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Opens March 29, toll-free for now

MANILA -- After its inauguration with President Marcos, the 5-km Caloocan-España Section of the NLEX Connector will be open to the motoring public starting 12:01a.m., March 29, and toll will not yet be collected for a limited time.

"We are offering free access for a limited period, so motorists can experience for themselves the convenience of using the NLEX Connector," said NLEX Corp. president J. Luigi L. Bautista.

NLEX will issue another announcement to advise motorists when it will start collecting toll for this new expressway built to improve mobility and deliver economic development opportunities in north and south Luzon.

With the opening of the first section of the elevated expressway, motorists may now enjoy the comfort of traveling between Caloocan and Manila in just five minutes instead of 30 minutes or more when using local roads. This is very timely as NLEX anticipates the influx

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President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is joined by DPWH Sec. Manuel Bonoan and MPIC and MPTC chairman Manuel Pangilinan in a drive-thru at the first section of the NLEX Connector.

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MARCOS JR. UPBEAT

NLEX Connector inaugurated

MANILA -- "I call upon the DOTr (Department of Transportation) and NLEX Corp. to work closely and effectively in accomplishing our noble objectives in improving the road infrastructure on this side of the country."

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P2.6-M aid extended to 26 nonagenarians

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda personally handed checks of P100,00 to each of 26 near-centenarians in

ceremonies held at the Benigno Hall, Capitol Compound on March 27. The financial assistance is part of the one-time cash incentive pro-

gram of the Pineda administration for Kapampangans aged 95 and over in recognition of their contributions to the

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FOR STABLE, AFFORDABLE ENERGY

Sfelapco seeking new power generation firm

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- The San Fernando Energy and Light and Power Company announced that its competitive selection process (CSP) has begun, with several power firms already expressing interest in supplying

the Pampanga-based utility with stable and affordable energy.

"Nag-umpisa po kami ng nakaka-receive ng notice from other generators na baka po mayroon na silang mababakanteng renewable source by the

end of this year or early next year," Sfelapco senior vice president and GM Jose Lazatin said during an interview on CLTV 36.

"Kaya sabi ko nga, parang masu-swertehan po tayo, baka mas

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GRATEFUL: Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda gets a kiss of gratitude from a recipient of the P100,000 one-time cash incentive given by the Capitol. PHOTO: PAMPANGA PIO



116 Aeta scholars get educational support

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- At least 116 Aeta scholars received educational financial support from the provincial government of Pampanga to continue their college education on Monday, March 27.

Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda led the distribution

of P5,000 and P10,000 cash assistance to the Aeta student beneficiaries aside from the hygiene kits given by the Office of the Civil Defense.

The Aeta scholars are taking up BS-Criminology (25), BS-Accountancy (1), Bachelor in Elementary Education (18), Bachelor in

Hospital Management (2), BS-Nursing (2), BS-Radiology (1), BS-Aircraft Maintenance (2), BS-Agriculture (5), BS-Sociology (10), BS-Social Work (43), BS-Business Administration (2), BS-Industrial Technology (2), Technical Livelihood Education (1),

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CEB generates P56.8-B revenues for 2022

MANILA -- Cebu Pacific (PSE: CEB), the Philippines' leading carrier, recorded a 261% increase in revenues to P56.8 billion in 2022 from the previous year.

Passenger business led the steep recovery with growth of 459% year-on-year to P35.1 billion, on the back of higher travel demand, both domestically and internationally, coupled with the easing of various travel regulations.

While 2022 brought optimism on the demand front, CEB's profitability remained challenged by the economic environment, as jet fuel prices spiked and the peso depreciated versus the dollar.

Amidst these headwinds, CEB's EBITDA returned to positive territory at P664 million from 2021's negative P8.8 billion. Net loss narrowed to P14 billion in 2022 from P24.9 billion the previous year, and operating loss reduced to P11.4 billion, about half of previous

year.

The airline's recovery accelerated during the fourth quarter of 2022. Total revenues up 192% year-on-year to P19.2 billion. Net loss reduced from P2.9 billion in the fourth quarter of 2021 to P1.9 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022. Operating loss decreased significantly, from P4.3 billion in the fourth quarter of 2021 to P232 million in 2022.

Despite facing unprecedented headwinds, CEB is confident in its ability to overcome them while remaining true to its commitment to enable everyone to fly. "CEB is ready to move forward with optimism and confidence as we transition from recovery to growth mode. We remain committed to enabling everyone to fly and look forward to welcoming even more passengers onboard in the coming months," said Mike Szucs, CEO of Cebu Pacific.

Press release

Water recycling in SM malls helps address water scarcity

MANILA – "We all know that fresh water is a finite resource, so it is important that we try our best to conserve it. This is why SM has been adhering to a circular framework when it comes to our resource consumption, including the way we use water in our malls."

Thus, said Engr. Liza B. Silerio, vice president for SM Supermalls Corporate Compliance Group and SM Cares program director for environment.

As a company with sustainability at the core of its operations, SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SM Prime) knows that there

is a need for solutions that help address the degradation and depletion of the world's natural resources. In line with this, the company has been continuously working towards strengthening its commitment to a circular economy, implementing solutions that help improve efficiency when using natural resources, including water.

Water scarcity is one of the biggest issues that the world is facing today. Defined as a problem that occurs when the demand for water exceeds the available water supply, water scarcity is seen

as a problem that will only get worse, especially since water use continues to increase at an unprecedented rate globally.

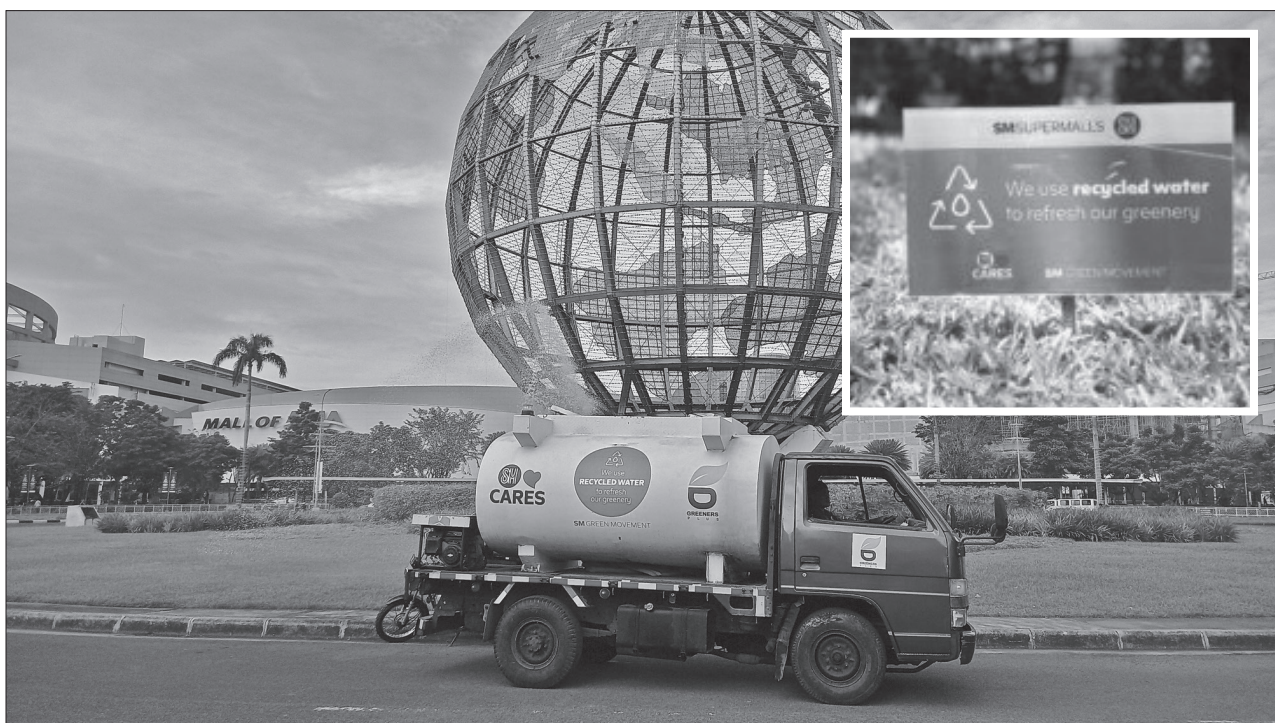
According to 2019 figures from UN-Water, an interagency mechanism that coordinates the efforts of United Nations entities and international organizations working on water and sanitation issues, global water demand is expected to continue increasing by 1% annually until 2050.

To improve water efficiency in its mall operations, SM employs facilities that help reduce its consumption of fresh

water. Among these are sewage treatment plants that treat wastewater plumbing systems. This allows the water to be re-used, helping ensure that there is enough water for the malls and the communities nearby.

All wastewater from tenants and mall restrooms are treated in the sewage treatment plants to become non-potable water. The recycled water is then used for air conditioning operations, specifically by cooling towers, as well as for flushing toilets and watering of gardens.

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PIDAYIT AT LAZATIN HERITAGE HOUSE

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Philip Dizon Torres regales the spouses of the heads of mission of the European Union, Finland, Israel, Japan, and other nations with a Pidayit Pop-Up Store set up at the historic Lazatin Heritage House here on Monday. The event was organized by Mrs. Delza Lazatin, wife of Ambassador Leo Lazatin of the Sovereign Order of Malta in the Philippines.

PUNTO LIFESTYLE TEAM/PIDAYIT PHOTOS

Flying Towards Recovery: PAL marks 82nd anniversary with hopeful promise

MANILA – Philippine Airlines celebrates its 82nd anniversary with a heartfelt video highlighting the airline's resilience and commitment to the Filipino people amidst the challenges of the pandemic.

The flag carrier marked its 82nd year in the midst of a recovery journey and is keen on further improving its services and enhancing the travel experience of its valued customers.

"Words cannot express how grateful we are for the continued support of our customers who have stood by us during these challenging times. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our ability to continue providing safe and reliable services amidst the pandemic," says PAL's direc-

tor Lucio Tan III.

In line with its commitment to its customers, PAL has also announced its plans for the future. The national flag carrier is gearing up to expand its fleet amid the projected growth in passenger volume. PAL is also preparing to expand its route network and introduce new service innovations.

"At PAL, we remain committed to providing our passengers with world-class travel experiences. We appreciate your continued patience and support as we undergo improvements and innovations in the coming months that will allow us to further elevate our services.," stated PAL president and COO, Captain Stanley Ng.

Press Release





Beautéderm CEO Rhea Tan teams up with local endorsers in La Union to promote women's advocacies

FIFTEEN YEARS into the skincare industry, Beautéderm President and CEO Rhea Anicoche-Tan spoke passionately about causes dear to her heart. "It isn't just about what you accomplish in life. It's about the

quality assistance to the elderly," Tan said.

Tan's new partners in achieving charity works and making the brand even more popular—Governor Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, Congressman Fran-

cisco Paolo "PAOwer" Ortega V, Coun. Lucia Esperanza Valero, Dr. Angelica Maranan-Maglanoc, Atty. Myra-Diwata Rivera-Caroy, Althea Mavis Salazar, John Kirby Savellano, Tom Tuason, Erven Jay Silverie, Lovelia Ollero, Ozzy Gallardo, Divina Marie Villanueva, Nick Ordinario, Benito Nerida, and Anjali Camacho Pradeep Kumar.

"These trailblazers have established their names in their community and they have already gained the trust of

their kababayans. This gift enables them to easily capture the hearts of more local consumers and let them know about Beautéderm and its advocacies," the Beautéderm founder shared. She added, "We're honored and blessed—that public figures like Gov. Rafy Ortega-David and Coun. Lucia Esperanza Valero gave their full trust and support." The local endorsers avidly use the beauty brand's products and are open about their admiration for the brand's growth and what it stands for. These local partners witnessed how Beautéderm goes beyond making sales. The brand navigates its way to the hearts of its consumers through numerous charity projects and advocacies. This time, the brand's causes are strengthened with a powerhouse team of endorsers backing it up.

With a solid business group and star-studded roster of ambassadors, Beautéderm is going strong and has become a market leader.

Its latest signature skincare set, Blanc Set,

has been raking in positive reviews from consumers, referring to it as a game- and life-changer. "We take pride in bringing out high-quality, FDA-approved products that really deliver results," the business tycoon ended.

Meanwhile, Board Member Francisco Arturo Ranches III, Dr. Camille Tolentino, Atty. Jenny Marie, Tenorio, Tricia Anne N. Singson, Atty. Jie-Yannah Maryl G. Singson, Jester Singson, and Christienne Aldrine Z. Vilorio from Ilocos were also added to the list of new local endorsers. Ysabel Ortega (cousin of La Union's Gov), Kakai Bautista, and EA Guzman were present during the La Union media conference at Thunderbird Resorts.

Visit Beautéderm store at Robinsons La Union, 3rd floor. Follow Beautéderm on Instagram @beautedermmcorp, @beautedermmcorp on Twitter, and @beautedermmcorp on TikTok; like Beautéderm on Facebook; and subscribe to Beautéderm TV on YouTube.

Press Release



Ms. Rei Tan with Tricia Singson and Gov. Raffy Ortega-David.



Ms. Rei Tan with Gov. Raffy Ortega-David.

number of hearts and lives you touch."

This month, the Beautéderm's power woman partnered with new local endorsers from La Union to push her advocacies for single mothers, senior citizens, and underprivileged children.

"Beautéderm is dedicated to serving people—through giving programs for strong and inspiring women, single mothers, scholarships for underprivileged children, and providing

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Congressman Paolo Ortega

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- Willingness to travel
- Excellent English skills, Japanese or Mandarin is highly advantageous but not essential

CEBUANA LHUILLIER

2023 HOLY WEEK BRANCH SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (April 6)	All branches are OPEN until 5:30 pm*
Good Friday (April 7)	All branches are CLOSED except for mall-based branches*
Black Saturday (April 8)	All branches are OPEN following regular operating hours
Easter Sunday (April 9)	All branches are OPEN following regular operating hours

*Mall-based branches will follow mall operating hours

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To the Point

This week is holy because of love

HOLY WEEK is about what Christ has done for humanity. Let the memory of God's mercy sink in without any compulsion to do something. Just relish His mercy and bask in the radiance of His love. During Holy Week, tell God "Thank you."

Holy Week is not what men and women do to make these days holy. It is not about what Catholics must do, nor is it about religious traditions and pious practices done to "feel good" after.

Fasting is good, but without *malasakit* (concern) for others, it is nothing. Prayer is good, but without remembering others and laying aside personal comfort, it is just an ego trip. Helping the poor and giving alms are good, but if you do it for show or to get a "feel good" reward later, it is just a noisy bell.

Can we go to the beach during Holy Week?

If it will help you love like Jesus, yes, you can. But if it will distract you from the story of His love, please don't. The highest law is not silence but love. Silence speaks only if that silence is loving.

Do we need to visit churches during Holy Week?

That is good practice, but you might want to visit seven patients in the charity ward of a hospital instead and bring them some food. Choose to love.

Do we need to scourge our backs until they bleed to show atonement for our sins?

Instead of spilling your blood on the streets, why not walk into a Red Cross office and donate blood? Choose to share life. Share your blood.

Do we need to walk barefoot till our soles get blisters as a form of penance for our sins? Why don't you buy a pair of slippers and give it to a child who goes to school dragging his torn footwear?

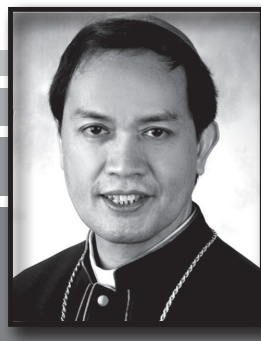
Do we need to sing the "Pasyong Mahal" as an act of devotion to the story of Christ's sufferings and death? Why don't you buy a Bible instead and read one chapter a day with your family for the rest of the year?

Do you need to get the flowers from the Holy Week *carrosas* to bring home and adorn your family altar? Why don't you bring flowers instead to a home for abandoned seniors and brighten the faces of lonely grandparents with the love you bring?

Must the face look sour and gloomy during Holy Week? Love begins with a smile. Make someone happy this Holy Week. Make someone feel loved. With your smile, show that God is love.

Holy Week traditions vary from country to country. Holy Week practices evolve with time. For 2,000 years now, only one tradition has remained—the Christian tradition of Love. It is really not just a tradition. The first Christians were known to be the most loving of all. Love is our identity. This week is holy because of love. Love alone can make us holy.

-- Archbishop Socrates Villegas



Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Opinion

Wretched food

TODAY'S FIRST reading makes me think of that passage in the sermon on the mount in Mt 7 where Jesus asks in v.10, "Which father among you would give his son a snake when he asks for a fish?" I wonder how Jesus would have reacted if one of the disciples played the wise guy and quoted Number 21 and said, "How come when the Israelites asked for food God gave them snakes causing many of them to die?" My answer to that is, "They were not asking for food. God had already given them food but they were still complaining about it."

Listen to what they said to Moses in Num 21:5, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!" It was not true that they had no food. They did not like the food God was giving them. *Siguro hindi masarap*. What they longed for was the kind of food that they ate when they were still in Egypt. In short, they were practically expressing regret that they even escaped from slavery at all. It's like saying, "We would rather remain as slaves and have good food, than be free and be hungry." Imagine, they called the food that God was giving them "WRETCHED FOOD!" How painful that must have been for God!

Sometime children behave like that towards their parents. They don't realize the kind of poison that comes from their mouth when they behave like spoiled brats. I remember a father, a jeepney driver, telling me how hurt he was to hear his son whom he was sending to college saying he was ashamed to show his classmates his "miserable Nokia phone" while everyone else had an iPhone.

What would you feel if you were a mother who had to wash a mountain of clothes just to earn some money and buy some food to serve at table for your children, and then the children say, "we are sick of this wretched food?" (*Sawa na kami sa walang kuwentang pagkain na ito!*)

I find it more sensible not to treat the sto-

ry literally but literarily, meaning, figuratively. The Israelites, as it were, had been bitten by the poisonous snakes among their own companions, whose mouths were spitting venoms of uncharity and utter insensitivity to the very one who cared for them. Children can be like that when they are young and unaware of what their parents have to put up with to be able to feed them. It takes time before they realize that what was served to them was not just rice and fish but blood, sweat and tears.

The strange part of the story is when Moses is told to mount a serpent on a pole to save those who had been bitten from perishing by getting them to behold that which had poisoned them. It becomes even more strange when the Gospel applies it to the "lifting up of the son of man" so that those who behold him whom they have pierced will be brought to a realization and saved.

The symbolism is basically making a paradoxical statement—until we realize the deadly poison that has bitten us, until we get to recognize the pain that our own uncharity and insensitivity have caused on the very people who care or us, we will not be healed.

St. Paul is saying something like this in 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him." In short by looking at him who suffered for our

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Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Opinion

An ode to my *Tatang* on his 99th birthday

I WAS on my third year as a school administrator of the St. Nicholas Academy: CCEI in Macabebes when one parent approached me after the general orientation and told me she was my late father's teacher in his last post as a public school principal.

She went on to say how great my old man was, that he was greatly admired and respected by the local community. She went on to tell me that the way I talked and argued over some school issues reminded her so much of my father. I could have just simply thanked her for her kindest of words. But I opted to deflect the complement by saying I was nowhere near what my father has accomplished in life; that my *tatang* was one tough act to follow.

Don't get me wrong. My *tatang* was not one highly-celebrated or multi-awarded figure who landed on the front page of leading newspapers for some outstanding achievements. Far from that! He was one simple, ordinary individual who touched the lives of others in an extraordinary way. It was his unassuming and unpretentious ways that endeared him to the people he met.

To this day, my siblings and I get to meet some of his former students and teachers who have nothing but praises for him. As a school principal, he brought out the best in his teachers. His personal joy was to see his teachers

become better year after year, rise from the ranks, and get promoted as school administrators as well.

During the bygone era of issue-based election campaigns, local politicians would come to our house to seek his "little endorsement" and bring him to their sorties and caucuses. Barrio folks loved seeing and listening to my *tatang* as he was someone they believed in and can relate to. Despite the friendships he had forged with and his loyalty to our town's political leaders, he shied away from politics and never asked for any favor. I think this is the reason why the second-generation political leaders he supported continue to treat us not as supporters but as family.

Of the many hats he wore, I think he was in his best elements when he was just "Emo" to the love of his life, "Curing," our mother and "Tang" to his nine children. Growing up, we did not live a comfortable life. But despite this, we always felt complete as individuals because my parents' great love for each other and for us

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The Public Space

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Our brain and our bragging right

By their IQs - intelligence quotients, that is - you shall know them. So every so often, the IQs of nations of the world are measured. Per the latest, ours is not really that bad - needing more improvement, no doubt—but not among the best, let alone the best, in the world, or in Asia for that matter.

The latest IQ report shows the Philippine average at 81, which is 111th out of 199 countries. Our average IQ was found lower than that of North Korea (91), Myanmar (90), Iraq (89) and Afghanistan (82). Not surprisingly, Japan (106), Taiwan (106) Singapore (105) are among the world's highest. China and South Korea are also included. The five countries have one thing in common, if it is factored at all: Confucian ethic.

The pandemic also brought down our IQ five points lower from the pre-pandemic average of 86. It was also dead last in the ASEAN region led by Singapore with 108. Vietnam had 94, Malaysia had 92, Thailand had 91, Brunei 91, Cambodia 91, Laos 89 and Indonesia 87.

What gives? IQ is the standard measure of smartness. But there other contributing factors such as poverty, quality of education and other socio-economic circumstances. The Filipinos, apparently, didn't do well during a twin fate of authoritarian regime and a calamity as can be gleaned from the data of the world population review. Our IQ world standing is a wake up call - again - to our national leaders.

Meantime, the debate on whether IQ is a function of genes or environment continues. The two school of thoughts have been simplified to nature (genes) and nurture (environment). It is said that the secretary to Albert Einstein once commented that if Einstein grew up with polar bears, he would still be Einstein. The late Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew believed in the role of genetics as well. He openly encouraged intermarriage among his people with high IQ. His country's consistent standing in the upper echelon of the best and the brightest seems to validate this, apart from its highly reputable educational system.

Filipinos are very good musician, though, Lee Kuan Yew said in an inter view for his biography. "Yes the boys (his) - they're bright, they read the notes and produce the sounds but in a mechanical way." Whereas you get a natural musician, a Filipino, he listens to it, he can without looking at the notes, reproduce for you the sound. He's got the mental and musical capabilities."

Sir Francis Galton, a 19th century scientist and polymath, believed in pedigrees or genetics. He thought geniuses, or people with high IQs owed their success to genetics or "natural abilities" passed on by their ancestors. It also explained why societies with many immigrants and refugees were often successful. We call it brain drain, to explain the diasporic movement our bright people to temporarily or permanently seek green pastures in foreign countries.

In his book "Geography of Genius", Eric Weiner noted that foreign immigrants make up only about 13 percent of the United States population but they have most, if not all, patents and inventions in their names and have won most of the Noble Prize awards. In-

versely, he also explained the decline of the Greek civilization because of the intermarriage of the Greeks to "lesser" peoples.

Jack Ma, the most famous Chinese businessmen, explained at least two factors leading to his rise as one of the smartest businessmen in the world through Alibaba. In an interview for the Weiner's book, Ma cited the strict educational system in China and the influence of religion. Education, Taoism, and in a way, the coercive impact of the communist government influenced his success. In the end, however, Ma's high profile success also became his undoing. He's no longer as publicly visible as he used to be, apparently due to the coercive environment he lives in.

In his book, Weiner concludes that genius is not in a single individual but in a cluster, as in a certain geographical site, like Greece which produced most of the world's philosophers like Socrates and Aristotle. Only Renaissance Florence (of Italy) came close, Weiner wrote. Machiavelli and the Medecis were her most famous citizens.

Notwithstanding the persuasive notes from history, Weiner thinks high IQ, or genius if you like, is not "out there" or "in here" but in spaces in between. He specifically says genius begins at home, like charity. And home means family, and what is a nation but groups of families that live, enrich and promote a culture of excellence, like world-class IQ.

Which means we have a lot of work to do, given where we are in the latest IQ world ranking. Quoting the ancient Greek poet Hesiod, as Weiner did, "before the gates of excellence, the gods have placed much sweat. The road is long, rough and steep. The sweat of labor often mingled with the sweat of pain." Where do we begin?

There are at least two elephants in the room: poverty and corruption. More people fell deeper into poverty in 2022, especially outside Metro Manila, according to the Social Weather Station, while income inequality continues to beset the country. Inequality of opportunity and low mobility, said the World Bank, waste human potential. The Philippines also ranks 116th among 180 countries in the Transparency International Corruption Perception Index in 2022, moving up to 33rd place from 38th last year, and cited among the decliners in the Asia Pacific region.

With its huge debt, soaring inflation, rising criminal activities, political cross purposes hedging reforms and a perceived weak judiciary, the national leadership can be lost in the weeds, so to speak. A charter change, more borrowings through a dubious plan, increase intelligence funds and reviving the ROTC may not be the priorities needed to boost our IQ ranking in the world.

We have to define and determined where our genius loci should be. And it's not in the mythical golden age of the past. Payment of the P203 billion estate tax ordered by the Supreme Court to the Marcoses will be a good way to start, thank you.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

Saan si PBBM ngayon nahaharap?

'Spaghetting pataas, spaghetting pababa Spaghetti' pataas, 'spaghetti' pababa; awiting sumikat, dito sa'ting bansa, na alam kantahin pati riyan ng bata.

Ganun din naman ng mga edad na gaya nina Lolo at saka ni Lola; pati na iba pang sikat na artista, tuwang-tuwa kapag ito'y kinakanta.

Ngayon may pataas din namang pataas at napakadalang itong kaakibat, na pagbaba itong halos na ng lahat, gaya riyan ng diesel, gasolina, gaas.

Na ang dulot nito sa pangkalahatan ultimong sibuyas na inaani lang d'yan sa Nueva Ecija at iba pang lugar ginto ang katumbas ng halaga niyan.

Ang piso na dati ay salaping papel nang si Apong Dadong ang Pangulo natin, na matindi pa riyan itong 'buying power ng ating pera ay mai-'date' ang 'girlfriend'.

Ang isang salop na bigas otsenta lang, katumbas, 3 kilos sa kasalukuyan; pasahe - minimum, dyes sentimos lamang. 'four pesos a day' ang pasahod, regular.

Nang si Apo Lakay riyan ang sumabak na maupo riyan sa Malacanyang Palace, murang bilingin pa rin para sa lahat, hanggang sa maupo si pangulong Erap.

Isang daang piso, pinakamataas na salaping papel - bago riyan lumabas ang 'five hundred pesos paper bill,' di agad nasundan ng ngayon, pinakamataas.

Wala rin naman ding ginawang kakaiba ang sumunod kaya nilaktawan ko na, at dito sa anak ni Apo pa muna natin ibaling ang 'Marites' kumbaga.

Na heto nga't sabi tuloy ang pagtaas ng lahat na yata at hindi maampat, partikular na nga itong 'illegal drug' at saka laganap na kriminalidad.

Kung saan yata ay malalaking tao ang sangkot at tila sila-sila mismo ang magkaribal sa bawal na negosyo, at nagpapatayan sa panahong ito.

Malakanyang itong sa isyung nasabi lubhang apektado sa ganang marami, kaya ang pintas riyan nitong mas masyete, may kahinaan ang ating Presidente?

At spaghetti ngang tuloy sa pagtaas at walang pagbaba itong lahat-lahat; diyan si PBBM ngayon nahaharap sa kung anong-ano klase r'yan ng pintas.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 32nd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 8TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA HELD AT SP SESSION HALL, HEROES HALL, MAGDALENA SUBDIVISION, BARANGAY SAN JUAN, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA ON THE 6th DAY OF MARCH 2023.

PRESENT:

Hon. BENEDICT JASPER SIMON R. LAGMAN Presiding Officer
 Hon. AURELIO BRENZ P. GONZALES Member
 Hon. ROSALIE S. MENDOZA Member
 Hon. ENRICO MARIA O. HIZON Member
 Hon. REGINALDO B. DAVID Member
 Hon. CRISTINA D. LAGMAN Member
 Hon. ANGEL M. WIJANGCO Member
 Hon. AYSEL MARI GRACE N. MACALINO Member
 Hon. REDENTOR S. HALILI Member
 Hon. ROSEMARY G. CALIMLIM Member
 Hon. WILZEN J. SAMIA LnB Pres. (Ex-Officio Member)
 Hon. GUSTAV JOHN S. HENSON SK Fed. Pres. (Ex-Officio Member)

ABSENT:

Hon. RENATO G. AGUSTIN Member (On-Leave)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-011

Author/Sponsor: Hon. Aysel Mari-Grace N. Macalino

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE FERNANDINO DIALYSIS CENTER
IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of The Republic of the Philippines states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines states that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goal;

WHEREAS, according to a study from the University of the Philippines, one (1) Filipino dies from kidney failure every hour, and there are close to 35,000 Filipinos who are undergoing dialysis and treatment for kidney disease in the country and over the past decade the number of new cases has increased by about 15% every year and with uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension as risk factors for kidney disease that could end up requiring a kidney transplant, dialysis is a temporary measure;

WHEREAS, in the Philippine context, 2% of Filipinos have chronic kidney disease and to date, there are 414 indigent dialysis patients in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga;

WHEREAS, as stipulated on Philhealth Circular No. 022-2015: New PhilHealth Dialysis Package, a dialysis patient who is a principal member with no dependent/s shall be granted an automatic additional 45 sessions. In case wherein the principal member and one of the dependents are both undergoing dialysis, they shall both share a maximum of 90 sessions only. Thus, this health problem levies a massive economic burden resulting in out-of-pocket expenses to patients;

WHEREAS, the City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga, endeavors to support and provide assistance to the Fernandinos who are currently afflicted from renal and kidney diseases by offering a complimentary hemodialysis service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, in Regular Session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as, **“FERNANDINO DIALYSIS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA”**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It shall be the policy of the City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga to promote and safeguard the health and welfare of its citizens by institutionalizing sustained access to health programs and services for kidney health.

SECTION 3. SCOPE - This Ordinance shall cover all qualified beneficiaries certified by the City Health Office (CHO) and City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO).

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS - When used in this Code, the terms shall mean:
4.1. Dialysis Center – refers to the site of the Fernandino Dialysis Center of the City of San of Fernando, Pampanga
4.2. Dialysis - is the medical term for removing the waste and extra fluid from the blood that the kidneys can no longer remove themselves.
4.3. Professional Fee – is an amount due to a medical specialist (nephrologist) contracted by the City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga to render medical services to dialysis patients. The amount is fixed and agreed upon by the contracting parties
4.4. New Dialyzer – refers to the first use of a dialyzer in a hemodialysis process that is exclusively belonging to a patient;
4.5. Re-use Dialyzer – refers to the repeated use of dialyzer (maximum of 9 uses) in a hemodialysis process by the patient owner.
4.6. AICS – a term which means Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation, a social safety net or a stop-gap mechanism to support the recovery of individuals and families from unexpected crisis such as illness or death of a family member, and other crisis situations.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FERNANDINO DIALYSIS CENTER – The present administration under the leadership of its new Local Chief Executive Hon. Vilma B. Caluag has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Luzon Medical System (2nd Party Facility Provider) by virtue of Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. 2022-018 dated August 1, 2022 for the establishment of the 25- Dialysis Machine Center. The Fernandino Dialysis Center is situated at the Civic Center, Barangay San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The partnership shall be eventually operated and managed under the PPP (Private – Public Partnership).

SECTION 6. SCREENING OF APPLICANTS - Dialysis patients in the City shall undergo the process of profiling, enlistment, assessment and enrolment to the program through the joint efforts of the City Mayor's Office- Community Affairs Division (CAD), City Health Office, (CHO) and City Social and Welfare Development Office (CSWDO). The dialysis session will be awarded to the qualified beneficiary once certified by the City Health Office and City Social Welfare and Development Office.

SECTION 7. RATES AND CHARGES - The rates and charges to be imposed in the operation of the Fernandino Dialysis Center are as follows:

A. For bonafide residents of the city:

	With PhilHealth	Non-PhilHealth (c/o AICS)
New Dialyzer	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 1,700.00
Dialysis Kit	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 1,900.00
Professional Fee	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 350.00
Total	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 3,950.00
For Senior Citizens	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 3,880.00
Re-used Dialyzer	With PhilHealth	Non-PhilHealth
Dialysis Kit	No charge	No charge
Professional Fee	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 1,900.00
Total	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 350.00
For Senior Citizens	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 2,250.00
	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 2,200.00

B. For non-CSFP residents:

	With PhilHealth	Non-PhilHealth (c/o Patient)
New Dialyzer	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 1,700.00
Dialysis Kit	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 1,900.00
Professional Fee	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 350.00
Total	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 3,950.00
For Senior Citizens	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 3,880.00
Re-used Dialyzer	With PhilHealth	Non-PhilHealth
Dialysis Kit	No charge	No charge
Professional Fee	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 1,900.00
Total	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 350.00
For Senior Citizens	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 2,250.00
	Charge to PhilHealth	Php 2,200.00

C. PhilHealth dialysis package covers a total of PhP 4,000.00 per session. Any excess thereof shall be shouldered by the city.

D. Dialysis patients without PhilHealth shall be assisted by the City Health Office- PhilHealth Section to avail of the PhilHealth Point of Care (POC) Service.

E. In any case, bonafide Fernandinos who have already exhausted the limit of PhilHealth coverage equivalent to 90 sessions per year, may apply to avail of the 3,000 free sessions per year on top of the PhilHealth allowable coverage provided by the partner 2nd party provider or thru the Fernandino Dialysis Center- AICS unit shall assist patients in seeking medical and financial assistance and referral to partner hospital or other charitable institutions.

SECTION 8. UTILITIES - Building, water, and electricity will be provided and shouldered by the Local Government Unit of the City of San Fernando, while building maintenance, supplies, and other needed logistics will be provided by the 2nd party facility provider.

SECTION 9. REVENUES - All receipts and proceeds derived from the collection of Fees and other charges authorized in the preceding sections for the operation of the Fernandino Dialysis Center shall accrue to the General Fund of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga for which, such amount or amounts shall be used and appropriated exclusively for the purposes of the said Fernandino Dialysis Center.

SECTION 10. FUTURE EXPANSION PLANS - The City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga recognizes the need for the Fernandino Dialysis Center to grow and expand in order to provide improved and expanded services to its constituents. The City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga hereby authorizes the private-public partnership agreement to include provisions for future expansion of the Fernandino Dialysis Center. The 2nd Party Facility Provider shall submit a proposed plan for the expansion of the Fernandino Dialysis Center to the LGU for approval.

The City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga reserves the right to approve or reject the proposed plan for the expansion of the Fernandino Dialysis Center. In case of rejection, the 2nd Party Facility Provider shall submit an amended plan for approval. Once the plan for the expansion of the Fernandino Dialysis Center has been approved, the private-public partnership agreement shall be amended to include the provisions for the expansion.

The City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga shall provide the necessary funds to support the expansion of the Fernandino Dialysis Center. The 2nd Party Facility Provider shall also contribute resources, expertise, and services to deliver the expanded services or infrastructure. The City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga shall establish an oversight committee to monitor the implementation of the expansion plan. The committee shall be composed of representatives from the public and private sector partners.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason any part of provisions of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE - All previous issuances, Ordinances, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall be effective upon the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and shall take effect immediately upon satisfactory compliance of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and posting of the same in the City’s conspicuous places, including the City’s 35 barangays.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY this 6th day of March 2023.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance adopted by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga during its 32nd Regular Session held on March 6, 2023.

(SGD.) TEOFILO C. LAOINGCO, REA
 Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) BENEDICT JASPER SIMON R. LAGMAN
 City Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) VILMA B. CALUAG
 City Mayor

March 20, 2023
 City Mayor

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of **CONSOLACION NUNAG DIZON** published on February 27, March 6 & 13, 2023, it should be CANLAS and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **HERMINIO SERRANO DUNGCA** who died on April 8, 2022 at Prince William Country, Virginia; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 58699

" A parcel of land (Lot 16, Block 12, of the subdivision plan Psd-62664, being a portion of Lot 632-A-1-A, described on plan Psd-25090, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrios of Pampang and Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga. x x x containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE (255) SQUARE METERS more or less."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 139326

" A parcel of land (Lot 4, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-111206, being a portion of Lot 1-A-3 (LRC) Psd-99442, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrios of Pampang and Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga. x x x containing an area of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (363) SQUARE METERS more or less."

before Notary Public Rodolfo T. Tobias, as per Doc No. 54, Page No. 12, Book No. LII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **JOEL DAVID PINEDA** who died on February 9, 2023 who is a resident of No. 1051, B. Aquino Street, Lourdes Sur East, Angeles City 2009; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Philippine Savings Bank
Peso Savings Account Number: 077111060543
Account Name: Norilyn Montalbo Pineda OR Joel David Pineda

Philippine Savings Bank
Peso Manager's Check Number: 1000858298
Date Issued: February 14, 2023
Payee Name: Sps. Pineda Norilyn, & Joel D.

TCT No. : 045-2016004391
In the name of : Norilyn M. Pineda Married to Joel D. Pineda
Registered In : Angeles City
Registry of Deeds of : Angeles City
Property Address : No. 1051 Block 42 Lot 11 B.S. Aquino Street, Lourdes Sur East, Angeles City, Pampanga 2009

TCT No. : 132278
In the name of : Spouses Joel D. Pineda and Norilyn M. Pineda
Registered in: Angeles City
Registry of Deeds of : Angeles City
Property Address: Lot 71-H-5-E-5 Lot 71-H-5-E-10 (Road) Mining, Angeles City, Pampanga 2009

before Notary Public Alejandro N. Buan, as per Doc No. 44, Page No. 21, Book No. XV, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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**IN RE: PROBATE OF THE WILL
OF REV. FR. LENNARD A.
FLORES,**

SP. PROC. No. 2023-01

**JOHN G. FLORES and PAUL G.
FLORES,**

Petitioner.

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ORDER

The verified petition filed on 10 February 2023 through counsel, Noel C. Flores, alleges that petitioners are devisees and legatees in the last will and testament of Fr. Lennard A. Flores, a retired priest of the Roman Catholic Church, who died in San Jose, Floridablanca, Pampanga on 5 April 2017. His Last Will and Testament was executed on 7 January 2006 and the original of the will is in the possession of the named executor, the R.C.A. of San Fernando, Pampanga headed by the Most Reverend Archbishop Florentino G. Lavarias, with address at Chancery Office, San Jose, City of San Fernando, 2000, Pampanga. The will is of the holographic variety and it was written of the testator when he was fifty-seven (57) years of age, of sound and disposing mind, not believed to be acting under duress, fraud or undue influence and was in every respect capacitated to dispose of his estate by will. The decedent was a resident of Floridablanca, Pampanga at the time of his death and died in his residence. The petitioners have been named in the will as devisees and legatees of the deceased along with another individual, Jacob Cabrera, a resident of 219, San Vicente, Macabebe, Pampanga; the property left by the decedent consists of both real and personal properties, specifically, a parcel of land, bank account/s and a motor vehicle. It is estimated that gross value of the estate does not exceed PhP2,000,000.00; that the testator left real properties described in TCT No. 482161-R located in Santol, Floridablanca, Pampanga with market value of Four hundred thirty-nine thousand, five hundred pesos (P439,500.00) and personal properties consisting of Toyota Revo GLX Wagon and Bank accounts in Security Bank and Bank of the Philippine Islands in undetermined amount. The petitioners however do not have knowledge as to the existence of some of the other items mentioned in the will, save for the insurance policies.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on 26 April 2023 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon in this Court, at which date, hour and place, all concerned may appear and show cause, if any why the aforesaid petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga, all the expenses of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before the above-stated date of hearing.

SO ORDERED.

In chambers, 22 February 2023, Floridablanca, Pampanga.

JERRY C. PERICO
Acting Presiding Judge

Punto Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **GODOFREDO S. MANALOTO** who died on August 31, 2022 in Mabalacat Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 38, Blk. 57 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-202163, being a portion of Lot 29-B (LRC) Psd-197421, (LRC) (GLRO) Rec. No. 11732), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 186338; before Notary Public Aldin C. Ayson as per Doc No. 80, Page No. 88, Book No. XV, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **NOLI V. VELASQUEZ** who died on December 21, 2021 in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on his estate, and more particularly described as follows;

a) Transfer Certificate of Title No. 89620

A parcel of land (Lot 28, Block 15 of the subdivision plan Psd-62664, being a portion of Lot 632-A-1-A described on plan Psd-25090, LRC Cadastral Record No. 124), situated in the Barrios of Pampang and Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirteen (213) Square Meters;

b) One Hundred Four (104) Shares of SUN LIFE FINANCIAL (SLF) with Account Number 12401550, approximately amounting to Two Hundred Eight Thousand (PhP 208,000.00);

c) One Hundred Fifty Eight (158) Shares of SUN LIFE FINANCIAL (SLF) with Account Number 12401550, approximately amounting to Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand (PhP 316,000.00);

before Notary Public Marcelino A. Pineda Jr. as per Doc No. 457, Page No. 2, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **SHANE Q. MANANSALA** who died on June 6, 2019 at Lubao, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale of Inheritance Share on her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2 of the subd. plan Pcs-03-003095, being a portion of Lot Cons. of PSU89181 & Lots 679, 680 Cad. 273, Lubao Cad. L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Roque Arbol Mun. of Lubao, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Two (8,142) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2012012624; before Notary Public Romeo B. Torno as per Doc No. 230, Page No. 47, Book No. 99, Series of 2022.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **CRISELDA OMPAD ARREVADO** who died on March 15, 2020 at The Medical City Clark, 100 Gatwick, Sabah-Al Ahmad, GGLC, Industrial Estates, Clark Freeport Zone, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 19, Block 20 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-03-015450, being a portion of consolidated Lots 648-A-1 to 3 Psd-03-111071, Lot 1 Pcs-03-015545, Lots 648-B-2, 3, Psd-03-111070, Lot 648-B-1-B, Psd-03-161814, Lots 648-C-2, & 3 Psd-03-111067, Lot 648-C-1-B, Psd-03-161816, Lot 648-D-2, 3 PSD-03-111069, Lot 648-D-1-B, PSD-03-161815, Lots 648-E-2 & 3 PSD-03-111068 and lot 648-B-E-1-B, Psd-03-161817, lrc Rec. No.), situated in the Barangay Amsic, City of Angeles, Pampanga; Containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Four (234) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2019002185; before Notary Public Kim Cyrille Mei R. Basco, as per Doc No. 084, Page No. 052, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **ROMULO CARANTO** who died on December 3, 2018 at LLUMC-Murrieta; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Transfer/Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

T.C.T No. 229632-R

" A parcel of land (Lot 6, Blk 16, of the subd., plan (LRC) Psd-180955, being a portion of Lot 239-C (LRC) Psd-181160, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Bo of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga. xxx xxx containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) Square Meters."

T.C.T No. 22466-R

" A parcel of land (Lot 17, Blk 16, of the subd., plan (LRC) Psd-180955, being a portion of Lot 239-C (LRC) Psd-181160, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Bo of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga. xxx xxx containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) Square Meters."

before Notary Public Venancio Q. Rivera III, as per Doc No. 1464, Page No. 68, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2022.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ANNA PRESENTACION PINEDA VASCO**, of legal age, Filipino, widowed and a resident of 40 Magalang Avenue, Barangay Pandan, Angeles City; and heirs of **ARNALDO Z. PINEDA** who died on June 19, 1994 and her mother **ANNABELLA A. PINEDA** who died on March 1, 2022; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication by Sole heir on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1707-A-1 of the subd. Plan Psd-03-024089, being a portion of Lot 1707-A Psd-24349 Amd., L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of 1,881 Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 267477-R; before Notary Public Marcelino A. Pineda Jr., as per Doc No. 440, Page No. 103, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF DEED OF RELEASE AND QUITCLAIM WITH UNDERTAKING

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **NORLITA D. TUAZON** who died on November 25, 2022; executed an Affidavit of Deed of Release and Quitclaim with Undertaking on his estate; Left the following property (ies) and/or account(s) with Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (METROBANK)- Angeles main Branch and more particularly described as follows;

Account Name	Account No.	Nature of Account	Balance as of 02/17/2023
NORLITA D. TUAZON	052-1052056045	TIME DEPOSIT	PHP 254,935.55

before Notary Public Israel C. Forto, as per Doc No. 107, Page No. 27, Book No. XI, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FRANCISCO I. SANGIL** who died on March 27, 2004 and **VICENTA E. SANGIL** who died on January 22, 2005 both in the Country of Los Angeles, California, United States of America (USA); executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Special Power of Attorney on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (lot 19, blk. 22-D of the subd. plan LRC Psd-176530, being a portion of lot 27-B described on plan psd-73718, LRC Rec. No. 11732) situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp., Island of Luzon; Containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 412435-R; before Notary Public Joanne D. Vitug-Evangelista, as per Doc No. 31, Page No. 39, Book No. VII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **VIRGILIO CANLAS PUNZALAN** who died on August 16, 2018 and **MILA G. PUNZALAN** who died on June 08, 2020 residents of Sapang Maisac, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2 of the cons. subd. plan Pcs-03-015436, being a portion of lot 4-B, Psd-03-155167, Lots 5-A & 5-C, Psd-03-153769, Lots 2912-E-3-B-3 TO 5 & 7, Psd-03-007732 & Lots 2913-E-3-B-6-A to E & G, Psd-03-037687 LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Sapang Maisac, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of One Hundred Fifteen (115) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2018010452 of Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public Anthonie K. Langit, as per Doc No. 33, Page No. 50, Book No. LV, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUANA CATBAGAN DONA** who died on August 2, 2022 at Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on her estate, Whereas, at the time of her death, maintained with the GM Bank-Cuyapo Branch, Kind & Account Peso Account with Account No. 1220103117, Amount Php 299,433.73; before Notary Public Mark Andrew M. Santiago as per Doc No. 1327, Page No. 25, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

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

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner- Mortgagee,

E.J.F. No. 310-22
(PUNTO CL)
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
~ versus ~ OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
NO. 310-22

DINA G. CANONIZADO,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

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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 **The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City**, against **DINA G. CANONIZADO, mortgagor**, with postal address at **Dahlia St., Sta. Minica Village, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and Lot 19 & 20, Block 2, Fortuneville Subd. IV, Malino/Panipuan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **August 31, 2022** amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN PESOS and 28/100 (Php 1,634,113.28)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **April 19, 2023 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. 608849-R

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 19, BLK. 2 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-03-131405, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 129-B, PSD-03-118526, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF MALINO/PANIPUAN, CITY OF SAN FDO., BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 20, BLK. 2; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY RD. LOT 1; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 18, BLK. 2, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 130, PCS-03-000027. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, x x x

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 20, BLK. 2 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-03-131405, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 129-B, PSD-03-118526, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF MALINO/PANIPUAN, CITY OF SAN FDO., BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 130, PCS-03-000027; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY RD. LOT 21 BLK. 2, ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY RD. LOT 1; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 19, BLK. 2, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) 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 April 26, 2023, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, March 6, 2023.

RICHARD C. LOPEZ
Sheriff IV
RTC Br. 44 CSFP

- CC: 1. HOME DEVT. MUTUAL FUND
- Petron Mega Plaza Bldg.,
No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave.,
Makati City
2. DINA G. CANONIZADO
- Dahlia St., Sta. Minica Village,
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
- Lot 19 & 20, Block 2, Fortuneville Subd. IV,
Malino/Panipuan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
3. ENGR. DANILO P. CATOLOS
- Bldg. 1, Suburbia Commercial Center,
Mc Arthur Highway, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
4. ATTY. PAULINO E. CASES
- CASES CHUN & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICES
3F 6 Brother Bldg., Mc. Arthur Highway,
Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
5. PUNTO CL

Punto Central Luzon: March 13, 20 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ESTEBAN LAXAMANA MALLARI** who died on July 8, 1994 in Purok 5, Prado Siongco, Lubao, Pampanga and **TOMASA DE LEON MALLARI** who died on March 30, 2000 in Purok 5, Prado Siongco; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 4 of the consolidation and subd. plan Pcs-03-000440, being a portion of the consolidated Lot 2-A-2 & 2-A-13, Psd-03-002316, L.R.C Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Prado, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Ninety Eight (198) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 189208-R; before Notary Public Romeo B. Torno as per Doc No. 145, Page No. 30, Book No. 100, Series of 2022.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heir of **FILIPINAS MALLARI MERCADO** who died on September 10, 2021 at Medical City Clark located at 100 Gatwick Gateway, Clark Freeport Zone, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

1.Metrobank Peso Savings Account, with No. 297-3-29740187-5, under the names of the decedent, Filipinas Mallari Mercado, and Nimfa Mallari Mercado-Duque, held at Metrobank, Angeles-Sto. Rosario Branch; and

2.Metrobank Peso Savings Account, with No. 297-3-29745749-8, under names of decedent, Filipinas Mallari Mercado, and Emmanuel John Mercado Vital, held at Metrobank Angeles-Sto. Rosario Branch.

before Notary Public Bryant R. Canasa, CPA as per Doc No. 469, Page No. 74, Book No. XII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FRANCISCO GARCIA and LOLITA A. GARCIA** who died on February 5, 2018 and December 18, 2017; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 105, of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-164007 (AR), being a portion of Lot 31B-B-3, Psd-035415-068327, L.R.C Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Pio, Mu. Of Porac, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven (2,237) Square Meters; and covered by TCT No. 20261; before Notary Public Princess L. Buan as per Doc No. 6646, Page No. 103, Book No. XII, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GUILLERMO CAPILI PAULE** who died on April 11, 2008 at Lubao, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, of the consolidation- subd. plan (LRC) pcs-27326, approved as a non-subd. project, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 2, (LRC) Pcs-26430 & lot 1691-A-1-C, psd-03-003259; LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1781), situated in the Bo. of Balantacan, Mun. of Lubao, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Seven Hundred (700) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 201784-R; before Notary Public Romeo B. Torno as per Doc No. 433, Page No. 88, Book No. 104, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 60
ANGELES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG FUND),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

FC CASE NO. 2023-2339

ARIEL O. DACANAY married to CYNTHIA R. DACANAY,

Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the aboved-named Mortgagee against the Mortgagors **Ariel O. Dacanay married to Cynthia R. Dacanay** with address at **No. 2563 Malipajo Street, Ninabel Subdivision, Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga** in order to satisfy the mortgage debt which as of November 8, 2022 amounting to **Five Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven & 59/100 (Php 522,537.59) Philippine Currency**, including penalties and other charges incurred in the filing of this foreclosure aside from expenses of collection and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **April 19, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Branch 1, Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Bldg. 2, Unit 32-35, Great Mall of Central Luzon Xevera Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga**, will sell at public auction in cash and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of lands with existing improvements thereon to wit:

T.C.T No. 157523

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 18, BLK. 17 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN PSD-03-127739, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 144-A (LRC) PSD-361971, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF MAUAQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF MABALACAT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA. BOUNDED ON THE S., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 17; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 16, BOTH OF BLK. 17; ON THE N., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY RD. LOT 17; ON THE E., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 20, BLK. 17, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS." XXX

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel of land for their information and protection.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 26, 2023, at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, Philippines, March 17, 2023.

PEPITO G. PAMINTUAN
Sheriff IV

CC:
HOME DEVT. MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG)- The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

SPS. ARIEL & CYNTHIA DACANAY-#2563 Malipajo Street, Ninabel Subd., Dau, 2010 Mabalacat City

Punto Central Luzon: March 20, 27 April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **GILBER RONARD BAGTAS LAGASCA**, Filipino, of legal age, and resident of Blk. 38, Lot 25, St. Thomas St. Ph3, St. Jude Village, San Agustin, 2000 City of San Fernando, Pampanga; and heirs of **LIGAYA LAGASCA** who died on August 18, 2019 at Lot 25, Blk. 38, Saint Jude Village, San Agustin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and **ROLANDO LAGASCA** who died on December 8, 2001 at Lazatin Boulevard, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 25, Blk. 38, of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-68364, being a portion of Lot 3579, San Fdo. Cad. Rec. No. 145), situated in the barrio of San Agustin, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) Sq. Ms.; before Notary Public Rendel Bryan L. Balanay, as per Doc No.330, Page No. 67, Book No. XII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 27, April 3 & 10, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MANUEL F. SIMEON** who died on April 23, 2018 in Juliana, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described left two parcels of land located at San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, under TCT Nos. 23973-R and 239731-R; before Notary Public Raul F. Macalino as per Doc No. 220, Page No. 45, Book No. LXXII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
Hall of Justice Building
City Hall Compound, Angeles City

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee

-versus -

FC. Case No. 2023-2349
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT
No. 3135, as AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

LENY P. MANGUERA,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the above-named Mortgage, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND** (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), with principal office at the Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., no. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor, **LENY P. MANGUERA**, with postal address at #34 2ND St., Doña Adela II, Sta Cruz, Porac, Pampanga, in order to satisfy the mortgage debt therein which amounts to **Six Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Pesos & 42/100 (Php637,290.42) Philippine Currency**, inclusive of interest and other charges as of January 30, 2023; plus incidental expenses incurred with the foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on the **20th day of April 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, 1st Floor CJ Abad Santos Hall of Justice Bldg., Angeles City**, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements existing thereon to wit:

T.C.T No. 045-2011001892

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 23 of the subd. Plan, Psd-03-019431, being a portion of Lot 698-B-1, Psd-03-006152, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the barrio of Sta. Catalina, Angeles City. Bounded on the SE., Along line 1-2 by Lot 1, Block 23; on the Sw., Along line 2-3 by Road Lot 31; on the W., & NW., Along line 3-4-5 by Road Lot 32; on the NE., Along line 5-1 by Lot 4, Block 2, All of the Subd., Plan X X X containing an area of One Hundred Thirty Eight (138) Square Meters. XXX

Prospective buyers/bidder may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcels of land for their information and protection.

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, the same will be held on April 27, 2023 at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, March 14, 2023.

NEIL TORRES
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:
Ms. Leny P. Manguera - (1) #34 2ND St., Doña Adela II, Sta Cruz, Porac, Pampanga and at (2) Lot 2 Blk. 23 Savannah Green Plains, Angeles City

Punto Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EVELYN H. NILO** who died on July 14, 2019; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on her estate, Left the following property/ies described as a bank account maintained with Angeles Miranda branch of BDO UNIBANK INC. (Bank), in the amount of Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven and 01/100 Pesos Only (PHP67,867.01) representing proceeds of the Peso Savings Account #005230321564 plus interest accruing; before Notary Public Cyril Victor N. Bermudo as per Doc No. 1059, Page No. 19, Book No.01, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 27, April 3 & 10, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FRANCISCO S. GARCIA** who died on November 2, 2022, at Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **LOURDES D. GARCIA** who died on June 09, 2014; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 8, Block 5 of the consolidation and subd., plan Pcs-03-000308, being a portion of the consolidated lots of Blk. 1 to Block 7, Psd-26164, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Iba, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 191364-R; before Notary Public Mark Andrew M. Santiago as per Doc No. 1606, Page No. 81, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 27, April 3 & 10, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PRINCEDEEP SINGH** who died on June 9, 2022 at Along MacArthur H-way, Bamban, Tarlac City, executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on his estate, At the time of his death, left a One Hundred Forty Thousand Twenty Four Pesos & 19/100 (Php140,024.19) Philippines Currency; deposit with the MetroBank Sto. Domingo, Angeles Branch under the Account No. 3-425-28171-3; before Notary Public Mark Andrew M. Santiago as per Doc No. 1544, Page No. 68, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 27, April 3 & 10, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
ANGELES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, (PAG-IBIG FUND),
Mortgagee,

FC. Case No. 2023-2355

-versus-

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
PROCEEDINGS OF MORTGAGED
PROPERTY UNDER ACT 3135
AS AMENDED ACT. NO. 4118

BERNADETTE R. QUIAMBAO
married to JESSIE D. QUIAMBAO,
Mortgagors

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended, filed by the above-named Mortgagee against the mortgagors **BERNADETTE R. QUIAMBAO married to JESSIE D. QUIAMBAO** with residence and postal address at J.P Rizal Street, Parian II, Mexico, Pampanga to satisfy the mortgage debt which as of **January 30, 2023** amounts to **Seven Hundred Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Pesos and 66/100 (Php736,113.66) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and other charges**, the undersigned Sheriff IV will SELL at public auction on **April 27, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos Hall of Justice, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City** to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 045-2012002397

"A parcel of land (Lot 29, Block 60 of the subd.plan, Pcs-03-019431, being a portion of Lot 698-B-1, Psd-03-006152, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Sta. Catalina, City of Angeles. Bounded on the NE., Along line 1-2 by Lot 31, Block 60; on the SE., Along line 2-3 by Road Lot 54, on the SW., Along line 3-4 by Lot 27; on the NW; along line 4-1 by Lot 30, Both of block 60, all of the subd. plan. x x x x Containing an area of One Hundred Sixty Six (166) Square Meters. x x x x"

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon if there be any.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **May 11, 2023** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Angeles City, March 14, 2023.

JAMES B. CUMAGUN
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:
ENGR. DANILO P. CATOLOS
Department Manager III
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-Ibig Fund)
Suburbia Complex, Mc Arthur Highway, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

ATTY. MONICO L. PEYRA
Bernales & Associates
Room 1, 3rd Floor Landmark Bldg. MacArthur Highway,
Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

BERNADETTE R. QUIAMBAO
married to **JESSIE D. QUIAMBAO**

Punto Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

Charity groups hold medical outreach

MAGALANG, Pampanga – Some 2,000 residents of this town and nearby areas benefitted from the medical and dental mission in one of the biggest batches of outreach programs to be held here.

Organized by the Bridges of Benevolent Initiatives Foundation (BBIF) and the World Medical Relief Inc. – Team Philippines, the outreach is

the very first medical and dental mission here since the pandemic struck.

Dr. Irineo “Bong” Alvaro, Jr., designated Ambassador of Health by the WMRI, expressed elation on the outpouring of support by various groups. Alvaro is also the chairman of BBIF.

“We are just so thankful that many friends from the business sector, doc-

tors, nurses and other professionals, police and military, and local leaders have willingly joined this mission. The pandemic has stalled this activity and we are glad to be back helping people,” Alvaro said.

Aside from medical consultations and tooth extractions, free medicines were also given during the outreach. Also included

in the free services were blood chemistry, ECG, Xray, Ultrasound, Optha, Pedia, OB-Gyne, Ortho, ENT consults.

Partner entities included Fiona’s Farm, Holy Trinity Medical Center, PAGCOR, JBL Regional Hospital, Metro Smiles Dental Specialists, Clark Investors and Locators Association, PNP Aviation Security Unit 3, Philippine

Air Force Reserve Command, Office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros, Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Quest Phil Diagnostics, Fiona United Methodist Church.

The Municipality of Magalang also played key role in the outreach, with Mayor Malu Lacson, a nurse by profession, on hand in the medical mission. A team from National Geographic that is cur-

rently working on a documentation of WMRI global outreaches was also present to witness the event.

At the height of the pandemic, both the BBIF and WMRI - Team Philippines also distributed medicines, medical equipment, face masks, PPEs and other medical supplies to various hospitals, groups and LGUs.

BBIF has also been extending scholarship programs to deserving college students. WMRI Team Philippines is an affiliate of the Michigan-based charitable organization World Medical Relief, Inc. which has been serving over 80 countries with its medical programs and outreaches.

Press release

Doctors, nurses, volunteers join Dr. Irineo “Bong” Alvaro, chairman of BBI Foundation and WMRI Team Philippines (6th from left) during the medical mission.

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Water...

FROM PAGE 2

In 2021, SM was able to save a total of 8.7 million cubic meters of water—enough to fill 3,480 Olympic-sized swimming pools—with the help of these facilities, which are present in 72 SM malls nationwide and have been in operation since the early 2000s.

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, (PAG-IBIG FUND),
Mortgagee

FC. Case No. 2023-2356

-versus-

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT No. 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

DARWIN R. VERDIS, married to PILAR C. VERDIS

Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG FUND), with principal office at the Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., no. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagors, DARWIN R. VERDIS, married to PILAR C. VERDIS with postal address at Concepcion, Cabiao, Nueva Ecija, in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debt which as of January 30, 2023 amounts to Five Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Pesos & 55/100 (Php565,870.55) Philippine Currency, principal, including interest thereon, penalties, and other charges, plus daily interest and expenses thereafter allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on the May 23, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch 1, Mabalacat City, Pampanga Located at Xevera Subd., Brgy. Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 196103

A parcel of land (Lot 13, Block 1 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-178720, being a portion of Block 18, Psd-03-173104, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Barangay of Mamatitang, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., Along line 1-2 by Lot 14; on the NE., Along line 2-3 by Lot 11, both of Block 1; on the SE., Along line 3-4 by Road Lot 3; and on the SW., Along line 4-1 by Lot 15, Block 1, All of the subd., plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan, x x x containing an area of Fifty (50) Square Meters. x x x

Prospective buyers/bidder may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcels of land for their information and protection.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 30, 2023 at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, March 16, 2023.

ARIEL C. PARE
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:
ENGR. DANILO P. CATOLOS
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
Department Manager III
LMRD-SAN FERNANDO HOUSING HUB
CITY OF San Fernando, Pampanga

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Brgy. Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

DARWIN R. VERDIS and PILAR C. VERDIS
Concepcion, Cabiao
Nueva Ecija

Punto Central Luzon: March 20, 27 & April 3, 2023

Ad Lib...

FROM PAGE 4

enabled us to see past the hardships, and work very hard to achieve our own goals. We always looked forward to the weekends as it was his turn to take over the kitchen to cook for us. In the absence of any gadget at home, we listened to his war exploits, stories of duwendes and tik-balangs and even the rejection he initially faced when he was pursuing our mother.

I often hear of stories how some fathers would try the hardest to carve the path for their children and push them to the brink, and in the process make their children live uncomfortably under the mantle of their great

names for a long time. With my *tatang* it was never like that.

During my stint in one of the country's top universal banks, my *tatang* felt my own struggles. The two of us never said a word to each other, and yet he simply knew what I was going through. During the weekends when it was my turn to look after him in the hospital, he would just ask me to lie down and rest as I listened to his many stories. We all know about a mother's intuition. But what about that inexplicable bond that connects a father to his own son?

If there is one "what if" in life that I continue to harbor in my heart,

it would be this: How I wish my father lived long enough to see me living my mission and pursuing my vocation as an educator.

True, I gave up a nine-year career in corporate banking to go back to my first passion which is teaching. Contrary to what others might think, my *tatang* never asked me to do what he thought was best for me. He never asked me to leave my banking career and fly out of the country for greener pastures. I never really intended to follow his footsteps. Truth be told, I am now continuing my chosen path because my *tatang* simply advised me to follow my heart.

Shepherd's Call...

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sins, we are led to conversion.

I saw a Taiwanese video of a public school teacher who asked his pupils what their parents were doing for a living. One said his father was a miner. Another said factory employee in a fish processing plant. Another said construction worker. Another, a security guard. But when

he asked if they had ever seen what their parents do in their workplaces? They all said no.

So, the teacher took a video of a miner sweating and all covered with dirt, and a fish factory worker gutting loads of fish whole day, a construction worker digging a canal under the heat of the sun, and a security guard enduring mosquito bites and forcing his eyes open so as to remain awake the whole

night, the children silently and spontaneously wept as they watched. They did not realize until their teacher showed them on video the sacrifices their parents did for them. Apparently, it was an effective way of changing the attitude of those among them who behaved like spoiled brats.

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Sfelapco seeking...

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marami pa po ang mag-bid ngayon," he continued, adding that other interested companies have until March 31 to obtain bidding documents.

The power distribution utility needs to finish the CSP before its emergency power service agreement (EPSA) with GN Power expires in June.

"We hope and we pray that it will be finished before the six months, barring any other unforeseen circumstances," Lazatin said as the company is already on its final stage of the bidding process.

Lazatin also invited Mayor Vilma Caluag to observe so she can personally witness how it is competently designed to choose the best option for the Fernandinos.

"Puwede po namang imbitahan ang mayor para mag-witness, mag-observe po doon sa proseso ng bidding para po makita niya kung papaano po ka-transpar-

ent at kung papaano po namin hinahanap ang ano po ang pinakamabuti para sa mga Fernandino," he said.

During the hearing of the Senate Committee on Energy, chaired by Sen. Raffy Tulfo, Lazatin pointed out that Sfelapco managed to provide its consumers with the lowest generation charge in Region III from 2013 to 2022, despite the ongoing global energy crisis.

"Mula 2013 hanggang 2022, very stable ang presyo namin. Doon lang po nagre-range sa P4.50 to P5.50. Doon po kami nag-stable habang lahat po ng utility na mga kapitbahay natin, nag-umpisang nagtaas, lalo na po noong 2021," Lazatin said.

"Noong nagtaas ang coal, ang mga kapitbahay natin, nag-umpisa na po umakyat lahat ng presyo, pero kami po ang pinakamababa dahil na-maintain namin iyong P4.50 na presyo," he added.

Lazatin attributed Sfelapco's low generation charge to its power

supply agreement with AP Renewables Inc., which expired last Dec. 25, 2022 after it was not acted upon by the Energy Regulatory Commission for 10 years.

While the additional generation charge implemented in February 2023 due to its EPSA with GN Power led to the increase in power rates, Sfelapco still owns the second lowest price in the region.

"Kaya po, totoo na na-shock po ang mga tao sa San Fernando na biglang tumaas, paano po, nanggaling po kami sa mababang mababang presyo," Lazatin pointed out.

Tulfo agreed with Lazatin's pronouncement, saying Sfelapco collects one of the lowest generation charges, compared to other power distributors in the region.

"Sfelapco ang mababapa rin kung tutuusin... kung isama ang VAT aabutin ng P8.80 kumpara sa ibang lugar na, meron ditong P9.13," Tulfo said.

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enous peoples in the upland communities of Porac, Floridablanca, and Mabalacat City.

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Mabalacat City, Arayat, Bacolor, Floridablanca, Masantol, Mexico, Min-alin, SanLuis, and Sta. Rita. **Pampanga PIO**

NLEx Connector...

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Thus, said President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. as he led the inauguration on March 27 of the first section of the NLEx Connector, a 5-kilometer elevated expressway expected to improve mobility in Metro Manila and seen to further push more economic development opportunities in north and south Luzon.

"Try very hard, as we all do, to stay within the target time frame—although your success rate in this regard is exemplary. Avoid unnecessary delays and finish the project as scheduled, so that the Filipino people will be able to reap the benefits as soon as possible," Marcos enthused.

Joining the President in the inauguration rites of the Caloocan-España Section were Public Works and Highways Secretary Manuel Bonohan and Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista, Metro Pacific Investments Corp. and Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. chairman Manuel Pangilinan, MPTC president Rodrigo Franco, and NLEx Corp. president J. Luigi Bautista.

Passing through urbanized areas such as C3 Road/5th Ave., Blumentritt, and España in Sampaloc, Manila, the first section of NLEx Connector is expected to ease traffic along España Boulevard, Abad Santos Avenue, Rizal Avenue, and Lacson Avenue and provide easier access to several areas including the University Belt.

It will also help divert vehicles from heavily

congested roads of the capital as the new road caters to cars/SUVs, buses, trucks, and even motorcycles with displacement 400cc and above.

"The NLEx Connector is expected to spur economic development as it eases Metro Manila's traffic congestion, increases productivity, improves logistics, and boosts communities. We continue to focus on our goal of delivering infrastructure that will facilitate a greater connection between the north and the south," MPTC chairman Pangilinan said.

He added that MPTC sees to it that it builds sustainable infrastructure for the future generations, ensuring the company will leave our planet better than it is today. The NLEx Connector reinforces the primary objective of infrastructure development which is to improve the lives of people.

With entry and exit ramps at C3 Road and España, the new elevated expressway will cut travel time between Caloocan and Manila and vice versa to just five minutes, boosting productivity and ensuring timely delivery of goods and services. The improved connectivity will make daily commuting to and from Metro Manila and nearby provinces more efficient and beneficial for the public.

In its entirety, the P23-billion NLEx Connector stretches eight kilometers from Caloocan up to the vicinity of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines in Sta.

Mesa, Manila. Construction of the second section from España to Sta. Mesa is ongoing and its progress stands at 42%. In its full operations, it aims to serve around 35,000 vehicles daily, providing better access to Manila Ports and airports such as NAIA and Clark.

NLEx president Bautista recognized the completion of Caloocan-España Section as "a new chapter in our history as we inaugurate the first section of NLEx Connector, an infrastructure project that transforms the landscape of Metro Manila and celebrates the best of the Filipino spirit. One of which is being indomitable. We rise amidst the hardest trials and most demanding challenges."

"As most of you know, the construction of this expressway started in the middle of the pandemic — along with the lockdowns, social distancing practices, and economic losses. There were many setbacks, but we remained hopeful and implemented the project with courage, grit, and agility," Bautista noted.

He acknowledged the government's "Build Better More" team, the DPWH, the DOTr, and all the partners for their hard work and incessant support to the project.

The expressway is also vital to the DPWH's game-changing Luzon Spine Expressway Network Program, which covers 905 kilometers of high standard highways and expressways. **Punto News Team/NLEx CorpComm**



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of travelers during Holy Week.

While the new road is designed to cater to all expressway vehicle classifications, the NLEx management will strictly enforce the 60 kph speed limit for trucks, and 80 kph speed limit for cars/SUVs, buses, as well as motorcycles with displacement 400cc and above.

Traversing highly urbanized areas such as C3 Road/5th Ave., Blumentritt, and España in Sampaloc, Manila, the first section of NLEx

Connector is expected to ease traffic along España Boulevard, Abad Santos Avenue, Rizal Avenue, and Lacson Avenue and provide easier access to several areas including the University Belt. It is also seen to benefit the trucking and logistics sector since cargo trucks will have 24/7 access in this new road, and in turn facilitate more efficient delivery of goods.

The NLEx Connector Caloocan – España Section has two wide lanes per direction and entry and exit ramps at C3

Road and España.

Last Monday, March 27, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the inauguration of the NLEx Connector Caloocan-España Section along with Public Works and Highways Secretary Manuel Bonohan and Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista. Also present were Metro Pacific Investments Corp. and Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. chairman Manuel Pangilinan, MPTC president Rodrigo Franco, and NLEx Corp. president J. Luigi Bautista. **NLEx-CorpCom**

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Recipients in the latest distribution of the in-

vincial government would continue this educational program for the Aeta children and youth to help uplift the lives of the indig-

centive were six from Apalit, five from the City of San Fernando, four from Candaba, two from Porac, and one each from



Music, Food, and Freebies: The Quad at Nepo Center's Epic 10th Anniversary Bash

BY NING V. CORDERO

THE QUAD at Nepo Center recently turned 10, and to celebrate this milestone, they threw a two-day extravaganza on March 24 and 25 filled with everything that makes life worth living: music, food, freebies, and good vibes!

Guests were treated to a feast for the senses, with unforgettable live entertainment

courtesy of Angeles City's promising local bands.

The music was the highlight of the event, with local favorites Marlon Pantig, Charles Queri, and Gabe Pineda delivering a show-stopping performance that got the crowd moving. Ben Biniyayaan, Aderfia, and Trisera followed suit, delivering their own high-energy sets that kept the energy levels high throughout the event.

Food enthusiasts were in for a treat at the event, with a delectable range of dishes from both local and international cuisine that catered to every taste. Guests indulged in a variety of flavors, from savory to sweet, and even heartwarming comfort food options.

Local artist Gwen Timoteo was also on hand to add to the fun, sketching free por-

traits for attendees, immortalizing their happy moments on paper.

Meanwhile, Sun Life Philippines set up a health and wellness pop-up fair, offering guests the opportunity to discover exciting new products and services related to fitness, nutrition, and wellbeing.

The event was an absolute hit, with guests leaving with happy memories and

wide grins. One attendee raved, "It was a fantastic time! The live music was incredible, and the food was simply scrumptious. The free portrait sketches were an added bonus, and I discovered some great new health and wellness products. I can't wait for the next celebration!"

Cheers to another decade of fun, food, and freebies at The Quad at Nepo Center!



WORKAVENUE INC.

Expands to Pampanga, aims to uplift lives through jobs

BY NING V. CORDERO

ANGELES CITY -- WorkAvenue Inc. has expanded its reach with a new branch in Pampanga, one of the fastest-growing provinces in the Philippines. The company, which specializes in contractor manpower and logistics services, launched its latest location on March 28 to provide high-quality, reliable services to clients in the area.

The MyTen Building in Barangay Señora in nearby Porac town becomes the center of festivity with WorkAvenue Inc.'s grand opening and blessing ceremonies happening simultaneously.

Atty. Powell Del Rosario, WorkAvenue's president and CEO, expressed his gratitude to the company's business partners and the opportunity to serve the people of Pampanga.

For his part, entrepreneur-philanthropist Mark Anthony Valencia echoed Atty. Del Rosario's sentiments, emphasizing the importance of giving back to the community and creating opportunities for the underprivileged. Together, the two leaders shared a vision of building a brighter and more equitable future for the community.

Atty. Del Rosario noted that the Pampanga branch is an important milestone for the company, showcasing its dedication to providing reliable services and creating job opportunities for professionals in the region.

WorkAvenue's head office is in Roxas City, and it also has strategic office locations in Bacolod, Iloilo, Boracay, and Cebu. The new Pampanga branch was opened to accommodate the growing needs of clients in the area.

Since its inception, WorkAvenue has helped secure permanent job posts for over 500 professionals annually across various sectors, including retail, construction, the public sector, production, warehouse, technical, office, and housekeeping. The company provides staffing services across all skill sets and is committed to delivering excellence and integrity.

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