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Angeles City's Dennis Uy is Asia CEO Awards' Entrepreneur of the Year

MANILA – Converge ICT Solutions, Inc., the country's premier pure end-to-end fiber internet service provider, has again received international recognition as its Founder and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Anthony H.

Uy received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the 11th Asia CEO Awards (ACA). Converge ICT also received the Circle of Excellence Technology Company of the Year award. The ACA wins are back to back

with the company's appearance as a finalist in the CX Asia Excellence Awards.

The ACA recognizes the contribution of outstanding accomplishments of individuals and organizations in uplifting

the national economy. It is the largest business awards in the Asia-Pacific Region.

"The awards are a testament to the Converge philosophy of innovating with purpose," shared

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San Miguel completes NLEX-SLEX link project

BY BONG Z. LACSON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – From three hours to just 20 minutes – NLEX to SLEX!

"I'm happy to announce that the whole structure of Skyway 3 is now complete. With this, Skyway 2 in Buendia is

now officially extended all the way to the North Luzon Expressway. After many challenges this

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Economy to open despite risk, Galvez says Covid can be KO'd

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

MARIVELES, Bataan -- Secretary Carlito Galvez, chief implementer of the national task force on coronavirus disease 2019, on Tuesday said that the country has to open up its economy despite the risks from the

virus, emphasizing the need to protecting oneself and the good leadership of public officials.

Galvez was in in this town with other officers of the Coordinated Operations To Defeat Epidemic (CODE) and met with local officials led by

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Holiday celebrations kick off with locally-produced Christmas decors along LGC boulevard. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Laus Group champions Pampanga craftsmen with launch of its annual holiday installation

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga — Pampanga-based conglomerate, Laus Group of Companies (LGC) leads in spreading the holiday cheer as they adorn and light up the Laus

Group Complex Event Centre Boulevard in San Fernando to signal the start of the Christmas season.

Illuminating the bustling business district of San Fernando, the

facade of the LausGroup's headquarters symbolizes optimism and hope among its communities amid these unfamiliar times. The LausGroup main office, to-

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Westchester turns over land titles to Xevera homeowners

Delfin Lee fulfills commitment

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

MABALACAT CITY — Xevera homeowners here rejoiced anew holding the land titles to their home lots over the weekend.

This developed as Westchester Realty Corp. (WRC), which ac-

quired three Globe Asiatic Realty Holdings Corp. (GARHC) properties in Pampanga from the Pag-IBIG Fund that included Xevera Mabalacat and Bacolor as well as Sameera in Angeles City, turned over 23 land titles to Xevera Mabalacat homeowners

that have fully paid their loans.

Rodolfo G. Valencia, chairman of the RGV Group of Companies which oversees WRC, personally delivered the land titles to the fully paid buyers in a simple ceremony at the clubhouse

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Delfin S. Lee, Globe Asiatic Realty Holdings Corp. chairman, turns over the transfer certificate of titles to fully-paid buyers of Xevera Mabalacat. **PHOTO COURTESY OF RIC GONZALES**



Dump trucks swarm the Pasig-Potrero River to haul sand. **PHOTO BY BONG LACSON**

In 126 days of quarantine: Capitol nets P290-M quarry revenues

By **BONG Z. LACSON**

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Not even in this community quarantine period amid the coronavirus disease pandemic could stop Pampanga from generating revenues out of Mount Pinatubo’s “vomit” of sand and gravel.

This, despite the zero income during the suspension of quarry operations from March 20 to May 17 when the prov-

ince was put under enhanced community quarantine, and later under modified ECQ.

From May 18 to Sept. 20, with the easing of quarantine protocols, a total of P289.6 million was added to the provincial coffers. This brought to P730 million the total quarry collections under the administration of Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda that started in July 2019, according to provincial administrator Atty. Charlie Chua.

The revenues consisted of quarry collections, weighing scale fees, fees on sand and gravel permit, accreditation of motor vehicles and heavy equipment, and fines and penalties.

September recorded the highest collection, totaling to P68.402 million, per the report of the Kapampangan a Lulugud at Matapat (KALAM), the provincial quarry regulatory unit headed by former Bacolor

Mayor Buddy Dungca.

With the general community quarantine and subsequently moderate GCQ imposed in greater areas in Metro Manila as well as the rest of Luzon, the construction industry appeared to have rebounded, spiking the demand for sand and gravel.

“The quarry sector is contributing a big part to Capitol’s local income. Governor Delta has thanked quarry opera-

tors and haulers for their support by paying tax and fees, which are being used in our Covid-19 responses and regular programs and projects,” Atty. Chua said.

Per the Local Government Code of 1991, a part of the quarry revenue, in this case the P250-quarry tax per truck, is shared on a 40-30-30 percent allocation among the barangay, town or city, and the Capitol. **With Pampanga PIO**

Pre-registration for nat’l ID system starts in CSFP

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Pre-registration for the national ID system started here Monday with the Philippine Statistics Authority and the city civil registry office collecting names, ages, and other demographic information of residents.

This is pursuant to Republic Act 11055-- “An Act Establishing the Philippine Identification System” mandating a single official ID interconnected with all other IDs issued by the government be issued every Filipino.

The pre-registration however will cover only some five million heads of households all over the country identified in the “Listahanan” program of the Department

of Social Welfare and Development, the PSA said.

The city has been designated as pilot area for the pre-registration along with other cities and towns in the initially targeted 32 provinces.

“Prayoridad na maparehistro ang mga low-income household heads upang mapadali ang pagbubukas nila ng bank accounts para sa pagtanggap ng tulong mula sa pamahalaan at upang maiwasan ang pandaraya,” explained PSA in its official website.

It added that the national ID system is aimed at “facilitating the delivery of government services, strengthening social protection and finan-

cial inclusion, and advancing the Philippines’ shift towards an inclusive digital economy.”

For the city, targeted for pre-registration are 28,590 individuals.

“Dalawang indibidwal bawat isang pamilya ang ating target. Mayroon po tayong kabuuang 14,295 target families sa lahat ng barangay kaya umabot sa 28,590 ang kabuuang bilang ng indibidwal na maisasama

sa ating pre-registration activity,” explained city civil registrar Rimando Umali.

Barangay San Jose has the largest number of expected registrants with over 2,800 prioritized households, he said.

Pre-registration procedures comprise the submission by the surveyed individual of his/her personal information, including full name, ad-

dress, date and place of birth. A PSA-issued birth certificate or any proof of identity must also be presented.

“Ang pre-registration po, kung saan kinukuhanan natin ng importasyon at binibigyan natin ng appointment ang mga indibidwal, ay susundan ng registration proper. Pagkatapos nito ay maghihintay ng isang linggo o higit pa ang isang indibidwal bago

makuha ang ID, through pick-up o maaari ring i-deliver sa kanila,” said PSA Pampanga Registration Officer II AJ Kevin Samson.

The pre-registration process will pave the way for actual registration starting Nov. 25, which will involve collection of biometric information, PSA Assistant Secretary Rosalinda Bautista said in a recent radio interview. **—CSFP-CIO**

Cashless public buses OK’d at Subic Freeport

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – To further promote public health safety in face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) has approved a cashless public transportation system in this premier Freeport.

SBMA Chairman and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma said the agency has recently given its go-signal for Autokid Truck Solutions to create a line of public utility buses that will utilize an automated fare collection system (AFCS) and be compliant with social-distancing rules as well.

“This is an innovative concept that fulfils a felt need in this time of the pandemic, so we’re going for it,” Eisma said.

“With this, we can minimize the dangers of virus transmission, thus creating a better environment for workers, residents and visitors in the Subic Freeport,” she added.

According to Autokid Subic Trading Corporation CEO Kevin

McHale Yao, the proposed project would provide an efficient, environment-friendly, and safe and comfortable transportation for the public.

“Public transportation services (PTS) is a vital part of modern urban economies. An efficient PTS encourages passengers to use public services instead of private vehicles,” Yao said.

“This preference reduces traffic, air and noise pollution, and accident rate in cities,” he added.

Foremost among the features of the new system is the use of loadable payment cards that would preclude the need for passengers to carry cash for their bus fare.

Yao also stressed the added advantage of predictable travel time, as the firm would regularly deploy vehicles at a certain time period so that the public would know exactly when to expect the buses.



Business District. One will be from Kalaklan Terminal to Main Gate Terminal and vice versa, another from Main Gate Terminal to Royal Duty Free and vice versa, and the third from Main Gate Terminal to Kalaklan to Royal Duty Free to Main Gate.

The proposed fares will be P25 per person for the first two routes, and P30 per person for the third route, which is longer.

The SBMA and the company are already discussing a dry-run of the routes for which the buses will be fielded to see how the plans would actually work out.

Yao also pointed out that Autokid will field environment-friendly buses

that are Euro IV-compliant, using Yuchai engines. He added that the units will be equipped with comfortable seats, air-conditioning, a global positioning system (GPS), and closed-circuit television camera (CCTV) to ensure the safety of the riding public.

Following the approval of Autokid’s proposal last month, the SBMA had required the firm to register its fleet of motor vehicles and have its drivers accredited by the agency.

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Coca-Cola’s Balik Pinas program helps OFWs to restart back home

“Coca-Cola has never failed to present opportunities for me and my business to grow since I decided to take part in the Balik Pinas Program”

BILLY BELLEZA
ONE OF THE PIONEERS OF THE
BALIK PINAS PROGRAM OF COCA-COLA

“I WAS suddenly jobless, and during a global crisis. I worried about supporting my family,” says Carlos Manzano, 43-year-old breadwinner for a family of two. “I really didn’t have any plans for when I returned to the Philippines—especially since I was an OFW for almost a decade.”

Carlos had been working as a company messenger in Qatar for eight years—until the COVID-19 pandemic shook the trajectory of his career and, consequently, the well-being of his family. Carlos shares that he had just planned for a short visit to his loved ones back home in the Philippines when his company carried out company-wide layoffs. “I couldn’t have known,” Carlos shares, “that my short trip would be a permanent one.”

Carlos and his brother Jazz, who shared the same fate as his, returned to the Philippines. Their livelihoods were casualties of the pandemic: their future, and that of their families, was marked by uncertainty. Their outlook mirrored those of the 180,000 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) repatriated due to the pandemic and the numerous crises it gave rise to.

A ROAD TO A NEW START

With equal parts determination, resilience, and unflagging hope, Carlos, Jazz, and their father Lito—who himself had been an OFW for eighteen years—set up a beverage distribution business called Naga Jac Beverages Trading in their hometown of Naga. But, as with any new business venture, the family’s optimism was tempered with anxiety over how it would all turn out—especially during such tenuous times.

During the construction of

their warehouse, however, a perfect opportunity to succeed presented itself in the form of the **“Balik Pinas Program of Coca-Cola”**, which was offered to the Manzano family by Carlos Rivera, the Territory Sales Manager of Coca-Cola Beverages Philippines, Inc. (CCBPI) in Naga City.

For the Manzanos, the gesture strengthened their hopes regarding their family’s future. The support and opportunities provided by the **Balik Pinas Program**—the trust that they held for Coca-Cola—allowed them to restart back home, taking comfort in the knowledge that they had help.

Lito can still remember his first order of coke products: 60 cases. He is all smiles as he shares that the business has grown to an average of 4,000 cases a month, just five months after they started and in the middle of pandemic, to say the least. They have also invested in routing units—a multicab and a tricycle.

For the Manzanos, **“Balik Pinas”** has allowed them to continuously support their family. “Even as I left Qatar, I always envisioned that I would head back to work there. But with (the) **“Balik Pinas (Program)” of Coca-Cola**, I would say that I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else and be away from my family again,” said Carlos.

“Saro ining blessing,” says Jazz Manzano in Bicolano. *It was a blessing.*

A REFRESHING RESTART

45-year-old Billy Belleza, on the other hand, was excited to head home after 20 years of working in Brunei. He voluntarily left in March 2019 to start a water-refilling station business in Naga. “I was excited to head back home. I



45-year old Billy Belleza, a pioneer member of the Coca-Cola Balik Pinas program, said that through the full support of Coca-Cola, his business has been thriving even amidst the pandemic.

was able to rise up from being a simple janitor to a sales manager in Brunei,” says Billy. “I had the confidence and the experience; I told myself I didn’t need to worry too much.”

Billy was among the pioneer members of the program. His business, Andre Water Station, soon became an outfit that primarily sold Coca-Cola products— and has since become one of the prominent distributors in his area after he, too, discovered the Company’s Balik Pinas Program. Billy shares his first delivery from Coca-Cola— *“It was during the Traslacion in Naga. It was a blessed-filled kickstart.”*

Billy has since bought another routing unit, a mini truck, to expand his routes and deliveries. Andre Water Station also transferred their warehouse to a bigger and better location to support a growing business.

“Coca-Cola has never failed to present opportunities for me and my business to grow since I decided to take part in the Balik Pinas Program,” shares Billy. Besides direct guidance and support from CCBPI Territory Sales Manager Carlos Rivera, the Company helps grow Billy’s customer base and taps him to be the official supplier for booth set-ups in his area.

“The Balik Pinas program started as a small-scale effort here in Naga to help former OFWs like Billy, Carlos, and

Jazz and their families to set up and successfully run a business,” shares CCBPI’s Rivera. “With their success and in light of current events, this program has been expanded to a national scale to help repatriated OFWs and their families recover gradually during these trying times.”

THE COCA-COLA BALIK PINAS PROGRAM

Coca-Cola in the Philippines has consistently sought to create programs to support MSMEs, more so now with the COVID-19 pandemic having disrupted lives and livelihoods. **“Balik Pinas”** is one of those programs; it aims to help returning OFWs like Carlos, Jazz, and Billy as they restart in the Philippines and support their families through new businesses.

With the program, the Company provides an opportunity to become a part of the Coca-Cola family as a distributor, wholesaler, stills distributor, or a community reseller.

This is a journey that the Company and these new entrepreneurs take together at every step—from setting up the business, to sustaining it, to ensuring growth. CCBPI assists former OFWs in choosing a suitable business model for their area, helps in managing their cash flow and inventory, and sees to it that they are given proper guidance and training until they are fully

ready and equipped to operate on their own—all in all, a sustainable and profitable business founded on practical support from a global beverage brand.

With programs like Balik Pinas, Coca-Cola remains firm in their commitment to help local communities, contributing to the restart of the national economy—by way of reaching out to Filipinos.

“Coca-Cola’s commitment to Filipinos has only grown stronger, in weathering this crisis together,” says Gareth McGeown, CCBPI President and CEO. “We will help and support where we can. Through Balik Pinas, our goal is to help repatriated OFWs who have lost their livelihood abroad to start anew, via owning and operating their own business and be successful here, at home, with their families.”

With the help of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), CCBPI aims to reach more OFWs who are interested to start their own business through Balik Pinas.

To know more about the program, you may reach Coca-Cola’s contact center at (02)-8813-COKE (2653). For SMART/PLDT users: toll-free number: 1800-1888-COKE (2653); and for GLOBE users: toll-free number: 1800-8888-COKE (2653). You may also contact 0919-160-COKE (2653) via SMS.



Since starting his business in 2019, Billy is now one of the prominent Coca-Cola distributors in his area and has added another mini truck to serve more routes and deliveries. Billy is one of the pioneers of Coca-Cola’s Balik Pinas program.



Just a couple of months after returning home, Carlos Manzano and his family was able to set up their business as Coca-Cola distributor through the Balik Pinas Program, which Carlos said has reshaped his life and outlook forever. IN PHOTO: Carlos and their family’s multi-cab routing unit with the Coca-Cola Naga Sales team.

To the Point

Cayetano unclothed

"THE EMPEROR has no clothes. Even if he continues to act as Speaker, the body does not follow him [anymore]. Sir, hindi na po kayo ang Speaker."

So spake Seputy Speaker and Pampanga 4th District Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" Bondoc Tuesday hours ahead of the House special session called by President Duterte with the embattled Taguig Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano still insisting he remained as Speaker.

"I have seen many speakership battles. The opposing camp that doesn't have the numbers have graciously accepted it and found a way to work with the majority. Let us put off the charade and work for the Filipino people," said the multiple termed congressman.

On Monday, Marinduque Rep. Lord Allan Velasco was elected as the new Speaker by a majority vote of 186 House members in an informal session at the Celebrity Sports Plaza in Quezon City.

Cayetano called Velasco's election "fake," saying the proceedings were conducted "illegally" outside the Batasang Pambansa.

His camp promptly came out with a "manifesto" of support for him purportedly signed by a total of 200 representatives. Two lawmakers—Maguindanao's Esmael Mangudadatu and Zamboanga Del Sur's Divina Grace Yu—whose signatures appeared on the manifesto as promptly denied having signed it.

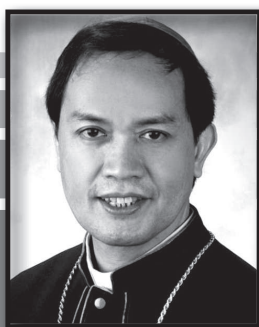
"It was a bad breakup. Let us all be adults here," Bondoc said.

Of the disparity in numbers, Bondoc said: "There are 186, and 120 were physically present. There are many others who told me they would have voted to [for Velasco] if they had a chance. We will release [the list of those who voted for Velasco]."

Which has come now to be moot, with Cayetano tendering his "irrevocable resignation as the speaker of the House of the Republic of the Philippines" on Facebook Live Tuesday.

As much moot, alas, was Cayetano's resignation itself – coming as it is after being already veritably and ignominiously ousted from his seat.

In Cayetano, the emperor had no clothes, indeed. Shedding all of them in his naked attempt to hold on to power. Personal honor and public welfare be damned.



Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

New template for humanity

DEAR GRADUATES, I am sure there has never been a graduation like yours in the whole history of the Ateneo. This must be the first time in history that the university is holding a virtual graduation like this, by force of our present circumstances.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a humiliating experience for all humankind. It has made us realize how vulnerable we really are, in spite of all the scientific and technological advances that we have achieved in the past century. We're not even talking about an asteroid colliding with the planet earth. We're just dealing with one microscopic viral mutation that is enough to put all of us in a defensive mode and force us to hide like rats in our homes.

We were aware of the concept of quarantine for the sick, but never in our wildest dreams did we think that there would ever be a time when whole populations would need to be quarantined, as a desperate measure to stem the tide of a pandemic.

Nations around the world, including global powers, have called for lockdowns, paralyzing transportation, commerce and trade, causing business bankruptcy, massive unemployment, and the consequent the collapse of global and national economies. Suddenly, we all find ourselves in a state of uncertainty about the future.

I never thought that the Biblical narrative of a tenth plague, about hapless Hebrew slaves waiting for the passing angel of death would one day become real. And we're not just talking about one night of Passover; we're talking about practically more than a whole year of waiting, of desperately trying to protect the vulnerable ones among us, hoping against hope that we can finally find the cure and the vaccine that will protect us from this dreadful disease. As of this writing, more than 32 million people around the world have been infected, and around a million of them have died.

Will we ever be able to get back to normal, to the way we lived our lives before this pandemic? I do not mean to be pessimistic, but I dare say prophetically that humankind will look back to 2020 as the year when the world got infected by a literal virus, experienced a system breakdown, and had to be put on a reset mode.

Hey Jude

There is a song that became popular in my younger years that suddenly makes sense to me now. It says, "Hey Jude, don't make it bad, take a sad song and make it better." It is what we are being called to do now—not to go back to our old ways, but to make things better. We can turn this crisis into an opportunity, only if we have the humility to admit our foolishness, to change our wasteful, abusive and egotistic ways of dealing with our environment and with one another. Unless we get to reconfigure our economic and political systems in ways that are more mindful of the common good and the good of the planet earth, we cannot turn this breakdown into a breakthrough. It is ok to let go of old habits. As the song also says, "Don't you know that it's a fool who plays it cool by making the world a little colder." No, we can make things better.

Among the many great mentors that I had in the Ateneo, there is one who still stands out in my consciousness, 42 years later: Fr. Roque Ferriols. He was the one who taught me to keep asking the question, SINO AKO? ANO ANG LAYUNIN KO SA BUHAY? In my whole college life, I never listened to a lecture as intently as I listened to Fr. Ferriols. I remember how he opened his course in *Pilosopiya ng Tao* with the Filipino saying, "Madali ang maging tao, ngunit mahirap ang magpakatao." Then he asked, "Ano ang kahulugan ng MAGPAKATAO?"

Si Fr. Ferriols and nagmulat sa akin tungkol sa tunay na hangarin ng edukasyon, ang MAGPAKATAO. Tandang-tanda ko pa nang tanungin niya kami, "E ano kung makapagtapos ka ng kolehiyo sa Ateneo? E ano kung sumikat ka, yumaman, o maging makapangyarihan sa lipunan? Ano ang kinalaman ng lahat ng ito sa tanong na SINO AKO? at ANO ANG LAYUNIN KO SA BUHAY?"

I know that for most people who aspire for college education, it is taken for granted that

the objective is to develop our multiple human INTELLIGENCES and their application in the various careers and fields of human endeavor. As members of the human species we distinguish ourselves from the rest of our fellow creatures as intelligent beings, hence we refer to ourselves as "HOMO SAPIENS," TAONG NAG-IISIP.

We think of our capacity to develop our rational intelligence as our most significant advantage over all other species in the course of evolution, that it is what makes us superior to all other creatures, including the prehistoric dinosaurs that got wiped out by a climate change.

But have you ever thought of the possibility that the very thing we consider as our strength could also be our weakness? Is it not the same intelligence that enables us to monopolize, to control, to manipulate, to dominate, to systematize cruelty, exploitation and oppression, violence and murder? The Israeli historian and public intellectual, Yuval Harari, published a widely acclaimed book entitled *Homo Sapiens*. He calls Homo Sapiens the most dangerous and most destructive species that ever lived on planet earth.

Hubris and nemesis

The other teacher who also had a profound influence in my formative years in the Ateneo was the American Jesuit, Fr. Joseph Galdon, whom we called Fr. Bob Hope. Yes, he was a splitting image of the famous comedian, Bob Hope. I remember learning two important Greek concepts from Fr. Galdon in my subject in Classical Greek Literature: HUBRIS and NEMESIS. Roughly, their equivalent terms in English would be ARROGANCE and DOWNFALL.

I also learned how these two terms were related to each other. In Greek mythology, hubris refers to the excessive pride that supposedly offends the gods and is the common cause for human downfall. Nemesis, on the other hand, stands for a mythological deity—the god of retribution, the one who is ready to strike down those who are afflicted with hubris.

In the Bible, we also hear about the inter-relatedness of hubris and nemesis, such as in Proverbs 16:18 where we read, "Pride goes before destruction, and arrogance before a fall."

Hubris is the most common pitfall of human intelligence. It makes you understand why God had to warn Adam and Eve about the toxicity of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. It is not knowledge itself that is poisonous but the power that it brings. It is like the ring in Tolkien's Lord of the Rings; anyone who wears it becomes delusional. Ironically, it is when we become excessively proud that we actually turn stupid and find ourselves on the path of self-destruction.

Today I suggest that you take time to read Psalm 90 and take its reminder seriously. It says, "You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Return, o mortal!' A thousand years in your eyes are merely a day gone by, like a watch in the night. You sweep them away like a dream; in the morning they spring up like grass, but by evening they wither and fade... our life is over like a sigh. Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty, if we are strong; Most of these are fruitless toil; they pass quickly, and we are gone... Teach us to number our days aright, so that we may gain wisdom of heart..."

I think the Homo Sapiens survived and dominated the world after the dinosaurs, not because of our big brains but because of our big hearts, our capacity to express care, solidarity with and compassion for each other, our capacity to love, to build family, community and a humane society. This is what makes us truly strong.

The notorious theologian Matthew Fox tells us that before original sin there was original blessing. We were already God's image and

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The Public Pulse

Jun Sula

The saga of a sagacious solon

ONCE UPON a time, a solon, an honorable title by and in itself, had a compelling vision to rise to a higher perch in the political kingdom. So, he ran for the second highest office in the kingdom, but lost decidedly.

Later, he rose to be the speaker of the House of lawmakers -- solons, they are called for some reason. Of course, he earned that, partly by being a benefactor to his latter day benefactor. Like, paying forward. They call it foresight. Pragmatism is how politicians term it. More like quid pro quo, which oftentimes is essentially standing the golden rule on its head to power seekers and power brokers.

As speaker, it probably dawned on him, something like an epiphany, that the highest of office in the kingdom is within reach, as long as your grasp exceeds it, or what's heaven for, as the poet said.

By stroke of luck or fate, his benefactor offered a deal too hard to resist or refuse. He could have the speakership on a shared term basis with another favored solon. He took the first half of the term, presumably in good faith.

Somewhere along the way, things change with a fork on the road. If there's a fork on the road, a wag one time said, I'll take it.

When the time for the other solon to begin his term came as agreed upon, this first speaker thought he had the numbers to stop the other on his tracks. Of course, he invoked love of country, loyalty to his benefactor and some other bunkum in ditching good faith to the deal.

In turned out, numbers can be rigged. The other solon gathered his cohorts in another place and another time to force the speaker out of the borrowed (stolen?) perch.

Still, the speaker did not budge an inch. He even called the coup pals in unsavory terms, obliquely, of course. Binaboy nila ang lehislatura, he described the gathering of political storm that soon would blow him away.

In George Orwell's Animal Farm, it was the pigs that lorded it over other animals. A pig by the name of Napoleon was on top of the heap. There was a Snowball, the strategist. There was Squealer, the propagandist.

There was a commandment in the animal farm: All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others.

The speaker's House seem to resemble Orwell's fiction too. Some politicians are more equal than others. The speaker probably thought he was of the more favored political kind.

Between an irresistible force and an immovable object, something must give. Momentum versus inertia should result in change. Eventually, the irresistible force won out and momentum displaced the stubborn object.

The speaker, seeing the handwriting on the wall, slunk away into a humiliated posture and, possibly into political oblivion.

At the end of Orwell's novel, anyone who looked through the window of the house where the pigs and humans were having a party, it was already difficult to distinguish one from the other.

The speaker's earlier description of the solons who pulled their knives out, figuratively speaking, to get him out of the way to install another more equal solon, should feel like reading Orwell's book again. In the meantime, his approval or trust rating is likely to go south as the public makes the distinction between a pigpen and a human house.

The moral of the story? Numbers don't lie but people, especially politicians, do. If they're lawyers, chances are the odds are higher as the stakes go up proportionally.

Perhaps, it's time to revisit naming politicians who make laws, for better or for worse, solons. It's an ongoing egregious insult to the Athenian lawmaker.

For the speaker, who's probably licking his wounds and pondering about his future in the political kingdom, Solomon can be of help.

The race is not to the swift, he said, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise nor riches to men of understanding nor favor to men of skill but time and chance happen to them all.

The speaker also knows from the sacred book that he loves to quote from, falling and rising again is man's destiny.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

'Cayetano out, Velasco in'

SA WAKAS, matapos itong kontrobersyal na agawan sa 'Speakership' sa Batasan nina Cayetano at Velasco, hayan naresolba rin sa magandang paraan.

At marahil kapwa nila napagtanto na sila rin naman sa kabilang dako ang di marunong tumupad sa pangakaya ang samahan nila ay lumabo.

Dahilan na rin sa naturingan silang mga mambabatas na dapat maalam sa ugaling pino't kagandahang asal, sila itong salat sa muni kung minsan.

Tama ba'ng para masungkit ni Velasco ang pagiging lider diyan sa Kongreso, sa 'ala kudeta' idinaan nito ang pagpatalsik kay Alan Cayetano?

At hindi mismo sa loob ng Batasan ginanap, kundi sa 'first class' na lugar lang? Aywan nga lang kung kinikilala r'yan ng gobyerno itong gawin kahit saan.

Kasi, kung ang bagay na ito di labag sa 'norms of justice' o panuntunang batas, eh di ang Pangulo kahit anong oras basta't may 'quorum' ay puede siyang ilalag?

AT KUNG para lamang pala mapalitan itong kung sinumang nasa katungkulan, na ayaw na nating manatili pa r'yan, ang daling sipain sa ganyang paraan?

Matatalino ang mga Pilipino dangan nga lang higit marami ang tuso kaysa parehas makisama sa tao, lalo na itong mga naging pulitiko,

Na kapag pinalad, sa mataas-taas na puesto naluklok, pati ang di dapat mapasa-kamay n'yan, hahangarin agad di baleng umani ng puna at pintas.

Gaya na lang nina Alan Cayetano at ng katunggaling si Allan Velasco, makatuwiran bang pag-awayan nito itong 'term-sharing' lang diyan sa Kongreso?

Kung saan ay ayaw na munang bumaba ni Alan dahil sa di pa tapos yata ang 'number of months' niya bilang Speaker nga, subalit si Allan apuradong lubha.

Dahil di pa ubos itong dalawang buwan na natitira sa 'share' yata ni Alan, liban sa 'hearing' ng 'budget, pending' pa yan, ang Allan, gumawa ng ibang paraan.

Kasama ang mga kaalyado niya, nag-'out of congress' sa ispesyal kumbaga, kaya natural lang isigaw ng isa, na 'fake session' aniya ang ginawa nila.

Gumawa pa rin siya ng 'Irrevocable Resignation' para palitawin nitong siya'y di tinanggal sa kanyang posisyon bilang 'Speaker, but not for being Solon'!

Shepherd's Call

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likeness before we were seduced into aspiring to be Godlike in the wrong way. Our true instinct is not to kill or destroy but to be ready to suffer and die for each other and to offer our lives as an ultimate sacrifice for a purpose greater than ourselves. It is never too late to return to God's original design—a species that should identify itself as HOMO AMANS (The Loving Humankind), a far more advanced species than Homo Sapiens. Homo Amans follows a more sublime instinct: not survival of the fittest, but care for the weakest.

Fr. Ferriols also introduced us to the Great Jesuit Philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin,

who calls the highest form of human evolution a CHRISTOGENESIS. For Teilhard, the person of Christ represents the convergent focus of cosmic evolution: the Incarnate God, the new Adam, the HOMO DEUS, the new humanity that reflects divinity. It has been more than 2020 years now since God offered him to us as a new template for humanity.

Congratulations once again, Ateneo Graduates of Batch 2020. I hope you are as excited as I am about the new world that God is already designing in our own dreams. Thank you.

(Commencement address to the Batch 2020 Graduates of Ateneo de Manila University, 11 Oct. 2020)

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San Miguel completes NLEx-SLEx link project

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project faced in previous years, the dream of connecting north and south and providing an alternative to EDSA is now a reality.”

Thus, declared San Miguel Corp. president-COO Ramon Ang the completion over the weekend of the construction of the entire 17.93-kilometer stretch of Skyway 3 connecting the NLEx to the Southern Luzon Expressway.

Bypassing Metro Manila’s traffic-jammed main roads, Skyway 3 will cut travel time between the two primary expressways from the current three hours to just 20 minutes.

The expressway though cannot be opened to the public just

yet, as heavy rains have delayed finishing works, such as the proper curbing of asphalt.

“We just have to wait for the weather to improve so we can make sure that the asphalt will cure properly. That and a few more finishing touches are all that’s needed, and then we can open soon,” Ang said.

Originally targeted to be completed in March this year, the project suffered delays caused by a fire in February that caused parts of the structure to collapse, and the Covid-19 pandemic that caused a stop to the construction for some time.

Ang said the project will be finished ahead of its Oct. 31 target date schedule.

—From ABS-CBN News report



SKYWAY 3. PHOTO COURTESY OF DIM VALENCIA/DPWH

Angeles City’s Dennis Uy is Asia CEO...

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Mr. Uy. “The connections we’re making are powering the presence of Filipinos on the global stage. We will keep on course, staying focused to give our consumers stable, reliable, fast, and better internet.”

Themed “United To-

wards First World,” this year’s Asia CEO Awards has 14 categories. Companies and individuals are encouraged to nominate companies whose tireless efforts have created ripples of economic growth, positively impacting the families of employers and employees.

Converge ICT la-

ser-focused its services on fiber end-to-end technology with the goal of bringing technology to more households in the Philippines. The network upgrades also aim to aid e-education and e-health service deliveries for Filipinos.

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Laus Group of Companies champions...

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gether with their displays in their dealership showrooms, invites families, friends, and neighborhoods to come together in the Christmas Capital of the Philippines with renewed hope for the country in the coming of the holidays.

As LGC marks the first year of its operations under a new generation of leaders, the company ushers in a new design to embody the innovation and creativity of the young Laus management. This year, the LausGroup seeks to better promote its local culture by putting up its Tree of Hope together with various decorations along the boulevard, which aims to showcase the abilities of the Kapampangan craftsmen. Thus, the company has sourced all decorations for its Christmas displays from within the region in order to support the livelihood of Kapampangan designers and carpenters, who were affected by the nationwide lockdown.

“The LausGroup’s ad-

vocacy has always been to promote unity in our region, either through our commitment to develop the countryside or through simple gestures of hope. This is what we want to promote with our festivities this year. In our own simple way, we want the people of San Fernando to know that despite their struggles and uncertainties, their countrymen and their community will always be there for them,” said Lisset Laus-Velasco, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Laus Group of Companies.

According to LausGroup, the Tree of Hope and decorations along LGC Boulevard symbolize the culmination of months of service that its employees have offered towards its communities in the region. Employees and customers of the Laus Group of Companies are also encouraged to write down their messages and wishes for the upcoming holidays and hang these on the Christmas trees in various LausGroup dealership rooms come Christmas day.

“Our employees have been the key to our continued growth and success throughout the past couple of months. As a company, we aim to provide them the tools to succeed, but at the same time, we never forget the hard work and sacrifices they put in for their customers and community. With these decorations, we wanted to turn our workplace into a space where anyone can spread this gratefulness and optimism,” said Paul Laus, President of the Laus Group of Companies.

The holiday decorations serve as an addition to several upgrades that the LausGroup has applied on its operations, such as the renovation of its premier Mitsubishi Carworld Pampanga showroom, and mounting of new LEDs on the walls of their Mini Showroom within the Laus Group Complex to entertain their customers as they visit the dealership establishments. For Lisset Laus-Velasco, the ability to adapt to customer needs encapsulates the company’s

mission of developing the countryside through their passion for customer care.

“Each year, our celebration of the holidays is always accompanied by efforts to give back to the community through our better services and timely renovations. Our Lights-on tradition is just one example of how we stand together with our community, as we always have throughout the past four decades of the LausGroup,” added Lisset Laus-Velasco. “We recognize how we are able to continue to progress throughout these times and that gratitude fuels our efforts to aid in the region’s further development.”

The LausGroup Lights-on has been open for public viewing every day since September 19, 2020 and will remain open for the rest of the holiday season. Residents and visitors of San Fernando may view the Company’s holiday displays at the Laus Group Complex Event Centre Boulevard and by visiting any of its San Fernando car dealerships. —PR

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TERESITA TANTENGCO** who died intestate on December 20, 2017 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate, more particularly described as a Savings Account deposit with the Philippine National Bank (PNB) bearing Account Number 2039-10013737; 2039-10064351 & IMA #00803618TA01, before Notary Public Deneesse Lou T. Cortez as per Doc No. 191, Page No. 40, Book No. XXII, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 12, 19 & 26, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NIÑO O. MOPON** who died intestate on May 26, 2013 in Capas, Tarlac executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 5 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-178720, being a portion of Block 18, Psd-03-173104 (LRC) Record No.), with improvements thereon, situated in Barangay of Mamattang, Municipality (now City) of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2012006857, before Notary Public Adelaido Rivera as per Doc No. 327, Page No. 103, Book No. XLII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 12, 19 & 26, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the spouses **ALEJANDRO G. GAMBOA** and **MARCELA HIPOLITO GAMBOA** who died intestate on March 1, 1974 and July 14, 1989, respectively, in Sta. Ana, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk. 1 of the subd. plan, Psd-77326, being a portion of Lot 1603 of the cons. survey of Sta. Ana, LRC Cad. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Bartolome, Mun. of Sta. Ana, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 149189-R, before Notary Public Olimpio R. Datu as per Doc No. 242, Page No. 50, Book No. 4, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 12, 19 & 26, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AMADO E. LUCIANO** who died intestate on April 21, 1999 in Magalang, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1-Y-63-F-7 of the subd. plan (LRA) Psd-360329, being a portion of Lot 1-Y-63-F, (LRA) Psd-356472, LRC Rec. No. 128) situated in the Bo. of Talimundok and Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 442952-R, before Notary Public Michael C. Yabut as per Doc No. 302, Page No. 61, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 12, 19 & 26, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANIANO SALVADOR** who died intestate on June 3, 2007 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 292, Psd-76713, being a portion of Lot 18-B-1-A (LRC) Psd-13652 of the subdivision plan, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Angeles City and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 58264 in the Registry of Deeds of Angeles City, before Notary Public Ner Luciano S. Biag Jr. as per Doc No. 421, Page No. 86, Book No. 152, Series of 2020.

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In compliance with the publication requirements and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines implementing of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on. R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JESSIE LORENZANA PACAPAC** has filed with this Office a petition for change of First name from “**JOSIE**” to “**JESSIE**” and correction of entry in the child’s sex from “**FEMALE**” to “**MALE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOSIE L. LACAPAC** who was born on **April 13, 1963** at **Guiset Norte, San Manuel, Pangasinan** and whose parents are **Conrado B. Pacapac** and **Leonida A. Lorenzana**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than October 26, 2020.

MONA SABIANO-ALAVAZO
Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

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STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BELEN AYSON** who died intestate on March 7, 2017 in Porac, Pampanga, married to the late **ERNESTINO LIMPIN** who died on February 10, 2002 in Porac, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1196 of the Cad. Survey of Porac), with improvements thereon, situated in the Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 295411-R, before Notary Public Benito F. Ambrosio as per Doc No. 244, Page No. 50, Book No. XLV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 28, October 5 & 12, 2020

NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **TEODORICO Y. BAQUIRING**, of legal age, Filipino citizen with residence at Block 54 Lot 04, EPZA Resettlement Project, Brgy. Pulung Cacutud, Angeles City and sole heir of **ENCARNACION YANGAO BAQUIRING**, who died intestate on January 5, 2011 in Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on her estate, more particularly described as her rights and interest over a certain property, with improvements thereon, identified as Block 54 Lot 04 EPZA Resettlement Project in Angeles City and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 188952, before Notary Public John Manuel B. Bautista as per Doc No. 125, Page No. 25, Book No. XXXVII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 28, October 5 & 12, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FELIPA DIANELO-HENSON** who died intestate on August 3, 2016 in Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 109963

Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

1. A parcel of land (Lot 829 of the cadastral Survey of Angeles), with improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Angeles;

2. A parcel of land (Lot 830 of the cadastral Survey of Angeles), with improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Angeles;

before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller as per Doc No. 1910, Page No. 46, Book No. LVIII, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 28, October 5 & 12, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **LORENZO MANALO** and **MAGDALENA MERCADO MANALO** who died intestate on July 3, 2005 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga and December 20, 2004 in Mexico, Pampanga, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 29 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-018151 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 438, Cad. 72, Mexico Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. __) situated in Barangay of San Isidro, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 15614, Emancipation Patent No. 475024 in the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, before Notary Public Rowena S. Cunanan-Mundo as per Doc No. 229, Page No. 47, Book No. II, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 5, 12 & 19, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **GAUDENCIA D. DAYRIT** and **VICENTE C. DAYRIT** who died intestate on January 17, 2016 and February 3, 1997 at Florida Hospital Tampa, Hillsborough County, 33613 and Angeles City, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 21 of the subdivision plan Psd-62664, being a portion of Lot 632-A-1-A described on plan Psd-25090, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrios of Pampang and Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 88654, before Notary Public Joan Marie Uy-Quimbao as per Doc No. 472, Page No. 20, Book No. XIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 28, October 5 & 12, 2020

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARJORIE MORALES PANGAN**, of legal age, widow, Filipino, resident of Purok 5 Santiago, Lubao, Pampanga and heir of **JEROME REGALA PANGAN** who died intestate on October 5, 2019 in Lubao, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his estate, more particularly described as Share of Stocks with Account No. 1600-6313 at COL FINANCIAL GROUP INC., Pasig City, under these listed below companies:

Company	No. of Shares
Axelum Resources Corporation	7,000
D.M. Wenceslao & Asso. Inc.	20,000
Leisure & Resorts World Corp. Warrants	100,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	25,000
STI Education System Holdings, Inc.	150,000
Vitarich Corporation	100,000

before Notary Public Richard A. Ariete as per Doc No. 341, Page No. 70, Book No. IV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 5, 12 & 19, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **FELIX M. ROQUE** and **IRENE H. ROQUE** who died intestate on October 19, 1990 and April 30, 2003, respectively, both in Mabalacat City, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Hereditary Share on their estate, more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 141692-R

A parcel of land (Lot 26, Block 13 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-180955, being a portion of Lot 239-C (LRC) Psd-181160, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132) situated in the Bo. of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon. x x x

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 141693-R

A parcel of land (Lot 27, Block 13 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-180955, being a portion of Lot 239-C (LRC) Psd-181160, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132) situated in the Bo. of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon. x x x

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 141542-R


A parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 14 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-180955, being a portion of Lot 239-C (LRC) Psd-181160, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132) situated in the Bo. of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon. x x x

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 141543-R

A parcel of land (Lot 25, Block 14 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-180955, being a portion of Lot 239-C (LRC) Psd-181160, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132) situated in the Bo. of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon. x x x

before Notary Public Arnaldo P. Dizon as per Doc No. 158, Page No. 33, Book No. 18, Series of 2020.

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Spotlight

Arci Pineda

Dawn Chang asked if she likes sex; says men should stop objectifying women

DAWN CHANG slams male netizen who asked her about sex: “Are men these days this desperate and rude?”

From a direct messaging to her Instagram, Dawn received a message from a netizen asking if she likes sex. In a screenshot she reposted, the name and profile picture of the sender is seen.

This is the netizens message (as published)
“Hi ms Dawn. Do you like sex? Not that I’m asking for it.”
It seems that Dawn feels disgusted with the question.
Dawn reposted the message and captioned...
“Are men these days this desperate and rude?”

Dawn is a member of the all-female group called GirlTrends on “It’s showtime”. She is also a runner up in Pinoy Big Brother 737 edition in 2015.

According to Dawn, it’s not bad to talk about sex. “Pero iba namang kaso yung nababastos na ang tao. There is nothing wrong with sex. Want and desire are part of normal sexual behavior.”

“If acting on a sexual desire means to violate or to make derogatory comments towards another person, then the boundary of respect has been crossed.”

Dawn also stressed about women being objectified.
“Men should stop objectifying women for their own sexual gratification. Just because a woman shows a little bit of skin or wears makeup, doesn’t mean it is an invitation to be sexualized or have unwanted attention towards them.”

“There is a serious problem with our society if we accept that it is ok for men to objectify and exploit women, it says so much about our mental capacity and moral values. It is never ok to touch someone without their consent. Men are not entitled to women’s bodies married or not.”

Dawn is among the celebrities who are against the rape culture in the country. She also hates the idea that it’s women’s fault when they are harassed.

“You should take responsibility [for] your actions. If you think I’m sexy, thank you very much. If you feel tempted because of what I wear, that’s your problem and not mine. I can wear whatever I want to wear.”

On the other hand, Dawn also supports the women empowerment and the right way to educate the youth of sex education.

“Sex is part of life. Teach young children how to protect themselves instead of telling them NOT to have sex at all. Sex is not just having a sexual intercourse. It is also discussing about proper hygiene and a lot more. Children must be taught so they grow up informed.” she explained.

TONY LABRUSCA says he’s meant to stay with ABS-CBN.
He was confused: Should he stay or leave the network and its talent-management arm Star Magic?

In fact, he had offers from other networks and talent agencies. Tony revealed this during the press conference of Star Cinema’s upcoming movie, U-Turn, on October 7, 2020.

Tony said, “Ipinag-pray ko lang din po iyon na parang, honestly, during this time kasi, gulung-gulo din ako kung anong gagawin kasi ang dami lumilipat.

“Honestly, meron din po akong naging offers sa ibang network and sa ibang agencies.”

Prayers had helped Tony arrive at the right decision: he chose to stay with ABS-CBN.

He continued, “Ipinag-pray ko iyon, sabi ko, ‘Lord please help me decide kasi I honestly don’t know what to do.’

“What’s meant to be is meant to be na lang, so it all ended up working out na I’m meant to stay lang talaga dito. I’d like to think na si Lord lang talaga iyong gumawa ng paraan kaya nag-stay ako kasi kahit ako, hindi ko rin alam kung ano iyong tamang decision.”

Currently, Tony has two projects with ABS-CBN. He is part of the movie U-Turn, which will be screened via ABS-CBN’s online cinema platforms, KTX and iWant TFC, on October 30.

Tony is also one of the lead cast members in ABS-CBN’s upcoming teleserye, Bagong Umaga, which will premiere on October 26. It will be shown on Kapamilya Channel on cable, Kapamilya Online Live on YouTube and Facebook, and A2Z channel 11 on free analog TV.

Most of ABS-CBN artists have made a career move and accepted projects from other networks, such as TV5. Although some remained as Star Magic talents, they would be regularly seen in shows of TV5.

They were Maja Salvador, Jerome Ponce, Donny Pangilinan, Ritz Azul, and Piolo Pascual.

Tony is glad that ABS-CBN shows will finally be seen again on free TV via A2Z channel 11.

It happened before Bagong Umaga premieres on TV, so Tony said it was indeed “perfect timing.”

The 25-year-old actor remarked, “Super exciting, I’m so happy for ABS na kahit papaano, meron na tayong free TV.

“I’m so happy din sa lahat ng loyal na Kapamilya mapapanood na nila ulit on free TV. Perfect timing, I’m so happy, ang Bagong Umaga makikita din nila sa A2Z, so exciting talaga.”

ABS-CBN inked a partnership deal with free analog TV network Zoe Broadcasting Network, Inc., owned by Jesus is Lord founder Bro. Eddie Villanueva.


Zoe TV, which rebranded itself to A2Z, will show some of ABS-CBN’s programs starting this month,

The network’s three ongoing teleseryes—FPJ’s Ang Probinsyano, Ang Sa Iyo Ay Akin, and Walang Hanggang Paalam—will air catch-up marathons on October 10 and 11 before resuming with fresh episodes on October 12

Dawn Chang

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LIGA NG MGA BGY PRESIDENT

SK FEDERATION PRESIDENT

ABSENT:

NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 31, S. 2020

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY CLOSING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES AND MEMORIAL PARKS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Introduced by Honorable Koko Pangan Gonzales

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines was declared due to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of September 9, 2020, the *Department of Health (DOH) reported a total of 245,143 confirmed cases of COVID-19, of which 55,614 are active cases and 3,986 reported deaths;*

WHEREAS, *Section 447(4) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991*, provides that the Sangguniang Bayan is empowered, through legislative enactments, to regulate the activities relative to the use of land, buildings, and structures within the municipality for the general welfare of the public;

WHEREAS, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to proactively sustain its containment, there is a compelling need to avoid the influx of people in cemeteries, and memorial parks immediately before, during, and after All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day;

WHEREAS, while the tradition of visiting departed loved ones in their place of rest during the aforementioned days is recognized, in view of the unprecedented circumstances, it is highly encouraged to pursue alternative modes such as lighting of candles and offering of prayers at one's residence or visiting cemeteries and memorial parks months prior to October 30, 2020 or after November 3, 2020, subject to social distancing and other existing guidelines and protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, BY THE SANGGUNANG BAYAN, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES AND MEMORIAL PARKS. – All public and private cemeteries, memorial parks, other similar establishments within the Municipality of Magalang, Pampanga shall be temporarily closed from October 30, 2020 to November 3, 2020, to prevent mass gatherings and the further spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 2. EXEMPTION - Only interment and burial services for non-COVID-19 cases will be allowed during this period provided that minimum public health standards and social distancing will still be observed.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. – The local Philippine National Police (PNP) with the assistance of the local Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and Public Order and Safety Office shall strictly enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Within 10 days after the signing of this ordinance, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall be formulated by the Executive department for its implementation and enforcement.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES. – The establishment found to have violated this Ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) and shall be a ground for the revocation of the establishment's permit as well as the immediate closure of the establishment.

SECTION 5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COMPONENT - copies of this ordinance shall be posted in the official facebook page of the Municipality of Magalang and be forwarded to all Punong Barangays and owners of Memorial Parks in the municipality for the information of the public.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part/s or provision/s of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other part/s or provision/s hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations in conflict with any of the provisions in this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

MAHARLIKA D. TANGLAO

SB SECRETARY

ATTESTED:

NORMAN L. LACSON

Presiding officer and Municipal Vice-Mayor

APPROVED:

ROMULO F. PECSON

MUNICIPAL MAYOR



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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 35th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10TH SANGGUNANG BAYAN OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, MAGALANG, PAMPANGA.

PRESENT:

HON. NORMAN L. LACSON

HON. KOKO P. GONZALES

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ABSENT:

NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 34, s. 2020

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING GROUP DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY BAN ON GROUP DRINKING OF SUCH BEVERAGES THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

AUTHOR: Hon. Koko P. Gonzales

CO-AUTHORS: Hon. Eller V. Pecson; Hon. Ruben A. Miranda; Hon. Harry B. Zemel, Jr.

WHEREAS, the Office of the President declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, group drinking of alcohol beverages, particularly in the way they are by tradition carried out in our communities, clearly creates the opportunity for transmission of the virus;

WHEREAS, it is the sworn duty of the government to exhaust all possible strategies within the bounds of, and as guided by, the guarantees of the Constitution to protect the people and promote their welfare;

BE IT ORDAINED, therefore, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Magalang, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. REGULATION ON GROUP DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
– Drinking of beer, liquor, or any other alcoholic beverages by a group of two or more individuals especially where everyone drinks from one (1) and the same glass shared by all, or in any such other manner or practice that facilitates or results in physical contact between and among the group is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON GROUP DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
– Drinking of beer, liquor, or any other alcoholic beverages by a group of two or more individuals is hereby ***temporarily prohibited***, except between and among the same household/family members and done within their respective household premises.

SECTION 3. PENALTIES. – Any person violating this Ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of:

Render community service for 15 days for the first offense;
Fine of (P1,000.00) for the second offense; and .
Fine of (1,500.00) for the third offense.

If the breach of this Ordinance takes place in a household or establishment with permission or tolerance of the owner, manager, or person in charge thereof, a fine of (P1,000.00) for first violation shall be imposed upon the owner, manager, or person in charge thereof, and (P1,500.00) and closure of the said establishment for the second and subsequent violations.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part/s or provision/s of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other part/s or provision/s hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations in conflict with any of the provisions in this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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ABSENT:

NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 35, S. 2020

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MOTORCYCLE AND BICYCLE PILLION (BACK) RIDING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA

AUTHOR: Hon. Koko P. Gonzales

CO-AUTHORS: Hon. Eller V. Pecson; Hon. Ruben A. Miranda; Hon. Harry B. Zemel, Jr.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Advisory dated July 15, 2020, re-allowing the backriding on motorcycles and tasked all local government units (LGUs) with the monitoring of its proper implementation within their respective areas of jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, under the protocol approved by the National Task Force (NTF) for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on August 18, 2020, motorcycle barriers are no longer required for riders living under the same roof in areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), wherein the local government units were given the discretion to adapt or implement guidelines on pillion (back) riding depending on the local situation;

WHEREAS, considering the authority given to local government units, there is a need for a guideline to govern pillion (back) riding that aims to achieve the main goal of preventing and containing the spread of the disease, but, at the same time, facing the reality that the persons in the same household are in constant contact with each other and will share the same mode of transportation in view of the reduced operations of public transportations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. SCOPE. – All persons, whether resident or transient, with privately-owned motorcycle, traversing within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Magalang, Pampanga are covered by this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. PILLION RIDING FOR COUPLES AND/OR PERSONS LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD – Pillion riding of couples and/or riders living in the same house is hereby allowed. They must bring with them proof of their relationship (i.e. marriage certificate, birth certificate, affidavit of cohabitation, or identification cards).

SECTION 3. PILLION RIDING FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE RESIDENCE (APOR). – Pillion riding of authorized persons outside residence is allowed, provided that they are working in the same office/company/agency and that they are carrying their company identification cards.

SECTION 4. MANDATORY WEARING OF HELMETS AND FACE MASKS. – Motorcycle barrier shall not be required, however, both driver and rider must be in full-face helmets with visors, as well as face masks that must be worn at all times while travelling. Sharing of full-face helmets is prohibited.

SECTION 5. PENALTY. – The driver or passenger found to have violated this Ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of:

Render community service for 15 days for the first offense;
Fine of (P1,000.00) for the second offense; and .
Fine of (1,500.00) for the third offense.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part/s or provision/s of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other part/s or provision/s hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations in conflict with any of the provisions in this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.


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ABSENT:

NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 36, S. 2020

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING EXCESSIVE NOISE MUSIC POLLUTION WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA

AUTHOR: Hon. Joel J. Cruz;

CO-AUTHORS: Hon. Eller V. Pecson; Hon. Ruben A. Miranda; Hon. Harry B. Zemel, Jr.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE:

As we visit some barangays of this municipality, there are Magaleños who complain about the excessive music considered as noise pollution they encounter with their neighborhoods.
Any home owner has the right to enjoy music at any time of the day but not to the point of disturbing the peace of mind of their fellows.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code states that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units should ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 386, An Act To Ordain And Institute The Civil Code Of The Philippines, Preliminary Title Chapter 1 Article 26 says: every person shall respect the dignity, personality, privacy and peace of mind of his neighbors and other persons. The following and similar acts, though they may not constitute a criminal offense, shall produce a cause of action for damages, prevention and other relief.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAGALANG, PAMPANGA IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. REASONS OF THE PROHIBITION

- There is someone who has a zoom conference, Fb or Google meet, or an on line meeting on a work from home (WFH) set up; or an online class where data connection is strong in that specific area and who really needs focus and concentration.
- There is a person who has sickness or disease who needs mental and physical rest.
- There are people who want a peaceful environment.
- The sound of music should only be within his vicinity so as not to disrupt the peaceful environment of the neighbors.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Music Noise Pollution- is any song played too loud; may be enjoyable to the player but disturbs the peace, comfort, and repose of another person or persons. The minimum sound of 50 dB (decibel) which we can listen pleasantly is called sound. The sound which is above 95 db and also which causes irritation to listen with is called noise pollution. Therefore, music played in excessive volume is often considered a form of noise pollution.
- Decibel- is a logarithmic unit used to measure sound level. It is also widely used in electronics, signals and communication. The dB is a logarithmic way of describing a ratio. The ration may be power, sound pressure, voltage or intensity or several other things.
- Zoom meeting- is one person hosts and all other participants have equal footing and this device is always used by people importantly necessary for the operation of their company or organization.
- Online class- is a course conducted over the internet. They are generally conducted through a learning management system, in which students can view their course syllabus and academic progress, as well as communicate with fellow students and their course instructor.
- Work from home- is a work arrangement in which employees do not commute or travel to a central place of work, such as an office, building, warehouse or store.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION:

In case there is someone who files a complaint through calls or letters to the barangay or police station, the agency of the local government should make a decisive and appropriate actions in a respectful manner and will explain lovingly the reasons and as much as possible to settle the matter within the day.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTIONS:

- If there is a birthday party, wedding celebration, feast or any celebration where music is relevant, the owner of the house should inform the barangay and should follow the usual allowable time: from 8am and up to 10pm only so as not to deprive his neighbors of a night sleep and rest.
- Religious activities

SECTION 5. PENAL PROVISION- Violation to the provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- First offense- fine of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00).
- Second offense- fine of one thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500.00).
- Third offense- fine of two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) and two-week imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 6. POSTING OF NOTICE- This ordinance shall be conspicuously displayed at or near the entrance of the Barangay Hall.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE- All ordinances, rules and regulations, resolutions, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby modified, amended, or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE- If for any reason, provision, section or part of this ordinance is declared not valid, the remaining provisions, sections or parts thereof which shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE- This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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Cebu Pacific to raise \$500-M fresh capital

THE PHILIPPINES' leading carrier, Cebu Air, Inc. (PSE: CEB), seeks to raise up to USD500 million additional capital to strengthen its balance sheet and ensure that it is well-positioned to recover from the impact of COVID-19.

CEB gave notice to the PSE that it will be seeking approval for the issuance of up to USD250 million in new convertible preferred shares, as well as another USD250 million in privately placed convertible bonds. It is envisioned that the approvals for the issuance of the preferred shares, as well as the convertible bond, will be taken up in

a special shareholders meeting to take place on November 20, 2020.

The new convertible preferred shares will be made available to all stockholders, including JG Summit, giving opportunity for all investors to participate; while the privately placed convertible bonds, will be made available to a limited number of reputable international investors.

"We need to create a longer runway for CEB so that we can continue providing affordable and accessible air transport services for everyone," said Lance Gokongwei, President and CEO of Cebu

Pacific and JG Summit Holdings, Inc.

CEB is raising this capital as part of its multi-pronged approach to working with capital providers, creditors, suppliers and all other stakeholders, especially its employees, to further strengthen its financial position in the midst of this COVID-19 crisis.

Since the start of this pandemic, CEB has been working on accelerating its transformation towards becoming an even more digitalized airline, resulting in a significantly reduced unit cost, allowing the carrier to continue offering affordable air travel. This cap-

ital raising exercise will provide the airline with the needed runway to withstand the financial challenges it faces as it slowly goes back to pre-COVID business levels and settles into the "new normal."

Gokongwei declares CEB as an important part of the conglomerate's investment portfolio. "We strongly believe in the airline's vital mission of providing fundamental and value-for-money air travel in and out our country, and its crucial role as a driver for economic growth."

This capital raising exercise represents strong support and commitment on the part

of JG Summit Holdings, Inc. (JGSHI) to provide financial support to CEB. JGSHI, parent and 67% owner of CEB, will invest its proportionate share of the USD250 million convertible preferred share, which will be offered to existing shareholders for subscription. JGSHI further commits to take on any balance of unsubscribed shares in this general offering.

CEB ended 2019 with a strong balance sheet. Its net debt to equity ratio end of 1H 2020 is only 1.9x, still very low in the industry, thus allowing the carrier to raise more capital. —**Press release**

Fun bike ride at SM Malls in Pampanga

WITH MORE and more of us turning to biking as a mode of transportation during the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), SM Supermalls has created bike parking facilities across its malls.

With organized and secure parking zones designated solely for bicycles, SM hopes to make the riding experience safe and convenient for the growing number of bike commuters, especially in communities where SM malls are located. And the good news is that these spaces are currently free of charge.

For customers who enjoy the convenience of street-level parking, SM malls in Pampanga, Clark, Telabastagan and San Fernando Downtown are among the malls that offer bike parking areas near the mall's entrance.

In Pampanga, bike enthusiasts enjoyed a 28-kilometer fun bike ride along McArthur Hi-way. The ride gun-start from SM City Pampanga with pit stop at SM City Telabastagan and eventually finished at SM City Clark.

The fun ride was led by SM Supermalls Assistant Vice President Engineer Junias Eusebio, North Luzon 4 Regional Operations Manager

Andrea Madlangbayan, SM City Pampanga Mall Manager Aaron Montenegro and SM City Clark Mall Manager Jerwin Jalandoni with Angeles City Police Office *Deputy City Director* PCol. Kenneth Vega, Police Provincial Office Region 3 Community Affairs Division PLTCol. Romell Velasco and Ret. PSSupt. Danilo Bautista.

With over 100 invited biker enthusiasts enjoyed the ride with special participation from Police Provincial Office Region 3, *City of San Fernando Public Order and Safety Coordinating Office* (CPOSCO), Angeles City Police Office, Representatives from Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) in Municipality of Mexico.

With SM's bike-friendly facilities, customers can look forward to a safe, convenient, and enjoyable biking experience. Importantly, SM aims to support inclusive mobility especially during the MECQ, and hopes to encourage more people to take up biking as a healthy and environment-friendly alternative means of transportation beyond the pandemic, which is part of SM's Green Movement campaign promoting clean, green, sustainable communities. —**SMPP**



EdSa greens JASA with 23,000 plants

BY BONG Z. LACSON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- "Planting trees is a way of protecting the environment, and protecting the environment is a way of prolonging one's life."

Talking green, Mayor Edwin "EdSa" Santiago has spurred the city govern-

ment to intensify its urban greening program along the Jose Abad Santos Avenue here.

Starting Tuesday, the city environment and natural resources office has been planting 23,000 different species on the median strip of the busiest thoroughfare in Pampanga.



The San Fernando stretch of JASA is the city's business center, hosting major commercial establishments such as car dealerships, banks, a hospital, restaurants, bus terminals, gas stations, home improvement supply depots, even a school.

Santiago cites the need to balance economics with the ecology: "Ang pagtatanim kasi ay isang paraan upang ma-balanse natin ang kalagayan ng ating kalikasan. Habang nagtatayo tayo ng mga modernong imprastruktura, habang inaangat natin ang ating ekonomiya, at habang dumadami ang bilang ng mga sasakyan, kailangan hindi nakakalimutan ang kalikasan."

With the greening of JASA, air quality in the area is expected to be improved.

"Ang pinaka-goal ng ating aktibidad ay mabawasan yung epekto ng climate change sa siyudad at ma-improve yung air quality. Alam naman natin na yung papel ng mga halaman sa ating kapaligiran ay mag-absorb ng

mga toxic gases," said city environmental management specialist Juliuzar Pasion.

Pasion said 1.5 kilometers of the median strip of JASA will be planted with shrubs and bushes, including hibiscus variegata, golden pandacaqui, green pandacaqui, golden miagos, pandanus, dwarf camoning, and lemon top.

City-based Wilson's Instant Tree Bank, a partner of the city government in its urban greening program for the past years, has been tapped anew for the JASA greening.

"One of our main objectives sa Wilson's is to provide support sa mga urban greening programs ng mga local government units, kabilang na ang San Fernando. We are glad na nakuhang natin ang proyekto dahil magagawang nating matamasa yung ating misyon na maipalaganap ang environmental protection, tree planting, at greening efforts," said owner and manager Benson Aboujafari.

Economy to open despite risk, Galvez says Covid can be KO'd

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Gov. Albert Garcia and Mariveles Mayor Jocelyn Castaneda.

"We can beat Covid, we can knock out Covid for as long as we obey the minimum health standard. Kaya natin ito," he said.

He made himself as an example being exposed to the danger of contacting the dreaded disease but having his immune system strengthened. "I think we can beat this virus if we can protect ourselves," the secretary said.

He was all praises for the governor and the mayor in their fight against Covid-19. "Para maging successful ang isang local government unit, very prominent is leadership. Kaya makikita natin why in Bataan it is so low in active cases. This is because of the leadership of the governor," Galvez said.

He said that Castaneda almost shed tears because of the surge more than a month ago of the virus in Mariveles: "A municipality with 800 cases napakahirap but she was able to manage and bring it down to 120. Napakalaki ng nagagawa ng leadership."

Bataan, he said, has brought Covid-19 active cases down to almost 300, very low number compared to many plac-

es in the country.

He said that his team will study the "kindness station" of Castaneda and the "kusina sa barangay" as well as the free hospital billing of Garcia in helping constituents in the fight against Covid-19.

He said these are good innovative practices worth-copying.

Turning to the need to open the economy, the secretary said "may potential na malaki ang Bataan to contribute to our economy because it is an economic zone. Sa ating Phase 3, we need to open up despite the risk. We cannot lock down anymore because for every lockdown, malaki nawawala."

"We have to concentrate on prevention and detection. The 85 percent of our work should be dedicated to prevention. People have to protect themselves to protect their livelihood and the economy," he noted.

"Beat the virus and open the economy. If we will not open our economy, we will die from hunger. Mas marami namamatay sa ibang sakit kesa Covid. We cannot survive without our economy," Galvez added.

He urged local government units to identify and appoint their own prevention, detection, testing and isolation czars to efficiently dele-

gate responsibilities.

He said that one of the best practices of Bataan was its aggressiveness in terms of testing and isolation. Galvez considered testing very important, the virus being an unseen enemy. He said that testing and contact tracing are good weapons in the fight against the virus.

The governor said that he met Galvez more than a month ago when Bataan was problem-

atic about the surge in Covid-19 cases.

"Nag-alok noon ng tulong si Secretary Galvez tungkol sa biglang paglobo ng virus sa Bataan at sa Mariveles at nangakong dadalaw. Pero nagagalak akong sabihin sa inyo na malaki na ang ipinagbago since that time," Garcia said.

Per Monday night report of Dr. Rosanna Buccahan, chief of the provincial health office,

Bataan has 2,552 confirmed Covid-19 cases with 329 active, 2,176 recoveries, and 47 deaths. There were seven new confirmed cases and 12 new recoveries.

CODE is a response initiative to give support to LGUs with limited capabilities and resources in order to mitigate localized transmission through enhanced surveillance strategy and expanded testing capacity. It is under the Na-

tional Inter-Agency Task Force on Covid-19.

With the CODE team in Mariveles were Local Government USec. Jonathan Malaya, Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong, Health ASec. Maria Francisca Laxamana, among some others.

Dinalupihan Mayor Maria Angela Garcia, president of the League of Municipalities – Bataan chapter, thanked the CODE Team for the visit.



VEHICLE DONATION. Fiona's Farm, a resort-farm in Magalang, Pampanga owned and operated by couple Dr. Irineo and Irene Alvaro, donated and turned over an FB 300 utility vehicle to the Aviation Security Unit 3 of the Philippine National Police assigned at the Clark International Airport. Receiving the donation are officers of the PNP AVSEU 3 headed by Lt. Col. Arthur A. Salda, Lt. Col. Edgardo C. Rivera and PEMS Feliciano S. Saludo. Dr. Alvaro, chair of the Clark Investors and Locators Association, is a member of the civilian advisory board of the unit. **PHOTO BY ASHLEY MANABAT**

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ERRATUM

In the Notice of Hearing of the Land Transporation Franchising and Regulatory Board re: R-EV-P-J-2020-f-2004-00041 of our August 3, 2020 issue, applicant **NARDO ZAMORA** should be **LEONOR N. MENDOZA** and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 12, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DALMACIO JR. GUEVARRA MEDINA** who died intestate on September 8, 2020 in Arayat, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a Savings Deposit with Account No. 000513-3455-18 at the BPI-San Fernando Consunji, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, before Notary Public Raul F. Macalino as per Doc No. 18, Page No. 5, Book No. LXXII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 12, 19 & 26, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARCELA HIPOLITO GAMBOA** who died intestate on July 14, 1989 in Sta. Ana, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 8, Blk. 1 of the subd. plan, Psd-77326, being a portion of Lot 1603 of the cons. survey of Sta. Ana, LRC Cad. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Bartolome, Mun. of Sta. Ana, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 149189-R, before Notary Public Olimpio R. Datu as per Doc No. 241, Page No. 50, Book No. 4, Series of 2020.

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Westchester turns over land titles to Xevera...

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of the Xevera township in Barangay Tabun here Saturday.

Delfin Lee, president of GARHC, was on hand to "monitor" the event which he said was part of his commitment to Xevera Mabalacat home buyers since its inception in 2009.

"Dalawa talaga ang purpose dito, ang turn-over ng mga units at pagpapakita ng Westchester yung kanilang bilis ng pag-benta," Lee said. "Ang papel ko lang talaga, bantayin ang Westchester na magawa ang commitment nila sa Globe Asiatique."

For his part, Valencia expressed elation that they are enjoying brisk sales of Xevera home lots despite the raging pandemic.

Valencia said out of 5,000 housing units at the Xevera township here, 1,140 units were sold as of the end of September since the WRC acquisition in June or for a period of only four months.

He attributed this to the affordability of the units which are all ready for occupancy inside the Clark special economic zone.

"Libre eskwela, shopping facility, church, city hall, it's a township where you can live, work, study, and pray. We are in the Clark economic zone, the airport is minutes away and there is job availability," he said.

Valencia added: "Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) employees are now looking into our township."

Meanwhile, Lee said "first and foremost, mag tu-turnover kami ng mga titles sa mga buyers namin na fully paid, ito ang mga buyers ng Globe Asiatique na naipit sa gulo at ito rin naman ang gusto kong pasalamatan dahil ito yung hindi nagpabuyo at naghintay lang sila, nagtiwala... so, ito yung aming commitment mag tu-turnover tayo ng mga titles."

Commitment

"My condition to Westchester when it won the bidding (for the Xevera townships) is 'wag mong pababayaang ang commitment mo sa aking mga buyers. That is why paminsan-minsan dumadalaw ako dito para makita ko kung ano ang mga nangyayari. So far, gumaganda naman," Lee noted.

"So, ang mga na-retrieve na mga titles ngayon, mayroon pang second batch at third batch. Dito sa Mabalacat, mayroong 23, actually I will deliver sa mga fully paid buyers ko," he explained.

"Sa Bacolor, may lima hindi na namin isinama dito, doon ko nalang ide-deliver. So ang mangyayari dito, as Pag-IBIG released the titles to Westchester, it will then turnover to our fully paid buyers without any cash involved as commitment to Globe Asiatique which will release the titles which are under lis pendens so that it can be transferred to the buyers through Westchester. Globe Asiatique will lift the lis pendens," Lee explained.

He lamented that there were also buyers who did not pay and yet they claimed they were victimized by the alleged scam. Lee said one of these is a certain Ricky Salvador.

Lee said Salvador

lived in the unit for 10 years without paying. He secured a loan from Pag-IBIG but he was not paying so it was foreclosed by Pag-IBIG and auctioned, and it was acquired by Westchester. Now, Lee said, Salvador is claiming that he was victimized. "Siya pa ang nag re-reklamao biktima daw siya. Mayroon pa siyang pina-paupang bahay dito ang nakakatawa, siya pa ang naghamon ng public hearing, e di nahubaran siya."

The said hearing was conducted at the city hall with the vice mayor presiding and the councilors present.

Lee said GARHC has no more exposure in Xevera. "My role is to protect my legitimate buyers," he said.

Priority

Lee said he requested WRC to give priority to GARHC buyers by giving them the right of first refusal and he said he was glad that WRC honored his request.

"Marami dyan hindi na nagbayad ang nag-ing pakiusap ko sa Westchester bigyan mo ng first priority and Globe Asiatique buyers or right of first refusal which he did. May in-offer pa dyan pati downpayment in-absorb niya may mga nagpa-register pero yung iba talagang balasubas gusto ata libreng bahay. Hin-

di po government project ito, private developer po ito. Gusto nyo libre bahay, doon kayo sa National Housing Authority (NHA)," Lee said.

It was learned that there were originally 6,000 units in Mabalacat and 4,000 units in Bacolor and another 2,000 units in Sameera for a total of 12,000 units.

It was also learned that the unit prices are based on the appraised value of Pag-IBIG and not the market price and only a five percent down payment is needed because Pag-IBIG is offering up to 95 percent financing.

Lee said the market value is normally higher than the appraised value because the developer will hike the market price by 20 to 30 percent from the appraised value which is the real value of the units.

Lee disclosed that out of 12,000 houses, there are less than 100 that are fully paid.

He said this is one way of fast tracking the process so that the buyers can get their titles. "Nagpapasalamat ako hindi sila nagpabuyo, ang iba kase nag-file ng kaso e wala naman kaso. Inabot tayo ng maligno," he said.

Lee, now 64 years old, said he wants the Xevera townships community to get back to their former glory.



foodpanda kicks off holidays with Kumukutikuti-TAP: Isang Dosenang Pamaskong Hatid

BY JOANN MANABAT

ANGELES CITY — On-demand food delivery service, foodpanda is riding in the holidays in shimmers of pink with its biggest promo dubbed Kumukutikuti-TAP: Isang Dosenang Pamaskong Hatid giveaways.

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