



## Ombudsman suspends Porac mayor, vice mayor, 8 dads over POGO mess

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO** – The Office of the Ombudsman has ordered the preventive suspension from office the local officialdom of Porac, Pampanga for gross neglect of duty in relation to the illegal operations of POGO (Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators) discovered in Barangay Sta. Cruz last June.

In an order signed by Ombudsman Samuel Martires on Oct. 7, suspended were Mayor Jaime "Jing" Capil, Vice Mayor Francis Laurence Tamayo, and councilors Rohner Buan, Rafael Canlapan, Adrian Carreon, Regin Clarete, Essel Joy David, Hilario Dimalanta, Michelle Santos, and John Nuevy Venzon, along with Emerald Vital, OIC-Business Permit and Licensing Office.

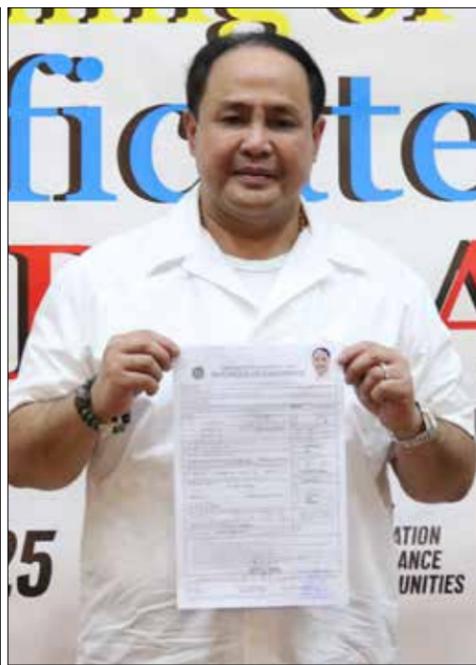
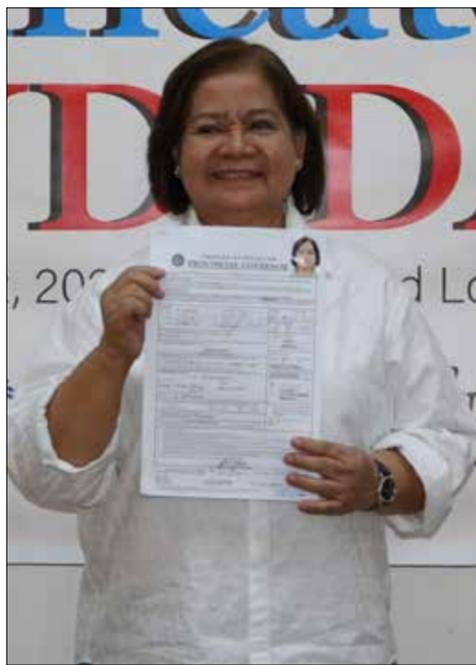
The complaint filed by the Department of the Interior and Local

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## GOV. NANAY, VICE GOV. DELTA

# The great switch in Pampanga

BY THE EDITOR



**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO** – Twists and turns in the political landscape of Pampanga marked the last day for filing certificates of candidacy at the Commission on Elections extension office housed at the Benigno Aquino Hall, Capitol Compound here.

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## PWS Pampanga starts waste collection in Clark

**CLARK FREEPORT** – With newly installed bins to ensure proper handling and disposal of waste, garbage trucks started rolling on Oct. 6 as Prime Waste Solutions (PWS) Pampanga takes over the collection of residual waste in this

freeport zone.

"We are fully ready to start servicing Clark's locators. We deployed our bins round the clock the past week as part of our comprehensive service, ensuring that

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### FOR GOD, FOR THE CITY

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO** – Not so much for a religious bloc-vote as for grace and spiritual guidance did Team My San Fernando and their supporters flock to the Metropolitan Cathedral for a concelebrated Mass presided by Archbishop-Emeritus Paciano B. Aniceto, D.D. Led by Mylyn Pineda- Cayabyab and BJ "Tiger" Lagman, the slate with their COC's on hand were blessed by Apu Ceto together with the clergy before going to the city Comelec office for filing.

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## Mayor Vilma for reelection

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Thus, Mayor Vilma Balle-Caluang grounded her bid for reelection on her performance as first-term mayor of the city. Caluang took pride most specially in the establishment of the city’s dialysis center, that has become a template for other local government units.

Expressing confidence, the first lady mayor of San Fernando said she will

prioritize the construction of the Fernandino People’s Hospital to provide a healthcare facility that will prioritize the people of the city.

Prior to filing her certificate of candidacy on Oct. 7, she was joined by her husband former Barangay Dolores chairman Melchor Caluang and their children in attending a concelebrated Mass officiated by Archbishop Emeritus Paciano B. Aniceto, D.D.

In what can be the first ever political event in the city, Caluang is running without any vice mayoral candidate, and with only one councilor, reelectionist Reggie David.

**Punto News Team**

# Mylyn vows decency, transparency in CSF

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- “We will bring back decency. We will bring back transparency. We will stop corruption.”

Thus, declared may-orally candidate Mylyn Pineda-Cayabyab at the jampacked Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center and sports grandstand here, on Oct. 7, hours after she filed her certificate of candidacy at the Commission on Elections office at the city hall.

With her Team My Love San Fernando and thousands of supporters, the former provincial board member along with her father, businessman-philanthropist Rodolfo “Bong”

Pineda, marched from four points in the capital town, converging at the Metropolitan Cathedral for a concelebrated Mass officiated by Archbishop Emeritus Paciano B. Aniceto, DD.

The complete slate of Pineda-Cayabyab with reelectionist Vice Mayor BJ “Tiger” Lagman, incumbent councilors Rosemary Calimlim, Ricky Hizon, Tina Lagman, Ayzel Macalino, Rosalie “Alvin” Mendoza, and Angel “Puti” Wijangco; and new aspirants Kristel “Ato” Agustin, Benjie Angeles, Tin Chua, and Perico Quiwa were bestowed the revered prelate’s blessing after the Mass.

From the cathedral, the team crossed to city hall to file their COCs.

Thereafter, they marched to the BZG Convention Center for a short program and press conference.

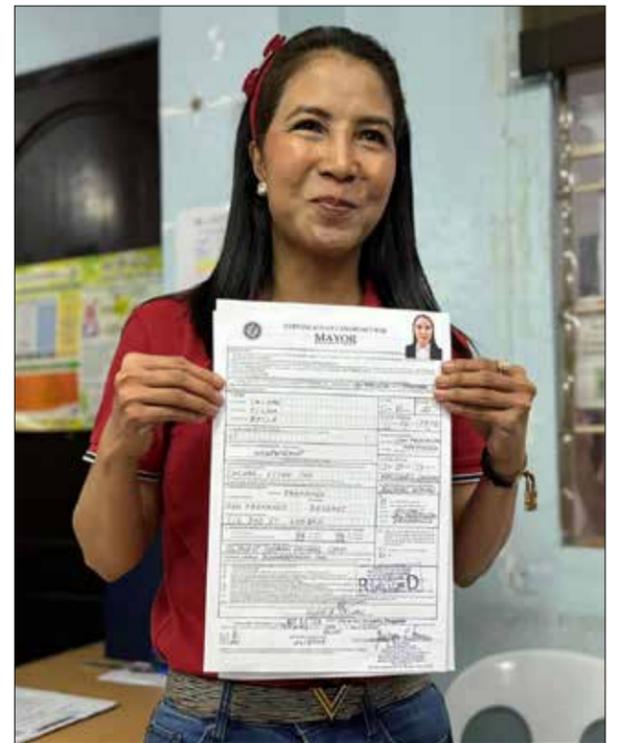
“In my time as executive assistant to the governor, I listened to so many residents of San Fernando crying out for being neglected by the city administration in the delivery of even the most basic services,” Pineda-Cayabyab said. “I have also heard the corporate sector lamenting the hardship of doing business in the city.” “I have seen and experienced the floodings, the

traffic chaos, the lack of infrastructure in the city,” she furthered.

“Mula po sa aking pagkabata, ang naitanim sa aking kamulatan ng aking mga magulang ay ang makahanap ng sagot sa anumang problema, at ang maipatupad ito. Ito po ang dala-dala ko sa pagharap sa inyo sa ating sama-samang adhika sa maaliwalas na bukas para sa San Fernando,” she said.

“Being the face of Pampanga and the heart of the Central Luzon region, San Fernando requires the highest kind of leadership, the best form of governance,” the aspiring mayor said.

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Reelectionist Rep. Albert “Abet” Garcia, unopposed in the 2nd District

Tony Roman, unopposed in the 1st District

## 2 House bets in Bataan running unopposed

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY -- Two congressional bets in Bataan are running unopposed based on the report released Wednesday, a day after the last day of filing of certificates of candidacy, by the provincial office of the Commission on Elections here.

Sure winners in the May 2025 national and local elections are 1st District congressional candidate lawyer Tony Roman and 2nd District reelectionist Rep. Albert “Abet” Garcia.

Roman, an incumbent member of the sangguniang Panlalawigan, will take over the post to be vacated

by Rep. Geraldine Roman who will complete her three terms in 2025.

Garcia is on his second term as congressman.

Reelectionist Rep. Maria Angela “Gila” Garcia of the 3rd District has Ernesto Manalo as her opponent. Gila Garcia was former three-term mayor of Dinalupihan and in her second term as member of the House.

Gov. Jose Enrique “Joet” Garcia 3rd, on his second term, has two opponents, former Pilar Mayor Beth Santos, and Joemel Pugna.

Incumbent Vice Gov. Cris Garcia, seeking her third term, faces JV Cor-

onel.

In Balanga City, Raquel Garcia, wife of three-term Mayor Francis Garcia, will be the next city mayor having no opponent. Francis who will be running for vice mayor faces a rival in the post.

Congressman Garcia and Governor Garcia are brothers with Congresswoman Garcia as their sister and Mayor Francis as another brother.

The Comelec provincial office could not yet release data on municipal candidates and other data, saying they were still collating reports from the municipal and city election registrars.



### PAMPANGA 4TH DISTRICT BATTLE ROYALE: ‘PATROL’ VERSUS DOCTOR

Challenging the political stranglehold of the Bondoc family in the 4th District of Pampanga – currently manifested in reelectionist Rep. Anna York Bondoc, incumbent Patrol Partylist Rep. Jorge Bustos filed his certificate of candidacy for the congressional seat on Oct. 7, accompanied by his son, reelectionist Masantol Mayor Ton Ton Bustos, and hundreds of cheering supporters. Nothing less of a battle royale is expected in the district. **PUNTO POLITICAL TEAM/CN PHOTOS**



A shot of BingoPlus and its VIP players on a private yacht tour in El Nido, Palawan.



BingoPlus and its VIP players as they enjoy a private yacht tour to secluded beaches in Cebu

# BingoPlus takes VIP players to Light up the Philippines

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The dedication and effort of BingoPlus put into Light up the Philippines has allowed it to reach great milestones in VIP care. As of July 2024, 74 VIPs and their companions have flown with the BingoPlus VIP team to different beautiful islands of the Philippines, such as Panglao, Siargao, Coron, Zambales, Cebu, and Samal island.

In addition, the brand made sure

that each trip had something unique from one another: island hopping on a yacht in Bohol, non-stop partying in Siargao Island, private Club Paradise resort booking in Coron Island, a Polaris ride through Zambales, exclusive access to Sheraton Mactan Cebu Resort facilities in Cebu, and wine stomping and sampling at The Vineyard Davao in Samal, Davao.

An exclusive BingoPlus wine bottle from The Vineyard Davao in Samal, Davao.

Moreover, VIP testimonials have expressed a universal sense of amazement at the level of luxury afforded to them; some guests shared that BingoPlus had given them a chance at many once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Light up the Philippines is part of BingoPlus' initiatives towards fostering and deepening relationships with players. By consistently investing time and effort into engaging with them, BingoPlus can show even greater appreciation to the people who have become incredible pillars of support throughout the years.



A special dinner spread for the VIP players who were flown to Coron.



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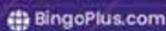
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## POGOs be gone!

“THAT WILL be the first one to be closed. And correction, it’s not ours. It was our property but it’s not anymore.”

Thus, the newly installed Interior Secretary Juanito Victor “Jonvic” Remulla vowed

to personally shutter Philippine offshore gaming operators still operating by the end of 2024, starting with the ones on Island Cove, which his family used to own until it was sold in 2018.

“Just to show proof of sincerity that I will start with my province and make sure that it is closed,” the former Cavite governor emphasized following his installation to his new post on Oct. 8.

Remulla furthered that he will personally “visit each and every” POGO to “padlock the premises and make sure that they are closed, each and every one of them.”

“It doesn’t matter if it’s Chinese or Filipinos [running the POGOs]. The President’s order states that all POGOs must be closed,” he declared.

Big words, Remulla said.

Who was it who said “the proof of the pudding is in the eating”?

## Engaging youth to create a better urban future

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All of this and more is vital to shaping vibrant, inclusive and resilient cities and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

As we celebrate World Habitat Day, let us support youth everywhere, include young people in decision-making, and build cities where people of all ages can thrive.

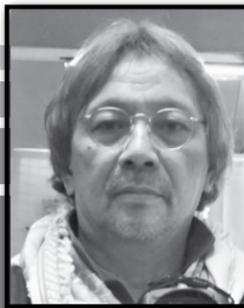
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## TUMANG VS. GONZALES Beauty pageant, proxy war in Pampanga’s 3rd District

A PAGEANT of beauty. So, the contest for Pampanga’s 3rd District congressional seat has come to be bruited about. For the best reasons – aesthetically, most obviously, with both lady candidates blessed with that face that launches a thousand swoons, that smile that makes the heart flutter, that regal bearing that can stir any Wurtzbach-wannabe into a paroxysm of envy.



Enough hyperbole. Their pictures, randomly picked from the web – unphotoshopped, give the full measure of pulchritude mere words can only approximate.

A battle of brains, too. The more substantial of factors in consideration in just about every competition. The tale of the tape, education- and career-wise, thus:

**Dr. Hazel Velasco Tumang**, 39, otolaryngologist specializing in conditions affecting the ears, nose, and throat (ENT), as well as head and neck surgery. Degree in medicine, post-graduate residency training and internship at the Far Eastern University–Dr. Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation, QC. Physician Licensure Examinations, Aug. 2012. Philippine Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Diplomate Examination, June 2018.

Affiliations: Phil Medical Association, Pampanga Medical Society, Central Luzon ENT, Philippine Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

Medical practice: Marian ENT Clinic, Mexico; Green City Medical Center, City of San Fernando; Pampanga Metroeast Medical Center, Sta. Ana – all in the third district of Pampanga.

**Alyssa Michaela “Mica” Mercado Gonzales**, 30, incumbent provincial board member representing the 3rd District. Degree in business administration-major in management at the University of Asia and the Pacific, secondary education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska,

USA. Attended Ateneo Law School but shifted to managing the family business.

Work experience: Corporate treasurer and chief financial officer of her family’s AD Gonzales, Jr. Construction and Trading Co. Inc., a leading AAA-category company.

By, and of, the candidates’ credentials alone, political oddsmakers will be hard put to set the lines on the probability of the outcome of the 3rd District congressional contest.

What can ultimately tip the odds for either



Tumang or Gonzales is patrilineage, both being their fathers’ daughters.

### Proxy war

Mexico Mayor Teddy C. Tumang was yanked out of office by order of the Ombudsman in August 2023 over alleged anomalous purchases of road construction materials from a single supplier in 2009 and 2010, and faced indictment on 64 counts of graft and seven counts of malversation of public funds.

Tumang was subsequently subjected to House investigations and even spent time at the House custodial center for contempt.

House Senior Deputy Speaker Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales made it a point not to sit in any of those hearings, to be fair. However, the point was nonetheless well taken by folks back home – but for Gonzales’ being the second most powerful man in the House, why would an all-too ordinary graft case

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**Shepherd’s Call**  
Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

## From a whirlwind to a soft breeze

I WAS enjoying a quiet Sunday morning at the Collegio Filipino after a heavy Synod schedule. I slept a bit longer because my Sunday Mass was not going to be until 4 p.m. at the Chaplaincy for Filipino Migrants in Rome.

For the first time in many days, I had eight full hours of sleep. After my late “Coffee with Jesus,” my phone started ringing. I ignored it because I was also preparing my Sunday homily for my 4 p.m. Mass at the Santa Pudenziana Church. Besides, the call registered as an international call so I restrained myself from answering it because I’m using a Philippine SIM card and the call would have had to pass through the Philippines and would have been very expensive.

Haha, now I realize it must have been someone from the Vatican trying to reach me to inform me about the announcement that was going to be made by the Pope at 12 noon after the Angelus.

Later at noon, the procurator at the Collegio sent

me a congratulatory message on WhatsApp. I texted back and said, “For what?”

He texted again and said, “Na-announce po na Cardinal kayo.”

I texted back and said: “Joke?!”

That’s when he called me up to say it could not be a joke because the Pope himself had announced it after the 12 noon Angelus. And he sent me the video cut-out from the newsfeed of Vatican news.

Then I began to receive a deluge of messages. It felt like being caught in a whirlwind. I put down the phone and did a five-minute breathing exercise, which instantly calmed me down.

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## Opinion

### The Public Space

Jun Sula

## Political downsizing

Former President Duterte, it seems, prefers to be a big fish in a small pond rather than being a small fish in a big pond.

Once upon a time, not too long ago, his daughter, the implacable and feisty Vice President Sara announced that three members of her family, her two brothers and the patriarch, will join the 2025 senatorial race.

But there has been a significant downsizing suddenly: the former president will, instead, go back to his old post as mayor of Davao City with his son, now the incumbent mayor, in tow as his running mate. Another son will also not run as senator but will seek a seat in the House of Representatives.

What could have possibly changed the original plan as earlier announced by the controversial fighting Veep?

It's dicey to defy reality. Their popular ratings have gone down, no thanks to the series of public hearings done by four committees in the House aptly known as the Quadcom.

So far, resource persons invited to the hearings, from police to politicians, have bared damning revelations that, to be polite about it, are not good for the former president and his team. This, notwithstanding, the Duterte patriarch is willing, if invited, to attend the hearing on the condition the member law makers will ask educated questions. The arrogance is still there.

It's not just the House hearings are pulling the Dutertes down, or the ex-president to be exact. He is not exactly in the pink of health for a 73-year old former strong man. He himself calmly admitted in a media interview that he has cancer-- that much he revealed. How he looks today betrays his state of health or the big C.

"The only way to defeat a tyrant is to humanize him", wrote Gabriel Garcia Marquez in "The Autumn of the Patriarch". "The fear of death," Marquez added, "is the amber of happiness. Age and sickness are the common denominator of being human.

But Duterte is not an ordinary backyard weed.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) wants him and his cohorts in the war against drugs under his watch for alleged crime against humanity. Duterte and some of his former officials are now on the arrest list.

"The bells of glory that announced to the world the good news that the uncountable time of eternity has come to an end", Marquez wrote

The ICC warrants of arrest may be coming this year and there's nothing the present administration can do to stop them, notwithstanding the earlier promise.

While defying the ICC threat, Duterte is offering peace to those who suffered during the war on drugs. One of them is former senator Leila de Lima who was jailed for seven years on fabricated drug charges until she was acquitted by the courts after the Duterte reign.

The former senator is in no mood to accept his former tormentor's overture of let bygones be bygones. She wants justice and vindication, not simply a token apology.

Besides, the former strong man appears to be unrepentant sinner. There's even a threat to have a salacious video reproduced and sold in the streets as an X-rated merchandise. The boars in Duterte's vineyard at the time went wild during a legislative HEARING over the video that was found to be fabricated later on.

Who wants the strongman's peace overture?

Meantime, a former Cabinet member, surprise, sees an Achilles heel of his former boss, He's now challenging the latter's bid to be mayor again of the fabled city of Davao where criminals never saw the light of day under Duterte, so his supporters tell the tale.

The 2025 polls will be a litmus test on the Filipinos' political maturity after six years of political

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## Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

## San Simon traffic enforcers, eco boys hanggang ngayon wala pa ring sahod

Mayroon na namang matinding pasabog sa LIVE VIDEO na aking napanood ang mga J. O. raw tulad ng ECO BOYS at TRAFFIC ENFORCERS ay naghihimutok sapagkat dalawang buwan na raw halos na ay mga ito'y hindi sumasahod

At ayon sa kwento ng nagsasalaysay may ordinansa ng aprubado na raw subalit ito ay ayaw pang pirmahan ng ilang konsehal ng nasabing bayan at ang sinasabi na kadahilanan mali ang pamagat at ilan pang bagay

Tulad ng halagang dito nakasaad at kung ano ba ang dapat ipamagat kung ganon ay bakit di ayusin agad upang ordinansa ay maipatupad kung ito ang tugon at ang tanging lunas sa mga problema na kinakaharap

Ang ordinansa raw ay hinggil sa pondo upang mapasahod mga pobrang J. O. apat na milyon ang nakalaan dito para sa bayarin daw ng munisipyo tulad ng kuryente na nakokonsumo pasahod pati na serbisyo publiko

Ngunit ang nais daw yata ni VICE MAYOR bago papirmahin ang kanyang COUNCILOR ay mabigyan muna siya ng ISANG MILYON pati sangguniang bayan ng SAN SIMON hindi makatwiran ang kanyang kundisyon kahit sabihin pang sila'y oposisyon

Ang mga ENFORCERS at mga ECO BOYS ay nadadamay lang sa inyong sigalot kapag ang mga yan hindi na kumilos aalingasaw ang basurang nabulok daloy ng trapiko pag hindi naayos buong sambayanan ang maghihimutok

Paglingkuran ninyo ang bayan ng tapat at gawin kung ano yaong nararapat habang kayo'y hindi buo't watak-watak ang kaunlaran ay di magiging ganap ang mga layunin na magkasalungat nagiging balakid tungo sa pag-unlad



## Opinion

### Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

## The danger of winning

SHOWBIZ CELEBRITIES who have decided, or who are still contemplating to join politics should take their cue from a true legend and icon of the Philippine movie industry – Dolphy.

As contained in his authorized biography entitled "Hindi Ko Ito Narating Mag-isa," Dolphy revealed that in the late 1908s, he got an offer from then incumbent Senate President Juan Ponce-Enrile to run for a Senate seat. He also shared that he was once asked to run for Manila mayor.

Despite his immense popularity that could assure him of a 100% chance victory, he shunned politics and turned down several offers to run for public office. The comedy king's reason was plain and simple: "Madaling tumakbo, e paano kung manalo?"

When asked why they are aspiring for an elective public office, most people I know who are lured by politics always come up with one generic reply: "Bisa kung sumaup kareng kabalen ku."

While I find this reason very noble and selfless, I couldn't help but ask myself a myriad of questions that these public servant-wannabes should ask themselves in the first place. Do they actually understand and grasp fully what is expected of them as elected public officials? Have they even prepared themselves extremely well for their actual duties and responsibilities in the executive or legislative branch? Are they ready and willing to challenge the status quo and bring

about the needed change in our society if their ultimate goal was to help the Filipinos?

Don't get me wrong. I do not and will never demean showbiz personalities running for public office for the simple reason that they are from the entertainment industry. Let me put it this way. When someone applies for a job in a private firm or government office, he or she goes through a series of processes including submitting verifiable documentary requirements, taking a written aptitude and psychological test and answering tough questions in an interview. This rigid selection process enables the institution to choose the most qualified of the applicants. So why can't we be just as critical of the people who will lead the government?

Sadly, we Filipinos have not shown any marked political maturity over the years when it comes to voting. Otherwise, we should have long gotten rid of all the clowns, historical revisionists and apologists, red taggers, nepo-babies, political opportunists and carpetbaggers masquerading as honorable lawmakers in Congress, or even in the local executive offices.

A few days ago, I saw a post where award-winning dramatic action star Philip Salvador was

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Officials from the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Police Regional Office 3 (PRO3), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and local government units push the launch button signaling the activation of the eGov and eLGU app in the City of Olongapo and the Province of Zambales, at the Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center (SBECC) on Tuesday. The launching of the two apps will boost the efficiency of government services in Central Luzon as the national government has already launched the apps to other regions in the Philippines.

**PHOTO: MALOU DUNOG**



Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) MIS Department Manager Vergil Joseph Lansangan (3rd left) poses with (L-R) DICT Region 3 Director Antonio Edward Padre, DICT ASec Maria Teresa Camba, GDTB-DTPMT Supervising Director Rachel Ann P. Grabador, DICT Director Joshua Vazir Querol, Government Digital Transformation Bureau Director June Vincent Manuel Gaudan pose after signing the Gesture of Commitment during the launching of the eGov and eLGU app at the Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center (SBECC) on Tuesday. The launching of the two apps will boost the efficiency of government services in Central Luzon as the national government has already launched the apps to other regions in the Philippines. **PHOTO: MALOU DUNOG**

## DICT launches eGovPh super apps, eLGU system in Zambales

**SUBIC BAY FREEPORT** – As part of the ongoing efforts to make government services and improve the quality and turnaround time of official stakeholder transactions, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) launched the e-Gov and the e-LGU mobile applications at the Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center (SBECC), Subic

Bay Freeport on Tuesday, September 3.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Chairman and Administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño welcomed this game-changing initiative led by DICT Region 3 Director Antonio Edward Padre.

Aliño also lauded this undertaking as this will enhance government services and improve industry

processes and transactions.

“The e-Gov ‘super app’ houses all government institutions in a single site, which will enable stakeholders to avail of government services faster and with less stress, less expenses, and less man hours. Lining up in queues will be reduced and hours spent for travel time may instead be utilized produc-

tively for other activities,” he said in the speech read on his behalf by SBMA Management Information Systems Office manager Engr. Vergil Joseph Lansangan.

“Ultimately, this project hopes to eliminate corruption and red tape in government transactions since the platform will keep track of them and leave a clear audit record,” he

added.

Government Digital Transformation Bureau Director June Vincent Manuel Gaudan disclosed that this mobile app allows inclusivity and empowerment across the nation; no individual is left behind. Stakeholders will now have easy access to various government online services and information since all sites are being

housed in a single mobile application, which covers all local and national levels of public agencies.

Gaudan added that the launching held in this premier Freeport is significant for the e-Gov app, citing that the Green Lanes of the app provides “Ease of Doing Business” for foreign companies looking into investing in the Subic

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Councilor Atty. Arvin “Pogs” Suller addresses concerns of the displaced Baluibad residents. **PHOTO: ACIO**

## Displaced AC residents agree to relocation in Magalang

**ANGELES CITY** — Some 530 households, comprising 2,000 families from Sitio Balubad, Barangay Anunas here have agreed to be relocated to San Ildefonso, Magalang town, where they will each receive a 50-square-meter lot under the city government’s socialized housing project of Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin Jr.

Councilor Atty. Arvin “Pogs” Suller, OIC of the Angeles City Human Settlements and Urban Development Office (ACHSUD), facilitated a meeting with the affected families on Oct. 4, on behalf of then mayor to discuss their relocation options.

“Upon Mayor Lazatin’s instructions, we presented the homeowners-beneficiaries with three choices — expropriation proceedings or relocation

to Barangay Mining or Magalang town. After a majority vote, they chose the Magalang property for their new community,” Suller shared.

Suller explained that while the initial plan was to allocate 45 square meters per beneficiary, Mayor Lazatin expanded it to 50 square meters at the residents’ request.

“Sa katinayan po, the original plan was 45 square meters per household, but it was adjusted to 50 square meters upon the request of our beneficiaries to Mayor Lazatin,” Suller added.

The homeowners’ acting president Mary Joy Paragas expressed the residents’ approval of the relocation plan, saying, “We are grateful to Mayor Lazatin for considering our request and providing us with a better option. Buong

ang aming suporta para sa proyektong relokasyon na ito na magsisilbing bagong panimula po para sa aming lahat.”

The ACHSUD has already begun mapping and tagging the tenants to ensure a smooth and safe relocation for the displaced families.

This relocation effort follows the passage of resolutions by the Angeles City Council, led by Vice Mayor Vicky Vega-Cabigting, on Oct. 17, 2023, which authorized Mayor Lazatin to initiate expropriation proceedings or purchase parcels of land at Sitio Balubad, Barangay Anunas, for the city’s socialized housing project.

“Gaya po ng pangako ko, walang bibitaw, hindi ako bibitaw, hindi ko kayo iiwan,” Mayor Lazatin reaffirmed to the beneficiaries. **Angeles CIO**

## PN deploys contingent to Brunei

**SUBIC, ZAMBALES** – The Philippine Navy conducted a send-off ceremony on Oct. 3 for Naval Task Group 84, with BRP Andres Bonifacio (PS17) serving as its key surface component for the upcoming Maritime Training Activity (MTA) SEAGULL 09-2024 in Muara, Brunei Darussalam, scheduled from Oct. 7 to 11.

Vice Admiral Toribio D. Adaci Jr., the flag officer in command, PN, led the ceremony at the Naval Operating Base here. He was accompanied by Rear Admiral Renato P David PN, commander of the Philippine Fleet, and Brig. Gen. Edwin E Amadar PN(M), commander of the Fleet-Marine Ready Force (FMRF), who also serves as the officer conducting the exercise.

In his address, Vice Admiral Adaci Jr. encouraged the 169 officers and personnel from various Philippine Navy units to seize this opportunity to

strengthen bilateral relations with their Bruneian counterparts.

Captain Glenn Dizon PN(GSC), the deputy commander for fleet operations of the FMRF, leads Naval Task Group 84, while BRP Andres Bonifacio is under the command of Commander Renante H Del Prado PN(GSC).

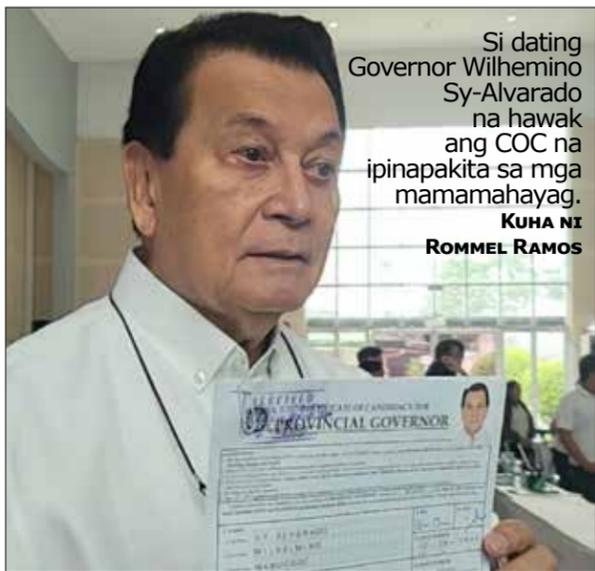
Colonel Joel Lazo PN(M)(GSC), the deputy commander for marine operations, FMRF, is the exercise director for the said training activity. MTA SEAGULL 09-2024 is set to feature a comprehensive range of activities, beginning with operational planning and communication discussions tailored to the various serials and events for the two-day sea phase. It will also include a Navy SEALs workshop focused on visit, board, search, and seizure operations, as well as unmanned aerial surveillance (UAS) collaboration

and training.

In addition, participants will engage in community outreach programs, subject matter expert exchanges, and sports events. These activities are meticulously designed to enhance interoperability, facilitate knowledge sharing, and deepen mutual understanding between the two navies, thereby strengthening their ability to collaborate effectively in various maritime security operations. MTA SEAGULL is a biennial bilateral training exercise between the Philippine Navy and the Royal Brunei Navy, aimed at enhancing cooperation and fortifying the strategic partnership between the two navies.

The Philippine Navy’s participation in this exercise underscores its commitment to deepening engagement and no collaboration in maritime activities and joint training with the Royal Brunei Navy. **Malou Dungog/PR**





Si dating Governor Wilhemino Sy-Alvarado na hawak ang COC na ipinapakita sa mga mamamahayag. **KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS**

# Ex-Gov. Alvarado naghain ng COC sa pagka-gobernador

**NI ROMMEL RAMOS**

**LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS--** Naghain ng certificate of candidacy (COC) ngayong Oct. 7 sa Comelec provincial office si dating dating Gov. Wilhemino Sy-Alvarado sa ilalim ng Partido Demokratiko para sa Reporma.

Si Alvarado ay sinamahan sa Comelec ng kanyang maybahay na si dating Bulacan 1st District Rep. Marivic Sy-Alvarado at mga taga-suporta nito.

Ayon kay Alvarado, kakandidato siya na walang political tandem na wala ring mga board member at alkalde dahil kailangan ng reporma sa pagka-gobernador.

Ang mga Bulakenyo aniya ang nagtulak sa kaniya na muling kumandidato at sino man aniya ang manalo na vice governor, mga board member at mga alkalde ay kailangang makatulong ng gobernador at ang posisyon ng punong-ehekutibo ng

Bulacan ang siyang kailangan na ayusin.

Paliwanag ni Alvarado na hindi na aniya nadadala ng Kapitolyo sa publiko ang serbisyo gaya ng pagpapagamot ng mga may sakit lalo na sa pampublikong ospital.

Ngayon aniya ay hindi na ito naseserbisuhan ng Bulacan Medical Center at dinadala pa ang mga pasyente sa mga karatig lalawigan gaya ng Pam-panga at Nueva Ecija.

Dati aniya ay nasa P3 billion lang ang pondo ng Bulacan pero ngayon ay nasa P8.4 billion na ito na dapat aniya ay naibabalik ang bahagi nito sa pagseserbisyo.

Dapat din aniya na matutukan ang Bulacan Bulk Water right na hindi maayos ang pagpapatkbo, pagbaha, maging ang pagpapatayo ng airport, walang habas na quarryng at depektibong Bustos Dam checkgate.



Arnold Vegafría and council show COCs. **PHOTO: MALOU DUNGOG**

# Entertainment-PR mogul files COC for 'Gapo mayor

**BY MALOU DUNGOG**

**OLONGAPO CITY –** Renowned entertainment producer and PR guru Arnold Vegafría filed his certificate of candidacy as mayoral bet at the SMX Convention Center, SM

Central here on Oct. 7. Vegafría, known as the “Manager ng Bayan” for helping local, national talents and political figures, together with his council slate, highlighted his platform and advocacy to help reform his hometown into

a progressive and major tourism destination.

Under the banner “Anak ng Gapo,” Vegafría said he hopes to bring back the glory days of the city he knew as a child. He envisions a radical transformation of the city’s skyline and major

infrastructures with the goal of revitalizing the city’s long dormant tourist industry and its other key economic and industrial zone.

“I know that it won’t be an easy task but I am confident that with our team’s dedication we can rebuild

this city and bring back the economic and tourist boom enjoyed during the time when the former US Naval Facility was here,” he said.

Included in his councilor slate are Ian Vegafría-Bautista, Macky Alonzo, Erick Elmo Ison, Pocholo Galian,

Derrick Manuel, Jan Ibarro, Bong Tocayon, Tina De Leon, Oliver Guerrero, Jerome Ducos, and Earl Escusa.

This is the second time the Vegafría slate ventured into politics, and hoping to gain confidence from the city’s voting populace.

# Khonghun seeks re-election as Zambales 1st District representative

**BY JOHNNY R. REBLANDO**

**IBA, ZAMBALES –** Rep. Jefferson “Jay” Khonghun of the 1st District filed his certificate of candidacy on Oct. 5 at the Comelec office here in a re-election bid to represent the people of Olongapo City and the Municipalities of Subic, Castillejos and San Marcelino.

“Itutuloy po natin ang pagseserbisyo sa mamamayan ng Zambales. Ito naman ang ating trabaho bilang kinatawan sa Kongreso, ang panglingkuran ang mga mahal nating kalalawigan upang mabigyan ng maayos na representasyon sa Kamara

at maipag patuloy ang mga proyekto sa imprastruktura, social services, scholarship at serbisyong medikal,” said Khonghun.

A proud member of the “Young Guns” in Congress, Khonghun ensured that vital resources were allocated for projects that directly benefit the 1st District of Zambales and its people, and his efforts have led to improved public services in the district, including better roads, school facilities and health-care services.

Khonghun has in his belt a long and illustrious career in public service, starting as a Zambales board member from 2001 to 2010, mayor of the Municipality of Subic

from 2010 to 2019, and vice governor from 2019 to 2022.

As a congressman, he is known for his active participation in crafting legislation that focuses on youth empowerment and anti-corruption measures, playing an essential role in ensuring that new ideas and dynamic reforms are incorporated into national legislation.

“Bilang isang lider, tungkulin kong pangalagaan ang tiwala ng ating mamamayan. Kasama ng ating pagtugon sa pangangailangan ng ating distrito ay ang pagbabantay sa pagmamalabis sa kaban ng bayan. Wala dapat lugar ang katiwalian sa ating

pamahalaan,” he said.

Under Khonghun’s leadership, significant investments have been funneled into infrastructure projects, ensuring that the road networks, public facilities and social services in the 1st District of Zambales are continuously improved.

In seeking re-election, Khonghun vows to continue his fight for the betterment of Zambales, especially the first district. He pledged to prioritize infrastructure, education, healthcare and transparent governance in his legislative agenda should he be re-elected.

**Photo: Office of Congressman Khonghun**



# Prost to another Octoberfest to remember!



Clark Marriott Hotel's Octoberfest 2024 brought together a diverse community of beer lovers, celebrating the spirit of an authentic Bavarian beer fest. Guests enjoyed lively entertainment, delicious German dishes like bratwurst, pretzels, schnitzel, and sauerkraut, along with a selection of refreshing lagers and ales, including brews from Weihenstephan, the world's oldest brewery.

## SM kicks off breast cancer awareness month with Beautiful Girl

IN CELEBRATION of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, SM Supermalls, through its corporate social responsibility arm SM Cares, recently held a one-of-a-kind ballet show in partnership with the Philippine Ballet Theatre. The event showcased powerful stories of breast cancer survival and advocacy through dance. It took place on September 29 at the SMX Aura Convention Center in Taguig City.

"We held this event to shed the spotlight on the stories of those who survived breast cancer and those who are fighting it, as a way to express our solidarity with them, and to inspire others to adopt a more proactive approach to breast cancer, not only for themselves but also for their loved ones," said SM Cares Program Director for Women, Atty. Pearl Joan Jayagan Turley.

The ballet show also served as an avenue for SM CARES to raise 800 thousand pesos for the benefit of Philippine Foundation for Breast Care, Inc. (KASUSO). Partner organizations: Bingo Plus Foundation, Global Peace Foundation Philippines, Club Balai Isabel Hotel, Philippine Ballet Theatre, Bosom Buddies and Pink Parlour generously contributed to the success of the event and donation.



Programs like the "Beautiful Girl: Echoes of Strength and Hope" are some of the ways in which SM Cares pro-

motes good health and well-being for women as part of its Program on Women and Breastfeeding Mothers.



Pictured with the new batch of SM scholars are SM Regional PR Head for North Luzon Rain Cervantes, The SM Store HR Manager Melanie Angeles, Assistant Vice President for Operations Lei Alice Gonzales and Scholarship Program Senior Assistant Vice President Eleanor Lansang, as they celebrate the scholars' exciting journey ahead.

## SM Foundation Education program welcomes new college scholars in Pampanga

THE SM FOUNDATION Scholarship Program officially welcomed a new batch of college scholars from Pampanga and Clark during a contract signing ceremony held on October 7, 2024, at SM City Pampanga. The event was a significant milestone for over 30 aspiring students, who were accompanied by their proud parents as they participated in the orientation, awarding, and contract signing at the mall's training room.

These scholars, who come from various schools across Pampanga and Clark, represent the latest group of talented individuals selected for the prestigious scholar-

ship program for School Year 2024-2025. As they embark on their college journey, the scholars will face a rigorous academic path, but with the support of the SM Foundation, they are better equipped to overcome the challenges ahead.

The SM Foundation Scholarship not only provides financial assistance to deserving students but also offers access to opportunities that foster academic excellence and personal development. With the guidance and support of the foundation, these scholars are set to make a lasting impact in their chosen fields, embodying the values of hard work, perseverance,

and community service that the SM Foundation promotes.

Building on this vision, Scholarship Program Senior Assistant Vice President Eleanor Lansang detailed the foundation's support offered to scholars. Beyond covering full-tuition fees, the program ensures a comprehensive approach to student development.

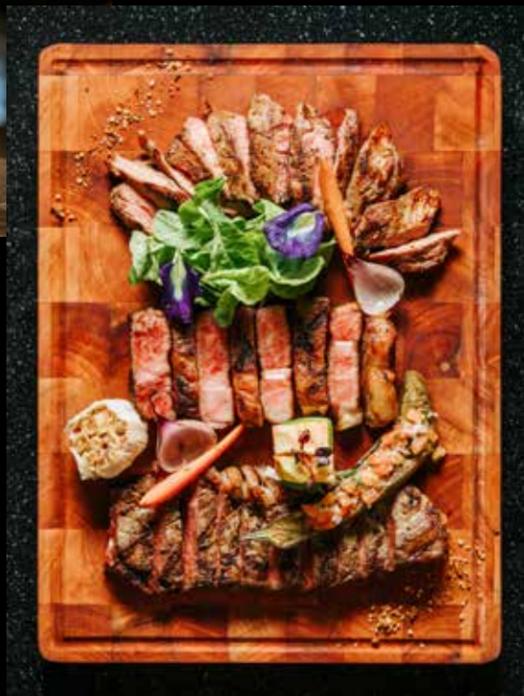
Scholars will also benefit from enrichment activities, part-time job opportunities, and internships within the SM Group, all designed to foster both personal and professional growth, creating a clear pathway from education to fulfilling careers.



## Festive Flair

Ning V. Cordero

# RARE: A blazing addition to the food scene in Clark



“LONG WAIT is over and it’s finally open.” I can’t help but exclaim upon beholding RARE Bar & Grill in Quest Plus Clark, a gem of a place away from the hustle and bustle of the city. The all too elegant transformation of the place leaves nothing of its previous incarnation as Charley’s Bar.

Considering the thriving food scene in Clark and in the rest of Pampanga, it really makes one wonder why a some craving can still obtain, as the scarcity of new steakhouses. True, from Korean restaurants and cafes to Filipino dining establishments, Clark offers that wide array of culinary delights. However, for those who value a perfectly seared steak, the options have, for the longest time, remained all-too limited.

So, get ready for a RARE experience! Rare Bar & Grill officially opened its doors on October 8 at Quest Plus, Filinvest Mimosa + Leisure City Clark. This marks their very first branch in the Philippines. Rare offers a selection of steaks and dry-aged meats cooked to perfection from the charcoal grill and Jospier oven, paired with handcrafted cocktails. Expect a personalized, interactive service that ensures a memorable dining experience.

“We recognize the demand for a dining experience that truly celebrates quality in food and hospitality, and we knew we had to fill that void in the market,” enthused Quest Plus Clark GM Michael Gapin in his remarks at RARE’s opening.

“Here in Quest Plus Clark and Mimosa Plus Golf Course, we’re excited to introduce another restaurant that will elevate the already vibrant and iconic culinary scene in Pampanga. This

addition is designed to enhance our offerings and provide an experience that reflects the rich flavors and hospitality of our region,” he added.

Culinary director Jean Louis Leon stands by the quality of ingredients used in all dishes at RARE. To achieve an authentic taste, most of the ingredients are imported, the meats are from

while keeping the meat tender and juicy.

To round off our meal, we were served a too-beautiful-to-eat dessert, a plate of a little bit of everything – Tiramisu, Cheesecake and Chocolate Pistachio! Sparkling wines and refreshing handcraft signature cocktails are readily available such as Ratafia Negroni – a twist



Australia and Japan.

One thing that did not escape me at RARE is the dynamism of their menu. “We want people to keep coming back, so our food must always be interesting,” says Leon.

At the grand launch, we were treated to a plate of seared salmon trout with crispy hito with chilis, spring onions and ponzu sauce for starters. The star of the night was a platter of Tomahawk MS3 and Rib Eye Steak MB5+ cooked in Jospier oven, medium rare, the center of the meat gleaming and red. The assortment of roasted carrots, confit garlic and onion, hand cut fries and green beans, and chimichurri, burgundy and BBQ sauce added playful flavors to the whole show.

RARE takes pride in using the Jospier oven for steaks, a choice that blends tradition and innovation. The Jospier oven originated from Spain in 1969, combining a grill and an oven. It reaches up to 600 degrees Celsius (1112-degree Fahrenheit). This specialized heat sears the steaks quickly, locking in juices, and creating a perfect steak crust

on the classic Italian Negroni, invented in Florence in 1919. It pays homage to this iconic drink by incorporating dry gin with Rossi ratafia, a traditional French fortified wine with Scuro and grapefruit bitters.

Such a special evening to celebrate RARE highlighting it with a one-of-a-kind Tomahawk slicing ceremony to officially open the newest steakhouse bar and grill in Clark Freeport. With corporate F&B director Jules Medina, first senior vice president of Filinvest Hospitality Corp. Francis Gotianun, Quest Plus GM Michael Gapin, Share Pro supply head David Gotianun, executive assistant manager for F&B Laurent Pacoley, culinary director Jean Louis Leon, and country manager James Montenegro doing the honors.

RARE Bar & Grill is the first of the many new restaurants that we’ll look forward to at Quest Plus Clark. Restaurants in the pipeline: Spanish restaurant, Filipino restaurant, Bay 49 - Bar and Grill at the Driving Range of Mimosa Plus Golf, and Baker J at Clark International Airport.



**NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that **MYRNA SANTOS DEL MANDO** of legal age, Filipino with residence and postal address at B11 Lot 11 Fatima St. Maryland Resettlement Sapang Biabas, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and heirs of **RAYMUNDO BALLESTEROS SANTOS** who died on July 01, 2011 in Mabalacat Pampanga and **ISABEL GAGATE SANTOS** who died on August 02, 2001 in Mabalacat Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Absolute Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 13 Block 5 of the consolidation and Subd., plan Pcs-03-000308, being a portion of the consolidated lots of block 1 to block 7, Psd-26164, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. 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. 250056-R; before Notary Public Ignacio Manapil, as per Doc No. 204, Page No. 185, Book No. XXXV, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2024

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CRISANTO PANLILIO** who died on December 25, 1989 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Unilateral Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 12, Block 42 of the subd. plan. (LRC) Psd-202163, being a portion of Lot 2-B. (LRC) Psd-197421. LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 11732 ) situated in the Bo. 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. 158103-R Registry of Deeds for Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Cesar Clarence Deang Contreras, as per Doc. No. 467, Page No. 95, Book No. 01, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2024

**ERRATUM**

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Settlement of **NARCISO MANARANG QUILALA** published on September 9, 16 & 23, 2024, should be Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of **NARCISO MANARANG QUILALA** and **JULIANA GAMBOA QUILALA** and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 2024

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DAISIE T. DAVID** who died on December 13, 2021 at 2-13 Pacimar Estate, Pulungbulo, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 17, Block 20 of the subd. plan. (LRC) Psd-176530.3, being a portion of Lot 27-B, described on plan Psd-73718, LRC Rec. No. 12732), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180), Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2014002240; before Notary Public Cesar Mylene A. Yturralde Chan, JD, Res., as per Doc. No. 1295, Page No. 53, Book No. L.II, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SUPREME COURT  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
Branch 41  
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**  
Petitioner-Mortgagee.

-versus-

**E.J.F No. 104-24**  
Real Estate Mortgage Under  
Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

**LIEZEL DE OCERA HERNANDEZ**  
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 **LIEZEL DE OCERA HERNANDEZ**, Mortgagor with residence and postal address at 325 Yale St., Marisol Subd., Ninoy Aquino, Angeles City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **January 15, 2024** amount to **FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE PESOS & 17/100 (Php4,622,755.17)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **November 13, 2024** at **9:00 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's Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020002020**

**"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that certain land situated in **BO. OF CALIBUTBUT, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA**, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 12-A-1-A-2 OF THE SUBD, PLAN PSD-03-151339 BEING A PORTION OF LOT 12-A-1-A, PSD-03-144287 LRC REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF CALIBUTBUT, MUN. OF BACOLOR, PROV. OF PAMP. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) Square Meter. x x x

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 November 20, 2024, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, September 17, 2024.

**ALED DALE M. UMANGAY**  
Sheriff IV

cc:  
1. HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
-The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. Makati City

2. LIEZEL DE OCERA HERNANDEZ  
-#325 Yale St., Marisol Subd., Ninoy Aquino, Angeles City  
-Blk. 12-A-1-A-2 Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga

3. NANETTE G.T ABILAY  
-c/o Paulino E. Cases, Jr.  
Cases Collection Management, Inc.  
c/o Cases Chun & Associates Law Offices  
3F 6 Brother Building, Mc Arthur Highway  
Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

4. PAULINO E. CASES, JR.  
-c/o Cases Chun & Associates Law Office  
3F 6 Brother Building, McArthur Highway, Maimpis  
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

5. PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON

Punto! Central Luzon: September 23,30 & October 7, 2024

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RICHARD DAVID BRILL** who died on October 1, 2023 a US Citizen, and a permanent resident of the Philippines, particularly at 3-8 D Ines St. Hensonville Court, Brgy. Malabanias, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows:

Type of Account	Account Number/COP Number	Available Balance	As of Date
Regular SA-Individual	004340050949	16,097.76	09/25/2024
	<b>Total</b>	<b>PHP 16,097.76</b>	

And

Type of Account	Account Number/COP Number	Available Balance	As of Date
Dollar SA-Individual	104340033815	18,074.09	09/25/2024
	<b>Total</b>	<b>PHP 18,074.09</b>	

before Notary Public Marcelino A. Pineda Jr., as per Doc. No. 993, Page No. 15, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2024

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BENJAMIN SANCHEZ** who died on July 5, 2014 at Calaguiman, Samal, Bataan, and **ANTONIA CASTRO SANCHEZ** who died on September 26, 2015 in Orani, Bataan, **CARMELITA SANCHEZ PAULE** who died on December 23, 2011 in Hermosa, Bataan, **CLARITA SANCHEZ VALERIO** who died on June 12, 1989 in Samal, Bataan, **ERNESTO C. SANCHEZ CORNELIO** who died on June 19, 1997 in Biñan, Laguna and **PELAGIO C. SANCHEZ** who died on April 17, 2022 at Lipa City, Batangas, **JAIME PAULE PAULE** who died on June 15, 2019 at Hermosa, Bataan and **MEDINA FORBES BISCAYA** who died on August 1, 1995; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

**TCT NO.** : T-144240  
**LOT NO.** : 34  
**LOCATION** : BALSİK, HERMOSA, BATAAN  
**AREA** : 283 Square Meters

before Notary Public Vincent Emmanuel T. Cruz, as per Doc. No. 330, Page No. 67, Book No. 90, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SUPREME COURT  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
Branch 41  
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

**LOLC BANK PHILIPPINES, INC.,**  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

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Real Estate Mortgage Under  
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**MOISES ISIDRO AND LOIDA ISIDRO OF M&L.,**

Respondents-Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by **LOLC BANK PHILIPPINES, INC. (A Thrift Bank)**, formerly known as Inter-Asia Development Bank, mortgagee, with its postal address at G/F Bravo Business Centre, Lot 17, Block 4, JP Laurel Highway, Poblacion 04, Tanauan City, Batangas, against **MOISES ISIDRO & LOIDA ISIDRO** of M&L., mortgagors, with residence and postal address at 594 M. Dela Fuente St, Sampaloc, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **January 11, 2024** amounts to **FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php4,130,000.00)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **November 13, 2024** at **9:00 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. 438318-R**

**"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that certain land situated in the **Mun. of Sta. Ana Prov. of Pamp. bounded and described as follows:**

**A parcel of land (Lot 2-U of the subd. plan, Psd-03-078884, being a portion of lot 2, Psd-03-030158, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Nicolas, Mun. of Sta. Ana, Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) Square Meters. x x x"**

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 November 20, 2024, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, September 17, 2024.

**ALED DALE M. UMANGAY**  
Sheriff IV

cc:  
1. LOLC BANK PHILIPPINES, INC.  
- Gil Bravo Business Centre, Lot 17, Block 4  
JP Laurel Highway, Poblacion 04, Tanauan City. Batangas

2. MOISES ISIDRO and LOIDA M. ISIDRO  
- 594 M. Dela Fuentes St., Sampaloc, Manila

3. ATTY. YZABELLE P. CHAVEZ  
- G/F Bravo Business Centre  
JP Laurel Highway, Poblacion 04. Tanauan City. Batangas

4. PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON

Punto! Central Luzon: September 23,30 & October 7, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
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MACABEBE, PAMPANGA  
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**IN RE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF ADOPTION RENDERED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM, HAGATNA, GUAM IN ADOPTION CASE NO. AT 0012-17**

**LYNNE DOMINGO TUNGOL a.k.a. LYNNE CASTRO DOMINGO, MANUEL GARCIA TUNGOL and TERESITA DOMINGO TUNGOL,**  
Petitioners,

-versus-

**SPECIAL PROC. NO. 24-1044(M)**

**JOJO LACANLALE, THE REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE OFFICE III, THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF SAN SIMON, PAMPANGA, THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

Respondents.

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**ORDER**

This is a verified Petition dated 27 May 2024, by Petitioners, through Atty. Ryann T. Rueda, praying that after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering that (a) the instant petition be granted; (i) the Judgment for Termination of Parental Rights and Judgment and Decree of Adoption rendered by the Superior Court of Guam, Hagatña, Guam on 8 May 2017 in Adoption Case No. AT 0012-17 be legally recognized in the Philippines; (ii) Lynne Castro Domingo be declared legally adopted by Manuel Garcia and be known as and be allowed to use the name "Lynne Domingo Tungol" and be declared in all respects as Manuel's lawful and legitimate child; (v) Manuel Garcia Tungol be declared to have the status of natural father of Lynne Domingo Tungol; and (vi) The Municipal Civil Registrar of San Simon, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines and the Philippine Statistics Authority be ordered to annotate the Judgment for Termination of Parental Rights and Judgment and Decree of Adoption obtained in Guam, U.S.A. on the Certificate of Live Birth of Lynne Castro Domingo pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Court.

Pursuant to Section 4, Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, let the petition be set for hearing on 12 February 2025 at 8:30 in the morning before this court located at the Hall of Justice, Macabebe, Pampanga.

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

Let a copy of this Order and the Petition be served upon the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), petitioners and their counsel, respondent Jojo Lacanlale, Regional Alternative Care Office III, Municipal Registrar of San Simon, Pampanga, Civil Registrar General of the Philippines and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

SO ORDERED.

Macabebe, Pampanga, 22 August 2024.

**KATHERINE M. LEGARDA-PAJARON**  
*Presiding Judge*

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# Ombudsman suspends...

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Government represented by Undersecretary Juan Victor Llamas resulted from the investigation by the agency's Task Force Porac on the "alleged involvement of particular local government officials...in the illegal POGO operation within the locality."

The investigation came in the wake of the June 4, 2024 operation of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission at the Lucky South 99 POGO hub in Barangay Sta. Cruz where 207 workers of different nationalities were rescued.

The complaint cited that Mayor Capil's "neglect of duty is very clear when he signed/issued through Vital's recommendation, a business permit for Lucky South 99 until Dec. 31, 2023 despite the impending expiration of its PAGCOR license on Oct. 27, 2023."

Arising therefrom, the complaint said Capil "also failed to appropriately

act upon the revocation of Lucky South 99's business permit when its PAGCOR license ultimately expired."

"Mayor Capil also failed to act appropriately on the reports of criminal activities happening inside Lucky South 99's premises," the complaint also said. "Notably, several validation requests and letters from the PNP concerning illegal activities such as serious illegal detention, cyber-related criminal activities, prostitution were left unacted upon by Mayor Capil."

"In sum, the inaction and willful non-compliance of their duties by Mayor Capil Vice Mayors Santos and Tamayo, Vital and the members of the Porac SB, taken together, paved the way for the continuous operation of Lucky South 99 despite the... (1) issuance of Mayor's Business Permit for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 despite lack of prior regulatory requirements; (2) expiration

of its AGCOR license; (3) BPLO's certification that Lucky South 99 has no business permit for the year 2024; (4) lack of LONO (letter of no objection) to operate as POGO; and (5) letters of PNP reporting suspected criminal activities within Lucky South 99's premises," the complaint said.

"These unified actions/inactions of respondents...make them all liable for Gross Neglect of Duty," it said, moving for their preventive suspension pursuant to applicable provisions of RA 6770 (The Ombudsman Act of 1989).

In its order the Ombudsman said: "Without delving into the merits of the case and without prejudging the same, these are sufficient grounds to hold that the evidence of guilt is strong at this time."

It also cited the gravity of the charge of Gross Neglect of Duty "which if proven true, constitutes ground for the dismissal from the government service under the Revised

Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service."

Finally, it said that "given the respondents' power and authority, there is strong probability that they may influence witnesses or tamper with any evidence material to the case, and in order likewise to prevent any case of malfeasance and/or misfeasance, hence this Preventive Suspension."

The officials are preventively suspended during the pendency of the case until its termination, but not to exceed the total of six months without pay.

The order is immediately executory, it added.

Punto News Team



WHEREFORE, the Prayer for Preventive Suspension insofar as the following incumbent officials of the Municipal Government of Porac, Pampanga, are concerned, namely, respondents:

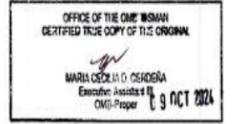
- (1) JAIME V. CAPIL, Mayor;
(2) FRANCIS LAURENCE C. TAMAYO, Vice Mayor;
(3) EMERALD VITAL, Licensing Assistant/ then OIC Business Permit and Licensing Officer;

Sangguniang Bayan Members

- (1) ROHNER L. BUAN;
(2) RAFAEL M. CANLAPAN;
(3) ADRIAN R. CARREON;
(4) REGIN B. CLARETE;
(5) ESSEL JOY C. DAVID;
(6) HILARIO D. DIMALANTA;
(7) MICHELLE B. SANTOS; and
(8) JOHN NUEVY L. VENZON

is hereby GRANTED. They are hereby PREVENTIVELY SUSPENDED during the pendency of this case until its termination, but not to exceed the total period of six (6) months, without pay. In case of delay in the disposition of the case due to the fault, negligence or any cause attributable to the respondents, the period of such delay shall not be counted in computing the period of the preventive suspension.

In accordance with Section 27, par. (1), RA 6770, this Order is immediately executory. Notwithstanding any motion, appeal, or petition that may be filed by respondents seeking relief from this Order, unless otherwise ordered by this Office or by any court of competent jurisdiction, the implementation of this Order shall not be interrupted within the period prescribed.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION CITY OF SAN FERNANDO (P)

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EJF No. 211-24 Punto Central Luzon

Versus

MARY GRACE L. CAÑETE, Respondent-Mortgagor.

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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Mortgagee, with its office address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against MARY GRACE L. CAÑETE, Mortgagor, with residence and postal address at Block 77, Lot 1, Northville 14, Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 30, 2024 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE & 81/100 (Php. 452,529.81) PESOS excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Ex-Officio Sheriff and/or his duly authorized Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 28, 2024, at 10:00am or soon thereafter (from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), at the main entrance of the RTC Bldg., City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH/or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property/ies with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020005183

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF CALULUT, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO. 47 BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO. Pcs-03-021716

PORTION OF: The cons./subd. of Lots 23 & 24, Psd-03-0101424 (AR)

LOCATION: Barangay of Calulut, City of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon.

AREA: Thirty Six Square Meters (36), more or less.

"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 December 5, 2024 without further notice."

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the title herein above described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, October 4, 2024

REMIGIO L. DICHOSO Sheriff IV

Cc:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Oil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

MARY GRACE L. CAÑETE Blk. 77, Lot 1, Northville 14, Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; and

Lot 47, Blk. 7 Empresa Homes, Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

ENGR. DANILO P. CATOLOS R. 202, Suburbia Commercial Center, Ma-Arthur Highway, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF MINOR DAVID BALUYOT TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS MARK TIMOTHY LOREN METAL

DOMESTIC ADMIN. ADOPTION NO: RACCOIII-DAA-2024-0043-REG-004

SPOUSES: IAN FEL D. METAL ANA LEA L. METAL Petitioners

DATE: September 02, 2024

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### ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of DAVID BALUYOT filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office III (RACCO III) praying that after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the minor DAVID BALUYOT be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be change particularly to appear as MARK TIMOTHY LOREN METAL.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on October 29, 2024, 10:00 am to be held at RACCO 5th Floor Primus Medicus Brgy San Isidro City of San Fernando Pampanga a 2000. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposite/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioners once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

SHEILA R. SICAT Officer-in-Charge, RACCO III

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Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT Third Judicial Region Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff Guagua, Pampanga rtc1ggaoc@judiciary.gov.ph/09423625271

GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, Mortgagee,

- versus -

FREM Case No. G-24-2526

MARIFE S. TORRES, married to EDWIN M. TORRES, Mortgagors.

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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Government Service Insurance System, mortgagee, with principal office address GSIS Headquarters, Financial Center, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, against mortgagor, MARIFE S. TORRES married to EDWIN M. TORRES with postal address at San Agustin Betis, Guagua, Pampanga, and/or San Nicolas Betis, Guagua, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness mentioned which as of August 31, 2024, amounts to TEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN PESOS & SIXTY ONE CENTAVOS (P10,561,937.61) Philippine currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court, Guagua, Pampanga thru Sheriff LEO D. DACION will sell at public auction on November 21, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the entrance of the Municipal Trial Court of Lubao, Pampanga, to the highest bidder in cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency the here-in-below described real property with all existing improvements thereon, to wit:

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 522063-R

A parcel of land (Lot 3 of the cons-subd. Pcs-03- 010486, being a portion of cons. of lots 3 & 5 Psd-035408-052748, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Baruya, Mun. of Lubao, Prov. of Pamp. Bounded on the SW, along line 1-2 by lot 6, Blk. 6, Psd-035408-052748; on the NW, along line 2-3 by lot 2 of the cons-subd. plan; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Rd. lot 3 (8.00 m.wide) Psd-035408-052748; on the SE., along line 4-1 by lot 7, Blk. 6, Psd-035408-052748. x x x x x x x x Containing an area of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) Square Meters.

The Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and will be posted in three (3) conspicuous public places prior to the date of sale for the information of the public in general and of the interested parties in particular.

Prospective bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and the encumbrances existing thereon if any there be. 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 November 28, 2024, also at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and at the same place mentioned above without further notice. Guagua, Pampanga, October 4, 2024.

LEO D. DACION Sheriff IV

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**GARBO SEEKS MAYORSHIP ANEW WITH DAUGHTER AS VICE MABALACAT CITY**  
 – Notwithstanding issues of his having already served the mandatory three-term limit, incumbent Mayor Crisostomo C. Garbo filed on Oct. 8 his certificate of candidacy for mayor with his daughter, incumbent board member Win-Win Garbo, as running mate.  
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**CALL TO 'ILAKO YA ING BALASUBAS' DRAW THOUSANDS**

MABALACAT CITY – To the cheers of thousands, members of Team Geld-Jun alight from helicopters at Xevera-Mabalacat to file their certificates of candidacy for the 2025 elections accompanied by their supporter, foremost businessman-philanthropist Rodolfo "Tatay Bong" Pineda. To even louder cheers, Tatay Bong vowed to help rid the city government of the "balasubas" (swindler/absconder) and foster a clean government for greater prosperity for the Mabalacuenos. The complete slate: incumbent vice mayor Gerald Guttrie Aquino for mayor; incumbent councilor Marcos Castro Jr. for vice mayor; and for councilors: Patricia Acorda, Doc Stephen Aurelio, Benny Jocson, Ike Morales, Vicoy Ong, Eroll "Pogi" Soliven, Engr. Graham Tapion, Marvin Tolentino, and reelectionist Liza Pineda.

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**DICT launches...**

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Bay Freeport Zone.

He added that this is in line with Executive Order 18 or the Constituting Green Lanes for Strategic Investments policy, which is a government-wide response to enhance Ease of Doing Business by mandating the creation of Green Lane units in all government offices that will expedite, streamline and automate government processes for Strategic Investments.

"There are many processes and transactions that happens in Subic Bay Freeport that needs to be digitized for a more efficient way of conducting business here since the e-Gov integrates the multi-sectoral government services in a single platform, covering a wide range of local government services such as business permit licensing, community tax, local civil registry and many others," he said.

The launching on Tuesday was participated in by

DICT officials, Zambales Governor's Office, Olongapo Mayor Rolen Paulino Jr., SBMA officials namely MIS manager Engr. Vergil Joseph Lansangan and Telecoms OIC Engr. Eddie Ventura, and National Government Portal Project Director Joshua Vazir Querol.

Secretary Ivan John Uy, USec David Almirol Jr., ASec. Maria Teresa Camba, Congressman Jefferson Khonghun' Chief of Staff Jan Joshua Khonghun, representative of Congresswoman Doris Maniquiz, Municipal Local Government Operations Officer Stephany Panaligan, ARTA Chief Admin Officer Mary Grace Manabat, USec. Mark Cristeo Gimenez, DTI R3 Director Edna Dizon, PSA Zambales Chief Statistics Specialist Norman Bundalian, FCSupt. Renato Capuz of BFP R3, and Police Regional Office 3 (PRO3) PB Gen. Jose Hidalgo Jr.'s representative expressed their support for

the e-Gov system.

Meanwhile, DICT Zambales Director Jeffrey Lazaro presented future plans that will affect the digitization of government services in Zambales.

The e-LGU system creates a single operating system for all government transactions to ensure ease of doing business, as part of the digital transformation of government towards more efficient, faster service delivery, and transparency across all localities in the country.

As mandated by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the e-LGU is among the vital components of the DICT's e-Gov PH Super App.

Anchored on the Administration's whole-of-government agenda, the e-LGU nationwide caravan is a joint project of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the DICT.

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# PWS Pampanga...

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waste collection is streamlined and efficient from day one," said PWS Pampanga president Cara Peralta.

The Clark Development Corp. issued on Sept. 16 a memorandum recognizing PWS Pampanga as its newly-accredited lone service provider authorized to handle collection of residual waste within Clark.

PWS Pampanga's facility in Porac is designed to

accept up to 5,000 tons of solid waste per day. It leverages advanced technology and state-of-the-art equipment to maximize resource recovery, aligned with its goal of reducing landfilled waste by 20 percent or less.

"Our main drive is centered on segregation, recycling, and overall waste conversion," Peralta said.

With its strategic location, PWS Pampanga can

effectively meet the waste management needs of businesses and local governments throughout Central Luzon and Northern Luzon.

"We are focused on forging partnerships with clients seeking more effective waste management solutions, ensuring they receive tailored support and innovative services for a successful transition," Peralta said.

Press release

# Zona Libre

FROM PAGE 4

in a town merit a full-blown congressional investigation? Especially given that Tumang, in his 2022 campaign for his third and last term as mayor already served notice that he would run for the seat Gonzales would be vacating. A political threat there, taken most seriously, dealt with most decisively.

Even as Tumang ruminated on his fate, reverberated across the district a clamor for a congressional investigation of allegedly defective flood-mitigating projects reportedly con-

tracted to the senior deputy speaker's eponymous AD Gonzales Jr. Construction and Trading Co.

A complaint centered on short-of-specification sheet piles subsequently lodged with the Ombudsman against the family-owned company was as quickly dismissed for "lack of evidence."

The dismissed evidence which, complainant Mexico ABC president Terence Napao pointed out, turned up when floodwaters wrought by the southwest monsoon and Typhoon Carina in late July and early August scoured the flood

mitigation projects still bearing tarpaulins naming the contractor as "AD Gonzales Construction and Trading Co."

By happenstance perhaps, a number of the complaints against Tumang were earlier dismissed.

It does not take a seasoned political spinmeister to weave the persecuted victim card around Tumang, and assign the role of villainous persecutor on SDS Gonzales.

How this shall impact on their daughter's candidacies, only the election results can determine.

# Shepherd's Call

FROM PAGE 4

Now it felt like Elijah standing by the mouth of a cave and feeling a soft

breeze that penetrated my soul and prepared me for this new chapter of my life and ministry as a

bishop, as a servant of God's people. I said, "Ok, Lord. My life is in your hands."

# The Public Space

FROM PAGE 5

experience with Duterte. Surveys are snapshots of the national mood vis-à-vis the House hearings announcing all the bad news in Duterte's time.

A show-up at the House hearing by no less than the principal person of interest can change the picture or make it worse. Let it be known that human being can also change his mind. Or his allies can always interpret why.

If he and his two sons win in the 2025 local election, Duterte will have proved his political downsizing right. Their national reputation, already besmirched by revelations

in the Quadcom probes is another thing. After all, all politics is local, according to American politician.

The once robust voice of a very powerful politician resonated across the nation and feared by many. Now the confession that is also a mortal add a new dimension to his unprecedented arrogance that once RUINED democracy and justice in the land.

Is the former President now in the autumn of his life with the new facts he's in?

"An old man and a comic tyrant who never knew where the reverse side was," Marquez wrote of his character, apropos a general, in his novel."

Duterte might as well be that general.

The reverse side is what awaits Vice President Sara who, once upon time was felt likely to inherit her father's position as the highest official in the land.

Not if the presidential cousin is there who is also having a moist eye in the presidency in 2028 and moving fast and furious on the current trend of whodunnits in the House probes.

She has yet to issue a statement that will create headlines, again, for better not for worse, especially in the wake of her father's declaration of political and personal check-list.

# Ad Lib

FROM PAGE 5

trying to endear himself to the public by saying that while he is not a lawyer, a doctor, a professional or an experienced politician, he is first and foremost a Filipino who simply wants to help his fellow Filipinos.

As expected, netizens were quick to respond. Nothing was more damaging and scathing as the comment posted by one pundit: "Kay Kris nga, wala kang ambag para kay Josh tapos ngayon tutulong ka pa sa bansa?"

This remark had me in stitches. Nothing can be as

biting as reality itself.

I have a confession to make. On my second year as an Economics instructor at the University of the Philippines, a paternal relative and former elected official asked me and my parents to run for municipal councilor. Out of respect for this man who has been very good to our family, I humbly declined. A few years after, I was already working for one of the country's top universal banks when another offer came; and my reply remain the same. Over the past 22 years that I have been the

school head of the St. Nicholas Academy, the idea has been floated to my siblings by competing parties not just once or twice. Still, no amount of impassioned convincing and assurance of financial support can change my stand.

As Mang Dolphy aptly puts it, it is not in the losing that I worry but in the winning. At the same time, if helping others were my only reason, why would I still aspire for an elected position? As it is, my present role as educator is already allowing me to do exactly that.



# The great switch...

FROM PAGE 1

Former Gov. Eddie "Among Ed" Panlilio turned up with 2022 gubernatorial also-ran Danilo Baylon and a handful of religious pastors to file his COC for vice governor. Baylon had earlier filed his own COC for a second try for the governorship.

The duo had barely gone out of the hall when the incumbent Capitol residents entered amid a throng of incumbent mayors and their rivals complete with their council slates, a coterie of staff and ward leaders.

Incumbent Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda filed his COC for the position of vice governor. Incumbent Vice Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda filed her COC for governor.

The young Pineda was running mate to "Nanay Gov" for two terms – 2013-2019, switching posts thereafter, elected in 2019 and reelected in 2022.

The impending 2025 battle for Pampanga's top two elective positions will be in effect a rematch in reverse.

In 2007 gubernatorial elections, then-suspended priest Among Ed was proclaimed winner against then-board member Lilia Pineda and incumbent Gov. Mark Lapid. An ensuing election protest declared Pineda the winner but she did not serve what little remained of Panlilio's exhausted term.

In their 2010 rematch, Pineda won against Panlilio by an overwhelming majority of votes.

Nanay Gov's victory against Panlilio in their third and last gubernatorial face-off in 2013 was nothing short of a political annihilation, that in 2016 she ran unopposed.

In 2022, Delta Pineda was reelected to the governorship by a clear majority of votes against then-former Candaba Mayor Danilo Baylon who ran on the wings of religious fervor with the moniker "Anak ng Ama," which not a few took as a spin off Pastor Apollo Quiboloy's self-proclamation as "appointed son of God."

## Losers

A string of electoral losses is seen as the unifying factor in the Baylon-Panlilio tandem.

Panlilio losing in two matches against the Pineda matriarch by the proverbial landslide. Three, if the electoral protest is included.

Baylon first and only term as Candaba mayor in 2016-2019 put to finish by Rene Maglanque who is up for reelection to his third and final term, besting Baylon's wife Aniway in 2022.

Aniway had also filed her COC for a rematch with Maglanque in 2025.

## Rivals unite for Nanay-Delta

The brewing bitterness of local election contests cooled down, if a bit, as rivals in mayoralty contests came in droves to show support to the Pineda tandem. In attendance were:

Sto. Tomas erstwhile

team of incumbent Mayor Jonny A. Sambo and incumbent Vice Mayor Matias "Bong" Pineda. San Simon's Mayor Abundio Punsalan Jr. and Vice Mayor Romanoel Santos with their respective slate. Porac's incumbent Mayor Jaime Capil and former board member Mike Tapang.

Among the other local officials and candidates who came were:

Arayat incumbent Mayor Madir Alejandrino. Bacolor's incumbent Mayor Diman Datu and Vice Mayor Ron Dungca. Sta. Rita Mayor Art Salalila. Sasman Mayor Lina Cabrera. Candaba Mayor Rene Maglanque. Lubao Mayor Esmie Pineda. Guagua Mayor Ton Ton Torres. Magalang Mayor Malu Lacson. Minalin Mayor Philip Naguit. Floridablanca Mayor Darwin Manalansan. San Luis Mayor Jay Sagum. Macabebe mayoralty aspirant Vice Mayor Vince Flores. Masantol mayoralty aspirant Vice Mayor Dan Guintu. Sta. Ana mayoralty aspirant former board member Dinan Labung. Mabalacat City mayoralty aspirant Vice Mayor Geld Aquino. Mexico mayoralty aspirant Alex Tumang with his whole slate.

Reelecting Pampanga 4th District Rep. Anna York Bondoc also came to the event with her brother, former Congressman Rimpay Bondoc.

Also present was Angeles City Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr. who had filed his COC for the first congressional district.

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