

MAKATOTOHANANG UMAALINSUNOD SA BATAS AT ALITUNTUNIN



Sa tagubilin ni San Pablo City Mayor Vicente B. Amante, sa pana-panahon ay nagpapanayam sina City Administrator Larry S. Amante at City Legal Officer Agripino G. Morgia (kaliwa) upang matiyak na ang pagpapatupad ng mga paggawain at palatuntunan ng Pangasiwaang Lungsod ng San Pablo ay naayon sa mga batas at alituntuning ipinairal sa bansa. (RUBEN E. TANIINGCO)

Court administrator to induct PAPER's new leaders

Court Administrator Raul B. Villanueva will be the inducting officer for the Oath-Taking Ceremony of the newly-elected Board of Trustees and National Officers of the Prime Alliance of Publishers, Editors, and Reporters (Ph) Inc. (PAPER) at the Supreme Court of the Philippines

on February 2, 2025.

To be inducted are as follows: Bonifacio Dacayanan, president; Jerry Ancheta, external vice-president; Vladimir Asprec, internal vice-president; Joy Estrellado, secretary general; Katrina Crucena

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Santa Rosa's Sikhayan 2025: A celebration of unity, culture and unstoppable progress

BY ROSELLE R. AQUINO

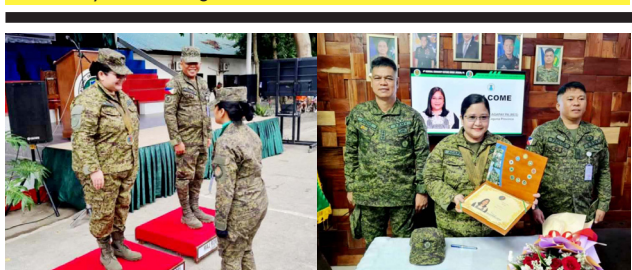
A kaleidoscope of vibrant colors, rhythmic music, and cultural pride took center stage on January 19, 2025, as the City of Santa Rosa marked the 26th Sikhayan Festival in grand fashion.

Coinciding with the city's 233rd Founding Anniversary, the festival carried the inspiring theme, "Pamilyang Santa Rosa: Progresong Walang Hinto, Sama-Samang Paglago" (Santa Rosa Family: Unstoppable Progress, Shared Growth Together), uniting

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Nasa P6.7 milyon ang kabuuang halagang ipinagkaloob ng DSWD sa 23 Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations mula sa iba't ibang bayan at lunsod sa Lalawigan ng Laguna sa pakikipagtulungan ng Tanggapan ni Vice Gov Atty Karen Agapay. Ipinasaabot ni VG Agapay ang kanyang pasasalamat sa mga special partner agencies na tulad ng San Miguel Foods Corporation, Magnolia at Purefoods sa kanilang Community Reseller Program Orientation at Free Taste Booths.



Naging Guest of Honor at Speaker sa Closing Ceremony of the Basic Citizen Military Training (BCMT) CL 01-2024 and Donning of Ranks si Laguna Vice Gov Atty Karen Agapay. Kabilang na din siya sa Philippine Army Reserve bilang isang major matapos ang 2 years of compliance.

NGCP is a Filipino corporation, and we run the company as Filipinos -- Henry Sy Jr.

An NGCP top official maintained that the company is a Filipino corporation and run by Filipinos, allaying concerns about China role in the operation of the country's power grid.

"The State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC) does not exercise control over the power grid nor over NGCP," NGCP Vice Chairman Henry Sy Jr. told the House Committee on Legislative Franchises in his opening statement.

"Domestic corporations Monte Oro Grid Resources Corporation and Calaca High Power Corporation each hold thirty percent (30%), or a total of sixty percent (60%) of the outstanding capital stock of NGCP, whereas SGCC only holds a minority share of forty percent (40%," he added, stressing that

SGCC's shareholding in NGCP is consistent with the Constitution.

On the matter of NGCP's partnership with a Chinese firm, Sy clarified that SGCC was already on board and the shareholders agreement was already in place when he purchased his shares in 2010.

He also debunked reports that the Chinese can shut down the country's power grid, stressing that "it is NGCP alone, through its Filipino directors and personnel, and not the Chinese, which has control over the System Operations."

"The Chinese do not have control over the Grid," he emphasized, adding "there is no proverbial single red button that can instantly turn off the Grid!" There are protocols that actually prevent this, Sy stated.

Sy also informed the Committee

that NGCP's SCADA system is a secure stand-alone, isolated system not connected to any other network or internet, thus making it safe from remote hacking.

Sy also underscored the need for stability, not just in the power grid, but also in supply, law, policy and regulation, for a more robust power industry.

"I strongly urge our DOE to look at the problem as a whole. The data is clear, 97 percent of the power interruptions from 2016 to 2023 was caused by problems in supply," Sy pointed out.

"We need stable, affordable base-load power. We need a comprehensive, aligned plan that considers the needs of all sectors. We are willing to be part of the solution, but transmission should not be the solution to everyone's problems," he said.



DOLE LAGUNA GIVES PANGKABUHAYAN PACKAGES TO 12 BENEFICIARIES

STA. CRUZ, LAGUNA - Twelve beneficiaries received Pangkabuhayan Package from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in a turnover ceremony led by Provincial Director Mr. Guido R. Recio of DOLE Laguna Provincial Office, together with Governor Ramil L. Hernandez held at the Laguna Cultural Center on 20 January 2025.

Said livelihood assistance is under DOLE's Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP), one of the flagship programs of the department aimed "to reduce vulnerability of disadvantaged workers and

augment their income by providing opportunities through entrepreneurship and skills training."

The Kabuhayan Package consists of either a welding machine, sari-sari store/school supplies, sewing machine, and milk shake package for beneficiaries from the municipalities of Santa Maria, Paete, Pakil, and Famy, with the Governor encouraging them to treasure said grant assistance and strive to expand their small businesses to improve their lives, and also their respective communities. (Photo: Jun Sapungan/Laguna PIO)





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-- HERMAN M. LAGON --

Minds without chains

Critical thinking and academic freedom are vital to a thriving, open society—they're a not just perks but essentials for authentic learning and progress. True critical thinking means more than asking questions; it's about digging deeper, questioning what we take for granted, weighing evidence, and drawing thoughtful conclusions. At the same time, academic freedom is vital, giving teachers and students the space to explore ideas without fear. Together, these principles build independent thinkers—an invaluable trait in an age of information overload and polarized views.

In higher education, the power of critical thinking lies in moving students beyond memorization. Teaching should inspire students not just to know, the lowest level of learning, but to analyze, synthesize, and thoughtfully assess the information they encounter. Indeed, the late philosopher Richard Paul argued that critical thinking is foundational to all educational pursuits, proposing that "thinking about thinking" enables students to navigate a complex world. Likewise, philosopher Matthew Lipman contended that critical thinking is not a mere academic exercise but a means to cultivate an intellectually rigorous and democratic society. Without critical thinking, education risks devolving into a system of compliance rather than curiosity, producing individuals who may excel at recalling facts but falter at asking the right questions.

However, cultivating critical thinking requires more than just teaching logic and analysis; it necessitates an environment that welcomes diverse perspectives and open discourse. In classrooms that embrace academic freedom, students can encounter differing viewpoints, which fosters intellectual resilience. Neil Gross and Solon Simmons' study on academic freedom highlighted how faculty members create a climate where students feel free to explore challenging ideas, even if those ideas diverge from dominant societal narratives. When students are given the space to question, they develop a capacity for empathy and an appreciation for complexity—skills indispensable in a world that often defaults to simple answers for complicated problems.

Yet, there are formidable challenges to nurturing these skills in today's educational landscape. Many institutions increasingly focus on market-driven outcomes, such as producing job-ready graduates. This pragmatic orientation, while important, can risk sidelining the higher goal of cultivating thoughtful, informed citizens. The recent surge in "employability" programs and "market-aligned curricula" has sometimes reduced education to a credential factory. Students, particularly in fields where critical thinking is paramount, may feel pressured to view their education primarily as a pathway to employment rather than a journey of intellectual growth. While job preparation is undeniably significant, it should be within the broader educational mission, which history has proven to have sustainably benefited societies.

Academic freedom, a cornerstone of higher education, is facing fresh challenges. Universities are increasingly cautious about offending diverse groups, which some scholars argue leads to a "sanitization" of campus discussions. In 2006, the American Association of University Professors emphasized that true academic freedom means having the right to question established norms—especially in politically sensitive fields. As our world becomes more connected and ideologically varied, universities must balance respect for different beliefs with a commitment to open, fearless inquiry. But this is a delicate balance, often complicated by pressures to conform.

Adding to this, there is growing worry about ideological sameness in some academic areas, especially within social sciences. Scholars like Steven Pinker suggest that when departments lean too heavily in one direction, real debate can be stifled, narrowing students' views of diverse perspectives. This echo chamber effect can limit critical thinking, as students are less exposed to ideas that challenge the status quo. The danger here is that when faculty predominantly share similar views, students might develop a narrow understanding of complex issues, missing the chance to challenge and refine their own ideas. True academic freedom, in this sense, demands not only the liberty to explore ideas but also the responsibility to create a diverse intellectual ecosystem that fosters balanced discussion.

Nevertheless, it is essential not to conflate the advocacy for academic freedom with a license for unchecked bias. Professors should strive to remain objective and avoid imposing their ideologies on students. Studies on pedagogy, such as those by Hickey and Brecher, suggest that a moderate level of bias can stimulate student engagement, but only if students are encouraged to critically analyze all viewpoints, including the instructor's. Effective educators use their influence to empower students, equipping them with the analytical tools to dissect information independently. Doing so supports a deeper, more resilient understanding rather than fostering adherence to any singular ideology.

It is also worth noting that fostering critical thinking and academic freedom demands a high level of mutual respect between teachers and students. As philosopher John Milton once implied in *Paradise Lost*, respect is foundational to achieving true intellectual freedom—where each participant in discourse is "equally free" to contribute to the exchange. When lacking respect, discourse can quickly devolve into mere argument, with little genuine inquiry or learning. In classrooms characterized by open-mindedness, students learn not only to articulate their ideas but to listen carefully and consider the perspectives of others. This reciprocal respect strengthens their capacity for critical thinking and prepares them for engagement in society beyond the university.

To truly prepare students for the world, educators must keep evolving, adopting teaching methods beyond traditional lectures. Techniques like problem-based learning and transformative inquiry get students actively involved with real issues, helping them think critically and collaborate effectively. Studies show that students learning through hands-on challenges feel more engaged and confident in tackling real-world problems, something lectures alone often cannot achieve.

Higher education should aim to shape independent, thoughtful individuals who can contribute meaningfully to society. Critical thinking and academic freedom are not just academic ideals; they are essential for a robust education that readies students to face a changing world with insight and resilience. When universities prioritize these values, they do more than train students for jobs—they nurture citizens who think and act purposefully.

In a time when information is everywhere, teaching students to question and explore equips them to handle complexity with integrity. Philosopher Matthew Lipman noted that education's role is to inspire deep thinking and wise action. By staying committed to these principles, our institutions can fulfill their mission: to teach and create minds capable of advancing knowledge and society.

Doc H fondly describes himself as a "student of and for life" who, like many others, aspires to a life-giving and why-driven world grounded in social justice and the pursuit of happiness. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the institutions he is employed or connected with.

Encouraging the Use of Biodegradable Alternatives to Plastic Bags

Dear Mr. President, I am writing to propose an actionable approach for addressing plastic pollution by transitioning to biodegradable alternatives to plastic shopping bags, a solution already viable and increasingly available in the Philippines. The time is ripe for the government to consider issuing an Executive Order (EO) encouraging retail establishments to adopt biodegradable shopping bags within this year, 2025. Such an initiative would not only support environmental sustainability but also strengthen local industries. Below are key recommendations for your consideration: 1. Prioritize Locally Manufactured Biodegradable Bags The EO could give priority to biodegradable shopping bags produced by Filipino companies, such as Oikos Sustainability Solutions (Oikos PH), which already provides greener packaging options for everyday use. 2. Mandate Standards and Listings The Department of Trade and Industry – Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS) could be tasked with issuing standards for the adoption of biodegradable shopping bags, ensuring quality and uniformity. Additionally, the DTI could create a primary list of local manufacturers, while the Bureau of Customs identifies importers of biodegradable bags. 3. Provide Incentives to Local Manufacturers Offering financial incentives, tax breaks, or subsidies to local manufacturers would encourage production and innovation in biodegradable bag technology. 4. Launch Information Campaigns A joint effort by the DTI, DENR, and DILG could be made to educate the public and retailers about the benefits and availability of biodegradable bags. 5. Ensure Raw Material Supply The Department of Agriculture (DA) could oversee the cultivation and availability of raw materials, such as cassava and corn, essential for producing starch-based biodegradable bags. Similarly, the DOST could study the feasibility of utilizing vegetable oils in the production process. 6. Explore Export Opportunities The DTI and DFA could actively seek international markets for Filipino-made biodegradable bags, enhancing export revenue while promoting the country's commitment to sustainability. The environmental and economic benefits of transitioning to biodegradable bags are significant. By encouraging the use of alternatives such as paper, cotton, starch-based, and mushroom-derived bags, we can reduce plastic waste, protect ecosystems, and foster a thriving local industry. Your leadership on this matter would not only position the Philippines as a model for sustainability in Southeast Asia but also inspire other nations to take similar steps. I humbly urge you to consider this initiative for the betterment of our environment and the strengthening of our economy. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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-- IKE SENERES --

Policies Controlling the Use of Robotics

Dear Mr. President, I am writing to bring attention to a pressing issue regarding the use of robotics in the Philippines and to propose the formation of a policy study group or Technical Working Group (TWG) under the Presidential Management Staff (PMS). The goal of this initiative would be to examine the advantages and challenges of adopting robotics technology in various sectors while addressing the potential impact on employment. Robotics and automation are rapidly advancing worldwide, offering significant opportunities for innovation, efficiency, and economic growth. However, they also raise concerns about potential job displacement for thousands of Filipino workers. Balancing these opportunities and challenges requires careful analysis and informed policymaking. Some examples that highlight this issue include: 1. Driverless Cars: This technology, already being tested in other countries, could revolutionize transportation. However, its adoption in the Philippines could lead to widespread unemployment among drivers, a sector already experiencing economic challenges. 2. Household Robots: Robots capable of performing domestic chores could disrupt employment for our domestic helpers, many of whom rely on this work as their primary source of livelihood. 3. Agricultural Robots: While robotics can enhance efficiency in agriculture, it could also displace farmers, who form a significant portion of our workforce. To address these concerns and guide the country's approach to robotics, I propose the following: National Policies 1. Workforce Development and Training: Implement programs to retrain workers, equipping them with new skills for roles created by automation. 2. Safety Regulations: Establish guidelines to ensure the safe interaction between humans and robots, particularly in automated environments. 3. Incentives for Innovation: Provide tax incentives and grants to companies that adopt robotics while maintaining a balance with human labor. Industry-Specific Strategies 1. Collaborative Robots (Cobots): Encourage the use of cobots designed to work alongside humans, preserving employment while enhancing productivity. 2. Task Allocation: Develop frameworks to identify tasks suitable for automation and those requiring human skills. 3. Human-Robot Collaboration: Promote strategies to enhance teamwork between humans and robots. International Cooperation 1. Global Standards: Study and adopt international guidelines for the ethical and safe use of robotics. 2. Cross-Border Collaboration: Partner with other countries on research and development projects to share best practices. Given the rapid advancement of robotics, it is essential to determine whether existing Philippine laws address these concerns or if new legislation is required. Additionally, it would be valuable to learn from countries that have implemented balanced policies and guidelines on robotics, such as Japan and Germany. I kindly request your guidance and leadership in initiating this crucial conversation and formulating strategies that balance technological progress with the welfare of Filipino workers.

The Catalyst for Transformation: An Outstanding Teacher

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A true outstanding teacher is far more than a mere dispenser of knowledge. They are mentors, motivators, and role models who leave an indelible mark on their students' lives. Their influence extends far beyond the classroom, shaping the character, confidence, and aspirations of those they teach. But what exactly makes a teacher truly outstanding? It is a blend of passion, empathy, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of their students.

First and foremost, an outstanding teacher possesses an unbridled passion for their subject and for teaching itself. This passion is infectious, inspiring students to engage with the material and develop a genuine curiosity for learning. Whether it's a complex math equation, a historical event, or a piece of literature, a passionate teacher brings the subject to life, making it relevant and accessible to their students. Their enthusiasm fosters an environment where learning becomes exciting rather than a chore.

Equally important is empathy. An outstanding teacher recognizes that each student is

unique, with their own strengths, challenges, and learning styles. They take the time to understand their students on a personal level, creating a safe and supportive space where everyone feels valued. By showing compassion and patience, they build trust and encourage open communication, ensuring that students are comfortable seeking help and expressing themselves.

Adaptability is another hallmark of an outstanding teacher. In today's rapidly changing world, the ability to adjust teaching methods to meet the diverse needs of students is crucial. Whether it's incorporating technology, using creative teaching strategies, or finding new ways to explain a concept, an outstanding teacher is always willing to innovate and evolve. They are lifelong learners themselves, constantly seeking ways to improve their craft and stay updated with the latest developments in education.

An outstanding teacher also sets high expectations for their students, believing in their potential even when they may not believe in themselves. They challenge their students to push beyond their limits, fostering resilience and a growth mindset. At the same time, they provide the necessary support and encouragement to

ensure that these expectations are attainable. By balancing challenge with support, they empower students to achieve their best.

Furthermore, a true outstanding teacher understands the importance of building relationships. They create a classroom culture based on mutual respect and collaboration, where students feel a sense of belonging. They celebrate successes, big and small, and help students navigate setbacks with grace. By cultivating a positive and inclusive environment, they teach valuable life skills that extend beyond academics.

Lastly, an outstanding teacher recognizes their role as a mentor and role model. They lead by example, demonstrating integrity, kindness, and a strong work ethic. They inspire students not just to excel academically but also to grow as compassionate, responsible individuals who contribute positively to their communities.

In conclusion, a true outstanding teacher is a catalyst for transformation. They ignite a love for learning, nurture individual potential, and equip students with the skills and confidence to thrive in an ever-changing world. Their impact is profound and enduring, reminding us all of the vital role educators play in shaping the future.

Math Numeracy Drills

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Mathematical numeracy is an essential skill that empowers individuals to navigate the world confidently. Whether it is a simple buying groceries from a store, solving everyday problems, or engaging in more complex reasoning, numeracy forms the foundation of our decision-making processes. Math numeracy drills are designed to enhance these critical skills through practice and repetition, making math an accessible and enjoy-

able subject for everyone.

Math numeracy includes the ability to understand and work with numbers and basic operations. It's not just performing computations, but also about understanding and interpreting data, looking for patterns, and making sound judgments and best decisions based on numerical information. With the fast development of technology where anything can be done using our cellphones and computers, Math numeracy skills are sometimes overlooked and ignored by an individual, not knowing the crucial part

of numeracy in our lives.

Math numeracy drills are vital tools for building confidence and competence in mathematics. By providing structured activity and focusing on key skills, learners can develop a strong foundation in numeracy that will serve them throughout their lives. Making math numeracy drills engaging and interactive makes the learners more confident and interested to learn Math. Whether for personal growth, academic success, or career advancement, investing time in numeracy drills offers invaluable returns.

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TAX REMINDER: FILE YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN BY APRIL 15, 2025

BY RUBEN E. TANIINGCO

Regional Director Dante E. Tan of Revenue Region No. 9B (Laguna-Quezon-Marinduque) wishes to remind all residents of the three provinces who have earned income in the Philippines during Calendar Year 2025 that the filing of income tax return is up to April 15, 2025 only, and after said date, late filer will be fined correspondingly.

The accredited collection banks in Region 9B are Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB), Security Bank and Trust Company (SBTC), Philippine National Bank (PNB), Bank of the Philippine



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Islands (BPI), Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), and Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (MBTC).

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and Zeryvi Octavio, administrative secretaries; Milagros Bagaporo, treasurer; Heidelita Paginag, auditor; Karl Geduriagao and Diosan Marual, press relations officers; Bayani Zoleta, chairman of the board of trustees; Edna Cuyno, adviser; and Nena Mallari, founder / adviser.

Empowering voices, shaping the nation

PAPER is a national organization established in December 2019 in Manila City by a group of media practitioners dedicated to ethical journalism, community service, and environmental stewardship.

Built on the vision of its founding pillars Luisito T. Arriola, Abel C. Pablo, and Nena E. Mallari, PAPER has grown into a trusted institution recognized for its commitment to truth and integrity.

Through its mission to empower media professionals and foster collaboration, PAPER continues to serve as a platform for responsible journalism, amplifying the voices that shape the nation.

Exemplary leader

Known for his exemplary service and dedication to justice, Villanueva has played a crucial role in overseeing the smooth operation of courts nationwide.

As Court Administrator, he manages the country's judicial processes, ensuring efficiency, transparency, and integrity in the administration of justice.

His commitment to public service and his esteemed reputation make him an ideal figure to inspire and lead PAPER's new leaders as they embark on their journey.

During the ceremony, Villanueva is expected to share his insights on the interconnected roles of the judiciary and the media in upholding democracy.

As a staunch advocate for transparency and accountability, his words are anticipated to resonate deeply with the audience, reinforcing the significance of responsible journalism in shaping public trust.

As the Supreme Court's

Court Administrator, Villanueva is responsible for supervising trial courts, implementing judicial reforms, and promoting a culture of integrity within the Philippine judiciary. His leadership has been instrumental in modernizing court operations, enhancing access to justice, and fostering a legal environment that serves the Filipino people.

Beyond his administrative duties, Villanueva actively supports initiatives that promote collaboration between key societal institutions, recognizing the critical role of media in fostering informed citizens and holding institutions accountable.

Looking ahead

The induction ceremony will see the official installation of PAPER's new leaders who aim to further its initiatives in promoting media ethics, collaboration, and nation-building.

With Villanueva leading the ceremony, the event will not only honor the organization's new leaders but also underscore the shared responsibility of the judiciary and the media in upholding democracy and transparency.

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 residents and visitors in a celebration of tradition, resilience, and growth.

Celebrating the Spirit of Enterprise and Legacy of Leadership

Sikhayan, short for Sikap sa Kabuhayan (Striving for Livelihood), is more than a festival—it is a tribute to the entrepreneurial spirit that has transformed Santa Rosa into the thriving "Lion City." Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas opened the festivities with heartfelt gratitude for the collective effort that drives the city's progress.

"Our progress is not solely the result of the efforts of city officials but of our collective hard work—from the government employees who serve wholeheartedly to every citizen and partner from the private sector. You are the true strength of Santa Rosa. You are the inspiration behind Sikhayan," Mayor Arlene shared.

Reflecting on her father's visionary leadership, the late Mayor Leon C. Arcillas, she added, "What he started became an inspiration for us all. Today, Santa Rosa's achievements are proof of what unity and collaboration can accomplish."

The festival's highlight was the highly anticipated Street Dance Competition, where nine barangays—Sinalhan, Dila, Macablang, Ibaba, Market Area, Tagapo, Caingin, Pulong Santa Cruz, and Malitlit—displayed their creativity and dedication.

Barangay Tagapo emerged as the champion, with Barangay Dila and Barangay Pulong Santa Cruz claiming second and third places, respectively.

Special awards added flair to the competition: Barangay Market Area was crowned Reyna ng Sikhayan, Barangay Tagapo won Best in Costume, and Barangay Dila received Best in Street Dance.

More than a competition, Sikhayan reflects the dedication of Santa Rosa's barangays to preserving tradition and fostering community pride. The parade, which began in Barangay Balibago and culminated at the City of Santa Rosa Multi-Purpose Complex, showcased the unity and creativity of its people. Adding star power were guest artists Alden Richards and Joshua Garcia, who thrilled the crowd with their performances.

Vice Mayor Arnold Arcillas underscored the festival's broader significance as a reminder of the city's shared responsibility to sustain its progress.

"This celebration is not just about looking back on our accomplishments—it's about committing to a brighter future for the next generation," he said.

Santa Rosa is steadily advancing toward becoming a model smart city. Aligned with the United Nations Sus-

tainable Development Goals (SDGs) and guided by its Smart City Roadmap, the city is spearheading key initiatives such as developing renewable energy infrastructure; implementing digitalized and transparent governance; enhancing public transportation systems; and expanding opportunities for businesses and residents in a tech-driven economy.

"Sikhayan 2025 reflects what makes Santa Rosa truly remarkable: a city that thrives on culture, innovation, and shared aspirations," Vice Mayor Arnold remarked.

As the 26th Sikhayan Festival concluded, it left an indelible message: Santa Rosa's success is built on unity, resilience, and a collective commitment to progress.

With every Sikhayan celebration, Santa Rosa reaffirms its identity as a city of opportunity, innovation, and enduring pride—a city that continues to rise, together.

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF), Petitioner-Mortgagee, versus F-8183-2024-C For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

JOEL C. DIMAPILIS married to MAYLA D. DIMAPILIS, Respondent-Mortgagor.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE FORECLOSURE NO. F-8183-2024-C Upon extra-judicial

petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF) with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against JOEL C. DIMAPILIS, married to MAYLA D. DIMAPILIS, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at CERIS III, PH III, POMELO ST., CANLUBANG, CALAMBA CITY, Laguna, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 29, 2024 amounts to Pphp904,593.60, inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 5, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.** at the lobby of Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice, City of Calamba, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF PALO-ALTO,

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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 March 27, 2025 without further notice. City of Calamba, Laguna, Jan. 16, 2025.

(Sgd.) ANNABELLE L. ARANILLO Sheriff IV

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JOEL C. DIMAPILIS married to MAYLA D. DIMAPILIS Ceris III, PH III, POMELO ST. CANLUBANG, CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA

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PRO Calabarzon conducts surprise drug test



BY ROSSELLE R. AQUINO

CAMP BGEN VICENTE P LIM, Calamba City - The Police Regional Office CALABARZON conducted a surprise drug testing on its personnel as part of its intensified internal cleansing efforts right after the Monday Flag Raising Ceremony held at covered court here.

The unannounced activity aims to ensure that all members of the command adhere to the highest standards of integrity, discipline, and professionalism expected from law enforcers. Regional Director, PBGEN Paul Kenneth P Lucas underscored the importance of maintaining a drug-free workplace.

"As public servants entrusted with the safety and welfare of our communities, it is imperative that we serve as role models in adhering to the laws we enforce. This surprise drug test is a proactive measure to maintain the credibility and integrity of PRO CALABARZON," said Lucas.

The surprise drug testing was supervised by the Philippine Drug En-

forcement Agency 4A in the presence of Ms. Venus G Magtibay, the Information Officer 1 of said office and Ms Marie Celestine A Dela Cruz, Chemist 1.

The drug examination was carried out in coordination with the Regional Intelligence Division and the Regional Forensic Unit 4A to ensure impartiality and accuracy in the procedures.

The samples collected will undergo thorough analysis.

"This initiative is in line with the directives of the Chief, PNP, to promote a culture of accountability and professionalism across all police offices nationwide. By fostering a drug-free workplace, the PRO4A affirms its dedication to serving and protecting the communities of CALABARZON with honor and integrity," Lucas added.

Meanwhile, members found positive for illegal drug use will face administrative and criminal charges, in accordance with existing laws and policies. PRO4A assures the public of its firm stand against illegal drugs, starting within its ranks.

Celebrating Reading Month: A Vital Tradition for Nurturing Literacy and Imagination

BY KIMBERLY R. VASQUEZ
TEACHER 3, GUERILLA ES

As communities around the world observe "Reading Month" this November, educators, parents, and literacy advocates are reminding us of the profound impact that reading has on a child's development and the future of society as a whole. Whether it's a picture book shared at bedtime or a classroom activity that sparks a lifelong love of novels, this annual celebration highlights the importance of books and reading in shaping individuals and communities.

Reading is much more than just a skill—it is a gateway to knowledge, creativity, and critical thinking. Studies show that children who read regularly perform better academically, have stronger vocabulary skills, and demonstrate greater empathy and emotional intelligence. By engaging with different characters, settings, and perspectives, young readers develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. When we celebrate Reading Month, we are reminding our students those books are more than tools for school—they are keys to unlocking new worlds.

Reading Month, often observed in schools through special events, book fairs, reading challenges, and author visits, serves as a reminder of the joys and benefits of reading beyond the classroom. Encouraging students to engage with stories and literature in creative ways—whether through writing, drawing, or acting out scenes—can transform reading from a task into an exciting adventure. "Research shows that children who are read to from an early age are more likely to develop a lifelong passion for reading," says Dr. Amy Cole, a literacy expert. "This is why Reading Month is so important. It helps foster a culture of literacy that can last well into adulthood, inspiring a love for reading that transcends the classroom." While schools play a crucial role in fostering literacy, Reading Month is an opportunity for families and communities to come

together and promote reading in every aspect of daily life. Parents can take the lead by reading with their children regularly and introducing them to a diverse range of authors and genres. Local libraries, bookstores, and community centers often offer free events that allow families to connect with authors, explore new books, and engage in fun, educational activities. Reading together not only strengthens the bond between parent and child but also encourages curiosity and open-mindedness. One of the most crucial aspects of celebrating Reading Month is highlighting diverse voices and stories. Representation matters, and young readers benefit from seeing characters who look like them and come from different cultural, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds. Books that reflect diverse experiences promote empathy, understanding, and inclusivity, helping to shape a more compassionate generation. It's important to expose children to a wide range of perspectives—especially stories that reflect the experiences of people from various cultures and backgrounds. When children can see themselves in the pages of a book, it validates their experiences and helps them connect with others who may have different lives and values.

In a world increasingly dominated by technology and digital distractions, reading books offers a critical form of engagement that helps cultivate focus, patience, and a love of learning. The benefits of reading extend beyond childhood and have long-lasting effects on cognitive development, career success, and personal fulfillment. Encouraging young readers today is an investment in tomorrow's leaders, thinkers, and innovators. As we celebrate Reading Month, let's take time to recognize the irreplaceable role that reading plays in our lives and the lives of future generations. Whether you're reading to your child, participating in a school event, or picking up a new book for yourself, Reading Month is a reminder that the power of reading is both a personal journey and a shared experience. Let's continue to foster a love for reading that lasts a lifetime.

The Art and Impact of Teaching: Shaping the Future, One Student at a Time

BY KIMBERLY R. VASQUEZ
TEACHER 3, GUERILLA ES

Teaching is one of the most essential and impactful professions, with the power to shape not only individual lives but entire communities. Educators are entrusted with the responsibility of cultivating the minds and character of future generations. Beyond simply imparting knowledge, teachers nurture curiosity, foster critical thinking, and help students develop emotional intelligence. As society reflects on the role of educators, it becomes evident that teaching goes far beyond the classroom. Teaching is not just a job; it is a calling. Teachers are responsible for creating environments that encourage learning, respect, and growth. They build relationships with students, understanding their unique needs and challenges. The best teachers understand that their work is about more than delivering lessons; it's about making students feel valued and capable of achieving their goals. A positive teacher-student relationship is widely recognized as one of the most important factors influencing a student's academic success and personal development. When students feel supported and respected, they are more likely to be engaged, motivated, and committed to their studies.

In addition to academic development, teachers also help students build the skills necessary for navigating life's challenges. A teacher's influence often extends beyond the curriculum, shaping how students view themselves and their place in the world. Teachers help students learn how to collaborate, communicate, and think critically—all essential skills in today's global society. The impact of a teacher's work is often seen not just in academic performance but in the confidence and character that students develop over time. As education continues to evolve, teachers must adapt to new technologies and changing classroom dynamics. With the rise of digital tools, online learning platforms, and interactive resources, the way

teachers engage with students has transformed. Technology has opened new possibilities for teaching and learning, allowing educators to connect with students in more dynamic and interactive ways. Virtual classrooms, digital assignments, and online discussions have made education more accessible, but they also require teachers to develop new skills and strategies. Modern teaching is about integrating technology while ensuring that the core values of education—critical thinking, creativity, and personal growth—remain at the forefront.

However, teaching is also an incredibly demanding profession. Teachers often work long hours outside of the classroom, preparing lessons, grading assignments, and participating in professional development. Many educators spend their own money on classroom materials, and the emotional toll of teaching can be significant, especially when resources are scarce. Teachers are expected to be role models, mentors, and sometimes counselors, providing emotional and social support to students who may face personal or family challenges. Despite these demands, many teachers remain deeply committed to their work, finding fulfillment in the successes of their students. The importance of supporting teachers has never been more apparent. In recent years, there has been growing recognition of the need to provide educators with better salaries, resources, and professional development opportunities. Ensuring that teachers are well-equipped and supported is crucial for the future of education. Investing in teachers is investing in the future of society, as educators play a central role in shaping the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators. As schools face the challenges of an ever-changing world, one thing is clear: teaching is foundational to a thriving, educated society. Teachers not only impart knowledge but inspire, guide, and empower students to reach their full potential. Through their work, teachers shape the future of education and, ultimately, the future of the world.

Math in Our Lives

BY APRIL O. RAISING
SAN JOSE INTEGRATED HIGH SCHOOL

Mathematics is an indispensable subject of study. It may be described as the fundamental Science. Knowledge of Mathematics is absolutely necessary for the study of the Physical Science. Computation and calculation are the bases of all studies that deal with matter in any form.

But do we really need Math in our real life? Are calculus and other complex branches of Mathematics really necessary? Why do students have common ideas about Math? Why is it almost all seeing Math as hard, difficult and complex subject?

Mathematics plays an important role in forming the basis of all other Sciences which deal with the material of space and time. It sharpens the reasoning powers of a man and increases the mental alertness.

Mathematics is not about answers, it's about processes. We spend the majority of our school year studying and learning the concepts of it. Many times the question of why do we need to know these things has been asked. In student's everyday life, Mathematics blends with their mind and activities with their soul and actions.

Mathematics is the powerful spice that thrills and tricks human being. It is pervasive throughout modern life. Baking a cake, building a house involves the use of numbers, geometry, measurement and space. The development of new technology entails technical Mathematics.

For those of you who feel anxious about the subject Mathematics because of the complexity it brings to us, well think of the daily activities that involve the use of Mathematics and somehow it will change your perception about it. Think of those benefits that we can have by using this subject, its purposes and roles in our lives are the most significant contributions of mathematics.

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **MA. MYRAH S. ANDAYA**, who died intestate on Dec. 16, 2020 at Muntinlupa City, left two (2) parcels of land with improvements (house and lot) both situated in Don Jose, Sta. Rosa, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (060-2013026761) 172-2023012223 and Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (060-2013026762) 172-2023012224 which had been self-adjudicated by her only surviving heir, **ARMINDA S. ANDAYA**; and that **ARMINDA S. ANDAYA** had sold by way of Deed of Absolute Sale to **Sps. DEXTER B. TUAZON & VILMA V. TUAZON** the parcel of land situated in Don Jose, Sta. Rosa, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. (060-2013026761) 172-2023012223, before Atty. Virgilio J. Lagunilla, Notary Public City of Makati, as per Doc. No. 346; Page No. 71; Book No. 17; Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **MARICEL VELASCO CHAVEZ**, who died intestate on July 25, 2020 in San Pedro, Laguna, left a parcel of land situated in San Vicente, San Pedro, Laguna covered by TCT No. 060-2011015152, which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate" among her heirs before Notary Public Atty. Edward Vange P. Arriba as per Doc. No. 506; Page No. 103; Book No. 1; Series of 2025.

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Unlocking Potentials: Embracing Challenges and Learning Styles of Struggling Readers

BY MERLINE D. TIBAY
TEACHER III, SAN JOSE INTEGRATED HIGH SCHOOL

Struggling readers often face unique challenges that can hinder their academic growth and confidence. However, embracing these difficulties and tailoring approaches to their diverse learning styles can unlock their potential and transform their reading experience. Understanding and addressing their needs requires empathy, creativity, and persistence.

First, it is essential to recognize that struggling readers are not "bad readers" but individuals who may need additional time, resources, or strategies to thrive. They might face challenges due to learning differences like dyslexia, a lack of exposure to literacy at an early age, or simply gaps in foundational skills. Whatever the cause, the first step is to approach their struggles with empathy and patience. By creating a judgment-free and supportive environment, educators and caregivers can encourage struggling readers to persevere without fear of failure.

Understanding the unique learning styles of each reader is key. Some students may be visual learners who benefit from pictures, diagrams, or color-coded texts, while others might excel with auditory or kinesthetic methods. For example, integrating audiobooks or pairing reading with physical activities, such as tracing words with their fingers, can make a significant difference. Observing and experimenting with different techniques helps educators identify what resonates most with the student, enabling them to personalize the learning process.

Another effective strategy is breaking reading tasks into smaller, more manageable steps. For instance, focusing on decoding one syllable at a time or emphasizing frequently used words can help build fluency gradually. Celebrating small wins along the way boosts confidence and

creates a sense of achievement. Struggling readers need constant reminders that progress, no matter how incremental, is still progress.

Interactive and engaging tools can also make reading less daunting. Technology offers a variety of resources, from apps that gamify learning to software that provides instant feedback and support. These tools not only enhance skill-building but also keep students motivated and invested in their learning journey. Incorporating relatable and interesting content, such as stories tied to their personal interests or cultural backgrounds, can further ignite their curiosity and love for reading.

Consistency and collaboration are crucial. Struggling readers benefit greatly from regular practice and reinforcement both at school and at home. Teachers, parents, and caregivers should work together to create a consistent support system, sharing strategies and progress updates. For example, a teacher might suggest specific books or exercises for home practice, while parents can provide feedback about how their child responds to those activities.

Finally, fostering a growth mindset is vital for struggling readers. Emphasize that reading is a skill that improves with practice and perseverance, and that mistakes are a natural part of learning. Encouraging resilience and a positive attitude can empower students to approach reading challenges with determination rather than frustration.

In conclusion, embracing and honing the difficulties and learning styles of struggling readers is a collaborative and dynamic process. With empathy, tailored strategies, and a commitment to their growth, educators and caregivers can help these students build the confidence and skills they need to succeed. Every struggling reader has the potential to become a capable and confident one when given the right support and opportunities.



LAGUNA'S PEACE OFFICE TO ENGAGE YOUTH FOR BETTER SECURITY AWARENESS

BY ANNA MOLE/PIA-4A

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – To build a better security awareness, Laguna's Provincial Peace and Order Office (PPOO) has eyed the engagement of the

youth in its national security awareness campaign.

During the Philippine Information Agency's Usapang PIA radio program, PPOO In-Charge of Office lawyer Laurence Pasia emphasized the importance of collaboration between local authorities, community leaders, and academic institutions in maintaining Laguna's status as one of the safest provinces in the CALABARZON region.

"This year, we plan to intensify information campaign for the youth in the national security awareness campaign, a series of trainings and security for our youth and we will intensify the campaign for a continuing peace in our province," Pasia said.

The PPOO is responsible for maintaining peace and security Laguna by coordinating with law enforcement agencies, local government units, and community organizations to address critical issues related to public safety, crime prevention, and overall peace and security.

The office develops and implements programs aimed at reducing crime and fostering a safe environment for residents by partnering with educational institutions to roll out seminars and workshops tailored for students.

"The provincial peace and order council has issued a resolution with concerned agencies such as the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and other agencies to conduct security awareness campaign in our secondary and tertiary institutions and it is wholeheartedly supported by provincial government of Laguna," he said.

Pasia acknowledged reports of recruitment activities by groups aligned with communist-terrorist groups (CTGs) happening in schools and universities. He said cooperation with other government agencies and school administrators was needed to protect students from extremist ideologies.

He added: "National security awareness among the youth will inform them about the ills caused by those recruited by CTGs while letting them know that the government is there to support and guide them."

With these strategies, the LPOO continues to position Laguna as a model province for peace and security, ensuring the safety and well-being of every Lagunense.

In 2024, the Philippine Army declared all cities and municipalities in Laguna with the Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS). The province is expected to be re-validated and declared with SIPS status, five years after the insurgency-free declaration in 2019.

LGUs urged to strengthen preparedness as La Niña persists

BY FREEMOORE CAVAN/PIA-4A

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Calabarzon has urged local government units (LGUs) to sustain preparedness efforts as the La Niña phenomenon continues to affect the region.

In a memorandum issued by RDRRMC Chairperson and Office of Civil Defense (OCD) IV-A Regional Director Carlos Eduardo Alvarez III, LGUs were urged to implement essential preparedness measures in response to the expected persistence of the La Niña phenomenon until March 2025.

These include conducting pre-disaster risk assessments, preparing evacuation centers and other critical facilities, and maximizing the use of local DRRM funds for disaster response initiatives.

Alvarez also emphasized the need for LGUs to enhance logistical capabilities and adhere to the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) LISTO preparedness protocols. Member agencies and response clusters of the RDRRMC are also urged to maintain readiness to respond swiftly to the potential effects of La Niña.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) recently confirmed the presence of La Niña in the Tropical Pacific. This condition, which began with the cooling of sea surface temperatures in September 2024 and intensified into a La Niña phenomenon by December 2024, is projected to persist until March 2025.

"With this development, higher chances of above normal rainfall in January – February – March 2025 season is expected, which may cause floods, flashfloods and rain-induced landslides," said PAGASA.

"Furthermore, increased chance of tropical cyclone activity within the Philippine Area of Responsibility during the period is likely," it added.

The RDRRMC Calabarzon also advised the public to take proactive measures, such as stockpiling essential goods, preparing emergency go-bags, and regularly monitoring credible government sources for weather advisories and warnings.

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EJF CASE NO. 1217-SRCL

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE
(Under Act No. 3135, as amended)

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND with principal office address at Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against Mortgagor FRANCISCO S. GALLEGO married to COZETTE C. GALLEGO, with postal address at Phase 3, Lot 3 Block 45, Upper Bicutan, Taguig City, for the satisfaction of the outstanding of the mortgage debt per Statement of Account as of October 28, 2024 amounted to Php

696,937.04, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges 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 February 14, 2025, Friday, 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 Building, 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;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 060-2016001430

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in MUNICIPALITY OF STA. ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 63, BLOCK 27, OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-025930, BEING

A CONSOLIDATED OF LOTS 567, 571, 572, 574, 576 & 677, STA. ROSA ESTATE, LOT 566-A, PSD-04-213308, LOTS 568-A & B, PSD-04-213469 AND EXCLUDED AREA 1, PCS-04-024409, LRC RECORD NO. 8375), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF MALUSAK, CAINGIN & POOK, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON. xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS. MORE OR LESS. 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 stated time and date by reason of fortuitous event/declared special holiday, it shall be held on February 28, 2025, Friday, same time, and place without further notice.

City of Santa Rosa, Laguna, 10 December 2024.

(Sgd.) CHRISTIAN BENEDICT A. PASCUAL
Sheriff-in-Charge

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EJF CASE NO. 1215-SRCL

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, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), with principal office address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against mortgagor MARIBETH E. VILLAFRANCA, with postal address at No. 187 V. Vergara Street, Cuyab, San Pedro, Laguna, and/or Lot 6, Blk. 11, Villa De Oro Subd., Brgy. Tagapo, Sta. Rosa, Laguna, for the satisfaction

of the outstanding obligations of the mortgage debt per Statement of Account as of November 19, 2024, amounted to (Php1,817,194.37), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges 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 March 17, 2025, Monday, 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:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 060-2021004650

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF TAGAPO, MUN. OF STA. ROSA, PROV. OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as

follows: A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6, BLK. 11 OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-043428-063528, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1369-B (LRC) PSD-131243, LRC REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF TAGAPO, MUN. OF STA. ROSA, PROV. OF LAGUNA, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X. CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY EIGHT (78) SQUARE METERS. X XX.

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

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 March 31, 2025, Monday, at the same time and place without further notice.

City of Santa Rosa, Laguna, December 10, 2024.

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

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NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the late ROMEO DE MESA GUEVARRA, who died intestate on Dec. 20, 2017 in San Pablo City, Laguna, left a certain savings bank with Luzon Development Bank under Account No. 03-00048-1 which had been the subject of an "Affidavit of Self-Adjudication" among his sole heir, RIZZALENE G. FAJARDO, before notary public Edgardo R. Marilim as per Doc. No. 125; Page No. 25; Book No. DXX; Series of 2024.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the late EUGENIO T. ENAR who died on Feb. 3, 1976; RUFINO ENAR who died on Jan. 28, 1979; ANTONINA ENAR who died on Aug. 5, 1998; and RAYMUNDA ENAR who died on June 26, 1986, left real properties located at Bukal, Majayjay, Laguna covered by the following tax declarations:

- Tax Declaration No. 16-0018-00760
Property ID No. 023-16-8018-01-0060
Lot no. 9223-A (9245)
- Tax Declaration No. 16-0018-00761
Property ID No. 023-16-8018-01-0061
Lot no. 9223-B (9246)

which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Special Power of Attorney" among their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Crisanto U. Pascual, Jr. as per Doc. No. 311; Page No. 63; Book No. XX; Series of 2024.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AND PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that the late ATTY. FLORENTINA S. REYES, who died intestate on June 21, 2024 in San Juan, Batangas, left bank deposits at the Rural Bank of Rizal (Laguna), Inc. under Account Name of Florentina S. Reyes with numbers 41-21236-8, 41-21238-5, 41-21235-4 and 41-21237-1, which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate and Partition" among her legitimate heirs before Notary Public Atty. Nolasco M. Hernandez as per Doc. No. 108; Page No. 23; Book No. V; Series of 2024.

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NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the late NOEL CASTILLO ABENGOZA, who died intestate on Nov. 12, 2021 in PGH, Ermita, Manila, left a GSIS Benefit with branch address at Pagsanjan, Laguna which had been the subject of an "Affidavit of Self-Adjudication" among his sole heir, ELIENOR GRACE ABENGOZA AQUINO, before notary public Atty. Ledor E. Macalalag as per Doc. No. 447; Page No. 90; Book No. 263; Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late Spouses JOSE GONZALES and PILAR NAVAREZ who died intestate on March 24, 1986 and Oct. 25, 1998, respectively, in Bay, Laguna, left a parcel of land situated in Maitim, Bay, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. EP-391, which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate" among their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Nonato C. Arcillas as per Doc. No. 442; Page No. 90; Book No. 127; Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late ZOSIMO R. ESGUERRA who died intestate on June 6, 2012 in Bay, Laguna, left a parcel of land situated in Maitim, Bay, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. EP-323 (registered owner: Zosimo R. Esguerra, married to Leticia Gonzales) and his conjugal share over a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. EP-325 (registered owner: Leticia Gonzales, married to Zosimo Esguerra), which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate" among his heirs before Notary Public Atty. Nonato C. Arcillas as per Doc. No. 443; Page No. 90; Book No. 127; Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late DAVID ELFEDO RONQUILLO who died intestate on Dec. 22, 2012 in Project 6, Quezon City, left a parcel of land with improvement owned by him and his wife, located at Brgy. San Isidro, Cabuyao City, Laguna covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-407795, which had been the subject of a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Deed of Absolute Sale" among his heirs before Notary Public Atty. Jose H. Liwag Jr. as per Doc. No. 288; Page No. 58; Book No. 1; Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late RINIA PONTERES, who died intestate on Nov. 8, 2017 at San Pablo City, Laguna, left a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Maravilla, Nagcarlan, Laguna covered by Tax Declaration No. 17-0032-01443, which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement With Deed of Absolute Sale" among her compulsory heirs before Notary Public Atty. Carlo O. Gregorio as per Doc. No. 83; Page No. 17; Book No. LXXI; Series of 2018.

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BotiCARD opens its 24th branch in Biñan City



(From left to right) Father Efrén Montoya, BotiCARD President Rosenda Aquino, Micoinurance Coordinator Elvira De Guzman, CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo Dequito, and BotiCARD Operations Director Florife Reynido led the opening of the BotiCARD Branch in Biñan, Laguna.

BY JOSEPHINE RAMOS

BotiCARD opened its newest branch in Biñan City, Laguna, on January 8, 2025, to bring high-quality, affordable medicines closer to more Filipinos.

By establishing a presence in Biñan, the pharmacy reaffirmed its commitment to making essential healthcare accessible, providing more affordable alternatives, and delivering health education to the community.

BotiCARD President Rosenda Aquino expressed the pharmacy's dedication to reaching more com-

munities, particularly those living on the margins. "We believe that expanding our services across the country and improving people's health is another way to support CARD MRI's mission of eradicating poverty," she stated.

As part of the celebration, BotiCARD offered free consultations, blood pressure monitoring, and dental extractions to clients and the general public who attended the event. In addition, the pharmacy provided a 28% discount on selected medicines and vitamins.

During the opening, 109 individuals benefited from the free

medical services.

Aside from medicines, BotiCARD offers basic medical supplies, hygiene products, and other essential health products.

BotiCARD, the health wing of CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), was established in 2011 to ensure the availability of affordable and quality medicines to CARD members, their families, and communities.

To learn more about BotiCARD, Inc., visit its website at <https://www.cardmri.com/botocard> and the official Facebook page, @boticardOfficial.

Kon. Yancy Amante, nagpa-raffle sa Barangay Dos

NI RUBEN E. TANIINGCO

ALAMINOS, Laguna—Tulad sa nau-na ng ginawa niyang pagdawal upang maghatid ng saya sa mga barangay ng San Benito, San Agustin, at Poblacion Cuatro ay naging masaya rin ang pagdawal ni Konsehal Yancy Amante, ang Batang Palita, sa Barangay Poblacion Dos noong nakaraang Sabado, Enero 18, na tinampukan din ng mga parlor games at Pa-raffle. Nasa Barangay Dos ang mga matatahimik na pamayanan.

Si Yancy Amante, kasama ang kanyang maybahay na si Lianne Valentin na isang artista ng GMA 7, na siyang gumagap na emcee o master of ceremony ng palatuntunan, Acting ABC President/Konsehal Billy M. Bautista, at si Congresswoman Ruth Mariano Hernandez ng 2nd District of Laguna na naghahangad maging Gobernadora ng Laguna, ay malugod na tinanggap ng Sangguniang Barangay ng Poblacion Dos sa pangunguna ni Punong Barangay Angelo "Ian" S. Oba, na isa ring aspiranteng maging Konsehal sa Bayan



ng Alaminos, sa kanilang barangay covered court.

Ayon sa obserbasyon ni Konsehal Billy Bautista, ang ipina-raffle ni Yancy Amante ay 500 kilong bigas, apat (4) na panlamesang bentilador, tatlong (3) washing machine, at isang 43-inch television set. May raffle prizes din ipinag-

kaloob ang maybahay ni Gobernador Ramil L. Hernandez.

Kasama ni Yancy Amante sina Acting ABC President Billy M. Bautista, Punong Barangay Angelo Secreto Oba, Congresswoman Ruth M. Hernandez, at kanyang maybahay na si Gng. Lianne Valentin-Amante.

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The 50% increase in PhilHealth case rates have a profound impact on our patients who can now seek the care they need without fear of overwhelming costs, ultimately leading to better health outcomes.

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I express my heartfelt admiration for PhilHealth and its leadership under President and Chief Executive Emmanuel R. Ledesma, Jr. In so short a time, we have witnessed remarkable progress in our health care system.

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JOSE P. SANTIAGO, JR., MD
President,
Philippine Hospital Association

on the 50% increase in All Case Rate packages and support to PhilHealth
January 10, 2025, Pasig City

Antonio Vinzon shines in GMA primetime series 'Mga Batang Riles'

One of the freshest faces to grace primetime television today is none other than Antonio Vinzon who is the son veteran action star Roi Vinzon. Antonio is one of the lead casts of the GMA primetime series 'Mga Batang Riles'.

Sparkle 'Teens' Heart-throb Antonio Vinzon is a new actor who will surely be admired for his good looks and talent and as a newbie in showbusiness industry and the son of action star Roi Vinzon, his charm is undeniable and irresistible. He is only 16 years old, but Antonio is already a young but promising actor.

"Dati po sa taping niya dinadala ako ni Dad so alam ko na rin po mga galawan sa set, and grabe po yung hard work ni Papa pagdating sa set. He is very passionate in his craft", quipped the beaming star of the series.

Antonio Vinzon has been charming viewers of "Mga Batang Riles" with his performance as Dagul, the prankster and vlogger of the Sitio Liwanag boys. Catch him on GMA 7 primetime with their new time slot at 8:50pm.

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-- Paolo Manuel C. Fule --



BAKED N' BREW OFFERS UNIQUE BLEND OF ART AND COFFEE EXPERIENCE FROM MANANZALA BROTHERS

BY PAOLO MANUEL C. FULE

Nymrod Kian Mananzala and Ian Jhlo Mananzala are two young entrepreneurs who are on the verge of taking their passion and ideas to greater heights with their coffee restaurant business with a twist. They started their venture on February 6, 2024 and they have come a long way from there.

Some of Bake N' Brews best sellers include their iced coffee collections, Caramel and Spanish flavors. What is even more unique with their restaurant is that they have art latte or coffee art for their customers. Their Art Latte include Tulip art, swan, horse, and sea horse too name some. "It's my passion also as a barista", said Mr. Mananzala.

According to one of the entrepreneurs, "Soon we will have our second branch here in San Pablo City, to be situated in Maharlika Highway". They are also going to have their clothing line in the near future. "Clothing line, mag merchandise clothing and tot bags. Hopefully this year yung clothing. It will be a solo venture", he added. "Pagdating sa product namin, di namin ine-expect na may kakaiba pala sa amin like yung art latte then yung coffee namin is robusta. Napapalabas ko siya yung lasa nya. Masarap yung coffee namin" quipped the owner.



Asked about their participation in business expos, "As of now hindi pa but soon we will. Here in San Pablo we also plan to have our community like restaurant owners and barista. Hopefully it will come into fruition", said Mr. Mananzala. Baked N' Bew is located at P.

Cabrera St., Balagtas Boulevard, San Pablo City, Laguna. For more inquiries you may check out their facebook page Baked N' Brew. Come and visit the store and experience coffee art latte and delicious coffee. Email the author at: paolomanuelfule@yahoo.com

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