

Red tide hits Bataan, shellfish ban on

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY -- The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources on Tuesday announced the presence of red tide toxin in green mussels gathered in the waters of eight towns and one city along Manila Bay in Bataan and issued an advisory on the temporary ban in the gathering or harvesting, selling,

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Covid-mitigation TFs formed in CSF

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Homeowners' associations of subdivisions here have been enlisted by the city government in its mitigation efforts against the coronavirus disease.

Over the weekend, members of the CSFP Federation of Homeown-

ers Associations organized task forces in their respective subdivisions with the assistance of the city health office.

"Ang layunin ng pagbuo natin ng mga task force on Covid-19 sa bawat subdivision ay upang ihanda sila sa posibilidad ng pagkaka-

roon ng kaso ng sakit sa kanilang nasasakupan kung ano ang mga tamang aksyon na kanilang gagawin," explained Dr. Roselle Mallari, head of the CHO-led triage, testing, and contract tracing programs.

Mallari said five representatives will com-

prise each task force headed by a safety and health officer with an assistant safety and health officer and three members who will be provided with official identification cards by the city government.

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San Luis town offers P1-M bounty for dead rats

BY BONG Z. LACSON

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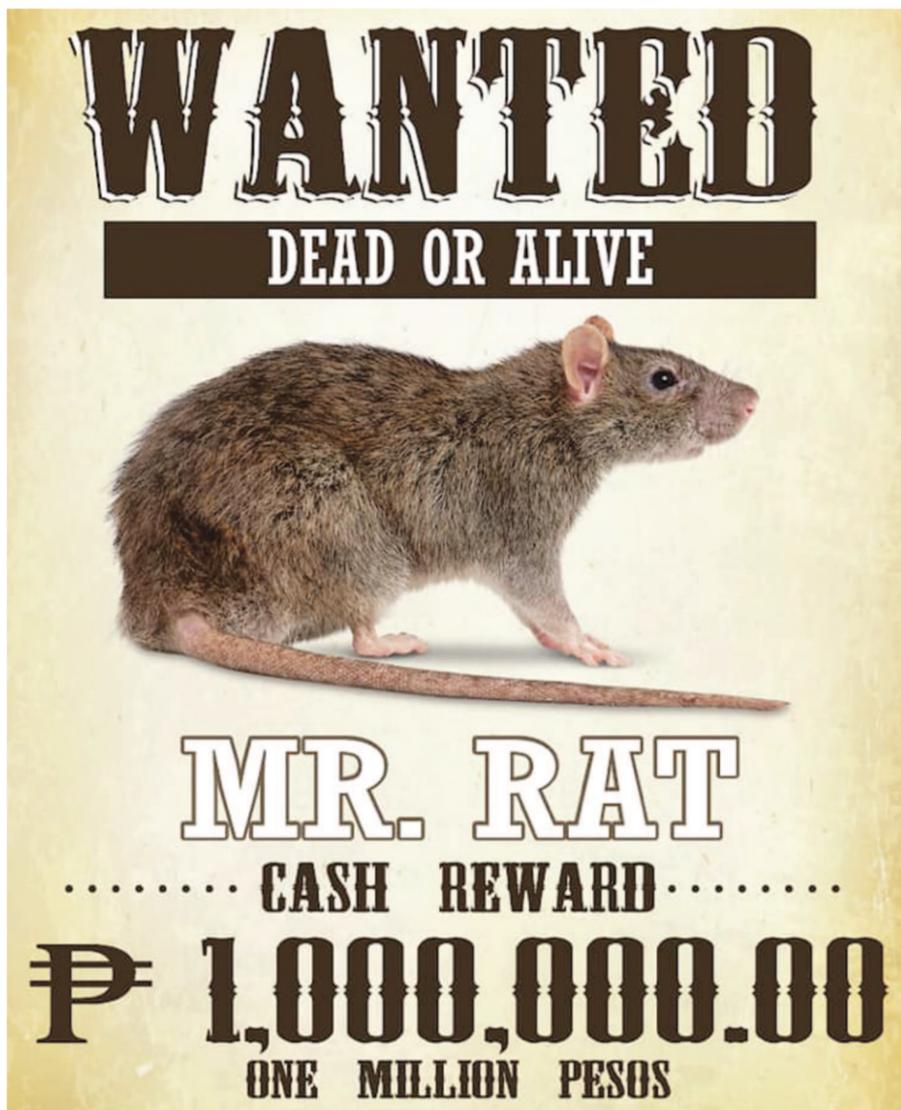
AC gov't upgrades network

ANGELES CITY --The city government is already in the final stages of upgrading its existing computerized network, in line with the implementation of an online transaction system by the end of the year.

Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. said the city government is gearing up for the upgrading of the cable network at the City Hall, to achieve the goal of being the next "smart city."

It can be recalled that as early as 2002, during the stint of Mayor Carmelo "Tarzan" Lazatin, the first three-

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Rats have become so serious a problem in the farming town of San Luis, Pampanga that the local government has offered a P1-million bounty for dead rats.

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BOC-Clark to donate forfeited electronic gadgets to DepEd

CLARK FREEPORT -- Forfeited and abandoned electronic gadgets like mobile phones and laptops at the Bureau of Customs-Port of Clark will be donated to the Department of Education.

This, pursuant to Section 1141 of RA 10863 or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, said BOC-Clark district collector Atty. Ruby Alameda, adding that "the donation will sup-

port Filipino students in their distant learning education during this challenging time."

An inventory of the forfeited and abandoned mobile phones, laptops, computer monitors and other accessories was conducted on Sept. 14 and Oct. 8 in the presence of representatives of the National Telecommunications Commission, Commission on Audit, Customs Intelli-

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New PPPO chief joins CSF cops in 'Galugad'

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- The city police forces scored points and got a moral boost with the new Pampanga Police Provincial Office director joining them in anti-crime operations, including Oplan Galugad.

After his courtesy call on Mayor Edwin "EdSa" Santiago at the city hall, Col. Andres Ocampo

Simbajon Jr. participated in police operations in Barangay Quebiawan led by city police chief Lt. Col. Paul Gamido.

In a post-operations report, Gamido said 22 individuals from a compound of informal settlers in the said barangay were apprehended and are now facing charges for various offenses in-

cluding illegal drug use, illegal use of military uniforms, acts of lasciviousness, and violations of community quarantine protocols.

Impounded by the police in the operations were 10 undocumented motorcycles. Also seized from the suspects were five medium-sized and

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PPPO chief Col. Andres O. Simbajon Jr. checks on apprehended suspects. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Covid-19 in Bataan: Active cases down to 209

By ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY -- The number of active cases of the coronavirus disease in Bataan continued to decrease, at 209 on Tuesday, with the newly-recovered outnumbering new confirmed cases, Gov. Albert Garcia's report showed.

There were 13 new recoveries as compared to nine who just tested positive of the virus.

However, a new death – the 51st in the province – was recorded the same day. The fatality was a 68-year-old man from Orani town.

The total number of recovered cases rose to 2,370 while the confirmed cases increased to 2,630.

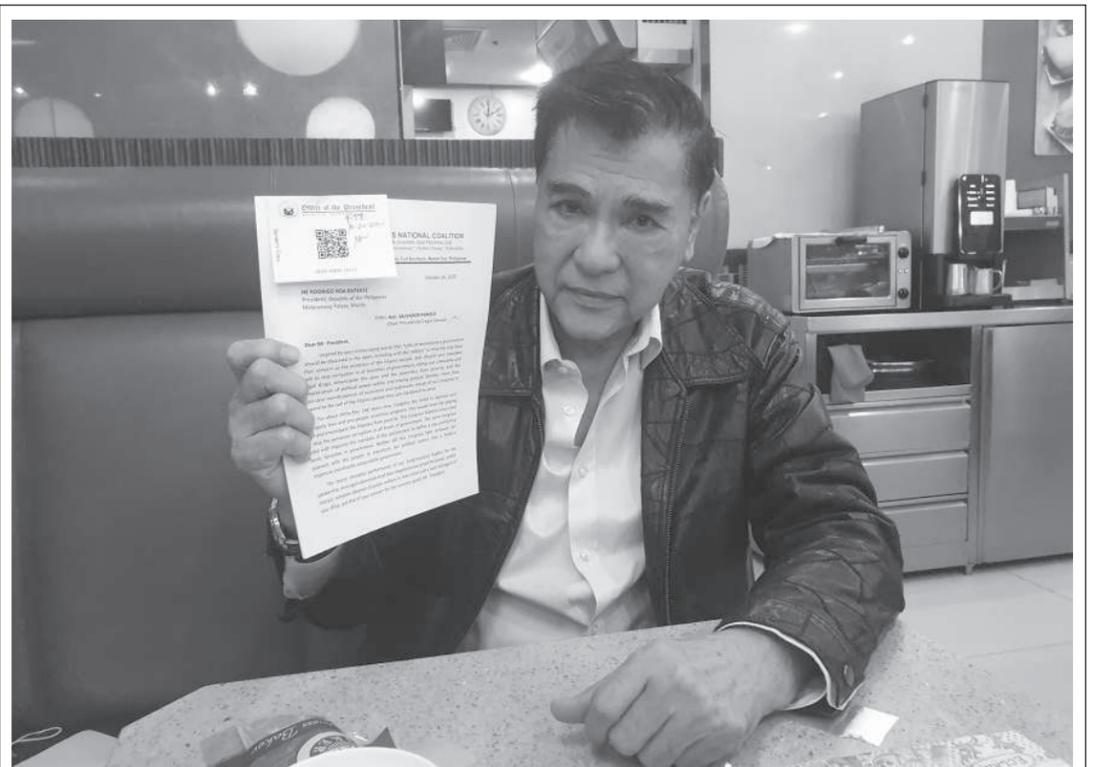
The new recoveries included five from Mariveles, four from Dinalupihan, two from

Balanga City, and one each from Abucay and Orani.

New confirmed cases came from Balanga City with two and one each from Hermosa, Limay, Orani, Orion, Samal, Abucay, and Dinalupihan.

A total of 26,037 have taken Covid-19 tests, out of whom 23,139 tested negative and 267 are waiting for results.

"Upang hindi na dumami ang kaso ng Covid-19, patuloy ang ating tagubilin na palaging maghugas ng kamay, manatili sa inyong mga tahanan at kung kinakailangang lumabas ng bahay ay umiwas sa mga mataong lugar, magsuot ng face mask at mag-observe ng physical distancing na dalawang metro," reminded the governor.



Ipinakita ni Bobby Brillante, deputy national spokesperson ng PNC ang kopya ng dokumento na inihain sa Malacañang para sa panukalang revolutionary government.

KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS

Panukalang 'rev-gov' pormal nang inihain sa Malacañang

Ni ROMMEL RAMOS

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS--- Pormal nang inihain sa Palasyo ng Malacañang nitong Martes ang mga dokumento para sa panukalang pagdedeklara ng revolutionary government bilang daan naman sa pederalismo.

Ang dokumento ay inihain ng People's National Coalition for Charter Change and Federalism na naglalaman ng draft ng proklamasyon para sa revolutionary government at ang provisional constitution nito para sa pagpapalit ng Saligang Batas pa-

tungo sa presidential-federal-parliamentary form of government.

Sa panayam ng Punto! kay Bobby Brillante, deputy national spokesperson ng PNC, inaasahan nila ang reaksyon dito ng Pangulong Duterte sa loob ng dalawang linggo para maideklara na ang rev-gov sa susunod na buwan.

Nilinaw ni Brillante na ang taumbayan ang magtitipon-tipon at magdedeklara ng revolutionary government at ang Pangulong Duterte lamang ang mamumuno nito.

Iisa aniya itong mapayapang paraan ng pagbabago

ng Saligang Batas at dapat na itong gawin lalo na ngayong nahaharap ang bansa sa pandemya.

Sa time frame nina Brillante, sa unang tatlong buwan na nasa ilalim ng revolutionary government ang bansa ay babalangkasin ang mga nilalaman ng pederalismo na isusumite sa taumbayan para sa referendum.

Matapos noon ay gagawin na ang local at national election ng pederalismo sa November 2021 bago ang pagbaba ng Pangulong Digong sa pwesto sa June 30, 2022.

Covid-19 in Cabanatuan: 5 new confirmed cases up total to 364

By ARMAND M. GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY - A 93-year-old woman who suffered from sore throat was the oldest among five new confirmed Covid-19 cases in this city, according to data from the city health office.

The symptomatic patient from Barangay San Josef Norte here had no travel history but had to undergo swab testing on Oct. 18, the report showed. The result was released Oct. 20 and she is now admitted to a health facility.

The other Covid-19 cases in the latest list include

a 30-year-old male employee from Barangay San Josef Sur, a 32-year-old female employee from Barangay Pagas, a 50-year-old female employee from Barangay San Juan Acffa, and a 50-year-old non-working woman from San Josef Norte.

These cases raised to 364 the confirmed cases of Covid-19 infections, of which 48 are active and 313 have recovered, as of Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The Covid-19 related deaths here rose to eight after the death of an elderly patient on Sunday.

396 animals successfully neutered in AC

ANGELES CITY – The city government, thru the City Veterinary Office, has successfully neutered 396 animals from August 17, 2020 to October 19, 2020.

This is part of Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. priority program to put premium on the lives not only of the city's residents, but also for the animals here. He is also campaigning to achieve zero stray dogs and cats in the city's major roads and streets by 2022.

"Binibigyang importansya natin ang kapakanan ng lahat, maging ang mga hayop

na matatagpuan sa ating siyudad," Lazatin said.

Following the leadership of Mayor Lazatin, Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel, and Chief Adviser and Tactician Di-

rector IC Calaguas, an animal lovers themselves, have been personally rescuing stray animals even before the start of the program.

To date, the city government has also managed to find fur-homes for 78 rescued animals, where 62 are dogs, and 16 are cats.

Aside from the neutering and spaying services, and the anti-rabies vaccine given to animals, Angeleño residents may also have their pets checked-up for free.

The City Veterinary Office has also conducted three successful animal surgeries during this time – involving necrosis and the removal of tumors.

Upon the instructions of Mayor Lazatin, Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel worked closely with City Veterinary Dr. Christian Arcilla, to launch the city government's Neuter and Spaying program, which aims to neuter 1,000 animals.

"Priority natin yung mga kababayan nating Angeleños, lalo na yung mga may alagang aso at pusa na hindi kayang tustusan yung pagpapa-neuter or spay ng mga alaga nila," Manuel said.

Since the start of its program, the said campaign has been gaining positive feedback on social media, from animal lovers and fur-parents.

—Angeles CIO



Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel discusses the city government's 'Neuter and Spay' program with city veterinarian Dr. Christian Arcilla that aims to neuter 1,000 animals in the city. PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELES CIO

PDEA raids 3 drug dens: 15 nabbed, 48 grams of shabu seized

BY JOHNNY R. REBLANDO

OLONGAPO CITY – Agents of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency conducted Monday simultaneous raids in three drug dens in Barangay Pag-Asa here resulting to the arrest of 15 suspects and the seizure of 48 grams of shabu.

Armed with search warrants, the PDEA operatives first raided a suspected drug den at No. 33E 12th St., Barangay Pag-Asa where 25 grams of shabu was confiscated.

Arrested in the raid were Princess Lakandili y Bacalia,

33, who is the target in the warrant, Froilan Lakandili y Bacalia, 21 and Kirk Burns y Kaim, 58, all residents of 33E 12th St.; Rael Ray Buan y Rafanan, 26, of 35E 12th St., and Christian Kate Certifico y Gigante, 25, of 26th St., East Bajac-Bajac. A second suspected drug den also at 12th St. yielded 10 grams of shabu.

Those who were arrested in the raid were identified as Daniel Sebastian y Dela Cruz, 21, Marissa Castillo y Gatus, 38, Oliver Bautista y Sevillaño, 39, Ace Rufon y Gatos, 38, and the listed target, Agnes

Santos y Olaes, all of Barangay Pag-Asa. Olongapo City. The third raid was at 22D 12th St. which led to the confiscation of 13 grams of shabu and the arrest of Alvin Tizon y Niray, 47, Rosalinda Bulan y Cortan, 50,

Andrew Cruz y Fontecha, 36, Henry Abales y Rodillas, 35, and Reynaldo Angy Catalogan, 30, all of Barangay Pag Asa. A fourth search warrant yielded negative results with the target personality no-

where to be found in the area. All the suspects now face charges for violations of RA 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) before the City Prosecutors Office.

Punong barangay patay sa taga ng pinsang kagawad

NI ERNIE ESCONDE

BAGAC, Bataan -- Tinaga at napatay ang isang punong barangay sa bayang ito ng kanya mismong kagawad at pinsang buo pa dahil sa alitang may bahid pulitika diumano, sabi ng pulisya ngayong Lunes.

Kinilala ni Bagac police chief Capt. Michelle Agnetha Gaviola ang biktima na si Danny Boy Panganiban, 34, barangay chairman ng Ibis, Bagac samantalang ang suspek ay si kagawad Eduardo Panganiban, 42, ng nabanggit na barangay.

Naisugod pa sa Bagac Community and Medicare Hospital ang biktima Sabado ng gabi ngunit kinabukasan ay binawian din ito ng buhay.

Batay sa imbestigasyon ng pulisya, nagpunta ang kapitan sa kanilang barangay hall upang magtanong kung bakit maraming tao na napag-alaman nito na dahil pala may nagbanggaang dalawang motorsiklo.

"Habang kinakausap ni kapitan ang mga biktima ng aksidente, biglang tinaga ito ni kagawad. Nataga sa ulo," sabi ni Gaviola.

Agad naman umanong nahuli ang suspek na umamin sa ginawa nito. "Isa pa, may nakakita naman sa pangyayari," dagdag pa ng hepe.

"Sinasabing dahilan ng suspek kung bakit niya tinaga ay iba raw magsalita si kapitan. Away pulitika. Iba raw

magsalita si kapitan kapag sila'y nages-session. Hindi raw magandang magsalita sa kanyang konseho," sabi ni Gaviola.

Sinabi ni Domingo Panganiban, 67, na napakabait ng kanyang anak na kapitan.

"Gusto kong mangyari huwag nang palayain, ikulong habang buhay. Kasi kung lalaya, hindi ko maisip kung ano gagawin ng anak ko," ani Panganiban.

Ayon sa matanda, pamangkin niya ang suspek. "Kaya niya ginawa sa anak ko, gusto sila maupo. Pulitika, magkalaban sila."

Napag-alaman na apat na buwan pa lamang nauupo bilang punong barangay ang nasawi matapos palitan nito ang namatay na barangay chairman.

Ikinuwento naman ni barangay tanod chief Reynaldo Nuguid na nagkaroon ng aksidente ng dalawang motorsiklo kaya nandoon sa barangay hall ang kanilang kapitan. Ang focus ng pansin ng mga tao, aniya, ay nasa aksidente.

"Tinaga siya, nanggaling sa likod. Hindi alam ng kapitan namin kung sinong tumaga, pa-traidor na tinaga," sabi ni Nuguid.

Sinabi ng chief of police na kasong murder ang iniha-handa nila laban sa suspek na pansamantalang nakapilit sa Bagac municipal jail. Tumanggi itong sumagot sa mga tanong.



Heavy equipment crushes machine used in cigarette manufacturing.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Machines, materials for fake cigarette manufacture destroyed

BY BONG Z. LACSON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Bureau of Customs-Port of Manila on Monday supervised the destruction of millions of pesos-worth cigarette manufacturing materials and printing equipment believed used in counterfeiting branded tobacco products.

Present during the condemnation of the items at the Green Leaf 88 waste disposal facility in Porac, Pampanga were, aside from BOC-Manila personnel, representatives from the Japan Tobacco International and Philip Morris International and members of the media.

BOC-Manila said the machines and materials were seized last June in a warehouse located along Maysan Road corner A. Cantillon St.,

Valenzuela City following a forfeiture proceeding issued by a Manila court.

The warehouse owner identified as one Michel Jamora failed to show proof of payment of tax and duties of the imported machines and materials, prompting the BOC-Manila to seize them.

Found in the warehouse were machines for die-cutting, paper-cutting and printing, transformers, 10 boxes of vacuum packaging, black packaging paper, 120 mother cases of Crown C, 216 cases of Jinan Crown and 148 cases of Suzhuo Klngsworld.

Stockpiles of counterfeit labels of branded tobacco products such as Fortune, Hope Mark, More, Jackpot, Two Moon, Marvel, Mighty, Astro, and The Port were also discovered in the warehouse.

Also seized were finished cigarettes ream labels for Two Moon, Marvel, Mighty, Fortune, Astro and The Port.

The seizure was covered by Letter of Authority No. 06-25-145-2019 issued by BOC directing its personnel to conduct an inspection of the warehouse. The raid was properly coordinated with the Valenzuela City government, BOC-Manila said.

BOC-Enforcement and Security Service director Filemon Ruiz sent samples of the confiscated items to Philip Morris International for confirmation but the tobacco firm said the warehouse did not have the authority to print such materials in the country.

This led to the condemnation of the contraband materials. –With PR/BOC-Manila



PRO-3 chief Brig. Gen. Valeriano De Leon receives memento of visit from NE police director Col. Marvin Joe Saro. PHOTO BY ARMAND GALANG

CL police chief asks NE COPs to 'do better'

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY -The chiefs of police in 27 towns and five cities of Nueva Ecija were urged "to be more aggressive" in their campaign against illegal drugs and other crimes to be attuned to President Duterte's anti-criminality drive.

Noting that the Duterte administration has only over two years to go, Police Regional Office 3 director Brig. Gen. Valeriano De Leon on Monday ordered police officials here "to do more."

"We are running out of time, dapat let us make an aggressive move to work along with our BADACs (barangay anti-drug abuse councils). Kailangang i-improve natin," said De Leon.

Failure to perform better

may result to the chiefs of police's removal from office, he warned.

Central Luzon's top cop expressed disappointment over the "dismal" anti-drug accomplishment in the region that was pegged at 51 percent based on data he himself gathered from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Chiefs of police, as well as commanders of other units such as provincial mobile field forces, he said should never stay in the comfort of their air-conditioned rooms and just let a day pass.

He asked them to establish close coordination with local governments even as he underscored the Duterte administration's strong support to police's anti-criminality efforts.

"Engaged themselves

(COPs) to their respective mayors para nang sa ganun ay makakuha sila ng suporta. And inform the mayor if there are barangay officials who are uncooperative," De Leon said.

He expressed belief that while mayors may somehow be blind about drug situation on the ground, village officials would never be.

De Leon also underscored the need to step up the campaign against loose firearms.

Part of De Leon's visit to Nueva Ecija was the awarding of medals to police officers and men who successfully effected the arrest or neutralization of suspected drug personalities and wanted persons in the province with provincial police director Col. Marvin Joe Saro.

To the Point

In the gutter

HINDI LAHAT ng inang nakakulong ay nakakapunta sa libing ng kanyang anak. Kaya yung mga sumisimpatya kay Reina Mae Nasino, pag-aralan niyo mabuti ang dahilan bakit siya nakulong at kilalain niyong mabuti kung sino siya sa lipunan.

Masyado ninyong ginagawang pang-drama serye sa hapon ang paghihinagpis niya. Tigilan niyo!

—Assistant Secretary Celine Pialago,
MMDA spokesperson

On higher ground

WE TAKE the higher ground here. We are in a better position to see the whole thing and to understand because there are emotions involved.

When you are the spokesperson of a certain agency, you espouse, you say what the agency feels and believes in. But what you are using now, you are going on a personal note. But, hindi natin maseparate yung official function natin sa sinasabi [natin].

And there is nothing to correct, kung wala ho tayong sinasabi, if we were more sensitive, and saying like, we extend our condolences to the mother for the loss of the child and let us allow the courts to proceed.

Importante ho na kami sa gobyerno, ingat ho dapat tayo sa sinasabi natin because we reflect our agency as well.

We remain public officials, not only from 8 or 9 to 5. It is a 24-hour duty on our end. So, whatever we say, whatever we do, reflects of who we are and our agency as well.

They cannot say na hiwalay ho ito, that I'm taking my hat off. So, ingat lang ho tayo, especially when you touch on sensitive matters such as death. The loss of someone, you are already grieving enough.

Let us not use our position to voice out things na, what is the purpose of saying it. I always ask, what is ... saying it? Makakaganda ba? Makakabuti ba? So, importante ho iyon. Let us always pride ourselves with integrity.

—Civil Service Commissioner Atty. Aileen Lizada



Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Opinion

Waiting

TODAY'S GOSPEL reminds me of the famous Marshmallow experiment which was a study done in 1972 at Stanford University. It was a test on children's capacity to delay or postpone gratification.

In this study, a child was offered a choice between one small but immediate reward, or two small rewards if they WAITED for a period of time. During this time, the researcher left the room for about 15 minutes and then returned. The reward was either a marshmallow or a pretzel stick, depending on the child's preference. In follow-up studies, the researchers found that children who were able to WAIT LONGER for the preferred rewards tended to have better life outcomes.

There is nothing really new about this funny experiment. Jesus spoke about it more than 2,000 years ago in today's Gospel Parable. The parable is about a master who leaves and puts a servant in charge of everything with a specific instruction: WAIT. The waiting means two things: one, WAIT FOR my return, and two, WAIT ON your fellow servants on my behalf.

This is actually a better test than the Stanford Marshmallow experiment. The master says, I am going away; I have left some food and will bring home more. While I am away, I want you to take care of your younger brothers and sisters; feed them for me ok? I will reward you when I come back.

As in the Stanford experiment, there is of course the temptation NOT TO WAIT. But let us dwell on the Jesus experiment instead and try to understand what the temptation is about. Here's what causes our failure—the tendency to think, "The master has left and PUT ME IN CHARGE. Now I am the master; I can do what I want." Instead of WAITING ON my fellow servants, I decide to LORD IT OVER THEM and abuse them.

The application is clear: it is about us human beings and our sense of STEWARDSHIP and the role that we think we must play in this world. Our weakness lies in our tendency to go for immediate self-gratification and forget about the greater reward upon the master's return. It begins with the reasoning that there is no sense waiting for a return; the master won't come back. There is no sense remaining a SERVANT; I have the choice to play master, to LORD IT OVER.

What is the reward for the waiting? It is laid out towards the end of the parable. It says, "BLESSED is the servant whom the master finds VIGILANT on his arrival." Meaning, blessed is the servant who WAITED. Upon his return the master will dress up as a servant and proceed to WAIT ON, meaning, SERVE the servant who remained faithful to the mandate.

The radical thought about the parable is: the portrayal of God as a master who promises

to come back to serve his faithful servant. It is radical because it is not in keeping with the common caricature of God as an Almighty Lord who is always to be served.

This image of the WAITER-GOD seems to be also the point of Jesus when he washed the feet of his disciples in John's story of the Last Supper. Remember how Peter reacted to it? How he refused at first to be washed by Jesus? He refused, not only because he felt it was below the dignity of Jesus as their Teacher and Master, but also because he could not imagine doing it himself.

Remember what Jesus said to them? "You call me Teacher and Master, and that is right. But to make you understand what that means to me, I have given you an example. If I whom you regard as your teacher and master wash your feet, I expect you to be able to do the same for each other. I am your teacher who comes, not to be served, but to serve. I therefore expect you to be servants to each other.

Perhaps that is why we call our WORSHIP of God a SERVICE. To worship a Servant God is TO SERVE. And we call our participation in the mission of this God a MINISTRY, meaning, a SERVICE.

I am participating in an interfaith dialogue tomorrow. In this regard, I have been doing a comparative study of our Judaeo-Christian tradition with that of the Islamic tradition about the origin of evil in this world. I was surprised to find out that we actually share in a common narrative about the purveyor of evil we call SATAN and whom Muslims call IBLIS.

The Qur'an says that when God created Adam, God meant him to be his most dignified creature and even commanded the angels to SERVE Adam. All of them obeyed, except for IBLIS. He rebelled against God and said, "I REFUSE TO SERVE ADAM. I was created ahead of him and I am superior to him." And that was the reason for his banishment from heaven.

Like us in the Judaeo-Christian tradition, our Muslim brothers and sisters believe that up to now, Satan has made it his vision and mission to make Adam fall by trying to infect him with the same virus of arrogance and pride, with that tendency to be delusional, to think too highly of ourselves, to prefer to be served than to serve, to prefer to lord it over than to WAIT FOR the true Lord and to WAIT ON each other, forgetting that we are the image and likeness of a WAITER-GOD, A SERVANT GOD.

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The Public Pulse

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Opinion

A Christmas Conversation

WITH 64 or so days to go before D- Day, what would Christmas 2020 be like to the Pampanga business community and its shareholders with the pandemic virus still lurking in every nook and cranny of the once exciting countryside landscape?

Generally, there's an encouraging beacon, or bacon, if you wish.

Experts say that we're rounding the corner of the virus crisis, and can look forward to better days --not the pre-Covid ones, for sure-- but better than what we have been going through since the longest lockdowns in the universe began.

Joyce del Rosario, executive director of the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, one of the most active business chambers before COVID 19 storm blew into town, cites at least three reasons why things are looking up.

Some businesses are picking up, especially the essential ones. Their activities cannot, by any scale or scope, be imaginably compared to their frenetic buzz before the crisis set in, but it's moving closer to that before the moving lockdowns were imposed.

(I told Del Rosario that the once ubiquitous ham in difference sizes and packages are not visible or available yet in malls and supermarkets. She had an easy answer: they're not essential goods. Wow! Yet it seemed that way before the pandemic and way, way back when politicians' favorite giveaways were hams. Of course, there was ASF before COVID 19 and everything else came in alphabet soup afterwards).

In future adversities, the lessons of lockdowns, good and bad, should be carefully studied by thinking leaders because it's what did business in for the most part. Both science and economics should weigh in in public debates. Politicians who give away hams should be consulted as well. There could be some connection between public works and porcine kindness.

Another reason the PAMCHAM official noted is the improving consumer confidence. It's now back anywhere from 30 to 50 percent, presumably rising from basically zero. Numbers are improving in dine-in restaurants notably.

And this, essentially, is at the core of an advisory letter from PAMCHAM prexy Rene Romero to their member companies in appealing to them to already release the 13th month pay to their workers.

Apart from performing the "critical responsibility of the employers to employees", Romero also mentioned the need to stimulate consumerism, probably locally first. Charity, after all, must begin at home.

When the government dangled loans to beleaguered enterprises that looked they were going the way of the dodo, Del Rosario observed that there were practically no takers. The business owners did not grab the cheap loans for fear they would not be able to pay because they themselves have lost their customers. A chicken-and-egg dilemma.

So, in Romero's letter, the objective is evident: it was meant not only to improve the financial status of their workers but give them something to plow back in the revenue fields of companies. This conjures up an imagery where fertilizer is put into the ground first before the growth sprouts up above the surface.

The letter was a bit cryptic, politely nuanced when Romero said it was also an appeal to the employees. The message: we help you but also help us by spending the money we give you. It's a win-win paradigm.

Adam Smith might have interjected: the economy is the people, stupid.

Romero's understanding, not so much compassion as it is business or economic sense, might have been rubbed off on him by his predecessor, the late Levy Laus, who's been a prime exponent of human value in the business setting.

Laus, a dyed-in-the-wool Smith disciple where real corporate responsibility lies, was wont to say that if you take care of your people, people will take care of your business. It may not be an original idea, Laus being an avid reader of successful leaders in the business world, but it's good corporate practice he's taken to heart when he was alive.

After Pampanga overcame lahar threat in the 90s, Laus would recall that he once told his people to take care of his business conglomerate while he took care of the lahar problem nipping at door of San Fernando. He might not have done it with perfect consistency, but the effort and willingness was there.

In fact, the Laus Group is said to have given the 13th month pay in tranches as early as April this year, long before Romero's letter, dated October 7, came out of the woodwork. Other local companies could have done the same, too.

PAMCHAM has around 550 member companies and, by Del Rosario's estimate, have from 25,000 to 30,000 employees. Given this size, the impact of the 13th month pay on boosting local consumerism and perking local business should move the needle north. As in a compass, this should indicate if the countryside is moving in the right direction.

Well and good as far PAMCHAM's letterhead slogan of priming the countryside is concerned.

Christmas lights and Christmas trees, regardless of their height or brightness, can surely help in changing the gloomy gestalt of the season ruined by an invisible precursor.

But something, as substantive as a 13th month pay that can put more food on the table and improve the ordinary worker's buying power, can go a long, long way in pushing the adversity aside. Or make the existential challenge more bearable especially during this special season when the thoughts are on the "near and dear", as the classic song goes.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

'Online learning,' dagdag pasanin ng mga mahirap

KUNG sa akala ni Secretary Briones ng DepEd na itong isinulong pilit na 'online schooling' ay kaibig-ibig, yan sa karamihan dulot ay pasakit.

Partikular para sa mga magulang na walang tiyak na pagkakakitaan upang ang kanilang anak matustusan sa sistemang 'online learning' mapag-aral.

Kagamitan pa lang na tulad ng 'tablet' at ibang uri ng makabagong 'gadget,' na kailangan para makapag- 'internet' paano na itong mga 'poor students?'

Na walang pambili kahit ordinaryong cellular phone para makapagpatuloy sa kakaibang klaseng pagtuturo ngayon, na hindi nga mismo sa loob ng 'classroom?'

Di lahat ng 'parents' marunong magbasa at magsulat para magabayan sila; Ay mayrun din namang mga ama't ina na parehong 'employed,' ganun din ang suma.

Kung sa 'face to face' na nga r'yang pagtuturo ay marami ang di masakyan ang turo ng kanilang mga matalinong guro, sa 'online' pa kaya di mas grabeng lalo?

Kabilang sa dapat mabigyan ng pansin d'yan sa pinairal nilang 'blended learning,' isa na r'yan itong di sulit gamitin na klaseng 'internet' dito lang sa atin.

Para iasa ng DepEd sa magulang itong ilang bagay, gaya ng tulungan ang mga anak sa 'araling pambahay,' di lahat maari nitong panaligan.

Tulad na lang nitong 'module' kung tawagin na kabahagi ng kanilang aralin, at ubod ng dami ang mga gampanin nitong mga bata dagdag pasanin din.

At halos ay hindi magkanda-ugaga sa kwenta 'homework' nga r'yan ng mga bata, tanto kaya nitong pinakamatanda sa DepEd ang hirap ng pinagagawa?

Baka di batid n'yan kung ga'no kabigat sa nakararaming mga kapos-palad ang sa araw-araw kanyang idinagdag na pasanin nitong mga mahihirap?

At posibleng labag sa 'children's human rights' ang gawing sangkalan ni Sec Leonor Briones itong isinulong niyang 'online classes, at the expense' pati nga ng dukhang 'parents'.

Sa puntong nasabi posible rin namang kay pangulong Digong isisi ng tanan itong kung bakit ay di nito hinarang si Briones sa kanyang ekspiremento lang.

Na ipagpatuloy ang kakaibang klase nga ng pagtuturo, at sila lang bale ng mga Usec niyang kakampi parati itong kumikita sa madaling sabi.

(Habang itong hirap na mga magulang na bago kumita r'yan ng isang daang (piso) tagaktak na'ng pawis sa katawan, pero sila milyons at naka-'aircon' yan?)

TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

Jorge Bocobo is born in Gerona, Tarlac

OCTOBER 19, 1886, Jorge Bocobo, who translated Dr. Jose Rizal's Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo into English, was born in Gerona, Tarlac.

Bocobo, who got an almost perfect score in Civil Law examination in the country, also translated the Code of Kalantiaw, Lupang Hinirang and Andres Bonifacio's Decalogue.

He was one of the 100 Filipino students, the so-called "pensionados", who were sent to the United States to study for four years in American School on October 10, 1903.

He helped President Manuel L. Quezon in drafting speeches and statements in

connection with the campaign for Philippine independence as a member of four independence commissions to the United States in 1919, 1922, 1923, and 1924.

Bocobo also translated into English Rizal's preface to Professor Ferdinand Blumentritt's book, Filipinas. His legal publications included outlines of the laws on property, obligations, and court decisions from 1924 to 1944.

Notably, Bocobo, who became fifth president of the University of the Philippines from 1934 to 1939, was influential in the development of education in the Philippines.

He held several other positions, including justice of the Supreme Court from 1942 to 1944 and chairman of the Code Commission.

He was the principal author of the Civil Code of the Philippines, for which he was given a Presidential Award of Merit by President Elpidio Quirino in 1949.

Bocobo was imprisoned but later cleared of the charges of treason by the Americans on May 17, 1954, because he held office with the government installed by the Japanese during their occupation of the country.

He died on July 23, 1965.

San Luis town offers P1-M bounty for dead rats

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In a video post on his social media page Monday, Mayor Jay Sagum said farmers and all residents are encouraged to kill rats. All they need to present is the tip of rat

tails to claim the cash reward of P5 pesos per dead rat.

The municipal agriculture office will set up a desk at the town hall's ground floor open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday to Friday to pay out for the

dead rats.

Sagum said the municipality has a total land area of 5,600 hectares. Of this, 4,870 hectares of rice and vegetable crops cultivated by some 2,500 farmers have been infested with rats.

Rats threaten to wipe out standing crops, said the mayor, adding that a single rat is capable of ravaging 25 kilograms of palay in less than one hour.

"At P5 per tail, the P1 million bounty is equivalent to 200,000 dead

rats. Multiply that to the 25 kilos of palay each rat destroys and then at the usual price of P15 per kilo and you will get P75 million cost of destruction," Sagum noted.

Rat bounty hunters, however, are reminded

by the mayor to go after rats from San Luis only.

"This all a matter of honesty," he said in Kapampangan. "Do not bring in rats from Candaba or from San Simon," referencing the two towns adjacent to San Luis.

Red tide hits Bataan, shellfish ban on

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transporting, and eating of shellfish.

Romina Yutoc of BFAR-Bataan provincial fishery office said that the ban was imposed in the towns of Hermosa,

Orani, Samal, Abucay, Pilar, Orion, Limay, and Mariveles and the City of Balanga where there are green mussel pens and sources of shellfish like oysters and mussels.

She said that tox-

in found from samples of mussels gathered for laboratory tests showed shellfish in the area are not safe for human consumption and eating will result in paralytic shellfish poisoning.

Engr. Joey Dizon,

provincial agriculture office chief, said samples of shellfish collected showed high toxin level of more than 400 unit grams of Saxotoxin which is far beyond the regulatory limit fit for human consumption which

is 60 unit grams.

BFAR said fish harvested in the area are safe for human consumption as long as they are fresh and gills and

intestines are taken out before cooking. Crabs and shrimps which are plentiful in Bataan are also exempted from the shellfish ban.

Covid-mitigation TFs formed in CSF

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role of the task forces is to assist in the intensified implementation of infection control policies within their subdivisions, it will still be the CHO that will be at the forefront of the program, especially in conducting disinfection activities and contact tracing.

Engr. Walter Ocampo, CSFP-FEDHOA president, cited the significance of the task forces to the Covid-19 response of the city government.

"Ang FEDHOA ay binubuo ng mga 110 subdivisions kung saan nakatira ang libu-libong mga Fernandino. Sa pagbibigay ng empowerment ng siyudad sa mga subdivision para tumulong sa pagpuksa o pag-minimize ng epekto nito, ay napakalaking bagay sa amin," he said.

Ocampo noted that before the creation of task forces, even as subdivisions complied with the protocols and minimum health standards set by the inter-agen-

cy task force basic policies and the city government, there was no unified guide for the subdivisions to follow.

"Sobrang wine-welcome natin ang programa ng siyudad dahil, kung dati, kanya-kanya ang pag-implementa ng mga polisiya, ngayon, may iisang aksyon na tayong at guided ang lahat ng subdivisions natin kung anu-ano pa ang maaari nilang gawin," he said.

The task forces are expected to begin with

their duties starting the last week of October with the city government conducting a weekly monitoring of their activities.

Throughout the imposition of different community quarantine levels, subdivisions, even the upscale ones, in the city have never been left out in city government's delivery of health and social services including disinfection, imposition and management of localized lockdowns, and distribution of rice packs and relief goods. —CSFP-CIO

BOC-Clark to donate forfeited electronic...

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gence and Investigation Service, and Enforcement and Security Service.

The inventoried items

were covered by forfeiture decisions and final decrees of abandonment which attained finalities and were in violation of Sections 117 & 1113 of RA 10863.

BOC-Clark will donate the items to DepEd after compliance with the rules and regulations and conduct of necessary donation procedures.

Alameda hailed the "vigilance and dedication to service of Port of Clark personnel in apprehending shipments violating the CMTA."

—PR/BOC-Clark

AC gov't upgrades network

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former Mayor of Angeles City, all revenue-generating offices of the Angeles City local government were already fully computerized.

This computerization project was headed by the younger Mayor Lazatin's current Chief Adviser and Tactician Director IC Calaguas, who was then the head of the Information Communications and Technology Division (ICTD). Later on, the computerization project was certified ISO 9001:2003 by the Certification International Philippines, making Angeles City the first ISO-certified local government unit outside Metro Manila in 2002.

By upgrading the city government's centralized network, all transac-

tions in the City Hall will already be cashless and paperless, which is also a part of the Lazatin administration's 6-point agenda, particularly on improving the "Ease of Doing Business in the City."

"Despite the challenges we are facing during this pandemic, we want to assure everyone that the city government will continue with its programs and services to improve the quality of life of all Angeleños," Lazatin said.

Meanwhile, according to Calaguas, apart from the online transaction system, the city government plans on installing 14 facial recognition machines for time-keeping system, for all City Hall employees.

In order to provide faster and more efficient services for Angeleños,

Calaguas added, Mayor Lazatin also wants to improve the flow of communication among offices, by connecting and activating all telephone lines, at all times.

Upon the instructions of Mayor Lazatin, ICTD personnel headed by Michael Lising, have begun cabling installation around the City Hall on September 2, 2020.

"Once we finish with the cabling, the online system will be put in place and we can already start testing our cashless and paperless transactions particularly for business payment and Real Property Tax (RPT) payment," Lising explained.

ICTD Assistant Network Administrator Gilbert David added that they have also upgraded the City Hall's network equipment and the inter-

net connection in order to make the online payment more efficient.

David shared that they have already installed 16 data cabinets around City Hall, and consolidated all its networks to create a centralized server.

"In fact, we have a designated data server room, where all the offices can have their very own back-up, so that data storage will be more efficient," David furthered.

The installation for the online transaction system, according to David, will be scheduled this week. Once installed, it will be subjected for testing first to ensure a smooth operation. This is also to avoid possible glitches, and provide immediate solutions.

—Angeles CIO

New PPPO chief joins CSF cops in...

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21 small-sized heat-sealed plastic sachets containing white crystalline substance suspected to be shabu.

Visibly elated over the result was Simbajon

whose marching orders to the police upon his assumption of office last Sept. 30 was to intensify anti-crime operations even more during this pandemic.

"So far, sobrang manageable naman [peace

and order situation] compared sa ibang lugar at masasabi nating peaceful pa rin ang sitwasyon dito. 'Yun nga lang, hindi porke peaceful at manageable ang sitwasyon, ay magiging kampante rin tayong. Kaya ang kau-

tusan natin, proactive pa rin and intelligence-driven pa rin ang operations natin," he said.

The arrested suspects are now under the custody of the CSFP Police station for proper disposition. —CSFP-CIO

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **MA. CHRISTINA DIZON**, of legal age, Filipino, resident of #1008 Brgy. Capaya I, Angeles City and Sales Leader at St. Peter Life Plan Chapel, Branch Sto. Niño, Guagua, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Loss on Official Receipt No. 0082133 held by former Sales Agent II JENNETH MALLARI of St. Peter Life Plan Chapel, Branch Sto. Niño, Guagua, Pampanga, before Notary Public John Manuel B. Bautista as per Doc No. 214, Page No. 43, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 19, 2020

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARIA CORITO Y. PEÑA**, of legal age, married, Filipino, resident of Madapdap Resettlement Project, Brgy. Dapdap, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and sole heir of Sps. **EZER R. YUTUC** and **TOMASA TITA P. CHUIDIAN** who died intestate on July 11, 2005 and January 24, 2020, respectively, in Mabalacat City, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on their estate, more particularly described as their rights and interest over a certain property with improvements thereon, identified as Block 79, Lot 1, Phase II, Madapdap Resettlement Project in Mabalacat City with TCT No. 556771-R, before Notary Public John Manuel B. Bautista as per Doc No. 308, Page No. 62, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 19, 26 & November 2, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TERESITA TANTENGO** 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 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 **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.

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

MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MANUEL PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

Publication Notice
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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

Punto! Central Luzon: October 12 & 19, 2020



ERRATUM

In the Notice to the Public of the Civil Registrar Office of Mabalacat City, Pampanga in our September 11 & 18, 2020 issues, the name **ANGELIQUE LOPEZ CORTEZ** should be **ANJELIQUE LOPEZ CORTEZ**, and the date of publication **AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 7, 2020** should be **SEPTEMBER 11 & 18, 2020** and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 19, 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 Mamatitang, 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 **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 **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.

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

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



Spotlight Arci Pineda

Ruffa Gutierrez sends warning to future husbands of daughters Lorin and Venice

RUFFA GUTIERREZ has given notice to the future spouses of her daughters Lorin, 17, and Venice, 16, not to ever hurt them. Or else, "Lagot sila. Hindi lang sa akin, sa tatay nila, pero sa buong pamilya namin."

The celebrity mom said, "Kapag sinira nila ang buhay ng anak ko o iyong puso ng anak ko, lagot sila. "Hindi lang sa akin, sa tatay nila, pero sa buong pamilya namin. So, kailangan, ingat sila. Iyon lang iyon."

She firmly underlined, "Dapat mahal in niyo si Lorin o si Venice. Ang message ko dapat maging seryoso sila sa anak ko."

Ruffa laid down the rules on how Lorin and Venice's suitors should woo her.

In her book, the courtship most certainly must be "traditional."

Ruffa quipped, "Ako ligawan nila. So please, the boys, you better send me flowers, chocolates, perfumes."

She added, "Kailangan matalino sila," and more importantly, "Kailangan pumunta pa rin sila sa bahay!"

According to Ruffa, she wants to prepare Lorin and Venice for that phase in their lives when suitors would come calling.

"I told Lorin and Venice, your first love normally won't be your last love even if you want it to be. It doesn't happen."

"Twenty years from now, after you have gotten over your first love, pagtatawanan mo na lang iyan. 'Ginawa ko yun?!?' or 'Ewww, nagustuhan ko siya?' Ganoon lang..."

"I tell them that the world is big. Don't focus on guys. Darating din iyan."

Right now, the celebrity mom want her daughters to focus on their studies first and "achieve their dreams."

Lorin and Venice are Ruffa's daughters with former husband Yilmaz Bektaz.

Ruffa and Yilmaz got married in 2003, but things fell apart and they went their separate ways in 2007.

Their annulment was granted in 2012.



CASSY LEGASPI on how she spends her earnings from showbiz:

"Sa little things lang talaga. Pero kapag designer brands na medyo mahal siya, ayoko talaga."

She was so matipid with her earnings that it took some arm-twisting from her mom Carmina Villarroel and brother Mavy to convince her to make the purchase in 2019.

"Yung sapatos ko kasi, yung mga flats ko, yung mga heels ko, sira-sira na."

"Sabi ng mom ko, 'Can you please just buy one? Kahit one pair of flats. It doesn't have to be expensive, just buy it.'"

"Sabi ko, 'No, it's okay, I can still wear it naman.'"

Now on her second year in showbiz, Cassy is a mainstay of GMA-7's Sunday musical variety show All-Out Sundays, a co-host of Sarap, 'Di Ba?', and a cast member for the upcoming teleserye First Yaya.

Her mom and brother said she could use a new pair of good shoes for pictorials, tapings, and other work-related events.

The 19-year-old Cassy elaborates: "Siyempre as an artista, you have to look decent naman. Sa mga tapings dapat maganda yung sapatos or clothes."

"Eventually, when I turned 18 na, dalaga na, dapat may heels na. Sabi ni Mommy, 'Let's buy you your first heels.'"

"Pero using my own money. Sabi ko, 'I wanted my own money para 'awww this is my first investment.'"

Mavy, who was with Cassy, teases his sister about being so indecisive when she bought the designer heels.

He recalls in between laughs, "Si Mom was comforting her, na parang, 'You need this.' Ako, 'Ang arte mo, bilhin mo na iyan. Go!'"

"Ayoko na ako lang mag-isa yung bumibili. Gusto ko may kasama akong bumibili para I don't feel as bad."

"Shucks, I spent this much. Si Cassy hindi.' So, 'Cass, bili ka na!'"

Cassy, on the other hand, remembers turning to her mom for assurance one last time.

"Nag-second guess ako, 'Huwag na lang.' My mom said, 'No. Because this will last until you're my age.'"

"Sa isip ko, 'Tama naman siya.' So, ayun nga. Hahaha! We bought it na."

But guess what happened next?

Laughing, Cassy recalls, "So after I bought it, nasuka ako, then I cried. Hindi ko talaga kaya. I felt so bad."

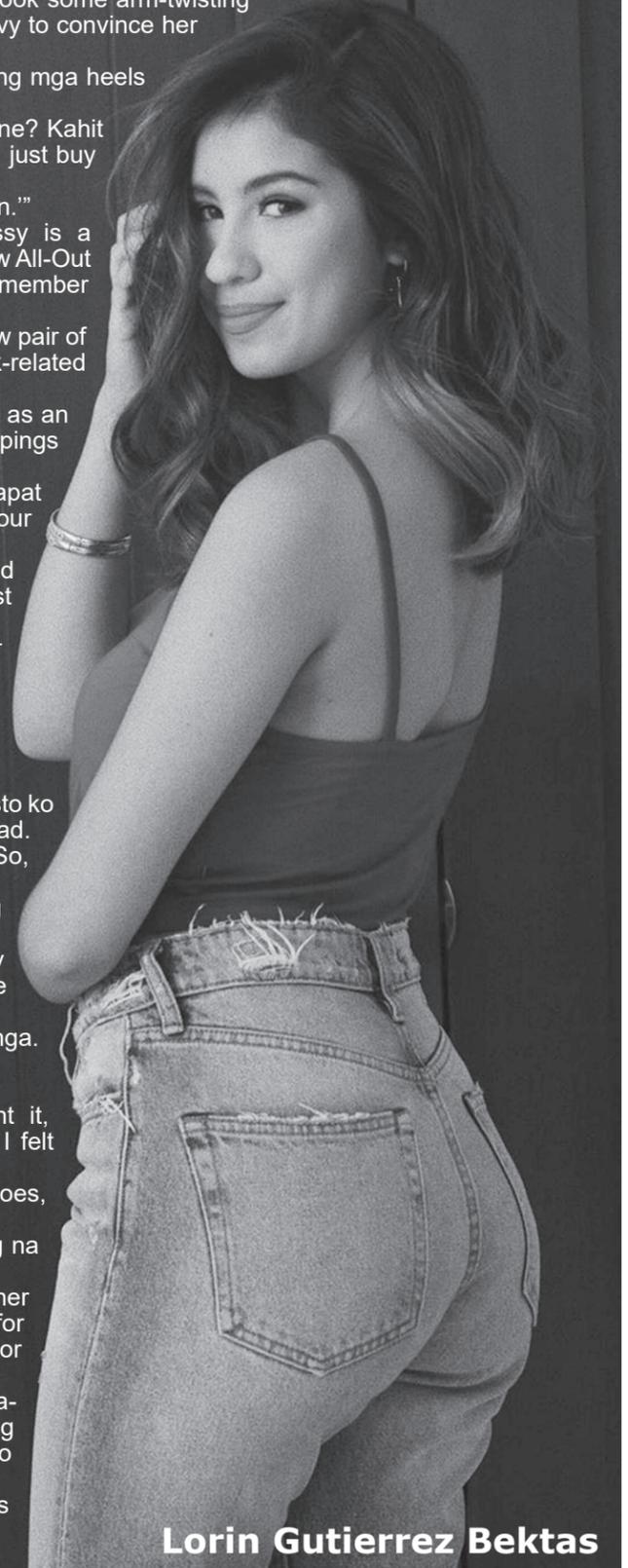
"Sabi ko, 'Mommy, if you want to borrow my shoes, you can borrow it.' 'No, it's yours.'"

"Ayoko talaga, nasusuka ako. Naalala ko lang na meron akong ganyan, nasusuka ako. Wow!"

Apparently, Cassy is one shopper who'd rather spend on drawer organizers and glowing lights for her room decor than on designer clothes, shoes, or bags.

She reiterates, "Hindi ako masyadong magspend... Sa little things lang talaga. Pero kapag designer brands na medyo mahal siya, ayoko talaga."

Besides, Cassy reasons, she can always borrow from her mom's closet.



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