



San Guillermo Church half buried in Pinatubo’s debris. **PHOTO BY BONG LACSON**

**FACT OR FICTION**

# Rebuilding ‘Athens’

BY JUN SULA



**I**F YOU travel to the western towns of Pampanga through the historic town of Bacolor, via either the old MacArthur Road or the former Gapan-San-Fernando-Olongapo (GSO) road, now JASA (Jose Abad Santos Avenue), a cursory glance along the way will give you the quick but vivid impression that much of the lahar-devastated town remains taken over by Nature.

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# New SFEX road to remain open beyond January 15

THE NEW and expanded section of the 8.2-km Subic Freeport Expressway will remain open to motorists from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until its full completion next month. This is to provide continued convenience to mo-

torists already using the new expressway, and for those who will be traveling to and from the Subic area. Last December 2020, NLEX Corporation initially said that the new SFEX carriageway will only be

available for the holidays until January 15, 2021 to give way to the construction of the remaining works. However, assessments and recent developments show that the new road can stay open during the said hours

while there are still works being done in some areas including the portion of Jadjad Bridge. “We are keeping the new SFEX road partially open to the motoring public up to its target

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# Kapampangan beauty queen is The Hauslands new brand ambassador

MABALACAT CITY — Homegrown real estate company, The Hauslands, officially welcomed its brand ambassador, Miss Intercontinental Philippines 2019 Emma Tiglao during a virtual meet and greet via Zoom on Tuesday. The Hauslands deputy chief operating officer Michael Carlo Tan said as they support homegrown talents, welcoming Tiglao to be a part of their company can bring a different perspective to

the youth. “I, myself, support homegrown talents and we would like to bring that young perspective. It is our responsibility to bring proper guidance to consumers,” said Tan. “At a young age, like Emma, they can already have that mindset to invest in their home.” As the new face of The Hauslands, Tiglao will be a part of their upcoming campaigns and projects and will be featured across various me-

dia platforms. Tiglao, who is also a proud homeowner in one of the projects of The Hauslands, said being a homeowner made her feel complete noting that there is no better time to invest in “your own home” than now as she highlights the importance of experiencing the comfort of owning one. “It was just a dream before, to buy a house and lot for my family. And now I’m living it and it’s

all worth it,” said Tiglao. “It’s a preparation for your future. We can always dream but we must work hard to make that dream come true. And I’m sure if you invest early, your future self will thank you for it,” she added. For over 30 years, The Hauslands has been persistent to overcome challenges through constant innovation and adapting to the changes by continuing its devel-

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**EMMA IS HOME.** The Hauslands new brand ambassador, Miss Intercontinental Philippines 2019 Emma Tiglao. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

# Mabalacat VM positive for Covid

BY JOANN MANABAT

MABALACAT CITY — Vice Mayor Atty. Gerald Aquino tested positive for Covid-19 as announced via Facebook post on Wednesday. According to his Facebook status update, Aquino said he underwent an RT-PCR test on Tuesday due to body aches and fever. He also added that he did not have any close contact with any patient positive for Covid-19. He is currently isolated at a hospital for treatment. “Ikinalulungkot ko pong ipaalam sa lahat na ako po ay nagpositibo sa Covid-19. Sa aking pagkakaalam, wala po



**Aquino**

akong naging contact sa isang positive patient,” he said in his post. Aquino has suspended his legal assistance, public notaries, and other

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# Former police general is new CDC top honcho

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

CLARK FREEPORT — President Rodrigo Duterte has appointed a retired police official to the top post of the Clark Development Corp. The president appointed on Tuesday retired Brig. Gen. Manuel Gaerlan as president and CEO of the state-run firm CDC which administers, manages, and develops the Clark Freeport Zone. Prior to his appointment to the top CDC post, Gaerlan was appointed as director of the agency on February 28. Gaerlan served as police deputy regional director for operations of Central Luzon, chief of the Davao Police Regional Office and officer-in-charge of the



**Gaerlan**

Pampanga Police Office. His stint as Pampanga police OIC-director lasted for only three weeks, replacing then-Senior Supt. Oscar Albayalde who was relieved from his post in March 2014 by then PNP regional director Brig. Gen. Raul Pet-

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Bust of Juan Crisostomo Soto, the father of Pampanga literature, stands by the Bacolor Public Market. **PHOTO BY BONG LACSON**

# Rebuilding ‘Athens’

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The lands were Nature’s before they were the people’s, and then back. Vacant lands, mostly privately-owned according to Mayor Diman Datu, now look like mini-jungles of mixed tall grass and wild plants.

Some eight years after the Bacolor Rehabilitation Act or Republic Act 9506 was passed to resurrect the one-time capital of the Philippines back to its old glory, it doesn’t seem that nothing really much has happened to achieve this.

Datu, in a brief interview, disabused this notion. “Bacolor is in a much better position now than before the Mt. Pinatubo eruption in 1991 in terms of opportunities for growth,” he said with a veteran politician’s usual air of optimism.

Optimism, of course, is the practical and classic disposition in the business (it used to be a vocation) of politics, a constant virtue, like the pi. Datu, experienced and energetic, has been in the demanding arena for easily a dozen years, perhaps more.

Datu blames the vast lands’ unsightly idleness to lack of people. Only less than 50 percent of Bacoloreños have returned to their old residences while the rest are scattered in several Pampanga towns.

“We’re like the Jews, dispersed and our culture diffused in those areas where we have relocated permanently,” he says. He echoes the same sentiment made by former Congressman

Oscar Rodriguez of likening the sad and tragic plight of Bacoloreños to the Jews’ Diaspora.

Statistics-wise, Bacolor is an anomaly. There are more than 39,000 people living in this third-class municipality, 30 percent of whom isn’t native-- workers from other provinces and itinerant businessmen who chose it their permanent home after the lahar inundation subsided and life started to assume normalcy gradually. Local farmers have been a loyal presence due principally to the attachment of their lifelines, both sentimental and survival, to the lands.

Otherwise, the originals have elected a dual citizenship of sorts: native of Bacolor and resident of their adopted town. As it happened, Bacolor has more registered voters, nearly 50,000, versus the actual population. “Most of our people enjoy the best of both worlds,” he laughs it off. “With the social services and other benefits they get from their old town and the new one. They figuratively rise up in arms if they don’t get any from their original town.”

In the real Athens as in Bacolor, custom is king. (Bacolor rightfully earned the comparison because of its uniquely rich and distinctly Kapampangan literary heritage.) Bacoloreños have never lost their love for their time-tested tradition. They always come to celebrate our fiestas, Datu muses with pride. Otherwise, the

new settlement provides as much, perhaps, even better, opportunities and hopes as the one they were forced to leave behind basically untended now for more than quarter of a century.

The Clark Freeport is a major incentive. Many of the new generation of Bacoloreños born before and after the Pinatubo tragedy have good paying jobs in the former American airbase. Many of them are much better off than their parents were before the volcanic cataclysm, Datu explains. “I, myself, go home to a house in a resettlement area every now and then to relax.”

Pampanga 3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep. Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales, who authored and pushed the rehab measure under then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, has said that almost all the infrastructure projects under the law have been completed—roads, bridges and a hall for each barangay. These also include renovations of the Don Honorio Ventura State University which gained its new status during Gonzales’ watch.

A little caveat: Details of the rehab progress and accomplished projects, though, are difficult to secure from the solon or his office. Repeated requests have been effectively stymied by vague generalities or tepid, tentative response.

When all has been said or done, there still are other important tasks to be undertaken, according to Rio Villafana, municipal development

officer and one-time chief of staff of Gonzales. He mentioned at least two government agencies that have yet to fulfill their obligations under the rehab act: the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Tourism. Villafana did not elaborate. The law, by the way, has expired, according to Gonzales.

Even a new executive building for the municipality remains on the drawing board, per Datu. He also scores the Department of Public Works and Highways for not downloading a single centavo to the municipal government for the intended infra projects to the locality. A little puzzled and quizzical, he did not explain or speculate.

As expected, out of sheer gratitude and political correctness, Datu acknowledges the huge contribution of Gonzales to the rehabilitation of Bacolor. “We owe him a lot,” he says, appreciating who has, for the longest time, helped buttered Bacolor’s bread.

To attract Bacolor people from resettlement areas to come back, Gonzales bares that he is asking the National Housing Authority and other government agencies to build housing projects to boost the manpower capability of the town. With the lack of details, so much of that remains a politician’s pie-in-the-sky chimera, considering the crushing pandemic and the all-too-important, cost-source-logistics-challenging antidote

vaccine. The jabbing solution has exposed the country’s deficits and disadvantages, from system to sense.

There is one criticism: by law, a council should have been convened and a reliable source from the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which was organized to prime countryside growth in the Pinatubo aftermath, complains they have never called one. The council has reportedly met a number of times, according to Villafana or Datu; in other words, probably sans PamCham or its representative. The council was deemed abolished once it had formulated the scope and specs of its ambitious plan, according to Villafana. Sorry.

The late Levy P. Laus, PamCham’s founder and chairman emeritus, once expressed his commitment to marshalling the private sector as added impetus for Bacolor’s economic and social recovery. He walked his talk. He worked hard to bring back Don Bosco Academy to Bacolor after it relocated to Mabalacat City after the lahar attack on Barangay Cabalantian. His work paid off and saw it fulfilled before he died. Following his tragic death in a helicopter crash, a building was named after him, a first for a secular person at Don Bosco.

A fellow alumnus of Laus at Don Bosco, a prominent surgeon, once recalled that some alumnus questioned the institution’s decision to name a building after

Laus when he’s not even a canonized saint. The surgeon had a no-brainer for an answer: follow Laus’s example of providing generous financial contribution to the school.

Before his death, Laus also was able to establish a car dealership and a restaurant along GSO, putting his money where his mouth was. Whatever other Laus plans were in the pipeline before he died are now highly conjectural. One former Laus Group manager believes that is all for now for Bacolor, especially in view of the pandemic.

Datu is highly encouraged by the rising of commercial establishments, such as the Laus’ auto dealerships and franchised restaurant, a batching plant, and subdivisions in his town – counting three with his fingers. In due time, he expects to elevate the town to a first-class status from the current level with a sharp eye on the prize – a substantial increase of its share in the Internal Revenue Allotment that now stands at about P100 million. That is, if the ban on the classification of local government units is lifted, and the national government treats Bacolor a “special case,” something that the national government has denied it for the last 30 years or so, Datu laments.

Overall, Bacolor’s diminutive chief executive likes the way things are shaping up from his looking forward perspective. But, no timeline, please.



**CSF GIVES RELIEF TO KIN OF COVID PATIENTS.** Around 130 Fernandino households in different barangays of San Fernando received relief assistance last Jan. 9 and 11 from the city government led by its Task Force Kalinga in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development. The beneficiaries are families with confirmed Covid-19 cases whose members are presently isolated in the city’s Covid-19 Kalingang Fernandino Isolation Facility. This short-term project will go on for the next few days. **CSFP-CIO**



# EdSa to form group for Covid vax purchase, prioritization

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Mayor Edwin “EdSa” Santiago announced Tuesday the plan to create a technical working group that will focus on the city government’s Covid-19 vaccination, including the procurement process and prioritization of target population.

The plan came up during Santiago’s meeting with department heads of the local government unit right after a virtual special general assembly of the League of Cities of the Philippines which also tackled the roles of local authorities in the Covid-19 vaccination efforts.

Santiago tasked the city government’s financial departments to modify

the city’s budget for the response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, including the initial purchase of vaccine, which is expected to rise to P20 million to P25 million from the earlier targeted amount of P10 million.

The group will also be responsible in identifying the priority groups or clusters to be vaccinated first as the city is targeting to inoculate more than 260,000 Fernandinos.

Santiago said the group will also study which particular vaccine the city will tap and identify personnel and facilities that will administer the vaccines.

—CSFP-CIO

## COVID-19 UPDATE

# Bataan: 5 bagong kaso, 1 nakarekober

**Ni ERNIE ESCONDE**

LUNGSOD NG BALANGA -- Sa huling ulat ng provincial health office, nagtala ang Bataan ng limang bagong kumpirmadong kaso ng coronavirus disease at isang bagong nakarekober.

Sinabi ni Gov. Albert Garcia noong Martes ng hapon na umabot na sa 3,713 ang kabuuang bilang ng mga nagpositibo sa virus at 3,576 naman ang mga gumaling na.

Umakyat sa 57 ang mga aktibong kaso habang nananatili namang 80 ang mga nasawi na.

Ang mga bagong kumpirmadong kaso ay

7-anyos na lalaki sa Dinalupihan, 79-anyos at 18-anyos na parehong babae sa Hermosa, 38-anyos na lalaki sa Limay, at 23-anyos na babae mula sa Balanga City.

Ang kaisa-isang bagong nakarekober ay 23-anyos na babae mula sa Mariveles.

Umabot na sa 41,979 ang lahat ng na-test sa virus sa Bataan na ang 38,151 ay nagnegatibo na.

Samantala, batay sa huling ulat ng Online Dashboard, 69.15 porsiyento ng mga kaso sa mga pampublikong ospital at 63.46 porsiyento naman sa mga pribadong ospital ang okupado.

Sa mga quarantine facilities sa lalawigan na may kabuuang kapasidad na 1,447 ay 91 na kama ang okupado na rin, sabi ng governor.

Ang 1Bataan Central Quarantine and Isolation Facility na may 55 kama para sa mga sasailalim sa quarantine at 76 naman para sa isolation ay may 52 na kasalukuyang sumasailam sa quarantine at walo ang nasa isolation.

“Patuloy tayong tumatutunin ng pamahalaan upang maiwasan ang pagkakatamtam ng Covid -19 sa ating pamayanan at ligtas na makapaghanapbuhay sa ilalim ng new normal,” tagubilin ni Garcia.

# 0 sa ‘Gapo, 3 sa Zambales

**Ni JOHNNY R. REBLANDO**

LUNGSOD NG OLONGAPO -- Walang naitalang bagong kaso ng Covid-19 nitong Lunes sa lungsod na ito, samantalang isa naman ang naka-recover, ayon sa ulat ni Mayor Rolan Paulino, Jr., chairman ng local inter-agency task force.

Ayon pa rin kay Paulino, ang kabuuang bilang

ng confirmed cases ay umabot na sa 1,025; ang recovered ay 959; ang active cases ay 26; ang mga pumanaw na ay 40; ang suspect cases ay apat; at isa ang probable case.

Samantala, sa Zambales ay umabot na sa bilang na 755 ang confirmed cases matapos madagdag sa talaan ang tatlong bagong kaso nitong Martes.

Batay sa ulat ng Zam-

bales Provincial Health Office, ang mga nagpositibo ay isang 63-anyos na babae mula sa Zone 3, Iba; 57-anyos na babae mula sa Barangay Garreta, Palauig; at isang 48-anyos na lalaki mula sa Barangay Del Pilar, Castillejos.

Sa kabuuang bilang, 719 ang recovered, 17 ang namatay, 18 ang active cases, 44 ang suspect cases, at 29 ang pending cases.

# AC Puso Center completes 32 minor surgeries

ANGELES CITY -- Amid the many challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. remains true to his promise of prioritizing the health of all Angeleños, as the Puso Center completes 32 minorsurgeries on some of the city’s financially-challenged residents.

Established on February 27, 2020, the 3-in-1 clinic, composed of a minor surgery clinic, animal bite treatment center, and dental clinic aims to provide Angeleños with easy access to quality and free healthcare.

“Marami sa mga kababayan natin ang walang kakayanang magbayad sa doctor o magpunta sa ospital, kahit may sakit sila. Sa pamamagitan ng Puso Center, matutulungan natin silang mapangalagaan ang kalusugan nila, lalo na ngayong panahon ng pandemya,” Lazatin said.

Executive Assistant IV Regina Manuel shared some of the minor surgeries performed by Puso Center’s resident doctor Dr. Rey Hipolito include the removal of lipoma, abdominal mass, ear and skin tag, foot warts and the excision of cysts on the back, tendon, index and

ring finger.

The clinic’s newly-installed skin cauterizing machine, the Neo-Frecator, was also used on one patient to minimize tissue damage and further infection, Dr. Hipolito said.

To ensure that the machine will work properly, an initial inspection was also done by Executive Assistant IV Manuel and Dr. Hipolito. Manuel also personally oversaw the renovation and repair of the Puso Center, prior to its launching last February.

Meanwhile, according to Lazatin’s Chief Adviser and Tactician Director IC

Calaguas, aside from the free medical procedure, patients of the Puso Center will also receive free medicines and a follow-up check-up to ensure that their wounds will heal safely and properly.

To ensure the safety of Angeleños being treated at the Puso Center, its medical staff makes it a point to implement the necessary COVID-19 protocols, Calaguas added.

“Para mas lalong mapangalagaan ang kalusugan at kapakanan ng mga kababayan natin na nagpupunta sa Puso Center, sineseguro ng medical staff dito na inoob-

serbahan nila ang mga safety at health protocols laban sa COVID-19,” Calaguas said.

“Ini-ischedule ng maayos yung pagbibigay ng free anti-rabies, pati na rin yung mga minor surgeries na ginagawa dito, para ma-maintain pa rin ang proper social distancing,” Manuel furthered.

Providing readily available medicine and quality medical services is also Mayor Lazatin’s way of carrying out his father’s legacy, former Angeles City Mayor and Pampanga First District Representative Carmelo “Tarzan” Lazatin.

—Angeles CIO



NCIP commissioner Roland Rivera awards a token of appreciation to NOLCOM commander Lt. Gen. Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos Jr. for establishing the IPAD, headed by NOLCOM deputy commander Brig. Gen. Henry Doyaeon. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

# NOLCOM launches IP affairs desk

TARLAC CITY) – The Armed Forces of the Philippines’ Northern Luzon Command launched its Indigenous Peoples Affairs Desk (IPAD) to safeguard ethnic minorities from exploitation.

NOLCOM commander Lt. Gen. Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos Jr. said the IPAD is a manifestation of their commitment to protect the welfare of the indigenous peoples and preserve cultural integrity.

“NOLCOM IPAD will allow various government agencies to work closely in addressing problems faced by IPs that might be exploited by communist terrorists and left-leaning organizations,” he said.

The initiative will also fast track the coordination and facilitation of projects and programs for over two million IPs in Northern and Central Luzon. Burgos recognized the role of IPs in fostering peace and development in the country.

“As advocates of peace and de-

velopment, NOLCOM will continue to collaborate and partner with the different government agencies and other concerned stakeholders for the implementation of programs and projects that will capacitate and empower IPs and improve their living condition,” Burgos said.

For his part, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) commissioner Roland Rivera commended NOLCOM’s initiative to establish an affairs desk aimed at protecting and promoting the rights of IPs as well as preserving the cultural heritage.

“NCIP will work closely with the AFP to advance the well-being of the IP, develop a culture of non-violence and support in developing a progressive indigenous cultural communities,” Rivera said.

IPAD will be headed by NOLCOM deputy commander Brig. Gen. Henry Doyaeon who has ancestral lineage tracing from the Ibaloi tribe. -- **Trixie Joy B. Manalili/PIA-3**

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## The Public Space

Jun Sula

### Missing (and Messing) the Point

IN THE Senate Committee of the Whole hearing last Monday on the government's vaccination plan, the senators brought to fore what was mainly ailing the government of the current dispensation: it's missing the point, if not messing it.

The senators, for instance, noted that in 1995 or thereabout, about 96 percent of Filipinos thumbed up the government's vaccination program. This year, that percentage dropped to more than 60 percent.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque had no answer but offered a solution: a massive marketing campaign to reverse the trend.

Sen. Richard Gordon, who saw the huge discrepancy, pointed out that the high approval rating was recorded during the time of then Health Secretary Juan Flavio. The mention of Flavio was not conceivably an accident.

Duque missed Gordon's subtle but savvy insinuation: it's wasn't more and more creative information or marketing strategies that did it; it was TRUST. So much so that in the marketing slogan, Let's DOH it, the agency's acronym was front and center its brand message. The name was the slogan because it served as the emblem of trust. Now, that's smart marketing.

The people bought into the message, not because it was simple and dumbed down and beneficial, but because the people were ready to entrust in Flavio's their health, and ultimately, sent the barrio doctor by an overwhelming vote to the Senate where and when he endeared himself more to the people. He could have been another Magsaysay but for destiny.

Sen. Ping Lacson, who has no love lost for Duque -- and makes sure he stabs at it when chance presents itself -- could not also reconcile two recent poll results that seemed to cancel each other out. On the one hand, one survey says about 30 percent would not have themselves jabbed. On the other hand, more than 90 percent feared that they will contract the virus.

He may not have intended it, but Lacson doubled down on the issue of trust. People trusted more the virus, therefore feared it, more than the government ventriloquists. That's funny in the Senate bubble, but not in the real world outside where, as Lacson urgently pointed, COVID victims continue to fall by the wayside because of the deadly bug.

Lacson's later comments zeroed in what's the issue at hand and what has been long eating him up inside. He warned Secretary Carlito Galvez, the anti-COVID czar, that incompetence was as infectious as the invisible virus. So much about pet peeve.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan noticed inconsistencies in the vaccination plan of the

government. The Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) headed by Galvez has a vaccination timeline from 2021 to 2022 for 50-70 million people with 148 million doses. The DOH, which is part of the IATF, narrowed it down within 2021.

Galvez and company grappled with a sane, sensible answer.

Senators Frank Drilon and Ralph Recto alternately mauled the logic of the anti-COVID Cabinet in not allowing the private sector and the local government units purchase any of the vaccines given the Emergency Use Approval (EUA). Director General Eric Domingo, arguing more like a lawyer than a medicine man, replied that they are not allowed because only the national government can. It's not cast in stone, but that's the way it is.

The flummoxed senators, who nearly fell off their chairs, didn't say the policy was stupid but it sure didn't make sense. Why is it supposedly safe for the millions of Filipinos targeted by IATF and not be to the other millions in the private sector and the LGU constituents? Domingo: because the national government or somebody says so. It was ridiculous apart from having no rhyme. What is good for the goose isn't good for the gander.

Robert Reich, former Cabinet member of US President Bill Clinton wrote in his memoir "Locked in the Cabinet" that being in government is about holding a public trust and getting the job done. "To confuse the two," he said, could lead to big mistakes."

The good news is that, for all the apparent confusions and inconsistencies, Filipinos can look forward to being jabbed in February this year. Drilon is the implacable Doubting Thomas because of the supply issue (80 percent of available vaccines already cornered by rich countries) and funds for acquiring the vaccines are still in the air. The drift: manage your expectations.

For once, the Senate has proved itself still a trustworthy democratic institution, even if it tiptoed on the controversial vaccination of members of the Presidential Security Guard and looked the other way on other things in the past. It's better not to ignore the aging and cranky dragon on the doorway. The honorable elders in this realm can be as bad and blind only as they choose to be bad and be blinded.

That's a statement of hope or a naive hyperbole.



## Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

### Parusang bitay ang tanging lunas

KINAKAILANGAN na talagang buhayin ang 'death penalty' na inalis ng dating pangulong GMA nang siya ang palarang pumalit kay Erap nang ito'y malasin.

At mapilitang bumaba sa Palasyo umpisa pa lang ng pag-gulong ng kaso ng 'money laundering' nang dahil siguro sa takot na siya'y dumugin ng tao.

Kung saan nakulong at nakalabas din naman si Estrada at itong isa rin nang si Digong ang siya naman ang palarin na maging pangulo nitong bansa natin.

Sa puntong naturan, kung pati pangulo puedeng ikulong kung magkasala ito ng 'heinous crime' ang siyang nagtulak siguro kay GMA upang ang 'death' ay isako?

Pero, ngayong dahil sa naging talamak na itong lantarang pagbaha r'yan ng 'drugs,' pagdami ng 'rapist,' opisyal na 'corrupt,' ang parusang bitay, ibalik na dapat.

Nang sa gayon itong walang kabusugang mga mandarambong sa kaban ng bayan, sila itong una natin nating maisalang sa 'lethal injection' nang di pamarisan.

Kailan masawata ng ating gobyerno ang paglobo ng kriminalidad dito kung walang parusa na katulad nito na pangangilagan ang masamang tao?

At maging ang mga makapangyarihang opisyal ng bansa, na kagalang-galang sa ating paningin pero sa likod niyan ay salbahe pala't salot sa lipunan.

At siyang kakutsaba r'yan ng mga 'drug-lords,' kundi man sila riyan ang direktang 'big boss' o kapitalista ng bawal na gamot, kung kaya't maluwal na naipapasok?

At kaya anumang gawing paghihigpit sa mga daungan upang itong lintik na kontrabando ay hindi maipuslit, sinong Santo ang sa Custom di pipikit?

Kapag nawili sa tamis ng 'pastilyas,' nasilaw ang mata sa kislap ng pilak; Mahirati man yan sa gawang di patas, anong ikatakot kung bulag ang batas?

Pero kung ang dating kinatatakutang matulis na ngipin ng parusang bitay ang ibalik, ating sinisiguro riyan, na ang mandarambong tiyak maglulubay.

Tayo man bang ito na alam na nating may ganyang parusa ay hindi titigil sa pagkapit sa di mabuting gawain, kung bitay ang tiyak na kakaharapin?

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# Mabalacat VM positive for Covid

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er services in his office and advised his staff to immediately undergo self-quarantine prior to assessment and swab testing.

“Sa mga taong nakasalamuha at nakausap ko ng matagal mula Jan. 4, 2021, kung maaari po sana ay ipagbigay alam lamang ito sa city health office o sa rural health unit upang maisailalim

kayo sa contact tracing at iba pang assessment,” Aquino furthered. “Ang inyo pong panalangin ay malaking tulong upang mabilis nating malagpas-an ang kapagsubukang ito. Maraming salamat po.”

Per Mabalacat City Health Office recent update as of Jan. 6, this city currently has 13 new cases. Five were household contacts, one had a workplace exposure in a

hospital in Angeles City, two had travel history in Metro Manila and northern Luzon, and five with an unknown history of exposure.

The Covid-19 cases are already in isolation and treatment facilities. Contact tracing has been done and scheduled for RT-PCR test and advised to undergo 14-day quarantine. Sanitation of the affected areas are already set by the city’s

sanitizing team.

There are a total of 115 active cases with 837 recovered cases, and 24 confirmed deaths in this city thus far.

The LGU continues its preventive measures and programs to fight against Covid-19 and reminds the residents to consult the nearest health center or through teleconsultation for any signs and symptoms of Covid-19.

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rasanta arising from the controversy involving the

illegal drug buy-bust operation that implicated his men for command responsibility.

Albayalde rose to become PNP chief but that controversy during his Pampanga watch

caused his downfall.

Gaerlan belongs to the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1985.



# New SFEX road to remain open...

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completion in February. With this, we can continue providing faster and safer access to and from Subic especially for businesses and logistics companies operating in the area as well for tourists,” said Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark A. Villar.

The P1.6-billion SFEX Capacity Expansion project aims to increase the road capacity of SFEX from one lane in each direction to two lanes in each direction with the construction of two additional lanes,

bridges, and a new tunnel. It intends to improve traffic safety, provide additional road capacity, and reduce travel time to and from Subic Bay Freeport.

Expressway-standard LED lights are also being installed, while the elevation of Maritan Highway-Rizal Highway-Tipo Road junction was raised and the drainage system was enhanced to allow motorists to experience comfortable and easy journeys all year round.

NLEX Corporation President and General Manager J. Luigi L. Bau-

tista affirmed that “necessary safety requirements have been met in keeping the SFEX open while construction works are ongoing.” He also said that “this will further help improve mobility as businesses in the Subic Bay Freeport are coming back on track from adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.”

“The move to continuously open the new lanes is very timely as it will ease the movement of people and goods in the Freeport and further develop Subic’s business and tourism prospects,” Subic Bay Metro-

politan Authority (SBMA) Chairman and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma noted.

From December 28, 2020 to January 11, 2021, more than 95,000 motorists have been served by the new road.

The SFEX Capacity Expansion, once completed, will spur economic growth, not just in Subic, but in the entire region as well. It is seen to complement Subic’s infrastructure program and help sustain Subic’s position as a globally competitive trade and tourism center.

— Press release

# Kapampangan beauty queen is...

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opments in building environments with valuable growth.

“We have always been persistent to overcome challenges over the years. The development of Luzon is still here in the north,” said Tan.

With its existing developments in the cities of San Fernando, Angeles, and Mabalacat, The Hauslands has offered several projects in Central Luzon that will cater to different kinds of lifestyles and also plans to build communities in Bataan, Subic, and Tarlac. — Joann Manabat



The Hauslands deputy COO Michael Carlo Tan (right) and sales supervisor and virtual event host Devine Yturalde (left) introduce Miss Intercontinental Philippines 2019 Emma Tiglaog to the media during the virtual media launch via Zoom on Tuesday. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FREDESWINDA S. FERRARIS** and **JOSE G. FERRARIS** who died intestate on October 19, 2006 and May 23, 2016, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land with improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 161581**  
**Registry of Deeds for Angeles City**  
Lot 24-C of the subd. plan (LRA) Psd-400979, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 24, Psd-03-013451, (OLT) LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132, situated in the Barrio of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 161579**  
**Registry of Deeds for Angeles City**  
Lot 24-A of the subd. plan (LRA) Psd-400979, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 24, Psd-03-013451, (OLT) LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132, situated in the Barrio of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;

before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller as per Doc No. 206, Page No. 37, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2021

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REMEDIOS YCO TUAZON** who died intestate on August 22, 2020 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate, more particularly described as Global Filipino Savings Deposit with Account No. 212108700016 with a balance of P192,326.38, more or less, drawn against PNB Dolores Branch, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and Kabayan Peso Savings with Account No. 00278225580 with a balance of P45,259.45, more or less, drawn against BDO San Fernando MacArthur Branch, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, before Notary Public Cyril Victor N. Bermudo as per Doc No. 6058, Page No. 53, Book No. LXIX, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2021

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BENJAMIN QUIWA MANALASTAS SR.** who died intestate on August 28, 2015 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 46207**  
**Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles**  
Lot 14, Block 4 of the subdivision plan Psd-67299, being a portion of Lot 1-C-11-F of plan (LRC) Psd-19960, L.R.C. Record No. , situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 46208**  
**Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles**  
Lot 16, Block 4 of the subdivision plan Psd-67299, being a portion of Lot 1-C-11-F of plan (LRC) Psd-19960, L.R.C. Record No. , situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Rodolfo S. Uyengco as per Doc No. 09, Page No. 89, Book No. LXVIII, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AURORA VERGARA SIOJO** who died intestate on June 11, 2009 in Minalin, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 921, Cad. 379-D), with improvements thereon, situated in Sta. Rita, Minalin, Pampanga and covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 6207, Free Patent No. 035414-90-55, before Notary Public Carlota N. Dela Cruz-Manalo as per Doc No. 130, Page No. 27, Book No. XXX, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2020, January 4 & 11, 2021

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RODOLFO P. SERRANO** who died intestate on June 26, 2007 in Floridablanca, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 141 of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Bcs-03-000138 (OLT), being a portion of consolidated Lots 1138 & 153, Floridablanca Cadastre & Lot 154-B, (LRC) Psd-131732, L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Barrio of Valdez, Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 10335, Emancipation Patent No. A-374366, before Notary Public Leila Mae M. Estabillo as per Doc No. 194, Page No. 40, Book No. 8, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2020, January 4 & 11, 2021

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **WENCESLAO REYES ESGUERRA** and **FLORENCIA BUÑING ESGUERRA** who died intestate on December 7, 2012 and October 6, 2020, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

**ARP NO. 2018-19008-00438**  
**PROPERTY INDEX NO. 020-19-008-003-059-L**  
**LOCATION:** Dulung Malabon, Pulilan, Bulacan  
**CADASTRAL LOT NO.** Lot 3821  
**TOTAL AREA: 32,299 sqm.**  
**Agricultural: 32,099 sqm.**  
**Residential: 200 sqm**

**ARP NO. 2018-19008-00862**  
**LOCATION:** Dulung Malabon, Pulilan, Bulacan  
**TOTAL AREA: 858 sqm.**

before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda as per Doc No. 401, Page No. 82, Book No. X, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2020, January 4 & 11, 2021

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **FRANCISCO G. NEPOMUCENO** and **JUANITA LUMANLAN** who died intestate on March 2, 1997 and August 13, 2000, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2018012483**  
Road Lot 1 of the subdivision plan, Psd-93371 (Sheet 1), being a portion of Block 34-A-3, described on plan LRC Psd-64836, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124, situated in the District of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon;

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2018012484**  
Road Lot 2 of the subdivision plan, Psd-93371 (Sheet 1, 2 and 3), being a portion of Block 34-A-3, described on plan LRC Psd-64836, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124, situated in the District of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon;

before Notary Public Crisanto A. Cocal as per Doc No. 2770, Page No. 67, Book No. 168, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2020, January 4 & 11, 2021



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HERMINIA N. THOMAS** who died intestate on December 17, 2020 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as a Savings Account in the amount of PhP1,475,803.04 deposited in the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company, Dau Branch, before Notary Public Pepito M. Torres Jr. as per Doc No. 660, Page No. 81, Book No. XXX111, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RODOLFO T. RANADA II** who died intestate on December 7, 2020 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as Savings Account Nos. 0739-155096 & 0739-053145 in the Bank of Philippine Island (BPI), Nepo Branch, Angeles City, before Notary Public Danilo T. Tuazon as per Doc No. 223, Page No. 68, Book No. XXX, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ANALYN P. MATIC**, widow, Filipino, resident of San Vicente, Bacolor, Pampanga and heir of **LIONELL SAMPANG MATIC** who died intestate on January 31, 2019 in Capas, Tarlac executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his estate, more particularly described as China Banking Corporation Account No. 159002013133 under the name ALZ Steel and General Merchandise in the amount of P 101, 212.57, before Notary Public Elmo H. Ocampo as per Doc No. 251, Page No. 52, Book No. 137, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2020, January 4 & 11, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RUBEN N. PARPAN** who died intestate on February 16, 2018 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as follows:

A. Personal Properties:

1. Toyota Corolla 1995 Model  
2. Isuzu Fuego

B. Real Properties

TCT No.	Location
TCT No. 263656-R	San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 257299-R	San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 272160-R	San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 042-2012016462	Bulaon, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 428380-R	San Miguel, Magalang, Pampanga
TCT No. 502423-R	Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga

before Notary Public Janice C. Tiglao as per Doc No. 450, Page No. 91, Book No. I, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ELPIDIO SANTOS DIZON JR.** who died intestate on November 26, 2002 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 41707

Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

Lot 1-C of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-20385, being a portion of Lot 1, described on plan (LRC) Psd-19774, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124, situated in the Barrio of Malabañas, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 132613

Registry of Deeds for the Province of Tarlac

Lot 3-M of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-236394, being a portion of Lot 3 (LRC) Pcs-19850, LRC Rec. No. 55515 & N-32293, situated in the Barrio of Anupol, Mun. of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 132614

Registry of Deeds for the Province of Tarlac

Lot 3-F of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-236394, being a portion of Lot 3 (LRC) Pcs-19850, LRC Rec. No. 55515 & N-32293, situated in the Barrio of Anupol, Mun. of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;

before Notary Public Crisanto A. Cocal as per Doc No. 6205, Page No. 18, Book No. 175, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ONOFRE M. TAN** and **TEODORA CUNANAN TAN** who died intestate on September 8, 1997 and February 19, 1987, respectively, both in San Simon, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 22971-R

Lot No. 1478 of the Cadastral Survey of San Simon, situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of San Simon, Province of Pampanga;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 6389

Lot No. 2570 of the Cadastral Survey of San Simon, situated in the Barrio of San Miguel, Municipality of San Simon, Province of Pampanga;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 194880-R

Lot 916 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-193001, being a portion of Lot 6, Psu-7252 (GLRO) No. 12465, situated in the Bo. of Tolaoc, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp., Island of Luzon;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 194607-R

Lot 836 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-193001, being a portion of Lot 6, Psu-7252 (GLRO) No. 12465, situated in the Bo. of Tolaoc, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp., Island of Luzon;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 313302-R

Lot 825-B of the subdivision plan Psd-03-033782, being a portion of Lot 825 (LRC) Psd-193001, LRC Rec. No. , situated in the Barrio of Tolaoc, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp.;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 628

CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD NO. 18014

A parcel of land situated in Barangay Tulaoc, Municipality of Apalit, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon, Philippines;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 632

CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD NO. 18021

A parcel of land situated in Barangay Tulaoc, Municipality of Apalit, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon, Philippines;

before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda as per Doc No. 471, Page No. 96, Book No. X, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

A black and white portrait of a young man, Arci Pineda, looking directly at the camera. To his right, the word "Spotlight" is written in a large, bold, serif font, with "Arci Pineda" written below it in a smaller, sans-serif font. The background is a dark, textured grey.

# Sexy actress Ara Mina is now engaged to Dave Almarinez

SEXY ACTRESS Ara Mina, 41 is now engaged to boyfriend Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) Undersecretary Dave Almarinez, 46.

At the Instagram post of Nice Print Photo, photos of the couple’s background were posted captioned…

“Will you marry me…

Written on the first post…

“And it’s official! (ring) @therealaramina is now engaged!

“Congratulations Dave and Ara! Sooooo happy to be part of this beautiful moment (heart emoji) #SheSaidYes”

In other photos, the photography company also psted some memorable photos of Ara and Dave. Also shown in one photo were Dave on his bended knees offered the symbolic ring to the “Ang Probinsyano” star.

In one of the photos Ara is shown crying as Dave wears her finger the ring.

And on another photo, both were crying as Ara said yes to Dave’s proposal.

In November, 2020 Ara dmited that she was exclusively dating Dave.

They’ve known each other some couple of years ago.

At that time, Ara said…

“I think walang masama mag-entertain ako. I’m single and he’s single. Let’s see kung saan tutungo ito. I just want to be careful this time. Kasi I told myself na yung magiging next relationship ko, gusto ko yun na ang magiging partner in life ko or magiging GOD’S BEST ko. Kasi one time, birthday ba yun ng kapatid ko? Ini-invite ko naman siya. Napakilala ko na rin sa mga kapatid ko, sa parents ko.”

In her TV interview Ara said that she Dave had met her family.

“Basta nasa stage kami na nagkakaintindihan naman kami. Sa age namin ngayon, parang hindi na yung ligawan blues. Basta pag sinabi kong ready na ako, committed na talaga ako.”

However, Ara did not give any details yet regarding their marriage.

GMA-7 is the “most-watched TV network in Total Philippines” with its 48.3 percent people audience share, based on AGB Nielsen. GMA-7 has reached over 98.5 percent of TV households with an estimated 84.1 million viewers nationwide. This is based on the data from January 1, 2020 to December 26, 2020.

In the same period, GMA says it was the “most-watched channel in Total Philippines” with 48.3 percent people audience share. The Kapuso network also provided figures of its people audience shares for Total Luzon, Total Visayas, and Total Mindanao.

In both Total Luzon and Total Visayas, GMA-7’s net reach during the period was 98.6 percent of TV households, while registering 49.8 and 47.7 percent people audience shares, respectively.

In Total Mindanao, GMA reached 97.9 percent of TV households with 42.2 percent people audience share.

GMA-7’s announcement stated that it has kept a stronger viewership than its rival ABS-CBN since the beginning of the year 2020.

From January 1, 2020 to May 5, 2020, GMA-7 had 95 percent household reach with 33.1 percent people audience share.

It was on May 5, 2020 that ABS-CBN stopped its broadcast operations after the National Telecommunications Commission issued a cease-and-desist order, following the expiration of its congressional franchise.

According to GMA-7’s press release, 24 Oras emerged as the Philippines’ top news program for 2020.

In terms of total broadcast hours, the Kapuso network and its news channel, GMA News TV, had devoted a combined average of 18 hours daily for the channels’ various news and public affairs programs. This is for the period of January to December 2020.

GMA allotted almost 25 percent of its actual airtime to news and public affairs shows, which was equivalent to around 4.5 hours daily

All these accounted for 75 percent of GMA News TV’s programming or 13.5 hours daily on the average.

GMA-7 also claimed the number one spot on Mega Manila’s AM and FM lists.

Based on Nielsen’s Radio Audience Measurement, GMA-7’s Super Radyo DZBB recorded 41.9 percent audience share among AM stations. It also had a reach of 2.3 million listeners as of December 2020.

GMA-7’s FM station Barangay LS 97.1 had 29.5 percent audience share among FM stations, and had a reach of 4.8 million listeners as of December 2020.

GMA-7’s new product, GMA Affordabox, which was launched in mid-2020, had sold one million units within six months in 2020.

At present, GMA-7 continues to offer a variety of content through its digital channels Heart of Asia and Hallypop, as well as its DepEd TV that provides Filipino learners free access to DepEd’s blended learning program across the country.

The Kapuso network is also set to become the official broadcaster of NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association, which will be shown on GMA-7 and GMA News TV on television, and GMA portal via livestream.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARCIANO CAYABYAB JR.** who died intestate on November 5, 2015 in Bacolor, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-001948 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 220, L.R.C. Rec. No. \_\_\_\_), situated in the Barrio of Carmencita, Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Roseller T. Logronio as per Doc No. 59, Page No. 13, Book No. CLXXI, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CORAZON A. RACHER** who died intestate on October 11, 2016 in California, USA executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as 2015 Toyota Innova 2.5J DSL with Plate No. ALA 1236 and covered by Certificate of Registration No. 208795930, before Notary Public Angelo Justin Iñigo O. Lopez III as per Doc No. 660, Page No. 81, Book No. XXX111, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that **FERNANDO DELOS REYES LAZATIN**, married, Filipino, resident of Blk. 10 Lot 41 St. Jude Village, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and Acting Record Officer of Land Transportation Office (LTO), Angeles City District Office, executed an Affidavit of Loss on the Certificate of Registration and Official Receipt with the following details:

Registered Owner : Alvin Q. Bajado

Make and Type : Honda Motorcycle

Plate No. : 6938VZ

Engine No. : KB509E418669

Chassis No. : KB509418624

File No. : 0304-00000115731

before Notary Public Paul C. Muyrong as per Doc No. 443, Page No. 90, Book No. XI, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DENNIS ANDALES ANCAJAS** who died intestate on March 17, 2020 in Mandaluyong City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 10, of the subd. plan Psd-03-081584, being a portion of Lot 3911-A-1, Psd-023313, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. of Calulut, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2017017754, before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda as per Doc No. 42, Page No. 10, Book No. IX, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSE VLADIMIR JOVEN SAMPANG** who died intestate on September 10, 2012 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-64180, being a portion of Lot 714 Angeles Cadastre LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 61541 in the Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles, before Notary Public Sabrina V. Suarez as per Doc No. 378, Page No. 8, Book No. V, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **JESUS M. CORDERO** and **TERESITA C. CORDERO** who died intestate on September 9, 2016 and February 26, 2016, respectively, both in Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 8, Block 11, of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 91339 in the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City, before Notary Public Melvin R. Panillio as per Doc No. 331, Page No. 42, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

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# Delight in the best, 10-hour Tonkotsu Ramen

OVER THE years, we've featured a lot of food businesses. All of them built on passion and excellent quality, but only a few stand the test of time. Café Noelle, owned by Chef Judy Uson, evokes such sincere feeling of comfort and familiarity to diners, because this is a restaurant that was born out of the home.

Chef Judy's determination and creativity keep her at the top of her game even during the pandemic. Recently, she launched HACHIKO Asian Noodle Bar, specializing in popular and best-tasting Asian cuisine.

"At Hachiko, we set out to create the dishes and flavors that have become the food

that we crave. Every dish on the menu is satisfying, soothing and made with love," Chef Judy shares.

Chef's words were more than enough to stir the taste buds, so I lost no time in ordering the best sellers and whatever that looked good in the menu. For starter, Hachiko Pork Bao Bun is an interesting concept - steamed bao buns stuffed with braised pork belly, cucumber, chili mayo, peanuts and scallions - all these get to mingle in your mouth - a perfect match!

The famous Tonkotsu Ramen is a traditional Japanese 10-hour pork broth with ajinomoto egg, chasu pork, scallions, mushrooms and noo-

dles. This delicious bowl opens up the taste buds to the soothing texture of the noodles and rich taste of the soup - everything is but a fleeting pleasure, the best and must try.

Seafood Laksa is equally stellar, made of spicy coconut prawn broth, shrimps, fish balls, beansprouts, cilantro and scallions.

For spicy food lovers, Beef Szechuan is for you - a Taiwanese-style spicy noodle soup with red braised beef shank, baby bok choy, cilantro and scallions.

If you want something simple yet satisfying dish, there's the Braised Pork dry noodle dish you will surely love, made of luscious pork belly slices,

baby bok choy, mushrooms on top of egg noodles.

Refreshing tea drinks are available too such as Lychee Green Tea with apple and lemon slices, and Oolong Passion Fruit Tea mixture of black tea and passion fruit puree.

"HACHIKO is a homage to my grandparents, who have always fueled our love for food, travel and adventure. They are happy troopers when we travel. Walking endlessly, even with aching knees, Grandma would always be excited to find the best ramen in Tokyo. We've trekked through towns to find hole-in-the-wall laksa place in Singapore and lined up for hours just to taste the melt-in-your-mouth beef noo-

dles in Hong Kong. More than just noodles and nostalgia, this is our definition of comfort food," Chef Judy enthuses.

The restaurant is a cozy place with indoor and outdoor dining areas, well decorated with Asian themed interiors that will make guests feel welcome and at ease. The servers are attentive and friendly too.

Visit HACHIKO at Brickyard Bldg. Greenfields Square, Sindalan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and follow FB @HachikoAsianNoodleBar.

Love to hear from you please follow and write me at [FestiveFlair.ph](https://www.facebook.com/FestiveFlair.ph) Facebook@FestiveFlair IG@FestiveFlair-byNingCordero



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