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M-Benz group to open Clark office

By Ashley Manabat

CLARK FREEPORT – The company that stands behind Daimler Group, the biggest producer of premium cars and the world's biggest manufacturer of commercial vehicles, is setting-up a global back-up center here next year.

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IMAGE. Remnant of Pampanga's industrial past is mirrored in floodwaters that have taken over the demolished site of the Pasudeco sugar central in the City of San Fernando.
Photo by Bong Lacson

SF seeks joint flood summit with Angeles City, 4 towns

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO--Disaster management officials yesterday called for a joint flood summit with stakeholders of four other Pampanga towns and Angeles City in light of the massive flooding experienced last week.

In a resolution submitted to the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Pampanga's capital city, the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) strongly endorsed a flood summit among the municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Minalin, Bacolor, Mexico and Angeles City.

Councilor Benedict Jasper Lagman, chairman of the SP committee on Environment, Natural Resources, Waterways and

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FARMERS HAIL DAR ORDER

Distribute 358 more hectares of Luisita

CLARK FREEPORT - The Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) hailed yesterday Agrarian Reform Sec. Rafael Mariano's order to distribute 358 more hectares of Hacienda Luisita lands owned by the Cojuangco family's Tarlac Development Corp. (Tadeco).

"The mandate of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to distribute the 358-hectares of Hacienda Luisita would serve as an added weapon for the farmworkers against the Cojuangco family's continuing scheme to evade land distribution," said KMP chair Joseph Canlas.

Canlas said "the conscious concealing of the 358-hectare Tadeco land located in Barangays Balete and Cutcut inside Hacienda Luisita from the anti-farmer stock distribution option scheme in 1989 that only covered 4,915 hectares shows that the Cojuangcos have been deceiving their farmworkers and the Filipino people since 1989."

He said the 358-hectare Tadeco lands were covered only by a notice of coverage issued by the DAR in December 2013 but was opposed by the Cojuangcos who claimed the lands are no longer suitable for agriculture.

"Ka Paeng's (Mariano) order is a challenge to the Cojuangco family's resistance to fundamental change," Canlas said.

Canlas said "the Co-

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Delta, SP to appeal vs. DPWH budget cut in Pampanga projects

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO---Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda on Thursday said he would ask the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to discuss and pass a resolution requesting the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to increase the agency's budget for Pampanga in 2017 to fund additional flood-control measures and infrastructure.

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Pineda

Cauiguiran orders inventory of CIAC resources, income

CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – Newly appointed Clark International Airport Corp. (CIAC) president and CEO Alex Cauguiran has ordered an inventory of resources, income and revenues of the corporation as well as a detailed list of all locators at this airport.

On Monday, Cauguiran also ordered the "rationalization plan" so that the Government

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Cauguiran

Lazatin seeks to turn Angeles from Sin City to Bicycle City

By Ding Cervantes

ANGELES CITY – From Sin City to Bicycle City?

With traffic now becoming a serious concern in some parts of this city, a proposal promoting the use of bicycles among employees of public and private firms has gained growing support from local folk.

The proposal came in the wake of complaints that traffic congestion, particularly at the rotunda along the Angeles-Magalang Road near Marquee Mall here, now lasts about two hours. Local motorists have taken to Facebook to air their traffic grievances in this city where a growing number of investors at the Clark Freeport

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Lazatin

BFAR CHIEF URGED

Stop arming small fishers

By Ding Cervantes

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO - The fisherfolk group Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya) has urged the Duterte government to stop arming fishers as a measure to curb illegal fishing in the country.

Pamalakaya denounced newly installed director Eduardo Gongona of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) for his alleged "militaristic approach in resolving illegal activities in Philippine waters" under the Bantay Laot program.

"The Bantay Laot program aims to equip the fishermen with weapons and run after the government's so called illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. This might create rift between the fisherfolk and won't actually solve the illegal activities in our fishing waters," Paamalakaya warned.

Pamalakaya chair Fernando Hicap said "this will be small fishermen against small fishermen. Instead of uniting the small fishers for the protection of our marine resources, BFAR wants to stir up a hornet's nest between them by arming each other and running after one another."

Only recently, BFAR provided arms to some 600 fishers in Davao for the Bantay Laot program, he noted.

Hicap also warned that "arming the fishermen might lead to vigilantism resulting to lawlessness and indiscriminate killings in the seas. This is no different from the creation of lawless vigilante groups during the then Pres. Corazon Aquino's time."

Pamalakaya stressed "it is the obligation of the Philippine Coast Guard and armed forces to protect and watch out for illegal activities in the sea committed by no other than foreign illegal poachers and large fishing fleets going in and out of the municipal fishing waters."

"It is the government's duty to protect our seas and watch for the welfare of our fishermen. The fisherfolk cannot afford to take up arms and run after the others. They should be at sea making livelihood and nothing else," the group said.

Pamalakaya said fishermen need support for their daily subsistence, not arms.

Hicap said Bantay Laot program has been made a part of BFAR's five-year development program called Comprehensive National Fisheries Industry Development Plan for 2016-2020 which aims to make the country's fisheries products "globally competitive" by the year 2020.

"Part of the plan is to advance BFAR's military facilities and equipment by allotting a budget of P6.646 billion for the purchase of patrol boats, white ships, weapons and drones for 'security' purposes," he added.

Fun run slated in SF to reduce stigma vs. HIV-AIDS patients

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO - Amid a 25 percent increase in cases of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV-AIDS) in Central Luzon, local government units and non-government organizations are holding a fun run here on Oct. 9 to "reduce the stigma associated with the disease in order to create an environment free from judgment, fear, discrimination and alienation" of people living with the ailment.

Dubbed "Run Series: Color Splash Edition 2016," the activity is also expected "to raise awareness and knowledge about HIV-AIDS," said Pedal for HIV founder Faustine Lu-ell Angeles Jr. said in a press briefing at the Colegio de San Sebastian here.

This, even as the Regional Epidemiological Surveillance Unit (RESU) of the Department of Health (DOH) in Central Luzon reported a 25 percent increase in HIV-AIDS cases in the region, with also five AIDS-related deaths.

DOH Central Luzon regional epidemiologist Jessie Fantone noted an increase in the number of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) infected with AIDS. He noted that in Bulacan, one full-blown AIDS case was confirmed among 27 asymptomatic cases or patients who do not exhibit symptoms of the disease, while in Pampanga, another one full-blown AIDS case was reported among 17 asymptomatic cases.

Angeles said that the Oct. 9 fun run here encourages participants "to have fun while at the same time educating our communities about HIV-AIDS to help lower the rate of transmission and death among people living with the disease."

"We are also trying to attract more people to become advocates of HIV-AIDS awareness," Angeles added.

He cited three fun run categories, 3-, 5-, and 10-kilometer runs with corresponding fees of P550, P650, and P750, respectively to cover the cost of race bibs, singlets, food, freebies, and raffle entry for all participants. Free shirts are also to be given to the first 150 registrants in each category.

Angeles also said that aside from the fun run, there would also be a Zumba exercises and street party at the Colegio de Sebastian.

"We also invited some celebrities who will join the run and who will be performing live during the street party. So it is definitely a fun and color-filled campaign for a cause and the amount you pay is really worth it," Angeles shared.

"Representatives from the DOH as well as persons living with HIV will also give HIV talk and share their experiences. Free HIV testing will also be conducted during the activity," he added.

The proceeds of the activity will be for the benefit of "Ing Mamalakaya," a support group for people living with HIV under the care of Bahay Lingad Treatment Hub.

The project is in partnership with the Pampanga provincial government, City of San Fernando, DOH, Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital, Bahay Lingad Treatment Hub, YPeer Pilipinas, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines – Pampanga, and other sponsors.

– Ding Cervantes



GOOD JOB. SM Olongapo security personnel Leonardo A. Cabico, Jr, Jayson B. Castro, and Jovie S. Flor receive the Certificate of Commendation from Olongapo City Mayor Rolen Paulino during the flag raising ceremony this Monday for showing honesty and dedication to their work, with Ana Lorraine Azucena, asst. mall manager and Joselito Isidro, customer relations manager of SM Olongapo.

On Returning the Lost: *Habit Forming*

"IT'S A ***good habit forming*** for SM employees," Olongapo City Mayor Rolen Paulino commented during the Awarding of the Certificate of Commendation to the Security Guards of SM Olongapo this Monday, August 22 at the flag raising ceremony for consistently showing honesty and dedication to their work.

We all know the feeling when we lose something. Wallet? Cellphone? Losing a thing is a sad circumstance while finding one is the opposite. For the three newly recognized security personnel of SM, they brought good vibes to the owner of the lost items.

Given the present status of our society, the obvious argument is if they will return or keep the wallet or money. But since they stick to their belief that they do have obligations to help others, they opt to be "Honesto".

The city's "Honesto" campaign started in the administration of Paulino that aims to recognize honest Olongapeños. This time, another security personnel of SM were given recognition for their good deeds.

SIC JAYSON B. CASTRO- Red Eye Security Agency, Inc. found a black sling bag on July 16, 2016 containing assorted ATM cards & ID's, 1 unit Cherry Mobile cellphone(Flare S100-black) & 1 unit Samsung cellphone (GT-E 1200T), with cash money of P879.25.

SAG LEONARDO A. CABICO, JR. - Red Eye Security Agency, Inc. found a Gold Samsung J7 cellphone with a market value of P14,990 at the 5th floor lot B5 parking area on August 03, 2016.

SIC JOVIE S. FLOR- Red Eye II found a Sling Bag Color Olive Green on August 04, 2016 containing three pieces of wallet containing cash amounting to P2,380, perfume and other cards including 3 ATM cards.

The *good habit* serves as a motivation to all SM employees to continue the legacy they have started.

According to research, "as the *habit* is forming, it can be analysed in three parts: the cue, the behavior, and the reward. The cue is the thing that causes the habit to come about, the trigger of the habitual behavior. This could be anything that one's mind associates with that habit and one will automatically let a habit come to the surface. The behavior is the actual habit that one exhibits, and the reward, a positive feeling, therefore continues the "habit loop". A habit may initially be triggered by a goal, but over time that goal becomes less necessary and the habit becomes more automatic".

–PR-SMOL

US embassy launches new website for Pinoys

By Ding Cervantes

CLARK FREEPORT — The US Embassy in the Philippines has launched its new website, ph.usembassy.gov, last Friday, featuring a "more user-friendly layout, with relevant information front and center."

In a statement, the US Embassy said this was to respond "to the needs of the Embassy's website visitors, shortcuts to visa information, U.S. citizen services, job opportunities, and U.S. policy are all available on the homepage for easier access."

"The new website is also mobile-responsive, adjusting layout depending on the visitor's screen size, and allows for faster loading of content over a mobile internet connection," the statement said.



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Rose petals bear Christ's imprints

By Ding Cervantes

MEXICO, Pampanga- Fr. Sol Gabriel, this town's parish priest, was amazed when he opened his prayer book. In it were dried petals of roses which, miraculously, had imprints of Jesus Christ on the cross and the Holy Eucharist in a chalice, among other clear images.

He inserted the rose petals, then fresh, last Aug. 21 when he celebrated a Mass in the presence of mystic Carmelo Cortez of Sta. Maria, Bulacan. The petals had no marks at that time.

But Fr, Sol wasn't that surprised by the petals miracle, similar to that which occurred in a monastery in Lipa, Batangas in 1949 during the alleged apparitions of the Blessed Mother there.

At the monastery, scores of people witnessed rains of rose petals with holy imprints, too.

In the case of Fr. Sol, the medium was Carmelo, already known for the miraculous petals phenomenon even in the US which he frequents for his healing ministry.

At age 21 in June, 1991, Carmelo claimed to have first seen the Blessed Mother in his home in a squatters' area in Quezon City. First, there was a soft voice and beautiful music which came from a painting of the Blessed Mother who seemed to be shedding tears of blood which the infant Jesus in her arm seemed to be catching.

A similar thing happened two days later, except that this time, the Blessed Mother appeared to him and started to give him messages. Mary identified herself as the Mother of Eucharist and Grace.

Carmelo gained some following since then, and has even been supported by priests and bishops. He is not only medium for the miraculous petals. He is also medium for healing, turning water into rose oil, transforming rose petals into Eucharistic bread, turning chains of rosaries into gold, etc.

Yet, Carmelo has remained humble and has never exacted anything in return for the miraculous favors of which he regards self as medium.



Fr. Sol Gabriel holds rose petal which miraculously formed holy images. (Facebook posts of Fr. Gabriel)



Editorial

Counting, explaining the drug war deaths part of news media's role

SENATOR ALAN Alan Peter Cayetano protested too much when he insinuates that media have been blowing up the rash of killings that have accompanied the Duterte administration's war on drugs or worse, are embarked on a campaign to tar the present dispensation, as he did yesterday, August 22, in remarks he made during the Senate hearing into the deaths that have accompanied the anti-drug campaign.

Ironically, Cayetano's allegations that media have been playing loose with the numbers have been dispelled by no less than PNP Director General Ronald dela Rosa who presented statistics showing that, if media have erred in counting the cost of the drug war, it is by being on the low and not, going by what the good senator would like to insinuate, on the high, side.

During the August 18 hearing into the drug-related killings, Dela Rosa said that the death toll from July 1 to August 15 was 665 in police operations and 899 others "under investigation," including the vigilante-style extrajudicial killings whose victims, bodies wrapped in tape and/or with placards around their necks trumpeting their alleged crimes, have been dumped in the streets all too regularly.

In Monday's hearing, Dela Rosa said the death toll had risen to 1,779 (712 in police operations, 1,067 allegedly by vigilantes) as of that day, slightly more than a thousand of these "under investigation," or, going by his own figures, a jump of more than a hundred in a week's time.

The good senator also singled out two media outfits — ABS-CBN and the Philippine Daily Inquirer –practically accusing them of wanting to tar the administration, the broadcast network by headlining the growing outrage over the killings, the daily for its "kill list."

But what would Mr. Cayetano have the media do, play blind as the bodies pile up and go along with the canard to declare all who have died, including the innocent — and yes, there have been innocents — guilty as alleged and, thus, deserving of their fate sans due process as our laws and the very principle of rule of law that this administration wishes, and rightly so, to restore?

Sadly, like Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre before him, Mr. Cayetano also irresponsibly raises the claim, without proffering an iota of evidence, that media are among those being bought off with drug money supposedly to discredit the administration.

Again, we reiterate that such allegations, without any proof, not only serve to unjustly cast a pall of suspicion over the Philippine media and, in particular, the journalists who toil on the front lines but, much worse, put lives in danger, not only should those behind the growing plague of drug-related murders see it fit to include us as targets, but also by providing a convenient cover for those who would silence an independent press and have already claimed a horrendous toll of more than 170 from our profession's ranks since 1986.

We have no quarrel with Mr. Cayetano's professed desire to rid the country of crime and drugs. This, we do not doubt, is the fervent wish of all Filipinos, regardless of where they stand on the issue of the war on drugs and on how this should be carried out.

But we do mind it when his zeal drives him to spout careless and baseless accusations that endanger not only us but others as well.

As he himself said in his remarks at the hearing, good intentions do pave the road to hell.

We ask our colleagues to continue to chronicle the twists and turns of the war on drugs. That may take us to counting, or more importantly, explaining the context of the daily piling up of deaths.

(Statement of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines signed by chair Ryan D. Rosauro, Aug. 23, 2016)

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The Angeles aristocracy

A SPIN off last week's acrimonious brouhaha in the web over thenon-suspension of classes in Angeles City at the onslaught of *habagat* is a pride-of-place piece uploaded by city businessman Marco Nepomuceno, scion of the local aristocracy.

Just my opinion, Mr. Nepomuceno empathically ended his piece. Which instantly, and in the scheme of things opinionated, naturally, drew clashing viewpoints.

Premised on the geographical given of landlocked Angeles City as 90 meters above sea level to the City of San Fernando's 45 meters, thereby affirming gospel truth in the old folk's belief that *"Bayu lumbug king Angeles, lumbug ya pa ing pisamban king Sampernandu,"* and on political grounds of the highly urbanized city being independent of the Pampanga provincial government, even ranking 15th most competitive city in the country, the brilliant Mr. Nepomuceno asked:

How come when the Pampanga provincial government (with due respect to Gov. Lilia Pineda), declares a disaster, no matter the magnitude, people also think that Angeles City should also be automatically included in the declaration?

The obvious answer would be: Those people did not know the political autonomy of the city from the province.

And granting they did know, they still expressed some wish – indeed, hoped against hope as it turned out – for empathetic consideration, given the very magnitude of the calamity befallen their area outside the city.

Who are these people? Are they Angeleños or are they transients from the outlying areas who work, study and play in Angeles, use the resources of Angeles, but do not pay income taxes to the local government. Sure, they have sent their children to the schools in Angeles, but they do not spend in Angeles most of the income they might make in Angeles.

Perorated the excellent Mr. Nepomuceno, who went on to lecture:

From an economist's point of view, their contribution to the local economy is limited since the household (which is the basic unit of the economy) to which they belong is located elsewhere. Households make the economy move and, in a certain sense, households that are located outside the local economy do not contribute as much to the local economy as those that are.

I cannot hold a candle to the brilliance of Mr. Nepomuceno in matters of economics: he, being an esteemed business leader whose recent master's degree from the Ateneo making but a single leaf in his already thickly foliaged laurel.

Woe then unto one netizen who dared contest Mr. Nepomuceno's learned assertion by saying that even the casual traveler to the city who buys bottled water already contributes to its economy. Obviously a non-*Angeleño,* less so a master's degree holder. So what did he know?

From one Jason Paul Laxamana – the prize-winning filmmaker? – came these *hugot* lines*:*

Sounds like a Brexit sentiment...I think the progress of highly urbanized cities, especially for those that have no abundant natural resources such as Angeles, is built also on the contribution of migrants/transients. A lot of these transients eventually become residents anyway, and to not consider their concerns as important as (that of) the so-called hardcore residents is a bit problematic, discriminatory, non-compassionate.

#PampExit, anyone?

Conceded the erudite Mr. Nepomuceno, but with the qualification:

Of course, I agree with the first part of your statement. As for the second part, the kind of "discrimination" you are talking about, including protectionism, is allowed by the jurisprudence of many countries all over the world.

Pursued Laxamana: *Angeles is just a chartered city within a country. It can't even survive without IRA from the national government. For it to imagine itself as a developed city-state like Singapore is a bit over the top.*

Declared the knowledgeable Mr. Nepomuceno:

Discrimination, exclusivity, and protectionism are practiced by cities all over the Philippines. It's not illegal.

In the context of the WTO, of ASEAN integration, is there still room for discrimination, exclusivity and protectionism in this part of the world?

Then, how will this "not illegal" discrimination, exclusivity and protectionism stand before the eternal truth of the Christian values of faith, hope and charity? Indeed, of guardianship upon which Angeles was founded, dedicated as it was – and still is – to its patrons, *Los Santos Angeles Custodios?*

So has Angeles City gone the way of Cain scorning the Almighty: *Am I my brother's keeper?*

But then, what do the opinions of this plain AB-holding, struggling journalist matter vis-à-vis those of the highly respected, supremely successful, eminently progenied master of economics?

Nada. Zilch. *Ala man qñg calingquingan.*

Faced then with the impeccable reason of Mr. Nepomuceno, we can only reduce ourselves to ad hominem and ad misericordiam, as one JP Dizon precisely did:

It does show that you know much about what we should be thankful for as an Angeleño. However, in weather like this, you do not consider these things. What you do is put yourself in the regular Juan's shoes. You do not think if they even meet the city's or your standards. Why become politically correct in a time you can just be simply empathetic? Wa, megaral ka, wa maimpluwensya ka, pero milalako mu silbi uling eka makaabut keng panandaman dareng tau.

Comes to mind now F. Scott Fitzgerald: *...the very rich. They are different from you and me.* As the aristocracy from the rest of the miserable mass of society, so is Angeles City from the rest of Pampanga?

God forbid! Marx now: *The history of all hitherto existing society is a history of… patrician and plebeian, lord and serf…in a word, oppressor and oppressed…*

Got to stop here before I end up with *Les Miserables…*

Do you hear the people sing, singing the songs of angry men…

TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

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TESDA is established

ON AUGUST 25, 1994, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was established through Republic Act No. 7796.

TESDA aims to encourage the full participation and mobilization of the industry, labor, local government units and technical-vocational institutions in the skills development of the country's human resources.

Among its major mandates is to conduct appropriate training programs to provide job seekers with skills and competencies that are directly connected to existing jobs, aside from empowering private education and training institutions to offer relevant training programs that meet job requirements.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

(Kaugnay ng kampanya ni Pangulong Duterte laban sa talamak na illegal drug at iba pang masamang bisyo, nais ibahagi ng inyong abang-lingkod para sa inyong malugod na pagbabasa, ang isinulat ng kanyang panganay na anak hinggil sa bagay na naturan sa pagkakatong ito).

Ang tunay na bida

SA PELIKULA ay eksena madalas
huli kung dumating Alagad ng Batas;
Kadalasan sila'y ating namamalas
sa pinakadulo ng isang palabas.

Kahit pa si 'Da King o si Lito Lapid
ang bida sa mga 'Pinoy Action Movies;'
Karaniwang papel na r'yan nitong pulis
sa mga kalaban, sila ang dadakip.

At karaniwan ng kung kailan patapos
ang pelikula ay saka humahangos
Sa huling eksena papapel karampot
para hulihin ang masasamang loob.

Kaya lumalabas na katawa-tawa
itong kapulisan sa mata ng masa,
Subalit ngayon ay sila na ang bida
sa pagsupo nitong talamak na droga.

At sa pagtupad ng kanilang tungkulin
ang mga kritiko ay marami pa rin;
Bakit daw ang pusher di na lang hulihin
ng buhay at bakit kailangang patayin?

Ang mga pulis ay merong kasagutan
hinggil sa ganitong mga katanungan;
Sabi nga ni "BATO" minalas ang ilan,
partikular na yong mga nanlalaban.

Sa pulis din naman may nabibiktima
tulad ng sinapit ni captain Garcia;
Ito ay nabaril, nang arestuhin niya
ang dalawang tulak ng bawal na droga.

Kahit tinamaan ng punglo sa pantog
ang huwarang pulis gumanti ng putok;
Tinaya ang buhay, kasamang nalugmok
mga taong sa'ting lipunan ay salot.

Ang naturang pulis ay sinamang palad
sa tama ng bala na galing sa sumpak;
Kung di namatay ang mahusay na parak
mag-aakusa ang CHR ng "RUB OUT"

Ang kadakilaan ay tingnan din natin
sa mga pulis na tapat sa tungkulin;
Kung meron mang ilang may maling gawain
ay mas marami ang marapat purihin.

At bagaman mayrung anila'y tiwalî
na nasusuhulan minsan ng salapî,
ay mayrun din namang mga natatangî
na handang maglingkod, magpakabayanî.

Sila talaga ang masasabing bida
sa tunay na buhay at wala ng iba;
Tagapagtanggol ng ating demokrasya
at Saligang Batas nitong Republika.

Suporta ng masa ay lubhang kailangan
ng mga sundalo't ating kapulisan;
Sila ang bantay ng mga mamamayan
laban sa salot at dumi ng lipunan...

Vhelle V. Garcia
August 25, 2016
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Relief operation with Sen. Cynthia Villar.

Gov, Sen. Villar hailed for relief packs

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO- A total of 1,674 kabalens from this town yesterday expressed their gratitude to Governor Lilia "Nanay" G. Pineda and Senator Cynthia Villar for conducting immediate relief good distribution at the Capitol grounds.

Levy Mangune, purok leader of the barangay workers of Sta. Lucia, expressed gratitude on behalf of the residents for the relief goods they received from the governor and senator.

"We want to thank Gov. Pineda because she hasn't changed towards us who were affected by flood. Long live Governor! Also to Senator Villar, thank you very much and we hope you continue to help the unfortunate people like us," he added.

Honofre Calma, a senior citizen and resident of Purok Uno, Sta Lucia, also expressed his gratefulness to the governor.

"Even though it is raining, Governor Pineda took the time to give us relief goods. And because we love her (Governor Pineda) we patiently waited for her. We kapampangans are overwhelmed by the compassion and sympathy she has for us, " Calma added.

Governor Pineda and Senator Villar led the distribution of relief packs containing five kilos of rice, four canned sardines, four canned corned beef, four packets of instant noodles and a bottle of soy sauce to the beneficiaries.

A total of P396,080.00 was distributed to the beneficiaries. Also assisted on the event were PSWDO chief Elizabeth Baybayan, Executive Assistant Edna Vitug, PCL-Pampanga Chapter President Fritzie David Dizon. –***Ma. Reina Len G. Luna/Pamp. PIO***

EMB shuts down agri facility

By Armand Galang

PALAYAN CITY - Combined personnel of the city government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) swooped down on an unlicensed facility that claimed to be an organic fertilizer manufacturing establishment recently.

Lormelyn Claudio, EMB chief for Central Luzon, said the notice of violation was served to the Vieva Green Growth, Inc. (VGGI) in Barangay Caballero this city on Thursday for operating without environmental compliance certificate (ECC).

With the EMB personnel were a team from the city's environment and natural resources office (ENRO) headed by Anelyn Bongcawil.

Prior to its closure, residents were complaining about the foul stench coming from the two-hectare compound owned by Maynard Cruz, husband of Leah Cruz, head of the controversial Vegetable Importers, Exporters and Vendors Association (VIEVA) of the Philippines which was tied to an alleged cartel in garlic and onion industry in the country.

Sources said Mayor Adrianne Mae Cuevas rushed to the VIEVA compound initially on Aug. 10 after receiving an alert from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) that six truckloads of meat were coming to the city through a firm called "Ecosafe" with VGGI as consignee.

That was the first time the city government learned about the VGGI's operation, the source said, adding this made Cuevas worry about the possible hazard to health of an unchecked shipment.

With the tarpaulin signage that describes the business as: "An organic nursery, research and demonstration farm," the compound, located along a concrete road, initially look as a plain farm planted to different plants like eggplant, ampalaya and corn among others. At the back, however, were mountains of garlic buried on carbonized rice hull.

The rotten garlic, according to an employee who refused to be quoted for lack of authority to speak, served as green component and the carbonized rice hull as brown component in manufacturing organic fertilizer. But meat, he added, is far richer in minerals for fertilizer.

He denied the public perception that the garlic were good for market and dumped only to keep its market price high.

Local workers are headed by supposed experts in manufacturing organic fertilizer from Mindanao and Palawan, it was learned.

Film fest on farmers' life struggles...

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They too undergo trials, experience joy in their triumphs, and also hope for a better future which only goes to show one undeniable truth that we are all equal in the eyes of the author of life."

"We encourage the public to support all six films that speak from the heart," she said. "This is our share as artists in promoting and disseminating information on agriculture. This is also our tribute for the farmers in our country. It's only fitting we recognize them in a way we do best," Oandasan said.

During a press conference after the festival's formal opening, How narrated how she started helping farmers eight years ago when she started her fertilizer business.

"I started with a fertilizer business eight years ago where I met with the farmers and so I became their friend. As we go around the country we meet different kinds of farmers and then we had a project Search and Award for the Outstanding Farmers of the Philippines (TOFARM)," she narrated.

"We help them in scientific farming. We guide them so that they will know how fertilizer is being made and how to increase their produce to make their harvest more bountiful," she said.

"In fact, I went back to school to learn agriculture and I specialized in soil science to help the farmers so I was able to know farmers from other countries also," she said.

"We just arrived from a five-day trip from Fukuoka, Japan with rice terraces farmers from Banaue, Ifugao including Mayor Jerry Dalipog where they learned how to improve their farming methods and also shared our knowledge with them too," she added.

How said her company has a project in Banaue. They went to Japan to study the rice terraces there, she said.

"Next week we will be going to Kunming, China to further our studies," she added.

The TOFARM Film Festival had its successful screening at SM Megamall and SM City North last July 13-19.

The festival will next be launched at SM City Cebu on September 14-20 and at the SM City Davao on October 12-18.

M-Benz group to open Clark office

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Heiko A. Nitsche, president and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Group Services Phils., Inc., said Mercedes-Benz, the premium brand of Daimler, is extending its operations here starting next year.

"We are planning to extend our operations. We are currently a global back-up center based in Cebu which we started about five years ago and now we are planning to extend our operations in the Philippines here in Clark," Nitsche said at the sidelines of the PLDT/Smart launching of its high-speed internet connectivity services at the Clark International Airport here last Friday.

"We are currently in discussions with CDC (Clark Development Corp.) and looking into different opportunities where we can locate. And probably next year, we will come to Clark," he added.

"We will start small just like we started small in Cebu but we now have about 300 plus headcount (employees)," he said.

Nitsche described the Mercedes-Benz services center as "focused" and "it's a captive service center for finance and accounting that's why majority of my workforce are CPAs (certified public accountants)," he added.

"We will also start here in Clark small and then expand step by step with about 50 employees in the first year and 100 workers in the following year and continue to increase," he explained. The employees will be hired locally, he said.

The Mercedes-Benz services group is like a BPO (business process outsourcing) but for internal services just like what JP Morgan, Shell and Deutsch Bank do in Manila, he pointed out.

However, Nitsche declined to comment on how much the company will be investing here. "I don't have the business plan approved that's why we cannot comment on that yet," he explained.

Mercedes-Benz is the premium brand of Daimler Group which is the 17th largest company in the world and hires about 284,000 employees worldwide, Nitsche said.

"I was the one who set-up shop in the Philippines in Cebu five years ago," he said.

Mercedes-Benz Group Services Phils., Inc., is a Shared Service Center providing shared services and consulting to the Mercedes-Benz sales organizations in the Asia Pacific Region as well as support the already established Shared Service Center in Madrid, Spain.

The entity is envisioned to provide state-of-the-art Financial Administration, Accounting, and Consultancy services for all Daimler Group subsidiaries represented in the whole Asia Pacific region, North America as well as back-office support for its offices in Europe.

Delta, SP to appeal vs. DPWH budget cut in Pampanga projects

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The resolution aims to support the appeal of Gov. Lilia Pineda against the budget cut in DPWH's projects in the province from P4.003 billion in 2016 to P2.27 billion in 2017, said Pineda, the presiding officer of the provincial board.

Antonio Molano, DPWH director in Central Luzon, reported the budget reduction in his presentation during the infrastructure preparedness meeting attended by Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, local officials, leaders of the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PamCham) and heads of regional agencies at the LausGroup Events Centre here last Wednesday.

Molano reported that of the P31-billion proposed budget for Central Luzon next year, only P15 billion worth of projects were included in the National Expenditure Program for the General Appropriations Act.

The P31 billion was confirmed by the Regional Development Council (RDC), according to Renato Romero, vice chair of PamCham and head of private sector representatives in the RDC, the highest policy-making body in the region.

Congresswoman Arroyo asked Molano to provide information on the 2016 DPWH regional budget, how this was spent and if savings were generated. She said she would seek a budget increase if the information shows the need for such action.

Governor Pineda said: "Hindi puede na mabawasan ang budget para sa mga proyekto ng DPWH sa Pampanga. Tapunan tayo ng tubig-baha. Bakit tayo babawasan? Ano'ng mangyayari sa two billion pesos?"

At the height of the habagat (southwest monsoon) rains enhanced by low pressure area from August 12 to 20, as much as 190 barangays in the City of San Fernando and 16 towns in the province were flooded, affecting 76,924 families (345,824 people) and drowning at least two persons. Damages to crops and fisheries were initially estimated at P102.3 million.

The risk of floods is higher in Pampanga because it is located downstream of the Pampanga River, which drains all 30 river systems in Central Luzon to Manila Bay. The province also takes in water from the Pasig-Potrero, Sacobia-Abacan and Porac-Gumain rivers before these drain to Pasac River toward Manila Bay, said Angelina Blanco, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council officer.

Vice Governor Pineda said DPWH projects were a "big help" in the development of Pampanga as the provincial government undertakes locally-funded infrastructure as well as clearing and deepening of waterways. –***VG/PIO Pampanga***

SF seeks joint flood summit with Angeles City, 4 towns

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Flooding Intervention, filed a counterpart resolution in yesterday's regular session to adopt the CDRRMC recommendation.

He said that in light of the climate change experienced throughout the nation and the world, "solidarity among the different towns of Pampanga is fundamental in fighting the adverse effects of the said global phenomenon."

The two cities and the four neighboring towns have interconnecting waterways and floodway systems such as the San Fernando-Sto. Tomas-Minalin taildike, San Fernando River and the Pau River.

On Monday, an inter-agency team began clearing water hyacints impeding to flow of water at the Pau River in Barangay Sto. Rosario, Sto. Tomas town.

The said river is one of the main water channels that drain floodwater from the capital city, which was hit by massive inundation in many areas when monsoon rains batter Luzon last week.

Lagman said the five involved localities are all prone to flooding and find the need for a solid inter-governmental cooperation, specifically for flood control with Angeles City whose water flows down to the low-lying towns.

The summit would discuss on-going projects and activities, and plans for flood prevention and mitigation, among others.

"The city, through the CDRRMC, commits itself to initiate or cooperate in any efforts that promote resiliency in the city and whole province," Lagman added.

The resolution was expected to be approved in the ongoing city council session as of this writing and the summit to be scheduled promptly. –***PR/Albert Lacanlale***

Cauiguiran orders inventory of CIAC resources, income

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Commission on GOCCs (GCG) could already approve it and the adjustments for salaries and wages could be implemented.

"I instructed the OPR to finish it ASAP," Cauguiran said. "My heart belongs to the workers."

The CIAC chief wanted to know "what are our sources of revenues from the airside, landside inside the terminal and outside the terminal like those that we signed leased agreements and the fourth one which is an executive order providing shared income with the Clark Development Corp. (CDC)."

He said a report of the corporation's cash position, income and sources of revenues should also be submitted.

"If we have money we have capacity," he said.

He also instructed the officers to submit specific plans to be implemented in a week or two and to come up with a CIAC property map indicating zoning, use and subdivision plans.

In line with this, Cauguiran said the managers should submit a matrix from the list of locators both airside and landside that should indicate the name of locators, nature of business, land area, rental/lease rate and duration of lease.

This will be done so that our budget officer will be able to budget our funds for one year but we have to live within our means, Cauguiran said.

Citing the good relationship with newly-appointed Bases Conversion and Development Corp. (BCDA) president Vince Dizon as well as CDC president Noel Manankil, Cauguiran said this could work well to the airport corporation's advantage.

"I assured them I will never go against the policy of the BCDA and the DOTr (Department of Transportation) but I pleaded don't let CIAC down," he said because Clark airport was specially mentioned by President Duterte in his SONA.

"My passion is about airports. I used to be an activist and I clamored for the removal of the military bases and in its place is a civilian use," he said.

"Many years ago, I was in front of the gate of Clark (Air Base) and then now here I am," he said recalling his days as a street parliamentarian advocating for the removal of the US bases here. –***Ashley Manabat***

Lazatin seeks to turn Angeles from...

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has also increased local daytime population to millions.

The proposal to encourage local employees to use bicycles instead of cars was filed by councilor Carmelo Lazatin Jr. The proposal, titled "Bicycle Use Ordinance," seeks to "promote the use of bicycles as a means of transportation to work among employees in the private and public sector."

Lazatin said the use of bicycles in this city could also be a major attraction to tourists who could also rent bicycles to tour the city and its multi-national restaurants spread all over.

"From Sin City, Angeles could yet earn a better reputation as the country's Bicycle City," he added.

The proposal has been lauded by the Cyclists' Association of Angeles which urged the local administration to tag it as "urgent."

Lazatin explained that "promoting the use of bicycles will not only help lessen air pollution, it will also contribute in alleviating the heavy traffic currently being experienced in the city and promote a healthier and more active lifestyle among citizens.

"Under the proposed ordinance, employees riding bicycles to work will be granted a 30-minute window before they are considered late, taking into consideration the long travel time they will take in reporting for work," he said.

The ordinance also "enjoins the private sector to help in the promotion of bicycle use through the establishment of secure and ample parking spaces and facilities such as bike racks in all public and private commercial establishments, the standard size of which shall be determined upon the formulation of the implementing rules and regulations of the ordinance."

Lazatin is also the main proponent of Ordinance no. 364 the regulation of the use of plastic bags and polystyrene foam (styrofoam) in the city, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Regulating the Use and Distribution of Plastic Bags and Prohibiting the Use of Polystyrene Foam Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of Angeles City."

Distribute 358...

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juangcos together with their private army, paid puppets led by barangay captains inside the hacienda, and local police forces will not stop from employing all forms of harassments, intimidation, and deception to deny farmers of their rights to the lands."

The KMP recalled various cases of harassment and human rights abuses that have occurred in the 358-hectare Tadeco land since December 2013. These abuses included the bulldozing of farmers' crops, the filing of fabricated cases and illegal arrest of farmers and their supporters, and illegal fencing activities, it added.

–***Ding Cervantes***

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CANDIDA SAMSON DIZON** who died intestate on April 11, 2016 in San Juan, Sta. Ana, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights of her estate, more particularly described as a Cash Incentive Award with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office or any concerned government agency, before Notary Public Rogelio T. Reyes as per Doc No. 475, Page No. 95, Book No. 272, Series of 2016.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 25, September 1 & 8, 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LEONORA R. CUEVAS, SOLITO R. CUEVAS, FELICIANO R. CUEVAS** and **BELTICEZAR R. CUEVAS,** who all died intestate, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Project of Partition of their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land located at Barrio Cataning, Municipality of Hermosa, Province of Bataan containing an area of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two (150,642) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 19370 in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Bataan, before Notary Public Pedro D. Genato as per Doc No. 270, Page No. 54, Book No. 10, Series of 2016.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 25, September 1 & 8, 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TEODORICO PINEDA** who died intestate on April 13, 1945 in Porac, Pampanga; **MONICO G. PINEDA** who died intestate on September 3, 1995 in Sta. Rita, Pampanga; **MAXIMO G. PINEDA** who died intestate on March 24, 1981 in Angeles City; **DOMINGO PINEDA** who died intestate on January 8, 1948 in Porac, Pampanga; and **RUFINO PINEDA** who died intestate on Jnauary 20, 1963 in Porac, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights of their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 786 of the Cadastral Survey of Porac), with improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Porac, Prov. of Pamp. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-13728, before Notary Public Rogelio T. Reyes as per Doc No. 109, Page No. 22, Book No. 276, Series of 2016.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 25, September 1 & 8, 2016

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOLITA SUN SANTOS** who died intestate on April 6, 2013 in 18819 Fagan Ave., Artesia, CA 90701 USA, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights of her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 18 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-66539, (Sheet 1), being a portion of Lot 702-B, described on plan (LRC) Psd-48796, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pampang, City of Angeles, Prov. of Pamp. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 112906 of the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City, before Notary Public Anthonie K. Langit as per Doc No. 720, Page No. 100, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2016.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 25, September 1 & 8, 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VICTORIANO BASA CUIZON** who died intestate on December 14, 2014 at Purok II Mampan, Camachiles, Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights of his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 579-A-5 of the subd. plan Psd-03-113256, being a portion of Lot 579-A, Psd-03-005754, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 583457-R, before Notary Public Pepito M. Torres Jr. as per Doc No. 441, Page No. 12, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2015.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 11, 18 & 25, 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SOPRIANO M. SOLIMAN** who died intestate on June 15, 1989 executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights of his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land situated in Telapayong, Arayat, Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 234, 5846, 5847 and 5848 and registered at the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, containing an aggregate area of Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight (39,758) square meters, more or less, before Notary Public Daniel Ben M. Custodio as per Doc No. 1184, Page No. 28, Book No. III, Series of 2016.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 11, 18 & 25, 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ADELA L. BASCO** who died intestate on November 11, 2011 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights of her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 27, Block 18, of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-5403 being a portion of Lots 4-5, Blk. 6; 3-5 & 7-10, Blk. 7; 2-4, 6 & 9-12, Blk. 8; 1-2 Blk. 9; Psd-2017; Lots 13, Blk. 4; 1-5, Blk. 55-12, 14 & 16, Blk. 6; 5-12, Blk. 7; 3-5-8, Blk. 8 1-4 & 15 Blk. 9, 5-7, Blk. 10; 6-7 & 12, Blk. 11; 2-6-8, 13 7 17, Blk. 12; 1-57 & 9-18, Blk. 13; 1-18 & 20-24 Blk. 14; 1-33 Blk. 15 & Road Lots 3-12, Psd-25092; Lots 9-A, 9-B, 10-A, 11-B, 13-A, 13-E, 123-F, 13-G & 13-M, Psd-28960 & 7-B, (LRC) Psd-2919 L.R.C. CAD Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of San Nicolas, Pampanga and Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2012000906, before Notary Public Edgar Vicente D. Ocampo as per Doc No. 247, Page No. 23, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2016.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 11, 18 & 25, 2016



Spotlight

Rey Pineda

Did Lovi Poe initiate her break up with Rocco Nacino?



"WELL, sabi ko nga po, nagulat nga po ako na sinabi niya nga po yun. Siyempre ako, parang ayoko nang pag-usapan kung kanino man nanggaling ito. I just pray and hope that we get to go to a good place." reacts Lovi Poe regarding Rocco Nacino's statement.

If Rocco asks her to talk about the issue would she allow him to see her?

"My door are always open naman."

Is it Rocco who doesn't communicate?

"Siguro we just… hindi naman sa hindi siya nagko-communicate. I don't know kung sino ang nag-i-initiate, walang nag-i-initiate. Pero hindi sa wala na kaming closure kasi nakapag-usap naman kami."

People were stunned when Lovi and Rocco suddenly ended their relationship. With what had transpired in terms of their relationship is concerned was it saving for?

"Important kasi na marami pa akong ma-discover sa sarili ko. I don't wanna be unfair to myself and unfair to him especially. Sabi ko nga, sa lahat ng nangyari, hindi ko naman isinasara ang pintuan ko sa kung ano pa ang puwedeng mangyari sa akin. It's just that right now, at this very moment, I just want to do things alone."

Is she open for a possible reconciliation?

"Of course I'm open," she quickly replied... "But right now kasi, talagang gusto kong mag-focus sa trabaho ko. I wanna have more time with myself. Marami kasi akong... siguro dumadaan ako sa quarter-life crisis. That there's so many things that I want to do."

Was Rocco the hindrance to whatever she wanted to do?

"No, hindi siya nagiging hadlang. If anything, si Rocco naman, he would push me to do my best in everything. Siguro kasi, may mga tao na they get to work on themselves better alone."

Being both Kapuso stars, if there's a possible project that would team them up, would she consider it?

"Of course, I'm willing to work with him and professional naman kaming dalawa."

In a separate interview, Rocco said that along the process of moving on, he opted to leave by himself in a condo. In her part, what did she do to cope up with the split up?

"It's hard to tell that one person has moved on. Mahirap yun, e, because it's just hard to talk about moving on."

Some observants assessed that she was able to move on quickly.

"No, I believe I just know how to carry myself. I just leave that at home. Iniiwan ko yung mga pinagdadaanan ko sa bahay. Ayoko kasing madamay ang trabaho ko."

Did she regret their two-year happy days?

"Well, siyempre maraming sana, sana ganito. But, wala, e… ganun talaga. Siguro ako, ang masasabi ko na lang, I did my best."

If there's one thing that she regrets, what is it?

"Well, nothing, wala akong regrets. It was a really good relationship, I was happy."

Did they unfollow one another on social media?

"Hindi, hindi ko siya ina-unfollow. Kasi, hindi naman porke't hiwalay na kami, hindi ko na naiisip ang kalagayan niya. Of course, naiisip ko pa rin siya. Ang difference lang ngayon, inuuna ko ang sarili ko. Physically, hindi ko siya nakikita, pero iniisip ko ang kapakanan niya. And I'm always praying for him, I hope he's always doing well."

Is it true that a part of their fight was about money and credit cards?

"No, no, not at all. At una sa lahat, si Rocco, hindi siya ganun. And he works really hard. Saludo nga ako kay Rocco kasi ang layo na ng narating niya. Yung isyu about money, not true at all. And I don't know where it came from. First of all, wala kaming joint account." she stressed.

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IAN VENERACION became a hot issue after his stint in the Kapamilya soap titled "Pangako Sa'yo".Portrayed the role of Eduardo Buenavista in the said series, Ian became a sought-after leading man.

Meanwhile, there are four surprising things that you didn't know about the former child actor.

1. He paints.

Ian has already mounted successful solo exhibits of his own art. He takes after his father Roy Veneracion, a painter by profession.

Ian shares, 'Mula bata ako, I would see my father paint, and he would give me my own canvas, and we would paint.

'Painting has always been a part of my life. It's an outlet. It's very good therapy for me. It keeps my sanity!

'I'd probably try to describe in color and composition the taste of a mango rather than give you the shape and the color, because to me—to me lang personally—it's boring... So I'd rather express it differently!'

2. He's affectionate.

Ian may be a very busy man, but he makes it a point to tell his wife Pam at least three times a day that he loves her.

He also regularly makes time for his three kids: Draco, Deirdre, and Buccio.

'More than my work—more than anything, I mean—family, for me, that's the whole thing,' Ian says. 'That's my anchor, so everything else is just there to complement family life. Not the other way around!'

3. He has found a new groove.

Ian discovered dancing when shooting this MAGGI® TV commercial:

Ian says about the experience, 'I had fun doing it. And even my kids, when they saw it na, they were laughing, kasi nga they know that I hated dancing.

'But there, sabi nila, you look like you had so much fun.

'Sabi ko, yeah, surprisingly I did!'

4. He cooks for his family.

'Of course I cook for my wife,' Ian says.

He also likes cooking sinigang, especially for his kids, 'They just love the sabaw pa lang with rice. Solve na sila.' he says.

Ian gives his sinigang a surprising twist by using MAGGI® SINIGANG GREEN MANGO SURPRISE. It's made with real fruit extract, 'at may natural na asim ng green mangoes,' he adds.

And to add a little more.....Did you know that this family man and actor also plays golf and basketball, does extreme sports, rides big bikes, goes scuba diving, sailing and fishing, flies planes, and even paraglides?

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Apart from breakfast, lunch and dinner, the restaurant also has a special Sunday Brunch buffet offered at very affordable prices. Children below the age of 12 can enjoy the buffet at 50% off. While kids aged 4 and below can dine-in with their parents or guardians for free.

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On the other hand, Quest Hotel's bar outlet, Charley's Bar, is set to launch Mexican Nights. Sponsored by Bacardi, it features special signature drinks such as Mojitos and Cuba Libre by the glass or carafe. Guests can also avail of a special promo where they can buy a pitcher of drinks and get one extra pitcher for free with pica-pica.

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Grand Motorcade for Montana Views rouses San Fernando

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga (CSFP)- Trusted developer of horizontal communities, NorthPine Land, Inc. (NLI) took the Cabalens by storm via a motorcade to introduce Montana Views, its first development in Central Luzon.

Graced by the presence of NLI EVP, Ferdinand Macabanti and VP for Sales and Marketing, Raniel Castillo, the Cabalens gave a warm reception to the grand motorcade organized by NLI.

During the motorcade, around 30 vehicles joined in the drive around 9 barangays in CSFP. The convoy passed through major highways and other streets of the city. Residents received giveaways and were entertained by Ati-atihan dancers.

"These are exciting times for the Pampanga real estate market which continues to exhibit its vibrancy. NorthPine Land is poised to carve out its name and grab attention of Cabalens as well as neighboring provinces in the region," shared by Castillo.

NLI recently launched Montana Views, the first horizontal residence in Pampanga with a Modern American Country theme. When fully developed, the community will have recreational and wellness amenities. Aven, Bryn, Kendra, Lindsey and Quincy model houses have floor areas ranging from 60 sq. m. to 130 sq. m. and are available for as low as PHP2.6M.



Jurie Roa, head of NorthPine's Pampanga Network of Brokers, poses in front of the procession of vehicles. **Contributed photo**

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TOFARM

Film fest on farmers' life struggles, success opens at SM CityPampanga

By Ashley Manabat

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Some 70 farmers from all over the province gathered at SM City Pampanga cinema here on Wednesday for the launching of the Search and Award for The Outstanding Farmers of the Philippines (TOFARM) Film Festival 2016.

Dr. Milagros O. How, executive vice president of Universal Harvester, Inc., formally opened the film festival featuring the six movies – Free Range, Pauwi Na, Paglipay, Pitong Kabang Palay, Kakampi, and Pilapil - depicting the aspirations of the Filipino farmers and their journey to success under the guidance of multi-awarded film and television director Maryo J. Delos Reyes.

The six movies are now showing at SM City Pampanga and also at SM City Cabanatuan cinemas until August 30.

"I got to meet the most hard working people in the land, that is the reason why we all have food on our tables every day. But as I got to know more farmers over the years I was inspired by their life stories to inspire others. That is our mission," How said.



How

"We decided to bring the films outside Manila to initiate the agricultural revolution that we are dreaming of. We want able to know more and in so doing learn more about our industry," she pointed out.

"Let the whole nation appreciate the plight of our farmers. The show starts today and so this coming week we invite everyone to watch the six films that will break the soul of our agricultural country and fill your senses with the bountiful stories of the most hard-working people in the land," she added.

TOFARM supervising producer Ianne Oandasan said this is first TOFARM film festival where farmers take center stage because they are "not only responsible for ensuring our food supply but they can also be a rich source of inspiration in film making."

Oandasan said the festival features six original stories "where we can see that our farmers are no different from us. their life stories – of sadness and of joy, of trials and success -- these are stories that we seldom hear every day yet worthy to be told," How said during the opening of the festival.

"My interests in these stories soon sparked the passion to create the venue wherein our farmers and the lives they live can be appreciated, recognized and respected," How explained.

"It is a fact that our farmers don't get the recognition they deserved but through the TOFARM Film Festival, we are hoping that our beloved farmers will be given a voice and be given an opportunity to tell

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