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ANGELES CITY – The national president and chairman of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) are now facing 10 counts of cyber libel and two counts of libel.

The cases were filed Wednesday morning at the Prosecutors Office of the Angeles City Hall of Justice by VACC Central Luzon head coordinator Pyra Lucas against Arsenio "Boy" Evangelista and Cory Quirino, who were allegedly illegally holding the positions of

national president and chairman of the group.

Lucas said that Evangelista and Quirino allegedly publicly claimed that she was removed from her position as regional coordinator due to alleged irregularities.

Newspaper and social media reports in April 2019 said Evangelista claimed that Lucas was removed from VACC as regional head coordinator because of complaints claiming that latter was demanding P2.2

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Pyra Lucas (seated, 3rd from left) is surrounded by her supporters from VACC as she answers questions from the media during a press conference on Thursday.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY MANABAT

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PHL's 1st OFW hospital soon to rise in Pampanga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – It's all systems go for the Philippines' first government-funded hospital and diagnostic center dedicated to overseas Filipino workers and their families to be established in this city.

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UNDER MAYOR POGI

AC income up 12.96%

ANGELES CITY – The income of the city government for the past six months under Mayor Carmelo 'Pogi' Lazatin Jr.'s leadership has reached P983,528,436.20 compared to last year's P870,650,454.51, marking a 12.96% increase.

This came in the heels of the mayor's move to intensify the monitoring of business establishments in the

City, driven by the Business Permit and Licensing Division's continuous inspection and the City Treasurer Office's collections.

As a result, the City's business tax collections reached P243,015,041.80 for the month of July to December 2019, while P167,656,687.36 was collected in the same

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MOU. Gov. Dennis Pineda, Vice Gov. Lilia G. Pineda, PAGCor chair Andrea Domingo, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III and officials of OWWA and Bloomberry Cultural Foundation, Inc. show copies of memorandum of understanding on the OFW hospital, backgrounded by Pampanga mayors and provincial officials. PHOTO COURTESY OF JUN JASO/PAMPANGA PIO

Council seeks Duterte's help, wants PACC to probe ACWD

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

ANGELES CITY – Two resolutions were unanimously approved by the city council here asking President Duterte

for help and urging the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) to investigate the Angeles City Water District (ACWD). Resolution No. 8844,

S-2020 (PR-432-02-20) is requesting the assistance of the Office of the President "concerning all the alleged illegal activities of the ACWD so as to prevent and put a

stop to them and protect the general welfare of all Angelenos."

Resolution No. 8843, S-2020 (PR-443-02-20) is requesting the PACC,

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FORUM. To further strengthen measures against Covid-19 in Pampanga, Vice Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda meets barangay captains across the province during the Talakayan: Talastasan sa Kalusugan, Kaunlaran, at Kapayapaan at ASEAN Convention Center, Clark Freeport Zone. **PHOTO COURTESY OF JUN JASO/PIO**

Nanay to barangay chiefs: Strictly monitor repatriates

MABALACAT CITY, Pampanga – Vice Governor Lilia "Nanay" Pineda urged the barangay officials to strictly monitor Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) returning home from countries with confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), and local residents with flu-like symptoms in order to prevent the spread of the said virus.

This was gleaned during the Talakayan: Talastasan sa Kalusugan, Kaunlaran, at Kapayapaan attended by barangay captains across the province on Tuesday (February 11) at ASEAN Convention Center, Clark Freeport Zone.

During the discussion, Vice Governor Pineda urged the barangay captains to team-up with the barangay health workers (BHW) in monitoring the symptomatic, individuals with travel history outside the country, and repatriated OFWs to prevent the progression of the virus.

"Ang Pilipino ay Pilipino. Kahit na ano pa 'yan! Mahawa o ikamatay niyo man 'yan, bilang mga tagapaglingkod, kailangang gampanan ninyo ang inyong mga obligasyon. Tanggapin niyo sila, at huwag ninyong pandirihan," she stressed.

Prior to this, it can be recalled that Governor Dennis "Delta" Pineda recently

opened Pampanga for the 14-day quarantine of OFWs repatriated from COVID-19-stricken countries, and designed a protocol to maintain the province free from any possible case of the virus.

It was also mentioned during the event that Vice Governor Pineda will be providing facemasks to sick individuals to avoid transmission of any viruses to non-infected beings.

She also asked the present officials to discourage their respective communities to abstain from wearing facemasks if not necessarily needed.

"Kung wala naman po tayong sakit, mas mainam na iwasan po natin ang mada-las na paggamit facemasks. Ibigay na lang po natin sa mga tunay na nangangailangan ng mga ito," the vice governor said.

Positive cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines remain on three (3) with one (1) mortality. As of February 9 this year, the Department of Health (DOH) said that the number of persons under investigation (PUI) in the country reached 284, including the 36 patients in Central Luzon.

The event was also graced by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Board Members Olga Frances "Fritzie" David-Dizon, Cherry Manalo, Rosve Hen-

son, Anthony Joseph "Tonton" Torres, Benjamin "Benny" Jocson, Nelson Calara, Ananias "Jun" Canlas; Pampanga Councilor's League President Venancio "Asyong" Macapagal; Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Pampanga Director Myrvi Apostol-Fabia; and Philippine Information Agency III Director William Beltran.

Among the presenters during the discussion were Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) Head Angelina Blanco; Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Augusto Baluyut, Jr.; Pampanga Police Provincial Office (PPPO) Director PCol. Jean Fajardo; Department of Health (DOH)-3 Dr. Ria Ramos; Land Transportation Office (LTO) Zambales Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Carlito Calingo; DILG-3 LGOO VI Mark Jason Veran and LGOO V Christian Red Mejia; Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Representative Allin Bonus; Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Representative Ma. Rosini David; Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Jenica Dung-lao; Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Lt. Felix Emerterio Valdez; and Philippine Army 1st Lt. Oscarito Tobias. — **Jasmine D. Jaso/Pampanga PIO**

PHA wants 1 in every family trained in CPR

BY ERNIE B. ESCONDE

SAMAL, Bataan -- The Philippine Heart Association (PHA) on Wednesday conducted a Hands Only Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training among 600 high school students here in coordination with the municipal health office.

Dr. Orlando Bugarin, a prominent cardiologist and PHA national vice president, led the training at the Samal Municipal High School in the upland village of Gugo.

"Target namin kasama ang DOH at Red Cross ay magkaroon ng isang miembro ng bawat pamilya na marunong ng CPR. Karaniwang nangyayari ang cardiac arrest sa bahay o workplace," he said.

He said that Hands Only CPR training for awareness campaign is one of the advocacies of their organization.

"Ito ay ginagawang advocacy ng PHA. Tinuturuan natin ang mga pangkaraniwang tao na gumawa ng CPR bilang pagsalba sa mga taong may cardiac arrest gamit ang kamay lamang," Bugarin said. He noted that the CPR training before was more in the use of mouth-to-mouth method but ordinary people found this hard to learn unlike the new technique that uses hands compressed to the breast.

Part of the training was teaching the students how to detect if a victim really was suffering from cardiac arrest and the first thing to do in such a situation.

Another advocacy of PHA

in coordination with Samal municipal government under Mayor Aida Macalinao, Bugarin said, is the use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation.

"Paglalagay ng AED sa strategic location para kung kailangan magamit ng ating mga kababayan. CPR saka AED na kapag pinagsama natin tumataas ang pag-asa o chance na ma-revive ang pasyente na nagka-cardiac arrest," the cardiologist said.

He said that in Samal, they have already conducted the training at the Vila Bernardino Resort in Barangay San Juan with rescue workers and barangay leaders being the first responders.

Resort owner former Samal vice mayor Emilio "Memeng" Medina and MHO Dr. Cristina Espino are very supportive of the project.

"Ginagawa na ito sa buong Pilipinas noon pang 2017 at nitong February 8 ang simula ng tinatawag na Heart Month sa Pilar na tulad din ng Samal ay nais na magkaroon ng titulong CPR-ready municipality," Bugarin said.

They are targeting the training of Grade 5 school children and above.

He said that Balanga City was their first awardee as CPR-ready City. "Sana buong Bataan maging CPR-ready province," he said.

He said that as an advocacy of PHA, the seminar is free.

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NE in the time of Covid-19

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

PEÑARANDA, Nueva Ecija - Wedding bells won't ring for 20 couples who have signified intention to join the mass wedding by the municipal government this Valentine's Day.

Mayor Joey Ramos said they decided to forego with the anticipated event to heed the advice of the Department of Health and the Department of the Interior and Local Government against huge crowd amid efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

"Maraming gustong sumali sa mass wedding pero kailan-

gan nating sundin ang advice para sa ikabubuti," Ramos said.

Mass wedding events sponsored by local governments are one of the much-awaited activities during Valentine's Day. They encouraged the legalization of unions among men and women who have been living together without the benefit of marriage.

In Gen. Natividad town, the municipal government also postponed the comprehensive medical and dental mission called Kalinga sa Araw ng Puso.

The activity that was set to

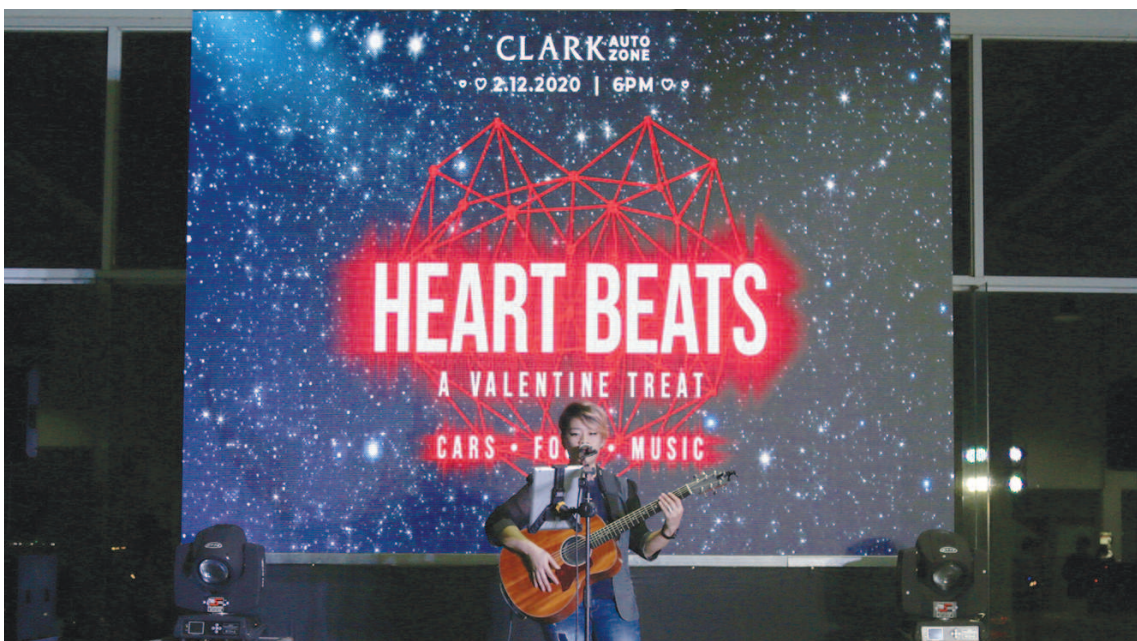
highlight the inauguration of the town's diagnostic center should have included consultation, check-up, chest X-ray, pelvic ultrasound for pregnant patients, urinalysis, blood pressure and blood typing, HIV tests, and Hepa-B for pregnant patients, among others.

"For the health and safety of everyone," SM City Cabanatuan has moved to "a future date" its Castaway Music Festival that was originally slated on Feb. 22, 23, 28 and 29.

In an announcement, SM City management said all tickets for the event "will be honored on the new schedule."



'Heart Beats' sets the mood at Clark Auto Zone



BY JOANN MANABAT

CLARK FREEPORT — A pre-Valentine special treat dubbed as “Heart Beats” was set up exclusively for Clark Auto Zone customers at the Laus Auto Service Center here on Wednesday, February 22.

Heart Beats was a one-night only exclusive complimentary dinner treat with live acoustic performance by top local acoustic artist Ki Ro. The event was organized by the Clark Auto Zone as a way to give back to its customers.

Anchored by the world-class multi-brand Laus Group of Companies through the Laus Auto Group, the Clark Auto Zone is a 1.9-hectare facility that is home to some of

the top automobile dealerships including Ford, Kia, Jeep, Hyundai Trucks and Buses, and Nissan, along with well-loved dining establishments such as Coffee Bean Tea Leaf, Pancake House, and Yellow Cab.

Strategically located along M.A. Roxas Highway here, the Clark Auto Zone has set the tone in the local automotive industry with its P243-million investment for the establishment of automobile dealerships in various automotive brands in this freeport.

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This, set into motion with the signing of a memorandum of understanding among the Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Health, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., the Pam-

panga provincial government, and Bloomberry Cultural Foundation Inc. at Kingsborough International Convention Center here.

A brainchild of then governor, now Vice Gov. Lilia G. Pineda, the hospital had already its ground-breaking cer-

emony on Labor Day last year, participated in by the principals in Wednesday's MOU signing, on a P500-million two-hectare lot at the Provincial Engineering Office Compound in Barangay Sindalan.

Labor Secretary Sil-

vestre Bello III called the hospital a tribute to the OFWs contribution to the national economy: "Ito ay pagkilala sa kanilang kabayanihan dahil malaking tulong sila sa ating ekonomiya."

PAGCor, headed by chair Andrea Domingo shall provide hos-

pital equipment worth P200 million while the Bloomberry Cultural Foundation, the corporate social responsibility arm of Solaire, pledged P500 million for the construction of the hospital.

Enthusied Bloomberry executive director Filipina Laurena: "When we received this proposal to sponsor the first ever OFW hospital in the country, [its approval] didn't entail a lot of discussion in our board."

"Dahil po sa pakikipag-tulongan natin sa iba-ibang ahensya, lalo na po sa Bloomberry, maisasakatuparan na po natin ang pagpapagawa ng hospital para sa mga kababayan nat-

ing OFW," shared Gov. Pineda.

Former President and House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who was also instrumental in the creation of the OFW hospital last year appealed to House members from Central Luzon and the chairpersons of the Committees on Health and Labor to author a bill creating it.

"As recommended by the Department of Budget and Management, a law is needed for the continued funding of this OFW Hospital and Diagnostic Center," Arroyo said then. **Bong Z. Lacson with Keanu Aebrahm G. Costales/PIO Pampanga**

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million from a couple so that they could expedite and have a favorable decision on their petition for review on a rape case filed at the Department of Justice.

Evangelista allegedly showed to media men a VACC board resolution forbidding Lucas to represent the group and at the same time a resolution claiming that she is no longer a member of the group.

Lucas denied the allegations of Evangelista and claimed that the VACC hierarchy has not released until now a copy of the said board resolution.

Lucas explained that the said decision is a clear violation of the VACC by-laws because in case of expulsion it

must be voted by the majority of the members and not by mere votes of the Board of Trustees (BOT).

In fact, the BOT was shocked because they were not aware that Evangelista would conduct a press conference regarding that matter, Lucas exclaimed.

And since then, there has been no any copy of the said board resolution or complaint while Evangelista and Quirino have yet to file a single case against her in contrast to news reports that came out at that time, Lucas pointed out.

The said news reports were merely accusations out to discredit her because of the illegal activities that she has discovered against some officials who were using VACC in exchange

of payola, Lucas noted.

She cited a dispute against alleged illegal quarry operation in Porrac, Pampanga and the claimants were the indigenous peoples in the said town that they helped but to their dismay, the alleged illegal quarry operators were represented by a lawyer of the national VACC.

Because of the anomalous transactions that they claimed to have discovered, Lucas is urging her colleagues at the VACC to immediately call for a general assembly and ask Evangelista and Quirino to step down so that their advocacy against crime and corruptions may once again move forward "unstained."

Lucas urged the two to vacate their positions that they allegedly ille-

gally have held since 2018.

She pointed out that the two have no legal basis to occupy the said positions as she explained that no election of officers were conducted during their general assembly in October 2018 and the "self-appointed" officials merely locked themselves in a conference room and when they came out of the room announced the set of officials for the national positions.

These actions are against the VACC by-laws, Lucas stressed, and raised the need to have an election for the national positions of the VACC using the right process so as to prevent the growing number of demoralization among its ranks. **-VACC-3 press release**

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period in 2018, with a 44.95% increase.

The Mayor further reiterated that his administration will keep its promise to be a business-friendly City. According to him, he will not increase business and real property taxes so as not to burden the members of the business sector.

"This is part of our aim to provide a respon-

sive government for all the sectors of the society. We are happy that such increase in collections was recorded despite our pronouncement that my administration will not increase taxes," he said.

According to the report of the City Treasurer's Office, led by Juliet Quinsaat, income from total local sources rose to 15.8% from P396,985,109.13 to P459,747,909.04.

Meanwhile, for external sources, the total income for the past six months last year reached P523,780,527.16, versus P473,665,345.38 for the same period in 2018.

"My leadership will merely motivate our City Hall employees to do their mandate and help infuse the needed resources to the City's coffers," he added.

It can be recalled that last December 2019, the Mayor sought the ap-

proval of the City Council, led by Vice Mayor Vicky Vega-Cabigting, for the approval of Supplemental Budget no. 5, or the releasing of P9.1 million for the Service Recognition Incentive (SRI) of some 1,308 permanent, casual, and contractual employees, amounting to P7,000 each. They also received their P3,000 Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) bonus. **- Leah Isidro De Fiesta/ACIO**

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headed by Atty. Greco Belgica, to investigate the alleged illegal activities of the ACWD involving its board of directors and its officials.

The resolution said the city council has received several complaints and reports regarding alleged illegal and unlawful contracts, agreements and activities by the ACWD as perpetrated by its officers and the members of its board of directors.

The resolution also cited the council's own probe, in aid of legislation, concerning the alarming and gravely disturbing reports and discovered that: "The ACWD, through its officers and the members of its board entered into a contract concerning

the purchase of bulk water from AM Gatbonton Ventures Corp. without exercising due diligence on the matter as it was discovered by the city council that the said company does not even have the necessary permit to conduct business in Angeles City from the time the contract was entered into up to the present."

It added that "the ACWD also failed to observe the diligence required from it by law when it kept silent on the fact that AM Gatbonton built and operated its pumping station over a parcel of land owned by the daughter of its board president, Bernardo Cruz."

The ACWD allegedly also kept silent and turned a blind eye on the fact that the parcel

of land over which the said pumping station is situated is classified as "residential" under existing zoning classification.

The resolution said the ACWD also entered into an agreement/contract concerning the use of ultraviolet (UV) ray disinfectant machines when such is not even required as per the Local Water Utilities Administration.

The resolution said the ACWD is "gearing" in entering into a joint venture agreement with a private company for the management of its operations and maintenance despite its knowledge that the city council is still in the process of investigating its activities and of the fact that Mayor, Carmelo G. Lazatin, Jr., has filed a case before the Ombudsman

against AM Gatbonton.

The two resolutions were sponsored by councilors Jesus S. Sangil and Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio and duly seconded by councilors Arnoah Prince DG. Mandani and Marino D. Bañola, unanimously approved by the members present: councilors Arvin M. Suller, Danilo D. Lacson, Joseph G. Ponce, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio, Thelma P. Indiongco, Marino D. Bañola, Jesus S. Sangil, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Jeremias M. Alejandrino and Arnoah Prince DG. Mandani with the concurrence of Vice Mayor Vicky Vega-Cabigting.

Councilor Amos B. Rivera abstained during the regular session held Feb. 11, 2020.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GONZALO PELAYO DELA CRUZ** who died intestate on December 29, 2000 in Quezon City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15-A of the subd. plan Psd-03-005551, being a portion of Lot 15, Block 21, (LRC) Psd-60541, LRC Rec. No. 151) situated in the Barrio of, Mun. of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 258683-R, before Notary Public Aldrin R. Aguas as per Doc No. 214, Page No. 44, Book No. IV, Series of 2019.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CARMELINO CARREON** who died intestate on June 22, 2017 in Sabanilla, Mexico, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2-C-2 of the subd. plan Psd-03-122415, being a portion of Lot 2-C, Psd-03-114058, LRC Rec. No.) situated in Bo. of San Miguel, Mun. of Mexico, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 598529-R in the Register of Deeds of Pampanga, before Notary Public Miguelito S. Pama as per Doc No. 154, Page No. 32, Book No. 7, Series of 2020.

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NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **SOLEDAD S. REYES**, Filipino, widow, residing at 3061 P. Pelayo St., El Cano Subd., Pulungbulu, Angeles City and sole heir of **DARWIN SANTOS REYES** who died intestate on January 7, 2020 executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his estate, more particularly described as money in the amount of Eighteen Thousand (P18,000.00) Pesos deposited in the Bank of the Philippine Islands, Cubao Branch under Account No. 8029173673, before Notary Public Rodolfo S. Uyengco as per Doc No. 246, Page No. 06, Book No. LXV, Series of 2020.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF GUAGUA, PAMPANGA

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES CRIM. CASES Nos. 11451 to 11453
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NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Writ of Execution issued by the Hon. Mischelle R. Maulion-Jocsob, Presiding Judge, Municipal Trial Court of Lubao, Pampanga on October 01, 2019 in the above-entitled cases for the recovery of the sum of **ONE MILLION NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE PESOS (P1,095,255.00)** with interest, exclusive of other cost, etc., levy was made by Sheriff RHYAN B. CONWI on November 29, 2019, thru the Register of Deeds of Pampanga on the rights, interest, and participation of accused Marissa De Jesus y David in the real property more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 590852-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 2116-B, of the subd. plan, (LRC) Psd-127910, being a portion of Lot 2116, San Fdo. Cad LRC Cad. Rec. No. 145), situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp., Is. of Luzon. x x x containing an area of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (353) Square Meters more or less."

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of said Writ of Execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Section 19 of the Rules of Court, Sheriff RHYAN B. CONWI will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, on **February 28, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the Municipal Trial Court of Lubao located at the old Municipal Building, San Nicolas 1st, Lubao, Pampanga, the rights, interests and participation of accused Marissa De Jesus y David, in the above-described real property in order to satisfy said Writ of Execution, together with interest, cost, sheriff's fees and the expenses of sale.

This Notice of Sale shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks and shall be posted for twenty (20) days in at least three (3) conspicuous public places prior to the date of sale for the information of the public in general and of interested parties in particular.

Prospective bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and the encumbrances existing thereon if any there be.

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 **March 06, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the same place mentioned above without further notice.

Guagua, Pampanga, January 29, 2020.

RHYAN B. CONWI
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THE FOREIGN Correspondents Association of the Philippines denounces moves by the government to shutter the country's largest broadcaster, ABS-CBN Corp. and its subsidiary. The moves follow Pres. Rodrigo Duterte's repeated public tirade against the TV network.

ABS-CBN is a cornerstone of Philippine democracy and the free press for its independent and critical reportage and massive following in the country and abroad.

The constitutional violation and other legal infractions raised by the Solicitor General in his Quo Warranto petition before the Supreme Court have been denied by ABS-CBN and questioned by some members of the legislature, which has exclusive rights to grant such franchises. ABS-CBN's franchises, which the Sol-Gen sought to revoke, are due to expire next month.

These moves politically harass and threaten a pillar of the media industry that employs thousands of Filipinos and has played a crucial part in helping fight official corruption and abuse for decades.

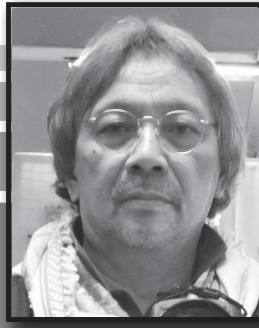
Our ABS-CBN colleagues have been on the frontlines of every major breaking news in the country. They have chronicled history, and continue to hold power to account. We call on Congress to act independently. We call on our Supreme Court Justices to side with the people's right to truthful and independent news, the Constitution and democracy.

We call on our media colleagues to close ranks in this perilous time.

We stand with ABS-CBN. We stand with press freedom.

SO, PUNTO! stands too with ABS-CBN. As do the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, the Let's Organize for Democracy and Integrity, the Photojournalists' Center of the Philippines, the Malacanang Press Corps, and other groups of journalists, artists, activists, advocates of human rights, all in defense of freedom of the press.

Now, pray, tell, where stand the celebrity broadcasters Noli de Castro, Ted Failon, Anthony Taberna – all stalwarts of ABS-CBN?



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Opinion

Taking on ABS-CBN

OLIGARCHIC "VALUES" permeated society all the more easily because the rich controlled the press and radio-TV. The press particularly became the weapon of a special class rather than a public forum. The newspapers would noisily and endlessly comment on the side issues of our society, but not on the basic ones: for example, the question of private property.

The oligarchic propaganda was that somehow, with the election of "good men" – good men who please the oligarchs – mass poverty would come to an end. The search for "better men in politics" and not institutional change; a "higher political morality," and not the restructuring of society – this was the oligarch's ready answer to the question of change.

Thus, Ferdinand E. Marcos in his slim volume *Revolution from the Center* rationalizing his war against the oligarchy, read: the Lopez family that owned the power that was Meralco and the glory that was ABS-CBN. That which "the state" confiscated immediately upon his declaration of Martial Law in Sept. 1972.

And that which, upon the fall of Marcos, the succeeding revolutionary government of Cory Aquino promptly handed back: the Lopezes, including a new generation of them, returning to the country from their comfortable American exile to reclaim everything they previously owned, and – if we believe the allegations at the time – even much, much more.

So still wonder how ABS-CBN virtually turned into an instrument of the state during the Cory presidency, and not-too-long thereafter the domain of daughter Kris, queenship of all media arrogated unto her?

The patronage of the sainted Cory highly considered, doubtlessly, ABS-CBN maintained some modus vivendi during the Ramos presidency.

Whatever tempest – no bigger than that in metaphorical teapots – that obtained between the station and the abbreviated Estrada presidency quieted with the marriage of an Ejercito bride to a Lopez scion. This did not prevent ABS-CBN though from taking an active role in the events leading to Erap's ouster with EDSA2.

Meralco

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo took the Lopezes to battle in a front other than ABS-CBN. In what she herself termed as a "tough legal fight" for the control of Meralco.

Unlike Marcos though, GMA neither went by her lonesome nor impacted all the power of the state against the Lopezes. She enlisted some other power players in her campaign. If only to project a broad-based front against a powerful enemy and avoid the issue's reduction to purely personal vendetta against a perceived conscientious dissenter to her administration.

"Please be there with all your legal luminaries because this is going to be a tough legal fight and you will be the beneficiaries, your workers will be the beneficiaries, your consumers will be the beneficiaries, the Filipino people will be the beneficiaries," GMA enjoined the Federation of Philippine Industries and the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industries Inc.

Her casus belli wisely couched with populist appeal: the bid to lower the high electricity rates.

GMA apparently winning her match in the

not-too-long run, the Lopezes ultimately ceding ownership of Meralco to Manny V. Pangilinan, or whoever or whatever interests he represented.

The BS

His mother's established patronage of ABS-CBN and his sister's queenship over the network did not dissuade any Benigno S. Aquino III from sniping, not at the station itself, but at its stalwarts, notably Noli de Castro.

"May naitutulong po ba ang mga walang-basehang spekulasyon?... Kung alam mong opinion-maker ka, alam mo rin dapat na mayroon kang responsibilidad. Sana po, sa tuwing sasabihin nating, and I quote, 'magandang gabi, bayan,' ay totoong hinahangad nating maganda ang gabi ng bayan." So, the BS infamously said at the very celebration of the 25th anniversary of TV Patrol.

Segueing to what he called "daily negativism" in media, Aquino analogized reporting to a local horror film: "Kung isa po kayo sa 10 milyon nating kababayan na nagsasakripisyo sa ibayong-dagat, gaganahan kaya kayong bumalik dito kung mas nakakasindak pa sa Shake, Rattle and Roll ang balita sa telebisyon?"

Marcos again

No cinematic horror can compare though with the real terror Rodrigo Duterte has unleashed against media in general, the ABS-CBN in particular.

Other than Marcos, it is only Duterte that expressed obsessive desire to obliterate ABS-CBN. The idolater truly befitting his adulation of his deity there.

So, how will Duterte fare?

At the time of the GMA-Meralco conflict – nearly 12 years ago – I quoted here from the venerable Amando Doronilla's *Inquirer* column *Analysis*, thus:

The oligarchy scapegoat is no longer the same as it was during Marcos' and (the elder) Macapagal's times. The Lopez oligarchy and Meralco's structure have changed since the demise of the Lopez patriarch, Eugenio Lopez Sr., who, in his time, called the political shots with his sugar bloc in Congress.

The heirs of the defunct Lopez "oligarchy" have embedded themselves in post-EDSA corporate structures, less overt in their political interventions than their Grand Old Man. They have changed colors, but Ms Arroyo is fighting the Lopez family with the weapons that Marcos and Macapagal failed to crush the Lopez dynasty.

Above all, she does not fit into the armor of a populist. She is not her father's daughter. As a sedulous ape to Marcos' authoritarian model, she is a clumsy and pathetic protégé.

Unlike GMA, Duterte is the quintessential populist, no simple ape to but the very clone of Marcos, as capable if less intelligent, pathetic yes, but more demonic.

Hence, fear not for ABS-CBN or the Lopezes. Fear not only for the freedom of the press. Fear for the whole nation.

Fight that fear then we all must. Else...

TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

Philippine Heart Center for Asia is inaugurated

ON FEBRUARY 14, 1975, the Philippine Heart Center for Asia in Quezon City was inaugurated. It was established through a Presidential Decree issued by President Ferdinand E. Marcos. Now known as Philippine Heart Center, it is a hospital and research center with the most modern facilities for heart and related diseases

in the country.

Its first director was Dr. Avenilo P. Aventura, who had performed many pioneering operations in the Philippines, including the first successful renal transplantation in 1970.

At present, the Heart Center continues to bring renewed hope not just to Filipinos but to the people of the Asia-Pacific

region as well as other countries who look to this medical facility as a well-spring of a healthier and longer life.

It has gained a reputation as one the busiest Congenital Heart Surgery centers in the region where patients travel to the Philippines and receive quality service at reasonable prices.



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The Public Space

Jun Sula

Democracy at risk

Looks like the Duterte Administration is all set to bury the ABS-CBN as soon as it is pronounced dead by either the Supreme Court or the House of Representatives.

The most likely scenario is that of the High Court doing a Pilate, simply waiting for the lawmakers to find their long-lost spines and wake up in time or just let the franchise bills filed turn into a Mona Lisa song. Washing of hands is older than the N Covi and dead-on-arrival doesn't happen only in hospitals.

On TV, Labor top man Silvestre Bello is holding his breath. He says his department has, at least, a tripartite scheme to keep the 11,000 or so for the would-be orphans of ABS-CBN, ranging from relief assistance, financial loans and job placements. Did he say the other networks are good prospects for those who will join the rank of unemployed?

Attaboy! Jump, jump!
Solicitor General Jose Calida had tasted blood when he was able to push former SC Chief Justice Lourdes Sereno out of office through a similar Quo Warranto petition before the High Tribunal. Obviously, Dracula wants more before the sun shines on his client. Marx said history is repeated as a tragedy and then turn into a farce.

As far as the Constitution is concerned, Calida knows he is playing the dice. Forfeiting the TV station's franchise is not the justices job. It's the kindergartens', quoting Joey Salceda. Thank you, sir. But you'll never know; the justices might just humor him or the one really behind.

Let's get it straight: We have been estranged from the rule of law that we think the reverse is like it or just as good.

The rule of law says, "Observe the due process."

The law of rule asks, "What process?"
The former insists, "Go through the process."
The latter says, "Go through the motion."
That's how bad off we are, may be even worse off.
And Malacanang has nothing to do with it? My foot!

Once upon a not-so-distant time, the late board member Rustico Capulong, an amiable lawyer who loves to eat corn on cob at the Capitol, was glued on a TV show when suddenly a familiar appeared on the screen.

Suddenly turning indignant, Capulong blurted out as he pointed his finger at the man on cam: Oyni ing pekamalamaring diling tao king yatu. (This is the ultimate liar on earth.)

I felt the same thing, almost a default posture, when I saw the present jester mouthed, with the patented scorn and smirk on his face all the time, the usual baloney, like a piece of cake. Explain: who can be more popish than the pope?

One sad note, a lawmaker now who used to be among the star reporters of ABS-CBN was more worried about the lost of jobs of her kindred souls than the greater damage that its closure can do the country.

What if there is a quid pro quo proffered, say the government will take in all the 11,000 ABS-CBN employees in exchange for shutting down the network? Will that be a fair exchange.

Democracy may not be perfect, it is said, but the alternative is worse. Closing ABS-CBN will be choosing the alternative. Freedom of the press is democracy's hallmarks. The Fourth Estate is indispensable in a free world.

Ing kasalesayan ning Kapampangan (The history of Pampanga)

By FR. EDILBERTO SANTOS
PART 27

WHAT THEY had in real life was the "sun" (*ari* in Kapampangan and *hari* in Tagalog). They also had the "day" (*aldo* in Kapampangan and *araw* in Tagalog). When they were compelled to change the meaning of *ari*, *hari* into "king" (*rey*) even if they had never had one, they "tentatively" used term for "day", so *aldo* came to mean both "day" and "sun", and *araw* came to mean both "day" and "sun". This is shown in the tables above.

As late as the 1940's, Tagalogs were using the term *haring araw*, referring to the "sun". If *hari* means "sun" and *araw* means "sun", *haring araw* would mean "sun-sun"! They were unconsciously trying to hold on tightly to the original word *hari*.

Also during the 1940's, the Tagalogs expressed a wish by saying *nawa*, as in *Manalo nawa* (I wish he would win.) But they also used the term *hari nawa*, as in *Hari nawang manalo siya* (I wish he would win). In expanding *nawa* into *hari nawa*, they were presumably "wishing" unconsciously that the term *hari* would retain its original meaning (sun).

Sadly, however, the Spaniards eventually won the tug-of-war.

This is evident in the Kapampangan and Tagalog translations of the prayer "Hail Holy Queen". In Kapampangan, it used to be *Bapu Ari*. Then it eventually became *Bapu Reina*. In Tagalog, it used to be *Aba Po, Santa Mariang Hari*. Then it eventually became *Aba Po, Santa Mariang Reina*.

Correspondingly, "sun" and "day" which should have been *ari* and *aldo* in Kapampangan became *aldo* and *aldo*, while "sun" and "day" which should have been *hari* and *araw* in Tagalog became *araw* and *araw*. This is shown in the tables above. Interestingly, at present, the English word "sunflower" is *bunga matahari* in both Malay and Indonesian.

The Spanish missionaries were familiar with the biblical verse: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. (Revelation: 12:1).

The woman was identified by the missionaries as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here, she is associated with the sun. So, they associated Mary with the native word which meant "sun": *Ari* or *Hari*. They introduced the prayer "Hail Holy Queen" as *Bapu Ari* and *Aba Po, Santa Mariang Hari*. That was in the 16th century up.

Then when, in the 20th century, the Pam-pangans and Tagalogs learned that, according to the Spanish friars, *ari* or *hari* meant "king", they adopted the Spanish feminine *reina* and they changed *Bapu Ari* into *Bapu Reina* and *Aba Po, Santa Mariang Hari* into *Aba po Santa Mariang Reina*.

The Spaniards eventually won the tug-of-war.

The linguistic analysis ends here. Now, the anthropological evidence.

(To be continued)

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.

—Thomas Henry Huxley



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

Keka pilsintan kung tapat at dalise

DELANAN ku ing bie meging baintau
At e na la ditak poesyang gewa ku,
Pero agyang metung mung pyesa aliku
Sinulat patungkul karing piglolon ku.

At agyang pikudta yamung kawatasan
Inggil king lagyu ning tune kapalsintan
Ala ku mu namang belangas metung man
A makaparikil king bage anti yan.

At nu' disan ku ing miglyebu otsenta
E ku pa wari pin naman ken milsinta?
Pero angga mu king metung man karela,
E ke gemitanan pikudtang harana.

Angga mu king waman karen diniga ku
Kapamilatan na ning simpling amanu
At e rima-rima ampon makabersu,
Pati king babaing meging asawa ku.

Ngeni pamu, oyan king bie kung maratun
At king e asagkang datang ing panahun
Bisa ku't e bisa, dulung ku king aun,
Intasang king diwa iti meging amun.

Ban isulat ke'iting malukang poesyang
A makaparikil king dalise sinta
Para king aliwa, ining bukud pyesa,
Ngening kapilan ku maklak at mayna na.

Nung nu' alus e ku na agyung sumulat
'Love letter' karin ku milsintang mataktak
King Mayupayang Dios a muna kung dapat
Luguran, dakayan pamalsintang wagas.

Keka, o Guinu ku, a linalang kaku
Ban mipmung kababan manyad pakalulu,
At e potang dening gamat at bitis ku
Pante na la... awsan daka't manigapu.

Ipaganaka Me ing tamak a dalan
Ban e ku malili a kakung baltangan
Papunta king Kekang malagung karinan,
Nung nu' pin ing sabla pawang kabanalan.

Potang buri mu nang lubus baywan kaku
Ing makaba-kabang bie a peparam mu,
Patudturan mu kung manyaman, Ginu ku
Penandit mu, atyu na ku keng siping Mu!

E ku na buri pa ing magkakasakit
King dase mirate, inya anggang binit
Magparalampu kung Keka adwan pilit
Kwanan Mu ku potang ing tudtud, alimit.

Ban keta pati na ring kakung kapamilya
E na'la kanaku magkakasakit pa
A manyese ngening ing isip lipang na
At e na lwat, Ginu marap na ku Keka.

Ibie mu kanaku ing kapatawaran
Kabang ing lagyu Mu agyu ke pang awsan;
At e potang payus na ku't e maramdam
Ing adwan kung ganap a kapatawaran!

Amen...



Festive Flair Ning Cordero

Not your usual breakfast buffet at Spencers Fusion

NO, IT'S not all coffee – brewed, and bread – a variety of them, for breakfast at the Spencers Fusion restaurant of Best Western (BW) Metro Clark.

It's more, much, much more than your usual hotel bland breakfast, with creativity working in healthier and heartier choices into the breakfast buffet. Complemented by refreshing ambiance, friendly staff, and well-appointed set up to provide guests with a perkier start to their mornings, to go the whole day through.

"Advantage of the brand, BW, is that it keeps us in the service level, that focuses on the key menu items and services that make a great impact on guests," shares Savers Group of Company COO and president Rufino Cordero.

They said breakfast is one of the factors that heavily influence guest satisfaction. That's why Spencers Fusion strictly puts up the BW breakfast program, which includes wide spread of staple items such as ham or bacon, five kinds of breads, three kinds of cereals, salad and fresh fruits, yogurts, different kinds of fresh fruit juices, coffee, and tea.

"Anticipating guests needs is another key to keep us in the competition. While we implement hotel food standards, we instill ingenuity and personality in the menu to further satisfy guests" further shares Cordero.

Spencers Fusion boasts of its tasty and best selections of Asian, Filipino and American cuisine. Regional fare is also included to showcase local produce and introduce subtle twists to favorite local dishes.



The *signature chicken and pork adobo* is a favorite. Never thought these crowd pleaser dishes – *chunky pasta Bolognese* and *crispy on the outside and soft on the inside fish fritter with salsa and tartar sauce* are perfect for breakfast too! *Traditional congee, fluffy waffle and Spanish omelet* are also best sellers in the classic breakfast items.

"Daily forecast for number of guests and nationality is being done to customize the breakfast menu for the next day. We enhance the buffet by providing different options, rotating periodically hot menu items and combining fresh ingredients with standard buffet items. For example, if we have majority Korean guests, we will include Kimchi in the breakfast buffet or last time we had Indian guests we added Vegetable Curry, guests liked it and requested for more," shares BW Metro Clark food and beverage manager Harold Cortez.

This restaurant promises not only excellent food but also a fuss-free dining experience with attentive service staff, fully outfitted space, and the most appropriate atmosphere to strongly position Spencers Fusion as the best go-to breakfast place in Pampanga.

For more details visit 4/F Best Western Metro Clark, Balibago, Angeles City, call (045) 409-9999 Facebook page @SpencersFusion.



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It's all about you at Tres Bellissima



NO ONE deserves a bad hair day because of mishandled haircut or dye job. Whether male or female, and everyone in between, finding the perfect salon among so many pretenders can be one daunting task, instead of the exhilarating experience its supposed to be.

Well, drop all that daunting, aye, the doubting too at the door of Tres Bellissima, *le chic* slice of luxury and beauty salon at Marquee Mall in Angeles City, that opened only last January 16.

Luxury comes with a price? Not at this salon that delivers on its promise of quality service, upscale experience at the most reasonable price in town. Haircut as low as P200, complete with shampoo and blow dry, beat that!

The market is flooded with all sorts of salons and spas, but this lovely trio of friendship and business -- Cherry, Leigh and Chey -- coming in strong, confidently beautiful makes Tres Bellissima a real cut way, way above the rest.

"We decided to build our own brand in the salon industry because we see a brighter future for Tres Bellissima. Currently, we are still in the process of learning the do's and don'ts of the business. We really want to establish it as a one-stop-shop salon," says Cherry.

Tres Bellissima oozes with sophistication, using only the finest and safest products. All treatments are designed to address specific concerns and can be tailored to suit individual client's needs.

"One thing that makes us unique is that we are not limited to only one brand but rather we explore and experiment with the products and see what is best and effective. Actually, we try it first ourselves before we offer it in the salon. Also, with regards to pricing we are very flexible, we offer standard and premium rates. We can tailor fit everything depending on client needs and budget," says Chey.

Make your hair beautiful all the time with the wide range of hair treatments such as Aroma hair with Argan Oil. Have your hair renewed and enhanced with Semi Di Lino, hair loss and anti-dandruff treatment, Keratin glazed treatment, wash out, digital perming, and other services.

Beyond the hair, Tres Bellissima also specializes in nail care and gel and nail extension. Experience a superior head-to-toe pampering services like waxing with collagen, eyelashes extension and threading. Different events call for different looks, Tres Bellissima makeup services for every occasion take you from natural look to simply stunning diva. Wedding packages with airbrush make-up are available too!

In Tres Bellissima it's all about you! Delivering excellent service, instagramable interiors and stylish surroundings. With a highly trained team owning a wealth of experience in the industry and friendly stylists that give total attention to the client, satisfaction guaranteed!

According to Leigh, her primary task is to make sure that Tres Bellissima only employs well experienced, efficient and skilled workers. She said that she saw a big business opportunity and instantly partnered with Cherry and Chey. Being an industry partner in addressing the employment problem in the salon industry is already in the pipeline.

"This year I'm planning to re-launch the Beauty Care or Cosmetology course in my school, Jocson College. It is in celebration of the school's 70th anniversary. It will be an exceptional course because Japanese and Korean technologies are included in the curriculum. To keep the quality of education, I will send instructors to Korea for further training. In this way the students will learn new techniques and knowledge to have a competitive edge here and abroad," shares Leigh.

For details visit Level 1 Expansion Wing Marquee Mall Angeles City call 0917-5100929 or 0925-3597788, like Facebook page TresBellissimaSalonMarqueeMall

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FROILAN GARCIA** who died intestate on May 10, 2004 in Los Angeles, California, USA and Spouses **SIXTA D. GARCIA** and **TEODORICO DIZON** who died intestate on August 2, 2010 and July 14, 1990, respectively, both in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Shares on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 1 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-29328, being a portion of Lot 86-B-2-S-6 of plan (LRC) Psd-21322, L.R.C. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pandan, Angeles City and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 68503, before Notary Public Michael C. Yabut as per Doc No. 300, Page No. 60, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JENNIFER ZAPANTA CORREA** who died intestate on September 18, 1999 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 18 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) with improvements thereon, situated in Bo. of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 111323 in the Registry of Deeds of Angeles City, before Notary Public Michael Darwin M. Bayotas as per Doc No. 485, Page No. 04, Book No. IV, Series of 2020.

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **CONRADO ESTACIO JUGUILON** and **VIOLETA ORODIO JUGUILON** who died intestate on September 22, 2018 and January 4, 2020, respectively, both in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as "Un terreno (Lote No. 192, Block No. 12 del plano de subdivision Psd-546, porcion del Lote No. 831 de la medicion Catastral de Angeles), situado en el lado No. del Callejon No. 325, Municipio de Angeles" and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 55432, before Notary Public Angelo Justin Inigo O. Lopez III as per Doc No. 04, Page No. 59, Book No. 04, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

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Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MACARIO BASILIO TONGOL** who died intestate on December 11, 2010 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 36 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-46209, being a portion of Lot 21, Block 1, described on plan Psd-62172, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Pulungbulu, Angeles City, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 21925 in the Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles, before Notary Public Daniel S. David as per Doc No. 76, Page No. 43, Book No. 4, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

NOTICE OF SOLE-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **TERESITA D. ADOLPHSON**, American Citizen, widow, resident of 3 Bayanihan Road, Villa Angela, Angeles City and sole heir of **ELOF NORMAN ADOLPHSON** who died intestate on January 13, 2020 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Sole-Adjudication of his estate, more particularly described as Savings Account No. 106620166961 with BDO Unibank, Inc., Angeles-Sto. Rosario Branch, before Notary Public Richard B. Librada as per Doc No. 176, Page No. 70, Book No. 20, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 6, 13 & 20, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CECILIA C. AGUAS** who died intestate on April 28, 1998 in Makati City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as six (6) parcels of land situated in Porac, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 250763-R; 672809-R; 042-2011007838; 042-2011013856; 0422011013858; 042-2014010406; and one (1) parcel of land situated in Guagua, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 259579-R, all issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Van Oliver V. Mempo as per Doc No. 934, Page No. 96, Book No. III, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 30, February 6 & 13, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSELYN BASIUANG DELA CRUZ** who died intestate on November 26, 2017 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as Savings Account No. 001460154302 under the name of Jomel B. Dela Cruz amounting to P119,746.90 as of December 7, 2017 at BDO Angeles-MacArthur Highway Branch, before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller as per Doc No. 33, Page No. 2, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10, 17 & 24, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HONORIO S. MALONZO** who died intestate on December 10, 2001 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5-8 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-81842, being a portion of Road Lot 3 (LRC) Psd-17442, LRC Rec. No. 8715) situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Angeles City, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 30099, before Notary Public Archie Paul C. Muyrong as per Doc No. 426, Page No. 87, Book No. VIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10, 17 & 24, 2020



Spotlight Arci Pineda

Yassi Pressman posts tribute to late father

YASSI PRESSMAN posts touching video of late father Ronald Pressman, who passed away last week. Yassi, sister Issa, and their dad during happy times

In a video clip posted by Yassi, she together with sister Issa and Dad were dancing. From the background you can hear the song "Dance With My Father."

"This was the last song he heard before we said goodbye..." says Yassi in her caption.

"We miss you already, Papa.

"I don't know how I am going to live my life without you, Daddy.... but, I also know I will never have to, because even if you're up in heaven, you'll never leave my side.

"Love you to the ends of this universe, and back, Twice."

On the other hand, Issa commented on the post filled with fond memories.

And she posted on her Instagram account a photo of her Dad in a columbarium.

On February 2, Ronald had a heart attack and was rushed to St. Luke's Medical Center, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.

February 6, Ronald died due to multiple complications.



HOW DID the final episode of *The Gift*, top-billed by Alden Richards, fare in the ratings game?

The Kapuso series tells the story of Sep, a visually-impaired vendor in Divisoria blessed with the gift to perceive past and future events. *The Gift* ended with its 105th episode.

In the February 7 episode, Sep (Alden Richards) woke up in limbo and met a man named Gener (TJ Trinidad), whom he learned was his biological father.

Gener said he witnessed all the good deeds that Sep did in his life. Gener also told Sep how proud he is of the man that he has become.

In the succeeding scenes, Gener detailed how Sep made an impact on the lives of his loved ones.

Straw (Jo Berry) confided to Char (Elizabeth Oropesa) that before Sep came into their lives, she was deeply heartbroken by love and that she was planning to end her life. However, her son Sep gave her a reason to live.

Gener also showed how different his friends' lives would have turned out if Sep hadn't entered their lives: Amor (Mikee Quintos) would've turned into a sex worker, while Bistek (Mikoy Morales) would've been a notorious criminal.

Sep also learned of the changes he brought to the members of the Eprot Gang.

Meanwhile, Nadia (Jean Garcia), Puring (Luz Valdez), and Sabina (Ysabel Ortega) are seen grieving at Javier's (Christian Vasquez) funeral.

As Sep and Straw approach the bereaved family, Lola Puring asked for Sep's forgiveness for all the bad things done by her son Javier.

In the last scene, Sep had a picnic with his family and friends. That's when Sep saw a vision of their future—he is living in a house together with his Naynay Straw, Lola Char, Nadia, and Sab. They are celebrating Christmas together while his dear friends Bistek and Amor are engaged. His relationship with Helga (Sophie Albert) will blossom and they'll be blessed with a baby.

Sep prayed and thanked the Lord for giving him a wonderful life and for making him an instrument to do good to others.

The Gift aired on the GMA Telebabad block for almost 5 months.

How did the finale episode of *The Gift* fare in the ratings game?

Based on data provided by Kantar Media, the final episode of the Alden Richards starrer, *The Gift*, registered a TV rating of 16.7%.

Its rival ABS-CBN program *Make It With You*, starring Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil, got a TV rating of 26.9%.



PAULO AVELINO is confirmed to play Jane de Leon's leading man in "Darna".

This is according to a post by Paulo's manager, Leo V. Dominguez, on his Instagram account last February 6.

Dominguez posted a screenshot of a report from a showbiz blogsite, which reported that Paulo is Jane's leading man in *Darna*.

Paulo's manager simply wrote in the caption, "#PauloAvelino joins #darna"

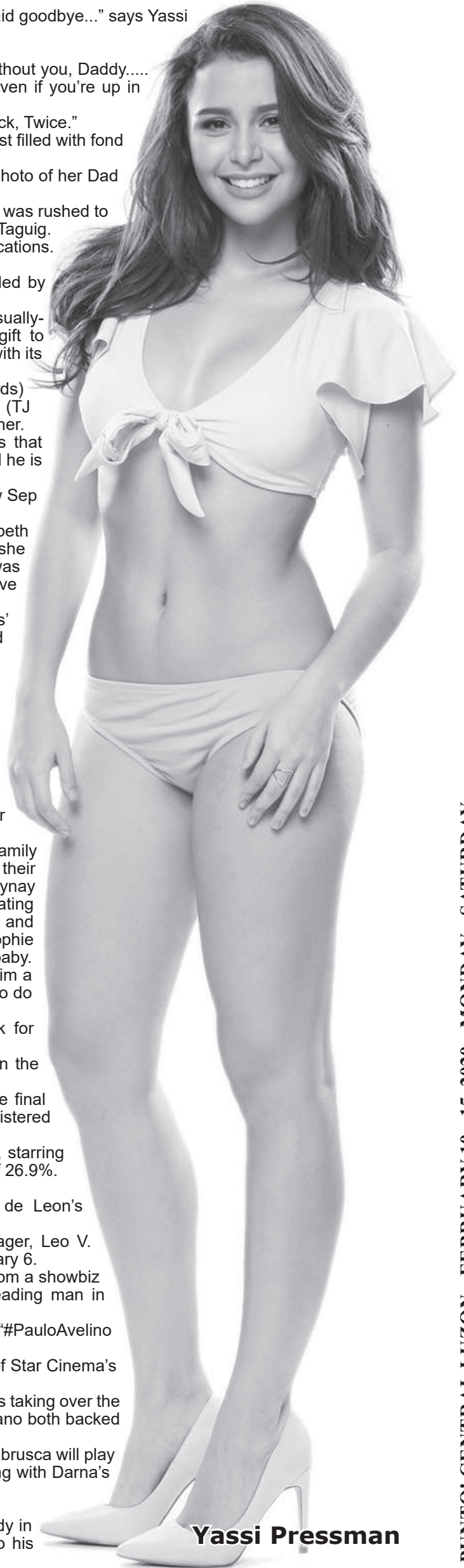
Paulo is the second confirmed cast member of Star Cinema's *Darna*.

In July 2019, ABS-CBN announced that Jane is taking over the role of *Darna*, after Angel Locsin and Liza Soberano both backed out from the project.

At one point, it was even rumored that Tony Labrusca will play Liza's leading man after he was seen in a meeting with *Darna*'s former director, Erik Matti.

Jerold Tarog is now the director of *Darna*.

Tarog recently announced that they are already in the seventh shooting day of *Darna*, according to his post on Instagram last February 7.



Yassi Pressman

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Regional Office No. III
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Application for Extension of Validity of a
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a PUJ service.
R-EV-PJ-2019-h-89-03514

RODOLFO GALVEZ
/Applicant

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of
Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service
for the transportation of passengers and freight
on the route **SAN AGUSTIN - CITY OF SAN
FERNANDO via McARTHUR HIGHWAY**
(Pampanga) and vice versa with the use of
one (1) unit/s, which certificate is valid up to
October 31, 2019. In the application filed on
August 20, 2019. Applicant request for the
Extension of Validity of said Certificate with the
use of the same number of unit authorized.
NOTICE is hereby given that this Application
will be heard by this Board on **February 17,
2020 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 **3rd day of
February 2020** in the City of San Fernando,
Pampanga.

JE-JESUS D. SISON
Hearing Officer

PUNTO! Central Luzon: February 10, 2020

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Transportation and
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**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD**
Regional Office No. III
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Application for Extension of Validity of a
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a PUJ service with Motion to Allow Late Filing
R-EV-PJ-2020-b-89-00900

CEZAR CORTEZ
/Applicant

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of
Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service
for the transportation of passengers and freight
on the route **GUAGUA-SM CITY PAMPANGA/
ROBINSONS STARMILLS** (City of San
Fernando) via **OLONGAPO GAPAN ROAD**
(Pampanga) and vice versa with the use of
one (1) unit/s, which certificate is valid up to
September 21, 2019. On December 27, 2019
applicant filed a motion for late filing of extension
of Validity of said Certificate with the board
finds the motion to be meritorious, the same was
hereby GRANTED.
NOTICE is hereby given that this Application
will be heard by this Board on **February 24, 2020
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 **6th day of
February 2020** in the City of San Fernando,
Pampanga.

JE-JESUS D. SISON
Hearing Officer

PUNTO! Central Luzon: February 10, 2020

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be informed that **MARIA CECILIA COBARRUBIAS a.k.a. SHYR VALDEZ** is no longer connected with **BEAUTÉDERM CORPORATION** effective **January 10, 2020**. The public is advised not to enter into any transaction with her.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FORTUNATO N. ROMERO** and **CRESENCIA S. ROMERO** who died intestate on January 17, 1989 and April 25, 2019, respectively, both in Mabalacat, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) PCS-14407, being a portion of consolidation of Lots 4, 6 & S, Block 10, Psd-49198, LRC Record No. 11732), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 118784-R in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Mylene Yturralde-Chan as per Doc No. 1871, Page No. 21, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Samar
MUNICIPALITY OF PINABACDAO
OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
In compliance with Section 3 of R.A. 9048 a notice is hereby served to the public that **NILO DIZON PABRUDINA** has filed with this Office a petition for re: Change of First Name from "**MARIO**" to "**NILO**" in the birth certificate of **MARIO DIZON PABRUDINA** who was born on **September 6, 1965** at **PINABACDAO, SAMAR** and whose parents are **FRANCISCO O. PABRUDINA** and **VICTORIA S. DIZON**.
Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than February 24, 2020.

REMEGIO B. MENDAÑO
Local Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10 & 17, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RICARDO A. PANGILINAN SR.** who died intestate on February 18, 2012 in Concepcion, Tarlac executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Contract to Sell on his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 043-2012000960
(Registry of Deeds of Province of Tarlac)
Lot 98 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-16220, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 1432 & 1442 x x x, situated in the Barrios of San Bartolome, San Antonio, San Vicente & San Nicolas Balas, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 043-2012000961
(Registry of Deeds of Province of Tarlac)
Lot 102 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-16220, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 1432 & 1442 x x x, situated in the Barrios of San Bartolome, San Antonio, San Vicente & San Nicolas Balas, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac;

before Notary Public Enrrico P. Quiambao as per Doc No. 712, Page No. 6, Book No. XI, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 6, 13 & 20, 2020

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRY
Province of Pampanga
Mabalacat City

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048 a notice is hereby served to the public that **CORAZON MARQUEZ LAXAMANA** has filed with this Office a migrant petition for change of first name from "**MARIA CORAZON**" to "**CORAZON**" in the birth certificate of **MARIA CORAZON P. MARQUEZ** at Mabalacat, Pampanga and whose parents are **CRESENCIO MARQUEZ** and **LUCITA PABALAN**.
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.

GLEENDA A. JARIN
Assistant City Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10 & 17, 2020

NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION
Notice is hereby given that **FLORENTINA VIOLA DE LEON-CABOCHAN**, widow, resident of No. 41 Rizal Street, San Vicente, San Miguel, Bulacan and sole heir of **MONICA VIOLA** who died intestate on August 14, 1970 executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 23268-R
A parcel of land situated in Cawayan Bugtong, Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga with an area of Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven (86,677) Square Meters, more or less;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 40628-R
A parcel of land situated in Barrio Cawayan Bugtong, Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga with an area of Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Eight (51,138) Square Meters, more or less;

before Notary Public Jason G. De Belen as per Doc No. 284, Page No. 57, Book No. 177, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

NOTICE OF LOSS
Notice is hereby given that **REUBEN REI P. DEL ROSARIO**, Filipino, resident of 1335A Sitio Saudi St., Malabanas Rd., Angeles City and presently employed in St. Peter Life Plan Inc. as Collector-SA2 executed an Affidavit of Loss on the company's Official Receipt, Booklet No. 0530451-0530500 with two (2) unused Official Receipt Nos. 0530499 & 0530500, before Notary Public Edmond V. Dantes as per Doc No. 293, Page No. 61, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Any transaction made using said Official Receipts will not be honored by the company.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ISMAEL C. REGALA JR.** who died intestate on March 27, 2017 executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Sale of his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 143166
(Registry of Deeds for Angeles City)
Lot 1-A of the subd. plan Psd-03-156016, being a portion of Lot 1, Blk. 1, Psd-48432, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, City of Angeles;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 142237
(Registry of Deeds for Angeles City)
Lot 7, Block 1 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-15293, being a portion of Lot 7-B-8-A, described on plan (LRC) Psd-13454, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Rodolfo S. Uyengco as per Doc No. 133, Page No. 88, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 6, 13 & 20, 2020

NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROSALINA SORIANO AYSON** who died intestate on November 8, 2019 in Magalang, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Addendum on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013006107
A parcel of land (Lot 2-D of the Subdivision Plan PSD-03-199667 being a portion of Lot 2, PSD-03-012800 (OLT) L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barangay of San Miguel, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013006108
A parcel of land, without any improvements, situated in Barangay San Miguel, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; and

Tax Declaration No. GR2020-10-0014-00045
A residential building in Barangay San Miguel, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Fenalon O. Chan as per Doc No. 6, Page No. 61, Book No. V, Series of 2020 and Doc No. 42, Page No. 68, Book No. V, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ABNEL M. DAVID** who died intestate on October 10, 2016 in Floridablanca, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10, Block 8 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-035401-003862, being a portion of consolidation Lots 1 and 6 (LRC) Psd-289688, L.R.C. Rec. No.) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Sto. Cristo, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2012004799 in the Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles, before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller as per Doc No. 397, Page No. 76, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

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CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR OFFICE
Province of Pampanga
Mabalacat City

Publication Notice
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 **VANESSA PEBBLES MANUEL PAMINTUAN** 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 **VANESSA PEBBLES M. PAMINTUAN** at Mabalacat, Pampanga and whose parents are **CARLOS M. PAMINTUAN** and **GRACIANA S. MANUEL**.
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
GLEENDA A. JARIN
Administrative Officer III

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10 & 17, 2020

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- Sindalan Branch:** No.1 Maligaya St, Sindalan, CSFP
- Apalit Branch:** Stall No.2, Santiago, San Vicente, Apalit, Pampanga
- Bulaon Branch:** Stall B2 Bldg. Bulaon Public Market Bulaon CSFP
- San Matias Branch:** No. 1 Parilaya St. San Matias, Sto Tomas, Pampanga
- Madapdap Branch:** Blk 155 L65, Madapdap Resettlement, Mabalacat, Pampanga

(ALL UNREDEEMED LOANS GRANTED FROM NOVEMBER 1-30, 2019 ARE ALREADY SUBJECT FOR AUCTION.) Lahat ng mga nasangla magmula November 1-30, 2019 na hindi pa natutubos ay kasama na sa subasta sa February 28, 2020. Maaari niyo pa pong tubusin ang mga ito ng may karampatang interest at penalty hanggang sa February 27, 2020

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