

HALLOWED, AS ALL SAINTS' DAY EVER BE
MACABEBE, Pampanga – Arrayed in the clothes of the saints they portray, grade school pupils of St. Nicholas Academy: Center of Catholic Education Inc. pose before the altar of the San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish Church in pre-celebration of All Saints' Day. Imparting the school's core values of faith, service, and excellence, the traditional March of Saints here is totally devoid of the usual all-too-secular, if ghastly, Halloween displays of ghosts and ghouls. **Photo: SNA FB page**



RTC grants MCWMC preliminary injunction

KALANGITAN LANDFILL RESUMES OPERATIONS

CLARK FREEPORT -- A writ of preliminary injunction has been issued by the Regional Trial Court in Capas, Tarlac staying the Clark Development Corp. from taking over the 100-hectare Kalangitan waste facility of the Metro Clark Waste Management Corp. (MCWMC) in the same municipality.

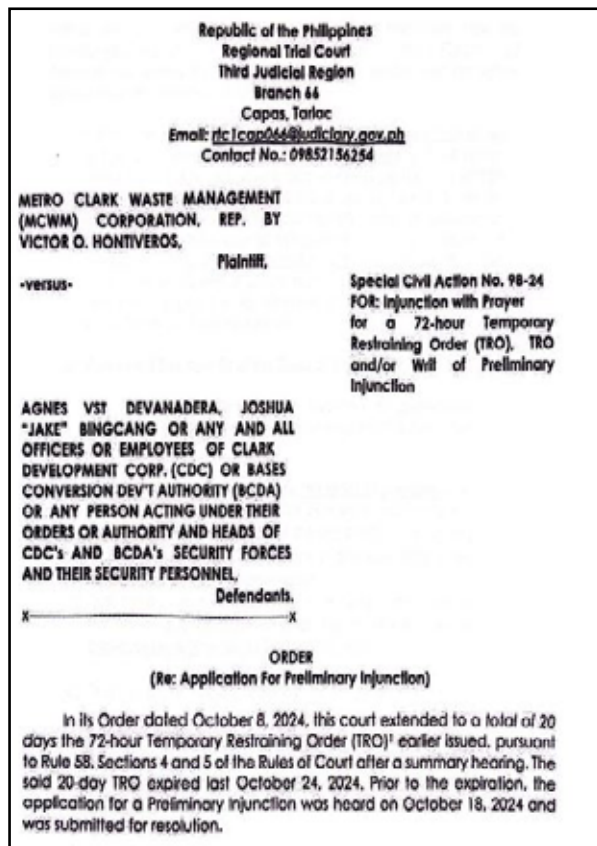
The CDC security department tried to serve a cease and desist order (CDO) to the MCWMC on Oct. 25, a day after the 20-day temporary restraining order (TRO) against the CDC and Bases Conversion and Development Authority lapsed.

This, after the Angeles City Regional Trial Court on Oct. 21 dismissed with

prejudice for lack of merit the case on Reformation of Instrument, Fixing of Period, Specific Performance and Damages filed by MCWMC against CDC and BCDA.

With this latest writ of preliminary injunction effectively stopping CDC and BCDA from taking over the waste facility and hamper-

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Aerial photos of Kalangitan Sanitary Landfill as of October 29, 2024. **CDC PHOTO**

CDC ON LANDFILL ROW

No forcible takeover, actions taken lawful

CLARK FREEPORT— The Clark Development Corp. refutes claims of a forcible takeover of the Kalangitan Sanitary Landfill, asserting its actions were lawful. As part of its regulatory duties, on Oct. 25, CDC merely issued a cease and desist order (CDO) and notified the landfill operator, Metro Clark Waste Management Corp. (MCWMC), to peacefully vacate and return the

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Tollways gear up for Undas

MOTORISTS URGED TO BE EXPRESSWAY-READY

MANILA – To ensure safe and convenient travel during Undas, the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. has reactivated its "Safe Trip Mo, Sagot Ko" (SMSK) motorists assistance program.

With an expected combined surge in traffic volume across its expressways — NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CALAX, and CCLEX — the MPTC Group is ready to assist motorists through its increased personnel deployment, 24/7 traffic condition monitoring and incident response, and enhanced traffic management measures to guide

motorists.

To ensure smooth travel experience of motorists — emergency and medical incident response teams will be deployed strategically within the expressways. MPTC will also offer free towing service for Class 1 vehicles up to the nearest exit from 6 a.m. of Oct. 31 to 6 a.m. of Nov. 4.

Roadworks and lane closures in MPTC expressways will be suspended from Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 — except for emergency safety repairs.

Plan trip ahead, travel on non-peak hours if possible

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MAKULENG PASKU.

A stretch of the Jose Abad Santos Avenue in the City of San Fernando dazzles in a kaleidoscope of colors from traditional Parul Sampernandu lanterns hanging on lamp posts. Albeit late by Filipino Yuletide standards, the country's Christmas capital unveiled this week its annual spectacular showcase culture, creativity, and tradition. **PHOTO: GERALD GLOTON**

AC ranks 5th Most Improved LGUs nationwide for 2024



Mayor Pogi Lazatin with IP constituents. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

ANGELES CITY -- For the third time in a row, the city government under the leadership of Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr. has garnered national recognition for its outstanding governance and commitment to improvement, ranking 5th in the "Most Improved Local Government Units" category for highly urban-

ized cities (HUC).

This after the Department of Trade and Industry released the results for the 2024 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI).

This achievement follows a previous CMCI award in 2019, when the city was recognized as the 2nd Most Improved

HUC, and another in 2022, when it held the 5th spot as well.

"We are honored to be recognized once again in the Top 10 for most improved cities, as this reflects the city government's efforts in improving public services and a progressive community for Angeleños," enthused Lazatin.

The CMCI awarding ceremonies will be held at SMX Clark on Nov. 11.

The CMCI is an annual undertaking honoring the achievements of cities and municipalities in advancing their competitiveness. These awards showcase the unwavering commitment of LGUs to sustainable growth and innovation. **Angeles CIO**



Raslag declares P75-M cash dividends, reinforces strategic expansion plans

ANGELES CITY -- Solar energy producer Raslag Corp. announced a cash dividend payout of P75 million, consistent with last year's distribution and exceeding the 50% cap set by the company's dividend policy.

This steady dividend underscores Raslag's commitment to deliver value to shareholders while advancing with its expansion plans. The company is working towards increasing its renewable energy capacity to at least 1,000 megawatts by 2035.

Shareholders of record as of Oct. 31, 2024, will receive P0.05 per share, with payments scheduled

for Nov. 25. As Raslag continues to attract more investors, the company has also approved the conversion of existing unissued common shares into preferred shares. This strategic move will help fund ongoing expansion projects as the solar company works on several new initiatives in the near future, including a plant in Sta. Rosa set to add 140 MWP, along with two other plants in the pipeline that are expected to contribute 45 MWP and 58 MWP.

"We've been advocating for renewable energy since 2013, reinforcing our mission to light the future with renewables,"

said Raslag president and chief executive officer Robert Nepomuceno. "As we advance solar and renewable energy in the Philippines, our continued expansion plans will further strengthen our commitment to this industry and support local communities."

The recent completion of Raslag's fourth solar project in San Pablo, Magalang, Pampanga, underscores the company's ongoing expansion. It is the company's largest facility to date with a 36.646-megawatt peak capacity.

"We are excited to lead solar energy development in the Philippines with our upcoming expansion

plans," added Nepomuceno. "These initiatives will drive innovation and reinforce our commitment to sustainable growth in the region."

The upcoming solar plant in Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija, is set to be developed by 2026. This initiative underscores the company's strategic commitment to enhancing local employment opportunities and strengthening the broader economy. With the completion of Raslag-4, Raslag's total installed capacity will reach 77.844 megawatts, ensuring substantial long-term value for its shareholders.

Press release

Ebdane urges strategic action for WPS fishers

BY MALOU DUNGOG

IBA, ZAMBALES — Organizing cooperative clusters among fisherfolk and empowering them to develop sustainable fishing methods constitute the main strategies of the Zambales government in response to geopolitical issues in the West Philippines Sea that affect local fishermen.

This was stressed by Gov. Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. in his message at the Provincial Caravan for WPS held on Oct. 22 at the SMX Convention Center in Olongapo City.

The caravan, led by the Department of Interior and Local Government in coordination with local government units and national government agencies concerned with the WPS issue, sought to popularize, validate, enhance, implement, and institutionalize the provincial action plans formulated last year by 10 provinces adjoining the WPS.

In his message, Ebdane urged immediate action on the problems confronting some 27,000 fishermen in Zambales

who consider the WPS their traditional fishing ground.

"Specifically, for Zambales, we always have this problem because whenever it rains for three to four consecutive days, we already have to prepare 'ayuda' for our fishermen," the governor said. "But we cannot do this in perpetuity. So, we have set up funds and begun to think of long-term requirements and programs."

He said that for this purpose, the provincial government is organizing fisherfolk into cooperative clusters for deep-sea fishers, those involved in baklad or payao fishing, and other means of marine livelihood. Each cluster would get funds for them to upgrade their fishing skills and capacity, he added.

Ebdane announced the establishment of the Zambales Maritime Development Council to oversee, supervise, and manage the cooperatives for fisherfolk.

He also bared the initial allocation of P5 million for the purchase of 45 sets of payao gears, and the ongo-

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Gov. Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. outlines strategies for local fishermen affected by geopolitical challenges in the WPS. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

P9.9-M road project boosts local agriculture

TARLAC CITY — The Department of Public Works and Highways has completed a 310-lineal meter road project at Barangay San Isidro in Concepcion, Tarlac.

The P9.9-million infrastructure, located in Sitio Almendras, now provides residents and farmers with a reliable route for transporting harvested products to nearby markets.

DPWH Tarlac 2nd District Engineering District chief Engr. Edward Ricardo Ramos highlighted that the project goes beyond the concrete surface, incorporating essential features aimed at improving agricultural productivity.

"Three 610-millimeter



cross drain pipes were strategically installed to provide local farmers with access to irrigation water, supporting their activities and boosting production," Ramos added.

He also pointed out that the two-lane road now

connects to the agricultural area of Barangay Talimundoc Marimla, enhancing access between the two farming barangays.

Barangay councilor Roger Pamintuan expressed satisfaction

with the completed infrastructure, noting that it has greatly benefited their community. "Malaking tulong sa barangay namin itong nagawang daan na 'to. Unang una, dati

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Chilling confession

I HAVE a death squad. It has seven members. But they are not police officers. They are gangsters. I ordered the gangsters, 'Kill them (criminals) because if you will not, I will kill you.' Why will you sacrifice the policemen?

Lahat itong sa right side ko, dumaan ito ng chief of police, police director, puro commander ng death squad 'yan. Trabaho ng police 'yan. 'Yung isang senador, yang nakaupo dyan, si Senator De la Rosa, death squad din yan.

Ang sinabi ko, ganito: prangkahan tayo. Encourage the criminals to fight; encourage them to draw their guns. 'Yan buhay 'yan. 'Yan ang instruction ko: encourage them lumaban. Pagka lumaban, patayin ninyo para matapos na ang problema ko sa siyudad ko. Nung nag-presidente ako, ganun rin sa command conference diyan sa Mala-cañang. 'Yan ang utos ko.

I have tried to do the best I can to address the problem of illegal drugs firmly and without compromise. That's all I want to leave here before I leave — before I leave this world. For all of its successes and mistakes — it was not a perfect one. There were many mistakes. Maybe there were a lot of crimes.

You know, I just want to leave this to Filipinos. I would never have any chance maybe in the future. But for all the successes and mistakes or whatever, I and I alone take full legal, moral responsibility. That's what I'm leaving to you all.

I have been killing people for a long time, but they have yet to file any case against me.

(Former President Rodrigo Duterte speaking at the Senate inquiry on extra judicial killings during his term, Oct. 28.)

Straight from the horse's mouth

INDUCING, ENCOURAGING and prodding people to kill, directly or indirectly, are not part of the duty of an executive official, whether mayor or president.

You all heard from the horse's mouth that there are indeed death squads.

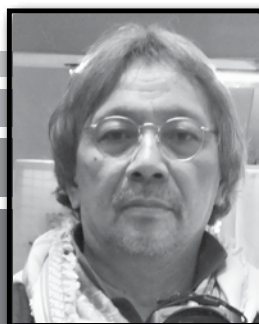
This man, the former mayor of Davao City and the former president of the Republic of the Philippines, for so long has evaded justice and accountability for the thousands of those killed in the name of the so-called war on drugs.

(Former Sen. Leila de Lima just a few seats away from Duterte in the same hearing)

Cage him

THE FORMER president has publicly accepted responsibility for these deaths. If we truly stand by our principles of justice and the rule of law, then Mr. Duterte must be held accountable. He must go to jail for these EJKs.

(House Deputy Majority Leader Jude Acidre in a statement)



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Bong Z. Lacson

NOVEMBER 1 has always held a special place in my heart. For one, there's the prayerful remembrance of the dearly departed, ever-becoming fonder with the passing of the years. Extra specially, it's my father's birthday. And the floodgates of memories of him open.

Moments with my father

I WAS in Grade 2 when I decided to stop schooling altogether to devote the rest of my life, or to the limits of what I perceived as life at the age of 7, to play, play, and play all day.

I was cajoled by my mother, received the rod — actually the carabao whip — from my father to force me back to the classroom but the farthest I went was to the rice fields and the creeks around the Sto. Tomas Central School where my cohorts in the school-sucks-play-is-all juvenile mindset spent all hours of day.

No amount of persuasion from my mother, spanking from my father, and bribery from my doting grandmother made me go to school.

Until one day, what my young mind could only thought was a miracle happened: my father said he had acceded to my "decision" and would allow me to stay out of school permanently.

How heaven opened its very gates to me that day! Lollid for as long as I wanted in bed, actually on the *dase* over the bamboo-slatted *lande*, hardly taking any *pandesal* for breakfast before running off past the school grounds to my gang's hideout nestled among *camachile* and *palapat* trees by a bend of a river called *Lakbangan*.

Swam until *sawa*, swung from the branches of the trees, raced with the *biseros*, dug for *paros-paros*, raided the shrimp traps called *ango*, and took our finds to a nearby *kubo* where an elderly farmer and his wife cooked them along with some *biya* and *tilapia*, that with the abundant *kangkong* and *camias* they whipped into delectable *sinigang*.

More play, swim, run and carabao racing till sunset bade us to go home.

The following morning, darkness was still about when father woke me up. No, he won't ask me to go to school, he said. He handed me threadbare hand-me-downs of shorts and shirt to change to. Then told me to load bamboo poles to the banca by the creek at the back of our house.

Once loaded, he gave me an oar, nearly as tall as myself, to tandem with him in paddling the banca to the farm he tilled some 30 minutes away by muscle power.

At the farm, he told me to unload all the bamboo poles, thereafter shoved a shovel nearly as tall as the paddle to my hands, commanded me to dig foot-deep holes along the *pilapil* that bounded the paddy, and emplace the bamboo poles.

Grueling labor to a grown-up, hell's punishment itself to a 7-year-old. I could barely raise the paddle on our way back home.

Despite the exhaustion, I made it a point to wake up earlier than my father the next day. He had not even gargled when I begged him not to take me to the farm again, promising to go back to school for as long as it took until I finished with a diploma.

And I have kept to my end of the bargain ever since, finishing salutatorian at my elementary grad-

uation, salutatorian again in high school, consistent dean's lister with double full scholarships with the school publication editorship throughout college.

Rather than verbal instructions of do's and don'ts, my father's way of educating me, as well as all his six other children, was by experiential learning. He made us feel what we had to know. And, on hindsight now, we ended up the better for it.

He did not finish grade school, and for that he suffered the harshness of manual labor. Not that he abhorred farm work; producing food to feed his brood, not to mention other people, was his elemental idea of nobility. He just wanted, to the best he could, for as long as he could, to keep his children from the bondage of the soil that he felt he was hemmed in due to his sheer lack of school education.

That learning was his fervent wish for his children manifested the very day I was born. He made the only book available at home — a tattered dictionary long stripped of its hard covers — the pillow he rested my head upon. Maybe, that was the origin of my life-long love of reading. All too certainly though, it damned me to be a *sapad* for life — the back of my head is as flat as a plywood wall. Yeah, the long hair is first a way of concealment, a matter of style only second.

Intellectual arrogance fired up by the affectation of revolutionary zeal in college burned down our communication lines, especially where concerned what I decried as the native docility, the inherent timidity of his class to confront the exploitative land tenancy that damned him — and his family — to abject poverty.

In one highly charged diatribe of a monologue one night, I impressed upon him the magnitude of my activism, the criticality of my writings in the struggle to liberate him and his kind from the slavery of the soil.

He merely listened. Not a word came out of him. I hurried to bed, shaking my head.

It was nearly dawn I reckoned when nature called. On my way to answer, I saw the light over our dining table still on, my father hunched over copies of *The Regina*, our college publication I edited, his hand on the page where my column appeared. He looked at me, and smiled meekly.

How I wept at the realization of my insolence, how I hugged him for his forgiveness.

You make me proud. That was all that he said. How I weep now, in remembrance of this.

How I wish I can still hug him, tell him how he made me proud, how blessed his children are to have him for their father. If only for one last time. *Tatang, dactal pung salamat.*

(Eulogy to my father Cesario Q. Lacson, Nov. 20, 2018. Published in Zona Libre/Punto! 22 Nov. 2018)



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THE HEART LEAPS UP...

The Child is father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural
piety. — William Wordsworth
Paternal love, the purity of a
child's soul so manifest in Gov.
Dennis "Delta" Pineda and AJ, a
kid with Down Syndrome, at the
Capitol this Monday, Oct. 28.
His simple wish to the governor:
"Huwag ko daw isu-suspend
ang classes pag maulan. Sabi
ko naman sa kanya, depende.
Basta ligtas lagi ang mga bata."
Based on the report of the Gov-
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fice, 186 patients were given
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amounting to P3.3 million that
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Opinion

The Public Space

Jun Sula

A day in the life of a tyrant

What a shame!

The Senate, still respected though no longer as revered, allowed a despised, discredited world-class tyrant to use its sacrosanct hall to perform and attempt to beguile, again, a wounded nation with its usual tricks and antics. He was no ordinary backyard weed that once lorded it over the political landscape.

"If Hitler invaded hell, 'Winston Churchill said', I would make a favorable reference to the devil to the House of Commons." Sen. Risa Hontiveros reminded the notorious resource speaker that the Senate does not cover hell and, unlike him, doesn't, look forward to it. You can't blame him for that weird, if authentic, feeling.

Former Senator Leila de Lima may have an idea why the former president felt that way while he was in the Senate. She was ousted by her former colleagues after fabricated drug charges were levelled against her and put her in jail for nearly seven years. Everybody knows who's behind it or has an idea who's the mastermind.

She was just one, no doubt, the most prominent victim, of the tyrant's war on drugs. There were at least 6,000 victims of extrajudicial killing (EJK) or as many as 20,000, if you go by the report of the Supreme Court. Justice has not been served yet to the victims and their relatives. The tyrant has yet to be held accountable which he, alone he confessed, should be made accountable.

As a suspected mass murderer, the former president, strutted the Upper House with hubris, arrogance and contempt, and made a mockery of what should have been a more civilized proceeding with his devil-may-care invectives and put downs.

He also played well to the gallery of rah-rah boys and/or girls who tried to show that he is still the toast, not the roast, of the town. The man, now older and weak, appeared to be in control. Thanks, in no small way to a coterie of sycophants who tried but failed to convince everyone, including the victims of what is known as the crime against humanity, was just a figment of the imagination,

Or as the chief of them all, the senator and former police chief, called it: propaganda.

Except that there were unassailable huge numbers and numbers don't tell lies. Sure, the dead don't tell tales, that's why they were neutralized or reduced to semantics. (Why was the deadly word used, in the first place, when a simpler and the right one should have removed the ambiguity, the human right lawyer Chel Diokno argued.) Wasn't Thomas Becket, Bishop of Canterbury, slaughtered because of the king's wayward semantics?

Of course, monetary incentive, known to be the currency the killings in the war against drugs, was an added factor.

Except that there were women who had more balls than the men, who confronted the evils that the former tyrant and his men did and collectively denied it. Except that there was former Senator De Lima who was jailed for nearly seven years on fabricated charges and has been saying all along who's the evil mind behind it. Except that there was Senator Hontiveros who faced the devil in the flesh and called his bluff.

Despite his admission of culpability, the former president is unrepentant with a new bragging right. If he were to do it all over again, the number will double. After all, his objective was noble: he wants to protect the people and the country. Can there be a better act of patriotism? The gullibility in the gallery resounded. For once, the Senate remembered its house rules. Decorum is as important as remembering history and the need for accountability. They who forget it, Santayana warned, are condemned to have a second serving.

If only the tyrant was the Job of the Bible. "I know that you can do all things and your plans cannot be thwarted," Job spoke to the Lord. "I, therefore, retract my words and repent in dust and ashes." But no apologies nor excuses, the former president defiantly told the Senate, and mind your own business, please. Any excuse will serve a tyrant, Aesop said.

The defiance only encouraged more mockery-- and dumbness. If De Lima had the goods against the former president, she should have filed a case against him while she was the secretary of justice, according to Sen. Jinggoy Estrada. Hear ye, hear ye, De Lima repeated. If the Jesuit priest is championing the cause of hundreds of families victimized by EJK, shouldn't he be filing cases against the perpetrators? What is the police doing, Sen. Koko Pimentel, who could not resist the sarcasm of the moment, asked the Senate "Rock" who had vowed to sink or swim with the man on the dock.

It's the prophecy of the English philosopher
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Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Ika-17 taong anibersaryo ng Punto!

Labing pitong taon na ngayon ang PUNTO sa pagbibigay ng magandang serbisyo isang pahayagan na naging pamoso sa paglalahad ng balitang totoo marketing manager JOANNA CORDERO maaasahan sa lahat ng aspeto

Ang editor naman na si Sir BONG LACSON hinog na sa haba't tagal ng panahon hindi umaatras sa anumang hamon magmula noon at magpahanggang ngayon saklaw ng dyaryo ang buong CENTRAL LUZON sa pagbibigay ng mga impormasyon

Hindi lamang hinggil sa mga usapin na pampulitika ang inihahain ang pangkabuhayan tinatalakay din at ekonomiya nitong bansa natin isang halimbawa ang HOLLISTIC LIVING nitong kolumnistang si RIZA SHANTI LIM

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Mga KOLUMNISTA nitong pahayagan matuwid at pawang may paninindigan binabatikos ang katiwalian at pinupuri ang mga makatwiran ang binabalita ay katotohanan walang pinipili at kinikilingan

PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON ang balitang hatid may mga batayan hindi mga tsismis ang mga tema ay di paulit-ulit kung kaya't marami ang tumatangkilik marami na rin ang AWARD na nakamit dahil dyan naabot na ang seventeen years

Na anibersaryo sa pagkakatatag ng nasabing dyaryo na walang katulad PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON kung baga sa rosas sariwa't ang kulay ay di kumukupas sa tumatangkilik, MARAMING SALAMAT at sa tumulong na ito'y mapaulad



Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Beyond the choices we make

WAS THERE ever a time in your life when you felt vindicated but were not happy at all? That despite having proven yourself right, you realize that there is still so much work to do and that one or two people admitting to their previous blunder is just a drop in the bucket?

That is exactly how I felt when I attended a good friend's birthday celebration last week. One of the guests was a friend from the local LGBTQIA community whom I have not seen or talked to for quite some time. During the 2022 presidential elections, he was one of the most rabid supporters of the so-called Uniteam. He was at the helm in mobilizing local supporters, parroting and defending the long list of disinformation and historical revisionism of the Marcos golden years.

Prior to this encounter and at the height of Typhoon Kristine's onslaught in Bicol, he posted a picture of former Vice President Leni Robredo wading through the flood waters in one of the affected barangays and distributing relief

goods together with some of her Angat Buhay volunteers. Together with this picture was a one-liner post that spoke volumes - "Nagkamali ako, sa hindi pagpili sayo."

He and the other guests were already midway in their drinking session when I arrived at the party. There was nothing unusual about this part when the rest of the younger guests rose from their seats, and showed they respect - "memanyiklod la ngan keng dinatang a matwis!" Being one of the more senior members of the local LGBTQIA community, I have already been accustomed to this gesture over the past several years.

When it was his turn to approach me, I immediately hugged him and in our typical chena-chena banter, I said,

"Congratulations Ms. Myanmar, Miss Grand International Second Runner-up!" In an instant we found ourselves laughing and all those years that we avoided each other due to our contrasting political beliefs vanished.

I was about to leave when he later joined me outside. Together with me were other guests and two of my so-called anak-anakan. He sat beside me and chatted with the rest of the group. No, we were not even talking about politics; we were just having a good time catching up with each other. I could not exactly recall what we were discussing when from out of the blue, I thanked him for his self-realization FB post about FVP Leni Robredo.

In all sincerity and honesty, he simply

said to us, "Aminadu ku, megkamali ku. Pati reng abe mi kanita pati itang teacher a abe mi, aminadu kami na megkamali kami. Bayu pa ing Kristine ayan, ikit ku na megkamali ku."

At that point, I could have just added fuel to the fire. I could have vented my monstrous ire on all those who refused to believe the facts on this good friend who at one point, even smart-shamed many of our friends who were simply giving him the facts for him to verify his unfounded claims. I could have insulted him by asking if he has already received even an iota of the Tallano gold or the Yamashita treasure, or whether he has already enjoyed the P20 per kilo of rice that his 2022 idol has promised them.

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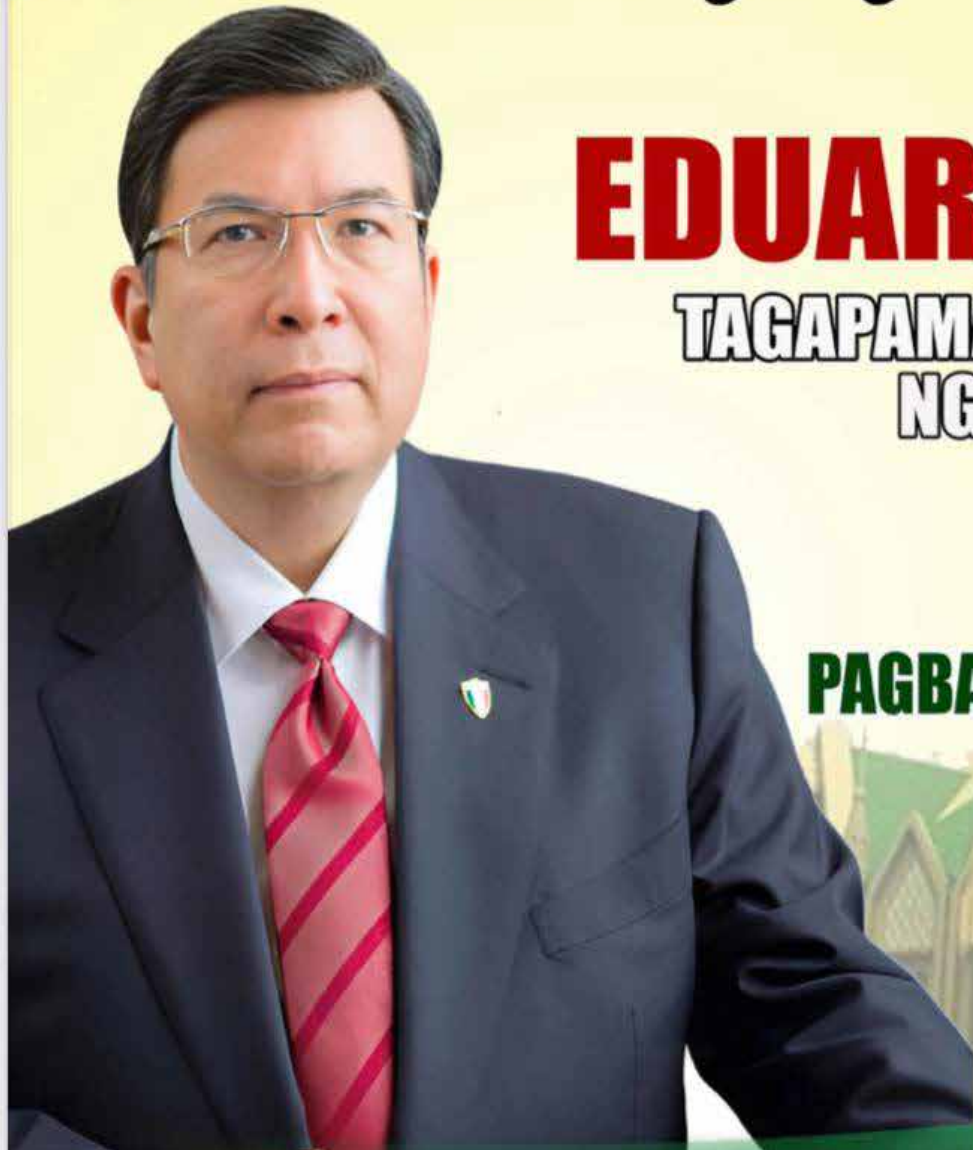
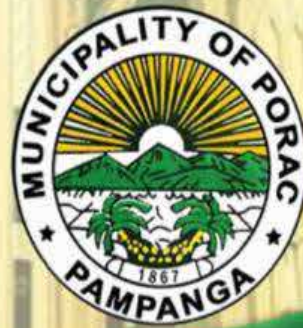
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Job Summary

We are currently seeking an adaptable, successful, and experienced professional to join our team as Accounting Manager and Assistant General Manager. In this role, you will be responsible for effective operations by overseeing all aspects of the business. In order to succeed in this position, you need to be highly driven, have a passion for learning about and engaging with different cultures, and a desire to work for success.

JOB DESCRIPTION: (Brief statement stating the expected outcome of the job).

Cooperating with the general manager, and assisting with anything from project planning to staff management. Nurturing positive working relationships with staff. Delegating daily tasks. Addressing any issues in a timely fashion.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Key Responsibilities:

Production and Operations:

1. Plan, organize, and direct production activities.
2. Ensure timely delivery of high-quality products.
3. Manage production schedules, inventory, and supply chain.
4. Optimize processes, reduce waste, and improve efficiency.
5. Implement lean manufacturing principles.

People Management:

1. Lead and motivate a team of supervisors, engineers, and production staff.
2. Develop and implement training programs.
3. Conduct performance evaluations and provide feedback.
4. Foster a culture of safety, quality, and continuous improvement.

Quality and Safety:

1. Ensure compliance with quality standards, regulations, and policies.
2. Implement and maintain quality control processes.
3. Conduct regular safety audits and risk assessments.
4. Develop and implement corrective actions.

Maintenance and Engineering:

1. Oversee maintenance, repairs, and upgrades of equipment.
2. Manage engineering projects, including design, development, and implementation.
3. Ensure equipment reliability and efficiency.

Supply Chain and Logistics:

1. Manage relationships with suppliers and vendors.
2. Negotiate contracts and prices.
3. Ensure timely delivery of raw materials and components.

Financial and Administrative:

1. Manage budgets, forecasts, and cost control.
2. Analyze production costs, identify areas for improvement.
3. Ensure compliance with company policies, procedures, and regulations.

Other Responsibilities:

1. Ensure environmental sustainability and regulatory compliance.
2. Manage and mitigate risks.
3. Participate in continuous improvement initiatives.
4. Collaborate with other departments (e.g., sales, marketing, R&D).
5. Represent the factory in industry associations and conferences.

Performance Metrics:

1. Production efficiency and throughput.
2. Quality metrics (e.g., defect rate, yield).
3. Safety performance (e.g., incident rate, lost-time accidents).
4. Cost control and budget adherence.
5. Employee engagement and development.

Job Requirements:

- 10 Years Experienced Employee
- Extensive knowledge and application of all kinds of production and financial

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BingoPlus inspires with a new series featuring studio hosts' real-life story

BINGOPLUS, your comprehensive entertainment platform in the country, shared inspiration with a new series, Host Reversal of Life, produced by BingoPlus Studios, through an interview on Plus Talk. On August 30, 2024, BingoPlus Studios uploaded an interview on their social media account featuring BingoPlus' most senior host, Rod, the OG BisDak (Original Bisayang Dako), meaning originally born and raised in

fisherman to becoming one of BingoPlus' top hosts. Rod narrated how life has been difficult at such an early age. He encountered a lot of struggles as young as 12 years old during his elementary days. Due to life's challenges, he sacrificed his studies and work instead to support his family. He has various work experiences, including fishing, factory work, security guard work, and delivery. Eventually, his perseverance



BingoPlus Host Bimby and Carla on Plus Talk uploaded by BingoPlus Studios on Facebook



BingoPlus' Most Senior Host Rod sitting down for an interview on Plus Talk

the province. As he sat down for a one-on-one interview with BingoPlus host Stefi, Rod shared his heartwarming life story from being a

led him to work with BingoPlus, starting from being a card seller on the traditional Bingo Bonanza to being discovered as a live studio host. He said that it was an unfor-

gettable moment as he was able to introduce himself as a host, and everyone cheered for him.

Likewise, another BingoPlus host shared quite an inspiring story as well. Uploaded on August 23, 2024, BP host Bimby, ang Lodi ng BingoPlus, interviewed by BP host Carla on Plus Talk, has a remarkable story to tell.

From being a construction worker to now being a likable host, BP host Bimby expressed it was far from what his life was before. He narrated his struggles in finding a job, starting from being a construction worker. He went through lifting heavy stuff, being in the sun for long periods

of time, and getting bruises from tough work.

Like BP host Rod, Bimby also had multiple work experiences. He said he had to navigate different jobs and he would take any job because he realized that it was all he could have. He mentioned that finding employment for a full day from Quezon City to Makati was the most difficult experience he had. Despite facing many rejections, Bimby persisted.

At the end of his previous job's contract, Bimby experienced one lucky day as he posted on his Facebook account that he was looking for a job. A friend who was working at Bingo Bonanza

commented on his post. His friend was also the reason why he was able to work with BingoPlus.

Ever since, life has been a blast for Bimby. From nothing to being able to build a house for him and his family. He was able to travel to places he has never been and eat in restaurants that he was only looking at before

"Walang imposible basta't samahan mo lang ng sipag at tiyaga," he continued. Hoping to inspire others, he reminded them to continue persevering no matter what challenges you may face in life. One day, the results of one's hard work will pay off.

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RTC grants...

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ing its operations, MCWMC is expected to resume its operations on Oct. 30.

A long line of trucks carrying waste from some 150 local government units all over Central and Northern Luzon and some hospitals in Metro Manila had remained in front of the facility since Oct. 25 when the MCWMC temporarily stopped its operations.

The LGUs as far as Bulacan and private haulers had opted to wait for the MCWMC to reopen its doors, citing the high cost of taking their waste in the proposed alternatives sites of CDC and BCDA in Pampanga.

The five-page writ of preliminary injunction dated Oct. 29, 2024 penned by Presiding Judge Ronald Leo T. Haban of Capas RTC Branch 66 said: "It was established through the manifestations and testimonies of the parties that they are in 'agreement' (expressly and/or impliedly) that there can be no force, violence, threat, coercion,

or intimidation but only legal means in imposing one's will toward the other."

"Yet, after the expiration of the Temporary Restraining Order herein, Plaintiffs submitted evidence attached to their Manifestation & Submission With Urgent Motion To Resolve, tending to show the aforementioned circumstance/s. The same cannot be condoned by the court," noted the order.

Declaring: "Ours is still a court of law and not of men. In simple terms, the rule of law holds that laws (and not men) rule. This entails that no one is above the law and that the laws are intended to serve the public good rather than private interests."

In issuing the writ of preliminary injunction, the writ further ordered: "Defendants Agnes VST Devanadera, Joshua "Jake" Bingcang, or any and all officers of defendant CDC and BCDA or any person acting under their orders or authority

and Heads of CDC's and BCDA's security forces and their security personnel are enjoined from using force, violence, coercion, threat and/or intimidation in demanding to vacate/actually evicting."

MCWMC statement

"We welcome this court action concerning our judicial recourse. For the past 25 years, our company have been painstakingly strived to deliver in earnest all our contractual obligations to the government and maintained extra ordinary services, not to mention additional capital investments in order for us to provide efficiency to hundreds of local government units including industrial and commercial clientele both in Central and Northern Luzon regions.

"We did not violate any environmental laws governing waste disposal nor have been re missed in our financial and service obligations to Clark Development Corp. for the past

two decades.

"In spite of all these, we are being forced to cease our operational service and even vacate our leased facilities. We were left with no other options but to seek judicial intervention concerning our plight.

"We would like to re assure our valued clients including our stakeholders that we will continue to seek all available legal avenues as our faith in our country's judicial system remains constant and We will immediately resume operations or as soon as we have put in place our operational systems for us to be able to once again efficiently serve our loyal customers and clientele."

The MCWMC waste facility in Capas, Tarlac, is the only engineered sanitary landfill that has a daily capacity of 4,000 tons to 5,000 tons. It is serving some 150 local government units in Central and Northern Luzon, including hospitals in Metro Manila.

Punto News Team

No forcible takeover...

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property to the government. However, MCWMC refused to accept these documents.

Moreover, MCWMC's 25-year Build-Operate-Transfer Contract for Services and the Authority to Operate expired on Oct. 6, 2024. The CDC's CDO specifically ordered MCWMC to cease all operations at the landfill and to process its clearance for

obtaining a Bring-Out Permit for its movable properties.

This regulatory move aligns with CDC's mandate to regulate enterprises within the Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zones, as provided under RA 7227 (Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992), as amended, Executive Order No. 80, series of 1993, in relation to Presidential Decree No. 66, and

other applicable laws and issuances.

It can be recalled that on Oct. 21, the Angeles City Regional Trial Court dismissed with prejudice a case filed by MCWMC against the CDC and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority. The case, which sought reformation of instrument, fixing of period, specific performance, and damages, was found to lack

merit.

Furthermore, the CDC complied with a 20-day temporary restraining order (TRO) issued by the Capas Regional Trial Court, which expired on Oct. 24, 2024.

The CDC maintains that its actions were lawful and urges all stakeholders to rely on verified information, avoiding the spread of unfounded allegations.

CDC-PR

BingoPlus...

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When asked about their message to BingoPlus, their home that helped them achieve their dreams, BP host Rod said, "Very thankful talaga ako na dumating sa punto na ganito na narating natin. Di ko lubos maisip na nakapag-invest na ako kahit papaano. Thank you so much, BingoPlus."

Furthermore, the series

will continue to feature BingoPlus Studio hosts' inspiring life stories. In the next episode, the interview for BP host Bam is one to look forward to. The episode will be about dealing with players and viewers' criticism. Also, her promotion from being a studio host to supervisor and how her life changed with BingoPlus.

Ad Lib

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No, I refused to do all that; I chose to take the higher moral ground. I simply told him that it was not too late as we are now faced with the mid-term elections this 2025. I also reminded him that for someone I consider to be smart, he should never be gullible to anyone who feeds him with distorted versions of the truth. I even told him not to believe everything I say but to take some time to read and research so he can discover the truth for himself.

Ebdane urges

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ing talks with the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy for short training courses on modern fishing, with the long-term view of acquiring a ship for local commercial fishing operations.

In the future, the governor added, his administration will need to create the Zambales Development Corp. to further support fishermen, farmers, mango growers, and small businessmen in boosting livelihood.

"While considering tactical approaches, we must think forward to the operational and strategic

I hope the time comes when people who made the wrong choices finally grow a spine and admit, even to themselves only, that they were wrong and that they are willing to rectify whatever mistake they have committed in the past. There is still hope for this kind of people.

As for those who continue to manufacture, believe and peddle lies to defend their cult leaders despite the overwhelming evidence of greed, corruption and incompetence, they are a step away from being a lost cause!

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Tollways...

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Motorists are encouraged to plan their trips and may use the MPT DriveHub app which provides traffic updates, toll fee calculator, reloading facility for RFID accounts, and emergency roadside assistance.

Since high traffic volume is anticipated in its major expressways like NLEX, the public is advised of heavy northbound traffic on Oct. 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 1 from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. For Manila-bound travelers, expect high traffic volume on Nov. 2, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Nov. 3, 2 p.m. to Nov. 4, 8 a.m.

As part of the MVP Group's commitment to further provide comfort to motorists during the busy Undas period, Maynilad will provide bottles of drinking water to be distributed to travelers at the SMSK motorist camps, ensuring they stay hydrated throughout their journey.

Meanwhile, mWell — Philippines' first fully integrated health and wellness mega app — will set up booths in rest and refuel areas along the expressways, offering health consultations to motorists in need of medical advice or assistance during their travel.

Smart will also pro-

vide free internet access and charging stations in selected areas for motorists to stay connected and keep their devices powered up while on the road.

Be expressway-ready In addition to being physically and mentally prepared, ensuring your vehicle is in good condition, and observing road safety practices — a working RFID sticker will make your journey smoother.

With the busy holiday season ahead, MPTC encourages the motoring public to have their old RFID stickers replaced at the nearest Easytrip station or Customer Service Centers to avoid inconvenience while on the road.

"We encourage motorists to be expressway-ready by ensuring that they have sufficient load in their RFID accounts for a hassle-free journey. Let's drive responsibly so we can all arrive at our destinations safely, and spend more time with our loved ones," said MPTC president and CEO Rogelio L. Singson.

For regular updates and road safety tips, check out MPTC expressways' official Facebook accounts @NLEXexpressways, @OfficialCALAX, and @CCLEXexpressway; along with its 24/7 hotline at 1-35000. **NLEX CorpCom**

The Public Space

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John Stuart Mills fulfilled time and time again. In a representative government, Mills wrote, there's always the risk of electing people with low intelligence. Or to quote Murphy, if something can go wrong, it will.

After the Senate burlesque, the king was further found with no clothes. Two things remain possible. With a new mea culpa, cases for EJKS in the local court may move faster and grow in number. No less than the

chairs of the Inquisition group in the House of Representatives known as QUADCOM have become more bullish. So have the lawyers for EJK victims in the International Criminal Court. The fish was caught in the mouth and the world witnessed. Of course, there is an unspoken Faustian deal between the powers-that-be and the powers-that-used-to-be stands in the way. For now.

The future remains dicey for the erstwhile tyrants and his cohorts.

P9.9-M road project...

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itong lubak-lubak, ngayon sementado na. Sobrang ganda, malaking tulong ito sa mga dumadaan lalo na sa mga ka-baryo namin na bumumunta sa kabilang baryo dahil mabilis na ang biyahe, hindi kagaya noon na mabagal."

The project also features stone masonry with wheel guards on both sides, which serve as side slope pro-

tection to safeguard the road against scouring and erosion, ensuring long-term stability and minimizing potential damage risks.

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FERNANDO MANALOTO** who died on June 12, 2021 at St. Raphael Foundation and Medical Center, Dau, Mabalacat City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 20-A of the subd., plan Psd-03-168698, being a portion of Lot 20, Blk. 5, (LRC) Psd-31541, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Twenty (120) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 162478 Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Katrina Sanedel C. Silanga, as per Doc No. 731, Page No. 79, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 14, 21 & 28, 2024

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY: MPOX



MPOX



Ito ay isang nakakahawang sakit na dulot ng *Monkeypox virus* na may sintomas na kahalintulad sa *smallpox*.

MGA SINTOMAS NG MPOX*

- Rash o pantal na may paltos o blisters na nagtatagal ng 2-4 linggo
- Lagnat
- Pananakit ng ulo, ialamunan, kalamnan, at likod
- Pamamaga ng kulani
- Panghihina

PAANO NAHAHAWA SA MPOX?

- *Direct skin-to-skin contact*
- Pagdikit sa *rash*, butlig, paltos, at likido mula sa balat ng may Mpx
- Kiskisan ng balat sa pakikipag siksikan, pakikipagtalik, pagmamasaha, pakikipaghalikan, at pakikipag yakapan
- Pagtalsik at pagdapo ng mga likido tulad ng laway, sipon, at plema mula sa pagbahing, pagubo, at pagsasalita ng may sakit
- *Contact* sa mga tela o kagamitan na kontaminado ng mga likidong ito

TANDAAN!


Ang mga may sakit ay nakakahawa simula sa araw ng unang sintomas hanggang kusang matanggal o mahulog ang lahat ng langib (*scab*) ng mga rash.

Ano ang dapat gawin kung sa tingin ko ay meron akong **MPOX**?

SITWASYON

A

- Nagkaroon ng skin-to-skin contact sa huling 30 araw
- Nag-travel sa ibang bansa
- Wala akong anumang sintomas*



Iwasan na muna ang pakikisalamuha sa iba at obserbahan ang kalagayan ng kalusugan.

B


- Walang anumang skin-to-skin contact sa huling 30 araw
- Walang travel history
- Mayroon akong nararamdamang sintomas*



Magpakonsulta sa health care provider or sa dermatologist. Maaring tumawag sa 1555.

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- Nagkaroon ng skin-to-skin contact sa huling 30 araw
- Nag-travel sa ibang bansa
- Mayroon akong nararamdamang sintomas*



Agad na i-isolate ang sarili upang hindi na makahawa sa iba at kumontak ng testing site upang malaman ang status ng kalusugan.