

'SERVICE MANDATE'

ARTA Chief urges genuine public service at Iloilo EODB Fair



Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Secretary General Ernesto V. Perez with Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Trenas other government officials during the Grand Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Fair. (Manny R. Alcalde)

By MANNY REGALADO
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"LET our people feel that all of us, government workers, are sincerely there to serve... then and only then can we say that we have successfully done our job as public servants."

This was the reminder of Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Secretary General Ernesto V. Perez, who underscored that real public service means government workers are duty-bound to serve those in need, guided by laws enacted to ensure efficient service delivery.

Perez was the special guest at the Grand Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Fair and Program held in Iloilo City on May 25-26, 2026. The event gathered around 25 national

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Iloilo City, DepEd sign MOA for construction of additional classroom buildings

THE Iloilo City Government, led by Mayor Raisa S. Trefias, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Education (DepEd) for the construction of additional classroom buildings in the city.

In an interview during the Iloilo City

Government's "Your City At Work" radio program, Mayor Trefias said the partnership is a significant development in helping address the lack of classrooms in the city's public schools.

"Dako gid ni nga development diri sa syudad

sang Iloilo labi na gid nga gina kulang kita sang classrooms. May iban pa nga schools nga mataas ang ratio sang students versus classrooms kag may mga eskwelahan pa nga naga shifting," said Mayor Trefias.

The mayor explained

that once completed, the project will increase the number of classrooms in the city, helping eliminate shifting schedules and improve the quality of education for students.

"Ang MOA amo ang assurance nga may funding

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From left: Department of Education (DepEd) Assistant Secretary Aurelio Paulo Bartolome, Undersecretary Peter Irving Corvera, Secretary Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara and Iloilo City Mayor Mayor Raisa S. Trefias.



A worker aboard a bamboo raft sifts through a creek in Barangay Ticud, La Paz to remove garbage blocking the water's flow. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and the Iloilo City Government recently launched Oplan Kontra Baha to clear waterways ahead of the rainy season. (DPWH-6 photo)

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government agencies (NGAs), which set up service booths at the Iloilo Terminal Market Mall to assist citizens with government and business transactions.

Anchored on Republic Act No. 11032, or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, the program aims to streamline, standardize, and digitize government services, eliminate red tape, and reduce processing times. Under the law, agencies and local government units must process transactions within strict timeframes: 3 days for simple transactions, 7 days for complex transactions, and 20 days for highly technical transactions.

Perez reminded agencies to publish clear step-by-step guides on requirements, fees, and processing times, implement automated tracking systems, and maintain zero backlogs.

The Provincial Government of Iloilo, represented by Ms. Aulynn Yue Sin, formalized its commitment through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between ARTA and the Provincial One Stop Shop (POSS) to fast-track provincial services.

Meanwhile, Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Trenas-Chu affirmed that the city government observes EODB timeframes in releasing business permits. She noted the strong presence of regional directors at the fair and stressed the city's vigilance in preventing violations of ARTA guidelines.

Participating agencies included the PIA, PSA, DICT, BIR, DSWD, DTI, DOH, SSS, PhilHealth, DFA, BFP, PCIC, LTO, and others.

Perez concluded by urging agencies to extend their services to the grassroots level, in line with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s directive for government officials to "go down to the people" and let citizens feel the government's presence through dedicated and honest service.

A ceremonial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed between ARTA and West Visayas State University (WVSU) to integrate EODB topics into the core instruction of the Master in Public Administration program, represented by Dr. Bonna S. Alma and Dr. Reymund B. Flores, alongside ARTA Western Visayas Chief Administrative Officer Ms. Josephine Venus D. Castillo.

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nga ihatag ang Department of Education para sa building sang aton mga classrooms," she added.

According to Mayor Treñas, the program requires the construction of new classroom buildings, with the number of classrooms to be allocated depending on the amount of funding downloaded to the local government unit.

She also shared that the project may begin by the third quarter of the year once the design is finalized and approved by DepEd.

"I hope nga by next school year may ara na kita bag-o gid nga school building nga kaupod sang partnership naton sa DepEd," Treñas said.

Mayor Treñas emphasized that one of the biggest challenges currently facing the education sector is the shortage of classrooms, which has resulted in shifting schedules and shorter class periods.

"Instead of one-hour period, ang iban 45 minutes na lang. Dako gid ni nga bulig kung makadugang kita sang classrooms kay mabalik naton ang one-hour class period kag ma-maximize ang quality of education nga ihatag naton sa mga kabataan," the mayor said.

In her message to students, parents, and teachers, Mayor Treñas assured the public that education remains a top priority of her administration.

"Gina pakita gid naton nga ang prioridad naton under this administration is ang education gid sang kabataan naton. Kay kabalo kita nga pinaagi sa maayo nga edukasyon, makabulig ini sa pamilya kag makahatag sang mas maayo nga palaabuton para sa kabataan naton," added Treñas.

The partnership underscores the city government's continuing commitment to investing in education and building better learning environments for Ilonggo students. (Iloilo City PIO)



Hundreds benefit from Free Dental Services in Guimaras Mission

By PADS ELMER CAJILIG

JORDAN, Guimaras — Hundreds of residents availed of free dental services during the 2nd Dental Mission spearheaded by the St. John the Baptist Parish in Poblacion, Jordan on May 28–29, 2026.

The two-day outreach brought much-needed oral health care to the community, offering consultations, extractions, and preventive treatments to beneficiaries from different barangays.

The initiative was made possible through the parish's collaboration with UNCiano Colleges Manila-College

of Dentistry, the Municipal Government of Jordan, the Provincial Government of Guimaras, IB Dental Clinic, BDO Network Bank–Guimaras Jordan Branch, and WVERCOM R6 Guimaras Chapter.

Organizers emphasized that the mission reflects the spirit of bayanihan, with government, private institutions, and faith-based groups working together to promote public health.

The dental mission, now on its second year, is envisioned to become a regular program to address oral health concerns in the province, especially among underserved communities.



DOST urges more investments in science, technology, innovation

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) here is urging for more investments in science, technology and innovation to propel the country's growth.

"I would like to take this opportunity to appeal

to everyone, our policy makers, our legislators, our local government officials, the private sector partners that we all help together, to invest in science, technology and innovation in various ways," DOST Western Visayas Regional Director Rowen Gelonga

said in a media forum on Tuesday.

He added that parents can encourage their children to embark on science and technology courses, emphasizing that it's not only money that is important, but the impact they would create in their

community.

"That should also be considered as a meaningful way of giving your life," he said.

The official said they are working double time to encourage students to pursue science and

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ILOILO CITY SUPPORTS RECOVERY, REINTEGRATION OF 37 COMMUNITY CHANGE CENTER

Thirty-seven Persons Who Used Drugs (PWUDs) successfully completed the Community Change Center (CCC) rehabilitation program during the Commencement Activity for Batch 12 held at the City Nutrition Center on May 28, 2026.

Present during the activity were City Health Officer Dr. Mary Ann Poli-Diaz; City Social Welfare and Development Officer Teresa Gelogo; Iloilo City Police Office Director Police Colonel Wilbert Parilla; and representatives from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The graduates came from different districts of the city: Arevalo – eight; City Proper – four; Jaro – five; La Paz – 10; Lapuz – one; and Molo – nine.

The CCC rehabilitation program runs for 90 days, followed by a 24-day After Care program to support the participants’ continued recovery and reintegration into the community. They are also offered technical-vocational courses at the Technical Institute of Iloilo City (TIIC) to help them gain livelihood skills and job placement opportunities.

“Completing the drug rehabilitation is not an easy journey. It requires strength to face challenges, humility

to accept help, and commitment to choose a better path each day. Sa aton nga mga graduates, ang inyo presensya subong isa ka baskog nga pamatuod nga ang pagbago posible kag ang taga ka indibidwal deserves a second chance,” said Danny Tan, Drug Program Coordinator of the City Health Office.

Executive Assistant Judge Victor E. Gelvezon, representing Mayor Raisa Trefias, reminded barangay officials that the CCC is part and parcel of a holistic, city-wide drug-clearing effort.

Meanwhile, Batch 1 CCC graduate Ms. Charito Ocana shared her testimony during the activity. Ocana surrendered herself to authorities in 2016 and has remained drug-free since completing the rehabilitation program.

“Maayo man ni sa rehab kay ginapakita gid ang dulot sang pagbag-o sa amon. Dako gid ang bulig sang rehab kay pag graduate ko, nakabulig ko sa akon mga hinablosan,” she shared.

Ocana is currently serving as a job hire at City Hall. She also encouraged the new graduates to continue choosing the right path.

“Indi na kamo magbalik kay kabudlay gid, balik naman kamo sa uno. Agi kamo sa saktong dalan, di na kamo magliko,” Ocana added.



Iloilo launches search for most outstanding fire stations

The Iloilo provincial government Technical Working Group (TWG) convened recently to craft the guidelines and criteria for the upcoming Search for the Most Outstanding City/Municipal Fire Stations in the province.

The Search was born out of Provincial Ordinance No. 2025-335 sponsored by Board Member June Mondejar who is the chairperson of the Committee on Public Order and Security.

It was designed to evaluate local fire stations and incentivize their innovative approaches on fire prevention, protection, and suppression leading to safer communities.

The competing local fire stations will be assessed based on their operational effectiveness, administrative capability, community engagement, and innovation and

best practices.

There will be two categories: Category A composed of Passi City and the first class municipalities and Category B shall be composed of second to fourth class municipalities.

The top three winners for Category A will receive the following cash prizes:

CHAMPION - P250,000
1ST RUNNER-UP - P200,000
2ND RUNNER-UP - P150,000

Category B winners will get:

CHAMPION - P200,000
1ST RUNNER-UP - P150,000
2ND RUNNER-UP - P100,000

The TWG is composed of representatives from the

W. Visayas sees increase in pregnant women availing of health services

ILOILO CITY – The 2025 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) in Western Visayas showed an increasing percentage of women availing of services from skilled providers during antenatal and postnatal care.

The 2025 NDHS maternal health information was obtained from women aged 15-49 who had given birth two years before the survey.

In a dissemination forum on Tuesday, Philippine Statistics Authority analyst Merissa Campaniel said the percentage of women who received antenatal care (ANC) from a skilled provider, including a doctor, nurse or midwife for the most recent live birth increased slightly to 98.5 percent in 2025 from 96.7 percent in 2022.

Meanwhile, the percentage of women who received a postnatal check from a skilled provider within the first two days following a live birth increased to 91.4 percent in 2025 from 87 percent in 2022.

“Healthcare services during pregnancy, childbirth and after delivery are important for the survival and well-being of both the mother and the infant,” Campaniel said.

About 47.7 percent or five out of 10 women in the region who had a live birth completed at least eight ANC visits, ranking Western Visayas sixth among all regions.

“Western Visayas recorded the highest percentage of women receiving postnatal checks with 91.4 percent or nine out of 10 women during the first two days after birth,” she said.

Further, about four in five, or 82.8 percent of women aged 15-49 years, received tetanus injections to protect their baby against neonatal tetanus, indicating an increasing trend, from 80 percent in 2022 and 79.2 percent in 2017.

Dr. Jose Martin Atienza, Medical Officer IV at the Family Health and Nutrition Section of the Western Visayas Center for Health Development of the Department of Health, said the increasing trend may reflect strengthened maternal health programs, improved health-seeking behavior of pregnant women, and better access to antenatal care services across the region.

“While access to antenatal care services is generally high, the completion of the recommended visit remains a challenge. Strengthening of ANC registration, continuity of care, health education and follow-up mechanism remain essential to improve maternal and newborn outcomes,” Atienza added.

He also emphasized the significance of sustained postpartum care in early detection and management of maternal and newborn complications in improving maternal and child outcomes. (PNA)

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‘Diet: Die with a T’

If you happen to be a devotee of the cartoon series Garfield, I'm sure that you've heard Garfield declaring that the word "Diet" is simply "Die" with a "T."

The flippant remark is meant to poke fun at advocates of dieting and apostles of "body shaming" but to some degree it may represent a growing "Die-t" trend among medicine popping Filipinos who gulp down the latest miracle drug, whitening pills, fat burners, Viagra without consulting with a medical doctor or doing research.

Their first question is usually "where can I get it" but not what the medication is for, its benefits, side effects and if it is a short-course solution or long-term dependency.

The latest trend or medication now growing in popularity are GLP-1 drugs like Ozempic, Mounjaro, etc., originally meant to control diabetes and an unintended side effect of these drugs turns out to be weight loss.

Users swear to high heavens that the drugs are effective, great for weight loss and there are more and more Filipinos now using them. This May, I learned about Ozempic from three different persons using the drug.

Young and old use them, pharmacies and drug stores even have signages telling customers that you can buy the medicine in their store. OTCs are NOT over-the-counter medicines. They can be both potent and deadly without supervision.

To be honest, when I first heard of these weight loss medicines, I simply shook my head in disapproval because in the many years I have lived, I have learned that such quick fixes come with risks.

I once tried a "fat burning" capsule and the only thing it did was drive up my body temperature. Whether it's for weight loss, energy boost or overall health, nothing beats eating right and resting well. All those quick fixes are artificial or temporary.

What complicates matters is that in the Philippines, there is not enough studies or monitoring on the long term effects of such medications. I once blanked out after taking a popular prescription pain killer and only after did I learn that it has known adverse reactions.

Many employers now warn employees about heavy use of or drinking energy drinks because these causes many side effects such as elevated heart rates, kidney stones, insomnia, all of which become a medical concern and cost to employers.

After the initial excitement over Viagra among men suffering erectile dysfunction, huddles now include a word of caution on the "regular" use of the blue pill that was originally meant for blood/heart management because of potential risks long-term such as stroke or MI.

What is scary about GLP-1 medicines is that they could end up being today's miracle drugs and then tomorrow's opioids or highly addictive medicines that have created so many addicts in the United States.

Based on what I have heard, read and watched concerning Ozempic and other GLP-1 medications, very close and regular doctor monitoring or checkups are non-negotiable.

These are not "instant coffee" type meds that give you overnight results and increasing doses or frequency can or will cause serious damage.

On the side of advocates and users with positive results, they say the drugs help with diabetes, weight loss, allegedly even improve complexion and mental state.

Perhaps this is all a combination of outcomes. Weight loss makes you feel good, regulates the diabetes and subsequently impacts looks and mental health.

On the flesh and vanity side, GLP-1 meds are said to cause an initial "thinning of the face" but in extremes, result in loss of facial muscle, sagging skin

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and premature aging. They call it "the Ozempic face." There are also claims of foul or Ozempic breath.

Unfortunately, based on the claims of critics, the damage far outweighs the benefits of GLP-1 medicines. Depending on the individual, the first bad effect is in the stomach or gastrointestinal side effects. It can be as benign as common diarrhea, vomiting, constipation or nausea.

In the worst case, adverse reaction to the medicine can cause lesions or parts of the intestine dying off, according to the testimony of one user I watched.

In an interview with CBS Mornings, Juanita Gant shared her medical episode where she used GLP-1 drugs to reduce her weight and avoid type 2 diabetes. After several months she was found unconscious at home, "doctors found that parts of her large intestines had died and had to be removed."

Another study claims that a lesser known side effect is pancreatitis or inflammation of the pancreas that causes abdominal pain. Other bad effects are gall stones and blockage of the intestinal tract, loss of bone mass as well as loss of vision.

It is one thing to take medication to manage diabetes or some life threatening disease, but when we use it for something it was never intended or for vanity and convenience ignorantly, we place ourselves and our bodies in danger.

The bad news for many weight watchers depending on GLP-1 meds to lose weight is that once you get off the medicine, your fat comes back.

As St. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you... Therefore honor God with your body."

Con-ass, no-el

With trust in the Senate at an abysmal low and taxpayers enraged by the millions in people's money wasted on ghost employees and other lowlifes in that chamber, you have to be tone-deaf or high on something to want to increase the number of senators.

This is supposed to be one of the objectives being planned by the Senate minority together with House Speaker Faustino Dy III in plotting to spring a constituent assembly or con-ass on our long-suffering nation.

Other supposed objectives of this con-ass, as alleged by President Marcos' non-sister (complete with propaganda video maligning several folks including her brother), are to raise the age requirement for the presidency, ostensibly to disqualify Vice President Sara Duterte in 2028, as well as to extend the term of BBM until 2031. (He smirked at the alleged "no-el" plot.)

In fairness to the KSP ex-Super Ate ng Pangulo, ousted Senate chief Tito Sotto admitted that Bojie Dy broached the idea of a regional Senate representation, which would raise the number of senators to 36, during a dinner at a hotel with some golfing buddies.

But Sotto stressed that there was no talk of a con-ass, although he said if there would ever be Charter change, he wanted to lower the age requirement for senators and the president.

It was largely idle chatter and he never said OK to Cha-cha under any mode, which has been the stand of the current Senate minority, Sotto stressed.

Sen. Panfilo Lacson, for his part, said he was on his way to a board meeting in the same hotel and had mistakenly walked into the dinner. He briefly joined the conversation and later mentioned it to some friends.

Lacson acknowledged that he must have been one of the sources of the speculative stories about con-ass that came out. He described Senator Imee's allegations as "pure BS... all lies."

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With the general elections just two years away, no Cha-cha can prosper – especially with the current bunch of politicians who never miss an opportunity to screw the nation for their personal purposes.

You can't trust these people not to inject a self-serving provision in the amendments, such as unli

party-list representation and an increase in the House seats to 1,000. That pesky provision on an anti-dynasty law can be eliminated altogether, along with provisions for impeachment.

Amending even one line in the Constitution needs ratification in a general referendum. Cha-cha at least is something that the chronically self-indulgent politicians can't carry out without the approval of their employers – meaning us, the taxpayers overburdened by their fat salaries, perks and maintenance costs.

That overpriced monument to senatorial entitlement – the massive new Senate building in Taguig – should instead be turned into a government complex housing other offices, such as courtrooms and prosecutors' offices. Our halls of justice are so overcrowded.

Perhaps the Office of the Ombudsman and Sandiganbayan can share the complex, to facilitate the trial of all the accused plunderers in the Senate.

It's an obscene travesty to build an oversized, overpriced building, and then create new tax-funded posts to fill the vacant offices. Only in the Philippines! When it comes to profligate spending, the sky's the limit for lawmakers.

It's too bad because our 39-year-old Constitution can use an overhaul. To cure judicial overreach, for example, or end the flawed party-list experiment, define and prohibit political dynasties, and change "forthwith" into "immediately."

There are economic amendments that can make the country competitive in the global environment.

The qualifications for the nation's highest elective offices can be drastically raised beyond the ability "to read and write" – something that has given us the sorry excuses for lawmakers in the current Congress.

Lawyers are required to have a law degree, while lawmakers are required only to be able to read and write, without even a grade level specified.

In the pre-EDSA two-party system, at least the cream was allowed to rise. Party members knew each other and picked the best among them as leaders. There were distinct party positions on certain issues.

Our current anything-goes, unli-party system gave us the disgraceful Congress that is now tasked with

many of the most important aspects of governance.

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Not that brains can guarantee honest and capable performance. Too many of the worst looters in our recent history, starting with Ferdinand Marcos Sr., were/are among the nation's best and brightest.

You can't blame ordinary voters for picking clowns over people who use their brains to steal from the people. The more intelligent, the more accomplished the looting. At least the clowns provide entertainment – a break from the endless toil and misery of millions of Filipinos.

As for the lawyers, they study the law to know how to get around it. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives are packed with such legal minds.

Even Cha-cha can't cure this anomaly.

Still, the Charter was ratified before the internet or even CNN became ubiquitous in the country, before cellphones, social media, AI and Netflix came along. Constitutions are supposed to be dynamic and up to the challenges of the times.

Sadly, the rot in our political system prevents the healthy reworking of the Constitution.

Also, two years before the general elections, in the middle of an impeachment, isn't the time for Cha-cha. Surely even BBM's non-sister, in her newfound role (she said) of defender of the 1987 Constitution, knows this.

The minority senators have all denied pushing for con-ass. In public, congressmen have also denied any active Cha-cha effort, although I wouldn't put it past Bojie Dy to genuinely want a con-ass, perhaps to abolish the Senate and shift to a unicameral, two-party legislature.

It wouldn't be a bad idea, but only in an ideal world where the House is not packed with dynasts, many of whom are deeply involved in the unresolved budgeting and flood control thievery.

The minority senators are aware of this. Accusing them of pushing for con-ass smacks of gaslighting and diversion from the pressing issues of accountability.

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Saved by comedy

The Late Show with Stephen Colbert ran for 11 years, but it aired its last episode on Thursday, May 21. CBS, the network that ran the show, said it ended Colbert's run because of financial reasons. But the parent company of CBS, Paramount, is widely believed to have caved in to pressure from the Trump administration.

US President Donald Trump was a favorite target of Colbert's comedy — and rightly so. One of the lesser reasons is the president's petty vindictiveness. And, indeed, one night after The Late Show's last airing, Trump shared an AI video showing himself attacking Colbert and throwing the letter into a dumpster. AI Trump, heady with glee, then launches into his notorious — and cringey — YMCA dance moves.

Not content with this, Trump also wrote: "Colbert is finally finished at CBS. No talent, no ratings, no life. He was like a dead person."

Comedy's role in effecting social awareness and change is nothing new. According to Lauren Feldman, associate professor at Rutgers University and co-author of *A Comedian and*

an Activist Went into a Bar: The Serious Role of Comedy in Social Justice, "it is precisely because comedy is funny and entertaining that it is capable of engaging and motivating people around challenging issues."

Comedy pulls people in and creates a positive emotional connection, which can, in turn, inspire engagement and action. More recently, digital-era mediated comedy — including satirical news, sitcoms, sketch, stand-up, and funny documentaries — has served as a powerful influencer in contemporary social justice issues."

Through its effects on audiences, comedy helps contribute to social change by drawing attention, disarming audiences, lowering resistance to persuasion, breaking down social barriers and stimulating sharing and discussion, she adds.

Here at home, Filipinos have also been resorting to comedy to deal with the insane developments in our politics. Technological adeptness and social media virality combine to almost instantly turn deplorable events into memes and other forms.

Think of materials showing running from the National Bureau of Investigation. Pounding on

tables. Getting prayed over. Singing on national television. Most recently, crying and lamenting that nobody bothered to check on majority senators' well-being during the supposed attack on the Senate, even as their photos showed they were fine.

Today is Monday — we wonder what new antics our honorables have in store for us this new week.

Filipinos are known for our ability to turn the direst circumstances into comedy. But lest those in power believe otherwise, the people are not just laughing because there is nothing else we can do. We're laughing because we need to get by from day to day, processing these grave transgressions without losing our minds.

But the caricaturization of our systems do not simply come and go. They stay with us and add, every day, to the repository of grievances and offenses made by those who misrepresented themselves as genuine public servants. They will have their reckoning at the proper time; they will be tossed, not in an AI-generated trash bin, but in a much uglier place of irrelevance, infamy, or a physical jail. (*manilastandard.net*)

Developing the Philippines' EV sector

One of the most interesting panels at the Solar & Storage Live Philippines last week was the discussion about the country's electric vehicle (EV) adoption — a timely topic given rising fuel costs and the growing push for sustainability.

During the panel, experts discussed how crucial public-private collaboration is in developing the EV industry in the Philippines. The private sector brings capital, technical expertise and operational experience, while the government ensures standard and fair regulation, incentives and the ability to coordinate across industries. Each has a role, and success depends on clear roles, aligned incentives and transparent metrics for progress.

With increasing public interest in EV adoption coupled with aggressive private sector innovation, it seems that current conditions are aligning to accelerate the country's EV adoption.

News reports showed that as the National Energy Emergency persists, total EV sales —including e-bikes and other forms of electric transport — surged 288 percent to 5,855 units in April alone, from 1,509 units sold in the same month last year. This surge in EV sales is the result of soaring fuel prices brought about by the ongoing Middle East conflict.

We see it on our roads on a daily basis. Aside from private EVs, more EVs are being used in the public transport sector, such as taxis and ride-hailing services. More households are also buying e-bikes, becoming a

popular alternative to tricycles.

But accelerating the country's EV adoption requires more than interest. It demands standard policy, targeted incentives, infrastructure investments and private sector innovation that together make EVs practical, affordable and reliable for the people who depend on transport for their livelihoods.

During the panel on EVs last week, Ralph Menchavez, president and CEO of Movem Electric Inc. — the electric mobility solutions provider of Meralco — highlighted the role of reliable and accessible charging infrastructure in building consumer confidence and supporting long-term growth of electric mobility in the Philippines.

As he emphasized: "This infrastructure rollout must be complemented by strong public-private collaboration and targeted incentives to accelerate investment and improve utilization."

First, policy must be standardized and equitable. Tax incentives and subsidies should prioritize public transport fleets and delivery trucks of basic goods rather than private cars. Incentives and programs should be designed to support small operators in upgrading their fleets. This way, the benefits of electric mobility are shared by more people — motorists and commuters alike.

Second, to encourage public transport operators to adopt EVs, financing models must reflect the realities of the Philippine market for an inclusive transition. This can include subsidies and public concession loans, among

others, to allow for easier entry of small and medium enterprises in the EV space.

Third, infrastructure deployment must be pragmatic and user-centered. Charging networks should be planned around routes, depots and high utilization hubs, not only retail locations. For public transport and delivery fleets, depot chargers and fast turnaround solutions are more valuable than scattered public chargers. For urban commuters, accessible workplace and residential charging will be important.

Finally, we must train and empower a dedicated workforce for the development of the EV industry. Developing the EV industry will require more technicians trained in EV maintenance, battery diagnostics and charger installation. Cultivating local talents will also create new jobs in the country.

Accelerating the country's EV adoption must be inclusive and sustainable. The benefits of electrification should be felt by communities through better air quality, tangible economic gains and reduced noise pollution.

The Philippines can build an EV sector that is resilient, equitable and aligned with national sustainability targets, but only if the public and private sectors work together to ensure that the industry is truly sustainable and beneficial for all.

ESPRESSO MORNINGS

By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

Silence is also political

There is a different kind of silence settling across many campuses lately. Not the calm silence before classes start. Not the sleepy quiet of libraries during finals week. This one feels heavier somehow. Election season comes, filing deadlines pass, and suddenly everybody realizes there are barely enough students willing to run. Some councils end up incomplete. Others quietly disappear before they even begin.

A student once joked online that looking for candidates for student government now feels harder than finding groupmates who actually contribute. People reacted with laughing emojis at first. Then the comments slowed down. The joke landed a little too close to home.

Older professors and former student leaders notice the shift immediately because they remember campuses differently. There was a time when students argued loudly about almost everything — tuition hikes, corruption, curfews, national politics, academic freedom. Forums overflowed. Student papers were thick enough to fold under your arm. Councils sometimes felt like miniature parliaments where debates stretched until evening and everybody went home equally tired and irritated. It was not always pretty. Student politics could be messy, dramatic, and exhausting. But students believed showing up mattered. Schools were not just places to survive quizzes and collect diplomas. They were spaces where young people learned to question, negotiate, organize, and occasionally fail in public without disappearing completely afterward.

That culture did not appear out of nowhere. Our collective history carries traces of it everywhere. During the dictatorship years, many student activists were barely older than today's sophomores. Some lost scholarships. Some stopped schooling entirely. Others never made it home. Looking back now, it is easy to flatten those stories into anniversary slogans and social media graphics every September. But behind those names were ordinary young people with worried parents, unfinished assignments, barkada problems, and ordinary fears. They simply reached a point where pretending everything was normal felt heavier than speaking up. Many freedoms students casually enjoy today were protected by people once dismissed as too noisy, too idealistic, or too stubborn for their own good.

Still, students today are carrying a different kind of exhaustion. One works in a milk tea shop after class just to cover transportation expenses. Another edits reels for small businesses at midnight because allowance money no longer stretches far enough. Some spend more time commuting than sleeping. Others sit quietly through lectures while mentally computing whether they can still afford next semester's miscellaneous fees. The pressure just keeps stacking itself. Rising prices. Side jobs. Family expectations. Mental health struggles. Online noise. At some point, leadership starts feeling less like service and more like one more unpaid responsibility a tired student has to survive.

That is why calling students lazy misses the point completely. Most still care. Maybe not always loudly,

but they do. One sees it after typhoons when students organize donation drives faster than institutions sometimes can. One sees it in campus journalists staying awake late into the night fact-checking claims while juggling deadlines and exams. One sees it when student organizations quietly hold mental health sessions because classmates have started disappearing from classrooms and group chats without explanation. The concern never really disappeared. What weakened is the belief that formal student institutions can still change anything meaningful.

And honestly, part of that distrust came from disappointment too. Students notice when leadership becomes performative. They see when councils care more about polished pubmats, photo opportunities, and carefully worded captions than actual student concerns. They know when somebody runs because they genuinely want to help and when somebody simply wants another line on a résumé. Young people are sharper observers than adults sometimes give them credit for. They can sense insincerity quickly.

Still, removing student voices altogether creates another problem. Maybe a quieter one, but still dangerous. Campuses without active participation slowly become spaces where decisions move mostly in one direction — from the top downward. Tuition issues, welfare concerns, academic policies, disciplinary rules, and campus security measures continue affecting students whether they participate or not. The difference is that discussions become narrower when students stop entering the conversation. Schools may continue functioning technically, but something important disappears once students stop feeling invited into decisions affecting their own lives.

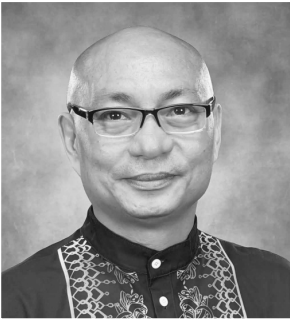
The strange part is that schools constantly advertise leadership, collaboration, communication, adaptability, and critical thinking as essential skills, yet many of those are learned precisely inside organizations, publications, and student councils. Employers quietly know this too. Some hiring managers would rather deal with a graduate who survived the chaos of student leadership than someone with flawless grades but no experience handling actual people. Organizing events, resolving conflicts, writing statements under pressure, handling criticism, speaking before hostile crowds — none of those lessons fit neatly inside multiple-choice exams.

Student activism today also exists inside a far rougher online environment. One careless sentence. One cropped screenshot. One post stripped of context. Suddenly a student becomes the center of ridicule far beyond campus walls. Some get mocked. Others get labeled too quickly. With online harassment and red-tagging hanging quietly in the background, many students choose silence not because they stopped caring, but because staying quiet sometimes feels safer than becoming tomorrow's trending issue.

And yet activism has simply changed shape. Not everybody joins rallies now. Some students organize relief drives after disasters. Others tutor struggling classmates, create educational content online, write articles, organize support groups, or quietly volunteer

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By ENGR. HERMAN M. LAGON, PhD



in communities nobody talks about. Some challenge injustice through research, journalism, art, or difficult conversations held in small rooms after class. Student representation was never supposed to demand identical politics from everybody. It only asks students not to surrender completely to indifference.

A former student leader once told me something I never really forgot. He said the hardest part of leadership was not criticism from administrators. It was watching students slowly stop believing leaders were listening at all. That observation cuts both ways. Representation weakens when students disengage, yes. But it also weakens when leaders stop sounding like ordinary students and start sounding like press releases.

What feels dangerous now is how disengagement is slowly being mistaken for maturity. Some people act as if caring deeply about issues is embarrassing, dramatic, or impractical. But history rarely improves because people stayed detached. Democracies usually weaken quietly first. Students stop voting. Organizations fade. Forums grow emptier every year. Discussions disappear. Eventually people convince themselves participation never mattered anyway.

And silence, once it becomes routine, spreads faster than expected.

What makes this heavier is that education remains deeply tied to family survival. Many students are not studying only for themselves. Entire households quietly pin their hopes on one diploma. One graduation can change the direction of a family. That is why student spaces matter beyond campus politics. They shape how young people understand empathy, responsibility, accountability, and citizenship long before they enter workplaces or public office.

Maybe genuine student representation was never really about producing future politicians or campus celebrities. Maybe its value is simpler than that. It reminds students that their voice still matters while they are young, uncertain, exhausted, and still figuring life out. It reminds them that participation is messy, frustrating, imperfect, and still necessary anyway.

Because once people fully believe their voice changes nothing, silence stops being temporary. It becomes habit.

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

Pope Leo and the Machine (Skynet calling) Part I

Amidst all the cacophony of recent events, a lot of people probably did not notice an important event, especially for Catholics. Pope Leo XIV issued his very first encyclical entitled Magnifica Humanitas (“On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence”).

For Catholics, an encyclical is one of the highest and most authoritative forms of teaching or statement a pope can issue. An encyclical is also rare, as in the modern age, popes only average seven encyclicals during their term. For context, Pope Francis issued only four encyclicals and Pope Benedict XVI issued only three. For Pope Leo XIV to issue his first encyclical about Artificial Intelligence shows how serious the Vatican feels about the issue of AI and has elevated the AI issue from a mere trend to a worldwide crisis or emergency.

Several persons, including this writer, have been firing off several articles on AI but this encyclical has seen the church’s unprecedented authority weighing in on the issue. The encyclical addresses what the church views as a disturbing, rapid rise of digital automation, robotics, and artificial

intelligence. It reminds us of how, in the 19th century, a landmark text (Rerum Novarum), then Pope Leo XIII, addressed the Industrial Revolution.

The church had now made the issue of AI a serious flash point for several possible dangers to humanity. In addition, the presentation of the said document was done not just by church officials but with Silicon Valley and AI industry experts, including Cristopher Olah, the co-founder of the artificial safety company Anthropic, which lent more credence to the fact that this document was well-guided.

The papal encyclical contained many points but for my first article on this historic document, I would focus on certain aspects. First, the encyclical pointed out the widespread effect on human labor or employment. It exhorts governments to implement contingency measures for the eventual labor displacement due to AI. For years we have been warned that many jobs even here in our country will be rendered obsolete by AI and automation. Our country’s Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industries are at the highest risk of AI displacement, and with this sector employing a

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By ATTY. GILBERTO LAUENGCO, J.D.

large portion of our workforce this is a very serious threat. The encyclical has emphasized that work is a fundamental element of human dignity and that allowing unmitigated displacement would be a social calamity.

Second, the encyclical warns of the dangers of unregulated AI and its impact on societies. The encyclical used the biblical tale of the Tower of Babel where a profit-driven tech society would eliminate human diversity. The document also warned of dehumanization by AI.

This papal document is a wake-up call for all concerned. Hand in hand with the DICT and other government agencies, our industry and educational establishment must answer the call of the Catholic Church on the dangers of AI. We have been warned, and we need to speed up and step up to the plate. Skynet is coming.

I will bring more insights next week.



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MUNICIPALITY OF BINGAWAN
Sangguniang Bayan



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 16TH SANGGUNIANg BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANg BAYAN SESSION HALL ON MARCH 3, 2026.

Present:	Hon. Elizabeth C. Occeña Hon. Ramil C. Castroverde Hon. Rowel C. Plaga Hon. Lucia S. Pendioday Hon. Leovy C. Simora Hon. Lonylon F. Faldas Hon. Jofe C. Celeste Hon. Nemesio A. Cachite Hon. Wennie P. Javellana Hon. Nicole Pauline P. Plagata	Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member Ex-officio SB Member/PPSK President
On Leave:	Hon. John Arnel T. Ceballos	Ex-officio SB Member/Liga President
Absent:	None	

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 335
(Series of 2026)

AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING AND STRENGTHENING THE BANTAY BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, DEFINING ITS ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Authorized by: Hon. Wennie P. Javellana
Co-Authoring by: Hon. Nicole Pauline P. Plagata, Hon. Leovy C. Simora,
Hon. Jofe C. Celeste and Hon. Ramil C. Castroverde
Sponsored by: The Committee on Peace & Order, Public Order & Safety

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, local government units are mandated to promote peace and order and ensure the safety of their constituents;

WHEREAS, the Municipality previously established a Bantay Bayan under Municipal Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2007 Entitled: “An Ordinance *Establishing the Bantay Bayan in the Municipality of Bingawan, Province of Iloilo*” which expired in 2010;

WHEREAS, there is a need to re-enact and strengthen the Bantay Bayan to enhance community participation in crime prevention, disaster response, traffic management, and maintenance of public order;

WHEREAS, prior to the enactment of this Ordinance, a public consultation was conducted with concerned stakeholders, barangay officials, civic organizations, and members of the community in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, be enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Bingawan, Province of Iloilo in the regular session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Bantay Bayan Ordinance of the Municipality of Bingawan, Province of Iloilo.”

SECTION 2. Re-establishment. There is hereby re-established in the municipality a Civilian Volunteers Organization (CVO) to be known as the “BANTAY BAYAN” who shall assist the Municipal Mayor and the Local Philippine National Police (PNP) in the maintenance of Peace and Order in the Municipality, provide medical or emergency assistance, provide assistance in the identification and implementation of community development projects, provide fire volunteer assistance and to provide assistance in times of disaster and calamity.

SECTION 3. Qualifications of Bantay Bayan Members. To qualify as a member of the Bantay Bayan an applicant maybe a male or female and must be:

1. A respected and law- abiding citizen,
2. At least eighteen (18) and not more than fifty five (55) years old;
3. Of sound mental disposition;
4. Physically fit;
5. No police, criminal or court record
6. A bonafide resident of the municipality for at least (1) year immediately before the filing of his application
7. At least High School Graduate; and
8. Endorsed by the Sangguniang Barangay where he/she resides.

SECTION 4. Recruitment Process.

- a. Membership in the Bantay Bayan is purely on a voluntary basis. Interested persons may file their applications for membership in the Bantay Bayan with the Municipal Mayor.
- b. A would- be volunteer must undergo a thorough and complete physical check –up and Drug test to include psychological testing and evaluation by a duly accredited physician to determine his physical and mental fitness for the job applied, aside from such other forms of screening procedures calculated to ensure that only those qualified are recruited and as maybe determined by the screening committee.

SECTION 5. Screening Committee. There shall be created a screening committee who shall screen and evaluate applicants and recommend membership in the Bantay Bayan which shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	Municipal Mayor as the Chairperson of the Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC)
Vice Chairperson	Vice Mayor as the Vice Chairperson of the Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC)
Members	Chairperson of the Committee on Peace and Order/Public Order & Safety in the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 6. Trainings. Applicants who are recruited as volunteers shall undergo

appropriate trainings on basic intelligence, community security, self-defense, information, among other related course to include Disaster Preparedness Trainings. Refresher course shall be likewise be given from time to time or as maybe necessary to upgrade and improve their skills.

SECTION 7. Recruited Bantay Bayan Members will be engaged primarily in Unarmed Civilian assistance which shall include:

- a. Intelligence information gathering;
- b. Neighbourhood watch or “ronda”;
- c. Medical or emergency assistance;
- d. Assistance in the identification and implementation of community development projects and security purposes;
- e. Gathering relevant information and data as inputs to peace and order, planning and research;
- f. Deployment on Schools, Churches, Public Market and other Public Places;
- g. Fire volunteers assistance;
- h. Disaster and calamity preparedness mobility force;
- i. To augment PNP personnel in search and rescue operation; and
- j. Crowd control.
- k. Enforcement of local Ordinances such as, but not limited to environmental and traffic violations.

SECTION 8. Bantay Bayan Units. The Bantay Bayan shall be divided into the following units:

- I. **Bantay Bayan Emergency Responders Unit (BBERU)**
 - a. Medical, Emergency Assistance, Disaster and Calamity Preparedness Mobility;
 - b. Fire Volunteer.
- II. **Bantay Bayan Law Enforcement Unit (BBLEU)**
 - a. Enforcement of local Ordinances
 - b. Peace and order

SECTION 9. Reorganization and Renaming of the Bingawan Emergency Responders (BIER). Municipal Ordinance No. 231, Series of 2016, entitled “An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Bingawan Emergency Responders (BIER) in the Municipality of Bingawan, Province of Iloilo,” is hereby amended.

The Bingawan Emergency Responders (BIER) is hereby renamed and reorganized as the Bantay Bayan Emergency Responders Unit (BBERU), which shall serve as the official emergency response arm of the Bantay Bayan, responsible for medical, rescue, firefighting support, disaster response and other life-saving operations within the municipality.

SECTION 10. Management Supervision and Control over the Bantay Bayan. The Municipal Mayor, as the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality shall have the direct management, supervision and control over the Bantay Bayan and its members. The Chief of Police of the Bingawan Municipal Police Station shall act as the “alter ego” of the Municipal Mayor over the Bantay Bayan. Provided, that during election period, the operational supervision and control over the Bantay Bayan including its members thereof shall be transferred to the Municipal Election Officer and the Chief of Police of the Bingawan Municipal Police Station in accordance with law and the rules and regulations issued by the Commission on Elections in appropriate cases.

SECTION 11. Benefits of Bantay Bayan Members and Share from Fines and Penalties. Members of Bantay Bayan may receive honoraria and/or salary and wages and shall be provided a group insurance or additional insurance coverage as a member of a service unit with public or private insurance companies when the finances of the Municipal Government allow such coverage.

Bantay Bayan Law Enforcement Unit (BBLEU) responsible for the apprehension shall be entitled to twenty-five percent (25%) of the fines and penalties collected from individuals in violation of local ordinance.

All financial transactions arising from this provision shall be undertaken by the Municipal Treasurer’s Office in accordance with government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 12. Term of Office of Bantay Bayan Members. The term of office of Bantay-Bayan members shall be co- terminus to that of their appointing authority- the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 13. Administrative Provisions. The Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations through an Executive order for the proper implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 14. The Sangguniang Bayan Oversight Committee on Bantay Bayan. The Sangguniang Bayan Oversight Committee on Bantay Bayan is hereby created with the purpose of monitoring the Bantay Bayan and for the proper implementation of this ordinance to be composed of the following:

Chairperson	The Municipal Vice Mayor
Co- Chairperson:	The Sangguniang Bayan Committee Chairperson on Peace & Order, Public Order & Safety
Members:	Seven (7) remaining Sangguniang Bayan Members
	The President of the Liga ng mga Barangay
	The President of the Sangguniang Kabataan Municipal Federation.

SECTION 15. Appropriations. The amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) is hereby set aside for the initial implementation of this ordinance to be taken from any available funds such as the Intelligence Fund or Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund.

SECTION 16. Penalty Clause.

A. Any person who falsely represents himself/herself as a Bantay Bayan member, including the use of uniforms, identification cards, badges, equipment, or any act that misleads the public into believing that he/she is an authorized Bantay Bayan personnel, shall be penalized as follows:

1. First Offense: Fine of P1,000.00 and confiscation of any item used in the impersonation.
2. Second Offense: Fine of P2,000.00 and confiscation of any item used in the impersonation.
3. Third and Succeeding Offenses: Fine of P2,500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months at the discretion of the court, or both, as provided by law.

B. Any municipal officer or employee who knowingly, unjustifiably, or negligently fails, refuses, or delays the release of the incentives or rewards due to the Bantay Bayan or the apprehending barangay, as mandated under this Ordinance, shall be held administratively liable in accordance with existing Civil Service laws, rules, and regulations.

After due notice and hearing, the responsible officer or employee may be subject to any of the following administrative penalties, depending on the gravity and circumstances of the violation:

1. Written Reprimand
2. Suspension without pay
3. Forfeiture of benefits, when applicable
4. Dismissal from service, in cases of grave misconduct, gross neglect of duty, or willful violation of lawful orders

SECTION 17. Separability Clause. – If for any reason/s, any provision/s of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining part/s thereof not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. Repealing Clause. – All provisions under the Updated Municipal Traffic

Management Code of 2019, BiER Ordinance of 2016, the Code of General Ordinances and all other related Ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 19. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Bingawan and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.	
CERTIFIED CORRECT:	
(SGD.) REZEL L. MONTILLA Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan	
CONCURRED:	
(SGD.) RAMIL C. CASTROVERDE SB Member	(SGD.) ROWEL C. PLAGA SB Member
(SGD.) LUCIA S. PENDIODAY SB Member	(SGD.) LEOVY C. SIMORA SB Member
(SGD.) LONYLON F. FALDAS SB Member	(SGD.) JOFE C. CELESTE SB Member
(SGD.) NEMESIO A. CACHITE SB Member	(SGD.) WENNIE P. JAVELLANA SB Member
ON LEAVE	
(SGD.) JOHN ARNEL T. CEBALLOS Ex-officio SB Member/Liga President	(SGD.) NICOLE PAULINE P. PLAGATA Ex-officio SB Member/SKMF President

ATTESTED:
(SGD.) ELIZABETH C. OCCEÑA Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
APPROVED:
(SGD.) MATT P. PALABRICA, PhD Municipal Mayor

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Municipality of Janiuay

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FRANCIS F. RAMIREZ** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **“PABLO”** to **“FRANCIS”** in the Birth Certificate of **PABLO FUERTES RAMIREZ JR.** who was born **June 4, 1962** and whose parents are **Pablo Ramirez Sr. and Nelly Fuertes**.

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

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

NE/June 1, 2026 & June 8, 2026

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. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARISSA P. SOMES** has filed with this Office a Migrant petition for Change of First Name from **“NECCA”** to **“MARISSA”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NECCA MORENO PANLIBUTON** who was born on **April 28, 1982** at **Bugasong, Antique** and whose parents are **JUAN PANLIBUTON** and **VIOLETA MORENO**.

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

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

NE/June 1, 2026 & June 8, 2026

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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 **JOSE MARIANITO LAGOLA SUEDE** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **“JOSE MARIANITO JR.”** to **“JOSE MARIANITO”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOSE MARIANITO LAGOLA SUEDE** who was born on **October 2, 1971** at **Badiangan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **LUCITA GUILLEN LAGOLA** and **MARIANITO SANGUINES SUEDE**.

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

(SGD.) EDWARD P. NOBLEZA
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/June 1, 2026 & June 8, 2026

Ex-4Ps grantees in Antique land as topnotchers in board exam

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Three former grantees of the government’s Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) from this province landed in the top 10 of the March 2026 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT), proof that poverty is, indeed, not a hindrance to success.

Antique 4Ps provincial link Jeffrey Gabucay said on Tuesday that Salvacion Sanquilos ranked sixth; Christine Faith Herald, ninth; and Zhyra Joy Lorenzo, 10th in the 2026 LEPT result that was released on May 12. They will be given priority in terms of employment if they would like to work with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

“The three 4Ps formerly monitored children have proven that, indeed, poverty is not a hindrance for them to achieve their dreams,” Gabucay said.

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TOPNOTCHER. Salvacion Sanquilos (8th from left) receives a commendation from the Antique Provincial Board on Monday (May 25, 2026) for landing sixth in the March 2026 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers. Sanquilos is a former grantee of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)



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| 2. Magsaysay St. Poblacion Centro,
Calinog, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479990641 | 20. C. Castor St. Sara, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479991019 |
| 3. Calle Canal Brgy. Capuling, Duenas, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992029 | 21. R.Y Ladrado St., Pototan, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479990981 |
| 4. Aquino Nobleza St. Janiuay, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479990776 | 22. Sorianosos St. Poblacion, Dingle, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992750 |
| 5. Ladrado Street Poblacion Ilaya,
Lambunao, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479990821 | 23. Brgy. Cabalaguan, Mina, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999868 |
| 6. Pob. Ilawod, Lambunao, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999175 | 24. Garrido St., Poblacion Ilaya,
San Enrique, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999869 |
| 7. Dorillo St., Passi City, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479991770 | 25. Poblacion Batad, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999867 |
| 8. Simeon Passi Aguilar St., Passi City, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479991770 | 26. Poblacion Southeast Zone
Lemery, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999873 |
| 9. Cor. Real Arbelada Arones St.,
Pob. Ajuy, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992214 | 27. Cataluna Street Bingawan, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999113 |
| 10. Del Rosario St., Pob. Norte, Balasan, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992218 | 28. Roxas Blvd Street, Poblacion,
San Rafael, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999628 |
| 11. Real St. Pob. Banate, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992540 | 29. Crossing Pantalan, Brgy Poblacion,
Anilao, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999709 |
| 12. Zamora St. Pob. Ilawod,
Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992541 | 30. F. Parcon Street, Pototan, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999644 |
| 13. Tupas St. Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992542 | 31. Rizal Street, Brgy Poblacion,
San Dionisio, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999518 |
| 14. Market Stall Municipal Gym,
Pob. Carles, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992216 | 32. Don Victorino Salcedo St.
Poblacion Market, Sara, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479999806 |
| 15. D.B. Onate St. Pob. Concepcion, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479990675 | 33. Crispin Salazar St., Janiuay, Iloilo
Tel No. 09992204460 |
| 16. Buenaflor St., Dumangas, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479990714 | 34. Rizal Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo
Tel No. 09479999605 |
| 17. M.H. Del Pilar St. Dumangas, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479992020 | 35. Cartagena Street Brgy Ilaud Poblacion
Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo
Tel No. 09479991739 |
| 18. E. Reyes Avenue Pob Zone II,
Estancia, Iloilo
Tel. No.: 09479990719 | |

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Wish to announce their monthly Auction Sale to be held on June 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the office address stated above.

THE MANAGEMENT

Nagapahibalo sang ila bulanan nga subasta nga Pagahiwaton sa Hunyo 15, 2026 alas 9:00 sa aga (9:00 AM) asta alas 12:00 sa ugto (12:00 Noon) sa nahinambitan nga mga opisina.

ANG TAGADUMALAHAN

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technology courses to produce more scientists and researchers.

“Right now, we have almost 2,000 scholars in the region. We need to create more science and technology personnel to support social economic development,” he said.

Citing data from various United Nations agencies, he noted that investments in research and development must be increased for a country to attain social economic development.

Gelonga added that in other countries, the private sector has huge investments in research and development.

In the Philippines, most of the science and technology investments in the country are from the public sector, he said.

“At least one percent of the country’s gross domestic product should be invested in science and technology,” he added. (PNA)

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interview, said that she was grateful that their household was identified as a 4Ps beneficiary. The educational cash grant she received when she was in elementary and secondary school was used for her school needs, she added.

“I have been hired as a contract of service by the Department of Education to do administrative work, but I really dream of becoming an Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) teacher,” she said, adding that she desires to give back through teaching, particularly 4Ps children who are in their formative years.

Sanquilos urged other 4Ps monitored children to put to good use their educational cash grant so they could finish their studies.

“Use the 4Ps cash grants you are receiving for what it is intended so you can finish your schooling and land a job,” she said.

Sanquilos, Heraldo, and Lorenzo received a commendation from the Provincial Board on Monday.

“We are still looking for teaching jobs, but we also want to do something to show our gratitude to DSWD 4Ps,” Heraldo said.

Sanquilos and Heraldo are graduates of the University of Antique, while Lorenzo graduated from the West Visayas State University in Iloilo City. (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Sixth Judicial Region
Branch XI

San Jose, Antique
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SPL. PROC.
NO. 2026-05-1150

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION, FOR CHANGE OF
NAME OF SURNAME OF JAN ALAIN QUIRICO PE
ESPAÑOLA TO JAN ALAIN QUIRICO PE,

JAN ALAIN QUIRICO PE ESPAÑOLA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CITY REGISTRAR OF ILOILO CITY and
THE NATIONAL STATISTICIAN and CIVIL REGISTRAR
GENERAL, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY
Respondents.

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ORDER

A verified petition has been filed by petitioner JAN ALAIN QUIRICO PE ESPAÑOLA, through counsel, praying for the change of his surname from “ESPAÑOLA” to “PE” so that his name shall read as “JAN ALAIN QUIRICO PE”.

The petition alleges, among others that: the petitioner is of legal age, Filipino, single, and a resident of Brgy. Atabay, San Jose, Antique; that he was born on August 20, 2003, in Iloilo City to Ma. Theresa J. Pe and Joseph M. Española; the marriage of his parents was subsequently declared null and void by the Regional Trial Court of Antique, Branch 11, on February 9, 2006, in a Decision that has since become final and executory; throughout his life, his biological father has abandoned him and failed to provide care or financial support; he was solely raised and supported by his mother, Ma. Theresa J. Pe; and since childhood, in school, and in the community, he has consistently and continuously used and been known by his mother’s surname, “PE”. Petitioner claims that he filed this action under Rule 103 of the Rules of Court to avoid confusion and to align his official civil records with his real-world identity.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the hearing of the same be set on **July 23, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning**, before this Court at the Hall of Justice, San Jose, Antique, at which place, date, and time, any person who has or may have an interest in the petition may appear and show cause, if any, why the said petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, in the News Express, a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Antique and its capital town, selected by raffle pursuant to existing legal guidelines.

Further, let copies of this Order and the Petition be furnished to the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Antique, the Local City Registrar of Iloilo City, and the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

SO ORDERED.

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, May 19, 2026

(SGD.) JOJO C. CRUZAT
Judge

NE/June 1, 8 & 15, 2026

SOMBILLA

DENTAL LABORATORY

Hoskyn's Compound Guanco St., Iloilo City
Cell# 0927-9960389 Tel. No. 3351367

ANDRESITO SOMBILLA, JR.
Owner

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE ON REMATADOS OF M. LHUILLIER PAWNSHOPS

Iloilo and Guimaras Branches at

Molo, Avancena, Villa, Guanaco, Rizal, Mandurriao 1, De Leon, Mandurriao 2, Guzman, Ledesma, San Agustin, SM Jewellers, Ilonga, Iznart, Lapaz 1, Lapaz 2, Bo. Obrero, Jaro 1, Jaro 2, Jaro 3, Jaro 4, Jaro 5, Jaro 6, Tagbak, Ungka, Burgos Lapaz, Rotunda, JM Basa.

Commencing June 16, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to December 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa Hunyo 16, 2026 alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Disyembre 1-31, 2025, madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN

Mohon, Oton, San Jose San Miguel, Tigbauan, Guimbal, Tubungan, Igaras, Miag-ao, San Joaquin, Alimodian, Leon, San Miguel, Jibao an, Pavia, Sta Barbara, New Lucena, Cabatuan, Ayaman, Maasin, Arroyo, Leganes, Zarraga, Jalaud, Bolong Oeste.

Commencing June 17, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to December 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa Hunyo 17, 2026 alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Disyembre 1-31, 2025, madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN

Jordan, Jordan Pier, Calingao, Guimaras, Nueva Valencia, San Lorenzo, Sibunag, Cabalagnan, San Miguel Jordan.

Commencing June 18, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to December 1-31, 2025, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa Hunyo 18, 2026 alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Disyembre 1-31, 2025 madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN



GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.

JM Basa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **June 6, 2026** an Auction Sale will be held at **9:00 AM** for all unredeemed Jewelries & Articles the condition of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **Hunyo 6, 2026** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANGTAGDUMALAHAN

AGENCIA G.B., INC.

C.K. Building Mapa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **June 5, 2026**, an Auction Sale will be held at **9:00 A.M.** for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **Hunyo 5, 2026**, pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay mga alas **9:00** sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

AGENCIA CENTRAL

168 Aldeguer Street, Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **June 15, 2026**, an Auction Sale will be held at **9:00 – 10:00 AM** for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

The Management

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **Hunyo 15, 2026** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay mga alas **9:00 – 10:00** sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

Ang Tagdumalahan

TIIC Showcases Fashion and Garments Production Culminating Activity

Budding Ilonggo designers, together with their families, friends, and guests, gathered to witness the artistic culmination of their hard work entitled “Pagpasundayag: A Showcase of Creativity, Talents, and Skills,” held at SM City Iloilo on May 26, 2026.

The creations were designed and tailored by graduating students of the Fashion and Garments Production course of the Technical Institute of Iloilo City (TIIC) – Bo. Obrero Campus.

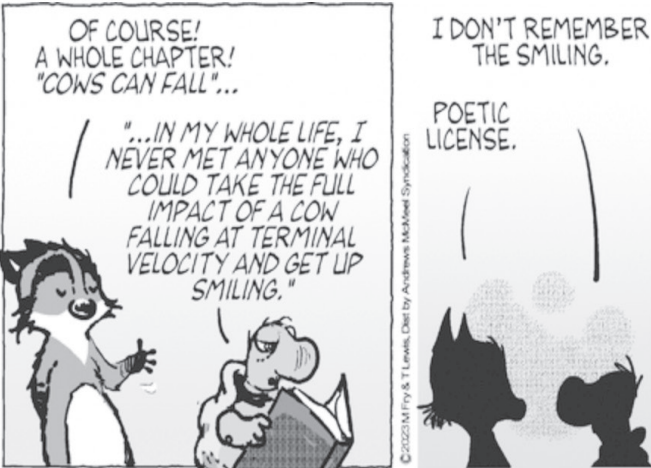
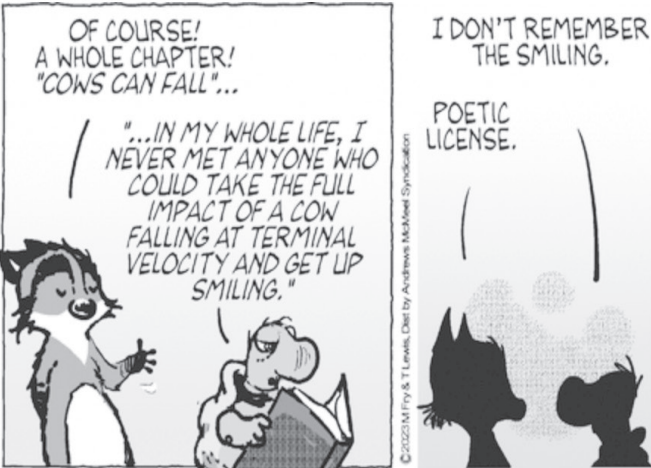
The event provided a platform for aspiring Ilonggo designers to express their individuality through their creations. The gowns, dresses, and suits were showcased by their relatives and by the students themselves before an audience that included homegrown designer Jet Salcedo, the students’ trainer Clemencia Ticar, TIIC Administrator Ma. Mathilde Treñas, and Executive Assistant Jay Treñas.

Further inspiring the new generation of Ilonggo designers, alumni of the Fashion and Garments Production program also showcased their works.

Completing the affair was a spread of favorite local snacks prepared by students from the Culinary Arts Program, under the guidance of their teacher Rodyma Hope Gamilong, together with students from the Food and Beverage Program of TIIC–Bo. Obrero.

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



CHIMICHURRI STEAK BITES

Seared rib eye cubes seasoned and topped with a fresh hand-chopped chimichurri sauce made from parsley, garlic, red wine vinegar, and Thai chili. Served over creamy garlic mashed potatoes with cream cheese.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs rib eye sliced into 1-inch cubes
- 8 grams Maggi Magic Sarap
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 lbs potatoes peeled
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup cream cheese
- 2 quarts water
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

- 1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley finely chopped by hand
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 pieces fresh Thai chili peppers finely minced, seeds removed for less heat
- 3/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

Season the steak. Combine the rib eye cubes with the Maggi Magic Sarap, paprika, ground black pepper, garlic powder, and olive oil in a bowl. Mix well until every piece is evenly coated. Set aside.

2 lbs rib eye, 8 grams Maggi Magic Sarap, 2 teaspoons paprika, 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil

Make the chimichurri. Finely chop the parsley by hand. Do not use a food processor. It will bruise the herbs and change the texture.

1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley

Mince the garlic and finely chop the Thai chili peppers. Remove the seeds if you want less heat. Put everything in a bowl.

4 cloves garlic, 2 pieces fresh Thai chili peppers

Add the dried oregano, red wine vinegar, salt, and black pepper to the bowl. Stir well.

2 teaspoons dried oregano, 1/3 cup red wine vinegar, 3/4 teaspoon fine sea salt, 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Pour in the extra virgin olive oil and mix until fully combined. The sauce should be loose and easy to spoon, not thick.

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Let the chimichurri sit at room temperature for at least 20 minutes. This allows the flavors to blend together. Set aside.

While waiting, prepare the mashed potatoes. Cut the potatoes into evenly sized pieces and place them in a pot with the water, garlic cloves, and salt.

3 lbs potatoes, 2 cloves garlic, 2 quarts water, salt and ground black pepper

Bring to a boil and cook until fork-tender, about 12 to 15 minutes.

Drain the potatoes and transfer them to a mixing bowl.

Combine the milk, butter, and cream cheese in a separate bowl. Microwave for 45 seconds and stir until smooth and fully melted.

1/4 cup butter, 1/2 cup milk, 1/4 cup cream cheese

Mash the potatoes until smooth. Do not overwork them.

Gradually mix in the milk mixture until creamy. Season with salt and ground black pepper. Set aside.

Cook the steak. Heat a pan over high heat and add olive oil.

Sear the cubed steak for 60 to 90 seconds per side. Do not overcrowd the pan. Work in batches if needed. Remove and let the steak rest for 5 minutes.

Arrange the mashed potatoes on a serving plate. Top with the steak bites and spoon the chimichurri over. Serve and enjoy.

WORD SEARCH

Water Cycle

C O L K E E Z K W K O E B H Z F A V Q M I C L R
K A X A A W O V D N Y Z R V G M N Q N K W J A W
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W N O I T A T I P I C E R P S A C S E G K A S M

Precipitation	Condensation	Evaporation	weather
puddle	liquid	splash	cloud
drain	flood	river	Ocean
pond	rain	drop	snow
flow	Lake	ice	dam

sudoku

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.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES
March 21 - April 19



The day should be fairly positive, Aries, and you'll begin to feel the faintest hints of a major change beginning. This new phase will last seven months. As it progresses, you'll find greater freedom of expression. You can expect to shift into high gear in subjects you used to avoid. Some friction with siblings is likely to arise in the next few months.

TAURUS
April 20 - May 20



The solar system is shifting gears today, Taurus, and it's liable to trigger a great transformation that will last seven months. The change will center on the means you use to fulfill yourself in terms of both your career and love life. If you feel somewhat hemmed in by your training or upbringing, you can expect to seek liberation from these inhibitions in the months to come.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 21



It's an excellent forecast for you, Gemini! Although no specific events will occur, there is the huge promise of freedom over the next seven months. A fundamental shift is about to occur in your occupation and love life. As the months unfold, you can expect to be more visionary, more creative, and perhaps more rebellious. This time, you'll be much more effective than in the past two or three years.

CANCER
June 22 - July 22



To understand the major shift that's taking place, Cancer, you must look at events from a lofty perspective. A slow-acting liberation is gathering momentum. In the next seven months, you'll be unable to resist the opportunity to rid yourself of some oppressive part of your past. You'll shed your old complexes and emerge renewed. Don't be alarmed if some family relations suffer as a result. The distress is only temporary.

LEO
July 23 - August 22



The gentle winds of change are blowing through your life at the moment, Leo. You have a feeling of newness and an open attitude toward the world. Some outside events will be coming up in your life that give you the impression you're advancing in a concrete manner toward a new life. You can expect to have some pleasant surprises.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22



The idea of a turning point in one's destiny often brings a smile to the faces of cynical people, but in your case, Virgo, it definitely has some meaning. This turning point can take the form of a new person in your life or a key event that changes things forever. Sometimes things that we only hear about actually happen. Something like this may happen to you in the coming months.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22



It may be that you've returned deeply changed from a long voyage, Libra. Of course, we're all changed to some extent by travel, but in your case, the change is truly profound. You're going to have some problems getting back into the life you had before you left. Your old life is likely to feel too limiting to you. So what are you waiting for? Change it!

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21



If you feel suffocated by your romantic relationships, if you feel they lack some spice or are too traditional, then why not liberate yourself? There is a feeling in the air that life is turning in a positive direction. This will help you set things up to turn even your craziest ideas into reality. Starting today, Scorpio, you're going to be asked to be more concrete.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21



During the last few months, Sagittarius, it could be that you've met some strange people who have greatly influenced your attitude about marriage or partnership. They've been pushing you to get more freedom into your life. If this is indeed the case, you can feel quite sure that they've come under a cosmic influence. That's no reason for you to agree. Freedom or lack of freedom is completely subjective.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19



The last months have been very challenging - and there's a very good chance that you no longer feel up to meeting the challenges. If you've been yearning to modify something in your daily life, do it now, Capricorn. The hour has come to make concrete changes. Regardless of whether the change you seek is at home or work, physical or emotional, don't be afraid to seriously upset your life.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18



A change has occurred in our solar system, Aquarius, a shift that will probably be imperceptible but nonetheless profound. You have seven months to understand how this change impacts you. It will dawn on you that you feel a strong need for liberation. Perhaps you need to release yourself from the bonds of a group. Innovation is in the air!

PISCES
Feb. 19 - March 20



You mustn't expect any enormous changes today, Pisces. However, the process you began three or four years ago will accelerate slightly. You're changing the moorings of your identity, the ideas that make you sure of who you are. Your family, background, and education no longer count as much as your spiritual foundations. Don't be afraid of this shift. Go with it.

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-2026-0173**

DATE: **May 14, 2026**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF
JAELSIEH MAE JONELAS JUMAGBAS
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS
JAELSIEH MAE JUMAGBAS DALA

GERRY BADOY DALA and
JEAN HAZEL JUMAGBAS DALA,
Petitioners

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Jaelsieh Mae Jonelas Jumagbas filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, Jaelsieh Mae Jonelas Jumagbas be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **JAELSIEH MAE JUMAGBAS DALA.**

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **June 25, 2026**, to be held at **3rd Floor, Ana Ros Building, Simon- Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City, Iloilo.** Any interested party may appear and 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 to verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioners 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

NE/May 18, 25 & June 1, 2026

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LILIA MADERA SALAZAR and RAMON D. SALAZAR** known as parcels of land covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72072, TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-3042, TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-60816, and ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-4581** are adjudicated to compulsory heirs **CECILE SALAZAR DEL ROSARIO, RAMON SALAZAR, JR., and MAY SALAZAR YU**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. DOUGLAS EDWIN DEL ROSARIO** per Doc. No. 159, Page No. 033, Book No. CVIII, Series of 2022.

NE/May 25, June 1 & 8, 2026



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Sa dugang nga kasayuran magpakig-angot kay Doc Gico sa
Cell # 0910-126-4595

DEED OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PRESENTACION LEBIGALEGARDE** identified as **Savings Account at First Consolidated Bank, Lambunao Branch** with **Account No. 064-0201-003715-8** is adjudicated to sole heir **NARCISA L. LATAÑAFRANCIA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL CLINT J. LINGAYA** per Doc. No. 386, Page No. 79, Book No. XXXV, Series of 2026.

NE/May 18, 25 & June 1, 2026

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses PORFERIO MAYORDOMO and ELVIRA ROGLAN MAYORDOMO** identified as a parcel of land Lot 3 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-14574, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-56719** located at Lopez Jaena Street, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIX SQUARE METERS (126)**, more or less is adjudicated to heirs **NATHANIEL ROGLAN MAYORDOMO, ELMER ROGLAN MAYORDOMO, HYADES ROGLAN MAYORDOMO, PORFERIO ROGLAN MAYORDOMO, JR., and DARLENE ELVIE MAYORDOMO DACUMOS**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL CLINT J. LINGAYA** per Doc. No. 111, Page No. 24, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2026.

NE/May 18, 25 & June 1, 2026

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JUANITO CHUA SANE** identified as (**Lot No. 12-A-2**, Psd-06-013063, being a portion of Lot 12-A, (LRC) Psd-277683), located in Arevalo, Iloilo City covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-95213** with an area of **One Hundred Square Meters (100sqm.)**, more or less is adjudicated to surviving heir **ENRIQUETA O. SANE**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. EDUARDO A. DUERO** per Doc. No. 101, Page No. 22, Book No. III, Series of 2026.

NE/May 18, 25 & June 1, 2026

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARINO P. PADERNILLA**, a parcel of land (Lot 9-New Route of National Road being a portion of Lot 5040-C, PSD-06-039831 and Lot 8582, Passi CAD. 148, identical to 7944 SGS-063035-001317), situated in Brgy. Bayan, Passi City, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2022001035** with an area of **SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED ONE (6,701) SQUARE METERS**, more or less is adjudicated to surviving and lawful heirs **LINO E. PADERNILLA, MA. LOURDES T. PADERNILLA, NEMA P. TORRES, ROBERTO T. PADERNILLA, GIRLIE T. PADERNILLA, HANNAH MAE T. PADERNILLA, JENY P. TOLEDO AND JUN P. TOLEDO, ELNA P. PADERNILLA, ANDIE P. PADERNILLA, ALDREN P. PADERNILLA, ARGIE P. PADERNILLA, ANIE P. PADERNILLA, DAVE OLIVER P. PADERNILLA, HERNIE P. PADERNILLA, STEPHEN P. PADERNILLA, IRA P. PADERNILLA, SOPHIE AINDREA P. PADERNILLA, EULALIA P. LAMPREA, VENANCIO E. PADERNILLA, NEREZA P. PAMA, LUISITO E. PADERNILLA, and NARCISA P. PALMA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. DENNIS D. JUANON** per Doc. No. 153, Page No. 32, Book No. I, Series of 2022.

NE/May 25, June 1 & 8, 2026

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH UNILATERAL DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses JOHN CHENG SING TIAN and ANGELITA SALEM** known as two parcels of land with improvements thereon situated in Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE Nos. T-45681 and T-45682** with a total area of **SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THREE (623) square meters**, more or less is adjudicated to heirs **CYNTHIA SALEM CHENG, CATHERINE SALEM CHENG, GERALDINE SALEM CHENG, WINSTON SALEM CHENG, JOHNSTON SALEM CHENG, MARY GRACE SALEM CHENG, CHRISTIAN SALEM CHENG, RYAN JOHN SALEM CHENG, and MARIA DOLORES SALEM CHENG**. That, the heirs sold, transfer, and conveyed the said property by way of Absolute Sale in favor of **POLYMER PRODUCTS (PHIL.) INC.**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JEYAN B. CHIN** per Doc. No. 117, Page No. 25, Book No. I, Series of 2026.

NE/May 25, June 1 & 8, 2026

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Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff

FILE NO. 2026-06
(RTC, BR. 2-FC, SJA)

PETITION FOR EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED,

PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee/Creditor,

-versus-

YVONNE M. BARRERA x
LEOMAR B. BARRERA,
Borrowers/Mortgagors.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon filing of **PETITION** for **EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE** of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by Mortgagee/Creditor, **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**, a thrift Bank with principal office and place of business at PS Bank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City, Philippines, AGAINST **YVONNE M. BARRERA** (signing for herself and as attorney-in-fact) **MARRIED TO LEOMAR B. BARRERA**, of Purok 2, Brgy. Alangan, Sibalom, Antique, 5713, Philippines, to secure payment of loan, which as of February 25, 2026 the consolidated outstanding obligation of the Borrowers/Mortgagors to Mortgagee amounts to **ONE MILION EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY NINE PESOS AND 82/100(P1,893,899.82)** Philippine Currency, plus accruing interest, penalty and other charges thereon from the said date up to the date of foreclosure sale, publication, other foreclosure expenses, attorney's fees and such other additional sums as are due from the Borrowers/ Mortgagors under the Mortgagee Deed, in connection with **FORECLOSURE** proceedings, the **CLERK OF COURT VI, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF** through her undersigned Deputy Sheriff will **SELL at PUBLIC AUCTION on June 22, 2026** at 10 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Justice Calixto O. Zaldivar, Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the real property/ies, with all existing improvements if any, covered by **TCT NO. 088-2018000317** of the Registry of Deeds for **SAN JOSE, ANTIQUE** more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 088-2018000317

LOT NO: 847-B-1-A,
PLAN NO: PSD-06-090812
PORTION OF: LOT 847-B-1 PSD-06-069531
LOCATON: ALANGAN, SIBALOM,
ANTIQUE, PHILIPPINES.
AREA: FIVE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS (500) MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction will not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **June 29, 2026**, at the same time and place above-mentioned without further notice.

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, April 20, 2026

ATTY. MA.B.G. CANDIDA D. RIVERO
Clerk of Court VI
OCC, RTC, San Jose, Antique

By:

(SGD.) JOE ANTHONY B. ARETAÑO
Sheriff IV
RTC Branch 2-Family Court, San Jose, Antique
Acting Deputy Sheriff for MTC per AO No. 03-2025-EJ,
Issued by the Hon. Executive Judge RTC,
San Jose, Antique

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

Note:
Publication is dispensed with in Accordance with OCA Circular No. 25-2025.

NE/May, 18, 25 & June 1, 2026

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF
THE ESTATE OF ASME GRECIA

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ASME GRECIA** known as a parcel of land, **Lot 8, Block 15** of the consolidation subdivision plan (LRC) PCS-12217, being a portion of consolidation of Lots 3956, 3958 and 3903, Santa Barbara Cadastre G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No. 6, situated at Gran Plains Subdivision, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-54234** with an area of **280 sq.m.** is adjudicated to heirs **PRISCILLA GRECIA** and **EULA MAE GRECIA ANDRADE** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 444, Page No. 90, Book No. VI, Series of 2026.

NE/June 1, 8 & 15, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CHRISTOPHER A. JARO** (complete name of the petitioner) has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **MARIA GEANELLI** to **MA. GEANELLI** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA GEANELLI VILLAREAL LABRADOR** (complete name of document owner) who was born on **MAY 26, 1964** (complete date of birth) at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **LEONARDO CALDITO LABRADOR** (name of father) and **MARIA GONZALES VILLAREAL** (name of mother).

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

(SGD.) REENA MARIEL M. LIMOSO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/June 1, 2026 & June 8, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HERCHEL ROSQUILLO** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction of Clerical Error from **“MALE”** to **“FEMALE”** in the birth certificate of **FRIDY DOMINGO ROSQUILLO** who was born on **April 3, 2015** at **Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/May 25, 2026 & June 1, 2026

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 **QUIRICO JR. S. MOLINA** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **“RICO JR.”** to **“QUIRICO JR.”** and a Petition for Correction of Clerical error in the Child’s last name from **“MOLENA JR.”** to **“MOLINA”** and the Father’s first name from **“RICO”** to **“QUIRICO SR.”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RICO S. MOLENA JR.** who was born on **November 8, 1972** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **RICO S. MOLINA** and **CANDELARIA SUACE**.

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

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

NE/May 25, 2026 & June 1, 2026

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of late **spouses GREGORIO LIBRODO and FE LACUESTA**, *namely*, **JOSE GREGORIO L. LIBRODO, GREGORIO LIBRODO JR., GLORIANNE LIBRODO-MEÑOSA, ROSARIO LIBRODO-LARROZA and LLORENTE PETER LIBRODO (Sellers)** and **MOSES SARABIA** of legal age married to **RETCHEL O. SARABIA (Buyer)** executed this **Deed of Absolute Sale** pertaining to a portion of **Lot No. 5390** of the Cadastral Survey of Lambunao, under **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-6240** situated in Barangay Caninguan, Lambunao, Iloilo. Boundred on the N by Lot 5388-B; on the S by the National Road, on the E by the National Road on the W by Lot 4597. Containing an area of **Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine (11,729) square meters, more or less**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 90, Page No. 19, Book No. VI, Series of 2026.

NE/June 1, 8 & 15, 2026

DEED OF ADJUDICATION & EXTRAJUDICIAL
SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses GREGORIO LIBRODO and FE LACUESTA** known as a parcel of land identified as (Lot No. 5390 of the Cadastral Survey of Lambuao), situated in Barangay Caninguan, Lambunao, Iloilo. Bounded on the N by Lot 5388-B; on the S by the National Road; on the E by the National Road on the W by Lot 4597, covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-6240** with an area of **Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine (11,729) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **JOSE GREGORIO L. LIBRODO, GREGORIO LIBRODO JR., GLORIANNE LIBRODO-MEÑOSA, ROSARIO LIBRODO-LARROZA and LLORENTE PETER LIBRODO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 118, Page No. 25, Book No. VI, Series of 2023.

NE/June 1, 8 & 15, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. LINY M. ERA** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **“MARIA LENY”** to **“MA. LINY”** in the birth certificate of **MARIA LENY NYEAGA MAGNO** who was born on **July 17, 1970** and whose parents are **Romeo Manero Magno and Nonita Merasol Nyeaga**.

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

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

NE/May 25, 2026 & June 1, 2026

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

NOTICE OF 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**) and (**R.A. 9048**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **KIM PEÑAFIEL BENGUAN** 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 **KIM PEÑAFIEL BENGUAN** who was born on **FEBRUARY 5, 2008** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and the parents are **RONILO V. BENGUAN** and **AMY E. PEÑAFIEL**.

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

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

NE/May 25, 2026 & June 1, 2026

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11604-26

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage
Under Act 3135, as Amended by Act 4118,

PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**SPS. MELVIN B. MATIAS and
AIREEN CERBO MATIAS,**
Borrowers/Mortgagors,

and

MORENITA B. MATIAS,
Co-Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial Petition/Application for sale under Act 3135 filed by the mortgagee, **Philippine Savings Bank**, a thrift bank with principal office and place of business at PSBank Centre, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City, Philippines, against **Spouses Melvin B. Matias and Aireen Cerbo Matias**, as borrowers/mortgagors, and **Morenita B. Matias**, as co-mortgagor, all of legal age, Filipinos, all with given address at **172-A Fuentes Street, Brgy. San Jose, Iloilo City**, and other addresses at **Blk 2, Lot 12, Ph 1, Villa Trinidad Subdivision, Imbang Grande, Passi, Iloilo** and **DepEd Oton National High School J.P. Laurel Street, Poblacion North, Oton, Iloilo**, and collateral address at **Block 3 Lot 1 Road Lot 2 Prinedale Yulo, Arevalo, Iloilo City**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 2, 2026**, without counting yet the additional interest and other charges such as attorney’s fees, publication cost, sheriff’s fee, registration fee and other expenses, is **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOUR PESOS & 99/100 (Php1,314,104.99)**, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo will sell at public auction on **MAY 26, 2026** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, New Castle Iloilo Hotel, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following properties described hereunder, together with the improvements now and existing or which may hereafter be made thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. (T-166487) 095-2019002177**
Registry of Deeds for Iloilo City

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in DISTRICT OF AREVALO, CITY OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, BLOCK 3, PSD-06-031604, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 301-B, PSD-49656), SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF AREVALO, CITY OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY BOUNDED ON THE E., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 2; ON THE S., & W., ALONG LINES 2-3-4 BY LOT 878 ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 310 BOTH OF CAD. 24, ILOILO; ON THE N., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY ROAD LOT 2. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED “1” ON PLAN, BEING S., 56-27 W., 469.70 METERS FROM BLLM NO. 1, CAD. 24, ILOILO CADASTRE, THENCE S., 3-49 E., 14.99 METERS TO POINT “2” S., 86-09 W., 18.50 METERS TO POINT “3” N., 06-47 W., 8.64 METERS TO POINT “4” N., 09-01 W., 6.49 METERS TO POINT “5” N., 86-09 E., 19.52 METERS TO POINT 1; POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (284) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. ALL CORNERS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS., 15 X 40 CM., BEARINGS TRUE; SURVEYED BY ENGR. REYNALDO SIRILAN ON DECEMBER 20-22, 2000 AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 7, 2001.

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 **JUNE 2, 2026** at the same time and place aforementioned without further re-notice and republication.

Iloilo City, Philippines. March 17, 2026.

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court VII/Ex-Officio RTC Sheriff

(SGD.) SARAH C. DORONILA
Sheriff IV/Sheriff-in-Charge

NE/May 18, 25 & June 1, 2026

DTI Iloilo Strengthens Support for Balud II Agrarian Reform Cooperative through 2026 CARP Enterprise Interventions

IN LINE with its continued commitment to empowering agrarian reform beneficiaries through sustainable enterprise development, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Iloilo Provincial Office conducted an enterprise visit to the Balud II Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Brgy. Balud II, Zarraga, Iloilo.

The activity was led by Daryl Mae Lorene S. Jacar, Trade Industry Development Specialist and Provincial Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) Coordinator, together with Mr. Leo Siwagan, Business Counselor from Negosyo Center Zarraga. The visit served as an avenue to engage directly with the cooperative and discuss initiatives that will further strengthen its operations and improve the livelihood opportunities of its members.

During the focused group discussion, the DTI team presented and discussed the proposed 2026 Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) interventions that are designed to provide enterprise development assistance and business support services to the cooperative. Among the topics highlighted were possible capacity-building activities, entrepreneurial assistance, market development opportunities, and other interventions that can contribute to the cooperative’s long-term sustainability and growth.

The discussion also allowed members of the cooperative to share their current situation, operational challenges, and priority needs, enabling the DTI team to better identify appropriate programs and interventions aligned with the cooperative’s goals and development plans.



The enterprise visit forms part of DTI Iloilo’s ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration with agrarian reform beneficiary organizations and promote inclusive economic development in rural communities. Through initiatives

under the CARP program, DTI Iloilo continues to provide support mechanisms that help cooperatives and micro, small, and medium enterprises enhance their productivity, competitiveness, and overall capacity for growth.

Serving hope one scoop at a time

Ice cream is one of the most popular desserts in Filipino households. For many, it is more than just a sweet treat; it is their comfort food, often enjoyed as a refreshing way to unwind, especially on hot summer days.

One of the ice cream sellers in Valencia, Bukidnon, is the couple, Sherilyn and Mario Donque. Since getting married in 2005, the ice cream business has been their main source of income. Through years of hard work, their business has also helped them build a resilient life.

Crossing paths

Sherilyn was a high school graduate when she decided to leave home and work in Cebu. She spent

a year working as a housekeeper before a close friend invited her to visit Bukidnon for a vacation. During her trip, she met the man who later became her husband, Mario Donque. Their relationship eventually blossomed, and soon enough, they got married and began building a life together.

Even before they met, Mario was running his humble ice cream business, using the skills he had

learned from a relative. Through their shared effort, the business became the family’s foundation and main source of financial support.

Mario started selling ice cream at around 9:00 AM and usually came home at 6:00 PM. When he returned, they would prepare another batch of ice cream for the following day. This has become their daily routine. Through daily hard work and teamwork, they sustain their livelihood and provide for their families.

While Mario is out selling ice cream, Sherilyn manages the household and prepares ingredients for their products.

As with any business, there were times when their sales would slow, especially during the rainy season. However, despite these, they understood that business was never constant. The good days and slow days are part of the journey, so they just kept moving forward.

“Para sa akin, importante talaga na may negosyo kasi magagamit mo yung income sa iba’t ibang pangangailangan ng pamilya mo. (For me, business is really important because your income becomes something you can depend on when needs come up), Sherilyn stated.

To gain additional capital for their business, Sherilyn became a client of CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) in 2019. Since then, she has been able to access financial assistance whenever their funds fall short for production needs.

Currently, she uses her PHP 50,000.00 loan from the institution to purchase raw ingredients for their ice cream business. Aside from buying ingredients, her previous loans from CARD, Inc. were also used to renovate their house.

In the coming years, the couple hopes their business will continue to grow. Although they do not expect rapid expansion, they are happy to see it steadily and consistently grow over time.



Sherilyn and Mario Donque stand proudly beside their humble ice cream cart, a business that provides for their daily needs.

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province: Guimaras
City/Municipality: Jordan

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 RA 9048 & RA 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CRIS G. GAMUZARAN** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of clerical error to correct the child’s date of birth from **JANUARY 12, 1975** to **JANUARY 13, 1975**, mother’s first name from **ANICETA** to **ANECITA**, father’s first name from **PORFIRIO** to **PORFERIO** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **GLORIA OQUINDO GERSABALINO** who was born on **12 January 1975** at **Jordan, Guimaras** and whose parent/s is/are **OQUINDO, ANICETA EBRO** and **GERSABALINO, PORFIRIO CARINERO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than 11 June 2026.

(SGD.) JESUSA MACARIZA MILLONDAGA
C/MCR or D/CR

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