

TULONG KAAGAD NI CONGRESSMAN AMANTE SA MGA NASUNUGAN



Dahil sa pagkakatagong si Congressman Loreto S. Amante ay nasa kanyang distrito noong Linggo, Marso 31, nang maganap ang sunog sa Barangay Talaga sa bayan ng Rizal ay kaagad siyang nakapagtungo sa Rizal Central School kung saan ang 13 pamilya na binubuo ng 55 katao ay pansamantalang kinukupkop ng Sangguniang Barangay ng Talaga sa inisyatibo ni Punong Barangay Jose "Joey" Hular, upang ang bawat sambahayang ganap na nawalan ng tahanan at mga pangunahing kagamitan ay mapagkalooban ng paunang tulong na pinansyal, at panustos na pagkain, na karagdagan sa nauna ng kaagad ay itinulong ng Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office sa tagubilin ni Alkalde Yenir P. Muñoz. (RUBEN E. TANINGCO)

Santa Rosa City, patuloy ang pagbabakuna kontra pertussis

Tiniyak ni Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas na walang dapat ikabahala ang mga mamamayan ng Santa Rosa dahil tuloy-tuloy ang isinasagawang 'preventive measures' ng lungsod, kaugnay ng Pertussis o 'Whooping Cough' outbreak.

Sa ginanap na flag ceremony kanina, Abril 1, 2024, inanunsyo niya ang Pertussis Outbreak sa

lungsod na idineklara sa ilalim ng Local Health Board Resolution No. 01 Series of 2024.

Idineklara itong outbreak dahil sa kasalukuyan ay mayroong 13 na kaso nito sa lungsod na nagmula sa apat na barangay.

"Kaya sya outbreak dahil right now we have 13 confirmed cases..."

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DOH observing pertussis trends after increasing immunization



Naging panauhin si Vice-President Sara Duterte kasama si Vice-Gov. Atty. Karen Agapay sa pagbubukas ng 25th Pandanan Festival sa Luisiana, Laguna.



Dumating si Sen. Bong Go sa isinagawang TUPAD Orientation para sa mga taga-Luisiana kaalinsabay ng pagdiriwang ng 25th Pandanan Festival. Malugod siyang sinalubong nina Vice. Gov. Atty. Karen Agapay, Mayor Mapher Alvarez, VM Luibic Jacob at mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Bayan ng Luisiana.

The Department of Health (DOH) continues to monitor and act on Pertussis (Filipino: Ubong Dalahit, o Tusperina) in the country. Data up to March 23, 2024 show a total of 862 cases since the start of the year (30 times that of the same period last year), with 49 deaths recorded. This sharp rise is also being seen in other countries such as the United Kingdom in Europe, where 553 cases were recorded in England for January 2024 alone.

The five Philippine regions reporting the most number of cases are MiMaRoPa (187), NCR (158), Central Luzon (132), Central Visayas (121), and Western Visayas (72).

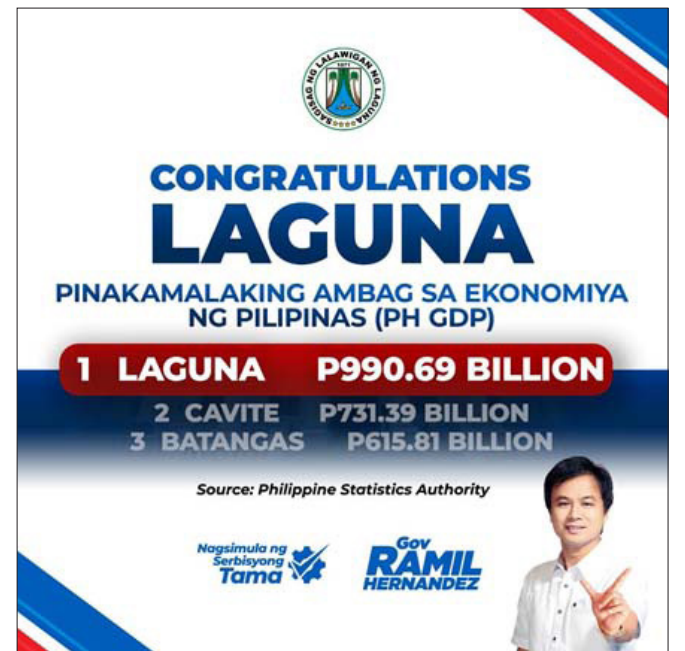
Of the total Pertussis cases thus far recorded, 79% were less than 5 years old. At least six out of ten (66%) of these young children were either unvaccinated or did not know their vaccination history. Adults aged 20 and older account for only 4% of cases.

The DOH is cautious in in-

terpreting trends as the number of cases may still change as there may be late consultations and reports. Furthermore, the effects of increasing immunization efforts to stem the outbreak may not be seen in the data until 4-6 weeks after they are started.

"Time is of the essence. Our DOH Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (RESUs) are in constant coordination with provincial, city, and municipal health offices to provide scientific advice.

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Nagtala ang Laguna ng kabuuang ambag na P990.69 bilyon, katumbas ng 5% ng National Gross Domestic Product o GDP noong 2022 batay sa inilabas na report ng Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) patungkol sa resulta ng Provincial Product Accounts (PPA). Nanguna ang Laguna sa listahan ng 82 mga probinsya na may malaking kontribusyon sa National GDP ng bansa. Bunga ito ng patuloy na pagsulong sa ekonomiya ng lalawigan sa pamumuno ni Gobernador Ramil L. Hernandez, na sa kabuuan ay nagsusulong din sa ekonomiya ng bansa. (PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, LAGUNA SocMED/LAGUNA PIO)

P.A. Properties, GSIS and PNB forged collaborative venture to address housing demands

GSIS MAIN OFFICE, PASAY CITY, APRIL 2, 2024 – In a historic collaboration, P.A. Alvarez Properties and Development Corporation (P.A. Properties), together with prominent financial institutions, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and Philippine National Bank (PNB), along with the participation of PNB Trust Banking Group and PNB Capital & Investment Corporation, have forged a pioneering alliance to address the

critical shortage of housing across the Philippines.

The cornerstone of this partnership is a significant Corporate Notes Facility valued at 1.2 Billion pesos, with PNB and GSIS as key noteholders. PNB Trust Banking Group assumes the pivotal role of facility agent, while also serving as the mandated lead arranger and bookrunner, alongside PNB Capital & Investment Corporation.

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(From Left to Right): P.A. Properties President and Chief Executive Officer Atty. Marianne Reyna Cruz, P.A. Properties Chairman Romarico Alvarez, GSIS President and General Manager Wick Veloso, PNB President Florido Casuela; and PNB Capital President Gerry Valenciano.

APRI employees, stakeholders celebrate World Water Day

Upholding its commitment to protecting the environment, employees and stakeholders of AP Renewables Inc. (APRI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Abotiz- Power, gathered together for a river clean-up drive at Visitang Naga River in Tiwi, Albay and Tigma River in Calauan, Laguna last March 8 and 23, respectively, in the celebration of World Water Day.

A group of 89 volunteers from APRI together with representatives from the local govern-

ments of Tiwi and Limao came together to collect 216.5 kilograms of solid waste from the rivers. These volunteers recognize the significance of such efforts in safeguarding our environment, especially during the ongoing environmental crisis.

The clean-up drive is in support of APRI's partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) that was sealed

through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the project Adopt-An-Estero-Program in 2012. It aims to enhance water quality and achieve a healthier environment through regular clean-up activities such as dredging and collection of floating debris. APRI Tiwi and MakBan are expected to conduct another river clean-up run by the year's second quarter.

Barangay Limao Captain Hon. Romeo Alvarez said, "Ang

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AGENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. An APRI employee Wildredo Celestial Jr. enthusiastically picked up solid wastes he stumbled upon during the clean-up activity facilitated by APRI last March 8.



PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH. APRI-MakBan employee Dionisio Guarico (in a black shirt) accounted for the trash collected from the clean-up drive.



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ADDICTION TO ELECTRONIC GADGETS

Microsoft Bing defines addiction to electronic gadgets as the "uncontrollable urge or impulse to continue using technology to the point that it starts to interfere with the individual's mental, physical and social life". Take note that the operative word here is "uncontrollable", meaning to say that the definition excludes regular and customary use, within what is generally perceived to be normal or "controlled" use. In theory, electronic gadgets are supposed to be used as "tools" that could help us improve our "mental, physical and social life". It is supposed to enhance what we are normally doing, meaning that these are not supposed to replace what we are doing with actions and activities that could already be considered as abnormal. Microsoft Bing also says that "gadget addiction affects all age groups and people of all races, and can lead to mental, physical, emotional and even political consequences". While it is generally believed that the problem of addiction to gadgets affect the young people more, that is not true. That belief could be due to the fact that young people are more adept in using social media, internet surfing, video games and everything online. Just like any other addiction, the solution to the problem could eventually lead to treatments such as therapies, and even confinements in specialized facilities. Perhaps it is time to deal with this problem before it gets out of hand? Shall we call the attention of the DOH?

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SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF HUNGER

Sometimes we seem lost in the flurry of words, but it is clear enough to me that the term "involuntary hunger" is much more real than "perceived hunger". It seems that the former is real "felt" hunger, whereas the latter could be "imagined" hunger to some extent. Knowing that, I felt sick in my stomach when I read that according to the SWS, the number of Filipino families that experienced "involuntary hunger" increased from 9.8 percent in September 2023 to 12.6 percent in December 2023. In layman terms, it could be explained that many Filipino families have no choice but to go hungry, because they could no longer afford to buy food. That could be because they are not earning enough to be able to buy food to eat, or the prices of food have risen for them to be able to afford it. One way or the other, that also means that many Filipino families have also fallen below the poverty line, because they could no longer afford the "imaginary basket of goods". Although it might sound too simplistic, I believe that a practical solution is for Filipino families to grow their own food in their own backyards, or in community farms that are perhaps owned and operated by them through cooperative organizations. Towards that end, I am hoping that all LGUs everywhere will find good reason to help them with technology, financing and marketing. On my own, I have gathered enough contacts among agricultural technology providers, enough to be able to help those who will reach out to me.

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UNRESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Before the internet and mobile phones came along, we could only contact the government agencies using landlines. The problem with using landlines is that almost always, the person "in-charge" is not always available, and even if he or she is available, we have to talk to so many people before we could talk to him or her. Almost always, the person on line will just tell us to go to their office instead, which defeats the purpose of using a communications device. Nowadays, it is ironic that despite the fact that very few people have access to landlines, many government agencies publish only their landline numbers, thus making it impossible for the public to contact them via mobile, email or social media. Believe it or not, there are many government agencies that do not even have a social media presence at all. The sad thing is, even if some government agencies would publish their mobile numbers, email addresses and social media accounts, they hardly ever answer at all, and if ever they do answer, all we get are auto-replies or some chatbots giving us robotic and impersonal messages. I wonder if our government officials realize that it is more expensive to call a landline from a mobile phone? That it is actually cheaper for our people to contact them via text, email and chat messages? Even Viber, WhatsApp and Telegram are cheaper to use than a text message. So why don't they use these three platforms too?

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THE POLITICS OF RECYCLING

I am told that one of our local billionaires is earning more millions by simply collecting the recyclables from their numerous shopping malls all over the country. Take note that I used the term "recyclables", and not "garbage". Whatever that rich guy is doing, there is really nothing wrong with that, because his family owns the malls, and there is no corruption involved. Besides, he is doing his part in reducing the volume of garbage that goes into the landfills and dumpsites. In contrast, I am also told that there are some local officials who are already millionaires, but are earning more millions from the business of collecting, hauling and dumping the garbage into the landfills and dumpsites. There is probably nothing wrong with what these guys are doing, except that there seems to be a conflict of interest with their personal goal of making more money, and their sworn duty to implement their solid waste management programs. In theory, the more recyclables are collected for "genuine" recycling, the less solid waste there will be to collect, haul and dump. Conversely, the lesser recyclables are collected, the more money can be made from collecting, hauling and dumping. That is the reason why in some localities, even the "presorted" recyclables are thrown back into the rest of the garbage. I think that the solution to this conflict is to have separate trucks for the collection of recyclables. That way, the real recyclers could also make money.

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We are helping LGUs move to break transmission and protect children. Vaccines are available, and more have been ordered," said Health Secretary Dr. Teodoro J. Herbosa.

Pertussis starts as a mild cough and cold that lasts about two weeks, followed by paroxysms or fits of coughing which lasts up to six weeks. There is a characteristic "whooping" or high pitched sound ("huni") in between coughs, especially when inhaling. There can also be vomiting immediately after coughing, and low-grade fever. Infants may not present with cough; instead, they may turn cyanotic or bluish when coughing.

Compared to cough found in other diseases, the distinct "whoop" or high pitched sound of Pertussis is unique. Bronchial asthma may also have a similar sound, but only during asthma attacks and often without fever or the other symptoms.

Pertussis is caused by bacteria – either *Bordetella pertussis*, or *Bordetella parapertussis*. Antibiotics are available and effective against them. A doctor will prescribe a course of treatment that should start as early as possible. Depending on the antibiotic used and the age and condition of the patient, treatment may run from 4 to 14 days. It is important to consult a doctor and use antibiotics

only as prescribed. Do not self-medicate, and always complete the number of days.

Pertussis is a respiratory disease. It is transmitted from person to person through coughing or sneezing. This transmission may be prevented by good respiratory hygiene: cover coughs and sneezing – do so into disposable tissues/wipes, or the elbow or upper arm (not hands). Wash hands often, or use alcohol if soap and water are not readily available. Since children may not be able to use face masks consistently, adults are highly encouraged to help protect them by wearing face masks properly, especially in areas with poor

ventilation or crowded conditions.

Vaccination is safe and effective against Pertussis. Pentavalent vaccines include protection against "DPT" (Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus), in addition to Hepatitis B and Hemophilus influenza type B. Infants as young as 6 weeks may already be given this vaccine for free at government health centers. Children from 1-6 years of age may get a booster dose. Older children, as well as adults are advised to consult a doctor or health center for advice on the appropriate vaccine. Pregnant women may ask about the "Tdap" vaccine, which allows for protection of their soon to be born babies against Pertussis.

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ang Pertussis po kasi, kapag may dalawang confirmed cases, outbreak na po siya," ayon kay Mayor Arlene.

Magmula ng maitala ang unang kaso ng Pertussis sa lungsod noong Enero 30, 2024, binantayan na ng lungsod ang mga kaso at sinigurong naisasagawa ang mga preventive measures.

Sa pangunguna ng City Health Office 1 at 2, gayundin ng mga Ba-

rangay Health Workers (BHW), patuloy ang house-to-house na pagbibigay ng mga karagdagan bakuna at prophylaxis lalo na sa mga sanggol. Target ng CHO na makapagbigay ng bakuna sa mga batang 5 taon gulang pababa.

Ang Pertussis o Ubong Dalahit ay isang nakakahawang impeksyon dulot ng bakterya na "Bordetella pertussis". Ito ay karanawang kumakalat sa pamam-

agitan ng malalaking respiratory droplets mula sa pag-uob o pagbabing, at kalimitan sa kinakapitan nito ay mga sanggol.

Gayunpaman, maaari itong maiwasan sa pamamagitan ng bakuna kung kaya't ito ang isinasagawa ng lungsod. "The vaccines were supplied to us by DOH, but we are trying to secure our own vaccine purchased by the city," bahagi ni Mayor Arlene.

Dahil sa mga hakbangang ito, mayroon mang outbreak ay hindi nagdeklara ang lungsod ng "State of Health Calamity."

Samantala, bagamat hindi dapat ikabahala, pinaalalahanan pa rin ni Mayor Arlene na mag-ingat ang lahat dahil hindi lamang mga sanggol at bata ang maaaring magkaroon nito, kundi pati na rin ang matatanda. (Santa Rosa City Information Office)

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This fund is earmarked for strategic land development and acquisition, directly supporting the expansion and enhancement of affordable housing projects.

The primary objective of this initiative is crystal clear: to tackle head-on the housing backlog in the country. With an estimated demand for housing potentially reaching 9 million, it is imperative to deliver accessible and high-quality housing solutions.

Romarico T. Alvarez, Chairman of P.A. Properties, underscores

the significance of this, affirming, "The implementation of this Corporate Notes Facility will significantly bolster our efforts in providing more housing developments to our fellow Filipinos. With this, you become one of with us in our vision of providing inclusive, sustainable, and affordable housing."

Over the next five years, P.A. Properties plans to expand its reach by developing an additional 20 communities. This expansion will not only increase the housing inventory but also diversify the options available to Filipino families.

In alignment with the vision of nation-building, GSIS President and General Manager, PGM Jose Arnulfo "Wick" Veloso, remarks, "This collateralized or secured housing financing transaction serves as a catalyst for numerous endeavors aimed at genuine nation-building."

Floreo Casuela, President and CEO of PNB, expresses satisfaction with the collaboration, stating, "Expanding our institution's reach into housing projects is one of our strategic objectives... We are delighted and honored to be a part of this collaborative endeavor, con-

tributing to the betterment of our beloved Philippines."

This landmark partnership symbolizes a collective vision shared by and among the participating entities – a vision of a nation where every Filipino has a place to call home. As the journey towards eradicating the housing backlog in the Philippines continue, GSIS, PNB, PNB Trust Banking Group, PNB Capital & Investment Corporation, and P.A. Properties stand united in their unwavering commitment to alleviate the housing shortage.

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paglilinis sa ilog ay malaking tulong po sa pag-aalaga sa ating kapaligiran pero wala po tayong lilinis na ilog kung gagawin lang po natin ang tamang pagtatapon ng basura."

"Our commitment to sustainability begins with the environment, and engaging in clean-up drives is just one facet of our continuous efforts to give back and uphold the health of our surroundings," Desiderio Bongay Jr., Production Planning and Support Supervisor.

Inspired by an American Indian Proverb "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children", Engr. Mavic Arago, APRI Senior Assis-

tant Vice President (SAVP) for Safety, Health, and Environment (SHE) shared, "As stewards of our planet, we must take action and preserve our rivers. Through collaborative efforts like this clean-up, we are not just protecting ecosystems, but also ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come."

About AP Renewables Inc.

APRI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of AboitizPower, is one of the leading geothermal energy producers in the country. It delivers clean and renewable baseload power with two facilities that it operates in Tiwi, Albay; Bay and Calauan, Laguna; and Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

About AboitizPower

AboitizPower is the holding company for the Aboitiz Group's investments in power generation, distribution, and retail electricity services. It advances business and communities by providing reliable and ample power supply at a reasonable and competitive price, and with the least adverse effects on the environment and host communities.

The company is one of the largest power producers in the Philippines with a balanced portfolio of assets located across the country. It is a major producer of Cleanergy, the company's brand for clean and renewable energy with several hydroelectric, geothermal, and solar power generation facilities. It also has thermal power plants in its generation

portfolio to support the country's baseload and peak energy demands.

The company also owns distribution utilities that operate in high-growth areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, including the country's second and third-largest private utilities.

AboitizPower, together with its partners, is the Philippines' largest owner and operator of renewable energy based on installed capacity. In the next 10 years, the company will significantly expand its Cleanergy portfolio, in support of the government's efforts to promote renewable energy in the country. AboitizPower will build an additional 3,700 MW of renewable energy, growing its existing Cleanergy capacity threefold by 2030.



An APRI employee Wildredo Celestial Jr. enthusiastically picked up solid wastes he stumbled upon.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **ALBERT VILLALOBOS HOLGADO**, who died on Nov. 27, 2023 in Biñan City, Laguna, left a bank deposit with Sterling Bank of Asia, Biñan, Laguna (Barangay Canlalay) branch under account number 543/1/002041/65 and Savings Account Passbook No. 127447 which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Bank Account With Waiver of Rights" among his legal heirs before notary public Atty. Avelino T. Iglesias, Jr. as per Doc. No. 307; Page No. 64; Book No. 1; Series of 2024.

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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,

Mortgagee,
 -versus- EJF Case No. 2024-5059-SPL

WENCESLAO M. VENUS,
 Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,** mortgagee, with principal office at SSS Bldg. 2nd Floor M. Paulino St., Corner Balagtas Blvd., Brgy. III-A, San Pablo City, Laguna, against **WENCESLAO M. VENUS,** mortgagor, with postal address at Lot 28 Blk. 1 Jaka Village, Brgy. San Vicente, San Pedro City, Laguna, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 29, 2024 amounts to **THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIVE PESOS & 48/100 (Php3,275,505.48)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges, all secured by the said mortgage, the undersigned Sheriff-in-Charge will sell at public auction on **June 12, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon** at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice, Pacita Complex 1, San Pedro City, Laguna to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all its improvements, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-337362

A parcel of land (Lot 28, Blk. 1 of the subd. plan Psd-043425-074848, being a portion of Lot 2, (LRC) Pcs-22223, LRC Rec. No. N-39286), situated in the

Bo. of San Vicente, Mun. of San Pedro, Prov. of Laguna, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 29, Blk. 1, on the NE., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 5; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 27, Blk. 1, all of the subd. plan and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 416, Gss-877. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S.49 deg. 42'E., 904.75 m. from BLLM No.3, San Pedro, Laguna; Thence N. 82 deg. 45'E., 14.00 m. to point 2; N. 07 deg. 15'E., 4.00 m. to point 3; S. 82 deg. 45'W., 14.04 m. to point 4; N. 06 deg. 46'W., 4.00 m. to the point of beginning; containing an area of FIFTY SIX (56) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of original survey, Oct. 1, 1964-Feb. 28, 1965 and that of the subd. survey, Aug. 8-27, 1994 and was approved on Oct. 13, 1994.

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 July 24, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon without further notice.

March 20, 2024, City of San Pedro, Laguna.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **ROWENA C. SARMIENTO**, who died intestate on May 5, 2021 in San Pablo City, left a real property with improvement located at Brgy. San Rafael, San Pablo City, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 075-2010000947 which had been extrajudicially settled among her heirs and that a portion of the said parcel of land described as Lot 6-B containing an area of 24 sq. meters was sold to **DONDON BUENSALIDA BONAYON married to ROSIE BONAYON**, before notary public Atty. Lorna D. Ruba as per Doc. No. 52; Page No. 11; Book No. XII; Series of 2023.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the late **Spouses IRINEO I. EXCONDE and AUREA G. EXCONDE**, who both died intestate on July 9, 1975 and Dec. 25, 1995 respectively, left a real property located at Brgy. Dolores, San Pablo City covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-4237 which had been extrajudicially settled among their heirs and sold to **LOUIE ANGELO P. GONZALES**, before notary public Atty. Lorna D. Ruba as per Doc. No. 318; Page No. 64; Book No. XV; Series of 2024.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **RENATO B. BRION**, who died intestate on May 28, 2015 in San Pablo City, left a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Juan, San Pablo City, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-42855 which had been extrajudicially settled among his heirs and sold to **GIAN CARLO SALUPADO and DUSTIN MEER**, before notary public Atty. Lorna D. Ruba as per Doc. No. 212; Page No. 43; Book No. XIV; Series of 2024.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **GAUDENCIO S. ESPOLONG**, who died on Nov. 20, 2017 in Biñan City, Laguna left a certain property with improvement erected thereon located at Brgy. Canlalay, Binan City, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-238009 which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement With Waiver of Rights" among his surviving heirs before notary public Patricio L. Boncayao, Jr. as per Doc. No. 393; Page No. 80; Book No. 233; Series of 2018.

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Upon Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,** mortgagee, against **JULITA M. MOJICA,** mortgagor/s, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with postal address at 655 TENEMENT BLDG TAGUIG METRO MANILA to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 15, 2023 amounted to **SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX PESOS & 93/100 (Php 657,556.93)** inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **June 6, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock pm** in the afternoon or soon thereafter at the office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, RTC Branch 108, 2/F Unit 7, New Annijo Commercial Bldg. along National Highway, Brgy. Sala, Cabuyao City, Laguna (Besides Royal Cable Office) across Cabuyao Public Cemetery, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in the Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all its improvement to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-392815

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3, BLK. 7 OF THE

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **Spouses LEONARDO LIM DE MESA and OPTARZA L. DE MESA**, who both died intestate, left behind the following properties:

1. a parcel of land situated at Poblacion, Santa Cruz, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-238292;
2. a building located at P. Guevarra St., Barangay II, Sta. Cruz, Laguna declared under TD No. 25-0002-00448 & PIN 023-25 002 046-1001;
3. a commercial lot located at P. Guevarra St., Barangay II, Sta. Cruz, Laguna declared under TD No. 25-0002-00447 & PIN 023-25-007-04-046;
4. a parcel of land situated at Poblacion, Pila, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-105945;
5. a residential house situated at Gen. Luna St., Bulilan Norte, Pila, Laguna declared under TD No. 0001-00226 & PIN 023-22-0001-007-04-100;
6. a commercial lot situated at Brgy. Poblacion, Los Baños, Laguna declared under Tax Declaration No. 11-0001-00174 & PIN 023-11-0001-003-27;
7. a residential lot situated at Brgy. Poblacion, Los Baños, Laguna declared under TD No. 11-0001-00176 & PIN 023-11-0001-003-28; and
8. a residential building situated at Brgy. Poblacion, Los Baños, Laguna declared under TD No. 11-0001-00175 & PIN 023-11-0001-003-27-1001;

which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate" among their sole surviving legitimate heirs before notary public Atty. Urane Leslie F. Maambong-Singh as per Doc. No. 199; Page No. 41; Book No. 13; Series of 2023.

TWH -- April 3, 10 & 17, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **FLORA GUNDAYAO SAJONAS PERALTA**, who died intestate on April 13, 2019 at San Pedro City, Laguna, left behind the following properties:

- Residential land (Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-324776; Registered owner: Filinvest Dev't Corp; Tax Declaration No. 24-0002-00599; Area: 50 square meters
- Residential building/house (Registered owner: Narciso E. Peralta and Flora S. Peralta; Tax Declaration No. 24-0002-01410; Area: 30 square meters
- Rights awarded to Flora Peralta as evidenced by Entry Pass No. 012 by the Publica Estates Authority, Filinvest Alabang Incorporated issued on January 5, 1994

which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate" among her only surviving heirs before notary public Atty. Urane Leslie F. Maambong-Singh as per Doc. No. 34; Page No. 08; Book No. 03; Series of 2022.

TWH -- April 3, 10 & 17, 2024

THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX PESOS & 93/100 (Php 657,556.93) inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **June 6, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock pm** in the afternoon or soon thereafter at the office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, RTC Branch 108, 2/F Unit 7, New Annijo Commercial Bldg. along National Highway, Brgy. Sala, Cabuyao City, Laguna (Besides Royal Cable Office) across Cabuyao Public Cemetery, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in the Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all its improvement to wit:

SUBD PLAN, PSD-04-090608, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 5751-A, PSD-04-026417, LRC REC. NO. 21582), SITUATED IN BRGY. MAMATID, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE xxxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF NINETY (90) SQUARE METERS. xxx*

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 above-mentioned date by reason of fortuitous events/special holidays, it shall be held on June 13, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock pm without further notice.

City of Cabuyao, Laguna, March 22, 2024.

(Sgd.) **ALEX A. MENDOZA**

Sheriff IV
 Copy Furnished:
 HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
JULITA M. MOJICA
 1. 655 Tenement Bldg Taguig Metro Manila
 2.) Lot 3 Blk 7 Crystal Ville, Mamatid, Cabuyao, Laguna
MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL C/O ATTY. JULIUS VOLTAIRE ROMMEL C. CUBELO
 Attorney-In-Fact, 24K ACCOUNTS CONSULTANT, INC.
 3F Fass Inteli College Bldg., No. 11, Pittsburgh St., Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City
 The Wednesday Herald
 San Pablo City
 April 3, 10 & 17, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 108 CITY OF CABUYAO, LAGUNA
NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
EJF NO. 406-C-2023-EJ

Upon Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,** mortgagee, against **SPS. CECILIA C. DEL MUNDO AND RAMIL L. DEL MUNDO**, mortgagor/s both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal address at LOT 25 BLK 7, VILLA ESTELA SUBD., BRGY. BACLARAN, CABUYAO, LAGUNA to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 16, 2023 amounted to **ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN PESOS & 90/100 (Php 142,114.90)** inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 23, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock pm** in the afternoon or soon thereafter at the office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, RTC Branch 108, 2/F Unit 7, New Annijo Commercial Bldg. along National Highway, Brgy. Sala Cabuyao City, Laguna (Besides Royal Cable Office) across Cabuyao Public Cemetery, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in the Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all its improvement to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-420297

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 52 BLK 72 OF THE CONS/SUBD. PCS-04-012602, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOL. OF PLAN PSU-50910 LOT 2-A, PSD-69192; PSU-38527; LOT 1-C, PSD-04-088893; LOT 2-C, PSD-17905; PSU-50911; LOT 2, PSD-04-044771, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. MAMATID, MUN. OF CABUYAO, PROV. OF LAGUNA. BOUNDED ON THE x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. 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 above-mentioned date by reason of fortuitous events/special holidays, it shall be held on May 30, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock pm without further notice.

City of Cabuyao Laguna March 5, 2024.
 (Sgd.) **ALEX A. MENDOZA**
 Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:
 HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
SPS. CECILIA C. DEL MUNDO AND RAMIL L. DEL MUNDO
 1.) 103 Baclaran, Cabuyao, Laguna
 2.) Lot 52 Blk 72 Ph 1, Mabuhay City Subd Mamatid, Cabuyao, Laguna
MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL C/O ATTY. JULIUS VOLTAIRE ROMMEL C. CUBELO
 Attorney-In-Fact, 24K ACCOUNTS CONSULTANT, INC.
 3F Fass Inteli College Bldg., No. 11, Pittsburgh St., Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City
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REPUBLIC OF THE
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BANK OF COMMERCE,
Mortgagee,

-versus- **EJF CASE NO.**
0992-SRCL

**SPOUSES MARILYN M.
RIVERA and ARON JAY I.
RIVERA,**

Mortgagors.
x ----- x

**NOTICE OF EXTRA
JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
SALE
(Under Act No. 3135, as
Amended)**

Upon Extra-Judicial
Petition for Sale Under Act
3135, as amended filed by
the mortgagee, **BANK OF
COMMERCE**, with principal
office address at San Miguel
Properties Centre, No. 7, St.
Francis Street, Mandaluyong
City, against mortgagors
**SPS. MARILYN M. RIVERA
and ARON JAY I. RIVERA**,
with postal address at
Block 1, Lot 69, St. Joseph
Richfield, Brgy. Tagapo, Sta.
Rosa City, Laguna, and/
or Block 12, Lot 13, Florida
St., Rosewood Village, Brgy.
Tagapo, Sta. Rosa City,
Laguna, for the satisfaction
of the outstanding
obligations of the mortgage
debt per Statement of
Account as of February 15,
2024, amounted to (**Php
1,712,890.24**), Philippine
Currency, inclusive of
principal interest and
penalty charges, accounts
receivable and AIR
Bayanihan 1 which became
overdue and payable and
which remains unpaid and
all legal fees and expenses
incidental to this foreclosure
and sale. The undersigned
Ex-Officio Sheriff through
deputy Sheriff will SELL AT
PUBLIC AUCTION on **June
18, 2024, Tuesday, between
the hours of 10:00 A.M. to
1:00 P.M.**, at the 4th Floor,
Regional Trial Court, Office
of the Clerk of Court and Ex-
Officio Sheriff, Mayor Leon
Arcillas Memorial Bldg., Rizal
Blvd. Barangay Tagapo, City
of Santa Rosa, Laguna,

to the highest bidder, for
CASH and in Philippine
Currency or CERTIFIED
CHECK the following
described properties with all
its improvements existing
thereon, to wit:

**Registry of Deeds for
Province of Laguna,
Calamba Branch
TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. (060-202006051)
172-2023040366**

IT IS HEREBY
CERTIFIED that certain land
situated in BARANGAY OF
TAGAPO, MUNICIPALITY
OF STA. ROSA, PROVINCE
OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF
LUZON., bounded and
described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND
(LOT 69, BLK 1 OF THE
CONSOLIDATION AND
SUBDIVISION PLAN
PCS-04-027276, BEING
A PORTION OF THE
CONSOLIDATION OF
LOT 842 & 901 BOTH
OF STA. ROSA ESTATE,
L.R.C. RECORD NO.
8375) SITUATED IN THE
BARANGAY OF TAGAPO,
MUNICIPALITY OF STA.
ROSA, PROVINCE OF
LAGUNA, ISLAND OF
LUZON. X X X.

CONTAINING AN
AREA OF FORTY THREE
(43) SQUARE METERS,
MORE OR LESS. x x x.

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

Prospective buyers
and/or bidders are hereby
enjoined to investigate for
themselves the title of the
said real property and the
encumbrances existing
thereon, if there be any.

In the event of the public
auction should not take place
on the above stated time and
date by reason of fortuitous
event/declared special
holiday, it shall be held on
July 2, 2024, Tuesday, at the
same time and place without
further notice.

City of Santa Rosa,
Laguna, April 1, 2024.

(Sgd.) **RONNIE A. PALOYO**
Sheriff-In-Charge

The Wednesday Herald
San Pablo City
April 10, 17 & 24, 2024

Pananagutan ng mga bumbero ayon sa city fire marshal

NI RUBEN E. TANINGCO

Ang pangunahing gampanin ng isang Fire Station ay hindi lamang ang pagbabantay sa pamayanan upang kung may magaganap na sunog ay masugpo kaagad ito, o fire prevention and suppression, para mailigtas ang buhay at ari-arian ng mga mamamayan, sapagkat sa mga panahong walang nagaganap na sunog, ang isa konsentrasyon ng mga gawain ng isang fire station ay ang pagtupad sa mga iniaatas ng Batas Republika Bilang 9514 o ang tinatawag na Revised Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008 sapagka't isang pananagutan ng pamahalaan o ng estado na tiyak ang kapanatagan at kaligtasan ng mga mamamayan, lalo na ng mga mamumuhunan laban sa sunog upang matiyak na sila ay makapagpatupad o makapagpapaulad ng kabuhayan. Ito ay sang-ayon kay FCInsp. Adrian Salandron dela Cruz, ang bagong talagang City Fire Marshal sa Lung-

sod ng San Pablo.

Ang isa sa mabigat na pananagutan ng mga himpilan ng bumbero ayon kay CInsp. Adrian S. dela Cruz ay ang "fire and arson investigation" sa bawat pagkakataong may nagaganap na sunog sa isang lungsod o munisipyo. Ito ay ang pagsusuri sa mga kapan-sin-pansing mga bagay na natatagpuan sa kapaligiran ng nasunog na istraktura o the process of examining the physical attributes and evidence upang ganap na mapagtanto sa dahilan o pinagmulan ng sunog. Ayon sa fire marshal, ang sunog ay maaaring accidental o hindi kinukusa o hindi sinadya; o providential o dahil sa sunig ng kalikasan; o incendiary o intensyonal o kinusa. Na, kung ang dahilan ay incendiary o kinusa, ay mapapatawan ng mabigat na kaparusahan ang mga mapatutunayang may kagagawan nito.

Kapansinpansin na tuwing may nagaganap na kalamidad at malulubhang aksidente o may nagaganap na natural or man-made

disaster and other emergencies na kinakailangang may magsagawa ng Search and Rescue Operations, and Medical Emergencies, ay laging may mga tauhan ang BFP na kasama ng mga tauhan ng San Pablo City Red Cross Chapter at ng City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), ito umano ay bilang pag-alinsunod sa itinatagubilin ng Republic Act No. 10121 o Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 na ang BFP ay aktibong patuluyang nakikipag-ugnayan at nakikipagtulungan sa National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) at sa Local Government Units (LGUs), kaya sa bawat Himpilan ng Pamatay Sunog ay may mga tauhang may kamalayan at kasanayan sa pagsasagawa ng rescue operations and medical emergencies.

Sa kadahilanang isang pangangailangan na maikintal sa kaisipan ng mga Kabataan ang tamang kamalayan ukol sa sunog, at tamang pag-iwas na maganap ito, nabanggit ng Chief Inspector na



F/CI Insp. ADRIAN S. DELA CRUZ

patuloy silang nakikipagtulungan sa pagkakaloob ng earthquake and fire drill sa iba't ibang paaralang publiko at pribado sa lungsod, sa antas na elementarya, sekondarya, at terciara; at patuloy na pinatatag ang kanilang maganda at maayos na pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga non-governmental organizations; at mga lider ng negosyo at industriya sa lungsod na malaki ang naitutulong upang kanilang ganap na matugunan ang mga pananagutang iniaatas sa kanila ng kanilang tungkulin.

Hane Festival: Where Nature, Culture, and Community Unite

BY: CHERRY MAE CATANGAY-ANCHETA

In the heart of the Philippines, nestled among rolling mountains and verdant forests, lies the picturesque town of Tanay. It's a place where the past dances with the present, where nature flourishes in all its glory, and where the spirit of community thrives. And every year, as the cool winds of November sweep through the town, Tanay comes alive with the vibrant colors and joyful sounds of the annual Hane Festival.

The Hane Festival isn't just any ordinary celebration—it's a commemoration of Tanay's founding anniversary, a testament to its rich history, and a showcase of its vibrant culture and stunning natural beauty. Named after the beloved Tanayan expression "Hane," which is used to seek agreement, the festival brings together locals and visitors alike in a spirit of unity and camaraderie.

As the sun rises on the first day of the festival, the streets of Tanay are abuzz with excitement. Colorful banners flutter in the breeze, and the tantalizing aroma of freshly cooked delicacies fills the air. Farmers proudly display their bountiful harvests, showcasing the abundance of Tanay's agricultural produce.

But the Hane Festival is more than just a celebration of agriculture—it's also a celebration of eco-tourism. Visitors flock to Tanay's pris-

tine forests and majestic mountains, eager to explore its hidden wonders. Guided hikes lead adventurers to enchanting waterfalls, secret caves, and breathtaking vistas, while eco-conscious initiatives promote the importance of preserving Tanay's natural heritage for generations to come.

Amidst the festivities, the rich arts and culture of Tanay take center stage. Traditional dances fill the streets with energy and rhythm, while local artisans proudly display their handcrafted masterpieces. Visitors are treated to performances of traditional music and theater, immersing themselves in the sights and sounds of Tanay's vibrant cultural scene.

But perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the Hane Festival is the warmth and hospitality of the Tanayan people. With open arms and friendly smiles, they welcome visitors from far and wide, eager to share their traditions, stories, and way of life. For them, the festival is not just a celebration—it's a chance to showcase the true essence of Tanay, a place where community, culture, and nature intertwine in perfect harmony.

As the sun sets on the final day of the festival, the people of Tanay gather together for one last celebration. Underneath a canopy of stars, they dance and sing late into the night, grateful for the memories made and the bonds forged during the Hane Festival. And as they bid farewell to another year of festivities, they look forward to the next, knowing that the spirit of Tanay will continue to shine bright for all the world to see.

Unremitted SSS contributions from delinquent employers down by 40 percent in 2023

Encouraged by the Supreme Court decision upholding the right of the Social Security System (SSS) to take legal action against employers who have been remiss in settling their contribution delinquencies, SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Rolando Ledesma Macasaet ordered an increase in the frequency of its Run After Contribution Evaders (RACE) Campaign nationwide.

"Our RACE Campaign must be working," Macasaet said as he reported that the amount of unremitted members' contributions from delinquent employers have plummeted by almost 40 percent in 2023.

Macasaet said that uncollected contributions in 2022 stood at P92 billion, but SSS successfully brought it down by 39 percent to P56 billion in 2023 on the back of aggressively pursuing delinquent employers and continuously updating employer records.

In 2022, the Commission on Audit (COA) called out the SSS for failing to collect over P92 billion from half a million delinquent employers. According to state auditors, 466,881 employers did not remit P92.49 billion in premium contributions, penalties, and damages.

In a statement, Macasaet said the SSS has filed cases in court against 2,422 errant employers, majority of which have opted to settle their delinquencies either through full payment or via installment schemes, resulting in a record-high collection P1.37 billion in 2023 from P1.15 billion in 2022.

Collection from delinquent employers

Macasaet explained that the decrease in unremitted contributions could be attributed to the high collection of delinquencies from employers not remitting their employees' contributions.

Macasaet also explained that the RACE Campaign is one of the programs that played a vital role in pursuing delinquent employers nationwide.

The SSS chief explained that RACE was an operation conducted by the state fund to ensure that employers comply with their obligation as stipulated in Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018.

He said that only selected SSS branch offices conducted RACE campaigns in previous years. Recently, Macasaet said, he ordered the SSS to beef up the initiative by requiring all SSS branch offices nationwide to carry out RACE campaigns in their respective areas.

"We issued Show Cause Orders or Notices of Violation to delinquent employers and instructed them to report to SSS within 15 days to settle their unpaid contributions and corresponding penalties or face legal consequences for violating RA 11199," Macasaet said. He added that in 2023, SSS conducted 587 RACE operations nationwide and issued written notices to 4,923 delinquent employers.

SC upholds RACE Campaign

Last month, the Supreme Court (SC) rejected an appeal filed by a real estate company, which was found by a lower court to have failed to remit employee contributions to the SSS on time.

In a seven-page resolution, the SC Second Division upheld a decision of the Court of Appeals (CA) against RGV Real Estate Center, Inc. for violating the Social Security Law for failure to remit contributions.

RGV also violated SSS Circular No. 52 for failing to remit salary loan/calamity loan amortizations of its employees. "The SSS is a government agency that is imbued with the salutary purpose of carrying out the State's policy of establishing, developing, promoting, and perfecting a sound and viable tax-exempt social security system," the SC resolution said.

The SSS had repeatedly issued Demand Letters seeking the payment of more than P3 million representing employee contributions. RGV availed the condonation program, which allows members with outstanding balances to settle their arrears by installment. In this instance, RGV still failed to comply with the condonation program's rules.

The Social Security Commission first heard the case and found RGV liable to pay almost P7.5 million in unpaid contributions, interest, and penalties for late remittance.

The CA then ruled the case to be not reviewable. "Needless to say,

the entitlement and amount of benefit and privilege of its (SSS) members are adversely affected by the non-remittance of the much-needed contributions. Any divergence from the rule subjects the employer not only to monetary sanctions but also to criminal prosecution," the SC said.

Macasaet said the SSS RACE operations have been institutionalized into the mainstream branch operational procedures in addition to systems enhancements made on regular collection, improved interoperability among concerned internal offices/units involved in collection, introduction of the administrative collection remedy of issuance of a Warrant of Distraint, Levy, and Garnishment (WDLG), partnership with various Regulatory & Law Enforcement Agencies through Memorandum of Agreements, and judicial recourse to our Criminal Courts nationwide.

Updating the employers' list

Aside from improved collection from delinquent employers, Macasaet said that SSS also updated its records since it discovered that many of the reported contribution collectibles were from establishments that no longer operated, resulting in overstated statements of accounts (SOAs) being issued by SSS.

Macasaet added that SSS Account Officers and branch personnel visually inspected the establishments and discovered that many of these businesses had ceased operations.

PSA Laguna, magsasagawa ng April 2024 Labor Force Survey

Ang Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) ay magsasagawa ng April 2024 Labor Force Survey (LFS) sa may humigit kumulang na apatnaput apat na libong (44,000) piling sambahayan sa buong Pilipinas. Sa kabuuang ito, may humigit kumulang na apat na raang (400) piling sambahayan ang magmumula sa lalawigan ng Laguna.

Ang LFS ay isinasagawa sa buong bansa ng PSA kada buwan para masukat ang kasalukuyang labor market sa Pilipinas. Ito rin ay nakapagbibigay ng impormasyon o batayan sa ating mga mambabatas at may kaugnayang ahensya ng pamahalaan sa pag-aaral at paggawa ng mga programa at polisiya na may kinalaman sa hanapbuhay.

Dagdag pa rito, ang April 2024 LFS ay may karagdagang katanungan tungkol sa turismo at walang bayad na trabaho na ayon sa pagkakabanggit ay naglalayong palawakin ang impormasyong nakalap sa pagtatrabaho sa

turismo gaya ng iniulat sa Philippine Tourism Satellite Accounts (PTSA) at magbigay ng istatistikal na impormasyon sa pantay na pamamahagi ng walang bayad na pangangalaga at gawaing bahay sa pagitan ng babae at lalaki sa sambahayan.

Ang pangongolekta ng datos ng April 2024 LFS ay magsisimula sa ika-8 ng Abril 2024 at inaasahang makukumpleto sa ika-30 ng Abril 2024. Ang lahat ng mga datos na makakalap ay mananatiling lihim at hindi maaring gamitin laban sa piling sambahayan sang ayon sa Section 26 ng Republic Act 10625.

Hinihikayat ni Provincial Statistics Officer Magdalena T. Serqueña ang inyong suporta at kooperasyon sa survey na ito.

Kung may katanungan maaaring makipag-ugnayan kay SS II Catherine Z. Brosas sa teleponong 049 5626401 o kaya sa email address na laguna@psa.gov.ph.



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CARD MRI introduces savings product for senior citizens

BY JOSEPHINE M. RAMOS

CARD MRI Banking Group launched its latest savings product—an exclusive savings account designed for senior citizens. The launching was held at CARD MRI Basement, Paulino Street, San Pablo City, Laguna on March 18, 2024.

CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip emphasized the importance of seniors to CARD MRI saying, "Many of CARD MRI clients are aged 60 and above, prompting us to consider additional means of securing their financial well-being, which is why we came up with a savings account exclusively for them. Through this initiative, we hope that our elderly clients continue to feel valued and supported just like how we have always been from the beginning."

How it started

During a visit to an Indian bank, Dr. Alip and several members of the management team witnessed the special attention given to senior citizens through exclusive banking products tailored to their needs. Inspired by this approach, they decided to create savings products aimed at meeting the basic financial needs of the elderly, allowing them to earn income through savings interest.

Tailored Solutions for our Senior Citizens

CARD Bank, Inc. offers the Magalang Term Deposit; CARD SME Bank provides My Wealth Savings; and CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc. offers the Gabay Ipon Term Deposit. Due to its exclusiv-



CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip delivered his congratulatory message for the official launching of CARD MRI's savings product.



ity for senior citizens, its interest rate is higher compared to the regular time deposit rates of the CARD Banking Group.

The said savings product, requiring a minimum deposit of PHP10,000.00, is open to aged 60 and above.

In addition to term deposits, seniors have the option to open a regular savings account with My Life Savings at CARD SME Bank for a minimum deposit of PHP200.00, which offers a higher interest rate than iSave.

With a vision to strengthen financial security among older people, this event marks a significant milestone in CARD MRI's commitment to serve diverse financial needs.

The launching was also graced by CARD MRI Managing Director Mr. Aristeo Dequito, CARD Bank President and CEO Ms. Marivic Austria, CARD SME Bank President and CEO Ms. Cynthia Baldeo, CARD RBI President and

CEO Ms. Elma Valenzuela, Senior Advisers, CARD MRI key officers, staff, and clients.

During the event, CARD Bank client Leonida Jawili and CARD SME Bank client Luz Lalap expressed gratitude for the new savings product intended for senior citizens like themselves.

"As a senior citizen, this savings product is a great help for individuals like me who rely solely on pensions. It allows me to save money while also earning through its interest rate," Leonida Jawili stated. Meanwhile, Luz Lalap urges the elderly in her community to explore and learn more about the new savings product introduced by CARD MRI.

As of January 2024, CARD MRI had served 9,257,701 clients nationwide. For more information about CARD MRI, visit their official Facebook page at <https://web.facebook.com/CARDMRIofficial> or their website at <https://cardmri.com>.

Fil-Canadian Brandon Dela Cruz in brink of basketball stardom

It takes a lot of courage, will power, and hard work to attain such discipline in the world of sports, and this Filipino-Canadian cager is someone with a heart and passion for basketball. Meet Brandon Dela Cruz.

Boen Brandon Dela Cruz on August 17, 2006 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to Mr. Rommel Dela Cruz and Ms. Jacqueline Dela Cruz, the 6-foot-3 forward cager is studying grade 12 in Gladstone Secondary School in Vancouver, Canada.

Asked how he balances his sports and studies, "I balance basketball and my studies by utilizing my good time management skills and ensure that my schoolwork is completed in a timely manner", quipped the handsome cager from Canada.

His most unforgettable game is the game during the 2024 NBTC tournament finals which was held in an incredible venue and allowed him to compete with the very best local Filipinos and International teams. "The tournament was the largest event I have participated in and the memories with my teammates, local and fellow Canadians, will be with me forever, especially being the first international team to ever win the NBTC Division 2 finals. I am very thankful for Coach Nap Santos of Top Flight Sports Vancouver for providing this opportunity to play in an international stage", added Brandon.

When he is not working hard honing his skills in basketball, he enjoys playing games on his PlayStation and listening to



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music. His idols in basketball include LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers. "Growing up watching him play and displaying great strength and skills on the court encourages me to develop my skills further and develop and increase my strength by developing my physique similar to LeBron's physique", said Brandon.

His career high was 28 points while having 11 rebounds in one of his high school regular season games. His ambition in life is to be successful in the

sport of basketball and play as long as he can, then possibly pursue a career in real estate development to create financial freedom in the future.

With the help of God and his determination to succeed in his chosen path, the road to glory should be on sight for this handsome, talented, and kind young man.

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Avatar the Last Airbender theme used in Classroom Observation



BY PAOLO MANUEL C. FULE

The success and popularity of the Netflix live action remake Avatar The Last Airbender became an inspiration for this author to make the show as one of my teaching strategies during my classroom observation on April 1, 2024 at San Jose Integrated High School. The lesson was focused on viewing comprehension for the third quarter and I thought of donning Aang's costume to engage my learners about the lesson.

CO3 Done. Avatar The Last Airbender themed viewing lesson. Thank you very much to Grade 9 Pearl for actively participating especially their Adviser Mam Rose Malabayabas, to our English Head Teacher Sir Joel Pandinuella, our

Master Teacher Mam May Lyn Carтина Mojica, our very supportive San Jose Integrated High School Principal Mam Edith Lapitan Fule, my make-up artist Mam Rodelyn Panganiban Dazo, my hairstylist for henna who happens to be my former student from Plaridel National High School and a very good artist John Vincent Urriza Pintor, our Grade 9 Chief Adviser Mam Desiree Banzuela, our Grade 9 superior Mam Maria Lyn Salamat, to the one who provided my costume Kuya Dr. Teody L. Pugeda, to Sir Andy Cornista and Sir Jake De Castro, all our English teachers and Grade 9 teachers who helped me to make this event a success. Thank you so much! To God be the Glory!

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