

EXAMPLE 1 EXAMPLE TREATMENT Capitol opens dialysis center in Guagua, four more coming



DOTr chief wants faster completion of Manila-Bulacan NSCR segment

MANILA – Transportation Secretary Vince Dizon has ordered the fast-tracking of the Metro Manila– Bulacan portion of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR). During an inspection of the NSCR project site, Dizon said the rail line would be a big boon to commuters as it would reduce travel time from Metro PAGE 11 PLEASE

> Architect's rendition of the NMIA in Bulakan, Bulacan. PHOTO: SMC

G UAGUA, Pampanga – The Pampanga Provincial Dialysis Center 1 has officially opened its doors to provide free dialysis treatment to indigent patients in the 2nd District of Pampanga, following its inauguration and blessing ceremony held on April 11.

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NMIA terminal building construction to start 2026

FULL AIRPORT OPERATIONS EYED IN 2028

BULAKAN, BULA-CAN – With about 80% of land development, particularly land piling along the Manila Bay shoreline, already completed, construction of the terminal building for the New Manila International Airport (NMIA) here is expected to begin in 2026.

Thus, announced the Department of Transportation during an inspection and project briefing conducted by the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC), led by the National Economic Development Authority. According to Engr.

Abelardo Sore Jr., DOTr project manager for NMIA, the terminal building will rise on a 2,500-hectare site, designed by San Miguel Aero City Inc. (SMAI) to include five wings and 240 boarding gates.

Once completed, the airport will be capable of handling between 35 million to 100 million passengers annually, positioning it as one of Southeast Asia's largest air transport hubs.

Behind the terminal, PAGE 10 PLEASE

ready for Holy Week

'Biyaheng Arangkada'

MANILA -- Metro Pacific Tollways Corp., concessionaire of NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), and Cebu-Cordova Expressway (CCLEX) is rolling out its robust "Biyaheng Arang-

kada Semana Santa" motorist assistance program from April 16-21.

For CAVITEX, MPTC is implementing the program in partnership with its joint venture partner Philippine Reclamation Authority through PEA Tollway Corp. PAGE 11 PLEASE



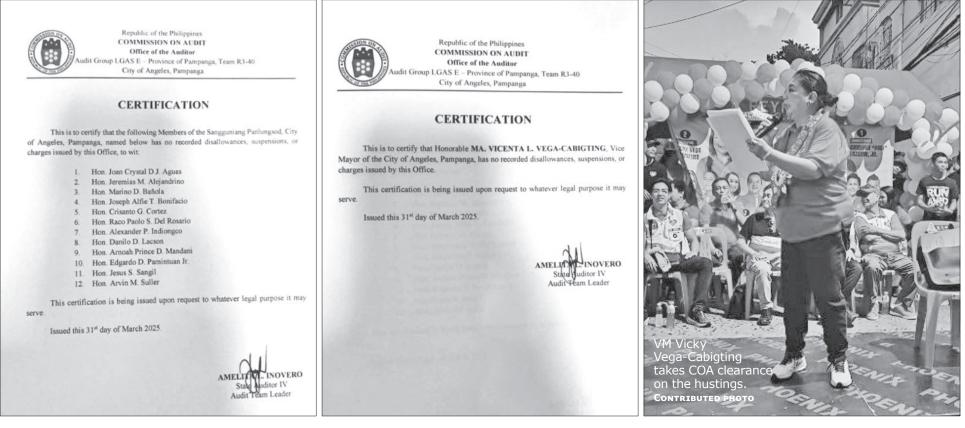
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ANO ANG PLANO NI CONG. POGI PARA SA KABATAAN?

 Maghahain ng panukala para mag-talaga ng Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Council na bubuo ng national medium-term plan para aksyunan ang mga cultural, socio-economic, health, at institutional factors na nakakaapekto sa paglaganap ng teenage pregnancy.

 Maghahain ng panukala na nagdedeklara sa mga oras na 10:00 P.M. hanggang 5:00 A.M. bilang 'Unsafe Hours' kung saan bawal sa mga kabataan ang gumala sa labas -- halintulad sa mga 'Curfew Hours' na ipinapatupad na ng iba't ibang LGU sa bansa. Layunin natin sa House Bill na ito na gawing uniform ang pagpapatupad ng mga nasabing curfew at bigyang-diin ang responsibilidad ng mga magulang o guardians na siguraduhing manatili sa tahanan ang mga kabataan sa oras ng 'Unsafe Hours'. NUMERO SA BALOTA





COA clears AC vice mayor, councilors

ANGELES CITY – The Commission on Audit here has officially cleared Vice Mayor Ma. Vicenta L. Vega-Cabigting and 12 city councilors of any liability in the 2023 audit observation involving job order (JO) workers arising from a case brought before the Office of the Ombudsman by Pyra Lucas of the United Pilipino Against Crime and Corruption (UPACC).

The COA's certification, dated March 31, 2025 and signed by audit team leader Amelita Inovero, confirmed that the audit issue had been "closed and exited," with no disallowances, suspensions, or charges recorded against any of the respondents.

"Finally, the Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) for CY 2023 has already been closed and exited. The COA Auditor, having been satisfied that respondents have already sufficiently complied with the recommendations therein, she then certified that respondents 'have no recorded disallowances, suspension or charges' as stated in its CERTIFICATION dated March 31, 2025, attached as ANNEX '1' hereof," the officials stated in their joint counter-affidavits.

The 12 councilors cleared in the same audit issue are: Crystal Dj Aguas, Crisanto G. Cortez, Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio, Marino D. Banola, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Edgardo D. Pamintuan Jr., Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Arvin M. Suller, Alexander P. Indiongco, Jeremias M. Alejandrino, and Arnoah Prince D. Mandani.

'Without merit'

Vega-Cabigting and the 12 councilors filed joint counter-affidavits opposing the motion for their preventive suspension.

They maintained that the complaint was "without merit, legally defective, and based on misinterpretation of the audit findings." The officials ques-

tioned the legal standing of Lucas, asserting she had no proper authority to represent UPACC in filing the complaint.

"No Board Resolution cited in a form of a Secretary's Certificate has been shown as being passed and approved by the UNITED PILIPINO Against CRIME Inc., the actual complainant herein, that authorized Pyra Lucas to sign, file, and represent the corporation in this complaint," the counter-affidavit read.

Vega-Cabigting, in her separate filing, emphasized that the absence of proper authorization rendered the complaint "filed not under oath," thus violating Ombudsman rules requiring verified complaints.

"This lack of authorization to initiate, sign, and file the initiatory complaint renders the complaint as being 'filed not under oath,' which violates the rule of the Honorable Office of the Ombudsman that complaint must be under oath and accompanied by a Verification upon its filing," her affidavit stated.

"Further, to allow the continuation of this complaint filed in the name of a corporation which did not authorize Pyra Lucas to represent it and sign thereon is to countenance the commission of a criminal act of Perjury as the very means that set into motion the processing and the giving of due course of this complaint," it added.

No basis for claims

The complaint centered on the COA's AOM that noted the non-appearance of 171 JO workers during verification. Lucas allegedly assumed the JOs were ghost employees and that their wages had been malversed. However, the counter-af-

fidavits clarified:

"Complainant has based its complaint on the COA's 'Audit Observation Memorandum CY 2023' which cited the non-appearance before the Audit Team of about 171 'Job Order' (JO for short) hired workers in the office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod when called upon for personal verification.

"Complainant then presumes wrongly, because the Audit Observation Memorandum did not conclude such, that the 171 names were fictitious and that their compensation were malversed by respondents."

The officials added that the JOs were actively deployed in the field performing legitimate, community-based work related **PAGE 11 PLEASE**



Delta aids agri sector with P1.063-B

PROVIDES PROTECTION VS. EL NIÑO, OIL SPILL

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Ensuring food security for Pampanga residents, Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda distributed ₱1.063-billion worth of agricultural assistance and infrastructure to food producers in the province from 2022 to 2024, reports from the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist showed.

In the rice program, the provincial

a total of 73,474 bags of organic fertilizers amounting to ₱25.716 million.

In 2024, 1,000 packs of soil conditioner or ameliorants were distributed to 1,000 farmers, costing ₱1 million. Micro nutrients were distributed in 2023 (3,950 packs worth ₱1,525,000) and in 2024 (5,175 packs worth ₱2,000,000), benefiting a total of 9,125 farmers with an overall allo-

government number to 7,0+0 iumert

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Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda at the signing of MOA with PhilMech and DA for the P360-million Pampanga Food Security Complex. **FILE PHOTO**

NE police maintains nonpartisan stand

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY -- The Nueva Ecija Police Provincial Office, under the leadership of Col. Ferdinand D. Germino, on Wednesday reaffirmed its commitment to "upholding non-partisanship and political neutrality" in the May elections.

"We believe our service is designed to protect and serve all citizens, regardless of their political beliefs or affiliations. Instead of dividing, we demonstrated our commitment to unity by bringing together candidates, supporters, and voters through our recently conducted Unity Walk, Inter-Faith Rally, and Peace Covenant Signing," Germino said in a statement.

A full-blooded Novo Ecijano, Germino said they will remain steadfast with NEP-PO's commitment that strictly follows its mandate and the guidelines set by the Commission on Elections, "ensuring our actions remain unbiased while promoting peace, order, and efficient public service for every Novo Ecijanos."

"In our commitment to fairness for the national and local elections, our supportive stakeholders—including the AFP, Comelec, DepEd, BFP, Namfrel (National Movement for Free Elections), various religious and media groups—continue to uphold their dedication to ensuring a transparent election process," he province's top cop said. Germino noted that "As the national and local elections approach, NEPPO remains vigilant and ready to respond to any eventualities that may occur. We are fully committed to ensuring our communities remain safe and peaceful throughout the election period."

"With the steadfast support of our partners and community leaders, we unite in protecting the people's voice and upholding the true values of democracy and public service," he said.



BingoPlus welcomes Miss Universe 2024 Victoria Kjær Theilvig to an exclusive office tour

BINGOPLUS, the country's most comprehensive digital entertainment platform, welcomed and toured Miss Universe 2024 Victoria Kjær Theilvig at its headquarters.

On March 26, 2025, the beauty queen was granted an exclusive office tour at DigiPlus' (BingoPlus gaming provider) workplace in Taguig City.

The BingoPlus team accompanied her and took her around the company's various departments, where she met and interacted with their employees.

The staff gushed over Miss Universe 2024, as most of them are fans of the said pageant. They seized the chance to take pictures with Theilvig, and she was happy to do so.

At the end of the tour, an exclusive interview took place with Theilvig. The BingoPlus host congratulated her for being the first-ever Miss Universe from Denmark. She received a bouquet of flowers, handed by Mr. Jasper Vicencio, the president of BingoPlus.

During the interview, she shared her advocacies and hoped to work with The BingoPlus Foundation to fulfill them. Theilvig then expressed her thoughts about the warmth and passion that Filipino fans exude.

Furthermore, she thanked BingoPlus for being a major sponsor of the Miss Universe organization. She also acknowledged the impact of the brand's support on her mission as the reigning Miss Universe.

"Always dream big, because in the end everything is achievable. So, we should work hard enough for it, and also compared to what we just talked about, working together, everything is possible." Theilvig said.

Thus, BingoPlus remains steadfast in solidarity with the Miss Universe organization. Working together to achieve more dreams of women who aspire to make an impact in the world through beauty, compassion, and courage.



Miss Universe 2024 Victoria Kjær Theilvig touring at the BingoPlus' headquarters.



BingoPlus President Mr. Rafael Vicencio, along with Miss Universe 2024 Victoria Kjær Theilvig.







To the Point



Christ has died

NEAR THE cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19: 25-30

Christ is risen

ON THE first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." Then they remembered his words. Luke 24: 1-8

Christ will come again

AND THERE will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21: 25-28



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ZONA LIDIG Bong Z. Lacson

The end of suffering

OF ALL books to finish reading at the start of the Holy Week, mine had to be The Hedonism Handbook by one Michael Flocker, best known for his bestseller The Metrosexual Guide to Style.

Hedonism makes a moralist's worst nightmare. Take the standard dictionary definition of the word: "pursuit of or devotion to pleasure, especially to the pleasures of the senses."

As a philosophy, hedonism is "the ethical doctrine holding that only what is pleasant or has pleasant consequences is intrinsically good."

In psychology, it is "the doctrine holding that behavior is motivated by the desire for pleasure and the avoidance of pain."

"Pleasure is the beginning and the end of living happily." So said the Greek philosopher Epicurus, which may have formed the basis for his eponymous philosophy of "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you die." Which, rightly or wrongly – all the latter never the former the moralists would howl - evolved as the hedonist's article of faith.

So, a hedonist is one who seeks pleasure and avoids pain at all cost. Ain't all humans that way?

Asks Flocker: "But are the pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain really such bad things? Don't babies, universally considered to be the purest of all beings, gravitate to the warmth and satisfaction of the bosom? Don't they wail at the discomfort of a full diaper and an itchy bunghole? Of course they do. They haven't been programmed to discipline themselves into a ridiculous, unnatural and miserable state of Spartan self-denial."

Postulates Flocker: 'Pleasure is good. Eden was fun. Excess may be bad, but self-deprivation is just stupid. To live a life consisting only of hard work, virtue, sacrifice and self-discipline is to be a martyr, and martyrs make lousy lovers, friends and party guests. Of course, any good thing taken to the extreme inevitably turns bad, but when the true principles of hedonism are employed on a daily basis, the result is a happy person. Granted that happy person will undoubtedly piss off the

martyr next door ... "

Smug in my happy hedonistic thoughts, the call to martyrdom beckoned in the Passion Sunday sermon of my new parish priest in St. Jude Village, the Rev. Fr. Raul de los Santos, better known as Padre Bayong.

pinion

Suffering ennobles the man. On that basic Christian principle, the padre premised the definitive way of observing the Holy Week.

Ang paghihirap ay hindi tinatakasan. Suffering is not to be shunned. It is human nature to avoid pain. Even Christ in Gethsemane asked his Father "to let the cup pass." It is precisely pain that provides the crucible that cleanses the human character. So, we should indeed welcome suffering into our lives?

Ang paghihirap ay hindi ipinapasa. Suffering is not passed on to others. It is accepted, as Christ indeed accepted His cup thus, "Thy will be done." A happy acceptance of suffering is a most Christian virtue.

Ang paghihirap ay iniaalay. Suffering is an offering. To the Almighty, in remorse, in penance for human failings; in prayerful thanksgiving for grace and blessings, in praise for His love of humankind. Suffering is an act of consecration of oneself to Christ, mayhaps, even of oneness in Him in his very salvific act.

No room for complaints, even if only during the Holy Week, the good Fr. Raul enjoined his parishioners.

I wonder how many of us in that congregation could ever live up to that sermon. Even if only in this Holy Week.

So, it is Christ this time of the year, and Epicurus at all other times. Bipolarization makes the best of both worlds. And they say bipolars are nuts!

Shame. (Punto, March 31, 2010)



SALAMAT SA Diyos at inalis na ang parusang kamatayan sa ating batas sa Pilipinas. Totoo naman kasi na madalas magamit ang batas laban sa mga taong wala namang kasalanan pero gusto lang gipitin ng mga nasa kapangyarihan. At hindi totoo na epektibo ito bilang paraan ng pagsupil sa kriminalidad sa lipunan. Mas delikado sa lipunan kapag ang mismong mga alagad ng batas ang nagiging instrumento ng kriminalidad, lalo na kapag lumakas ang loob nila na abusuhin ang kapangyarihan, kapag sa tingin nila ay hindi sila mapapanagot ng batas, kapag para sa kanila sila na mismo ang batas o hawak nila ang batas.

Sa kasaysayan ng ating bansa, noong mayroon pang death penalty sa atin, iba't iba ang paraan ng pagbitay na ginamit ng gobyerno. Noong panahon ng gobyernong kolonyal ng Espanya, garrote ang paraan ng pagbitay, katulad ng ginawa sa tatlong paring sina Padre Gomez, Burgos, at Zamora, o firing squad naman tulad ng ginawa sa ating bayaning si Jose Rizal. Noong panahon ng mga Amerikano pagbibigti naman ang paraan ng pagbitay o pagparusang kamatayan. At inabot ko pa noong bata pa ako ang silya elektrika noong martial law, at ang lethal injection noong pagkatapos ng martial law. Natigil nga ito noong 2006, pero nauso naman ang EJK pagkatapos—mga iligal na paraan ng pagbitay pero tahimik na sinang-ayunan ng maraming Pilipino dahil sa paniwala nilang mabisang paraan ito ng pagsupil sa kriminalidad.

May narinig ako noon na mga kuwento ng mga paring chaplain na umalalay sa mga binibitay sa Bilibid. Ang iba daw, dahil sa tindi ng kaba at takot sa nalalapit nilang kamatayan, dinadala pa lang sa lugar kung saan bibitayin, nagwawala na sila at nagsisisigaw, ang iba'y nagsusuka, may naiihi sa pantalon, at merong nababaliw.

Ano ang nakikita nating kakaiba sa kuwento ni San Lukas tungkol sa pagharap ni Hesus sa parusang kamatayan sa krus? Una, kalmado siya; panatag ang loob na humarap sa mga umuusig sa kanya. Pangalawa, nanindigan siya na walang katotohanan ang mga paratang laban sa kanya. Pangatlo, pinigilan niya ang paggamit ng dahas, at pinagaling pa niya ang nasugatan na kampon ng mga umuusig sa kanya. Pang-apat, nagpatawad siya; hindi nagbitiw ng mga banta ng paghihiganti. (Itinuring niya sila bilang hibang o nawawala sa sarili.). At panglima, hanggang sa huling sandali nagbibigay pa rin siya ng pag-asa—katulad ng ginawa niya sa tulisan na katabi niyang nabitay sa kalbaryo.

Pero hindi rin totoong hindi siya natakot. Tao rin siya. Subalit hinarap niya ang takot niya sa gitna ng pananalangin niya sa hardin ng Gethsemani, hanggang sa napalitan ito ng kapanatagan ng loob.

Kapanatagan sa pagharap sa pagsubok—ito ang sinisimbolo ng palaspas na minana lang natin sa bayang Israel mula sa karanasang pinagdaanan nila sa disyerto. Kaya pala naging simbolo din ito ng ating mga bayani at martir sa simbahan. Ginawang tanda

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Imee's argument

In the last three Senate hearings, the President's senator- sister, Imee, has repeatedly argued her point: the former president has been planned all along by his predecessor to be surrendered to the International Criminal Court.

Countless facts and legal opinions by expert and pundits, objective or not, have confirmed this. The senator-sister wouldn't relent like Don Quijote against the strong windmills. She wanted more: who was the invisible hand who was hiding in plain sight; she asked, begging or bullying for more detail.

The devil or her brother, however, was on the detail and was hiding behind executive privilege ,or his men who were send to the lioness' den to test her wit or patience. Sorry, the privilege is its own reason. Next question, -please?

It has been said by the American author Eudora Welty that a plot is a thousand times more unsettling than the argument, which can be answered. Truly, truly you can say that, the President's loyal choir echoed in unison, but our tongues are tied. Thanks to the Supreme Court but no thanks, In another time, another Filipino legislator bragged "what are we in power for".

So far, nothing has changed or moved. The former president is still in custody, as suspect not as accused, thank you, he's doing well while waiting for the day of reckoning which is six month from now. In fact, one resource person opined objectively that he is in a much better place than in any prison facility from his homeland or home city from where a notorious death squad reportedly sprung.

The senator-sister hasn't moved a needle either in her dismal position outside the Magic 12 in the senatorial race. The DDS supporters appear not swayed or moved by her painstaking argument that their idol was kidnapped on the way to T he Hague. Not even the suspect's common law wife can help but mock the Senate's all=bleeding heart show. The Senate President has also chastised the senator to refrain from using the chamber of wise men for political gain. He is still muscling around to show who's the boss, even freeing a special envoy who was earlier ordered jailed for contempt. He must have his back covered by someone more powerful. He must still finish an equally important assignment before his term will conceivably end.

So the vigil for the nation continues even as it observes a holy or pious time. Once upon a time, a righteous man was surrendered with a kiss by a betrayer that eventually brought Him to a historic trial. The mournful season might resonate with political comparison to some people, especially those who believed that he, the former president, was betrayed with all cameras, from cellphones and others, rolling. Attention , Exhibit A, ICC judges. A good snapshot, Welty wrote, keeps the moments from running away.

The plot thickens as anxiety mounts . Counsels for the thousands of victims of extrajudicial killings – from 6,000 officially to 30,000 unofficially lives allegedly lost in the war on drugs==foresee a long agonistes from 8 years to . even 30 years. Optimists believes the former president may need an effective cure for aging after he had reached 80. At The Hague, both pro and anti groups have displayed their contrasting values before the whole world. Who will the ICC affirm? Who's the fairest of them all?

All the foreign defense team at the ICC of the former president has proposed certain restrictions on the participation of the so-called victims in the trial now dubbed as the trial of the century. It's also a first for any Asian leader. The defense team wants a stringent ID system for the victims. Lawyers for the EJK victims called this out as double injustice to and gross ignorance on who the victims are—poorest of the poor in a country where passport is a luxury for the down and out.

Ironically, even the former president's daughter, the current vice president, saw something positive in the alleged "kidnapping" of her father on the way to The Hague. It was blessing in disguise of some sort. Now the father and daughter are on a new bonding level, forgiving each other.

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Rey Yumang



WHAT HAPPENS when the convergence of modernization, technological advancement and urban



Init ng ulo ay iwasan, upang sakuna ay maiwasan

I.

Ang lahat ng AKSIDENTENG sa lansangan nagaganap kadalasan ay dahil sa ang driver ay WALANG INGAT ang iba kung MAGPATAKBO ay talaga namang paspas hindi marunong MAG-MINOR kahit kalye'y lubak-lubak mayron namang mga tsuper na saksakan ng AANGAS RIDERS man yan o DRIVER ng taxi't naglalakihang trak II.

Sa mga driver ng BUS ay marami ang KASKASERO tila walang kamatayan kung sila ay MAGPATAKBO at ang ilan sa kanila ay napakabarumbado parang HARI ng KALSADA kapag sila'y nagmaneho pag huminto naman upang magsakay ng PASAHERO ayaw rumampa at nasa GITNA ng kalsada mismo III.

Mayroon ding mga riders na saksakan ng KUKULIT sa pagitan ng sasakyan ay lagi ng SUMISINGIT kahit na ALANGANIN na pilit pa ring sumisiksik waring hindi alintana ang nakambang PANGANIB ugali pa ng iilan ang UMOVERTAKE sa gilid kung kaya't ang nangyayari mayrong mga SUMASABIT IV.

Ang sobrang init ng ulo ang laging PINAGMUMULAN ng mga AKSIDENTE at mga AWAY sa lansangan mayrong driver na MAANGAS at mahilig sa singitan kahit na wala sa ayos ang posisyon ng sasakyan at mayron ding naiinis kapag hindi NAPAGBIGYAN nagaalburuto sa galit kapag BINUBUSINAHAN V.

Karamihan mga riders ang madalas na MASAWI sobrang TULIN magpatakbo at laging nagmamadali kapag sila ay sumemplang kung hindi man BALI-BALI ang katawan, ay BANGKAY ng nakakahon kung iuwi kung hindi man aksidente dahilan ng PAGKASAWI minsan ang init ng ulo ay sa ROAD RAGE nauuwi VI.

Tulad na lang ng nangyari sa bayan ng ANTIPOLO isang padre de pamilya ang namaalam sa mundo dahil sa simpleng alitan biglang SUMIKLAB ang gulo pinairal ang ugali na may pagka-barumbado nang ang driver ng SUV tila naaagrabyado nagpaputok ng baril at may TINAMAAN sa ulo VII.

Ang aksidente sa kalye ay ating MAIWASAN basta sa init ng ulo ay wag tayong PATATANGAY ang ibayong PAG-IINGAT ay lubhang kinakailangan kahit anong uri pa ang MINAMANEHONG sasakyan palagi nating itanim sa'ting PUSO at ISIPAN

na sa ating pag-uwi ay ma pamilyang NAGHIHINTAY

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migration stand in the way of the observance of Lent among the country's younger generation? Most likely, it will lead to the slow but sudden death of a season that has long been a tapestry of rituals that reflect both a people's deep faith and a nation's rich cultural identity.

While most of today's youth look forward to the Holy Week as the most opportune time to beat the heat by going to some picture-perfect summer getaways, there is now a growing number who prefer to stay home or go back to their hometowns and immerse themselves in various customs and practices.

If Barangay San Pedro Cutud in the City of San Fernando has the re-enactment of Jesus Christ's crucifixion as its highlight, the town of Macabebe has *"Estatwang Mabiye."* Started by the Everybody's Club of Barangay San Isidro in 1956, the live dioramas create replicas of the Stations of the Cross and various scenes in the life, passion and death of Jesus Christ. For almost three hours during the Good Friday procession, the young and the old members of the various clubs are dressed in colourful costumes, create a tableau, stand or lie motionless and transform the procession route to a poignant pilgrimage path. Whereas before it was difficult to involve the Gen

Z's in this activity, now they even volunteer themselves to take part in any way they can. I see them doing the props, the costumes and most of them have taken on the roles previously played by their parents, or older members of their respective families.

Without a doubt, the infusion of modern technology has reshaped daily life, especially among the youth. While most of us have been accustomed to attending Masses via Facebook live streaming, many now find themselves going to the churches to attend and experience the many liturgical activities of the parish. This return to in-person participation has led to the renewed understanding of their faith and appreciation of their town's cultural rituals.

As for urban migration, co

young people who left their homes for better opportunities in the big cities now find themselves longing for rural traditions. They must have realized that the hustle of city life offers little room for the communal nature of Lenten observances. They now find themselves attending the Domingo de Ramos, Misa ning Tawling Apunan, Tangal, Sabado de Gloria, Salubong. and Domingo de Pascua. They relive the scenes of their youth, and sing the hymns and chants either in Kapampangan or Latin, the very songs they grew up singing while in the company of the rest of the

community.

The Lenten season is a period of reflection, sacrifice, and renewal. The undeniable sense of community and needed continuity are fostered as engaging in Lenten traditions allows individuals to participate in a collective narrative of faith. What makes these truly unique is that they are more than religious observances; they are definitely cultural cornerstones that bind communities together.

Modernization is here to stay. Ergo, we should all support the moves to preserve cultural heritage. To achieve this, our local governments must fund initiatives to document oral histories, schools must integrate traditional practices into the curriculum, and we should all harness technology to showcase these rituals. The key is for all of us to collaborate to find innovative ways to celebrate and perpetuate these traditions, ensuring they evolve without losing their essence. Our collective and conscious efforts to honor and sustain our Lenten traditions will enrich both the spiritual and cultural fabric of our community, and offer future generations a tangible connection to their rich heritage.



Architect Melencio Manalo and Architect Kym Jaffna Pineda. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

UAP names 2 Kapampangans among 50 Notable Architects

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BY GERALD GLOTON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Two Kapampangans were recently recognized among the country's 50 most notable architects during a prestigious gala night themed "Rooted in Legacy, Branching to the Future," celebrating the 50th

anniversary of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP)

Architect Kym Jaffna Pineda and his mentor, the esteemed Architect Melencio Manalo, were honored for their outstanding contributions to Philippine architecture, contributing to the art form that continues to define and uplift the nation's identity, culture, and aspirations.

Pineda paid tribute to Manalo, saying, "Ar. Manalo has inspired me through his timeless and tangible architectural design, and to be a man of integrity, passion, and a commitment to serving our profession."

Both architects stood out not only for their exceptional designs but also for their embodiment of the ideals celebrated that evening-visionary thinking, dedication to sustainability, service to society, and a deep-rooted respect for legacy.

This year's list of 50

Notable Architects honors individuals and architectural firms who have played significant roles in nation-building through their work.

UAP - PAMPANGA CENTRO

They have created worldclass, headline-worthy designs; pushed advocacies for sustainability and environmental stewardship; and have become respected

figures in society and role models for future generations of architects.

As the UAP celebrates five decades of excellence, the recognition of architects like Pineda and Manalo underscores a commitment to innovation, cultural pride, and building a future rooted in purpose and legacy.

EPMC expands MaLu Program in AC schools







By Ning Cordero

ANGELES CITY—The Eco Protect Management Corp. (EPMC) continues its environmental sustainability efforts through its 3Cs (Clean, Collect, Contribute) program, commonly known as "Lunes Malinis" (MaLu)

On April 11, two elementary schools received additional armchairs and trash bins, rewarding their collection of plastic waste



Gueco Balibago Elementary School received 40 armchairs, its second delivery after collecting 720 kilos of recyclables.

Tacondo Elementary School in Barangay Margot received eight trash bins during its program launch.

Since February, the initiative has provided armchairs and bins to over 10 schools in the city, including Sto. Domingo Integrated School and Dr. Clemente N. Dayrit-LSE, among others.

San Fernando Elementary School in Pampanga's 3rd District has also participated in the program.

Under MaLu, schools collect single-use plastic sachets, with one armchair and one trash bin donated for every 18 kilos of plastic waste turned in. The initiative aims to encourage waste-reduction practices among students, teachers, and parents, fostering environmental awareness in the community.

EPMC highlighted the impact of collective action in achieving sustainability goals. Supported by 1st District Rep. Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II and the Department of Education–Angeles City Schools Division, MaLu continues to expand its reach, benefiting educational institutions and promoting sustainable habits.

Photos by CLMA Pampanga/Chiqui Cacal

38 Nanay PL Secures 9th Spot in OCTA's Party-List Survey

CLARK, PAMPANGA – 38 Nanay Partylist have secured the 9th spot in the latest Tugon ng Masa nationwide survey conducted by OCTA Research from February 22 to 28, 2025.

This achievement highlights the increasing trust and support for the party-list's mission to champion the welfare of mothers and families across the nation.

As a party-list dedicated to uplifting the lives of mothers, Nanay Partylist has continuously worked to promote accessible healthcare, quality education, and livelihood programs designed to empower women and strengthen families.

This strong survey performance reflects the growing recognition of these advocacies and the urgent need to prioritize maternal and family welfare in policymaking.

Florebel Yatco, 1st Nominee of Nanay Partylist, expressed deep appreciation for the public's support while emphasizing that their mission is far from over.

"This survey result is both inspiring and motivating. It shows that more Filipinos recognize the importance of supporting mothers, but it also reminds us that there is still so much work to be done. We remain steadfast in our mission to advocate for policies that uplift Nanays and ensure that every mother receives the care and support she deserves."Nanay Partylist believes that a healthy, empowered, and well-supported mother is the foundation of a strong family and a progressive society.

Among its key priorities are access to preventive healthcare, ensuring that mothers receive proper medical attention before illnesses arise to prevent long-term health complications; education

for families, advocating for programs that equip mothers with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide better opportunities for their children; and livelihood and economic empowerment,

supporting initiatives that create jobs, provide financial assistance, and offer training programs to help mothers become self-sufficient.

The latest OCTA Research survey, conducted through face-to-face interviews with 1,200 respondents aged 18 and above, confirmed that Nanay Partylist is among the top contenders in the upcoming elections. With a $\pm 3\%$ margin of error at a 95% confidence level, the results reinforce the party's strong standing and potential to secure a congressional seat.

With the elections approaching, Nanay Partylist is more determined than ever to amplify its message and expand its reach to ensure that every mother's voice is heard in Congress. The fight for maternal welfare continues, and Nanay Partylist stands firm in its commitment to being the trusted ally of every Filipino mother.

Base: Tota	l interviews	
PARTY-LIST	Voting For	Rank
4PS	5.74	1
ACT-CIS	4.83	2
GP (GALING SA PUSO)	3.88	3
TINGOG	3.54	4
AKO BICOL	3.51	5
USWAG ILONGGO	3.35	6
DUTERTE YOUTH	3.16	7
F J PANDAY BAYANIHAN	2.50	8
NANAY	2.47	9
SENIOR CITIZENS	2.19	10
ANG PROBINSIYANO	2.12	11
ABONO	2.08	12
TUPAD	2.03	13
PPP	2.02	14

TAYO PO AY TOP 9 SA SURVEY NG OCTA RESEARCH





The Public Space

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The vice president has yet to elaborate on their experience before the nation. The next Senate hearing led by Imee could be the theatrical venue in what promises to be a tearduct challenging telenovela series in the Upper House as exemplifed by a senator actor.

For full cinematic effect, this must be well-rehearsed and scripted. The vice president, who has declared her desire to be a candidate in the 2028 presidential race, can optimize on he father- and -daughter post arrest bonding euphoria. It will be therapeutic to dynastic political families undergoing dysfunction because of politics.

Something as dramatic and entertaining must inoculate voters from the potential illeffects of the impeachment trial already scheduled sometime in July by the Senate President, notwithstanding cry of unmitigated delay from Constitutionalists.

If she's lucky, the trial could end up in her favor if 1) the new Senate will acquit her of betrayal of public trust and other criminal accusations by the House of Representatives 2) or the trial is overtaken by other political events or natural disaster and she is declared the survivor as a successor to her former lamented political partner and friend now enemy. In a world of lies, according to George Orwel, author of 1984 foreseeing the social media and other platforms for the untruth, telling the truth is a revolutionary act. The impending trial of the former president at The HAGUE and the expected impeachment trial of the vice president in the Senate will validate Orwel's oracle.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HERMINIO SANTOS CARBUNGCO** who died on April 23, 2007 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 112-A, of the subdivision plan Psd-03-132970 (AR) being a portion of lot 112, Porac Cadastre L.R.C. Rec. No.___), situated in the Barrio of Pasbul, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two (28,532) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 17851; before Notary Public Kim Cyrille Mei R. Basco, as per Doc. No. 134, Page No. 034, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HELEN RODEO CAPULI** who died on May 1, 2015 at Blk. 8, Lot 27, Villa Isabel, Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and **DOMINGO MARTICIO CAPULI JR.**, who died on August 8, 2001 at JBLNRH Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and that at the time of their death, they are the registered owner of the property located at Brgy. Calulut, City of san Fernando with an area of Ninety Square Meters (90sqm), more particularly, Lot 27, Block 8, Brgy. Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 461958-R of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Anna Rosette C. Cruz, as per Doc. No. 30, Page No. 7, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2025

Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU Region III – Central Luzon



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

With reference to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of Nature Realty and Development Corporation (NRDC) for the proposed Industrial Spaces for Lease and Warehouse Project to be located in Barangay Sto. Domingo, Minalin, Pampanga, notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the Project.

The Public Hearing will be conducted on the following details:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
April 25, 2025 (Friday)	10:00 AM (Registration starts at 09:30 AM)	Basketball Court of Barangay Sto. Domingo, Minalin, Pampanga

The Public Hearing is being conducted as part of the review of the EIS and public involvement in the process.

The Project Information is provided below:

Project Name	Industrial Spaces for Lease and Warehouse Project
Project Location	Barangay Sto. Domingo, Minalin, Pampanga
Project Type	Industrial Subdivision

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of VALENTIN ARCEO SPOUSES MARCOSA GARCIA who died September 12, 1998 and June 17, 1996 and LOLITA ARCEO SALES, ARMANDO ARCEO, FAUSTO GUINTO, LEONARDO ARCEO SR., LEONARDO ARCEO JR., ESTER ARCEO MAGLALANG, RICARDO MAGLALANG, NORMA ARCEO SANTOS and RUSTICO SANTOS; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

A parcel of land (Lot 5) located at Sta. Maria, Mabalacat, Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 928/ Emancipation Patent No. 035711, registered in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, containing an area of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Sixty (10,560) square meters;

A parcel of land located at Dapdap, Sta. Maria, Mabalacat, Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 1475/ Emanicipation Patent No. A-045460, registered in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, containing a total area of Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six (6,236) square meters;

before Notary Public Jomar M. Hizola, as per Doc. No. 332, Page No. 68, Book No I, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GENOVEVA FLORENCIA TORRES DIZON** who died on August 10, 2024 in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and leaving behind one condominium unit more particularly described as unit 18E09, Cirrus 1, Bridgetowne East, Barangay Rosario, Pasig City; including its own parking lot described as PSP5-30, which are the subject of a Contract to Sell dated October 23, 2023; and she was paying the monthly amortization of the above described property in the amount of Php 12,544.29 for the condominium unit and the amount of Php 3,500.00 for the parking lot; before Notary Public Atty. Willie B. Rivera, as per Doc. No. 627, Page No. 32, Book No. CXLII, Series of 2025, Doc. Stamp No. 00615021.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARY REGINA TORRES DIZON** who died on September 30, 2023 in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and leaving behind her Peso Savings Account, with No. 0000022767122 at the Security Bank, Angeles-Mac Arthur Highway, Corner San Pablo Street, Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Willie B. Rivera, as per Doc. No. 626, Page No. 32, Book No. CXLII, Series of 2025, Doc. Stamp No. 00615020.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Notice is hereby given that **CECILIA ALMALEL DOLORFINO** who died on November 23, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States of America; executed a Last Will and Testament starting among others that she Is giving to **FELICIANO II ALMALEL** her properties located in Don Meliton and Dona carmen Street, and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 68994

"A parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 4 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs- 3244, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 696 of the cadastral survey of Angeles and Lot 99-A of plan SWO-7750,GLHO Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles. Province of Pampanga. Xxxxxxxxxx; containing an area of THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THREE (323) SQUARE METERS, more or less. Xxxxxxxxx."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 68999

"A parcel of land (Lot 15-A-1 of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-006924, being a portion of Lot 15-A(LRC) Psd-302054, L.R.C.Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles. Xxxxxxxxx; containing an area of SEVENTY EIGHT (78)SQUARE METERS. Xxxxxxxxx."

on July 26, 2017 before Notary Public State of Nevada ALYSE BRITT.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 14, 21 & 28, 2025

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Settlement of **SPS. DANILO G. DIZON** and **AUREA A. DIZON** published on December 30, 2024, January 6 & 13, 2025, should be Doc. No. 176, Page No. 73, Book No. 90 Series of 2025 and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 14, 21 & 28, 2025

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r toject rype	industrial Subdivision
Project Area/ Capacity	176,139 square meters
Project Rationale	The proposed project aligns with both national and regional developmen priorities, particularly in contributing to sustainable economic growth and addressing current development thrusts in Pampanga and Central Luzon. The project is located in Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Minalin, Pampanga, a region strategically positioned for industrial growth given its proximity to key infrastructures such as Clark Freeport Zone, the Subic-Clark-Tarlae Expressway (SCTEX), and North Luzon Expressway (NLEX). Central Luzon, especially Pampanga, has been identified as a growth corridor by the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), with an emphasis on regional infrastructure and industrialization to boost the local economy and support the country's sustainable development goals.
Project Components	Project Area: 176,139.00 square meters • Light Industry Facilities • Storage and Logistics • Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) • Commercial Space • Admin Office • Open Space • Road Networks • Drainage System
Proponent	Nature Realty and Development Corporation (NRDC)

All interested and concerned parties who want to participate in the Public Hearing are encouraged to confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph. Parties may also send their position paper or comments to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph at least three days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able register or submit written comments or position papers may be given opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing.

The EIS is posted at the EMB Region 3 website (https://r3.emb.gov.ph/) and copies will be available at the Barangay Hall of Sto. Domingo, Minalin, Pampanga.

For further details, please contact the Clearance and Permitting Division at (045) 963-3623 local 106.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AGUSTINO MARTIN** who died on July 20, 2005 and **SILVINA GUEVARRA MARTIN** who died on July 9, 2021 at Pandacaqui Resettlement, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

• MV File No. – 0344-1183 • Plate No. CVX- 725 • Classification: For hire • Motor No. 446646 • Make – ISUZU • Series – XLT • Color – Galvanized • CR No. – 50634832 • OR No. - 0304-000000205897 • Model -1994 • Serial/Chasis No. – DAJ-930045-0 • Registered Owner- Agustin Martin • Address of Registered Owner – Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga

before Notary Public Ignacio C. Manapil, as per Doc. No. 30, Page No. 28, Book No. XXX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BLANDINA CASTRO NUNEZ** who died on March 21, 2024 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Mc Arthur Highway, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and left a Savings Account No. 005230112116, Bank Account maintained with Angeles Miranda branch of BDO Unibank, Inc. (Bank), in the amount of Php 66,326.30 plus interest accruing; Apostille Country: United States of America, signed by Trong Pham, Notary Public, State of California, Certified No. 51539 on 25th day of March 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSE G. MERCADO** who died on November 15, 1997 in San Roque, Bamban, Tarlac and **VIRGINIA SIBAL MERCADO** who died on November 19, 2008 in San Nicolas, Bamban, Tarlac; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his/her estate and more particularly described as a certain parcel of land situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Bamban, Province of Tarlac; containing an area of Ninety Four (94) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 152977; before Notary Public Enrico G. Barin, as per Doc. No. 243, Page No. 49, Book No. CCLXXI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARILOU S. MANDAP** who died on September 3, 2005 in Apalit, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney on her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 11-A-2-C, of the subd., plan Psd-03-116929 being a portion of Lot 11-A-2, Psd-03-128145, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Isidro, Mun. of San Simon, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Eighty Three (383) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 597819-R Registry of Deeds of Pampanga; before Notary Public Gener C. Endona, as per Doc. No. 114, Page No. 24, Book No. 65, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PEDRITO S. MANDAP** who died on September 2, 2022 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney on his estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 11-A-2-D, of the subd., plan Psd-03-116929 being a portion of Lot 11-A-2, Psd-03-128145, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Isidro, Mun. of San Simon, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Eighty Three (383) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 597820-R Registry of Deeds of Pampanga; before Notary Public Gener C. Endona, as per Doc. No. 112, Page No. 24, Book No. 65, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PRIMITIVO MERCADO CASTRO** and **LORETA MALLARI CASTRO** who died on December 14, 2005 in Sto. Rosario, Sta. Ana, Pampanga, Philippines and March 21, 2012 in Sto. Rosario, Sta Ana, Pampanga, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Deed of Sale Portion of Land Lot B-1, 219 square meters and Lot B-4, 754 square meters on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 19892 (EMANCIPATION PATENT NO. 690741)

LOT: B, Bsd-035419-003230 (AR) PORTION OF LOT: 1-P, (LRC) Psd-179656 LOCATION: Brgy. of Sto. Rosario, Sta. Ana, Pampanga AREA: Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Six (3,176), Square Meters, More or less.

before Notary Public Carlota Dela Cruz-Manalo, as per Doc. No. 464, Page No. 94, Book No. 105, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 56 ANGELES CITY Email Address: rtc1ang056@judiciary.gov.ph Hotline No 0935-771-5255

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF PAUL MICO VALENZUELA CRUZATA UNDER REGISTRY NO. 2004-2154

> SPEC. PROC. NO. R-ANG-25-00699-SP

PAUL MICO VALENZUELA CRUZATA, Petitioner,

-versus-ALLAN DINGLASAN CRUZATA ANALYN VALENZUELA CRUZATA MARIA ALLYANA A. VALENZUELA, BIVERLY VALENZUELA CRUZATA, KRISTAL MAE VALENZUELA CRUZATA, KATHERINE JOY VALENZUELA CRUZATA (minor) represented by Analyn Valenzuela Cruzata, KYNA NICÓLE VALENZUELA CRUZATA (minor) represented by Analyn Valènzuela Cruzata. CÓRAZON DÍNGLÁSAN CRUZATA OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRY OF ANGELES CITY, PAMPANGA (Represented by Ms. Nenita T. Garcia), and the PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY/CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL Respondents. X -------- X

ORDER

A verified Petition having been filed by PAUL MICO VALENZUELA CRUZATA respectfully prayed unto the Honorable Court that after due notice, publication, and hearing judgment be rendered directing the respondents Office of the City Civil Registry of Angeles City, Pampanga and Philippine Statistics Authority to make the corresponding changes in the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner under Registry No. 2004-2154 to reflect the following entries, to wit:

a.To change Entry No. 3 and to enter his correct date of birth from 21 February 2004 to 20 January 2002; and

b.To change Entry No. 18, from 08 January 2000 in Mabalacat, Pampanga to "Not Married".

Petitioner likewise prays that due to the subsequent marriage of his biological parents, his status from "Illegitimate Child" be elevated to "Legitimated Child" which appears to be sufficient in form and substance, set the hearing of said petition on May 19, 2025 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning on which date and time, all persons interested may appear and show cause, should they have any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let copies of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the provinces of Pampanga and Angeles City at the expense of the petitioner.

Likewise, let copies of this Order and Petition be furnished the City Civil Registrar of Angeles City, Pampanga, Office of the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City and the Office of the Solicitor General.

SO ORDERED.

March 14, 2025, Angeles City; Philippines.

IRIN ZENAIDA S. BUAN Judge

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SUPREME COURT REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION City of San Fernando, Pampanga Email: rtc1sfpocc@judiciary.gov.ph

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Petitioner-Mortgagee,

— versus —

E.J.F. No, 190-24 Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

AUGUSTO JR. VILLAMIL DACANAY MARRIED TO VIRGINIA NASAL DACANAY, Respondents-Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF EXTRA—JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra—judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Megaplaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City and with branch office at Suburbia Commercial Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, against AUGUSTO JR. VILLAMIL DACANAY MARRIED TO VIRGINIA NASAL DACANAY, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at 1) 9 East Ave., Villa Julita Subd., San Fernando, Pampanga; and 2) Lot 55, Blk 4, Brgy. Saguin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 15, 2024 amounts to ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN PESOS and 98/100 (Php1,910,137.98) excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on June 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 502312

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the <u>Nun.</u> <u>Of San Fernando PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA</u> bounded and described as follows;

A parcel pf land (Lot 55, Blk.4 of the subd, plan Psd-03-004903, being a portion of Lot 4171-A, Psd-03-004647, LRC. Rec. No.) situsted in the Po of Saguin, Mun. of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga. bounded on the SE.

X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) 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 June 26, 2025, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, April 2, 2025

ARVIN RYAN V. BASILIO Sheriff IV RTC—OCC, CSF(P)

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SALVADOR DIZON DIMACALI** who died on January 7, 2021 at 8880 Acasia St., Marcons Subd., Dau, Mabalacat City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 24 of the subd., plan (LRC) Psd-119579, being a portion of Lot 35 Mabalacat Cad., LRC Cad., Rec. 132), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Four (204) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 173427-R Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Mark Andrew M. Santiago, as per Doc. No. 986, Page No. 100, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SILVESTRE C. NICDAO & MARGARITA P. NICDAO who died on July 23, 2006 and July 22, 2016; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 577197-R

 LOT NO:
 Lot 68 Block 163
 PLAN NO.: Pcs-03-007961

 PORTION OF:
 Lots 176-B-2-C
 PLAN NO.: Psd-03-044960

 LOCATION:
 Barrio of Madapdap, Mabalacat City, Pampanga

 AREA:
 Sixty (60) square meters more or less

before Notary Public Arnel D. Berato, as per Doc. No. 773, Page No. 61, Book No. XIII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPOUSES LILIBETH GUTIERREZ SANCHEZ also known as LILYBETH GUTIERREZ SANCHEZ and DENNIS ALBERT TRUSLER, Filipino and Bristish Citizens, respectively, who died on February 5, 2023 in Angeles City, Pampanga, and on September 30, 2021 in Antipolo City, Rizal; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 587141-R

A parcel of land (Lot 4403-ZZ, of the subd. plan, Psd-035416-048972, being a portion of Lot 4403, San Fdo., Cad., LRC Rec. No.), situated in Barangay Malino, City San Fernando, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Seventy Seven (77) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 587140-R

A parcel of land (Lot 4403-AAA, of the subd. plan, Psd-035416-048972, being a portion of Lot 4403, San Fdo., Cad., LRC Rec. No.), situated in Barangay Malino, City San Fernando, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of One Hundred Fifty Seven (157) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2022015249-R

A parcel of land (Lot 231-A-2, of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-159917, being a portion of Lot 231-A, Psd-03-151348 L.R.C Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Malino, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Seven Hundred (700) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Rochelle V. Lorenzo, as per Doc. No. 228, Page No. 71, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2025.

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3. Atty. John Lincoln F. Louron - Unit 1003, Union Square Condominium, #145, 15" Ave., Cubao, Quezon City

4. Engr. Danilo P. Catolos -- PAG-IBIG FUND, Suburbia Commercial Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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plans are underway for four parallel runways, with construction on the first two scheduled to start soon.

Engr. Norberto Conti of SMAI noted that the remaining land development requires an additional 33 million cubic meters of sand to complete the reclamation works. If the timeline stays on track, the terminal construction could start in 2026, with full airport operations expected by 2028.

The NMIA project is being developed under a public-private partnership scheme. Under this model, the private sector, represented by San Miguel Corp., funds, constructs, and manages the facility, which will eventually revert to government ownership upon expiration of the concession period.

SMC was awarded the concession by the DOTr in 2019, and subsequently secured a 50-year franchise through RA 11506 (An Act Granting San Miguel Aerocity Inc. a Franchise to Construct, Develop, Establish, Operate and Maintain a Domestic and International Airport in the Municipality of Bulakan...) passed in 2020. The airport's total estimated cost is P735 billion, of which P536 billion has already been registered with the Board of Investments.

Complementing the airport is a network of 21 planned access roads and expressways, including the eight-kilometer spur road from the North Luzon Expressway connecting Marilao and Balagtas, as well as the Northern Access Link Expressway, currently under construction.

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Capitol opens...

FROM PAGE 1 Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda and Vice Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda led the ceremony, joined by Alejandro Tengco, chairman and CEO

of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. The newly inaugurated facility is a realization of Governor Pineda's vision in 2019, made possible through the collaboration of partner agencies including PAGCOR and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

"Nabuo po itong dialysis center dahil po sa mga pasyente po na nakakausap at lumalapit sa atin. Sa araw-araw po na nagda-dialysis sila, hirap na hirap na po silang maghanap ng pamasahe, pagkain, at minsan pagdating sa treatment may extra charges pa, kaya yun po ang binigyan natin ng solusyon. Bukod sa facility,

DOTr chief...

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Manila to Malolos, Bulacan to a 30-minute train ride.

"Kabilang din sa mga istasyon ng tren ang iba pang mga bayan sa Bulacan tulad ng Marilao, Meycauayan, Bocaue, magbibigay din po tayo ng medical assistance para sa mga maintenance ng mga pasyante," he explained. PAGCOR allocated

PAGCOR allocated P52.9 million for the procurement of 43 dialysis machines and a water reverse osmosis system, while the DPWH contributed P29.3 million for the construction of the center's building. Operations of the facility will be managed under a public-private partnership between the Provincial Government of Pampanga and B. Braun Philippines.

According to the provincial health office, the center can accommodate over 120 patients daily in two shifts from Monday to Saturday. Each patient may avail of up to 156 dialysis sessions annually, with assistance from PhilHealth.

PAGCOR also expressed its continued

Balagtas at Guiguinto --at magpapatuloy hanggang Clark sa Pampanga," said Dizon.

The 147-kilometer NSCR will connect Metro Manila to Pampanga in the north and Laguna in the support for other upcoming healthcare facilities in the province, including the Multi-Specialty Hospital in Clark.

"N a s a t a m a n g direksyon, sinabi ko nga kay Nanay kanina eh kung ang bawat probinsya lang ay magkakaroon ng ganitong uri ng proyekto wala pong duda na marami po sa ating mga kababayan na tunay na matutulungan natin," enthused Tengco.

In addition to the Guagua Dialysis Center, the Provincial Government is set to open four more dialysis centers, including those in the City of San Fernando and Apalit, the latter of which is scheduled to be inaugurated next month.

As of the latest PHO records, the province is currently assisting 3,494 dialysis patients across Pampanga.

Present during the inau-

According to the NSCR

website, its airport express

train is capable of travelling

up to 160 kilometers per

hour and will only take one

hour to travel from Buen-

dia in Makati City to Clark

south.

guration were Dr. Corazon I. Flores, director of the Department of Health– Central Luzon Center for Health and Development, Region III; Venus F. Rebuldela, director of the Department of Social Welfare and Development-Region III; Henry P. Almanon, regional vice president of PhilHealth – Region III; and Dr. Monserrat S. Chichioco, medical center chief of the

General Hospital. They were joined by 4th District Rep. Anna York Bondoc, Guagua Mayor Anthony Joseph Torres, Sasmuan Mayor Catalina Cabrera, board members Fritzie David Dizon, Sajid Eusoof, and Atty. Claire Lim, special assistant to the governor Angelina Blanco, and PHO OIC Dr. Dax Tidula.

Jose B. Lingad Memorial

Pampanga PIO

International Airport in Pampanga.

By the year 2045, the rail service is expected to serve 1 million passengers daily using 304 train cars and create 365,000 jobs. **PNA**



This road safety initiative aims to provide a comfortable and stress-free journey for all motorists during peak seasons such as Holy Week in MPTC's extensive network of expressways.

With an expected 10% increase in traffic volume during this period, MPTC has developed a multi-faceted strategy centered on providing a range of enhanced assistance services, increasing toll plaza efficiency through RFID awareness campaigns and promoting responsible road safety practices.

MPTC president and CEO Jose K. Ma. Lim affirms: "MPTC's role during Holy Week goes beyond traffic management by taking measures towards ensuring a travel experience that's safe, seamless, and reassuring. 'Biyaheng Arangkada Semana Santa' reflects our commitment to service that anticipates the needs of our motorists and helps families reconnect and travel with peace of mind." Enhanced Roadside Assistance and Support Services: MPTC is bolstering its on-ground presence with an array of readily available assistance for motorists who may encounter emergencies on the road: On-call assistance services for roadside emergencies; a dedicated hotline (1-35000) and the MPT DriveHub app is available 24/7. Roadside assistance stations are strategically positioned along the tollways. Enhanced Traffic Operations: More than 2,000 personnel along all MPTC expressways will be deployed as early as April 8 to manage traffic flow effectively and respond swiftly to incidents.



Free on-call Emergency Medical Services: Wellequipped medical teams will be on standby to provide immediate assistance in case of medical emergencies along the expressways.

Free Basic Mechanical Service at select Rest and Refuel Stations: Motorists may avail complimentary basic mechanical checks and minor repairs at designated rest and refuel stations along the MPTC network

Free Towing Service at the nearest exit for Class 1 vehicles and Class 1M (for CCLEX) to provide immediate relief in case of vehicle breakdowns: NLEX, SCTEX, CALAX,

CCLEX, and NLEX Connector: April 9, 6am to April 14, 6am; April 16, 6am to April 21, 6am; CAVITEX April 16, 6am to April 20, 6pm; Easytrip RFID Services On-Ground: Easytrip teams will be at strategic locations to assist motorists with RFID installation, reloading, and account inquiries.

CCLEX RFID services for installation, reloading and inquiries are available (powered by SMART) and complimentary drinking water (provided by Maynilad) at participating rest and refuel stations and motorist camps.

Free health and wellness consultation (provided by MWell) in select NLEX rest and refuel stations.

Availability of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations (provided by AC Mobility) in select areas of NLEX.

Faster, Cashless Toll Transactions: Embrace

COA clears...

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to the council's legislative functions.

"As in fact, Item 15.10 in the 'Audit Observation Memorandum' acknowledges that most 'Job Order' workers were assigned at the field, as researchers, data gatherers, garbage checkers at the barangays, tree planting workers at the barangays, assisting feeding programs at the fields, and sweepers on call duty," the affidavit further stated.

Regarding their failure to appear before the auditors, the officials explained:

"However, as presented in the 'Audit Observation Memorandum' (AOM for short), initially, some 171 JOs failed to appear on time before the COA Auditor, and this was due to inadequate means of prompt communication inasmuch as most of these JOs were assigned at the field."

Call to dismiss The respondents emphasized that no proof exists to support the allegations of

Delta aids agri...

FROM PAGE 2 cation of ₱3,525,000.

The Department of Agriculture funded the distribution of 7,292 bags of ammonium sulfate in 2023 worth ₱9.5 million to 3,646 farmers.

The provincial government gave 1.3 million sampaguita seedlings between 2022 and 2024 in four towns. Schools and walk-clients obtained 7,000 fruit-bearing tree seedlings.

Helping farmers cope with the drought-triggered by El Niño, 63 farmers and irrigators associations (FIAs) received ₱19.025 million under the provincial disaster risk reduction and management office program.

The Rice Farmers Financial Assistance (RFFA), totaling ₱443 million assisted 88,595 rice farmers in three years.

Shepherd's Call

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at sagisag ng pagbibigaypatotoo, sa matibay na pagyakap at paninindigan sa kalooban ng Diyos. Ito kasi ang larawan na ginamit bilang alaala ng bayang Israel, na sa maraming beses ay natukso ring masiraan ng loob sa paglalakbay nila sa disyerto, matapos na tumakas sa pagkaalipin mula sa Ehipto. Ang palaspas ay para bang pampalakas-loob sa kanila na magpatuloy sa paglalakbay, sumulong, huwag umatras, humarap sa init, sa pagod, sa uhaw, sa gutom, sa dusa at kamatayan na walang hinahangad sa puso kundi ang makapasok sa Lupang Pangako. Ganoon kung umusbong ang PAG-ASA. Na kapag madilim ang paligid, sa kalooban, sa puso at diwa tayo maghahagilap ng liwanag na siyang gagabay sa atin upang magtiyaga at magpunyagi. Ganoon kasi ang totoong mga kuwentong buhay natin-hindi naman laging matamis, maginhawa at masarap ang mga daranasin ng taong nagmamahal. Pero pagmamahal din ang nagpapalakas sa atin para harapin ang anumang pagsubok, criminal or administrative violations. The respondents particularly pointed out that the charge of "conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service" was especially without basis.

The complaint also failed to demonstrate any acts of falsification, misconduct, neglect of duty, or other forms of "notoriously undesirable behavior" as required under existing rules.

In conclusion, the officials prayed for the dismissal of both the criminal and administrative complaints, asserting that the case was without merit and grounded on misrepresentation and baseless assumptions.

The respondents also opposed the motion for preventive suspension, calling it an unnecessary and unjust measure.

Vega-Cabigting and the 12 City Councilors reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to transparency, accountability, and continued service to the people of Angeles City.

Téam Lazatin

Gov. Pineda and Vice Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda also obtained ₱110.9 million from the Presidential Assistance for Farmers, Fisherfolks, and their Families program, distributing this to 11,090 beneficiaries in the province.

For the P360-million Pampanga Food Security Complex that is being built in a government property in Lubao, the provincial government put in P238 million; DA, P50 million; and Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), P72 million.

"Priority ko na tiyakin na sapat at mura ang pagkain ng mga taga-Pampanga (It is my priority to ensure that Pampanga residents have sufficient and affordable food)," the governor said.

Team Delta

pagtitiis, pagdurusa na may pananampalataya at tiwalang hindi tayo nag-iisa. Sa ganitong paraan lamang natin nabibigyan

lamang natin nabibigyan ng saysay at kahulugan ang mga krus sa buhay natin. Mas masakit daw ang magdusa kapag di natin mabigyan ito ng kahulugan. Ito ang pinakamahalagang aral na

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To minimize congestion at toll plazas and facilitate seamless passage, MPTC strongly encourages RFID adoption and responsible usage:

Have an RFID sticker installed for fast and cashless toll transactions

Reload your RFID on time and maintain sufficient balance to avoid delays at toll plazas. Numerous reloading channels are available online and at authorized locations.

Utilize the MPT DriveHub app for quick and convenient balance checks and toll fee calculations.

If your RFID is unreadable, have it checked and replaced at designated service centers.

Always carry your RFID card as a backup to ensure uninterrupted travel.

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