backbone of the Philippine economic growth, undoubtedly is in Clark.”

Evangeline Tejada, Clark Development Corp. (CDC) business development and enhancement group vice president, presented insightful updates on the ongoing developments in this freeport.

Tejada said CDC already has a total of 1,123 locators with 135,000 workers as of September 2019. Among CDC’s top exporters are SFA Semicon, Texas Instruments, and Nanox Philippines.

The Clark International Airport currently has 18 international and 27 domestic destinations. According to Te-



CILA executives with keynote speaker CDC BDEG vice president Eva Tejada (4th from right).

PHOTO BY JOANN M. VALENCIANO

jada, an underground railway is also part of the development program in this freeport that will lead to Terminal 2.

“The train that will be coming from Manila will end across the Clark airport Terminal 2 underground,” Tejada said.

According to Tejada, plans to develop sports events and tourism activities such as bike lanes and the Clark Safari are making good progress as well as accommodations, hotels and other facilities that are currently being constructed in Clark.

“We want Clark to be a MICE

(meetings, incentives, conferences, exhibitions) destination. Given the airport that we have now and for us to be considered a MICE destination, the first thing that we do is to have available accommodations. Initially we are targeting 5,000 room accommodations,” Tejada said

“But from the contracts that we have signed, we are very confident that we can have 7,000 by the end of 2022,” Tejada added.

CDC’s plan to have seven districts was also presented. Among these seven districts are the northern gate-

way district, the southern gateway district, the industrial district, Dolores river front development, Smart city, Stotsenberg central park and the civic center lifestyle and leisure district.

Each district intends to capitalize on various opportunities as the goal is to have inclusive growth, sustainable development and progress for this freeport as a premier economic hub, Tejada said.

Meanwhile, CILA also inducted 13 new members during the general meeting. CILA currently has a total of 273 locators in this freeport.

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# Yuletide season in full swing at Quest Plus

BY JOANN M. VALENCIANO

CLARK FREEPORT — The Christmas spirit is in full swing at the Quest Plus Conference Center here starting with the celebration of a night of lights and Christmas delights.

On Wednesday, the festivity was highlighted with the grand Christmas tree lighting event as Quest Plus officially welcomed the beginning of the merry holiday season.

Valued clients, hotel guests and other stakeholders were treated with traditional Christmas favorites such as “tsokolateng batirol, bibingka, and puto bumbong” followed by a sumptuous Noche Buena themed dinner at the Mequeni Live which also served as a preview of the food that it will offer for its Christmas Eve dinner.

The warmth of the holidays was felt with the true essence of Christmas as Quest Plus Clark also presented their chosen beneficiaries - Duyan ni Maria and the Children’s Home of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - during the event.

Quest Plus Clark shares the joy with its guests by passing the kindness through its new Christmas Teddy Bear aptly named “Abe,” a Kapampangan word which translates to “friend.”

“Disenyong Pinatubo” Christmas tree ornaments that are made from lahar can also be purchased at the hotel lobby and Mequeni Live.

Guests may purchase Abe the Christmas Teddy Bear and Disenyong Pinatubo ornaments for the benefit of Duyan ni Maria and the Children’s Home.

The Maestro de Musico chorale filled the air with their acapella renditions of Kapampangan Christmas carols completing the vibe of the night.

Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas at Quest Plus Clark continues by sharing the blessings, spreading the love, and passing the kindness this Yuletide season.

Check out its official Facebook page (Quest Plus Conference Center, Clark) for more details on its Christmas activities and promotions.



Christmas trees sparkling in white and gold are the main focal point at Quest Plus Clark’s main lobby. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this Board on **September 2, 2019** at 9:00 A.M. at its Office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least **FIVE (5)** days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in **REGION III**.

Parties opposed to the granting of the Application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, copy of the same be furnished to the applicant, and may if they so desire appear on the said date and time.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of the records of this case submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary evidence for the judicious resolution of the same.

**WITNESS** the Honorable **AHMED G. CUIZON**, Regional Director this **1st day of August 2019** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

**JE-JESUS D. SISON**  
Hearing Officer

PUNTO! Central Luzon: November 21, 2019

## Christmas food expo, night bazaar dinarayo

**NI ERNIE B. ESCONDE**

BALANGA CITY -- Dinarayo ng maraming tao ang kabubukas na Christmas Food Expo at

Night Bazaar sa lungsod na ito sa Bataan tulad na lamang noong Linggo ng gabi.

Dalawang replica ni Santa Claus ang tila nak-

abantay at nag-aanyaya sa mga tao upang pasukin ang kainan na may mga mesa sa loob ng mga improvised tent at maging sa open air.

Iba-ibang bar-b-que, delicacies, goto, shawarma, inihaw na bangus, tilapia at pusit, unlimited rice at marami pang iba ang mapagpip-

ilian. May isa pang tindahan na may inihaw na manok na pula raw. Sa mahilig kumanta, may videoke sa isang sulok. Siyempre, dahil magpapaksa na, hindi nawawala ang bibingka at puto bumbong.

Nagsimula na rin ang Christmas Night Bazaar na magiging bukas gabi-gabi hanggang sa Bagong Taon.

Isang mang-aawit ang lumilibang sa mga tao habang abala sa pagtingin at pamimili ng mga sari-saring gamit kabilang ang mga laruan ng mga bata, damit, tsinelas, sapatos, silver jewelries, relo at mga gamit sa bahay.

Maging mga carpentry at mechanical tools ay meron din. Halos buong pangangailangan sa sambahayan ay mabibili roon sa halagang bargain, ika nga.

Ang food expo at night bazaar ay proyekto ng Balanga City government sa pangunguna ni Mayor Francis Garcia.



**RECOGNITION.** Siblings Maria Evelyn R. David and Leonel R. David receive posthumous award of recognition for their father Rodolfo Estanislao David as inventor of the rotor of the iconic Parul Sampernandu at the 2019 National Conference on Lantern Studies at the University of the Assumption. Rodolfo’s father, Francisco was the first lantern maker of the city. Handing the award are Giant Lantern Festival Foundation chair Alfrito “Bong” Mah and City of San Fernando tourism officer Ma. Jade Carmela Pangilinan. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



## 469 NPA rebels, supporters surrender in CL in 2 weeks

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all under the 703rd Brigade, facilitated their surrender.

Costelo directed his battalion commanders “to continue to collaborate with concerned government agencies and other civil society organizations for the necessary interventions, privileges and other as-

sistance under the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program to be given to the surrenderees.”

“We are grateful that our government came up with EO 70, which is the Whole-of-Nation Approach to end insurgency in our country. We can also say that EO 70 is very much effective so that our misguided fel-

low countrymen were enlightened and finally decided to lay down their arms and abandon their armed struggle because of the hardships and difficulties that they have experienced while in the underground movement,” he said.

Costelo also said that “with their decision to return back to the folds of the law, they could at

last enjoy a life free from fear and hiding. We will help them achieve that full kind of life.”

This, even as 7th Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. Leonard Agustin said he was “very proud of the troops who made the immense volume of surrenderees possible.”

“I am urging all the remaining members of

the NPA, their underground movement and their supporters to return to the folds of the law and in response, we will do our duty to facilitate them to the mainstream of society and have peaceful lives. In doing so, they would contribute in attaining Peace and Development in Region 3,” Agustin said.

—Ding Cervantes



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