

Pagbubukas ng mga hotel, resort sa Bataan pinapayagan na

Ni ERNIE ESCONDE

LUNGSOD NG BALANGA -- Ibinalita ni Gov. Albert Garcia ngayong Martes na matapos ang mahigit walong buwan ay pinapayagan na ang pagbubukas ng mga hotel, resort at iba pang kaparehong establisimiyento sa Bataan.

Ito, aniya, ang nilala-

man ng pinakabagong resolusyon ng provincial inter-agency task force na siya, bilang governor, ang chairman.

"Pinapayagan na ang pagbubukas ng mga ito at pagtanggap ng mga turista galing sa loob at labas ng Bataan ngunit batay sa itinakdang mga guidelines at protocol,"

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Equitable, affordable vaccine roll outs pushed

DEVELOPED countries, global health authorities, and pharmaceutical companies at the forefront of the anticipated mass roll out of Covid-19 vaccines

must ensure that distribution be equitable and immediately accessible to the rest of the nations if there is to be a global and lasting approach to solving the coronavirus

pandemic.

This was the call of Commissioner Gwen Pimentel-Gana of the Commission on Human Rights with the advent of the development of

Covid-19 vaccines in western countries, such as the United States and the United Kingdom.

These vaccines are now awaiting final-stage

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DSWD to launch barangay VAW help desks

TARLAC CITY -- Violence Against Women desks are set to be put up in barangay halls in Central Luzon by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

The initiative is part of the 18-day VAW Campaign to end physical, emotional, and sexual abuses to women and girls.

DSWD regional information officer Reiner Grospe said cases of violence typically occur in small communities per studies of the Philippine Commission on Women.

"We need to strengthen the campaign down to the barangay level, thus, putting up the desks to make it accessible for women and girls to voice out their concerns," Grospe said.

Aside from the VAW desks, concerned women and girls may also speak out by messaging the official Facebook page of DSWD Field Office 3 at facebook.

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Local firm puzzled over NBI 'advisory'

Over anonymous complaint

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

ANGELES CITY – A newly-formed local company is at a loss on what kind of complaint has been filed against it as it denied any irregularity with its business activities.

During a press conference on Wednesday at the Vista Verde clubhouse here, Lokal Plate Corp. (LPC) president and CEO Brian So, 27, presented LPC's articles of incorporation from the Securities and Exchange Commission approved last August as well as its amendment which was approved on Nov. 11.

So said no complaint has been received by LFC other than an "advisory" from the National Bureau of Investigation not to sell securities to the public.

LFC legal counsel Atty. Peter Paul Maglalang said it appears that the NBI has been misled by one Angela Santos on unspeci-



So

fied alleged irregularities by LFC.

He explained that as far as Lokal Plate is concerned, it is not engaged with soliciting investment or trading of securities. LFC is en-

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NEW NORMAL TOUR. CDC tourism promotions officials with officers from the Department of Tourism and Tourism Promotions Board and participants from the Philippine Tour Operators Association and the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development at the launch. **CDC-CD PHOTO**

Clark-Pampanga-Subic travel corridor launched

CLARK FREEPORT — To revitalize Clark's tourism industry, the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Mabalacat City Government (MCG), and the Subic-Clark

Alliance for Development (SCAD) recently launched the Clark-Pampanga-Subic Corridor Tour.

Through CDC's Tourism Promotions Division (TPD), the 3-day trav-

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BIGGEST. The country's biggest McDonald's is set to open inside the 35.6-hectare Capital Town in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The two-level NextGen McDonald's store in this historic site near the Pampanga Provincial Capitol will have a floor area of more than 1,000 square meters and will feature its own modern McCafe. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Covid-19 sa Bataan: 5 bagong kaso, 21 gumaling

NI ERNIE ESCONDE

LUNGSOD NG BALANGA -- Umabot na sa 3,286 ang mga kumpirmadong kaso ng coronavirus disease sa Bataan matapos magtala ng limang bagong nagpositibo sa virus samantalang umakyat naman sa 2,984 ang mga nakarekober nang magkaroon ng 21 bagong gumaling.

Sinabi ni Gov. Albert Garcia nitong Martes na ang mga bagong kumpirmadong kaso ay tig-isa mula sa Abucay, Mariveles, Orion, Pilar, at Balanga City

na ang edad ay nasa pagitan ng 34 at 74 taon.

Ang mga nakarekober naman ay tig-lima sa Dinalupihan at Samal, apat sa Abucay, tatlo sa Balanga City at tig-dalawa mula sa Mariveles at Orion. Ang pinakabata ay apat na taon samantalang ang pinakamatanda ay 88 taon.

Ang mga aktibong kaso ay 234 habang ang nasawi ay 68.

May na-test ng 35,956 na ang 32,446 ay nagnetatibo na habang ang 224 ay naghihintay pa ng resulta.

Online dashboard

Samantala, nagtalaga ang provincial government ng isang online dashboard kung saan mas madaling matutukoy ang eksaktong bilang ng mga bakanteng kama sa mga ospital sa Bataan.

Sa pamamagitan ng sistemang ito, maaaring masubaybayan ang kapasidad ng pitong pampublikong ospital at walong pribadong ospital sa lalawigan, sabi ng governor.

"Malaki ang maitutulong ng nasabing dashboard upang matukoy

kung saang ospital maaaring dalhin ang isang pasyente na nangangailangan ng agarang atensiyong medical dahil maiwasan na ang pagpapalipat-lipat ng pasyente sa dahilang puno na ang ospital na napagdalan sa kanya," paliwanag ni Garcia.

Kabilang din, aniya, sa sistemang ito ang bilang ng mga okupado at bakanteng kama na nasa 28 quarantine facility sa iba't ibang bayan at lungsod ng lalawigan. Ito raw ay may kapasidad na 1,302.



Ang mabigat na daloy ng trapiko sa south bound ng Balagtas toll plaza. **KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS**

NLEX Balagtas toll plaza heavy traffic sa nagpapakabit ng RFID

NI ROMMEL RAMOS

BALAGTAS, Bulacan --- Masikip na daloy ng trapiko ang narasan ngayong araw sa south bound ng NLEX Balagtas toll plaza dahil dagda ang mga motoristang nagpapakabit ng RFID stickers.

Umabot ang pila ng mga sasakyan ng hanggang limang kilometro hanggang nitong hapon ng Martes.

Ayon sa Bulacan police, madaling araw pa lamang nang magdagda ang mga motorista na magpapakabit ng stickers.

Habang ang iba namang mga motorista na may RFID nga ngunit wala namang load ay lumilipat ng linya para

makapagpa-load dahil para lalong mabalam ang daloy ng trapiko sa lugar.

At dahil sa may katagalan bago makaalis ang mga sasakyan sa nasabing toll plaza ay umabot na hanggang Balagtas-Guiguinto intersection ang pila ng mga sasakyan at naapektuhan na din ang daloy sa local road.

Ayon sa motoristang si Christopher Magat, paluwas sila at galing sila ng Plaridel nang maipit sa bigat ng trapiko.

Sana aniya ay may sariling linya ang mga nagpapakabit ng RFID para hindi nakakaabala sa ibang motorista.

Ang truck driver na si Abet Samson naman ay isang oras daw na naiip-

it at pabalik na sana ng pier.

Ang motorista din na si Marvin Bernardo ay nakakadalawang balik na daw sa lugar para magpakabit ng RFID dahil sa sobrang haba ng trapik.

Sana aniya ay maglagay pa ng dagdag na linya para sa mga magpapakabit ng RFID para maiwasan ang paghaba ng pila.

Sa katunayan aniya ay hindi pa sila kumakain at kailangan na nilang magpakabit ng sticker dahil hindi sila makapasok sa NLEX.

Hinihiling rin niya sa NLEX ng extension period bago ang full implementation dahil marami pa ang hindi nakapagpapalagay ng RFID stickers.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

BRIGHTWOODS CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE, whose last known address is Lot 4 Block 2, Pandan-Tabun Road, Pandan, Angeles City, Pampanga hereby notifies its application for **Voluntary Dissolution** (*where no creditors are affected*) and its cessation of operations effective October 31, 2020.

For inquiries you may call 09175014789.

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HPG, LTO REMIND MOTORISTS Obey traffic laws

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY - Officials of the Highway Patrol Group and Land Transportation Office in Nueva Ecija appealed to motorists to faithfully follow traffic rules "to avoid inconvenience and for their own safety."

The call was made as a number of motorists were apprehended for different violations in a joint one-time-big time operation along Maharlika Highway here on Wednesday.

"Ang lahat naman ng ito ay ginagawa namin para sa kanilang kapakanan at kaligtasan ng publiko," said HPG provincial officer Capt. Lester Zafrá.

He urged motorist to keep their ve-

hicles registered.

"Mag-seatbelt. Magsuot ng helmet. At yung mga basic na alam naman nila, yung iba pasaway lang talaga," Zafrá said.

Aside from being unregistered, among the common violations logged in the operation were having unauthorized fog lights and LED lights, lack of or having unauthorized plates, and not wearing of seatbelt.

Ferdinand Ison of the LTO Cabanatuan District Office stressed that vehicle registration is vital in any case of accident. "Maging vigilant po tayo sa pagpaparehistro kasi kung tayo'y maaksidente o tayo aksidentihin para wala tayong problema," he said.

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HPG and LTO personnel in one-time-bog-time operations against traffic violators. **PHOTO BY ARMAND M. GALANG**



AstroClark Diagnostic Center now open

BY JOANN MANABAT

ANGELES CITY — Astro Clark Diagnostic Center has officially opened its facility here on Wednesday.

The formal blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony was led by Concepcion, Tarlac Mayor Andy Lacson and Angeles City executive assistant V Raffy Angeles, AstroClark general manager Dong Dungca together with other business associates and VIPs.

AstroClark Diagnostic Center provides both pathological and radiological testing service and analysis such as urinalysis, fecalysis, complete blood count, drug test, he-

modialysis, x-ray, ECG, ultrasound, 2D echo, rapid test, and antigen test. Other amenities include medical and dental clinics, an aesthetic center, and pharmacy.

According to Dungca, AstroClark is a full service diagnostic center accepting out-patients and walk-ins who are in need of their services with 12 chairs for hemodialysis.

"We are a one-stop shop diagnostic center including a dental clinic and pharmacy," said Dungca.

"We are open everyday even on Sundays, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. We do home service also, they can just give us a call," he added.

For Lacson's part, he said the government is prioritizing healthcare facilities amid the pandemic to provide the public an access to laboratory tests needed especially in these current times.

"The opening of this establishment is really relevant from what is happening right now. We put premium (care) on helping the people. By having a facility like this, maybe we can tie up together with our LGU as it is near Concepcion also," said Lacson.

AstroClark Diagnostic Center is located along Zeppelin St. Balibago. For home service you may call 0977-805-0304.

NGCP donates over P37-M to typhoon-hit provinces

FOLLOWING the passage of destructive triple typhoons, including the world's strongest typhoon for 2020, Typhoon Rolly (international name Goni), NGCP commenced relief and restoration efforts to hard-hit provinces in Luzon.

Over P37 million worth of grocery packs and t-shirts are being distributed to provinces hard hit by super Typhoon Rolly in the Southern Tagalog and Bicol Regions, and to flooded areas in the Cagayan Region and NCR in the aftermath of Typhoon Ulysses.

"Many families and communities in the Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions were displaced by the passage of three strong tropical cyclones over the past few weeks. Many others were inundated by massive floods brought about by Ulysses in the Cagayan Region and in the NCR. As a Filipino corporation operating across the country, we felt that it was necessary to go beyond our line of business and help those badly affected. More than just restoring vital power transmission ser-

vices, we wanted to do more and extend relief to these areas," said NGCP. Thousands of sacks of rice and t-shirts, as well as tens of thousands of canned goods, bottled drinking water, noodles and other food items were distributed to about 100,000 families through local government units.

Simultaneous with relief operations were restoration activities for the power transmission lines affected by the typhoons. NGCP deployed 4 choppers and over 1,000 personnel working in shifts, when weather and safety conditions permit, to expedite restoration works. NGCP was able to restore transmission services to all areas affected, ahead of schedule.

NGCP is a Filipino-led, privately owned company in charge of operating, maintaining, and developing the country's power grid, led by majority shareholders and Vice Chairman of the Board Henry Sy, Jr. and Co-Vice Chairman Robert Coyiuto, Jr.

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To the Point

Duterte sees red, dog poop

ITONG MGA legal fronts ng komunista, lahat 'yan, Makabayan, Bayan, they are all legal fronts, Gabriela... We are not red-tagging you. We are identifying you as members in a grand conspiracy comprising all the legal fronts that they have organized, headed by the NDF.

Ilang tao na na galing doon sa inyong kampo, openly have attacked you, not only criticized, for your sheer brutality in this communal war.

Communal war ito, there is no longer an ideology. Komunista ito, wala nang ideology... Gusto lang nila umagaw ng gobyerno. Mga bobo naman ang p*t*ng*n*. Sinong bright, si Sison? Iharap mo sa akin magdebate kami. Anong nakuha mo diyan sa ideology na communism?

You are accusing us of red-tagging you. No. The Armed Forces of the Philippines is very correct. You are being identified as being members of the Communist (Party of the Philippines). Alam namin. 'Yun ang totoo. Hindi red-tagging.

(Singling out Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Zarate) Alam mo, sasabihin ko. Nangangailangan ka ng pera. That's the only reason. Komunista ka to defend an oligarch. Di ka naman summa cum laude, pareho naman tayong pumasa ng Bar. Kung magsalita ka, you make it appear that we are milking the government.

Alam mo sa totoo, Zarate, kapag nakita kita sa TV, para akong nakakita ng t** ng iro (dog). Para akong nakakita ng t** ng aso, sa totoo lang.

(President Duterte in his Monday public address)

Zarate decries tag

MULI, pinabubulaanan namin, sa Makabayan Bloc and personally, na kami ay front ng Communist Party of the Philippines, ng NPA, at ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines.

Kami ay mga lehitimong, mga rehistradong mga party-list groups na lumalahok sa parliamentary arena at ngayon nga ay nakaupo kami hanggang ngayon sa 18th Congress.

Itong lahat ay sa tingin namin ay pagtatakip lamang sa incompetence at sa malubhang problema pa rin sa ating bayan ngayon at pilit kaming pinipilayan to silence us especially in our active role bilang mga mambabatas sa loob ng Kongreso. Yan ay aming matinding kinukundena.

Ang pinakamasahol nito ay magkaroon ng designation sa amin bilang mga terorista dahil pilit kaming dinidikit doon sa terorismo at gagamitin nilang kasangkapan, they will weaponize itong masahol na terror law.

Kung sasabihin nila, e bakit pareho kayo ng advocacy ng underground movement? Is that a crime?

Kung sabihin nila na nananawagan sila ng land reform, agrarian reform at kami ay nananawagan din, ipso facto, kami ay mga komunista na rin, kami ay miyembro na agad ng Communist Party of the Philippines?

(Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Zarate in a press conference Tuesday)



Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Opinion

A shoot from the stump

LAST SATURDAY I received a text message from a friend of mine from Switzerland. She said, "Bishop, please pray for the people of Switzerland. We are voting tomorrow in a referendum, just a YES or NO vote to the move to hold Swiss companies with businesses abroad (transnational or multinational) liable for any human rights violations or environmental damages caused by their subsidiaries abroad."

The move was apparently promoted by more than 130 civil society organizations in Switzerland. It was of course vehemently opposed by both business groups and government. Their strong argument was it could hurt Swiss companies as they struggle with a business slowdown linked to Covid-19.

Yesterday, she texted again and said, "We lost." I consoled her by saying "At least you have succeeded in getting your message across." Actually, the vote is not necessarily conclusive; it can still be pursued again in more normal circumstances. The people obviously took the side of cautiousness, only because of the pandemic, while the business environment is abnormal. I can see where they are coming from and the reason for their determination to hold giant Swiss transnational companies accountable, even if it can hurt their strong economy.

The pandemic is really challenging our mindsets. When things get back to normal, it can never be business as usual anymore. This assertive voice is coming from their own citizens in Switzerland, people who love their country, but not at the expense of the rest of the world. I call it a moment of lucidity, a moment of awakening, similar to what we hear about in our readings today.

The prophet Isaiah is pronouncing an oracle of hope in our first reading. He envisions the coming of an enlightened leadership and describes it as "a shoot from the stump of Jesse... a blossoming bud sprouting". He is of course referring to the revival of the dynasty of King David—who represented a different brand of leadership. Remember how God asked the prophet Samuel to anoint the young shepherd boy David, because the previous leader, King Saul had turned into a vicious and power-hungry tyrant.

Remember when the prophet Samuel examined the sons of Jesse one by one, following his own criteria of strength, and smartness? Remember how the Lord reminded him that He had a different set of criteria? God said, "Do not consider his appearance or his height... The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." What did God see in David? The heart of a Good Shepherd.

The return of David's brand of enlightened leadership is being prophesied by Isaiah today. Imagine a forest that has been burned down? Imagine trees felled and wildlife decimated,

and in the middle of this scene of devastation you suddenly see a green shoot! He calls it a blossoming bud sprouting! A bit like the green shoot from an olive branch in the beak of the dove that had been released by Noah from the ark. It was a sign of hope!

The prophet is declaring: "We're not hopeless." God is preparing for us a new and enlightened breed of leadership that is guided by a "spirit of wisdom and understanding". There is no reason to despair despite the devastation. We can still dream of a new and better world; we can work for peace and harmony. We can make way for a more just and equitable society. We can put an end to conflict and division, to war and violence.

In our Gospel reading, Jesus becomes that shoot from the stump of Jesse. He rejoices in the Holy Spirit about the new things God is bringing about. St. Paul has said basically the same things but expressed them differently. Here's what he says in 1 Cor. 1:27-29: "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God."

There are always moments of lucidity, moments when people are able to see more clearly, often with eyes washed by a lot of tears. Moments of realization, especially during times of crisis like the one that we are going through. A crisis, they say, is just a call for a new judgment. It is the perfect opportunity see what God wants us to see.

Enlightened leaders are often those who have been through serious crises in their lives, people who have been tested by fire, people who have become more sensitive to the stirrings of the Spirit. They are people who can no longer be intimidated by bullies and tyrants. They possess a certain childlikeness, a certain naivete.

And so, I texted my friend from Switzerland. "This is a work in progress, don't give it up. What you initiated is a ripple that can make an impact on the whole ocean. May this season of Hope make us look forward to a better world—one that is more just, more humane, more compassionate to the poor, and more mindful of the earth, our common home. Maranatha!"

(Homily for 01 Dec. 2020, Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent, Lk 10: 21-24)

TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

Luis Maria Guerrero is born in Ermita, Manila

ON DECEMBER 1, 1874, Luis Maria Guerrero, a Bacteriologist, Pediatrician, and Helminthologist was born in Ermita, Manila to Brigido Guerrero and Maria Alvarez. Guerrero, a professor in Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Santo Tomas and later as head of that department, was also an uncontested authority in Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Guerrero possessed an amazingly keen memory and a pair of clinical eyes which aided him in making a snap diagnosis of patients, rarely using a stethoscope. His diagnostic ability was legendary for he oftentimes could visualize what many physicians failed to recognize.

His unusually sharp sense of perception was a distinguishing mark through which he had achieved fame.

One of his chief virtues as a doctor and professor of medicine was his noble spirit of self-sacrifice for ailing mankind. It was known that a good number of times, he was assailed by abdominal pains or colic while prodding patiently on, and administering the sick. He would take his meals, which consisted mainly of a can of "Bear Brand" milk, in his car, just so he could carry out his heavy daily schedule of visits. He knew the moral imponderable, curative value of the presence of the physi-

cian and his presence to many patients radiated and infused confidence, hope, redemption.

Dr. Luis Maria Guerrero married Adela Henry, a French mestiza, with whom Dr. Guerrero had ten children.

He died of diabetes on August 12, 1950.

On July 4, 1948, President Elpidio Quirino bestowed upon him an award for his distinguished service to the country and in recognition of the impact of his achievements on the medical profession. His alma mater, the University of Santo Tomas, honored him as its most distinguished alumnus for the year 1946.



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The Public Pulse

Jun Sula

The virus and the media

THE COVID 19 virus has been a monstrous pest to the working press.

The media industry has been one of the hardest hit when the invisible scare descended upon us. In its wake, many media outfits, struggling even before the pandemic, were rudely shoved out of business. Those which were doing well before the crisis set in have managed to survive, hoping that the pest will soon be in the past tense.

With the economy virtually on a wait-and-see stance, many businesses which had been the consistent source of the media's revenue stream through ads, have either paused, slowed or shut down altogether. With the stream drying faster than the ink on newsprint, newspapers, local or national, daily or whatever, soon found themselves staring at horrifying financial reports.

Several weeks ago, I was talking to a fellow media practitioner about the situation. He shook his head and wiggled his fingers like he was having an epileptic attack and then lamentations came out of his mouth as if life had been unfair to him.

"The orbit is gone," he said, referring to his erstwhile routine of dropping by patrons and friends in the business and political sector who usually provided generous help, those who might be aptly described as "low hanging fruits".

This time, not only were the fruits gone, the trees had become scarce, not even far and few between. His plight had been simply reduced to a philosophical joke. Easy to approach, he mumbled, but hard to find, which was usually reserved for user-friendly politicians.

Without a free press, so it's been said, democracy is impossible. Freedom of the press is the oxygen of free and unfettered public conversation.

A long time ago, the print media was projected to go out of business in a kind of slow death, ultimately foreseen being buried in 2050. That's because of a new genie freed from its bottle: the internet. As news became available for free online, circulation dramatically dropped and the print industry had to find a new business model quick to stay afloat. The old paradigm of circulation equals revenue had been upended, more like blindsided.

The news about the paper's impending death, however, is a bit exaggerated, following Mark Twain's protestation. Many are still reeling, no doubt, but are finding ways to use the new reality to their advantage -- as much as possible.

The prophets of doom had failed to factor in their calculus, which included new technology and new emperors, a pandemic like the one still raging, unpredictable and messy, all over the

world.

There were other pests before. Authoritarians, populist and not, who obviously couldn't tolerate diverse and contrary opinions. What has emerged is the proverbial battle between an immovable object and an irresistible force. Guess who's been winning so far.

Everyone can easily see or feel the effect of even a partial loss of media. A void is felt sooner or later, as when former Vice President Jojo Binay woeed the loss of ABS-CBN coverage of typhoon-devastated areas. In a word, the nation was having difficulty breathing and he felt it.

Nature hates a vacuum. Today, one can easily spot the emergence of other networks, from the religious to the ridiculous, channeling obviously and without blushing those who butter their bread. There's a fair warning: media coziness with the state is good for the state but bad for the media, buttered or not.

If Donald Trump, the soon-to-be ex-US president, has been as good in co-opting American media for his populist agenda, he probably would have convinced most Americans of his false claims of widespread fraud in the recent US presidential election.

Of course, there were other factors, principally a US judiciary with a spine. In other words, while the Fourth Estate is crucial in a democracy, a solid judiciary and a strong opposition ultimately are a big plus as safety net against a despot, a wolf in sheep's clothing.

The Philippines may not be as fortunate. But it's trying its best for God knows how long now, riding the trough and crest of every crisis and every potential pest, nature-borne and man-made.

It's currently struggling with double whammies: the virus and the continuing erosion of democratic institutions. The former may soon be a thing of the past with several anti-COVID vaccines in sight and ready to roll out anytime next year.

The latter will continue to hound our version of democracy long after the pest is gone. The press stands, among a few others like the church and the opposition, in the way of a complete political regression.

Barring another unforeseen pest, we hope not.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

'A friendly reminder to lot owners'

KUNG kayo ay mayrun ng kahit man lamang kapisasong lupa, na nakatiwang-wang at ni wala itong bakod o anumang bagay na pupuedeng isaalang-alang;

Gaya ng kahit na minsan sa isang taon di natin magawang silipin mang lang 'yon, maaring iba na ang may-ari ngayon at hindi na natin magawang mahabol.

Diyan sa Quezon City, may nakaranas na ng katulad nitong kakaibang istorya, na nabigla itong may-ari talaga nang datnang nito na may nakatirik na.

At hindi 'squatter' itong sumalubong sa may-ari, at siya mismo ang tinanong nito, at ang sabi: "Mister ano po 'yon, may kailangan po ba kayo kay Mr. Wong?"

Ikaw man bang itong may-ari talaga ng lupang datnan mong ya'y okupado na nitong ibang tao di ka magtataka, gayong di mo naman ito ibinenta?

Base sa ginawa niyang pagsaliksik sa tanggapan mismo ng 'Register of Deeds' ay nakabili ay negosyanteng Intsik, pero ang 'vendor' di matukoy ng buwisit.

Marami ng mga pangyayaring ganyan maging dito sa tin sa kasalukuyan, diyan lang sa Simon, tayo ay may alam na 'dinorobo' rin ng higit pa ryan.

Sa pamamagitan ng sabuwatan nitong mga masahol pa nga sa mandarambong na naturangan pa manding ang propesyon ay kagalang-galang at mga 'your honor'.

Suspendidong abogado itong isa, na di residente dito sa Pampanga; 'The other' aywan kung taga saan siya, maliban sa dati ko siyang nakasama.

Mangilan-ilan sa ganitong propesyon na kahalubilo ng mga 'your honor,' aywan din kung bakit nagagawa itong kahit pa't mali ay isinusulong?

Basta kumita lang, at bale-walain ang para sa kapwa't kirot ng damdamin, ng hirap sa buhay, na kahit naising makahulagpos ay di makayang gawin.

Kundi ipagsa-Diyos ang hindi makamit na hustisya dito sa ating daigdig, na pinamugaran ng di maka-langit na lipi ni Cain sa lahat ng saglit.

Alam kong maraming alagad kunwari ng maka-Diyos at ng maka-taong uri ng propesyon itong magbakasakali na ako'y ihabla ng mga nakanti.

Okey lang, pagkat ang akin ay babala o kwenta 'info' ng magandang balita, na huwag pabayaang bakante n'yong lupa, maang-akin ng taong mapagsamantala!

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Local firm puzzled over NBI 'advisory'

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gaged with the business of franchising which is compliant with its SEC registration. He said LFC has the articles of incorporation from SEC to support its claim.

For the record, So read the official company statement:

"Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Bureau of Investigation

have been misled by an anonymous complaint by Angela Santos. Santos is not a franchisee nor involved in any of our business. We simply don't know her.

"We believe that we were deprived of due process. We were not furnished a copy of the formal complaint beforehand and they did not seek our comments before the advisory was released.

"As far as Lokal Plate is concerned, we are not engaged with soliciting investment or trading of securities. We are engaged with the business of franchising which we are compliant with SEC. We have the articles of incorporation from SEC to support our claim.

"We assure our partners and other stakeholders that 'We are legitimate business'.

"We acknowledge

the advisory released by SEC and the investigation that is being conducted by NBI. As a legitimate business, we don't tolerate any kind of fraud. Thus, they can expect that we will fully cooperate with any investigation to clear our name and to dispel the rumors that we have no legal authority to engage in franchising or we use franchising as a guise to solicit investments."

So also announced his own statement saying he "is speaking on behalf of the nameless and faceless MSMEs who might have been crushed at the infancy stage of building businesses with noble causes. I am using my voice to amplify these MSMEs' silenced voices that could've thrived but already fell as victims to giants in the industry that will not allow new-

comers."

"At Lokal Plate, we will turn these scars into stars for everyone to see that in the battle between David and Goliath, we stay firm about how underdogs can overcome the odds and be successful."

Maglalang said despite LFC's young executives, the company is doing good with its business. LFC executives are all in their twenties.

Clark-Pampanga-Subic travel corridor launched

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el corridor aims to introduce the freedom to travel under the new normal but with strict compliance to health and safety protocols as prescribed by the government.

On Day 1 of the event, the first destination was the Clark Museum (which re-opened on December 1) which features four galleries sharing the rich history and culture of Clark and its neighboring areas.

The group was led by DOT Regional Direc-

tor Carolina Uy, SCAD Executive Director Atty. Amee Zarraga-Fabros, Tourism Promotions Board (TPB) Marketing Officer Gemma Lisic, as well as Philippine Tour Operators Association (PHILTOA) participants.

PHILTOA members present were representatives from T.R.I.P.S Travel, Arfel Travel & Tours, Shroff Travel, Travel-experts Inc., Broadway Travel Inc., and Bridges Multi Business Services Inc., toured around Clark where they saw the Parade Grounds, Fort Sto-

tsenberg, historical buildings, Bahay na Puti, Bicentennial Park, and the barn houses also dubbed as "Centennial houses."

The group then went to visit Clark Sun Valley Golf Resort and Country Club which showcases the world class 36-hole golf course and the 360-degree panoramic view at the highest peak of Clark, overlooking Mt. Arayat and the Kabusilan Mountain Ranges in Zambales.

They also visited El Kabayo - a Western

themed village in this Freeport that offers a trail ride to explore the beautiful sceneries of Clark.

Mabalacat City Mayor Crisostomo Garbo also welcomed and accompanied the group and PHILTOA participants at Lola Nor's Meryandahan in the said city, where they had a taste of Kapampangan cuisine.

The group then visited DECO Central, a state-of-the art furniture showroom here, which features Pampanga-based furniture manufacturers.

The participants also experienced the adrenaline rush while karting at Clark International Speedway - an international standard motorsport venue with a Grade 4 accreditation level from the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

With the fair weather, the group was also given a treat at the Sacobia Riverbed where the tourists had a fun ATV ride along Sitio Haduan and Sacobia area where the scenic waterfalls is located.

CDC-TPD Manager Noemi Julian spearheaded the activity to showcase the beauty of Clark and its neighboring areas.

Aside from the locators mentioned, the CDC also thanks Hungry Neighbors and the Midori Hotel and Casino for providing accommodation for the guests.

On Day 2, the group visited tourist destinations in Pampanga and on Day 3, they went to the Subic Bay Freeport Zone and other destinations in nearby areas.

Pagbubukas ng mga hotel, resort sa Bataan pinapayagan na

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sabi ni Garcia.

Ang mga taga-Bataan ay kinakailangang magpakita ng valid identification card, medical certificate mula sa rural health unit at travel pass kung saan nakatira.

Para sa mga hindi taga-Bataan, karagda-

gang requirement ang reservation voucher sa hotel o resort na pupuntahan, QR Code upang makapasok sa border at RT-PCR test kung mananatili sa Bataan ng isang gabi o mahigit pa, sabi ng governor.

Sa Bataan matatagpuan ang magagandang inland at beach

resort na dinarayo lalo na kung araw ng Sabado, Linggo at pista opisyal.

Sa bayan ng Abucay, ang Raven Resort ay itinuturing na may pinakamalaking slide samantalang ang Villa Amanda ay may mga swimming pool na may bubong, children-friendly

at napakasarap ang pe-sang tilapiya.

Sa Hermosa, Dinalupihan, Limay, Mariveles, Samal, Pilar, at Orion ay mayroon ding mga dinarayong resort.

Sa Balanga City, pinananabikan ang pagbubukas ng magandang La Vista Inland Resort. Sa Orani nauna nang

nagbukas ang talaga namang maipagmamalaking Sinagtala Nature Park at iba pa sa paanan ng Bataan National Park.

Sa magkatabing bayan ng Bagac at Morong, matatagpuan ang mga beach resort na may malalapad na buhanginan sa tabi ng West Philippines Sea.

Pumapayag na ang provincial IATF sa muling operasyon ng mga ito ngunit may mahigpit na bilin ang governor.

"Mariin pa rin nating pinaalalahanan ang

lahat na bagamat nagbabakasyon ngayong kapaskuhan, manatili pa ring mapagmatyag at maingat na sundin ang lahat ng primary health protocols tulad ng pagsusuot ng face mask at face shield lalo na kung may mga kahalubilo, mag-observa ng social distancing, maghugas at mag-disinfect parati ng kamay at ng mga bagay na madalas hawakan," sabi ni Garcia.

Ibayong pag-iingat ang paalaala ng governor.

Equitable, affordable vaccine...

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trials and eventual emergency use approval by the drug administration in the United States.

At least three leading Covid-19 vaccines with promising efficacy developed by pharmaceutical giants Pfizer, Moderna, and Astra Zeneca are at the cusp of regulatory evaluations and approvals that will pave the massive roll out in billions of doses to be administered to the global population.

Gana emphasized that preservation of life is a fundamental human right.

She stressed that now that there is a major development in addressing the pandemic with the expected availability of vaccines, it is primordial that ethical

solutions mirror and reflect the principles of human rights, universality and equity which are core values of the World Health Organization and the United Nations.

CHR, the commissioner said, shares the inspired vision of the WHO in which peoples of the world attain and promote the highest possible level of health and to "keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable."

At the same time, Gana emphasized that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.

"It is thus the responsibility of the developed

nations to exert equal efforts and focus in distributing and sharing the Covid-19 vaccines to other countries, as they would to their own people," she said.

After all, the achievement of any State in the promotion and protection of health is of value to all, she said.

Equally important, Gana stressed, is that vaccines must be affordable to everyone in every country so that the targeted herd immunity would not be limited to the population of a particular country but to the rest of the global population.

This is the clarion call that, as a global community, every nation in advancing this universal human right to health must act towards one another in the spirit of

brotherhood.

Everyone, as a member of society, has the fundamental human right to social security, the protection of their health, and preservation of life through international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State.

Gana stressed that the health of all people around the world is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent on the fullest co-operation of individuals and States.

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of each individual, including medical care and necessary health services, and the right to security in the event of sickness, Gana said. **-CHR-PR**

DSWD to launch barangay VAW help desks

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com/dswdfo3.

"There's no need to worry sending reports via our Facebook page because we keep them confidential and our social workers will address your concerns and personally come to

rescue you," he said. Financial, food, and medical assistance are also given to rescued abused women and girls.

In coordination with local government units, DSWD will likewise look for a temporary shelter for the victims and link

them to public authorities for legal assistance.

In line with this, DSWD has ongoing webinars on VAW Campaign streamed through their social media page.

Grospe assured that DSWD continues to perform its mandate to

address people's concerns in different areas. "DSWD guarantees to provide various programs and services for those who are in need especially those greatly affected by the typhoon or the pandemic," he said. **-- Gabriela Liana Barela/PIA-3**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 54 MACABEBE, PAMPANGA

RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY
IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
JOEMAR JOSHUA OPEDA DIZON

JOEMAR JOSHUA OPEDA DIZON represented
by his mother MARSHA ALFONSO OPEDA,
Petitioner,

- versus -

SPECIAL PROC. NO. 20-0979(M)

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR MACABEBE, PAMPANGA,
THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES,
JUSTINE RALPH OPEDA DIZON, JEAN NICOLE OPEDA
DIZON and JEANNE NIEZSHA OPEDA DIZON,
Respondents.

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ORDER

This is a verified Petition dated 5 October 2020 filed by Petitioner through Atty. Conrado B. Gandeza, Jr, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered directing the Office of the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority and the Local Civil Registrar of Macabebe, Pampanga, to delete in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner the entry pertaining to the date and place of marriage of parents. Petitioner further prays that he be considered as an acknowledged child of his biological father, Joey Calara Dizon and that he be allowed to use his father's surname.

Pursuant to Section 4 Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, let this petition be set for hearing on 17 February 2021 at 8:30 in the morning before this Court located at the Hall of Justice, Macabebe, Pampanga.

All persons interested in the petition may appear at the aforesaid date of hearing and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted. Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

Let a copy of this Order be served upon the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), (b) the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines, Philippine Statistics Authority and the (c) Local Civil Registrar of Macabebe, Pampanga.

SO ORDERED.

Macabebe, Pampanga, 09 November 2020.

KATHERINE M. LEGARDA-PAJARON
Presiding Judge

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARITES MAUN** who died intestate on June 17, 2018 in Mabalacat, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation and Special Power of Attorney on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 5, Psd-03-164927, being a portion of Blk. 3, Pcs-03-002945) situated in Brgy. Sta. Ines, Mabalacat, Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 906 in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Anthonie K. Langit as per Doc No. 1173, Page No. 11, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MAXIMO D. ORTAÑEZ** and **VICTORIA M. DAVID-ORTAÑEZ** who died intestate on December 25, 2005 in Mabalacat, Pampanga and December 16, 2008 in Angeles City, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as their rights and interest over a certain property with improvements thereon identified as Block 25 Lot 05 (AE-2A) Phase II of the Sta. Lucia Resettlement Project in Magalang, Pampanga and awarded by the HUDCC-PPMO, now NHA, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 471693-R, before Notary Public John Manuel B. Bautista as per Doc No. 404, Page No. 81, Book No. XLVI, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **BERNARDO M. BAUTISTA** and **LOLITA P. BAUTISTA** who died intestate on August 26, 2017 and September 12, 2019, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 30, Blk. 5, of the cons-subd. plan (LRC) Pcs-5126, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 2805-B-2-B, 2805-B-2-C & 2805-B-2-D (LRC) PSD-4466, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 145), situated in the Bo. of Sto. Rosario, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 249617-R, before Notary Public Leila Mae M. Estabillo as per Doc No. 67, Page No. 15, Book No. 8, Series of 2020.

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Publication Notice
R.A. 10172

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172) Notice is hereby served to the public that **ASHLEY KEITH MACATUNO DESEAR** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live of Birth of her minor daughter **ASHLEY KEITH MACATUNO DESEAR** at Mabalacat, Pampanga and whose parents are **ARNAIZ IMBUIDO DESEAR** and **ADELITA TURLA MACATUNO**.

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

VICTOR TERRY A. MEDINA
CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR

FOR THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR
GLENDA A. JARIN
Administrative Officer III

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23 & 30, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DANILO LAYAG DIZON** who died intestate on July 23, 2020 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a Joint Savings Account at the BDO, SM City Pampanga B Branch with Account Number 002480317567 under the Account Name Danilo Dizon and Edna Dizon, before Notary Public Gener C. Endona as per Doc No. 481, Page No. 98, Book No. 60, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2020

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **REMEDIOS PAMINDANAN MERCADO**, Filipino, married to Arnaldo Bondoc Mercado, resident of 313 Broadway, Marisol Village, Angeles City and sole heir of spouses **ANDRES MACAPAGAL PAMINDANAN** and **RUFINA GALANG PAMINDANAN** who died intestate on December 3, 2007 and June 18, 2005, respectively, both in Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Sale on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 25, Block 10-C of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-1077, being a portion of the consolidation of Blocks 21-27, 30-32, and Road Lots 12-22, Psd-49971, and Block 10, Psd-46477, LRC Rec. No. 124) situated in the Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 30854 in the Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles, before Notary Public Rodolfo S. Uyengco as per Doc No. 1954, Page No. 32, Book No. LXVIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROSENDO CANTOS TOLENTINO** who died intestate on March 23, 2005 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot U, of the subdivision plan Pcs-03-000222 (AR) being a portion of Lot 7, 8, 9, 11 to 17, 19, 21 and 23, Block 30, (LRC) Pcs-5403, L.R.C. Rec. No.) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Pampang, San Nicolas and Lourdes, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 120818, before Notary Public Orlando R. Pangilinan as per Doc No. 674, Page No. 42, Book No. LXII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2020

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **BENITO R. CUENCO** and **AGNES CASTRO CUENCO** who died intestate on July 23, 2018 and October 11, 2001, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as follows:

1. A parcel of land, with improvements thereon, located in Barrio San Roque, Marikina City, Metro Manila covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 354860;
2. A parcel of land located in Brgy. Sta. Rita, Concepcion, Tarlac covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 222370; and
3. A parcel of land located in Brgy. Sta. Rita, Concepcion, Tarlac covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 310346;

before Notary Public Myla M. Matic as per Doc No. 100, Page No. 21, Book No. VI, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2020



Spotlight Arci Pineda

Veteran actress Aiko Melendez was rushed to the hospital

AIKO MELENDEZ was rushed to the hospital last Saturday, November 28, after showing COVID-19 symptoms during their lock-in taping for *Prima Donnas*: "I got my result and it was negative and I have tonsillitis."

"I'm back to work".

This is the good news Aiko posted on her social media account.

The veteran actress had a panic attack while on a lock-in taping for kapuso afternoon series "Prima Donnas".

In her facebook account Aiko said....

"Nawalan kasi ako ng panlasa tsaka ako linagnat.

Which are among the symptoms of Covid-19

"November 27 is when I started not feeling well coming from a taping that's almost every day.

"I started to feel the itch sa throat ko and around 10 p.m. I had to rush to unit 2 Direk Aya [Topacio] to finish my remaining scenes which I was required to shout sa scene.

"I was packed up at 11:30 to be exact and I started to feel sick and have colds from coming in an aircon room ta's init.

"Saturday, 2 p.m., as I was having lunch, I started to feel weak and wala na lasa my food and my throat was unbearable. I couldn't modulate my voice.

"I spoke to my executive producer about how I was feeling. And right there and then, she called up the medics, took my temperature, and my temperature was okay. Blood pressure is normal."

"The only thing that's weird was the itchininess of my throat and I couldn't differentiate the taste of paksiw kasi nag-iba, wala lasa.

"So Miss Ysai (Marissa Hilario, Prima Donnas executive producer) rushed me to Assumption Hospital to have me tested coz GMA's protocol is once you have all those symptoms, you need to be isolated."

She was then rushed to the hospital however the findings is that she is negative of Covid-19 but she had tonsillitis.

"So, as I went to the hospital, they took my swab test, checked my throat. My throat is irritated and namumula probably kasi na-strain siya from shouting.

"As GMA's order, I can't be sent back to set unless I am cleared that I don't have COVID, that I'm negative.

"So I was sent back to the hotel. I was isolated until I get my result.

"45 minutess passed, I got my result, and it was negative and I have tonsillitis."

Aiko is very thankful with GMA-7 because the network sees to it that all the artists, staff and crew involved in the lock-in taping are safe from Covid-19.

"GMA made me rest for a couple of hours until I was ready to shoot my remaining scenes.

"They adjusted the whole script so just for me to tape what was needed of me and na-packup ako maaga.

"That's why I am so thankful to GMA-7 coz they took good care of my needs, medics were round the clock checking on me.

"So when I got back, I was able to sleep and following day late call ako. And I felt a lot better.

"So doctor said it was fatigue and tonsillitis.

Kaya ako wala panlasa kasi maga lalamunan ko at me sipon ako.

"Ok na ako, asa taping na ako. I'm back to work."

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MYRTLE SARROSA, apart from singing, dancing and acting, has a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Communications. She graduated cum laude from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City in June 2017.

Although Myrtle is focused on improving herself as an actress, she has been exploring other possibilities as well—as a performer, an influencer, and an online content creator.

Myrtle said it's all about multi-tasking, "We have so much time in a day, so yung mga binibigay sa akin na mga oras, ginagawa ko doing the things that I love.

"Yun nga, I love music, usually I wake up in the morning 'tapos I play music 'tapos sumasabay na ako sa pagkanta.

"In the afternoon, I do my work. Pagkatapos in the evening, yun yung opportunity ko to connect with my friends.

"Yung madalas namin ginagawa together is playing video games, so naging passion ko na rin.

"And usually, yun nga, habang naglalaro kami, sinasabay ko na, ini-stream ko na rin so that I have the opportunity to reach out sa followers ko.

"And after that, ang dami kong time, di ba? Bago ako matulog, nanonood ako ng one to two episodes ng anime.

"Because of the pandemic, naulit ko yung buong series ng Naruto. Isipin mo yun, nasa 800 episodes ata.

"Tapos per day [nakakarami] ako, e, yun yung pinapanood ko. Naka-ano lang, naka-times two yung speed.

"There's really so much time especially ngayon na everyone's working from home.

"You hold your time, you don't have to spend so much time in the traffic.

"So yung time dati na parang nawe-waste natin, kasi before nagda-drive din ako, parang ngayon nama-maximize ko lahat in doing various things."



Myrtle Sarrosa

Creative Christmas Tree Centerpieces bring joy to SM shoppers

IT IS said that Filipinos began decorating their homes with Christmas trees in the early 1900s, as influenced by our American colonizers. Earlier, however, Dr. Jose Rizal, our National Hero, introduced and brought the idea about the Christmas tree in his letter to his eldest sister when he was in Berlin in November 1886. He simply described how Christmas is celebrated in Germany and Spain, and how a forest pine tree decorated with glitter, lights, candies and fruit is placed inside the house where everyone celebrates Christmas around it.

Since that time, the Christmas tree has found its place in many Filipino homes. Beyond the display and the ornaments, it has conveyed a message of love, unity, and joy in every member of the family.

The iconic Christmas tree has also found its way as a creative centerpiece in SM's

malls with artistic renditions in modern and traditional themes. Some like the **Christmas in Bloom** at SM Aura Premier, and the **Southacul Carnival Christmas** at SM Southmall, highlight blooms and fair images, respectively, instead of ornaments.

Others highlight the work of artisans in the regions – the lantern makers of Pampanga in SM City Clark's **Parul Kapampangan** and indigenous fabrics from local communities – *hablon, jusi, piña, abaca, and rattan* – at SM City Iloilo.

More than just beautiful centerpieces, these have become symbols of hope, love, and joy during these most challenging times. These have become focal points where we can reconnect with our traditional celebrations, and join the Filipino community in hoping for safer, brighter, and merrier times.



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Robinsons Malls Pampanga goes Locally Sourced

BY JOANN MANABAT

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Robinsons Malls Pampanga has officially launched its newest initiative dubbed “Locally Sourced” to help promote agricultural products from farmers here.

In partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Tourism, Locally Sourced was launched in all Robinsons Malls nationwide as part of its corporate social responsibility project together with the local government units and agencies.

Locally Sourced showcases farm fresh produce such as vegetables and fruits, as well as seafood, herbs and spices, plants and seedlings, gardening tools, souvenir items and pasalubong.

Robinsons Angeles successfully launched its market fair over the weekend with a ribbon cutting ceremony led by Robinsons Angeles mall operation officer King Robenson Perez, Robinsons Land Corp.

regional operations manager Jodee Paulette Arroyo, Angeles City executive assistant Rafael Angeles, DTI Pampanga provincial director Elenita Ordonio, and Robinsons Land Corp. area marketing manager Theresa Gonzales.

Meanwhile, Robinsons Starmills will have its second leg on Dec. 18 to 20 to continue supporting the local farmers and promote agricultural products amid the pandemic.

Some of the merchants at Robinsons Starmills are Duran Farm, Golden Beans and Grains, Hand-picked Harvest Inc., Producers Cooperative, Market Basket, Munting Paraiso ni Yolly Farm, iPlant, Mango Seeds Inc, Plants to Plate, Angel's Food Delights, Arlie's Aquamarine, Danilia Wines, Ligas KBP Farm Tourism, Sacramento Farm, San Felipe Livestock and Organic Farmers Association, Ting-Ting's Crafts, and many more.

Locally Sourced is located at Level 1 Arayat Atrium, Robinsons Starmills Pampanga.



Locally Sourced market fair at Robinsons Starmills Pampanga. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

AFAB receives FOI award

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

MARIVELES, Bataan --

The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and the Freedom of Information Awards Screening Committee have chosen the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan as FOI champion first runner-up.

AFAB information officer Hazel Keith Ellorin on Wednesday said that PCOO chief Martin Andanar and FOI Program director Asst. Sec. Kristian Ablan handed the award the other day to AFAB and other winners.

AFAB administrator Emmanuel Pineda and Ma. Lourdes Herrera, AFAB deputy administrator for support services, received the award under the government-owned and -controlled corporation category.

Ellorin said this was the third time that AFAB has been accorded the citation.

“We all know the importance of information. Now more than ever, our efforts to provide what the public needs and wants to know is integral to our continuing commitment to overcome all our challenges together,”

Pineda said.

“We do this so that we can better empower our countrymen to uplift their lives as active participants in the development and progress of our country,” the administrator added.

AFAB has adminis-

trative control over the Freeport Area of Bataan in Mariveles, former Bataan Export Processing Zone and Bataan Economic Zone, where more than 100 locators are operating.

Ellorin said that the PCOO annually gives

the FOI awards to recognize the efforts of agencies of government, including GOCCs, state universities and colleges and water districts, that have activities related to the enhancement of the FOI program of government.



AFAB administrator Emmanuel Pineda receiving the award from PCOO chief Martin Andanar. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 58

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF QUINTINA SALAZAR MENDE, DEMOSTENES SALAZAR MENDE, Petitioner,

R-ANG-20-01531-SP

ORDER

Raffled to this court on June 9, 2020 is this verified Petition for Estate Settlement of Quintina Salazar Mendel filed by Demostenes Salazar Mendel praying that the estate of the deceased Quintina Salazar Mendel be settled and all the properties in her estate be equally distributed among her heirs.

Petition alleges, among others, that he is the legitimate child of Nestor M. Mendel, Jr., and deceased Quintina Salazar Mendel. Quintina Salazar Mendel died intestate on 30 March 2017 in Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Manhattan, New York, United States of America. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Forest Hills, Queens, New York City, New York, U.S.A. She had six (6) legitimate children with Nestor Mendel, Jr., namely:

- (1) The Petitioner Demostenes Mendel with residence and address at No. 5995 Saguigang St., Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga;
- (2) Kimberly Mendel-Itskov with residence and address at Apartment No. 103,110-5572 Rod, Forest Hills, Queens, New York City, New York, U.S.A.;
- (3) Jannie Mendel with residence and address at No. 5995 Saguigang St., Dau Homesite, Dau Mabalacat City, Pampanga;
- (4) Juliet Mendel Manalo (deceased and represented by his husband Alex Manalo) with residence and address at No. 5446 Sineguelas St., Dau Homesite, Dau Mabalacat, Pampanga under TCT No. 561225-R;
- (5) Edwin Mendel, deceased and who resided at No. 5995 Saguigang St. Dau Homesite, Dau Mabalacat City, Pampanga when he was still alive. He died without an heir; and
- (6) Marisa Mendel Zareno with residence and address at No. 5905 Balubad St., Dau Homesite Subdivision, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga.

Nestor Mendel, Jr., the husband of the deceased presently resides at No. 5995 Saguigang St., Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga. During the lifetime Quintina Salazar Mendel, she was able to accumulate the following properties through her hardwork and effort as a “cook” in New York City, United States of America the purchase of which were coursed through her daughter, Marisa Mendel Zareno, who, at the time of the purchase of the said properties, was dependent on the deceased for her livelihood:

1. Property located at Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga, covered by Tax Declaration No. 97-09009-10529 and under TCT No. 347270-R with market value of Php 27,000.00 and with improvements estimated at Php 50,000.00;
2. Property located at Dau, Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga covered by Tax Declaration No. 09009-12275 and under TCT No. 443723-R, with Market value of Php 27,000.00 and with improvements estimated at Php 50,000.00;
3. Property located at Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga covered by Tax Declaration No. 09009-12277 and under TCT No. 443724-R, with market value of Php 30,300.00;
4. Apartment Building on the same lot located at Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga with market value of Php 486,340.00;
5. Property located at Dau, Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga covered by Tax Declaration No. 09009-13083 and under TCT No. 561225-R, with market value of Php 27,000.00 and with improvements estimated at Php 50,000.00;
6. Property located at Dau, Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga covered by Tax Declaration No. 96-09009-13573 and under TCT No. 589754-R, with market value of Php 18,000.00 and with improvements estimated at Php 50,000.00;
7. Property located at Dau, Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga covered by Tax Declaration No. 09009-134 and under TCT No. 618734-R, with market value of Php 27,000.00 and with improvements estimated at Php 50,000.00;
8. Property located at Dau, Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga covered by Tax Declaration No. 96-09011-06346 and under TCT No. 175697, with market value of Php 27,000.00;
9. Time Shares at Fontana with estimated value of Php 180,000.00;
10. Jewels with an estimated value of Php 200,000.00;
11. Toyota Innova Car with Plate Number RMU 983 with estimated value of Php 500,000.00;
12. Untitled South Daang Bakal Property with estimated value of Php 30,000.00;

It appearing to be sufficient in form and substance, the Petition is set for hearing on **January 20, 2021 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon** at the Session Hall of this Court, Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos Hall of Justice, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, on which date, time and place, all persons concerned who may have interest in or may be affected by the Petition are ordered to appear and to show cause why the aforementioned prayer should not be granted. The next setting thereafter shall be on **February 17, 2021 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon**.

The petitioner is ordered to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Mabalacat City in accordance with P.D 1702 before the date of hearing, at the expense of the petitioner.

Let copies of this Order be furnished to the petitioner and his counsel and the office of Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Angeles City.

Finally, the Court notes petitioner's (1) **Compliance/Manifestation** dated 24 September 2020 stating, under oath, that insofar as he and his counsel are concerned, they are not related to the Branch Clerk of Court, Atty. Jena Mae Miranda Yumul-Pineda, either by affinity or consanguinity; and (2) **Compliance and Manifestation** to the Order of the Honorable Court dated 30 June 2020 with attached Judicial Affidavits of Petitioner's witnesses.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, 3 November 2020.

RAMON CORAZON P. BLANCO
Assisting Judge

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