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Preemptive evacuations carried out by LGUs

Classes suspended in EV due to 'Amang'

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. While Eastern Visayas was not directly hit by tropical depression 'Amang,' local government units suspended classes and conducted preemptive evacuations to ensure the safety of their populace. Photo shows members of the municipal disaster risk reduction management council of Barugo, Leyte visited villages, especially those prone to flooding or landslide. (BARUGO MDRRMO)

TACLOBAN CITY- Classes across the region were suspended amid threat of tropical depression 'Amang' on Monday (Jan.21) as preemptive evacuations were carried out by several local government units to ensure safety of their residents.

Here in Tacloban City, Mayor Cristina Romualdez issued Executive Order 2019-01-001 suspending classes in all levels due to the threat of Amang, the first weather disturbance to hit the city and the rest of the region for this year.

The city governments of Ormoc and Baybay, both in Leyte; Maasin in Southern Leyte; Calbayog and Catbalogan, both in Samar; and Borongan in Eastern Samar.

The provincial governments of Leyte, Southern Leyte, and Northern Samar have also declared a one-

day suspension of classes due to Amang.

Likewise, several towns in Biliran, Samar, and Eastern Samar provinces also suspended their classes.

In Northern Samar, which was severely affected by last month's tropical depression 'Usman,' Rei Josiah Echano, its provincial disaster risk reduction management officer, said that about 62 families, consisting of 238 individuals, were evacuated due to threat of possible flooding
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LMWD, LWUA breakground for water supply system project in north resettlement sites

TACLOBAN CITY - A groundbreaking ceremony for the more than P400-million water supply system project seen to solve the water supply woes of the north resettle-

ment sites was held on Friday, January 18, 2019, in Barangay Cabalawan, this city.

Present were former Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez, and his son Raymund Romualdez, former Leyte 1st district Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, Local Water Utilities (LWUA) Administrator Jeci Lapus, and Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns Undersecretary Wendel Avisado.

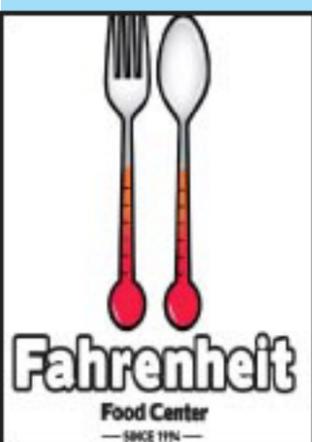
Also present were the members of the Leyte Metropolitan Water District Board led by Rober-

to Muñoz and Barangay Chairman Lito Balangbang.

Lapus assured that the LWUA will earnestly follow up on the immediate completion of the project on orders of President Rodrigo Duterte.

The project is expected to be completed by December 2, 2020, but contractor Mactan Rock and TGV Builders Incorporated assured that by March this year potable water will be made available in initial areas

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Go Bag

DILG says emergency bag not meant to endorse Bong Go's senatorial bid

TACLOBAN CITY- A backpack bag issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in Eastern Visayas among its employees has become an issue among netizens.

The backpack or haversack is being described as a 'go bag' which, apparently, did not sit well to some netizens who claimed that labeling it as such is a subtle way of promoting the senatorial bid of former presidential assistant Christopher 'Bong' Go.

"GO Bag is, obviously, another epaltactic," one netizen said, reacting to the bag distribution made by the DILG, which started on Monday (Jan.14), for its 390 employees.

Go is running for senator in this year's election under the administration party PDP-Laban.

Recent surveys indicated that despite the endorsement of his former boss, he remain to be outside probable winners.

"A go bag has been called a go bag way
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The go bag is not named to help advance the senatorial candidate of former presidential aide, Christopher 'Bong' Go, says Ian Colasito, assistant chief of DILG-8, local government monitoring and evaluation division. A promotional photo showing the go bag could be seen at DILG Facebook Account (Photo: DILG)

In Maasin City

More than 160 4Ps beneficiary-students are to receive assistance from CHed

TACLOBAN CITY – About 164 poor students enrolled at the Maasin City College (MCC) are to receive assistance from the Commission on Higher Education (ChEd).

This was disclosed by Maasin City Mayor Nacional Mercado who said that he already received a check of P6.75 million from CHed.

MCC is one of the recipients of the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) program of the CHed.

The 164 students belong to families who are recipients of the government's Pantawid Family-ang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

According to Mayor Mercado, he received P6.75 million from CHed's chairperson, Prospero de Veyra, for this financial aid.

Each of the identified 164 students are to receive P40,000.

"The 164 qualified student-beneficiaries were screened by ChEd central office based on the qualifications set by their office," Mayor Mercado said.

"These students came from families who belonged to the 4Ps who are economically disadvantaged and deserved to be given such benefit," he added.

Mercado added that the distribution of TES will be held after check clearing this week.

"The CHed chairperson also instructed me to assist the Department of Social Welfare and Development in the evaluation of the beneficiaries and those who are not included but are eligible in the list," the city mayor said.

TES is one of the core programs under the Republic Act No. 10931 also known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, has an allocation of PhP16 billion from the PhP40 billion budget to implement the law.

Priority in receiving the assistance are students who continue to benefit the Expanded Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA); students residing and studying in private HEIs in cities/municipalities with no existing state university or college or CHed-recognized LUC(local university or college); students included in the Listahanan 2.0; and those not in the Listahanan 2.0 but show proof of indigency such as BIR certificate of no income, or barangay certificate of indigency, and ranked according to per capita income.

Last October 9, President Rodrigo Duterte signed Republic Act No. 11079 which merged MCC to Southern Leyte States University-Maasin City Campus.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



Secretary John Castriciones of the Department of Agrarian Reform, Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla led the cutting of ribbon during the turnover of 18 six-wheeler dump trucks to be distributed to the 18 ARBOs on January 17, 2019. Joining him were DAR Undersecretary Emily Padilla, Regional Director Shiela Enciso and Assistant Regional Director Esmael Ayaay of DAR-8. The turnover was held at the new regional office of DAR in Tacloban City.

(Gina P.Gerez)

187 fishermen get assistance from DOLE

NAVAL,Biliran – Some 187 small-time fishermen from the different barangays of Kawayan, Biliran received livelihood assistance from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) last January 15, 2019 held at its municipal ground.

With the approval of the project proposal entitled "Provision of Motorboat Engines and fishing paraphernalia in support to Small Fishermen and Provision of Sewing Machines to Women's Livelihood" amounting to a total of P1,553,943.00, each fisherman received either a motorboat engine or fishing gears.

In his message during the simple turnover ceremony, DOLE RO8 OIC-Assistant Regional Director, Atty. Cecilio I. Baleña, congratulated all the beneficiaries and reminded them to become responsible in the use of the equipment and materials.

Also, he thanked the LGU of Kawayan thru the leadership of Mayor Rodolfo J. Espina, Jr. for being an active partner of DOLE in the implementation of its livelihood program in the province of Biliran.

"We at DOLE are grateful for our partners in the local government in bringing our programs and services closer to the clients. I'd

like to thank Mayor Rodolfo Espina Jr. for being so active and passionate in helping the people of this municipality", said Atty. Baleña.

Mayor Espina in response appreciated DOLE for its generosity in terms of providing assistance to his constituents in the municipality. He likewise recognized the DOLE Biliran Field Office (BFO) for being so facilitative on their project proposal which resulted to 187 delighted fishermen.

"My heartfelt thanks to DOLE for the usual support given to us. This really matters to all of us especially to our beneficiaries and I for myself commits to take part

in monitoring them to ensure the success of the project. Let me extend also my profound appreciation to the staff of BFO for being responsive and facilitative to all our requests," said Espina.

Also present during the turnover ceremony were Engr. Ma. Alita P. Chavez and Ms. Imelda M. Codilan of DOLE-BFO, Vice-Mayor Rizalinda Ampong, PESO Manager Edna M. del Rosario, municipal councilors and project beneficiaries including the women beneficiaries of the sewing machines.

(NORMA RAE S. COSTIMIANO/PR)

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of Tacloban North.

Meantime, in his message following the ceremony, Romualdez acknowledged President Rodrigo Duterte's support for the project which is a realization of a "dream" to supply potable water to the Yolanda Housing Projects.

"Nagpapasalamat kami kay President Duterte sa proyektong ito at naging katotohanan ang lahat ng ito" the former chief executive said.

A three-term mayor of Tacloban, Romualdez lobbied for the project during

his term but the move was unsuccessful because of some underlying issues.

The water system project was given priority when the management of the LMWD was transferred to the city government in 2018.

(HENRY ROCA/CIO)



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and landslide incident.

The families were from the towns of Catarman (2 families or 10 persons); Palapag (39 families consisting of 149 individuals); Mapanas (14 families involving 58 persons) and Lope de Vega, 7 families comprising 21 individuals.

The town of Lope de Vega is still recovering from the onslaught of Usman which affected practically its more than 14,000 people and killed five others.

About 1,083 passengers were stranded in the ports of Bhalwarteco and Dapdap, and Santa Clara Jubasan, all in Allen town; and in San Isidro, all in Northern Samar.

The Coast Guard, on its report to the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council(RDRRMC), said that about 2,083 passengers were stranded in the ports

in Ormoc City, Isabel, Bato, Hilongos, all in Leyte; San Ricardo, Liloan, both in Southern Leyte; Calbayog City; and in Bhalwarteco, San Isidro, and Jubasan, all in Northern Samar.

The RDRRMC also reported that 162 families comprising 607 individuals from the towns of Maydolong, Eastern Samar; Catarman, Palapag, Lope de Vega, all in Northern Samar; Tomas Oppus in Southern Leyte; and

Kawayan, Biliran, were preemptively evacuated due to possible threat of flooding or landslide.

In San Francisco town, Southern Leyte, a nine year old boy, Santino Alfreda who was reported to have been drowned in a river at their village in Bongbong Sunday afternoon, was found and rescued on Monday morning.

There was no details provided by the San Francisco municipal police station on how the boy was rescued.

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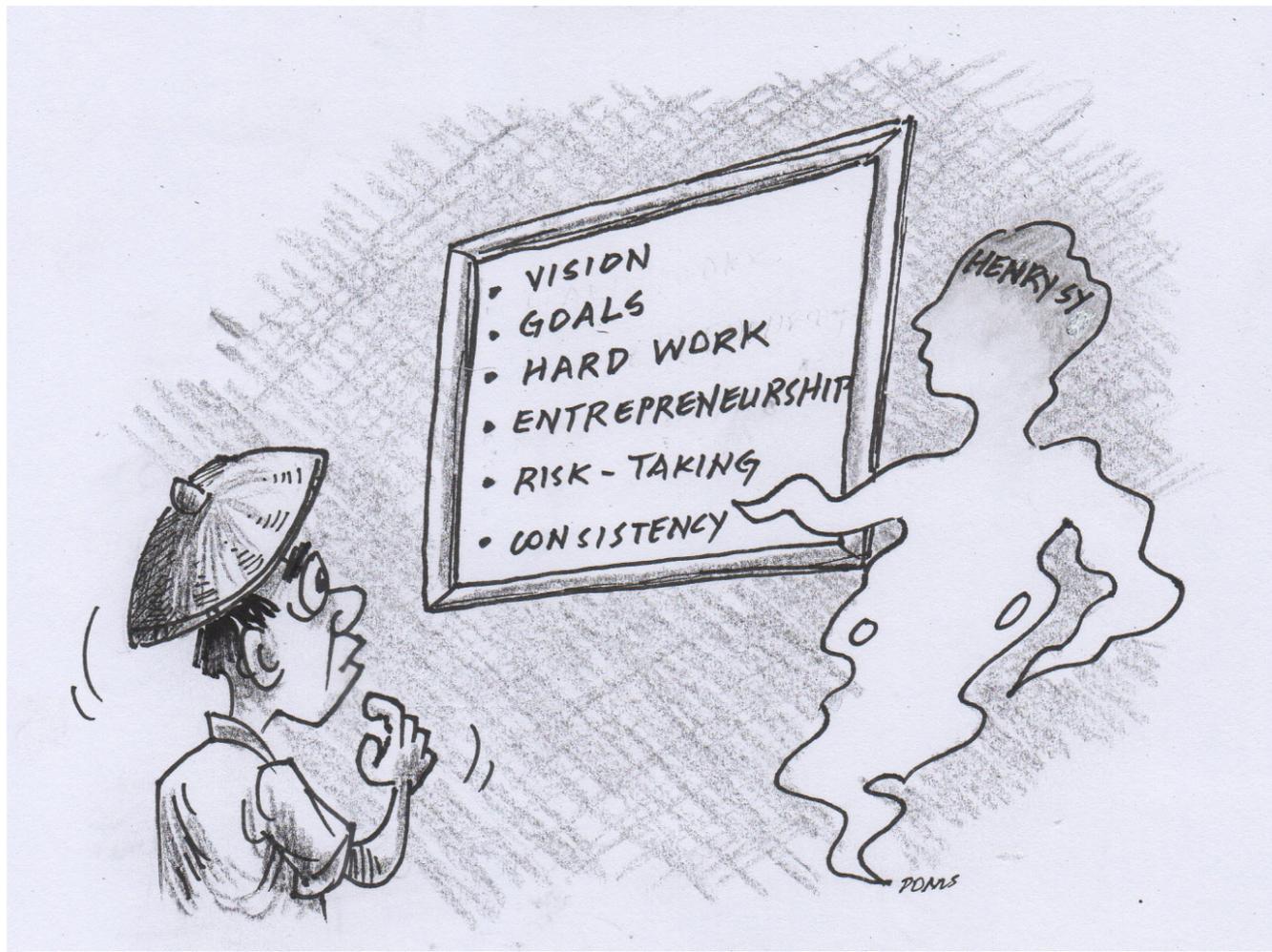
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Learning from the richest man

The recent passing away of the country's richest man, Henry Sy, has left behind lessons to learn from, legacies to cherish, and life story to emulate. All this amid challenges and trials facing the country today.

First off, this man started from a humble beginning, a status which characterizes the majority of our people. Poor, that is, even far below the poverty line. That's what the majority of Filipinos are. Nothing wrong with being born poor. Remaining as such is what makes it wrong, like what many of our people are doing—just contented with what they are and not doing much to alter it. Henry Sy did otherwise; he resolved to rise from that lowly state.

Mr. Sy coupled his visions with hard work, too. Visions are good and can provide some sort of guidance and direction, but rid of hard work, they are good as useless. Again, that's what many of us are, we are only good at daydream-

ing. We envision many things, but we hardly do the required tasks to attain them. Not Mr. Sy, for after laying out his goals, he did everything necessary to reach those goals as evidenced by his projects completed.

While most of us think of spending any amount that comes our way and quickly runs out of it as a result, Mr. Sy thought of investing the same. He had that entrepreneurial bent, investing his money, time, and effort in business. He was a builder, moreover, who risked his multi-million investments amidst political, economic, and social crises. But despite being a risk-taker, he was a firm believer in the positive outcome of events, not allowing circumstances to dictate his fortune.

Today, we have lost such a great man whose wealth status is what the majority of people are craving for. We may not come close to his achievements, but we can somehow learn from his principles, imitate his worthwhile deeds, and follow his footsteps.



On Fire Extinguisher

One of my short stories titled Fire Extinguisher has been subjected to scrutiny among students taking up Literary Criticism in one of the region's premier universities. They got in touch with me online for my answers to their que-

ries. Below is a sample of that interview, which I am publishing here in hopes of shedding light on perhaps similar inquiries.

1. What aspects of the author's personal life are relevant in this story?

The story is set in Cebu,

the place where I studied for my master's and doctorate. I have become so familiar with and had developed fondness of the city—the people, the streets, the business establishments, the lifeways, and even the unpleasant activities there.

2. What are the author's major concerns? Do they reflect any of the author experiences?

As regards mobility inside the city, it has become part of my experiences. Mingling and interacting with people is another one. So in a way, with my familiarity with the place, the story almost emanates

from my own experience. But it doesn't have to be autobiographical. My concern is just to expose some evils in big cities so that innocent people could be warned.

3. Do any of the events in the story correspond to events experienced by the author?

Yes. Walking along Colon St. used to be a frequent experience of mine. Brushing shoulders with passers-by, bumping into other people, etc.

4. Do any of the characters in the story relate to real people?

Yes, the characters are
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Observer

ALVIN G.Z. ARPON

Can we really & fully trust Congress?

Some congressmen really do not care so much for their constituents welfare. Most of them think, plan and work primarily to earn benefits first for themselves. They have manifested this for a long, long, time since the existence of the legislative department in our democratic form of government.

Of course whatever activities any administration do, the legislative department provides the legal component by passing laws to support such intentions or projects being undertaken by the government, especially on the funding requirements for such official undertakings.

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All proposed and regular expenditures called

budget in running the affairs of the offices of government is prepared by the Executive Department but is sent to Congress for their evaluation and approval. Aware of the so called power of the purse, legislators took advantage of such influence by inserting amounts in the proposed budget for their own use, deceptively proposed for projects in their respective congressional districts. This was called pork barrel. When the Supreme Court ruled this to be illegal, they changed it to PDAF but still of the same nature. But PDAF was also declared illegal lately so it now appeared a good budget by Congress to effectively wipe out deceptions. But not yet!

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Senator Panfilo "Ping"

Lacson, while sincerely scrutinizing the budget from the House of Representatives for Senate concurrence, discovered there were still "pork barrel" in the 2019 national budget and allotted to Speaker Gloria Arroyo and her close associate Majority Floor Leader Rep. Rolando Andaya. So these deceptions is stopped and will just be transferred to other agencies like DOH.

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Congressmen represent people -the Filipino taxpayers in the district he got elected in. Its the Representative who has the role of providing information on whatever development is being undertaken by government for the district he represents. It is also his role to represent the district in filing resolution in Congress for projects intended in the district.

Congressmen should conduct regular press conferences in the district to inform people on development.

Congressmen should also conduct regular consultations in their districts- to discuss all issues or consult them relative to what his constituents would like their representative to do for them.

Is this being done? I doubt!!!

work as a team when we have a good sense of solidarity.

We need to widen and deepen our consciousness such that we are always aware of our duties toward others, and especially toward God, who is the 'first Other,' the principle and goal of our sense of solidarity.

We have to be wary of our tendency to be carried away and completely dominated and absorbed by the technicalities of the things that we do in our life. These technicalities are, of course, important and indispensable, but they should not be allowed to distract us from our sense of solidarity.

Everything that we do, no matter how technically absorbing, should be oriented first of all to God as an act of adoration, of giving glory and thanksgiving, and then to all others whom we have to love and serve.

Without this orientation, the technicalities



From A Distance

JOEY E. CLARIN

Pacquiao at 40

Senator Manny Pacquiao retained his WBA Welterweight belt in his first fight as 40 year old champion. It was a unanimous decision for Pacquiao who defended the world welterweight title which he won in July 2018 by way of a 7th round TKO of Argentine Lucas Mathysse in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Pacquiao still has what it takes to compete with younger generation of best boxers that no

one would think he is 40 years old. He is a freak of nature, a unique champion among fighters a well conditioned boxer who did not show any sign of fatigue in all 12 rounds against Adrien Broner. He wanted to prove the world that at 40 he can still give his best and entertain the fans.

He can still fight the best boxers among the young generation in the likes of Terence Crawford, Vasily Lomachenko,

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drawn from real people. The story itself is a fictionalized version of a person's experience, someone I know.

5. What biographical fact has the author used?

It's a biographical fact that, as the main character in the story, I used to travel from Leyte-Samar to Cebu, via Ormoc, by boat. I used to roam around and stroll the city, from the downtown area up to the suburbs, including the squatter areas.

6. What biographical facts has the author changed?

Nothing. Facts, there are. I changed the real names of the people involved. The story is no longer the same as the original. It's already dram-

atized. 7. In what ways does the author view his life as "typical"? Am just typical in many ways, outwardly to be specific, except for my unusual dislike of some things that majority of the people love. Like drinking, smoking, and other vices.

8. In what ways does the author view his life as significant OR extraordinary? I differ from other people in terms of principles, desires, and preoccupations. While others love to stay idle, I always run out of time doing many things, not to mention my artistic bent that drives me crazy when not attended to. I love ideas. I love to create new things. I have my own world that people hardly understand.

In this particular story, women characters may in-

deed be just ornamental just because they are not fully developed, and they play lesser roles. But to say that they are unimportant is wrong because, in the end, they turned out to be the teacher of the main character. They also exhibit truthfulness and honesty. They are not in any way associated or involved, in the foolishness of the men around them.

My other stories are women-friendly. They are fully developed and have important roles to play, mostly good ones. Personally, I am not anti-women, depicting them as evil or weak, no. It precisely depends on the story. What can be aptly said of my women characters is that—they are most of the time victims in society, without necessarily regarding them as weak.

Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in Public Office

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

Pray the Holy Rosary daily for world peace and conversion of sinners (The family that prays together stays together)



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Errol Spence and Mikey Garcia. We have to thank Pacquiao for bringing honor and glory to our country and once again uniting all Filipinos. He proved that age is just a number and no goal is insurmountable, if there is hardwork, persistence and determination.

He is a true inspiration not only to us Filipinos but also to people all over the world whose life story can be an example to kids who want to be successful in life.

In a sport that puts premium to youth, he only showed that faith in God, the will to win and the determination and discipline to overcome age can be a lesson to other boxers.

Once again Pacquiao has proven that he is indeed one of the greatest boxers of all time.

Mabuhay ka!! Senator Manny Pacquiao.



Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

The sense of solidarity

WE need to develop a good sense of solidarity. It is that awareness of our duty that we are meant to be with everybody else, and to be concerned for them and to care for them. We should not think only of our own selves, of our own interest, but rather always of the common good.

It's when we have this good sense of solidarity that we would have our authentic fulfillment and not the fake one that we often feel when we think only of our own selves.

We have to be quick to react when we are beguiled by the false charms of self-centeredness and self-indulgence.

This good sense of solidarity certainly behooves us to share whatever we have with others, and vice-versa, we partake of whatever others have. And not only in our joys, but also in our suffering. As much as possible we have to be together in good times and bad, helping each other in any way we can so we can attain our common good. We would know how to

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Purita Velasco Vda. De Cabarles extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Guindapunan, San Jorge, Samar Lot No. 5477, Cad 444-D, covered by OCT No. 22219, containing an area of 5,336 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Celso L. Marasigan and Remedios A. Marasigan as vendees for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 21, Book No. 48, Series of 2018 of Atty. Idilberto Morales. *LSDE: January 8, 15 & 22, 2019*

SELF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sol R. Caillo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over two (2) parcels of land; 1) Lot No. 2240, Cad 422, containing an area of 137 square meters, with an assessed value of P20,550.00, under Tax Dec. No. 99-01010-00612; 2) A parcel of land, designated as Lot 2239, Cad 422, situated at Umbria St., Brgy. Balud, Calbayog District, Calbayog City, containing an area of 146 square meters, assessed value P21,900.00, under Tax Dec. No. 99-01010-01536. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Eric dela Cruz, Julie Uy Cereno, Juliet Uy Querol, Janet Gabreta Uy and Jocelyn Uy de Jesus as vendees for the above-described 2 parcels of land; per Doc. No. 23983, Page No. 97, Book No. 301, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowen L. Urot. *LSDE: January 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Melanio Cañada extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over one-half (1/2) conjugal share of a parcel of land, located at Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Javier, Leyte, designated as Lot No. 355, and embraced by O.C.T. No. P-16656, containing an area of 22,358 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Alpiniano Abdul Kareem C. Maico and Lolita Noor Haifah G. Maico as vendee for the above-described parcel of land; per Doc. No. 276, Page No. 57, Book No. III, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Alfredo C. Verona. *LSDE: January 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Violeta U. Llorono extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated in Brgy. Manlabang, Caibiran, Biliran, Survey No. 1127 under Tax Dec. No. 2460 and O.C.T. No. 2018000167 with an area of 336 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 100 square meters including the concrete house erected from the above-described parcel of residential land in favor of FLORENCIA REYES LLORONO as vendee; per Doc. No. 474, Page No. 95, Book No. 57, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Herminia Sabili-Darunday heir of late Arsenio Sabili, executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of residential land located in Brgy. Mabini, Higtangan, Naval, Biliran, Cad. Lot No. 2894-20, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00275-R11, containing an area of 191 square meters, assessed value of P4,030.00. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 19 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. Dusman and Nilita L. Oliver as vendee; per Doc. No. 128, Page No. 26, Book No. 49, Series of 2014 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Honorio Cardenas extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Guiwan I, Palompon, Leyte, Lot 792, with an area of 231 square meters, more or less, covered by O.C.T. No. 2018000047. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CHARITA T. CARDENAS as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 136, Page No. 29, Book No. 43, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Luz M. Viacrucis. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Bonifacio Chavarria extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, covered under Tax Dec. No. 08-31039-00881 R13, designated as Lot No. 1007 Cad-519-D, situated at Brgy. San Juan, Palompon, Leyte, containing an area of 0.1237 hectares, more or less, assessed value of P1007.00; per Doc. No. 207, Page No. 42, Book No. LX, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Donna Villa M. Gaspan-Cerna. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Remegio F. Suico extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Cad. Lot No. 14907, C-36, Cad-566-D, located at Brgy. Talisay, Hilongos, Leyte, covered by O.C.T. No. P-46490, containing an area of 10,084 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed by Feliciano O. Suico his share in favor of Claudia Lora Ruiz as vendee for the one-half (1/2) portion of the above-described property with all the improvements found thereon; per Doc. No. 122, Pag No. 25, Book No. XIII, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
8th Judicial Region
BRANCH 15
Hall of Justice, Burauen,
Leyte
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund) represented by Anthony L. Maglunsod, Department Manager III, LMRD Mortgagee, -versus- DAISY MAY G. PERIDO
Mortgagor/Defendant
EJF NO. 18-12-45
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage
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HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR PESOS AND 27/100 ONLY (Php 250,734.27) excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction of **February 15, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.** at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice, Regional Trial Court, Branch 15, Burauen, Leyte, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the following property with its improvements, to wit:
Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-35939
Lot 4501-A-1-G-15,
Psd-083725-007779-D
Julita, Leyte
Area: THREE HUNDRED FOUR (304) SQ.M.
BOUNDED ON THE E., ALONG LINE 1-2 by Lot 4501-A-1-G-16 of the Subdivision; on the S., along line 2-3 by a Road (4.00 m. wide) Lot 4501-A-1-G-25 of the subd., on the; W., along line 3-4 by Lot 4501-A-1-G-14 of the subd.; on the N., along line 4-1 by lot 4501-A-1-G-18 of the subd.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.
In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 22, 2019 without further notice.
Hall of Justice, Burauen, Leyte, December 17, 2018.
(Sgd.) LICERIO M. MARTINADA III
Sheriff IV
LSDE: Jan. 8, 15 & 22, 2019

The sense...

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his. As a human person, endowed with the spiritual powers of intelligence and will, we are meant to know and love everyone as best as we can, and thus enter into communion with them.

As a child of God, created in God's image and likeness, we are meant to enter into the very life of God, and to reflect the perpetual inter-Trinitarian relation among the three persons in the one God. In that Trinitarian life, there is constant knowing and loving, and

that is the dynamic that should also occur in our life.

We are meant to endlessly know and love God and others more and better. We should never say enough nor set limits in this duty. There is always something new, something more and different in our duty to know and love others.

This is how a good sense of solidarity works. We would always be motivated and find ways to know and love God more and better. Yes, it might look like a very daunting duty, but if we allow ourselves to go along with God's grace, things

NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Pedro Ordinaria and Matilde Perito de Ordinaria extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land described as: a) Parcel of land, located at Piña, Trinidad, Calbayog City with adjoining southern half for Crispina Ordinaria and other northern half for Emiliania Ordinaria, covered by Tax Dec. No. 24679, area of 98 and 37 centares; assessed at P300.00; and rice fields; b) another parcel owned by Perfecto Ordinaria and Fabio Ordinaria, uner Tax Dec. No. 19685, located at Bo. Labovao, Trinidad, Calbayog City, area of 1 hectare and 44 ares; c) another parcel covered by Tax Dec. 13128, of 36 ares and 11 centares; per Doc. No. 400, Page No. 87, Book No. XII, Series of 1971 of Atty. Abraham Calbes. *LSDE: Jan. 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Felisa Gudmalin extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located in Brgy. San Pablo, Naval, Biliran, Survey No. 2793-P under ARP/Tax Dec. No. 00342 and O.C.T. No. OCL-2781, containing an area of 0.8683 has. and assessed value of P14,840.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Crispolo J. Cabilin and Elvie B. Cabilin as vendee for a portion of 100 square meters, denominated as Lot 2793-B from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 150, Page No. 30, Book No. 57, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Fructuoso Cazar extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at San Isidro, Palompon, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31037-00161, designated as Cad. Lot No. 4925; containing an area of 1,759 square meters, more or less and subdivided into six (6) equal shares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SHERYL TORILLAS-SY as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 497, Page No. 80, Book No. 108, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Raul L. Patual. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ASSIGNMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Julio F. Ramos extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a Death Claim with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) as government employee at the estimated amount of P113,000.00 pesos, more or less and heirs hereby hold and hereby assign all their shares in favor of heir/assignee Juliana G. Ramos, the subject DEATH CLAIM; per Doc. No. 05, Page No. 01, Book No. 13, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Samuel C. Lagunzad. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITIONED WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Pedro Costambienes and Alejandra Sabarre extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Dogongon, Jiabong Samar, covered by O.C.T. No. 274, Lot 2781, Cad. 255, containing an area of 110,159 square meters, more or less and heirs hereby renounce and waive their respective rights and interest over the said land in favor of JULIET BRAZAS HOOVER; per Doc. No. 410, Page No. 83, Book No. 28, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Edilberto Morales. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE HEIRSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that Evelinda Barbasa heir of the late Kenneth Barbasa executed an affidavit of Sole Heirship over a Life Insurance Policy and Philam Life for a salary loan at Landbank of the Philippines Tacloban Branch and hereby adjudicate himself the proceeds of the deceased's insurance on Salary Loan at Landbank of the Philippines Tacloban Branch; per Doc. No. 88, Page No. 19, Book No. 1, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Imee A. Petilla. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Bonifacio A. Costelo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Tabunok, Palompon, Leyte, Survey No. 7967, Lot 8, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31046-00198 R13 total area of 840 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 400 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. Judith Limpangog Sumalinog & Ricardo Dumagsa Sumalinog as vendees; per Doc. No. 236, Page No. 48, Book No. 94, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Melinda C. Domacl. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Antonio C. Juarez and Maxima A. Juarez extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, portion of Lot 1233-B-1 covered by TCT No. T-43657, containing an area of 100 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Michael del Rosario Flores and Nikki Jill Ogana Guy-Joco as vendees for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 506, Page No. 103, Book No. 8, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Vicente Cañas. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Linda Ann Callera Duran-Anover heir of the late Leona I. Callera executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a House and Lot located Cluster 4, Lot 114, Bliss Calani-pawan, Tacloban City; per Doc. No. 393, Page No. 80, Book No. V, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Rafael Antonio M. Acebedo. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Edgar B. Ayo represented by Zenaida Obera Ayo executed a Deed of Absolute Sale over a motor vehicle (tricycle) described as: Type and Make: 155 Honda; Engine No.: KR 505-032-03723E; Chassis No.: KR 505-032-037312; Plate No.: NW7023; O.R. & C.R.: Lost in favor of Genil Encio Tañola as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 210, Page No. 43, Book No. 14, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Rea Abigail M. Candido. *LSDE: January 8, 15 & 22, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Joel Rizabal heir of the late Filomena L. Rizabal executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over parcels of land and personal properties described as: No. 1, Parcel of land, Lot No. 2345-B-3, covered by T.C.T. No. T-32738, situated at Bo. Anibong, City of Tacloban, Leyte, containing an area of 200 square meters; 2) Parcel of land, Lot No. 2343-B-7-A, covered by T.C.T. No. T-36761, situated at Bo. of Anibong, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 250 square meters; 3) Parcel of land, Lot No. 44-B-3-C, covered by T.C.T. No. T-57592, containing an area of 91 square meters; 4) Parcel of land, Lot No. 44-B-3-D, covered by TCT No. T-57593, situated at City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 70 square meters, more or less; 5) Parcel of land Lot No. 44-B-3-E, covered by T.C.T. No. T-57594, situated in the City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 128 square meters, more or less; 6) Parcel of land, Lot No. 1-C, covered by T.C.T. No. T-60111, situated in Brgy. Calani-pawan, City of Tacloban City, Leyte, containing an area of 87 square meters, more or less, and Personal Properties described as: 1) motor vehicle described as: MV File No. 1340-00000488399; Make: Isuzu; Plate No.: UIF-633; Engine No.: 4JA1M34222; Chassis No.: PABTBR54FC2066617; Body Type: Wagon; No. of Cylinder: 4; Fuel: Diesel; OR No.: 1279805940; CR No.: 14866683-6; and assorted jewelries described as: 1 pair Pearl ear rings; 1 pc. Pearl ring; 1 pc. Pearl bracelet; 1 pc. Gold bracelet; 1 pc. Pearl and Gold pendant; 1 pc. Gold necklace with gold pendant; 1 pc. Gold with diamond pendant; 1 pair Ruby ear rings; 1 pc. Gold bracelet; 1 pc. Gold necklace with Tupaz; 1 pc. Gold ring with Diamond; 1 pair Gold ear rings with Diamond; 1 pc. Ring with Diamond; 1 pair Ear rings with Diamonds; 1 pc. Necklace with Diamonds; 1 pc. Gold ring with Diamonds; 1 pc. Gold ring Tupaz; 1 pair White gold ear rings with Diamonds; 1 pair Gold ear rings with ruby; 1 pc. Gold ear rings; 1 pc. Gold pin butterfly; 1 pc. Pearl; 1 pc. Chinese gold necklace; 1 pc. Chinese gold bracelet; 1 pc. Chinese gold necklace with Diamonds; 1 pc. Gold necklace; 1 pc. Gold ring with Diamonds; 1 pair Chinese gold pendant; 1 pair Gold ear rings with Diamonds; 1 pc. Gold bracelet; 1 pc. Gold ring with pearl; 1 pair Gold ear rings with pearl; 1 pc. Gold necklace with pearl; 1 pair Gold ear rings; 1 pc. Gold ring; 1 pc. Gold pendant; 1 pc. Gold ring with Diamonds; 1 pc. Gold ear rings with ruby; per Doc. No. 93, Page No. 19, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Ferdinand Arthur B. Diaz. *LSDE: January 8, 15 & 22, 2019*

would be easy. What may be humanly hard or even impossible for us, would somehow be made easy and practicable with God's grace.

We just have to learn how to be game in living out our sense of solidarity. We know, because of Christ's assurance, that what may seem to be a loss for us due to this duty, would actually rebound to our own gain many times over.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Juanita J. Oñez extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposit with Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Catbalogan Branch, Account Name: Juanita J. Oñez; Account No.: Savings Account No. 0601-0364-44; Balance: P111,800.04; per Doc. No. 193, Page No. 41, Book No. 3, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Lynor A. Labine. *LSDE: Jan. 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 2019*



DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Avelino Saberon extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land, described as: 1) Cogon land located at Agpangi, Naval, Biliran, consisting an approximate area of 0.430500 has. with Tax Dec. No. 00470 R-11; 2) Riceland located at Agpangi, Naval, Biliran, consisting an area of 0.186800 has. with Tax Dec. No. 00469 R-11; 3) An irrigated Riceland located at Agpangi, Naval, Biliran, consisting an area of 1.290400 has. with Tax Dec. No. 00471 R-11; 4) Residential land with building located at Agpangi, Naval, Biliran, consisting an area of 501.00 square meters, with Tax Dec. Nos. 00472 R-11 and 00474 R-11; 5) Irrigated Riceland, located at Agpangi, Naval, Biliran consisting an area of 0.749100 has. with Tax Dec. No. 00475 R-11; per Doc. No. 216, Page No. 44, Book No. I, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sebastian L. Yu, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal share of several parcels of land all of subdivision of Psd-08-009979-D, being a portion of Lot No. 2421, Cad 220, and heirs hereby WAIVE, DONATE, TRANSFER and CONVEY their respective shares to the subject properties in favor of their mother, LORNA FLOR Y. YU; per Doc. No. 4, Page No. 2, Book No. 114, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Dexter L. Aguilar. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Pascual P. Sanosa heir of the late Erlinda Verian executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over 2 parcels of conjugal properties described as: 1) Lot A, Lot No. 2452-c, with total area of 6,298 square meters, located at Capiñahan, Naval, Biliran with Tax Dec. No. 00396, Lot B, Lot No. 2452-D, with total area of 0.799700 has. located at Capiñahan, Naval, Biliran with Tax Dec. No. 00395, and hereby confirm the sale of the above-described property in favor of Sps. Felicisimo III & Michelle Sañosa as vendee; per Doc. No. 437, Page No. 88, Book No. I, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: January 15, 22 & 29, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Emilio Nacional extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land located at Binongtoan, Calingonan, Calbiga, Samar, covered by Tax Dec. No. 11228 revised as Tax Dec. No. 1159 (04018-00169), PIN 04018-00183, containing an area of 7,220 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 3,110 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. Atty. Pedro M. Labid and Karen D. Labid as vendee; per Doc. No. 471, Page No. 096, Book No. 358, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Medino L. Acuba. *LSDE: January 8, 15 & 22, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE (PORTION)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Eutiquio Mañanita extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcel of land, Lot 9045, situated at Brgy. Rizal, Palompon, Leyte, containing an area of 423.74 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31034-00127-R13. A Deed of Sale was executed a one-half portion of land from the above-described property in favor of CLARITO CAMPOS, SR. as vendee for a portion of 211.87 square meters and another sale was executed a one-fourth portion of the land above-described, measuring an area of 105.94 square meters, more or less in favor of LOIDA B. MAÑANITA as vendee; per Doc. No. 296, Page No. 61, Book No. 40, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Luz N. Viacrucis. *LSDE: January 8, 15 & 22, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE (PORTION)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Ireneo P. Abejo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land, situated at Brgy. 3, Poblacion Paranas, Samar, designated as Lot No. 366, CAD-1082-D, containing an area of 194 square meters, covered by OCT No. 2017000243. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of the aforementioned described property in favor of Jemacris P. Abagar and Fe G. Poe as vendees; per Doc. No. 123, Page No. 25, Book No. VII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Florimond C. Rous. *LSDE: January 8, 15 & 22, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE (PORTION)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Perpetua Enerlan extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 1206 with the improvements thereon, situated in the Bo. of San Diego Bayug, Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, covered by OCT No. 115-19206 and Tax Dec. No. 02-08009-00292, containing an area of 2,885 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 231 square meters from the above-described property in favor of ROMEO MALASAGA as vendee; per Doc. No. 307, Page No. 63, Book No. XI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ultimo C. Servande. *LSDE: January 8, 15 & 22, 2019*

R.A Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
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Province **Leyte**
Municipality of Babatngon

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LUCIANO D. SALVO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **"FLORENTINO"** to **"LUCIANO"**, in the birth certificate of **FLORENTINO DONDOYANO SALVO** who was born on AUGUST 6, 1968 at **BABATNGON, LEYTE** and whose parents are **PATROCENIO BALONDO** and **TRINIDAD RABARA DONDOYANO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than JANUARY 28, 2019.

(Sgd.) NILO C. CAÑETE, JR.

LSDE: Jan. 15 & 22, 2019 Municipal Civil Registrar

Noel still insist it should be regulated Former solon open for use of marijuana for medical purposes



Florencio 'Bem' Noel

TACLOBAN CITY- He does not find it wrong if marijuana would be used for medical purposes.

Thus said former congressman Florencio 'Bem' Noel of the An Waray party-list group, when asked if he is in favor of using marijuana as a medical tool.

The use of marijuana for medical purposes came into fore with no less than former president and now House Speaker Gloria Macapagal Arroyo admitting to use marijuana patch to ease her pain due to her cervical spine problem.

Earlier, President Rodrigo Duterte admitted to have used

marijuana to make him stay awake.

"My personal stand although it has to be discussed yet with the board of An Waray, I am not against it for even in other places the use of marijuana is already legal for it was scientifically proven that it can really cure," Noel said.

Noel said that once he return to Congress

and this controversial measure would be tackled, he would actively join its deliberation.

He insisted that any possible medical use of marijuana should still be supervised and regulated by the government, adding that it could be abused by some.

"It's easy to ask for a prescription from some of our doctors," he said.

During the recently-concluded Miss Universe 2018, the Philippines' bet, Catriona Gray, who eventually won the country's fourth crown of said beauty pageant, agreed that marijuana could be used for medical purposes.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)



Sari-sari store owners from Samar and Leyte underwent a series of training under Project PREMIUM to strengthen their business skills.

Surviving Storms or: How Sari-Sari Stores Helped Uplift Communities

This is a story permanently etched into our collective memories: a story that tells how Supertyphoon Yolanda — known to the rest of the world as Haiyan — brought communities down as it swept through the country on November 7, 2013, leaving behind 6,300 dead and over 4 billion dollars' worth of damages in its wake.

But the survivors soon found an unlikely symbol of resilience and hope: sari-sari stores.

An iconic sight for Filipinos, the sari-sari store functions not just as a convenience store where residents restock their pantries, it also functions as a place where they can get together and share their stories.

It is because of this unique nature that Project Bagong Araw PREMIUM, a program made possible by the Government of Canada and the Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada, in partnership with the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc., Mi-

croVentures Foundation, Inc. (HAPINOY), and Microinsurance MBA Association of the Philippines, Inc. (RIMANSI), decided to bring the sari-sari store — and the women behind it — to the forefront in its campaign towards rebuilding Leyte and Samar's economies. To date, Project Bagong Araw PREMIUM has equipped over 2,400 beneficiaries with knowledge on business management skills, cash-flow monitoring, product diversification, business continuity planning, and disaster preparedness, with its graduates — affectionately dubbed PREMIUM Graduates] — singing the program's praises.

"Nahubog ako doon sa mga naituro sa amin. Mas natutunan ko kung paano ko patakbuhan 'yong negosyo ko" Tita Alma, a beneficiary from Basey, Samar said.

"Akala ko kagaya lang siya ng iba na nanganakong tutulong...Pero seryoso sila na maging partner ng mga nego-

syante" Gilbert Godio, one of The Bagong Araw Philippines PREMIUM project graduates from Catbalogan, Samar, says.

As a way to conclude the program's successful run in Samar and Leyte, the Bagong Araw Philippines PREMIUM project will hold a caravan on the 24th of January as its culminating activity, with the event — to be held at the Leyte Academic Center in Palo, Leyte — expected to initiate partnerships among key players towards a more resilient supply flow chain in their respective communities.

This is a story permanently etched into our memories: a story that tells how Supertyphoon Yolanda brought entire communities down after rampaging through the country on the 7th of November 2013.

But there's another story as well: a story that tells how even the humblest ventures can uplift communities and help them get back on their feet. (PR)

SLSU Kapihan highlights significant accomplishments in 2018

MAASIN CITY- One of the highlights of the Southern Leyte State University (SLSU)'s 3rd Kapihan program, conducted at the Maasin City College on Jan. 11, was the University's profile of excellence it obtained in 2018.

SLSU president Ivy Prose Yepes reported that the university was graded SUC-Level 3 from its previous SUC-Level 2 out of the 10 state universities and colleges (SUCs) in Eastern Visayas, adding that "only SLSU has been upgraded of its status."

Among other accomplishments of SLSU that is worth sharing is the prime HRM (Human Resource Management) Maturity Level 2 accreditation from the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

Yepes said there are

four core areas considered by the CSC under the administrative division such as the recruitment and placement of employees, learning and development, rewards and recognition, and the performance management system.

"We have complied the minimum requirements of being a mature agency of government in terms of those four core areas mentioned and we have been endorsed to the national level to receive a bronze award from the CSC-National within this year," Yepes said.

Another accomplishment was the certification of Quality Management System, the ISO 9001:2015 version received wherein the school was among the SUCs in the country eligible to receive the Performance Based Bonus (PBB).

Yepes was grateful for the concerted efforts made by the members of the SLSU community, for the support and the job well done.

She also announced that the SLSU-Maasin City College integration will be formally launched by the end of this month.

Also present during the Kapihan were Maasin City Mayor Nacional Mercado, Vice Mayor Maloney Samaco, Sangguniang Panglungsod members, SLSU officials, Maasin City College officials and other government personnel.

The SLSU Kapihan program is in coordination with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA)-Southern Leyte with the local media in the province. (LDL/RGC/PIA-8 Southern Leyte)

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before anybody know of Bong Go. If there is a candidate named as Go, it's not our fault. It's called a go bag because it's something ready-to-go at a moment's notice," Ian Colasito, DILG-8 assistant chief for local government monitoring and evaluation division.

"We at DILG, we don't involve in politics. Ours is to implement programs (which include

disaster preparedness)," he added.

The go bag distributed to the DILG employees consist of bandages, plastic bottle and envelope, whistle, safety pins, scissors, aqua tablets, blanket, AM/FM radio, flashlight, and a Swiss knife, among others.

Colasito said that the distribution of the go bag is their own initiative considering that Eastern Visayas is prone to disaster like typhoon.

Months ahead of the

May 13,2019 elections, posters and tarpaulins bearing the name and face of the senatorial aspirant could be seen practically anywhere.

Detained Senator Laila de Lima has earlier raised a question as to where Go sources his campaign fund as he aim for a Senate seat in this year's midterm elections.

Go, however, said that his well-meaning friends and supporters are helping him finance his senatorial bid.

Colasito said that they feels bad that their go bag distribution, is being linked to a particular senatorial candidate.

He added that the procurement of these bags was sourced from the funds of their conditional matching grant program.

He, however, could not recall the amount used for the procurement of the items.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

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In Eastern Samar

Board members file falsification of public documents against acting Gov. Picardal, other officials

TACLOBAN CITY- Eight members of the provincial board in Eastern Samar filed criminal and administrative charges against acting Governor Marcelo Ferdinand Picardal, acting Vice Gov. Jonas Abuda, among others, for reportedly falsifying documents relative to the 2018 provincial budget of P1.28 billion.

On their complaint-affidavit before the Office of Ombudsman-Visayas, board members Celestino Cabato, Byron Suyot, Karen Alvarez, Annabelle Capito, Jaime Ty, Ma. Caridad Sison-Gotelesan, Maximo Zaccate, and Aldwin Ak-lao, alleged that Gov. Picardal, Vice Gov. Abuda together with Franklin Robedizo, provincial board secretary, and Annabelle Echavez, regional director of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), colluded with each other to approve 2018 provincial budget despite of lacking documents as required.

were accused to have committed falsification of official document, dishonesty, grave misconduct, and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service.

On their nine-page complaint they filed before the anti-graft court on December 13, 2018, with the Leyte Samar Daily Express obtaining a copy over the weekend, claimed that the provincial board did not approved the 2018 annual investment plan (AIP), which serves as the legal basis of the 2018 annual budget during their January 5 regular session.

However, considering that it was already the start of the fiscal year, they have agreed to pass the 2018 AIP in 'principle' pending the submission of lacking documents by Gov. Picardal.

With the approval of the AIP, the 2018 provincial budget was also approved in principle.

"(But) without our knowledge or information, acting Vice Gov. Abuda and Franklin Robedizo, and approved by acting Gov. Picardal, taking advantage of

their positions, in collusion and in conspiracy with each other by means of fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation, unlawfully and feloniously prepared, issued, and falsified Appropriation Ordinance No. 18-30 (involving) P1.28 billion... by themselves alone and wilfully deviating from our established procedure for us to affix our signatures..." the complainants said.

The same 'falsified' appropriation ordinance was submitted and approved by the regional DBM office as represented by Echavez.

Reached for his comment, Robedizo dismissed the allegation saying that it was nothing but politically grandstanding.

He said that the budget was duly approved by the provincial board members, one of the complainant, Cabato, served as its movant.

"Nobody interposed and objected when it was approved. It was al-



House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (center) with Tingog party-list 1st nominee and Leyte Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez (right) congratulates Committee on Justice chairman Rep. Doy Leachon (left) after passing the bill lowering the age of criminal responsibility in the committee level. From 15 years, the committee lowered the age to 9 the criminal responsibility of a child. The law aimed to send criminal liable child to reformation institution not in jali.

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ready reviewed and approved by the DBM and declared as operative by the DBM," Robedizo said.

Incidentally, the provincial government of Samar is operating under the 2018 budget as its proposed 2019 P1.4 billion budget has yet to be approved by the members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

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NOTICE is hereby given that Manuel S. Pastor and Ma. Dorothy Pastor Dilidili, are heirs of the late Corazon Salazar Pastor extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 28 parcels of agricultural lands, situated at Tabango Leyte described as: 1) Lot No. 10-0, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00356 R13, area of 5.6770 has.; located at Brgy. Tabang, Tabango, Leyte, assessed at P48,410.00; 2) Lot No. 10-M, Tax Dec. No. 00357 R13, area of .3438 has. located at Tabang, Tabango Leyte, assessed at P1,910.00; 3) Lot No. 15-8, Tax Dec. No. 00360 R13, area of 3.9790 has. located at Tabang, assessed at P28,630.00; 4) Lot No. 11-25, Tax Dec. No. 00366 R13, area of 1.8006.51 has. located at Tabang, assessed at P10,000.00; 5) Lot No. 11-6, Tax Dec. No. 00367 R13, area of .4636 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at 2,580.00; 6) Lot No. 15-10, Tax Dec. No. 00368 R13, area of 10.24 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P670.00; 7) Lot No. 15-15, Tax Dec. 00370 R13, area of 1.2197 has. located at Tabang, assessed at P7,790.00; 8) Lot No. 15-10, Tax Dec. No. 00371 R13, area of 1.3412 has. located at Tabang, assessed at P8,370.00; 9) Lot No. 15-23, Tax Dec. No. 00372 R12, area of .2286 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P1,490.00; 10) Lot No. 15-28, Tax Dec. No. 00373 R13, area of .2096 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P1,670.00; 11) Lot No. 14-4, Tax Dec. No. 00374 R13, area of .7530 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P4,920.00; 12) Lot No. 14-23, Tax Dec. No. 00375 R13, area of .7347 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P4,800.00; 13) Lot No. 14-18, Tax Dec. No. 00376 R13, area of .1548 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P1,010.00; 14) Lot No. 14-17, Tax Dec. No. 00377 R13, area of .0358 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P130.00; 15) Lot No. 14-21, Tax Dec. No. 3.5459 R13, area of 3.5459 has. located at Tabang, assessed at P25,510.00; 16) Lot No. 14-29, Tax Dec. No. 00379 R13, area of 1.1.7148 has. located at Tabang, assessed at P12,340.00; 17) Lot No. 14-38, Tax Dec. No. 00380 R13, area of .0663 ha. located at Tabang, assessed at P430.00; 18) Lot No. 14-64, Tax Dec. No. 00424 R13, area of .3250 has. located at Tugus, assessed at P2,50.00; 19) Lot No. 14-58, Tax Dec. No. 00425 R13, area of .8527 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P7,730.00; 20) Lot No. 14-43, Tax Dec. No. 00426 R13, area of .0956 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P870.00; 21) Lot No. 14-47, Tax Dec. No. 00427 R13, area of .6544 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P5,390.00; 22) Lot No. 14-80, Tax Dec. No. 00428 R13, area of .8861 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P7,300.00; 23) Lot No. 14-62, Tax Dec. No. 00429 R13, area of .1632 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P1,340.00; 24) Lot No. 15-96, Tax Dec. No. 00430 R13, area of .10341 has. located at Tugus, assessed at P8,520.00; 25) Lot No. 15-93, Tax Dec. No. 00431 R13, area of .2206 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P1,820.00; 26) Lot No. 15-89, Tax Dec. No. 00432 R13, area of .754 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P620.00; 27) Lot No. 15-82, Tax Dec. No. 00433 R13, area of .7748 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P6,380.00; 27) Lot No. 15-30, Tax Dec. No. 00427 R13, area of .6544 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P5,390.00; 28) Lot No. 15-30 Tax Dec. No. 00434 R13, area of .7748 ha. located at Tugus, assessed at P7,030.00; per Doc. No. 294, Page No. 59, Book No. 56, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Alejandro R. Diongzon.
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