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GMA bats for sustainable forest, watershed management vs. global warming

FORMER PRESIDENT and House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is pushing for the promotion and implementation of sustainable forest and watershed management policies to protect the Filipino people from the impact of global warming.

Arroyo, who served as president from 2001 to 2010 and representative of Pampanga's Second District from 2010 to 2019, said policies issued during her term in Malacanang Palace aimed to promote watershed-based integrated ecosystems management approach.

She noted that in June 2004, she signed Executive Order No. 318 to promote sustainable forest management in the Philippines, while in November 2005, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued Administrative Order No. 2005-23 for the adoption and implementation of collaborative approach to watershed management.

"This is to protect the Filipino people from disasters like floods or landslides and from threats to environmental and economic security like wood and water shortage, biodiversity loss, air pollution and drought," the former president said.

Arroyo, who seeks to return to Congress, said sustainable forest management is provided in the global plan of implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development adopted in Johannesburg as an international strategy for developing and managing forests.

Under EO 318, logging or any commercial exploitation of forestry resources in old growth forests, proclaimed watersheds and other areas covered by the National Integrated Protected Areas System is prohibited to ensure the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals.

She said a watershed-based integrated ecosystems management approach

is deemed appropriate for sustainable forest management because of the interrelationships and interactions among the various ecosystems of a watershed such as the upland and coastal areas.

The EO also considers watersheds as ecosystem management units managed in a holistic, scientific, rights-based, technology-based and community-based manner and observing the principles of multiple-use, decentralization and devolution and active participation of local government units.

It is also the policy of the government to promote sound, effective and efficient, globally-competitive and equitable forestry practices in both public and private domains.

The EO led to the establishment of tree parks, re-greening and roadside planting of forest species in open and appropriate spaces to mitigate worsening urban air quality and global

warming.
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SBMA sends illegal settlers final notice to vacate

BY MALOU DUNOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority on Tuesday served final notice to the Filipino Farmers Center Internazionale (FFCI) and at least 11 of its members for them to vacate areas they have illegally occupied along the northeast periphery of the Subic Bay Freeport.

The notice, dated January 3 and signed by Atty. Teophanie Christy S. Reutotar, manager of the SBMA Legal Department, said the SBMA will give the illegal settlers five days upon receipt of the letter to vacate lots at the Tipo area before it will formally take over the

illegally occupied premises.

"Despite repeated advice for you to vacate the same, it is apparent that you continue to refuse to vacate and illegally occupy and built structures over the subject area," the SBMA notice said.

"Please consider this as our final demand for you to vacate the subject premises. Otherwise, the agency will be constrained to resort to legal remedies, including the filing of criminal and civil

cases against you, if necessary," it added.

The final notice to vacate was served on Tuesday by personnel from the SBMA Ecology Center and the SBMA Law Enforcement Department. It was addressed separately to FFCI, represented by one Joselito Gabriel, and 11 of its officers and members.

Lex Byron Magrata of the Ecology Center's social development division, who led the SBMA team, said

the notice was received by Joel Donato, an FFCI marshal assigned at the FFCI office in the illegally-occupied area.

Magrata said Donato acknowledged knowing the addressees of the notice, but added that they lived somewhere else and only visited the area from time to time.

Donato received the notices in behalf of the recipients and said he will hand

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Team leader Lex Byron Magrata of the SBMA Ecology Center explains the purpose of the final notice to vacate to Joel Donato (right), an FFCI marshal at an area occupied by illegal settlers at the Tipo area of the Subic Bay Freeport.

PHOTO BY MALOU DUNOG



Halos nasa 50 porsiyento na ng bed capacity ng BICC ang okupado dahil sa Covid-19.

KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS

Bed capacity sa Bulacan Covid hospital halos 50% na

NI ROMMEL RAMOS

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS -- Umakyat na sa 50 porsiyento ang bed capacity ng Bulacan Infection Control Center (BICC) na okupado dahil sa mga kaso ng Covid-19.

Ngayong araw ay 33 na ang okupado mula sa 70 kama ng nasabing Covid-19 hospital sa Bulacan.

Sa nakalap na datos ng Pun-

to, 26 na mga moderate cases na pasyente ang nasa ward at pitong severe cases ang nasa ICU.

Samantala, noong December 25 ay bumaba sa dalawa lamang na moderate cases ng Covid-19 ang nilalapatan ng lunas sa BICC.

Ngunit nagsimulang pumalo paakyat ang bilang ng mga dinadalang pasyente sa BICC dahil sa coronavirus matapos ang selebrasyon ng Bagong Taon.



Si Bulacan PNP director P.Col. Manuel Lukban nang makapayam ng Punto! kaugnay ng pagsasailalim sa lalawigan sa Alert level 3.

KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS

Alert Level 3: Boundary checkpoints ipapatupad sa Bulacan

NI ROMMEL RAMOS

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS -- Magpapatupad ng boundary checkpoints ang Bulacan police kasunod ng pagsasailalim sa lalawigan sa ilalim ng Alert Level 3 laban sa pagkalat ng Covid-19 Omicron variant.

Ayon kay Col. Manuel Lukban, provincial director ng Bulacan police, ang controlled points ay ipapatupad simula Martes ng hatinggabi sa mga boundaries ng Obando-Malabon, Meycauyan-Valenzuela, San Jose Del Monte at Caloocan-Quezon City.

Ayon kay Lukban, kailangang ipakita sa mga checkpoint ang vaccination card dahil bukod sa mga authorized persons outside residence (APOR) ay tanging mga bakunado lamang aniya kasi ang hinihikayat na lumabas sa ilalim ng Level 3.

Bawal na rin muna ang entertainment, outdoor sports activities maging ang mga outing o swimming.

Tatumpung porsiyento lamang ang papayagan na makapasok sa mga establisyemento, sa mga religious gatherings, at maging sa mga pampublikong

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AC vaccination team gets cash incentive

ANGELES CITY — The city government here under the leadership of Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. on January 5, 2022 released the extra cash incentive of the 400 members of the vaccination team who have been working non-stop.

Mayor Lazatin said the incentive depends on the duration of their duty, ranging from ₱1,000 to ₱5,000.

Lazatin wants to recognize the hard work of the employees, ensuring the inoculation service to Angeleños, especially now that Angeles City achieved herd immunity last Dec. 7, 2021.

“Ito po ay nararapat lamang sa walang kapagurang pagseserbisyo ng 400 staff natin sa vaccination team,” Lazatin said.

The 400 members of the team is being led by IC Calaguas, Lazatin’s Chief Adviser and the city government’s chief implementer for the vaccination program.

City Health Officer Dr. Verona Guevar-

ra, who is manning the medical side of the vaccination program, said she is thankful and happy that the administration of Mayor Lazatin recognizes the service of the employees in the vaccination team.

This was also seconded by City Social Welfare and Development Officer Edna Duaso, one of the ground commanders in the mega vaccination area of the city, saying she is in awe knowing their hardwork, service, and sacrifice are being greatly appreciated.

“Nakakataba ng puso na nakikita at naaappreciate yung pagod, hirap at sakripisyo ng mga frontliners sa mga vaccination areas,” Duaso said.

On behalf of the CSWDO employees serving in the vaccination areas, as well as the Day Care Workers and Direct Service workers, Duaso sent her heartfelt gratitude for the extra cash incentive given.

This, according to

Duaso, will serve as an inspiration for the employees to strive harder.

“Maraming salamat po sa pinakitang malasakit at pagmamahal ng ating butihing Mayor para sa kanyang mga employees. Magsisilbi itong inspirasyon sa mga tao upang lalo pang pagbutihin ang kanilang trabaho,” Duaso said.

Rennald Pangilinan, member of the rescue team of the Angeles City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, also a member of the vaccination team, said Mayor Lazatin is looking out for the welfare of the vaccination team.

“Pasalamat kami pu ketang binye na pung Mayor Lazatin. Apapan-sin na pu ing gagawan mi keng vaccination. Madagul na pung bage ining binye na pu,” Pangilinan furthered.

Last Dec. 8, Mayor Lazatin has announced the release of the extra cash incentive for the 400 working staff.

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To the Point

The call of the public did not fall on deaf ears

THE SUPREME Court today ordered the preventive suspension of Atty. Lorenzo G. Gadon and for him to show cause why he should not be meted with the ultimate penalty of disbarment in connection with his viral video uttering profanities against journalist Raissa Robles.

Gadon's preventive suspension from the practice of law is effective immediately and to last until lifted by the Court.

On December 15, 2021, a video of Gadon uttering profanities against Robles went viral in social media, where the former appeared exasperated by the fact that Robles called Ferdinand "Bong-Bong" R. Marcos a tax evader.

The Supreme Court acknowledged the public's urging to discipline Gadon over "his latest vulgar rant, saying that Atty. Gadon's actions are not only an insult to Robles, but to the entire legal profession as well."

The call of the public did not fall on deaf ears, and the Court immediately took action.

In a Resolution issued today, January 4, 2022, the Court En Banc motu proprio treated the matter as a formal administrative complaint for disbarment against Gadon, who was given a non- extendible period of 10 days to file his comment, in consideration of the numerous prior controversies leading to the disbarment cases filed against Gadon, and the most recent viral video where he displayed the same controversial behavior despite previous warnings,

(Statement from the Supreme Court on the suspension of Atty. Larry Gadon, 4 Jan. 2022)

Solidarity with Hong Kong journalists

THE NATIONAL Union of Journalists of the Philippines stands in solidarity with colleagues in Hong Kong who are working under tightening restrictions.

As 2021 came to a close, pro-democracy media outlet Stand News said it would shut down after more than 200 police personnel raided its office on suspicion of "conspiracy to distribute seditious publications" and after the arrests of seven current and former staff members.

In the early days of the new year, independent news site CitizenNews also announced it would be shutting down, saying "we can no longer strive to turn our beliefs into reality without fear because of the sea change in the society over the past two years and the deteriorating media environment."

These closures follow that of pro-democracy paper Apple Daily in June 2021 also after a series of raids and arrests.

As in the Philippines, restrictions on and state action against media hamper the free flow of information and constrict discourse and democracy. The loss of even one media outlet is a blow to the journalism community and to the public's right to know.

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Opinion

Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Generosity and sustainability

"ARE WE to buy two hundred days' wages worth of food and give it to them to eat?" I have a feeling that it was Judas who said those words. He was the treasurer of the twelve and was probably worried about the sustainability of their mission.

Remember that other passage in John 12, 1-8, where Judas reacted to Mary of Bethany using up a whole liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard to give Jesus a foot massage? Judas said, "Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and used for our charity work for the poor?" But the Gospel writer could not restrain himself from adding a little parenthetical remark, saying Judas "said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions."

Even without sharing in John's biased remark about Judas' motive, it is enough to note the tone of sarcasm in the comment about spending two hundred days' wages worth of food to be able to feed the multitude. What I read between the lines of that remark is, "Wait a minute, Jesus, you conducted a whole day of healing and preaching sessions and did not demand any payment for it; now you expect us to feed them too? Hey, they should be the ones feeding us, in the first place! How do you expect us to sustain our operations if we don't charge for your services? We will go bankrupt pretty soon!"

The problem is, he made it very clear when he sent them out on a mission. He said, "Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give." It is supposed to be the way of the kingdom; you don't put limits and conditions to your giving. Generosity breeds generosity. Come to think of it, did our parents charge us anything for everything that they have done for us since childhood? Parents never say, "Ok, I feed you, clothe you, send you to school

now, but you pay us later."

Way until adulthood, they think of their children's welfare. Some of them are willing to spend even the little money that they have saved for their retirement to bail out their adult children when they go through hard times. The way of the kingdom is the way of LOVE.

Our first reading says so. John says, we learn to "love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." For John, the clearest sign that people have not known God is not having learned to love, because, he says, "God is love."

And how do we learn to love? By being loved. For the apostle, our love for God is a mere response to God's love for us. It is what he means when he says, "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us."

Saint Ignatius composed a beautiful prayer for generosity. He said, "Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as I should. To give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds. To toil and not to seek for rest. To labor and ask not for reward, save that of knowing that I do your most holy will."

Jesus had a simple formula for a situation of scarcity: No problem if five loaves and two fish are all we have. As long as we can still be thankful for it and are willing to break it, as long as we are willing to share it generously, God will make sure it will be more than enough for everyone, because he cannot be outdone in generosity.

(Homily for Tuesday after Epiphany, 4 January 2022, Mk 6:34-44)

DUTERTE TO THE UNVAXXED

Kung mamatay ka, bahala ka sa sarili mo

BUT 'YUNG mga tao na hindi pa nagpabakuna, without really . . . No offense sa inyo pero which is the reality ever present in this situation, in the environment . . .

Malaki ang tsansa na 'pag maha-wa ka, mamatay ka. So kakaunti naman ang namamatay, sa awa ng Diyos, hindi masyadong marami, pero may namamatay pa rin. Sigurado 'yan, walang bakuna.

Kung bakunado ka, there's a defense, however small, 'yung original for Covid-19 is as good for all of the variants. And the variants, the mutants, nagwawala. Ang mundo ay in a quandary. Lahat tinatamaan, including us.

'Yung hindi nagpabakuna, 'pag tinamaan 'yun, the risk of dying this year 2021 is nandiyan. So bahala kayo. Ngayon kung maghingi kayo ng tulong sa akin, sabihin ko hindi ako tutulong sa'yo kasi hindi ka nagpabakuna. Kung nagpabakuna ka, wala na akong problema saka wala ka nang problema. Ngayon kung mamatay ka, bahala ka sa sarili mo. Puno na 'yung ospital by this time. The contamination is ever growing, very fast. Defenses

available to you is the vaccines that you got earlier.

'Yung hindi magpabakuna at malaman ng mga barangay captain, sabihin na lang nila, 'wag kang lumabas. At kung lumabas ka, you'll be escorted, if you force the issue, I said. Because the barangay captain is a person in authority. He can place you under arrest and dalhin ka sa istasyon. Doon ka sa mabaho istasyon na hindi masyado maganda ang hygiene.

You will be arrested and at least I think the fiscal can hasten the proceeding by . . . Preliminary investigation kaagad at pagkatapos siyang i-file 'yan, you'll go straight to jail. At ang masakit diyan, before you can work on anything, you'll suffer the sinasabi kong hindi na magandang sitwasyon. Because not all public structures are really the best, the best shelter to be there.

— President Rodrigo Roa Duterte



The Public Space

Jun Sula

Cong Tarzan, the book

If a public leader or public servant, as the case may be, is defined by his politics, how is his legacy be framed? By his character, on one side, or by achievements, on the other? Ideally, integrity says it should be firmly held by both.

In “Tarzan Lazatin, A Public Life”, the reader is deliberately, ultimately led to the ineluctable conclusion that one cannot go without the other. Character without achievements is bogus. Achievements without character are hollow. The book rubs these in on the reader often enough, it’s hard to miss. More to the point, that touchable flesh-and-blood legends can really emerge from such visible stuff.

By these alone, the book is already worth its cost.

Politics, according to the short and simple gospel of Tarzan, the legendary Pampanga politician whose public influence exceeded his personal eloquence, need not be complicated, let alone messy. His political slogan, all six words that can easily pass for an haiku verse, sums it all up: ditak a salita, dakal a gawa. In modern lingo: talk is cheap.

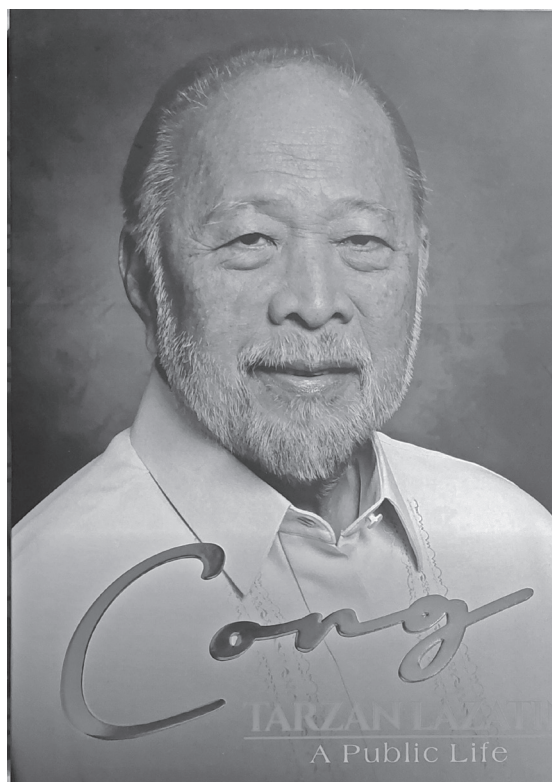
No one can argue against the efficacy and simplicity – the bottom line, success -- of his political doctrine that had stood the test of time. In her foreword to the book, former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo is clearly awed, if not mystified, by the enigmatic politician who “magnified his few soft spoken words by the eloquence of his projects, programs and public service”. It was more than political politesse; she knew whereof she spoke.

Tarzan’s fruitful public life hugely attests to the validity of his immutable conviction. The skillful author(s) needed more than 200 pages to convey a substantive portrait of a man who had served as congressman in Pampanga’s first district for five terms, 1987, 1992, 1995, 2007 and 2010, and the first three-term mayor of Angeles City from 1998 to 2007. In the process, his service span both in the legislative and executive, left a certain standard, a distinct brand, of politics.

In hindsight, it’s epical how Tarzan had calmly but correctly responded to the political evolution in the country at the time he did, moving from strength to strength with each new president, four of them in succession, with distinct ideology or none at all. How he wrapped himself up in the evolution, a salient point the book understandably glossed over, is a fair challenge to political scholars to scrutinize in detail.

Tarzan was a political offspring of the EDSA Revolution of 1986 when he won as Cory’s choice for congressman in 1987. He used the magical victory subsequently like Aladdin on his flying carpet with Cory’s successors, Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and Noynoy Aquino. He was exceptional, if not phenomenal, in how he understood well and smartly placed his bets in the chaotic logic of the political continuum triggered by the EDSA upheaval.

“A good book has no ending” wrote R.D. Cummins. In a sense, a big nod to the book. While in it generously cascaded a delectable salad of facts to the reader, it also inevitably gave rise to curious hunger for more about the political caballero whose life had spawned some old chestnuts beyond his



turf, political and personal. The book has many magnet-like propulsions to relevant questions.

But the book’s title is very explicit, if not apologetic: what is private remains sacred ground, inviolable; what is public is largely accessible, a movable feast, like the world-famous giant sisig Tarzan once inaugurated.

Shortly after the late Cory Aquino ascended to the presidency, I was asked to report for work at a government agency whose director surprised me with a question as intimate as it was interesting. “How’s Tarzan?”, Louie Villareal asked me matter-of-factly when he learned I was from Pampanga. Before I could draw an answer from the little I knew about Tarzan at the time, Villareal, Tarzan’s former classmate in New York, smilingly retold the old story of how Tarzan’s classmates in Spain learned more Kapampangan from him than he did Spanish from them. Did he achieve the same feat in the City of Apples? Villareal didn’t add to either the real or apocryphal.

In a bigger sense, Tarzan exuded the two important attributes of an effective politician Machiavelli has expounded on: virtue and fortuna, roughly ingenuity and luck. Tarzan had both, with the latter as obvious as his rugged patrician bearing. The former would be amply displayed through his 30 years or so foray into the exacting demands of Philippine politics that, at the end of the day, didn’t leave a visible scar in Tarzan’s life. Arroyo hit a resonant chord when she emphasized “the great fundamental values that guided his life’.

There are supposed to be no saints in politics, one philosopher warned. Could Tarzan have been conceivably different? Even the late Pampanga governor Bren Z. Guiao once acknowledged with conviction that Tarzan was the best there was in his time. In Plato’s words, he was an expert who could be efficient and fair, even flexible. Guiao knew easily who could be his

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Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

‘Comelec rules must be amended’

ILAN ba talaga itong kwenta pinal na pasado para sila mapabilang sa tatakbo para sa pampanguluhan mula sa mahigit nubenta’y siete ryan;

Na nagsumite ng kanilang C.O.C. sa Comelec, na kung saan ang marami ni sa pang-lokal ay malayong mangyari na maigapang ang kanilang sarili.

Para makasama at di maging ‘nuisance candidate’ na hindi nila makayanang ang sarili’y maipangampanya mang lang, sanhi ng kapos sa lahat na ng bagay.

Di sa panghahamak – gaya halimbawa ng isang barbero, isang mangingisda, lider magsasaka, mandarul ng sakla, sasali? – ni singkong duling di makapa?

At itong Comelec, papayagan basta makapag-sumite ng C.O.C. nila nang ni hindi man lang n’yan inuusisa ang kakayahan na makapangampanya?

Millions ang kailangan at di barya lamang ang kakailanganin ng kahit sino r’yan upang ang pagtakbo sa pampanguluhan makaya, lalo ng independyente lang.

Kaya marapat lang sa ating Comelec ang maging masuri at di agad-agad kinokonsiderang ang dumulog sukat para magsumite ng C.O.C., tanggap.

Gaya nang halos ay mga isang daan na nakapag- ‘file’ nga ng ‘candidacy’ niyan, di ba’t pagkatapos ay idineklarang ‘Nuisance candidate’ lang itong karamihan?

Sa puntong naturan ay Comelec itong marapat sisihin sa di pagsusulong ng tamang reporma sa ‘code’ ng eleksyon kaya’t tuwing halalan ay palaging gan’on.

Kaya naman itong ang gusto lang yata mapanood sila sa TV ng madla, sukdang ito’y dapat nilang ikahiya, pero hindi pa rin nila alintana?

At ang isang bagay na dapat isusog ng Comelec sa ‘rules’ nyan at mga ‘by laws’ gaya ng ‘provided that one can read and writes’ may file a C.O.C. should now be abolished’.

Kaya nga sa puntong ito pati na ryan itong kagaya nga ng ating tinuran, matitigil na ang kahit sino na lang pupuedeng mag-‘file’ ng C.O.C., kabayan!

Sana, ang Comelec mabigyan ng pansin ang maraming bagay na dapat baguhin, gaya nitong sino pa mang may usapin sila’y di marapat pahintulutan din.

Tulad ni De Lima, na nasa kulungan at iba pang kahit nakabilanggo ryan, nagagawa pa rin nilang makisawsaw sa usaping bayan – di na papayagan.

Baguhin na dapat ang alituntunin ng Comelec at ang nararapat gawin ay ang naaayon sa ikagagaling ng lahat na’t ating dapat tangkilikin!



DENR begins massive cleanup of Calumpit River

MALOLOS CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has spearheaded the massive cleanup of the more than eight kilometer stretch of Calumpit River in Bulacan.

This is meant to fast track the rehabilitation of Manila Bay areas in Central Luzon.

During his recent visit in the province, DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu stressed the need to haul submerged garbage in Calumpit River to prevent flooding due to clogged waterways.

“Massive cleanup operations that involve desilting and grubbing of waste materials will unclog our waterways and bring back the depth of our river system that will prevent the overflow of a great body of water especially during rainy season,” he explained.

The Calumpit River is a tributary of the larger Pampanga River, and the town itself serves as a natural catch basin for floodwaters coming from Nueva Ecija and Pampanga.

The first phase of the cleanup project will transpire in the 1.5-kilometer stretch of the Calumpit River that covers barangays of Sapang Bayan, Gatbuca, Frances, and Poblacion.

Cimatu added that clearing the Calumpit River system would likewise benefit other flood-prone towns in Bulacan such as Hagonoy, Paombong and some parts of Malolos City.

DENR regional executive director Paquito Moreno Jr. shared that the bathymetric study of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Region 3 showed that more than 300,000 cubic meters of garbage and silt was found in the Calumpit River, where a thick accumulation of admixed sediments was observed in the stretch along the Gatbuca Bridge.

“Garbage-free waterways will not only mitigate flooding during the onslaught of typhoons, but it will also reduce the pollution of river systems in Bulacan that directly drain to the Manila Bay,” he said.

Aside from the close coordination with local government units, DENR also partnered with GM Faustino Construction, Inc. to accelerate grubbing and hauling activities in the Calumpit-Angat River System.

The construction company would provide free utilization of its equipment and workforce to facilitate grubbing and transfer of silt materials to containment areas.

DENR has collected about 168,562 tons of wastes from more than 22,580 estero, river and coastal cleanups conducted in Bulacan, Bataan, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Nueva Ecija since the Manila Bay rehabilitation program started in 2019. --**Carlo Lorenzo J. Datu/PIA-3**

GMA bats...

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Meanwhile, AO 2005-23 aimed to ensure the sustainable use of watershed resources, encourage meaningful and active participation of stakeholders within the watershed and ultimately establish a sustainable and multi-sectoral institution capable of addressing natural resources issues in the watershed.

Arroyo said promoting and enforcing these policies will help the Philippines mitigate the impact of global warming and protect the population from natural risks such as drought and water shortage, flooding and landslide as well as biodiversity loss and pollution.

“It is and should always be the policy of the government to pursue the sustainable management of forests and forestlands in watersheds,” she said.

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SBMA sends...

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them over to the persons concerned within the week, Magrata added.

The recipients included Gabriel, who is a resident of Barangay Tipo, Hermosa, Bataan; Ding Nabalo of Brgy. New Cabalan, Olongapo City; Erwin Basi of Old Cabalan, Olongapo; Liza Cunanan of Brgy. Bangal, Dinalupihan, Bataan; Gina Pamayan, Ginalyn Nemenzo, Elvira Rosal, Ojing Medina, Edwin Buenaventura, and Peregrino Rosal of Brgy. Roosevelt, Dinalupihan, Bataan; and Emily Ando of Tarlac City.

SBMA chair Wilma T. Eisma said on Wednesday that the SBMA decided to send the FFCI and its members an ultimatum after verifying the continued illegal occupation by the group since April last year of the Freeport

area identified as Lot 2.

“We have given them a notice to vacate in April 2021 after they started a settlement at Lot 2, but they have ignored the warning, apparently,” Eisma said.

She added that last year the SBMA had already filed court cases against 30 families affiliated with FFCI for illegally occupying Lot 12, an area at the boundary of the Subic Bay Freeport and the Roosevelt National Park in Dinalupihan.

“We have to protect government rights and interests over these areas, as provided for under RA 7227, which created the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, and as further defined under Proclamation No. 532, which delineated the metes and bounds of the Subic Special Economic and Freeport Zone,” Eisma also said.

Alert Level 3...

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sasakyan.

Hindi rin aniya muna papalabasin ng bahay ang mga menor de edad.

Bukod sa mga nasa-bing boundaries ay magkakaroon din ng mga checkpoint sa ibat-ibang strategic places para masiguro na maipapatupad ang minimum health protocol laban sa Omicron variant.

Ani Lukban, isa din sa imo-monitor ay ang mga deboto ng Poong Nazareno na posibleng magpilit na makaluwas ng Maynila bagamat kinansela na ang selebrasyon ng kapistahan nito.

Nagpa-ala-ala ang kapulisan sa mga hindi bakunado na iwasan na muna ang lumabas ng bahay maliban na lang kung ito ay gaya ng pagbili ng gamot, pagkain at iba pang pangunahing pangangailangan.

What's next...

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oped neighborhoods and safe subdivisions around North and Central Luzon, The Hauslands is expanding, setting sights on Bataan and Zambales! These new projects promise to exude the high standard and quality The Hauslands has been recognized for; ready with strategies to

delight the locals with the full package of product and services.

With The Hauslands, many families can proudly say I Am Home this New Year. For more details, and stay updated by following our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube @the-hauslandsofficial.

BDO wins Asia's Top Sustainability Advocates Award

BDO UNIBANK was recently conferred with prestigious Asia's Top Sustainability Advocates Award at the 2021 Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability (ACES) Awards, an event that features the finest corporate leaders in Asia.

The award is given to companies that show genuine interest in the well-being of their stakeholders through corporate social responsibility initiatives that are integrated into policies and operations, with a high level of employee and top management involvement on community engagement, environment, and social empowerment programs.

BDO is one of the only five awardees in the region and the only bank to receive the honors.

“This recognition is a testament to how much BDO Unibank embodies the values of sustainability and incorporates them in everything the Bank does. This inspires us to further elevate our sustainability efforts and make them more inclusive to benefit our various stakeholders,” said Marla Garin-Alvarez, BDO vice president for its sustainability office.

The ACES jury highlighted BDO's Sustainable Finance program that funds renewable energy projects nationwide, and the BDO Foundation's financial education program embedded in the public school K-12 curriculum, as pioneering initiatives to promote positive environmental and social impact in the country.



This is a fitting follow-up to the recognition BDO received from ACES two years ago.

In 2019, BDO was named a “worthy captain” of the Philippine banking industry after receiving the Industry Champion of the Year award during the 2019 ACES Awards.

The Industry Champion of the Year is presented to companies that “have a distinct competitive edge, set the industry trends, and have commendable best practices in place. Winners in this category have shown the ability to evolve the focus of their enterprises along with the dynamic changes of the industries they serve.”

BDO was also recognized for its leadership position across different business segments, robust balance sheet, expansive market reach, the scope of innovative products and services, and sustainable growth.

The ACES Awards is organized annually by the MORS Group, an organization committed to assisting companies, corporate leaders, and eminent industrialists share a platform to exhibit leadership and sustainability excellence. --**Press Release**

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EUTIQUEO PATANGUI** who died on August 29, 1993 at O'Donnell Capas, Tarlac and his wife **CRISELIA O. PATANGUI** who died on June 12, 2002 at Cristo Rey, Capas, Tarlac. The late Eutiquio Patangui is the owner of as a parcel of land which is more particularly describes as follows; Tax Declaration No. 04012-00766, Owner: Etiquio Patangui, Lot. No. 2711, Location: Santiago Street, O'Donnelle Capas, Tarlac, before Notary Public Roseller B. Rodriguez, as per Doc No. 842, Page No. 169, Book No.99 Series of 2021.

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Cong Tarzan...

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best proxy during my wedding in 1993. But was Tarzan wholly ob- jective in being dismis- sive of the late Levy P. Laus as just “a good car salesman”? Un- fortunately, politicians usually have the last, if blunt, word.

The book, superb- ly written and edited by Bong Lacson, Pampan- ga media’s enfant ter- rible as the late Ram Mercado would say, with valuable contribu- tions and insights from equably excellent me- dia practitioners, high- lighted at least two tit- illating puzzles whose answers are left to the wild and wandering fer- tile imaginations. How did lawyer Arlene Buan snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in the congressional election

against Tarzan in 1987. Why did Tarzan, all of a sudden, stop his recall move against Ange- les City’s seven coun- cilmors in 2002? What if Buan decided not to hie off and away to the US while his protest was pending? What if Tarzan did not change his mind about the re- call on the so-called ‘7 Dwarfs’? Once , then Con- gressman Yeng Guiao invited Sen. Frank Drilon to lunch in his hometown Magalang, along with local of- ficials, among them then Mabalacat Mayor Boking Morales. Drilon nearly dropped his jaw when he was told that Morales was way over the Constitutional lim- its for a local execu- tive. Asked by Drilon how he did it, Morales

sheepishly mumbled political contingencies and legal procedures, at the friendly threat by Drilon that he would initiate a Senate probe. In truth, Tarzan had a lot to do with it. He was instrumental in granting Mabalacat a sizeable share from the taxes Clark earned from its investors. He was also the author of the law that gave Ma- balacat its city status. The new status plus the new money gave Morales more tools and teeth to his politi- cal clout, and a longer hold on the mayoralty. Without Tarzan’s sup- port, Morales would have exited from local politics much earlier. One page in the book tells it all, and Yeng should have no doubt about where Morales’

loyalty and gratitude really are, now and for- ever, and where the convenient lie isn’t. There is one ‘sin of omission’ in the book though: it failed to mention that Tarzan’s mother was from Ma- galang where the two political combatants for mayorship, incum- bent Romulo Feliciano Pecson and his pre- decessor, Malu Paras Lacson, are likely rela- tives, distant or not. Otherwise, it’s a vir- tual template for as- piring politicians any- where, and a fair cave- at as well, that Tarzan might have left a prov- en path to his two ris- ing sons , both wear- ing his name well, to faithfully follow as they look ahead to a bright political future. So far, so good.

Back to Covid Scoreboard...

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From December 20 to 27, no single new case of Covid-19 was reported in Pampanga. On Monday, Jan. 3, 28 new cases were report- ed. On Tuesday, Jan. 4, 63 more were 63 listed, bringing up the total ac- tive cases to 260. Mabalacat City which recorded the most num- ber of days without Covid cases at 26, re- corded seven new ones on Tuesday too. Angeles City listed 14 new cases on the same day for a total of 22 active cases. The

City of San Fernando topped Tuesday’s tally with 29, for a total of 58 active cases. Of Pampanga’s 19 towns only five -- Ma- galang, Lubao, Porac, Sasmuan, and Sto. To- mas – have maintained their zero-Covid-cases status as of Jan. 4. As this developed, Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pi- neda enjoined his con- stituents to double their efforts in strictly observ- ing safety protocols. In his Facebook page, Pineda listed anew practices to avoid contracting Covid-19

“lalo na ng Omicron variant,” to wit:
“1. Magsuot lagi ng face mask.
2. Lumayo ng 1-2 metro sa mga tao.
3. Iwasan ang mga matataong lugar.
4. Maghugas ng ka- may o magpahid lagi ng alcohol.
5. Kumain ng mag- isa at isuot ang face- mask pagkatapos su- mubo ng pagkain.
6. Huwag magpapa- sok ng ibang tao sa in- yong bahay.
7. Pag nilalagnat, si- nisipon, masakit ang lalamunan, inuubo

o nananakit ang ka- tawan, kontakin ang Ru- ral Health Unit at mag- pa-Antigen test. Pag nagpositibo, magpa-RT- PCR test na.
8. Magpabakuna la- ban sa COVID-19 o magpa-booster shot.
9. Kung maaari, hu- wag nyo pong dalhin ang mga bata sa matataong lugar.”
The governor con- cluded with the grim reminder: “Iisa lang po ang ating buhay. In- gatan po natin. Halos 3,000 katao na po ang pinatay ng Covid-19 sa Pampanga.”

AC enforces...

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passengers were unable to present the necessary documents. For Angeleños who are returning home from elsewhere, they need only to present their iden- tifications with proof of residence upon entering the city. The mayor also urged that upon return- ing home, those who are unvaccinated are to stay home for their safety.

Unvaccinated res- idents will not be al- lowed to enter estab- lishments such as malls with Resolution 1 re- quiring all business es- tablishments to inspect their customers’ vac- cination cards prior to entry. The resolution though allows unvacci- nated residents to eat in restaurants al fresco or outdoor dini ng. “The Business Permit and Licensing Division will conduct surprise in- spection in business es-

tablishments for strict compliance. People are not permitted to remove their masks in restau- rants unless they are eating or drinking,” said Lazatin. The city has already reached herd immunity last year, and is now re- activating their isolation facilities in the area. Ronda Bakuna Even non-residents of Angeles City are now covered in the city gov- ernment’s Ronda Baku- na program.

Two buses outfitted for vaccination are routinely assigned to the boundary of the city with the con- tiguous towns, as well as in-city public spaces to administer vaccines and booster shots even to walk-in vaccinees. Ronda Bakuna sa Barangay is part of the blended vaccination scheme of the city gov- ernment where the vac- cines are brought closer to the public. -- Bong Z. Lacson with Angeles CIO

24/7 telemedicine...

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matutulungan po sila ng mga doktor natin kung ano ang mga dapat o hindi dapat na gaw- in habang nagpapag- aling,” Lazatin said. The hotlines are as follows: 0915 927 0554; 0915 927 0549; 0915 927 0510; 0915 927 0512; 0969 061 9531; 0969 061 9532; 0969 061 9578; and 0969 061 9535. Dr. Canlas mean-

while said that pa- tients could also reach the telemed via online, through Facebook Mes- senger account RLM- MC Tele Med. “While vaccines are available already, may risk pa rin po sa virus, kaya dobleng pag-iin- gat pa rin po ang kail- angan. Unang-una po ang pagsunod sa mga safety health protocols natin,” Canlas said. -- Angeles CIO

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. ABELARDO MESINA GUINTO and EMERITA NUCUP GUINTO** who died on December 01, 2014 and November 20, 2015 in St. Ferdinand Hospital City of San Fernando Pampanga and San Patricio, Mexico, Pampanga. left one (1) parcel of land covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 29074, EMANCIPATION PATENT NO. 00772777** of Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, and more particularly described as a Lot: 1047-F, Bsd-03-003983 (AR), Portion of Lot: 1047, Mexico Pampanga Cadestre, Location: San Patricio, Mexico, Pampanga, Lot Area:Sixteenthousand fifty six (16,056) square meter, before Notary Public Shain Ann C. Castillo, as per Doc No. 516, Page No. 105, Book No.X Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 3, 10 & 17, 2022



NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUANITA CATACUTAN REGALA** who died on August 12, 2021 in Lubao, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, Above-named she was granted a cash gift benefit under the Centenarian Act of 2016 for reaching 95 years of age; before Notary Public Romeo B. Torno, as per Doc No. 218, Page No. 45, Book No.89 Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 27, 2021, January 3 & 10, 2022

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROBERTO Z. NULUD** who died on August 05, 2007 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (lot 12, Block 16 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-59254 (Sheet 2), being a portion of Block 34-B, described on plan (LRC) Psd-54307, LRC. (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the District of Cutcut, City of Angeles. Island of Luzon, and which covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 57649, before Notary Public Archie Paul C. Muyrong, as per Doc No. 51, Page No. 12, Book No. XVI, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 20, 27, 2021 & January 3, 2022

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VENERANDA LIWANAG FABIAN** who died on October 1, 2021 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement of deceased person on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 331-C-3, of the subd. Plan (LRC) Psd-308827, approved as non-subd., project, being a portion of lot 331-C (LRC) Psd-298194: LRC Rec. No. 128), situated in thr Bo. of Tinagang, (Tinabang), Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pampanga, xxx containing an area of Seven Hundred Thirty Four (734) square meters, more or less. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 318679-R issued by Register of Deeds for the Province of Angeles City, before Notary Public Rafaela Patawaran Siron, as per Doc No. 508, Page No. 103, Book No. 3, Series of 2021.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUPREME COURT
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD LUDICAL REGION
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

HOME DEVELOPMENT
MUTUAL FUND,

Petitioner- Mortgagee,

~ versus ~

E.J.F. No. 175-17
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE NO. 175-17

EDILBERTO M. DIANO, JR.,
Married to DOLORES N. DIANO
and RETCHEL LABAO DIANO
married to ELSON NOVILLA DIANO,

Respondents-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA - JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under **Act 3135 / 1508 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, mortgagee, with its postal address at Suburbia Commercial Complex, Mc. Arthur Highway, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, against **EDILBERTO M. DIANO JR.,** married to **DOLORES N. DIANO**, with residence and postal address at No. 12, San Juan, Lubao, Pampanga, and/or Lot 23.-B, Cerhil Subd., Quebiawan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, and **RETACHEL LABAO DIANO** married to **ELSON NOVILLA DIANO**, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at No. 12, San Juan Lubao, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 31, 2016** amounts to **TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIVE and 14/100 (Php 2,276,105.14)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **January 26, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter** at the main entrance of the **Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound**, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for **CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2011004609

“A parcel of land (Lot 23-B of the cons. Subd. plan, Psd-035416-051312, being portion of lot 23, blk. 1 (LRC) Psd-37035, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Quebiawan, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing on area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (150,000) square meters more or less. x x x”**

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 2, 2022** without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, December 1 5, 2021.

RICHARD C. LOPEZ
Sheriff IV

CC: 1. HOME DEVT. MUTUAL FUND-Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., 358 Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City
-Suburbia Commercial Complex, Mc. Arthur Highway, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

2. EDILBERTO M. DIANO, JR. And DOLORES N. DIANO
- No. 12 San Juan, Lubao, Pampanga
-Lot 23-B, Cerhill Subd., Quebiawan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

3. RETCHEL LABAO DIANO and ELSON NOVILLA DIANO
- No. 12 San Juan, Lubao, Pampanga

4. PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON

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SM Tarlac gives 300 Christmas family packs to communities

ASIDE FROM the Typhoon Odette relief distribution, SM Supermalls spread more than 30,000 packs all over the country to communities especially affected by the pandemic. This include, but not limited to, the displaced vendors or workers, persons with disabilities, senior groups, farmers, fishermen, and urban poor.

For SM City Tarlac, there are 300 chosen beneficiaries from Brgy. San Roque, Brgy. Matatalaib and Brgy. Binauganan who receive family packs which include grocery items from SM Supermarket through the effort and program of SM Cares, SM Foundation, SM Markets, and mall management.



A resident of Brgy. Binauganan smiles in the eyes while being handed Christmas pack.
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