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Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Darrel Tabuada said that the distribution of piglets aims to increase swine inventory and commence herd build-up in the province following the aftermath of ASF.

Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. vowed to allot more funds for the ASF Recovery Program as he directed continuous monitoring and surveillance in the airport and seaports.

Dr. Tabuada said that while there are no active ASF cases in the province, they are on alert as there are incoming live shipments from Bohol, Cebu, Negros Occidental and Palawan.

He added that as of February 3, 2025 the swine inventory in the province was 80,310 heads which is 11.05% higher than the preceding month's inventory of 72,320 heads.

Dr. Tabuada said the swine inventory will eventually increase when the 10 other municipalities start with their piglets distribution. (ECG/ Capitol News)

**Guimaras
gubernatorial bet,
2 others nabbed
for swindling**

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

Two people were arrested for swindling—Margarita Cacho, 65, from Brgy. Sabang, Sibunag and secretary, Cayetano Leal, 48, from Brgy. Misi in Lambunao, Iloilo during an operation conducted in Sibunag, Guimaras last February 11.

Cacho is running for Governor this May 2025 election in the province of Guimaras.

The said operation was confirmed by Police Regional Office Western Visayas (PRO6) Regional Director Police Brigadier General Jack Wanky during a press conference on February 12.

The joint entrapment operation was based on a complaint from an emission testing center in which Cacho promised to secure the center's permit and license in exchange for Php1 million.

In addition, the complainant sent an amount of Php400,000 to Cacho on September 2024 wherein she later demanded for a full payment.

Based on the police investigations, Cacho also had other victims through the same modus of falsely claiming to be related to the first family.

On the other hand, two uniformed Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) personnel—apprentice seaman Marwin Parpan, 31, of Dipolog City and Seaman 2nd Class Rico Maylan, 27, of Siaton, Negros Oriental were also arrested for failing to show their valid documents as proof of legalities.

The two PCG personnel who also acted as Cacho's security will be facing charges for illegal possession of firearms under Republic Act 10591, related to the election gun ban.

The entrapment operation was conducted by joint forces of the Regional Special Operations Group 6, Criminal Investigation Detection Group, and Guimaras Police under the supervision of the Office of the President which resulted in the recovery of Php400,000 in boodle money, marked cash of Php500, two .45 caliber firearms with ammunition, nine 9mm bullets, holsters, and mobile phones.

Wanky encouraged other people to come out and file cases against Cacho if they had been victims of her scheme.

Meanwhile, the arrested individuals were already detained at the Sibunag Municipal Police Station for further action.



Guimaras gubernatorial candidate Margarita Cacho and her two bodyguards were arrested by members of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) during an operation conducted in Sibunag, Guimaras last February 11. (PRO-6 photo)

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SPL. PROC. NO. 24-15817

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR
THE CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
SUSANA JAGOLINO PANAGUITON**

SUSANA PANAGUITON PANES,
Petitioner,

-versus-

**THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY
(PSA) AND THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF PAVIA, ILOILO**

Respondents.

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ORDER

Per Order dated January 28, 2025, this Court directed the issuance of a new Order for publication.

The above-entitled case was filed on October 16, 2024 and raffled to this Court on October 21, 2024.

In the said petition, petitioner alleged that she was born on May 17, 1964 to Spouses Jovito Panaguigon and Adelina Jagolino at Iloilo Provincial Hospital. In her Certificate of Live Birth, petitioner's record has the following errors, to wit: 1) Her first name is blank; 2) Her last name is erroneously recorded as Cuesta; 3) Her father's last name is erroneously recorded as Cuesta, and 4) Her mother's middle name is erroneously recorded as Aming. The true and correct first name of the petitioner is Susana and her true and correct last name is Panaguigon per her school records and Certificate of Baptism. The correct last name of her father is Panaguigon per petitioner's Certificate of Baptism and Marriage Contract. The true and correct middle name of petitioner's mother is Amen per petitioner's parents' marriage contract. Petitioner is a person of good moral, a law abiding citizen with no pending criminal, administrative or civil cases. Thus, petitioner prays for this Court to issue an Order directing the Civil Registrar of Pavia to enter and correct the first name, last name, father's last name and mother's middle name in the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner with Registry No. 560 (L-76) which are as follows: First Name: "Susana"; Last Name: "Panaguigon"; Father's Last Name: "Panaguigon" and Mother's Middle Name: "Amen" and to furnish the Philippine Statistics Authority with correct copy of the Certificate of Live Birth and to issue a rectified copy of the said Certificate of Live Birth in favor of herein petitioner

The petition, being sufficient in form and substance, is hereby set for hearing on **March 26, 2025 at 8:30 in the morning** during which date and time, any interested party may file an opposition to the petition and present evidence why the same should not be granted.

Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and likewise be posted at the bulletin board of the Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avancena Hall of Justice, Iloilo City and at the public market of Pavia, Iloilo before the scheduled hearing of this case.

Serve copy of this Order to the Local Civil Registrar of Pavia, Iloilo, Philippine Statistics Authority, Office of the Solicitor General, petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, January 31, 2025.

(SGD.) JUANA JUDITA P. PANIGBATAN-NAFARRETE
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Mrs. Ma. Editha “Ma’am Edith” Suarez Saclauso-Sanchez, mother of Lot Donor with Councillor Rosalie G. Sales.



The Sanchez Family: (L-R) Atty. Rochin Sherwin S. Sanchez, Rychelle “Lady Bird” S. Sanchez, Mrs. Analee Uy-Sanchez, (Mother) Mrs. Ma. Editha Saclauso-Sanchez; Mr. Rodel Dexter “Bodik” S. Sanchez, Brother-in law Joey S. Mondragon and their cousin Ma. Mininia Saclauso Sales-Naranja.

A LANDMARK . . . (from page 1)

requires 5,000 square meters for the establishment of a school, Mr. Sanchez went above and beyond by donating an additional 3,000 square meters. His vision and passion for supporting education in his hometown have created a lasting legacy that will benefit generations to come.

A Family Legacy of Service and Inspiration

Mr. Rodel Dexter Saclauso Sanchez, known to many as “Bodik” is a proud and native of San Miguel. He is married to Analee Uy-Sanchez from Roxas City. They were blessed with four children, namely: Jude Perry, Kezen, Brae and Kraen. He comes from a family deeply rooted in education and service. His mother, Ma. Editha “Ma’am Edith” Suarez Saclauso, is a retired Home Economics (H.E.) Teacher of Leonora S. Salapantan National High School, and his late father, Pancrasio “Nong Mansoy” Sabijon Sanchez, was also a Teacher by profession but switched career and ended as a retired Supply Officer for GAMCO Airlines in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The Sanchez family has long contributed to the betterment of our society. Rodel’s siblings have excelled in various fields: the eldest son Ruel “Wel” S. Sanchez is an Aeronautical Engineer at Philippine Airlines, Rodel Dexter “Bodik” S. Sanchez, the donor himself is a Registered Nurse in Chicago, Illinois, USA; Ryan Karl “Yan” S. Sanchez works as a Registered Nurse in Calgary, Canada; Atty. Rochin Sherwin “Win” S. Sanchez is a Municipal Councillor and a Distinguished Member of the Sangguniang Bayan of this municipality for more than two decades; Ruzzell “Bob” S. Sanchez is an Aircraft Mechanic by profession and now based in Vancouver, Canada; Rhine “White” S. Sanchez, who is also a Nurse is engaged into business, while Rychelle “Lady Bird” S. Sanchez continues to carve her own path in

the community.

A Vision Inspired by Family: A Dream School for San Miguel

One key figure in Bodik’s decision to donate the land for the school was his late uncle, former Mayor Atty. Avito S. Saclauso and his brother, Atty. Rochin Sherwin S. Sanchez, an incumbent Municipal Councillor of San Miguel.

It was his uncle’s visionary leadership and his brother’s unwavering commitment to public service that inspired Bodik to take action. Atty. Sherwin, a staunch advocate for education and local development, played a significant role in motivating his brother Bodik to pursue the dream of building a school for the municipality. Their shared belief in the transformative power of education, combined with their deep love for San Miguel, fueled Bodik’s decision to donate the land that will now become the site of the new high school.

Through the combined efforts of Bodik and his brother Atty. Sherwin, and the local government, this initiative has finally come to fruition, turning a dream into a tangible reality.

The donation of the lot was officially formalized in the last quarter of 2024 through a Deed of Donation between Rodel Dexter “Bodik” S. Sanchez (Lot Donor), represented by his younger brother Atty. Rochin Sherwin “Win” S. Sanchez as his Attorney-in fact; and the Department of Education (Dep.Ed.) represented by its School Division Superintendent Dr. Ernesto F. Servillon, Jr., MNSA, CESO VI which was officially facilitated by Mr. Leonil T. Salvilla, the Public Schools District Supervisor, Schools District of San Miguel.

A Future of Opportunities for San Miguel’s Youth

The establishment of a New High School promises to have far-reaching benefits for the local community, particularly for students in Barangays Sta. Teresa, Sto. Niño, Consolacion and Sta. Cruz. Not only will the new school provide greater access to education, but it will also be a catalyst for economic growth in the aforementioned four barangays offering more opportunities for young people to complete their education and secure better jobs.

This new school will also relieve pressure on the existing public high school in the municipality, which has struggled with capacity limitations. As the second public high school in San Miguel, it will ensure that students have access to quality education without the burden of long commutes or overcrowded classrooms.

A Legacy of Love for San Miguel

Mr. Sanchez’s donation is a profound expression of his love for his fellow San Migueleños. His selfless act of giving back to the community reflects a deep commitment to improving the lives of others. Through his generous contribution, Bodik is not only providing a physical space for learning but is also fostering a culture of hope, opportunity, and progress.

The groundbreaking ceremony is a significant step toward transforming San Miguel into a hub of educational excellence, where students can pursue their dreams and reach their full potential. The New High School (yet to be officially named) is more than just a building - it is a symbol of unity, progress, and the power of community action.

Looking Ahead

With the groundbreaking completed and construction soon to begin, the New High School is slated to open its doors in June 2025. This new institution will serve as a beacon of hope and opportunity for students in San Miguel and surrounding areas, ensuring that the community’s legacy of education continues to thrive for years to come.

Witnesses to this Momentous Occasion

The ceremonial groundbreaking was led by the Department of Education through Mr. Leonil T. Salvilla, Public Schools District Supervisor and was attended by the local government officials of the Municipality of San Miguel headed by Mayor Marina Luz S. Gorriceta, Vice Mayor Bonifacio S. Salapantan, Jr., Councillors: Atty. Rochin Sherwin S. Sanchez, Hon. Rosalie Giergos-Sales (Chairperson of the Committee on Education); Hon. Miguel Garillos, Hon. Teresita T. Sabijon, Hon. Frince Sales and S.K. Pres. Micole Manglallan and Municipal Budget Officer Mrs. Lorie S. Bautista. Barangay Officials of the four catchment barangays were also seen like Punong Barangay Luis S. Daquilanea of Barangay Sta. Teresa; Punong Barangay Jorge S. Sabido of Barangay Sto Nino and Punong Barangay Marte S. Aligaga of Barangay Consolacion.

Second District Representative Michael B. Gorriceta was represented by his wife Dr. Kathy F. Gorriceta. School heads of all schools in the municipality were also present along with the incoming students of the new high school while the blessing of the new high site was graced by the Parish Priest Monsignor Biboy Figura.



Presentation of the Deed of Donation

Third places and 'no buy zones'

Like many modern-day working parents, I have often wondered how Gen XYZ in the Philippines manage to sustain the habit of frequenting coffee shops and coffee bars, especially those who are still in school or non-working family members.

At the beginning, I was paying attention to the different forms of coffee-based concoctions that the "kids" were buying. I saw it as a trend or "uso" that was costly, perhaps fattening, and surely an added expense for parents. But I thought, it's compensation for the lack of parenting.

I assumed that with their limited allowances, "baon" or budget, it was a spending choice to hang out at a coffee shop and scrimp on other things like clothes, or movies, etc. But still, I worried how such a "lifestyle" is unsustainable, unnecessary and eventually costly.

I was never harshly critical about the trend or Gen Z hanging out at coffee shops. I was simply curious how the "culture" held together.

Then one day, while sharing my thoughts with my daughter Hannah, she told me about "Third Places."

"Third Places" is not about coming in "third" in a race nor is it about the "third sex." It is about a third place that is an established destination, especially for Gen Z. It is literally a go-to place for Gen XYZ where the coffee concoctions are collaterals or side attractions. I found out later that the term "Third Places" was coined and promoted by the first "placer" in Third Places: Starbucks.

Hannah explained that for her and her friends, Third Places provided a break from the "constant" – namely home and school, especially in the Philippines where most homes are small, and family size is larger than in other countries.

Schools abroad are much better at providing quiet safe spaces and no-buy zones to work or study, but not in the Philippines where libraries are generally left-over features from the boomer generation, often rigid, warm and with a vintage scent combining old books and floor wax.

Sadly, the Philippines, Metro Manila, not even the so-called "planned environments," truly prioritize or incorporate the needs of the youth in terms of park benches, meditation areas in the shade away from heavy pedestrian traffic or just quiet workspaces. Gardens in today's concrete jungle and high rises are mere "features" and not a commitment.

Ask any senior citizen or person with disability to rate all the malls they go to and almost all of them will complain that stores don't provide seats, malls have artwork pretending to be benches and just about every one of them has aggressive architecture designed to make people move on and not tarry!

There was recently a controversy about student access to a mall and regardless of who is in the right or wrong, the truth is many malls, especially the high-end ones in Makati, have security guards that actively prevent students from public high schools from "mallings."

To be fair, I would not want mall space to become the "Tambayan ng Bayan." If the volume of traffic translated to income, that would be great, but if not, mall operators have to deal with costly clean up, maintenance and electricity cost for air conditioning and lighting, not to mention security costs.

There is a real need for modern day Third Spaces. Students need them, seniors need them, small business owners and professionals need them. From what I have observed, Gen XYZ are slowly losing their grip or control over their beloved Third Places.

At the beginning of the year, my wife Karen and I agreed to join our daughter as a show of support while she worked on her thesis. I would read a book or write a column while Karen does the weekly accounting or planning her sewing projects. There was quite a number of choices, but I soon learned that each location attracted certain crowds on certain hours and certain days.

The morning would start out with our kind of crowd. People trying to work on a "project," reading or analyzing

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data, or simply working with their laptop quietly. But as the hours drag on, the Zs come in, doing their pictorials alone or in pairs. Soon the "Agents" arrive doing sales pitches online, competing for internet capacity with digital nomads and work-from-wherever types loudly yapping on their blue tooth headgear.

All along, I thought that the Third Places were for students and professionals, but my greatest fears were realized when I witnessed a reunion, complete with spouses and offsprings, at an SB near our place. The noise level tripled with the kids in tow, the temperature rose, and it was time to go!

Right now, Starbucks has become the premier Third Place but there's not enough of them. Coffee Bean is catching the spill over, but the demand is greater than supply and the locations are still generally mall based. My daughter pointed out that during her studies in Europe, students would either meet up at the school libraries, public libraries, museum or a nearby community center.

Now that's an idea! The DILG and barangays should host design contests for community centers that can become Third Places for students, professionals who don't have brick and mortar stores or offices as well as a "socials" center that provides more space than tiny homes. If "operated" well with the right ambience, strong internet, less foot traffic and crowds, I would love to have my Third Place in the neighborhood.

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"Because so many people were coming and going, they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" – Mark 6:31

The Chinese in our hearts

In case you're not aware, all those fireworks, lion / dragon dances and feasting in our country for the Lunar New Year are in celebration of an Intangible Cultural Heritage as declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Specifically, the "social practices of Chinese people celebrating the traditional New Year – Spring Festival" was inscribed by UNESCO in its Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage on Dec. 4 last year.

I learned about the latest inclusion of a Chinese element in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list (bringing the total to 44 for China, the most in the world) when I attended the Lunar New Year celebration at the Shangri-La The Fort in Taguig last Jan. 19 co-hosted by the Chinese embassy together with the top Filipino-Chinese business federations.

Each guest was welcomed with warmth, literally, through a red woolen shawl given away as gift.

Chinese Ambassador Huang Xilian reminded guests that 2025 marks 50 years of diplomatic ties between the Philippines and the People's Republic of China. The ambassador, who lacks the personal warmth of some of his predecessors, nevertheless highlighted the traditional friendship and cultural ties and hoped for mutual prosperity for the 1.5 billion combined populations of the two countries.

The Filipino-Chinese business federations also presented videos showing cooperation with China in poverty alleviation and in projects such as the construction of classrooms and school buildings.

Tsinoy singer-songwriter (and sugar baron) Jose Mari Chan of "Christmas In Our Hearts" renown said in a video message: "Kami din ay Pinoy sa puso at gawa."

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For all the goodwill, let's face it, these days it takes some effort to dwell on the positive aspects of Philippine ties with China.

Filipino-Chinese businessmen, many of whom are doing business with Chinese companies and source materials from the mainland, are naturally among the most concerned about the escalating tension in the West Philippine Sea.

The entry (widely suspected to be hostile) of

President Marcos' pet vanity project, the Maharlika Investment Fund, into the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines is seen as the first step in kicking out the Chinese shareholders from the NGCP.

Maharlika Investment Corp. CEO Rafael Consing Jr. has indicated as much, expressing openness to buy out the State Grid Corp. of China.

In light of Beijing's disregard for the Philippines' maritime economic entitlements that are based on international rules, its gray zone attacks on Philippine vessels within our exclusive economic zone and its greedy claim over nearly the entire South China Sea, there's some basis to be worried about a Chinese state-run firm being involved in the operator of the country's electricity grid.

Still, NGCP is a private company, which took in the State Grid Corp. as a partner at a time when the Philippine government itself was inviting Chinese investors to the country and working to increase bilateral trade. There has been no prohibition against Philippine private companies, including those engaged in public utilities and other critical industries, against partnering with Chinese companies whether state-run or private, although Chinese laws effectively give Beijing a degree of control over all Chinese enterprises (yes, including TikTok owner ByteDance).

Nevertheless, Maharlika's manner of entering the NGCP is spooking the business community in general.

There are many other Filipino-run private companies with Chinese companies as partners in part or all of their operations. Will they have to kick out these partners, or wait for a hostile takeover by the government?

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At the Shangri-La event, the Grand Ballroom was full, but considering who were the hosts, the guests could have included more big guns in both government and the private sector.

There was a representative from the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the emcee announced the presence of the chiefs of the Bureau of Immigration and the National Bureau of Investigation. There were videotaped

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



greetings from Vice President Sara Duterte ("Let us look ahead to future cooperation," she said) and from First Lady Liza Marcos.

I spotted Senate Minority Leader Koko Pimentel, Makati Mayor Abby Binay and business tycoon Hans Sy. Among the diplomatic corps, the dean was present, Papal Nuncio Charles Brown, along with the ambassadors of Japan, the United Kingdom, the European Union, France and several other individual member states of the EU.

Maybe other guests arrived after I had left the gathering without partaking of the food.

At least there's one thing Filipinos aren't disputing with the Chinese: they have terrific cuisine.

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As I write this, the pata tim is being tenderized at my home, and the ingredients for my XO long life noodles (made of 100 percent sweet potato flour, so it's OK even for the diabetics and gout sufferers in the household) with braised pork leg have been laid out.

In a nod to Pinoy culture, I'm substituting giant bangus inihaw for the Chinese-style steamed whole fish that I usually serve for the Lunar New Year celebration.

By our elders' accounts, my maternal Chinese grandmother was an accomplished cook, but unfortunately found her children too rowdy and shooed them away from her kitchen. So my mother and I had to improvise in our Chinese cooking. Plus I took lessons from my favorite teacher, Sylvia Reynoso Gala, and a Chinese guy in Manila who couldn't speak Filipino and blew air under the skin of the Peking duck with his mouth.

As I welcome the Year of the Wood Snake, I dwell on my Chinese heritage and stuff my face with tikoy and other delectable Chinese food. Like many Filipinos, I may dislike the Chinese government led by Xi Jinping, but not the people and the culture.

Kung hei fat choi, everyone!

Iloilo City opens application for summer student employment program

ILOILO CITY – The city government, through its Public Employment Services Office (PESO), is now accepting applications for the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES), offering temporary employment to students and out-of-school youth.

“SPES is a 20-day employment program for students ages 15 to 25 years old. The goal is to help them with their financial needs, as well as to bridge them for future employment not only in the city (government) but as well as for private corporations within the city,” PESO manager Gabriel Felix Umadhay said in an interview on Wednesday.

The program will run in three batches – March, April, and May – targeting financially challenged but academically promising students.

Under the program, the beneficiary receives a salary of more than PHP11,000, with 60 percent to be paid by the Department of Labor and Employment and 40 percent by the city government.

However, the city government has already institutionalized the SPES so that those who will not be accommodated in the DOLE-sponsored program will be catered to by the local government.

The application process includes pre-screening, interviews, and orientation, followed by a career debriefing to connect participants with part-time job opportunities.

Additionally, PESO offers a 10-day short-term employment program with wages aligned to the minimum wage.

Interested applicants must submit their résumés to PESO on the 5th floor of City Hall for evaluation and scheduling.

Umadhay noted that these programs aim to reduce school dropouts and assist students in bridging their transition to higher education or employment. (PNA)



SPES PROGRAM. Iloilo City Public Employment Services Office manager Gabriel Felix Umadhay says they are now accepting applications for the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) program. In an interview on Wednesday (Feb. 12, 2025), Umadhay advised those interested to bring their resume to the PESO on the 5th floor of the City Hall to fill in application forms and set a schedule for an interview. (PNA photo by PGLena)

Tax incentives for rehab of heritage bldgs. in Iloilo City eyed

ILOILO CITY – The local government here is considering giving additional tax incentives to owners of heritage buildings along Calle Real and other similar structures and houses identified by the Iloilo City Cultural Heritage Council.

“We are already talking to the finance committee for additional real property tax incentives,” Mayor Jerry Treñas said in an interview on Tuesday.

He said they want to give the maximum number of years for owners to recoup their expenses if ever they would rehabilitate or repaint their buildings.

“As long as we can sustain, we are ready to give them

more incentives,” Treñas said.

Last week, Treñas met with property owners, developers, and business organization leaders for a public consultation on proposed ordinances aimed at strengthening the city's investment climate.

These include granting real property tax incentives for developers constructing buildings exclusively for business process outsourcing (BPO) operations, amending the Iloilo City Economic Recovery Incentives Ordinance of 2021, and updating investment incentives for key development areas.

“The developers are so happy. We are giving

them breathing space for so many years to recover from their investments. As I said, we are ready to accept more suggestions and recommendations from them as long as the finance committee will accept them,” Treñas said.

Meanwhile, the city government is set to turn over to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) on Wednesday the old municipal building of Jaro district already renovated by the National Museum of the Philippines.

The NCCA, according to the mayor, is ready with a PHP6.5-million budget for the repair of the structure. (PNA)



TAX INCENTIVES. Heritage buildings line up the Calle Real Street in this photo taken on Jan. 24, 2025. The city government is eyeing additional tax incentives for owners of buildings to repair and repaint the old structures. (PNA file photo by PGLena)

Comelec orders removal of illegal campaign posters in Antique

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Supporters of senatorial candidates and party-list groups in Antique are rushing to remove illegally posted and oversized campaign materials following the directive of the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

Angel Pacificador, Antique Provincial Coordinator of the Us wag Party-list, said on Monday that they had begun taking down posters in public

spaces and those exceeding the allowed size.

AnaKalusugan Party-list supporter Wilson Geronimo also confirmed that they are transferring campaign posters from public areas along national roads to private properties where they are permitted.

Comelec Acting Regional Director and Antique Provincial Election Supervisor Wil Arceño reiterated that Monday was the deadline for candidates and their supporters to

remove non-compliant materials from public areas.

“Only posters measuring two by three feet are allowed,” he said.

Candidates and parties failed to comply will receive a Comelec notice and may face election offenses.

Meanwhile, Us wag Ilonggo Party-list supporters will kick off their campaign with a caravan across Antique's 18 towns as the official campaign period begins on Tuesday. (PNA)

Pasinaya 2025 brings arts closer to Ilonggos

ILOILO CITY (PIA) – The Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) has brought the arts closer to Ilonggos through the staging of the Pasinaya Open House Festival at the Iloilo Museum of Contemporary Arts in Iloilo City.

The Pasinaya, which officially kicked off the celebration of the National Arts Month, showcased Iloilo City's rich history and culture through the different workshops featured during the event.

Among the workshops participated by students and art enthusiasts in Iloilo included Collagraph Printmaking Demo, On-the-Spot Drawing from Life workshop, Panay Mythology workshop, Dramatic Interpretations, and Creative Writing training, Timplada: Creative Culinary Expressions, and dance workshop, among others.

Participant Ylan Christopher Hilario, a second year Performing Arts student from West Visayas State University College of College of Physical Education, Sports, Culture, Arts and Recreation (PESCAR), in an interview, said that Pasinaya gave them a platform to learn more about the arts of dancing, improving their skills in performing arts.

“At the end of the day, I also expected to learn more not only in dance but really about the arts because it is also one of the reasons why we are here, to learn more on the history and culture of Iloilo and appreciating it through the different forms of arts,” Hilario added.

Meanwhile, Maria Rosario Estrada, CCP officer-in-charge for Visual Arts and Museum Division, said that Pasinaya aims to bring everyone together for the arts, noting that all forms of arts teach people about themselves, their history, and the community.

“Art is able to teach us more about ourselves, more about us as people, as a community, as a nation. This is able to bring us closer to each other and can tell us more about what we have in common rather than what separates us from each other,” Estrada said.

This is the second time that Iloilo City served as one of the venues for the Pasinaya.

For this year, the country's biggest multi-arts festival also expanded its reach to Batangas, Sorsogon, Himamaylan City, and Tagum City. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)



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Letter and spirit

Editorial

The official campaign period for the May 2025 elections, at least as it concerns national positions, began Tuesday. This means that candidates could start actively asking their constituents to vote for them.

Everyone knows, however, that candidates have been working to make themselves known and remembered by the public long before Feb. 11.

For months and weeks before the start of the campaign period, the public has been treated to billboards, posters, media appearances and mentions, social media posts, activities in the guise of public service, among others, featuring the candidates' names and faces.

Such brazen activity, done before campaigning should technically begin, could be easily interpreted by any person on the street as premature campaigning, defined in simple terms as electioneering prior to the period when campaigning is allowed. Premature campaigning is considered an election offense, prohibited under Section 80 the Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines.

According to the law, "election campaign or partisan political activity outside campaign period. — It shall be unlawful for any person, whether or not a voter or candidate, or for any party, or association of persons, to engage in an election campaign or partisan political

activity except during the campaign period: Provided, That political parties may hold political conventions or meetings to nominate their official candidates within thirty days before the commencement of the campaign period and forty-five days for Presidential and Vice-Presidential election."

Surprise, surprise. The flurry of premature activities we saw before Tuesday was not in violation of the law.

Jurisprudence is on their side. A 2009 Supreme Court decision, *Penera versus COMELEC and Andanar*, said a candidate is only liable for election offenses committed during the official campaign period. Before the campaign period, a person who has filed a certificate of candidacy is not yet a candidate — hence cannot possibly commit an election offense.

What refuge this must give to numerous candidates and groups who went out of their way — and their budgets — to boost their stock in the days before Tuesday. Imagine technically not being in breach of the law while doing the exact opposite of what it intends! The brazen ones were

the first to do so, of course, but the others, who must have initially faced the dilemma of following suit or playing fair, must have realized that inaction would simply doom their candidacies.

All that seems pointless now, because the national campaign has started and the only violations that candidates must be careful to avoid have to do with the location and size of their materials. The Comelec's Operation Baklas seeks to dismantle campaign paraphernalia that are outside of designated common poster areas, or are bigger than the dimensions specified — 2x3 feet.

On the contrary, not so pointless. It is an unfortunate fact that while some things may be legal, they may not be right.

If we could take a moment to remember those who brazenly and shamelessly exploited the legal loophole to gain an undue advantage in terms of the people's memory and regard, then perhaps it could serve as an insight, a clue if you will, on the would-be public servant's nature, tendencies, and integrity. (manilastandard.net)

A call for clearer legislation

On various social media platforms, the issue of discounts for vulnerable groups specifically senior citizens, and persons with disabilities (PWDs) has been a recurring topic of discussion—shedding light on the need for clearer legislation and regulation on its implementation.

While discounts for these vulnerable groups are mandated by law and should be provided rightfully so, there is a need to iron out gray areas in the implementation of these discounts to ensure that these sectors receive their benefit without disproportionately hurting businesses.

A surprising and troubling reality that has come into light recently is how transport network vehicle service (TNVS) drivers are forced to bear a significant portion of these discounts, which of course impacts their livelihood. Under the law, senior citizens, PWDs, and students are entitled to a 20 percent discount for transportation.

In many traditional public transportation settings such as buses and trains, these discounts are fully shouldered by the companies or public utility vehicle operators. However, the situation is far too different for ride-hailing platforms—where companies get a commission from varying fares charged to passengers.

Compared to the profits made by transport network companies, TNVS drivers are in a largely financially disadvantaged position to absorb the costs of these discounts. This is probably why some decline rides from senior citizens and PWDs—simply because they cannot afford to take the financial hit. Such a practice fosters an environment of discrimination and is just unsustainable for drivers in the ride-hailing industry.

In essence, the current system favors transport

network companies and greatly disadvantages drivers.

It is easy to pin the blame on transport network companies for passing on these discounts to their drivers instead of shouldering it themselves, but the problem goes beyond the lack of accountability of these companies.

More than the unfair practice being implemented by these companies, the broader problem rests on the lack of a clear regulatory framework that details the process of implementation of these discounts—from who should bear the cost down to the validation of IDs.

As the service provider platforms, transport network companies bear a greater responsibility for these mandated discounts. Various corrective measures can play out for this such as fully passing the discount to the transport network companies to ensure that drivers receive their full fare or creating a subsidy system for riders for the discount. The bottom line here is drivers, who are in a largely financially disadvantaged position, should not be forced to shoulder the impact of these discounts alone.

It is in this light that the government should immediately step in to resolve this imbalance by defining clear and fair regulations not only to ensure that those entitled to these discounts receive them but also to protect the industries that provide these from fraud.

Essential to correcting this imbalance is addressing the issue of access. A validating mechanism should be put in place to ensure that actual senior citizens, PWDs, and students get access to these discounts and those who are abusing the system of these discounts are penalized.

On the implementation of these discounts, the government must address gray areas in the current

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legislation with concrete and detailed processes to hold businesses accountable. In the same light, stricter regulatory measures must be implemented to ensure that businesses that should provide these discounts are protected from fraud—a practice that negatively impacts not only the businesses that cover these discounts but also actual PWDs, senior citizens, and students who should be benefitting from these.

Certain sectors have also called for transport network companies to reimburse retroactively the drivers who shouldered the discounts. This needs further consideration because existing laws point to the discount being tied to the transportation service provided by TNVS driver-operators, not by transport network companies. Therefore, compelling these companies to shoulder or reimburse the discount value would necessitate legislative amendments to existing laws.

In summary, this is an issue of fairness and justice.

If we truly want to support vulnerable sectors, we must ensure that the system designed to protect them does not end up harming others. Drivers deserve to earn a decent living while passengers deserve to properly receive the discounts they are entitled to under the law.

It is up to the government to create an enabling regulatory environment for this. Only through well-crafted and detailed policies can we strike a balance between social responsibility and economic sustainability.

The 'hammer and e-bike' road rage incident

By now, several people have seen the video of the e-bike rider who repeatedly hit a truck with a hammer. Apparently, the road rage incident began with a simple altercation. The e-trike driver allegedly suddenly cut in front of the truck and the truck driver then kept honking. The honking irritated the e-bike rider and a verbal tussle ensued. Unfortunately, the truck driver kept taunting the e-bike rider daring him to hit the truck. Things then escalated when the e-bike rider obliged and began smashing parts of the truck with his trusty hammer. Fortunately for the truck driver, the e-bike rider only hit parts of the truck and not the truck driver himself. As it is, the e-bike rider will probably have several cases filed against him for that one incident of unrestrained aggression.

It is interesting to note that some netizens are blaming the truck driver for taunting the e-bike rider. In their mind, the truck driver was at fault or at the very least should be punished more. Clearly, many people should be educated on the basic principles of law. Even if one is taunted, one cannot use that as a legal excuse for violence, threats, or damage to property.

Under our laws, aggressive driving acts can be punished as a traffic violation. When an altercation occurs, the acts constituting road rage can be punished under the Revised Penal Code depending on whether or not a person is injured or properties are damaged. Some local governments have their own ordinances about aggressive driving and road rage incidents.

With the increasing number of road rage incidents, perhaps it is time to enact a road rage law. During the last congress, there was a proposed Anti-Road Rage Act. House Bill 5759 was filed seeking to sanction drivers who intimidate, threaten, or attack fellow motorists on the road either verbally or physically. According to the bill, even "mild to moderate screaming, wild gesturing at others, cursing using bad language, physical attack or an attempt thereof, reckless driving, any threat or intimidation, any use or force against another person or analogous circumstances" would constitute punishable acts of road rage. If the bill is passed, many of the acts seen on social media would immediately fall into the said definition. There would be no need to have lengthy processes in proving a long list

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of elements to prove a crime or violation.

I highly hope that a bill like this could be passed into law. My only suggestion is that the penalties be increased. Also, the normal personalities of road rage violators should be taken into consideration. Most perpetrators of road rage have certain common traits, like impatience or low levels of tolerance to stress. I recommend that an additional penalty of immediately forcing violators two weeks of a daily boring seminar on rules and emotional management be included. People with low patience would certainly go crazy and climb the walls. In addition, a final test of seeing or forcing them to suffer taunts and insults without reacting should be passed. Combined with zero tolerance for road rage violators and high pecuniary penalties would go a long way in curbing road rage and perhaps save lives.

This is my oblique observation.

A look at QC's redesigned Chinatown

On Jan. 29, 2025, the Quezon City government ushered in the Chinese New Year with grandeur and cultural flair, hosting an elaborate celebration in Banawe, home to the city's vibrant Chinatown. The event not only highlights Quezon City's commitment to local tourism but also pays homage to the enduring historical ties between the Philippines and China, a relationship deeply rooted in centuries-old trade and cultural exchange.

The establishment of Chinatowns in the Philippines serves as living proof of the historical trading partnership between the peoples of China and the archipelago that would become the Philippines. Long before the arrival of Spanish colonizers, the region was already a bustling hub of commerce and cultural exchange.

Chinese traders had been conducting barter trade with the peoples of Ma-i, the ancient name of the island of Mindoro, before Spain colonized the archipelago. During the Song Dynasty (960–1279 CE), trade between Chinese merchants and various communities in the region flourished, extending beyond Ma-i to include Butuan and the island of Sulu. Chinese traders brought silk, ceramics, and other valuable goods, exchanging them for gold, pearls, and other local treasures. This thriving trade, built on mutual respect and economic opportunity, established a lasting bond that has endured through the centuries.

Chinatowns, like Banawe in Quezon City and the iconic Binondo in Manila, are more than just cultural enclaves—they are symbols of this longstanding partnership. Binondo, established in 1594, holds the distinction of being the oldest Chinatown in the world.

The Quezon City Chinatown, on the other hand, is reputed to be the largest in the

world, spanning an impressive 5.919 sq. km. Through Ordinance No. 3039, enacted on Aug. 25, 2005, 13 barangays in Quezon City were officially designated as part of Quezon City Chinatown. Recognizing the area's economic significance—particularly its concentration of automobile parts businesses and renowned restaurants—the Quezon City Council later declared it a Special Economic Zone.

On Oct. 5, 2015, it was further designated as a Tourism District, reinforcing its role as a cultural and commercial hub. These vibrant districts are not just centers of trade and business but also melting pots of cultural traditions, cuisines, and shared heritage.

Quezon City Chinatown is marked by two iconic Chinese páifāng, known as the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Arches, located at the intersection of President Manuel Quezon Avenue and Banawe Street, serving as the district's north and south gateways. Erected in 2013, these landmark arches were a project of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., symbolizing the enduring ties between the Filipino and Chinese communities.

The celebration in Banawe on Jan. 29 marked the official launch of the redesigned Quezon City Chinatown, highlighting the city's commitment to cultural preservation and tourism development. The event began with an energetic Dance Fit session, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Mayor Joy Belmonte, officially unveiling the newly redecorated QC Chinatown. This revitalization aims to further establish the district as a dynamic cultural, tourism, and commercial hub.

Emphasizing sustainability, the city government encouraged all participants to adopt eco-friendly practices in line with its commitment to a greener and more

sustainable urban environment.

The beautification and enhancement of the Banawe district are key components of the Quezon City Government's broader development program under Mayor Belmonte's leadership. Her administration is dedicated to transforming Banawe into a thriving center that authentically reflects Chinese culture, heritage, and tourism, further strengthening the district's identity as Quezon City's Chinatown.

The celebration featured over fifty food and non-food businesses offering local and artisanal delights. Cultural highlights included a wishing tree, a 360-degree photo booth, and traditional Chinese New Year performances such as the Dragon and Lion Dance. The festivities culminated in a spectacular firework display that lit up the night sky, symbolizing the hope and joy that the Chinese New Year brings.

As Quezon City celebrates the Year of the Wood Snake, the unveiling of the redesigned City Chinatown serves as a reminder of the deep and enduring ties between the Philippines and China. These ties, rooted in vibrant trade and cultural exchange long before colonial times, continue to thrive in modern-day celebrations.

In embracing its historical connections while forging ahead as a dynamic urban center, Quezon City demonstrates that Chinatowns are not just remnants of the past—they are thriving symbols of community, culture, and mutual respect that bridge history and the future.

FRESH VIEWPOINTS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

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Spl. Civil Action No. 24-35580

For:

Expropriation with Urgent Prayer for Issuance of Writ of Possession

National Grid Corporation of the Philippines,
 Plaintiff,

-versus-

Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Sps. Esther J. Yenko and Romulo Manlapig, Delfin J. Yenko; and

All Other Persons who may have any Claim or Interest over Lot No. 3799-B, located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City,

Defendants.

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ORDER

The Explanation/Manifestation filed by the plaintiff is noted.

Acting on the Ex-Parte Motion filed by the plaintiff, in view of the Affidavit of Gayle U. Sobusa, stating that despite diligent and exhaustive efforts of his team they could not ascertain the exact whereabouts of the registered and declared owners of Lot No. 3799-B located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, and finding the reasons stated therein to be well-taken, the relief prayed for is **GRANTED**.

Plaintiff is granted leave to serve summons for: (a) Rosa J. Yenko; (b) Victorino Yenko, Jr.; (c) Rosemarie J. Yenko; (d) Esther J. Yenko; (e) Romulo Manlapig; (f) Delfin J. Yenko; and (g) all other persons who may have a claim or interest over Lot No. 3799-B located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, together with a copy of the Complaint, Notice to Take Possession, and this Order, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, and to submit proof of compliance thereof **within thirty (30) days from publication**.

Pursuant to Sec. 22, Rule 14 of the Rules of Court, the plaintiff is further directed that copies of the summons and the Complaint, as well as this Order, be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the above-mentioned defendants, and to submit proof of compliance thereof.

Further, it would appear that in the motion for the publication of summons, the name Victorino Yenko, Jr. appeared, however, a careful review of the complaint shows that this person is not among the defendants in this case. The plaintiff is reminded to review its motion, to ensure the accuracy of its pleadings, before filing in Court.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines January 6, 2025.

(SGD.) HON. NESTLE A. GO
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SUMMONS

TO:

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and All Other Persons who may have any Claim or Interest over Lot No. 3799- B, Located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required, within sixty (60) days after publication, exclusive of the day of service, to file with this Court, and serve on the plaintiff's your **ANSWER** to the Complaint and its annexes, copy of which is hereto attached. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002, to **observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead alleged grounds thereof as defenses in the Answer**. If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiff will take judgment by default against you and this Court may grant the relief applied for in the complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND under the seal of this Court, this 9th day of January, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. ZAREMELLE D. ADAME-GUMBAN
 Clerk of Court V

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Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by counsel, respectfully states:

1. NGCP is a private corporation created and existing under Philippine laws, with principal office address at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. It may be served with notices and other court processes through its Right-of-Way Department – Visayas Division, Banilad Power Complex, Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City, and copy furnished the afore-mentioned principal office.

2. Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9511, NGCP was granted a franchise to operate, manage and maintain, and in connection therewith, to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through a high-voltage back-bone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, systems operations, and other activities that are necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of a transmission system and to construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and refurbish the present nationwide transmission system of the Republic of the Philippines.

3. Under Section 4 of the same law, NGCP was granted the power of eminent domain, subject to the requirements of the Constitution and existing laws, viz:

“SEC. 4. *Right of Eminent Domain.* — Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, the Grantee is authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain insofar as it may be reasonably necessary for the construction, expansion, and efficient maintenance and operation of the transmission system and grid and the efficient operation and maintenance of the subtransmission systems which have not yet been disposed by TRANSCO. The Grantee may acquire such private property as is actually necessary for the realization of the purposes for which this franchise is granted: *Provided,* That the applicable law on eminent domain shall be observed, particularly, the prerequisites of taking of possession and the determination and payment of just compensation.”

4. NGCP's basic critical mandate is to transmit high voltage electricity generated by the generating plants of power producers to the various distribution companies and electric cooperatives across the country. This crucial mandate plays a vital role in ensuring the steady and reliable delivery of electricity to the public. Given the indispensable nature of its operations, NGCP's mandate is imbued with public interest.

5. NGCP cannot ascertain the exact whereabouts of **Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Spouses Esther J. Yenko and Romulo Manlapig, and Delfin J. Yenko**, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

6. NGCP likewise cannot ascertain the existence, identities, and whereabouts of all other persons who may have any rightful claim or interest over the property subject of this Complaint, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

7. The above-mentioned unknown claimants and interest-holders are impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1,¹ Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and Section 14,² Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure, because NGCP cannot determine with certainty the identities of all persons who have the exclusive ownership of the property herein sought to be expropriated, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. NGCP undertakes to cause, by way of motion for leave of court, the service of summons to them, as well as to the named defendants above whose whereabouts are unknown, by publication pursuant to Section 16,³ Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure.

¹ Section 1. *The complaint.* — The right of eminent domain shall be exercised by the filing of a verified complaint which shall state with certainty the right and purpose of expropriation, describe the real or personal property sought to be expropriated, and **join as defendants all persons owning or claiming to own, or occupying, any part thereof or interest therein**, showing, so far as practicable, the separate interest of each defendant. If the title to any property sought to be expropriated appears to be in the Republic of the Philippines, although occupied by private individuals, or if the title is otherwise obscure or doubtful so that the plaintiff cannot with accuracy or certainty specify who are the real owners, averment to that effect shall be made in the complaint.

8. In order to meet the increasing demand for electricity in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras and to support the continuing growth and development in the area, there is a need for NGCP to construct a new transmission system that will suit the present and future power requirements therein. Without this new transmission system, the power requirements in the aforementioned region will not be supplied, leading to power outages

9. Owing to this necessity, NGCP must immediately construct the transmission line, substations and other facilities that will transmit uninterrupted power to the distributors of electricity in the aforesaid area. This undertaking is for the use and benefit of the public and is known as the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project (the Project).

10. The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) approved the Application filed by NGCP for the approval of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, docketed as ERC Case No. 2017-110RC in a

Notice of Resolution,⁴ promulgated on 6 February 2024, a pertinent portion of which provides:

“Notice is hereby given that the Commission, after due deliberation and evaluation, in a Regular Commission Meeting held on 17 April 2024, **RESOLVED** the following matters:

“1. NGCP's proposed Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project in the instant *Application* amounting to Two Billion Three Hundred Twenty Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Pesos and Seventy-Six Centavos (Php2,320,645,725.76) is hereby APPROVED, subject to optimization based on its actual use and verified expenses incurred during the reset process for the subsequent regulatory period, following the procedures stated in the Rules in Setting the Transmission Wheeling Rates (RTWR), as amended, and other relevant issuances of the Commission. The project cost indicated herein is solely for the purpose of determining the permit fee;

² Section 14. *Unknown identity or name of defendant.* — Whenever the identity or name of a defendant is unknown, he may be sued as the unknown owner, heir, devisee, or by such other designation as the case may require; when his identity or true name is discovered, the pleading must be amended accordingly.

³ Section 16. *Service upon defendant whose identity or whereabouts are unknown.* — In any action where the defendant is designated as an unknown owner, or the like, or whenever his or her whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, within ninety (90) calendar days from the commencement of the action, service may, by leave of court, be effected upon him or her by publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

⁴ ANNEX “A” – ERC Notice of Resolution.

“x x x”

11. Given the foregoing, there is genuine necessity and urgency to immediately construct and implement the Project which is intended to accommodate the entry of the 40 MW Sibunag Wind Power Plant which will result in increased power supply and transmission towards Panay and reliability and flexibility of the grid in the area. Hence, the immediate completion and energization of the said project are critically important.

12. The Project's route commences at NGCP's existing Iloilo Substation in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and stretches via overhead transmission line towards the Ingore Cable Terminal Station in the same barangay. It then proceeds via submarine cables towards the Sawang Cable Terminal Station in Brgy. Sawang, Buenavista, Guimaras, and continues via overhead transmission line towards the projected Zaldivar Substation in Brgy. Zaldivar, Buenavista, Guimaras, where it terminates.

13. The determination of the areas to be affected by the construction of the Project, which includes the property subject of this Complaint, was the result of an in-depth study by the engineering group of the NGCP. It included the survey and re-survey of the areas to be affected and spot mapping thereof to determine the terrain, suitability of the soil, tower deflections, and other technical and social factors. The choice of the areas to be affected as well as of the path of the transmission lines is neither arbitrary nor whimsical. Varying factors are always considered, such as, but not limited to the integrity of the line and the grid, the cost, and the ease of maintenance of the transmission lines.

14. The route of the Project was established by NGCP in good faith, taking into account all the mentioned paramount technical considerations, to cause the least possible damage to the affected localities, avoiding as far as practicable urbanized, commercial and public areas, thereby making it the least burdensome to the general public and all the landowners in the area, taken as a whole. The selection of the route and the taking of the properties affected by it, including the property subject of this Complaint, are in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of **Sumulong vs. Guerrero, G.R. No. 48685, September 30, 1987**, wherein it was held:

“x x x Absent a clear showing of fraud, bad faith, or gross abuse of discretion, which petitioners herein failed to demonstrate, the Court will give due weight to and leave undisturbed the [expropriator]'s choice and the size of the site for the project. The property owner may not interpose objections merely because in their judgment some other property would have been more suitable, or just as suitable, for the purpose. The right to the use, enjoyment and disposal of private property is tempered by and has to yield to the demands of the common good. x x x.” (Bracketing and replacement supplied.)

15. To fully implement and complete the project, NGCP needs to immediately take, by voluntary acquisition or expropriation, properties, or portions thereof, that are affected or traversed by the Project. It is genuinely necessary to take the properties traversed by the transmission line project because the transmission line would physically occupy the affected properties, through its construction and through its operation and maintenance after it is energized. The high voltage of electricity that would be transmitted by the transmission line requires that its transmission/power line corridor be cleared of occupants and of both natural and man-made obstacles for its proper operation and maintenance, and for the safety of people, properties and the transmission line itself. This public use of the affected properties necessitates their taking.

16. The genuine necessity and public use for which the taking of properties for the transmission line project of NGCP are in accordance with the rulings of the Supreme Court, particularly in the cases of **The Manila Railroad Company vs. Mitchell, G.R. No. 19280, March 16, 1923 (En Banc)**,⁵ and **MORE Electric and Power Corporation vs. Panay Electric Company, Inc., G.R. No. 248061, September 15, 2020 (En Banc)**,⁶ and **National Power Corporation vs. Benjamin Ong Co, G.R. No. 166973, February 10, 2009.**⁷

17. In the exercise of its right of eminent domain, NGCP intends to expropriate a portion of a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 3799-B**, a private property located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. As indicated in the pertinent portion of the Index Map,⁸ the said portion of Lot No. 3799-B is within the route and site of the project.

⁵ “When the law says that private property may be taken for public use only when it is necessary for such use, it means a reasonable, not an absolute necessity. x x x”

⁶ “x x x Without a doubt, the provision of uninterrupted supply of electricity is a public purpose which is distinct from the general purpose of electricity distribution. Such distinct purpose is both public and genuine.”

⁷ “x x x there is no doubt that the installation of transmission lines is important to the continued growth of the country. Electricity moves our economy; it is a national concern.”

18. **Lot No. 3799-B** is registered under **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-113385**⁹ in the names of Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Esther J. Yenko, married to Romulo Manlapig, and

Delfin Yenko. It is declared for taxation purposes under **Tax Declaration (TD) No. 15-04-011-00147**¹⁰ in the name of Rosa J. Yenko, married to Victorino Yenko. The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **1,953 square meters**, more or less, as shown in the Sketch Plan¹¹ and Narrative Technical Description,¹² and is more particularly described below, to wit:

Lot No.	3799-B
TCT No.	T-113385
Registered Owner	Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Esther J. Yenko, married to Romulo Manlapig, and Delfin Yenko
TD No.	15-04-011-00147
Declared Owner	Rosa J. Yenko, married to Victorino Yenko
Total Area	3,510 sq.m.
Affected Area	1,953 sq.m.
Classification	Residential
BIR Zonal Value of Affected Area (Php5,000.00/sq.m.) ¹³	Php9,765,000.00
Total Amount of Compensation	Php9,765,000.00

19. To enable NGCP to construct and maintain the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, it is both genuinely necessary and urgent to acquire, upon payment of just compensation, the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-B, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras, as well as other parts of the country.

8 ANNEX "B" – Portion of Index Map of the project as traversing Lot No. 3799-B.
 9 ANNEX "C" – Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385.
 10 ANNEX "D" – Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147.
 11 ANNEX "E" – Sketch Plan for Lot No. 3799-B.
 12 ANNEX "F" – Narrative Technical Description for Lot No. 3799-B.
 13 ANNEX "G" – BIR Certification.

20. NGCP's personnel endeavored to locate the defendants in order to negotiate with them for the acquisition of the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-B for the implementation of the project. On October 13, 2021, NGCP's personnel went to the site of the affected area of the subject property and made inquiries with neighboring landowners and barangay officials regarding the identities of its owners. They further posted a tarpaulin on the site, stating NGCP's intent to take the affected portion of the property for its project and inviting any person with interest over the property to contact them. However, none of the defendants could be located despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, no negotiations could be conducted. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, NGCP has no other recourse but to file the instant case.

21. NGCP is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-B, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, any other applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall directly pay to the Government.

22. Recognizing further the urgency of the resolution of expropriation cases involving transmission lines, in OCA Circular No. 127-2021 dated 13 October 2021, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court enjoined judges to give primacy to cases that involve, among others, government expropriation, and infrastructure projects (including energy transmission projects), commercial - and economic-impact cases.

23. Moreover, an expropriation proceeding being an action *quasi in rem*,¹⁴ jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. It is only required that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

24. In **NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company**,¹⁵ the Supreme Court held that:

¹⁴ Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority, G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980, cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.
¹⁵ G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011

"[W]hen the case instituted is an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem*, Philippine courts already have jurisdiction to hear and decide the case because, in actions *in rem* and *quasi in rem*, jurisdiction over the person of the defendant is not a prerequisite to confer jurisdiction on the court, provided that the court acquires jurisdiction over the *res*."

25. Again, in **Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.**,¹⁶ the Supreme Court held:

"Jurisdiction over the person, or jurisdiction *in personam*—the power of the court to render a personal judgment or to subject the parties in a particular action to the judgment and other rulings rendered in the action—is an element of due process that is essential in all actions, civil as well as criminal, except in actions *in rem* or *quasi in rem*. Jurisdiction over the defendant in an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem* is not required, and the court acquires jurisdiction over an action as long as it acquires jurisdiction over the *res* that is the subject matter of the action. The purpose of summons in such action is not the acquisition of jurisdiction over the defendant but mainly to satisfy the constitutional requirement of due process."

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION

26. Section 13 of R.A. 11361¹⁷ provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs NGCP's expropriation cases. Under Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court, NGCP may already enter and possess the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,¹⁸ thus:

"SEC. 2. Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depositary. — Upon the filing of the complaint or at any

time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depositary an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depositary."

27. Pursuant to the above Rule, NGCP shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Complaint, a Notice to Take Possession¹⁹ upon the defendants.

¹⁶ G. R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013
¹⁷ Section 13, R.A. 11361 provides that "Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lines shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court."
¹⁸ National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al., G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

28. In the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, NGCP shall deposit with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, **100% of the BIR zonal value** of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriated, in the total amount of **Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php9,765,000.00)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

29. Upon deposit of the provisional amount, which is higher than the assessed value of the affected portion of the subject property, NGCP will have fully complied with the requirements for the issuance of a writ of possession as mandated by law.

30. In a long line of cases²⁰ and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the NGCP, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the NGCP an order to take possession of the subject property and start the implementation of the Project.

31. In the case of **Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation**,²¹ the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. "*No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x x x. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial.*"

32. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession, and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the NGCP into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated are necessary. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28²² of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures, the Order for issuance of a writ of possession needs to specifically direct the PNP to render assistance in order for the PNP to have basis to act. As such, NGCP prays that this Honorable Court also direct the PNP Officers to assist in the implementation of the Writ of Possession that will be issued.

¹⁹ ANNEX "H" – Notice to Take Possession.
²⁰ **Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain**, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; **SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines**, G.R. No. 137537, January 28, 2000; **Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla**, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139938, November 22, 2000; **City of Manila vs. Serrano**, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; **Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili**, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; **City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi**, G. R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.
²¹ Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016

TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

33. NGCP intends to present at least three (3) witnesses, namely:

a) **Jesse L. Asuga**, Construction Project Manager, whose testimony is being presented to establish the propriety of expropriation for NGCP's project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "I,"**

b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, Regional Survey and Geotechnical Supervisor, whose testimony is being presented to establish the areas and transmission line route necessary for the construction of NGCP's project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "J;"** and

c) **Jun A. Celoso**, Regional Right-of-Way Senior Associate, whose testimony is being presented to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation and the activities relating to negotiations, among others. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "K."**

34. NGCP intends to introduce the following as documentary evidence:

²² "28.2 – Requirements for Police Assistance. Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only, upon compliance of the following conditions:
 a. The request for police assistance is based on an order of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
 b. The written request for police assistance shall be signed by the Sheriff or equivalent officer in quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
 c. The request is filed at least five (5) working days prior to the actual implementation; and
 d. The original document of the final decision/order/resolution must be presented. In the absence of the same, a copy duly authenticated by the Clerk of Court or other authorized representative of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative body will suffice."

Exhibit No.	Description
"A"	ERC Notice of Resolution
"B"	Portion of Index Map
"C"	Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385
"D"	Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147
"E"	Sketch Plan
"F"	Narrative Technical Description
"G"	BIR Certification

NGCP reserves its right to present additional testimonial and

documentary as circumstances may require during trial.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, NGCP most respectfully prays for this Honorable Court to:

- ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in NGCP's favor:
 - Authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of Lot No. 3799-B, subject of this Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**, as described in paragraphs 17 and 18 hereof;
 - Ordering the demolition of affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any;
 - Ordering all defendants to vacate the same;
 - Directing the PNP to assist the NGCP in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and
 - If necessary, allowing NGCP to have temporary access in going to the area subject of the Complaint while the construction of the Project is on-going;
- ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that NGCP has a lawful right to take possession and condemn to public use the subject portion of Lot No. 3799-B sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,953 square meters, more or less, as specified in paragraphs 17 and 18 of this Complaint;
- After the determination of just compensation, ISSUE a **Judgment**:
 - Authorizing NGCP to pay to the defendants the amount of just compensation fixed after deducting the provisional deposit, capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall pay to the Government;
 - Declaring NGCP as the lawful owner of the portion of Lot No. 3799-B, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,953square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 17 and 18 hereof;
 - Directing the Registry of Deeds for City of Iloilo, to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation and Judgment on Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385, and, upon application by NGCP, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3799-B, sought to be expropriated herein, free of all liens, encumbrances and other matters annotated on TCT No. T-113385, and without the need for the presentation of the owner's duplicate copy of the said certificate of title; and
 - Directing the City Assessor of Iloilo, to cancel Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147, and to issue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3799-Bsought to be expropriated herein.

- NGCP prays for other relief just and equitable under the premises.
- Quezon City for Iloilo City, **18 November, 2024.**
- NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES**
 NGCP Bldg., Quezon Avenue cor. BIR Road
 Diliman, Quezon City
- By:
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 PTR No. 5545099 – 01/03/2024 - Quezon City
 IBP Lifetime No. 010191/Rizal Chapter
 MCLE Compliance No. VII-001833 – 03/02/2022
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- RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT - VISAYAS DIVISION**
NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Visayas Operations and Maintenance, Baniad Power Complex,
 Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City
- By:
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
 Cebu City) S. S.

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, **ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state:

1. I am the Regional ROW Manager, Visayas Right-of-Way Division (VROWD), of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);

2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate dated 22 July 2021 hereto attached as **Annex "L,"**

3. I caused the preparation of the foregoing Complaint. I have read the foregoing Complaint and I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge or based on authentic records on file. It is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;

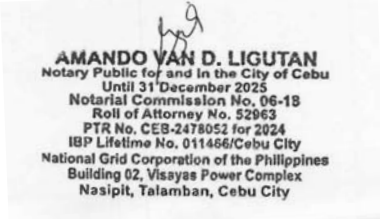
4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact to this Court within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **18th** day of **November, 2024**, in Cebu City, Philippines.

(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS
 Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **18th** day of **November, 2024**, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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 Series of 2024.



Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court
6th Judicial Region
Branch 33
 Iloilo City

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
 Plaintiff,
 -versus-

ROSA J. YENKO, ET AL.,
 Defendants.
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Special Civil Action
No. 24-35580
For: Expropriation With Urgent Prayer for Issuance of Writ of Possession

NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

Rosa J. Yenko
Rosemarie J. Yenko
Victorino Yenko, Jr.
Spouses Esther J. Yenko and Romulo Manlapig
Delfin J. Yenko
 Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City

All other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 3799-B, located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over specific areas of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. 3799-B**, situated in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. The property is registered under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385** in the names of Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Esther J. Yenko, married to Romulo Manlapig, and Delfin Yenko and declared for taxation purposes under **Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147**, in the name of Rosa J. Yenko, married to Victorino Yenko.

The affected area of the subject property, which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Complaint, and will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**.

NGCP shall deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Kalibo, Aklan, the provisional amount of **Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php9,765,000.00)**, equivalent to the current BIR zonal value of the affected area of the subject property.

Further, please be informed that the plaintiff and/or its representatives shall enter and take possession of the subject property immediately after the Honorable Court issues the Writ of Possession in compliance with the law and Rules. Likewise, NGCP will no longer pay any improvements that will be introduced in the subject property after receipt of this Notice.

18 November, 2024, Cebu City for Iloilo City.

(SGD.) JAMES A. HUPP III
 PTR No. 1235408 - 01/05/2024 - Cebu Province
 IBP Lifetime No. 08194 /1-08-09/ Cebu City
 MCLE Compliance No. VII-0014197 - 03/31/2022
 Roll of Attorneys No. 48764



CT-Scan to boost health services in Roxas hospital

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) — The Roxas Memorial Provincial Hospital (RMPH), under the Capiz Provincial Government, in partnership with Josmef Enterprises, has launched the new CT-Scan Imaging Service to boost health services in the province.

RMPH Chief of Hospital II Dr. Florencio Luching Jr. emphasized that the new CT-Scan will enable doctors and specialists to effectively diagnose and treat various diseases.

“With this CT-Scan, it will be a guiding tool to our doctors towards the most effective treatment for our patients,” Luching added.

He added that the CT-Scan will also address key challenges of the RMPH like transporting patients to other hospitals and the financial burden on patients.

According to Luching, the cost of the CT-Scan examinations at RMPH will be significantly lower compared to other private hospitals and institutions as he thanked the Provincial Government and the Josmef Enterprises for the free installation of the CT-Scan unit.

Josmef Enterprises Vice President for Admin and Finance Queenie Ajayi thanked the provincial government for collaborating with them to improve healthcare access in the province of Capiz.

“For us, this partnership goes beyond providing equipment, it signifies our ongoing commitment to support the dedicated healthcare professionals in the province of Capiz in creating a sustainable and high-quality healthcare environment for this community,” Ajayi added.

The CT-Scan machine operates daily from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., accommodating up to 20 patients per day.

It is open to both inpatients and outpatients ensuring wider access to advanced diagnostic services in the province. (AGP/PLF/PIA Capiz)



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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6th Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
 CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
 Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-11164-24

For: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND) Mortgagee,

-versus-

ANTONIO G. PABRIAGA III
 Mortgagor/s.

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon **EXTRA-JUDICIAL PETITION FOR SALE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118** filed by the mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the mortgagor/s, **ANTONIO G. PABRIAGA III**, single, of legal age, Filipino, with postal address at Lot 18, Blk. 6, Alta Tierra Village Phase 4, Jaro, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 30, 2024, amounted to **(P 1,703,795.55)** inclusive of interest and other charges, the **EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO** or his **LAWFUL DEPUTY** will sell at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **MARCH 20, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the **OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, CJRQA HALL OF JUSTICE, BONIFACIO DRIVE, ILOILO CITY**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real estate property including the buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 095-2018000870

“A parcel of land (LOT 18, BLOCK 6, PCS-06-00070, being a portion of the Consolidation Subdivision Survey of LOT 1-B (LRC) PSD-241681 and BLOCK 21 (LRC) PSD-244027), situated in the District of Jaro, City of Iloilo. X X X X X Containing an area of **THREE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR (394) SQUARE METERS more or less.** “

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned 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**, the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, January 13, 2025

(SGD.) **ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB**
 Ex-Officio Sheriff and Clerk of Court
 Regional Trial Court
 Iloilo City

(SGD.) **AL HOLBERT D. LIM**
 Sheriff-In-Charge

NE/Feb. 17, 24 & March 3, 2025



Republic of the Philippines
 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
 & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF**
 6th Judicial Region
 Barotac Viejo, Iloilo
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**FORECLOSURE NO. EJF-2025-542
 FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
 SALE UNDER ACT NO. 3135,
 AS AMENDED**

**RURAL BANK OF STA. BARBARA
 (ILOILO), INC.,**
 Mortgagee,

versus

**ELISA C. PADERES (for herself
 and Attorney-in-fact of Evelio
 B. Paderes, married to Helen Castro),**
 Debtor/Mortgagor.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended filed by **RURAL BANK OF STA. BARBARA (ILOILO), INC.**, a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the **"MORTGAGEE"**, against **ELISA C. PADERES (for herself and Attorney-in-fact of Evelio B. Paderes, married to Helen Castro)**, of legal age, Filipino and resident of Brgy. Jamul-awon, Concepcion, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the **"DEBTOR/MORTGAGOR"** for the satisfaction of the mortgaged indebtedness which as of August 31, 2024, amounted to **THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY NINE PESOS & 41/100 (P383,199.41)** Philippine Currency inclusive of interest, penalties, and other charges incurred during the foreclosure proceedings, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Barotac Viejo, thru her authorized Deputy Sheriff will **SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION on April 3, 2025 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon** or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all the improvements that may be found thereon, to wit:

**ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
 NO. (F-39604) 090-202000231**

"A parcel of land (Lot 1387, PLs-1099, Case-11) situated at Jamul-awon, Concepcion, Iloilo. Bounded on the SE., along Line 1-2 by Lot 1710; on the S., along Line 2-3 by Lot 1394; on the W., and NW., along Lines 3-4-5-6 by Lot 1717 on the N., at the Corner 6 by Lots 1388 and 1716 and on the NE., along 6-1 by Lot 979. ALL Lots above stated are within Pls-1099. Containing an area of SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SIX (16,626) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 10, 2025** at the same time and place above-described without further notice.

Prospective bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let therefore, this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines, January 16, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. RETZEL AMOUR CADENA-VILLARUZ
 Clerk of Court V/Acting Clerk of Court, RTC-OCC
 and Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

(SGD.) GLEMARIE PEE B. BACERRA
 Sheriff IV

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale under penalty of law.

NE/February 17, 24, 2025 & March 3, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
 Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of: Iloilo
 City/Municipality: Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CECILIA P. DEVECAIS** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **MARIA** to **"MAIA"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MAIA PARAYAO PAGARAY** who was born on **May 4, 1969** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **PROTACIO M. PAGARAY** and **OFELIA PARAYAO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
 Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 10, 2025 & Feb. 17, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
 Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of: Iloilo
 City/Municipality: Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CECILE JAMELARIN PAVORITO** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **BABY JUDY** to **"MA. JUDY"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MA. JUDY JAMELARIN DEOPIDO** who was born on **April 5, 1965** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ELSIE T. DEOPIDO** and **SHIRLEY P. JAMELARIN**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
 Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 10, 2025 & Feb. 17, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
 Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of: Iloilo
 City/Municipality: Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JACKIE LYN P. PEÑAFIEL** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **BRENDA** to **"JACKIE LYN"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JACKIE LYN QUINQUERO PARREÑO** who was born on **October 24, 1980** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JIMMY A. PARREÑO** and **REGINA D. QUINQUERO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
 Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

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**PSA-W. Visayas begins
 nat'l ID authentication
 integration with LGUs**

ILOILO CITY – The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is working on integrating the national identification (ID) authentication service with local government units (LGUs) in Western Visayas.

PSA focal person for the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) in Western Visayas, Jared Barile, said they met with officials of Escalante City in Negros Occidental on Feb. 7, the first LGU to respond to their call for the integration.

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MUNICIPALITY OF BADIANGAN
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Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CORAZON CAPADOSA ARAÑADOR** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **"ISABEL"** to **"ANABEL"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ANABEL CAPADOSA ARAÑADOR** who was born on **July 18, 1970** at **Badiangan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **PONCIANO ARAÑADOR** and **EUFROCINA CAPADOSA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file a written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) EDWARD P. NOBLEZA
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **NOEL LORIA CAPILLO** has filed a petition for **Correction of Child's Date of Birth** from **"AUGUST 12, 1965"** to **"AUGUST 08, 1965"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NOEL LORIA CAPILLO** whose parents are **Ludovico Capillo** and **Arlita Loria**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Leganes

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARGIE S. CATAHAY** has filed with this Office a petition for **Change of First Name** from **"EMELIA"** to **"MARGIE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **EMELIA S. CATAHAY** who was born on **January 26, 1965** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ALFONSO T. CATAHAY** and **LEONILA H. SOLAS**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) JAY-R G. MATUTINA
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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The integration enhances identity verification, streamlines service delivery, ensures stronger data security, reduces fraud and extends inclusive access and seamless interoperability.

"Once an LGU is integrated, we will provide them access to our ID authentication services. Their clients can make transactions as long as they have their national ID number, even without their ID. They only provide their demographic details and scan their biometric information for verification of their identity," Barile said in an interview on Tuesday.

The integration is also open to other government agencies, private organizations, and financial institutions

Two for Tea



AFTERNOON	COMFORT	MILK
AROMA	CUP	OOLONG
BAG	DAILY	PORCELAIN
BLACK	DRINK	SANDWICH
BOIL	HERBAL	SOOTHE
BREW	HOT	STEEP
CAFFEINE	JASMINE	SUGAR
CHAI	KETTLE	TEAPOT
CHAMOMILE	LEAVES	TISANE



EASY BUTTER CHICKEN RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:
 YOGHURT: Greek-style yoghurt thickens the sauce and adds a creamy lushness to the dish (plus a cooling quality and yoghurt tang).
 GARLIC AND GINGER: this flavourful pairing brings a depth of flavour and a little zing. Crush the garlic and finely grate the ginger to bring out their flavours.
 SPICES: ground cumin, ground coriander, garam masala and chilli powder come together to create a delicious depth of flavour and bring this well-balanced, mildly spiced butter chicken sauce to life.
 CHICKEN: we use free-range chicken thigh, cut into small pieces to help them cook more evenly (and quickly).
 OIL AND BUTTER: while many traditional Indian recipes use ghee (clarified butter), oil and butter do a good job of recreating the texture of this ingredient. It wouldn't be butter chicken without its namesake ingredient!
 ONION: thickly sliced brown onion is an instant flavour-booster in this curry. If you don't have a brown onion, you could substitute with a red or white onion.
 TOMATO PUREE: tomato puree (not to be confused with tomato paste) brings added sweetness, richness and colour to the butter chicken sauce.
 CHICKEN STOCK: stock is a must-add ingredient in this recipe, but if you don't have a chicken stock or chicken-style stock, you can use a vegetable stock instead. In fact, to make this dish vegetarian, all you need to do is use a veggie stock and substitute chicken for paneer or tofu cubes.
 CREAM: thickened cream is what takes this recipe to the next level and gives it the creamy comfort food factor.

Step 1
Place yoghurt, garlic, ginger, cumin, coriander, garam masala and chilli powder in a glass or ceramic dish. Add chicken. Stir to coat. Cover. Refrigerate for 2 hours.

Step 2
Heat oil and butter in a heavy-based saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 to 4 minutes or until softened. Add chicken mixture to pan. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until chicken just starts to change colour. Add tomato puree and stock. Cover. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 15-20 minutes or until chicken is tender and mixture has thickened slightly.

Step 3
Stir in cream and season to taste. Simmer for a further 5 minutes or until heated through. Serve with steamed rice and coriander leaves.

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



HOROSCOPE

ARIES
 March 21 - April 19
 If you aren't traveling today, Aries, you will likely take a big trip soon. It seems that you will be sharing a room with someone special. A close friend or significant other may accompany you. You can look forward to all the romantic possibilities that come with exploring new lands together. It's bound to be a wonderful trip.

TAURUS
 April 20 - May 20
 If you wake up this morning and feel glued to the bed, perhaps that's where you should spend the day, Taurus. You've been working hard and long these past few weeks. It only makes sense that your body would rebel eventually. This is a day for rest and relaxation. The office will survive without you. Call in sick and then turn off the phone. You're likely to sleep better than you have in a long time.

GEMINI
 May 21 - June 21
 Pay attention today, Gemini. There may be some unethical behavior occurring at work, and it could trigger some long-buried anger. You may have difficulty keeping your emotions in check, but you need to. Honest communication is the only way you can get through this day. Once you've calmed down, you might want to approach the person who's behaving irresponsibly.

CANCER
 June 22 - July 22
 Check and double-check any information that comes your way today, Cancer. There's deception and discontent in the air, which is an unfortunate combination under any circumstances. Research before you judge. Gossip is likely to fly around the office. Run for cover when necessary. You don't want to get involved in this particular round of office politics.

LEO
 July 23 - August 22
 Don't take your bank or portfolio statement at face value today, Leo. Financial errors are likely. Someone may want you to see things from his or her viewpoint, which may not be based on fact. Check and double-check important figures that cross your desk. You're the only one you can trust to truly work in your best interests. It's time to put your mind to use and work on your own behalf.

VIRGO
 Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
 You won't feel particularly social today, Virgo. You'd be happiest at home with a good book, a good meal, and no contact with the outside world. Alas, such solitude isn't always possible. You may have to balance your need for isolation with obligations to colleagues. Part of your grumpiness might be due to a physical imbalance. Make it an early night and you will wake tomorrow with a new attitude.

LIBRA
 Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
 All isn't quiet at home today, Libra. There's tension in the air. You can't shake the feeling that someone is lying. You're a peacemaker by nature, so your inclination is to suppress your suspicions. In this instance, your instincts are right. The person withholding information is doing it for your own good and will come to you once the situation has been resolved. You can all laugh about it then.

SCORPIO
 Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
 It's strange how past incidents can still cause such pain in the present. Today you may feel overwhelmed by memories of a particularly traumatic incident. No one is more surprised than you by your reaction. You felt sure you'd addressed this issue and put it behind you. Apparently there's still work to be done, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
 It's apparent that something underhanded and unethical is occurring at your job today, Sagittarius. Co-workers could try to manipulate situations and take advantage of proprietary information to use to their own benefit. Steer clear of office politics and refrain from participating in any gossip. Trust your instincts. You know who can and who can't be trusted.

CAPRICORN
 Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
 Don't trust anyone today, not even people you consider friends, Capricorn. There are indications of deception all around, especially at work. Someone may be keeping something from you or even manipulating information to his or her own advantage. Be sure to check the facts of any situation. Don't take anyone's word for anything. This is a good day to take your own advice rather than someone else's.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
 Don't trust anything related to money or contracts today, Aquarius. This isn't a good day to enter into any kind of contract, whether it's starting an investment program, negotiating a salary, or changing banks. There's a lot of miscommunication and misunderstanding in the air. You may think you understand what you're signing, but you may not. Save legal and financial matters for another day.

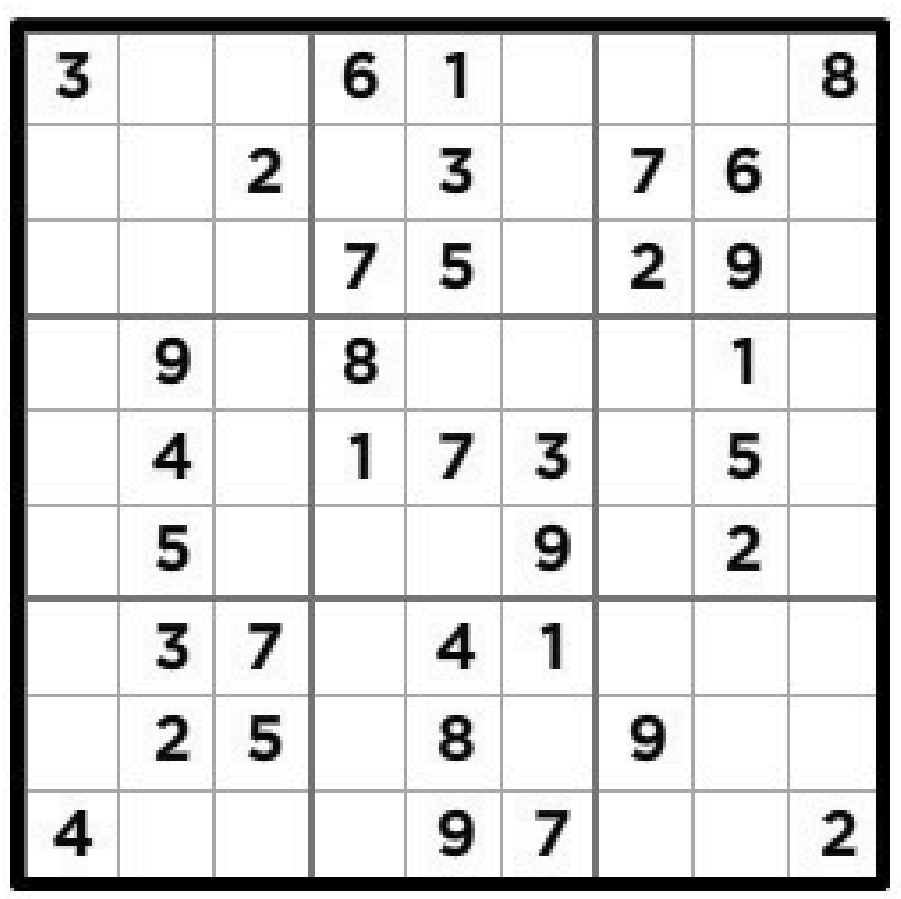
PISCES
 Feb. 19 - March 20
 This isn't the day for contracts or legal work of any kind, Pisces. You may think you understand everything about a document, but it's likely you don't. The atmosphere is ripe for misinformation and misunderstanding. You will be well served today if you keep to yourself and do your work carefully and systematically. The legal documents can wait for another day.

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Puzzles by Pappocom©
 Sudoku is an addictive brain teasing puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking alone and has been taking the world by storm.

The rules of the game are simple: You simply fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9 without repeats or omissions.

Billed as the next crossword, Sudoku's simplicity is its beauty. Although it is a number game, Sudoku requires no mathematical skills - just a keen grasp of logic and plenty of patience.



DRINKING LIKE CRAZY

A man walks into a bar and says "Bartender gimme a triple shot of Jack".
 The bartender pours, and the man downs it, slams the glass on the bar and says "Another".
 The bartender pours another. The man downs it and says "Another".
 As the bartender pours the third glass he says, "Mister you drink like you have a problem. Want to talk about it?"
 The man says, "Ten years, ten years I've been married to my wife, and today I go home a little early to surprise her, and I find my best friend, MY BEST FRIEND, in bed having sex with her."
 The bartender says "Geez, what did you say."
 The man says " I told him, BAD DOG! BAD DOG!"



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NOTICE OF PAYMENT FOR THE 1st QUARTER INSTALLMENT
CALENDAR YEAR 2025 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX
IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 250 of RA 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, the one percent (1%) basic real property tax and the additional one percent (1%) Special Education Fund tax for calendar year 2025, may be paid in four (4) equal installments.

Deadline for payment of the 1st quarter installment without interest is on or before March 31, 2025. The one percent (1%) basic tax and additional one percent (1%) Special Education Fund tax shall be collected simultaneously. Ten percent (10%) discount for prompt payment of the quarterly installment shall be granted to taxpayers who pay within the prescribed period of payment.

Payment of such tax will be made at the Office of the Provincial Treasurer, Provincial Capitol Building, Iloilo City or at the Office of the Municipal Treasurer, where your property is located.

(SGD.) JEAN MAIRE G. UMADHAY
 Provincial Treasurer

NE/Feb.17, 2025

Antique breaks ground for P1.6-B socialized housing project

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The construction of the PHP1.6-billion socialized housing project in Barangay San Pedro in this capital town of Antique is ready to kick off following a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday.

Antique Governor Rhodora Cadio, in her message, said the eight-tower socialized housing units, dubbed as Binarayan Village 4PH Towers, seek to address the housing concern of Antique provincial employees, other national government agencies and other qualified Pag-IBIG Fund members.

“We will be building housing units to the highest standard,” Cadio said.

She tasked Antique Provincial Housing and Regulatory Office (PHARO) supervising home management specialist Eby Butiong to choose a developer to build standard housing units with amenities in Antique as part of the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH), a flagship program of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

The housing units will stand on a two-hectare lot acquired by the developer Ethan Property Development.

Butiong, in the project brief, said the housing units will have a swimming pool, a clubhouse, and a children’s park as part of the township concept.

“There will also be business establishments so that the residents can easily access their needs within the area,” Butiong said.

Application forms for the socialized housing units are now available at the PHARO in San Jose de Buenavista.

The socialized housing units could be availed through the housing loan program of the Pag-IBIG Fund.

The socialized housing units are set for turnover to qualified applicants in 2028. (PNA)



GROUNDBREAKING. Antique Governor Rhodora Cadio (right) drops the time capsule during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Binarayan Village 4PH Towers in Barangay San Pedro, San Jose de Buenavista on Wednesday (Feb. 12, 2025). Cadio said in her message that the housing units will be built to the highest standard. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

Negros Power engages BFP, communities in electrical fire prevention

BACOLOD CITY – The Negros Electric and Power Fire Protection (BFP) and the barangays (villages) in Corp. (Negros Power) has partnered with the Bureau of this highly urbanized city to promote electrical safety

and prevent electrical fires.

In a news release on Tuesday, Negros Power chief operating officer Bailey del Castillo said they launched the “Pakape Program” with three components to “ensure a reliable and safe electricity service for all.”

Under the “Red Zones” initiative, the power firm is collaborating with the BFP to raise awareness about

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Province: **ILOILO**
Municipality: **MINA**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012 (IRR on RA No. 10172), Notice is hereby serve to the public that **GLERT JEA POBLACION CORDOVA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **GLERT JEA POBLACION CORDOVA** who was born on **November 3, 1996** at **Mina, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE GILBERT CATALOGO CORDOVA** and **JEAN CARMAN POBLACION**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Province of: **Iloilo**
City/Municipality: **Pototan**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RAFAEL JR. A. VILLANUEVA** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **JOSE** to **"RAFAEL"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RAFAEL DALUMPINES VILLANUEVA** who was born on **NOVEMBER 12, 1963** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ROQUE VILLANUEVA** and **EMMA DALUMPINES**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **WARLITO JR. P. SUPRESENCIA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **MALE** to **"FEMALE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LYZA LUSTRIA SUPRESENCIA** who was born on **March 11, 2007** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **WARLITO JR. P. SUPRESENCIA** and **GEORGINA A. LUSTRIA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

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Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Calinog

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ARLENE CASTILLO ONELLA** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MARY ARLENE** to **ARLENE** in the birth certificate of **MARY ARLENE RENDAJE CASTILLO** who was born on **May 2, 1968** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **FLORENCIO CASTILLO** and **PERPETUA RENDAJE**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MA. AILYN C. CAMPOS
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Late Antique gov Evelio Javier remembered for his heroism

ILOILO CITY – Simple wreath-laying ceremonies before the statue of the late Antique governor Evelio Javier at the EBJ Freedom Park in San Jose de Buenavista, Antique marked the commemoration of his 39th death anniversary on Tuesday.

During the short program led by the Antique provincial government, Board Member Pio Jessielito Sumande Jr. said Javier's leadership symbolizes honesty and integrity.

A separate ceremony was also held by the Javier family, led by his younger brother Exequiel and nephew Paolo, who both once served as Antique representatives to Congress.

Republic Act 7601, enacted on July 20, 1992, declared Feb. 11 of each year as a special non-working day in Aklan, Antique, Capiz, and Iloilo to commemorate Javier's death anniversary.

In an interview, Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas said it is fitting that there is a special holiday in Panay to remember the heroism of the former Antique governor.

"I think it is but fitting [that] he is given this special holiday because we in Panay should always remember that there were people at that time who stood up for their principles and were ready to die for them," he said.

Treñas said he and Javier were tasked to bring copies of the election returns of Iloilo and Antique to the central office of the Commission on Elections and the party copy to their headquarters in Manila during the 1985 snap elections.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **SHERYL ANN PALOMAR TERIO** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **MALE** to **"FEMALE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **SHERYL ANN PEÑAREDONDO PALOMAR** who was born on **September 14, 1984** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **FLORENTE A. PALOMAR** and **NORY P. PEÑAREDONDO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

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However, Javier opted to stay in Antique and instead sent a representative to deliver the returns.

Treñas said he was informed when he arrived at their headquarters that Javier was gunned down in Antique.

"I was so shocked. I was thinking if he only followed the schedule, he would have been in Manila, and I do not know, maybe he would still be alive," he said.

The city mayor recalled that during the snap elections, Javier would stay in their ancestral house in Molo district each time he was in Iloilo. (PNA)

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electrical hazards and promote safety practices, particularly in 284 fire-prone sitios within 48 of the 61 barangays in this city.

The program aims to enhance community safety, reduce fire-related incidents, foster compliance with electrical service regulations, and convert unmetered households.

Supt. Jenny Mae Maisip, city fire marshal, said such initiative is vital in protecting the communities from electrical fires.

"By working together, we can educate residents about electrical safety and reduce the risk of fire incidents," she said.

Meanwhile, the "BReaD" or Barangay Reassessment Drive seeks to gather vital data on the electrical demand across the barangays, identify areas that require upgrades or maintenance, and ensure that safety standards are met for residents.

Del Castillo said the initiative will play a crucial role in improving the safety and sustainability of electrical systems in communities and the "data will be invaluable in identifying areas that need upgrades or maintenance."

"It will also support the annual budgeting process by determining the budget required for both electricity usage and the electric service connection applications for all unmetered barangay facilities," he said.

On the other hand, the BELT or Barangay Electrician Livelihood Training is a collaboration with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and recognizes the importance of skilled personnel at the barangay level.

Under the program, barangay personnel and electricians will be provided essential knowledge and skills training to equip them in preventing electrical accidents and promoting safety with electricity.

"With the knowledge and skills gained through this training, we can better address electrical issues in our barangay and prevent accidents. This is crucial for ensuring the safety of our constituents," Liga ang mga Barangay president Lady Gles Pallen said.

Negros Power distributes power supply in the cities of Bacolod, Silay, Talisay, and Bago, as well as the municipalities of Don Salvador Benedicto and Murcia in Negros Occidental. (PNA)



COMMEMORATION. Wreaths are placed before the statue of the late Antique governor Evelio Javier at the EBJ Freedom Park in San Jose de Buenavista in Antique on Tuesday (Feb. 11, 2025) to commemorate his 39th death anniversary. In an interview, Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas said it is fitting that there is a special holiday in Panay to remember the heroism of the late governor. (PNA photo by Annabel Petinglay)

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ZACARIAS G. GEQUINIANA and DOLORES GENITE GEQUINIANA** known as **Lot 3488, Pls 1074** situated in Guimbal, Iloilo covered by **Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. F-45120, CARP 2014000030** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY TWO (1,292) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **PACIFICO G. GEQUINIANA, WILSON G. GEQUINIANA, ARLYN G. SERMITE, JAIME G. GEQUINIANA, JOSIE G. GAYOLA, JIMMY G. GEQUINIANA, EDEL G. GEQUINIANA, and JUVY G. GEQUINIANA**. That, the said heirs/adjudicatees hereby **SOLD, CEDED, CONVEYED and TRANSFERRED** by way of Absolute Sale a portion of the above-said property **Lot 3488-B** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE (145) square meters, more or less** in favor of **JOELIBER ESCLADA GERSANIVA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 262, Page No. 53, Book No. XV, Series of 2021.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL PARTITION AND ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FLORENCIA L. MAGBANUA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 9492-D-3, Psd 06-011905** being a portion of **Lot No. 9402-D** of the **Subdivision Plan 35375** covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 16259** situated in Tolarucan, Mina, Iloilo with an area of **SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY (7,930) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **EVELYN L. MAGBANUA, EDEN L. MAGBANUA, and MONENA PADERNAL-MAGBANUA**. That, the herein heirs/adjudicatees agreed to subdivide and partition among themselves the herein mentioned lot into **six (6) sublots** as prepared by **Geodetic Engineer Jose S. Manosa, Jr.** identified as follows: **Lot No. 9492-D-3-A, Lot No. 9492-D-3-B, Lot No. 9492-D-3-C, Lot No. 9492-D-3-D, Lot No. 9493-D-3-E, and 9493-D-3-F**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Dennis T. Ventilacion** per Doc. No. 251, Page No. 52, Book No. V, Series of 2022.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE NELLY L. GAW

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NELLY L. GAW** known as a **condominium unit at Atria, Tower 1, 10th Floor** with an area of **22.40 sq.m.** under **Condominium Certificate of Title No. 095-2024000561 (Registry of Deeds for Iloilo City)** is adjudicated to heirs **CHENSONIE L. GAW, CHENSESA L. GAW, and CHENONG L. GAW**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. REAN S. SY** per Doc. No. 229, Page No. 47, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CORAZON DIVINO PENUELA** known as **Lot 1137** situated in Dingle, Iloilo covered by **TCT No. T-102736** with an area of **TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN (2,011) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **RODRIGO C. PENUELA, ROD DIVINO PENUELA, REGINA PENUELA DEVERA, JOEVY PENUELA HINGSTON, and LEONOR DIVINO PENUELA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 12, Page No. 4, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EVELYN SUANSING ROJO** consisting of the following bank deposits: a) **EastWest Bank, Iloilo City Branch, under Account No. 200018715871**; b) **Development Bank of the Philippines, Iloilo City Branch, under Savings Account No. 0756-117139-030**; c) **LandBank, Quezon City Branch, under Account No. 1691-1446-89**; d) **LandBank, Iloilo City Branch, under Account No. 2321-0809-20**; e) **LandBank, Iloilo City Branch, under Account No. 2321-0993-38**; f) **LandBank, under Account No. 3307-0033-67**; g) **LandBank, under Account No. 1696-0654-26** are adjudicated to heirs **ROE MARIE T. ROJO, REA ANN S. ROJO-CURRAY, RALPH ANTON S. ROJO, ROBBY ALLEN S. ROJO and RIELY ASTER S. ROJO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. KAZPER VIC BERMEJO** per Doc. No. 143, Page No. 31, Book No. IV, Series of 2024.

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Republic of the Philippines
National Authority for Child Care
Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI - Western Visayas
 TIN: 200-137-390-000

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
 CASE NO:
RACCO VI-DAA-2024-0056-REL-013

DATE: **JANUARY 22, 2025**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF SOPHIA THERESE GONZALEZ
DIVINAGRACIA

VALERIE ANN GONZALEZ VILLAROSA
 Petitioner

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Sophia Therese Gonzalez Divinagracia filed by the petitioner through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, **Sophia Therese Gonzalez Divinagracia** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioner and that the name of the child be retained as **SOPHIA THERESE GONZALEZ DIVINAGRACIA**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **April 11, 2025** to be held at **NACC-RACCO VI, 3F, Ana Ros Bldg., Simon-Ledesma St., Jaro, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

(SGD.) JANICE J. BRASILEÑO
 Officer-in-Charge

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AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALFREDO SUBALDO** known as a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 62-A** covered by **Tax Declaration No. 2015-0001-07427** is adjudicated to sole heir **ANGELES SU-AY SUBALDO**. That, **ANGELES SU-AY SUBALDO** granted a Special Power of Attorney for and in her behalf to **ANGIE LOU L. PECAYO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL CLINT J. LINGAYA** per Doc. No. 75, Page No. 104, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **NELSON D. DIVINAGRACIA** had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **one (1) share of stock per Cert. No. 2810** issued on **January 6, 2007** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ronald Y. Lao** per Doc. No. 512, Page No. 104, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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in the region to improve service delivery, strengthen data security and enhance inclusivity in the region.

"Those interested can get in touch with PSA Regional Statistical Services Office VI through email rso06@psa.gov.ph or they can visit our office at J. Villanueva Building, Iznart Street, Iloilo City, or register online through the eVerify portal at <https://everify.gov.ph>," Barile said.

As of Feb. 10, the PSA has recorded over 6.9 million registrants in Western Visayas, consisting of 545,692 in Aklan; 541,275 in Antique; 682,212 in Capiz; 159,509 in Guimaras; 2,212,006 in Iloilo; and 2,779,996 in Negros Occidental.

The PSA also said that as of December 2024, a total of 6.61 million have national ID numbers, while 5.4 million polycarbonate cards have been delivered and 2.62 million IDs were printed and issued in paper form. (PNA)

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES WITH SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT and WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses VICENTE PANES DE LOS SANTOS SR. and JUANITA DEOCARES TENTATIVA** consisting of the following: 1) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-138741, Lot 458-M-2-F-8** located in Tejero St., Brgy. 9, Tigbauan, Iloilo with an area of **Seven Hundred Eight (708) sq.m.**; 2) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-117,111, Lot 458-F** located in Tejero St., Brgy. 9, Tigbauan, Iloilo with an area of **Three Hundred Thirty (330) sq.m.**; 3) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-7652, Lot 8418-G** located in Sitio Dawatan, Brgy. Catun-ogan, San Enrique, Iloilo, with an area of **20,422 sqm.**; 4) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-7651, Lot 8418-H** located in Sitio Dawatan, Brgy. Catun-ogan, San Enrique, Iloilo with an area of **20,422 sq.m.**; 5) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-6726, Lot 4** located in Brgy. Mapili, San Enrique, Iloilo, with an area of **Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred (32,500) sq.m.** are adjudicated to heirs **BUENAFE DE LOS SANTOS GUTO, VIOLETA DE LOS SANTOS GARAY, CORAZON DE LOS SANTOS GALARAGA, ROMEO T. DE LOS SANTOS, ROSALINDA DE LOS SANTOS MUEDA, ADELFA DE LOS SANTOS MALLORCA, JESUS T. DE LOS SANTOS and VICENTE T. DE LOS SANTOS JR.** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. GERRYLIN S. CAMPOSAGRADO** per Doc. No. 30, Book No. 7, Page No. 1, Series of 2023.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **MA. DULCE GONZALES GAVINO** had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **one (1) share of stock per Cert. No. 1285** issued on **February 3, 1997** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** under the name of her late husband **REYNALDO GAVINO**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. EMMANUEL C. ALLER** per Doc. No. 44, Page No. 10, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **MARY PATRICIA V. TAJANLANGIT** had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **one (1) share of stock per Cert. No. 427** issued on **July 13, 1979** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** under the name of her late husband **STEVE TAJANLANGIT, JR.** Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ronald Y. Lao** per Doc. No. 459, Page No. 93, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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