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DILG asks officials to help in the campaign

Leyte now under state of calamity due to dengue fever

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TACLOBAN CITY-The province of Leyte was placed under state of calamity on Friday (July 19) amidst the increasing number of dengue fever cases.

As this developed, the regional Department of Interior and Local Government(DILG) has called all local government unit officials down to the villages to step up their campaign against the mosquitoes-causing ailment in order to contain the increasing number of dengue fever in the region.

With the declaration, the provincial government and all its municipalities, to include Baybay City, could now use part of their calamity funds to procure needed medicines and fogging machines to combat the mosquito-causing ailment, Board Member Rais-

sa Villasin, who sponsored the resolution,said.

The declaration was made through a resolution passed by the members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan upon the request of Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla.

As of July 12, the province has about 1,747 cases of dengue fever with six deaths.

The number does not include those of Tacloban and Ormoc cities being highly urbanized and independent charter cities respectively which made them administratively independent from

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SOLAR-POWERED. The new units of solar jeepneys launched in Tacloban on July 11, 2019. The operation of this modern transportation has improved the commuting experience in this city.

(Photo courtesy of Tacloban City government)

Modernization transforms Tacloban's commuting experience

TACLOBAN CITY-Commuting experience has never been dignified for Gerry Montellano until after the national government piloted the public utility vehicles (PUV)

modernization program in this city.

For over a year now, Montellano, 25, has been taking a 40-minute trip

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House Majority Leader And Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez takes his oath of office to House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano at the plenary of the House of Representatives. Romualdez' wife, Tingog party-list Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and children Andrew, Marty, daughters Minxie, Maddey and Happy Calatrava(partly hidden) witnessed the ceremony.

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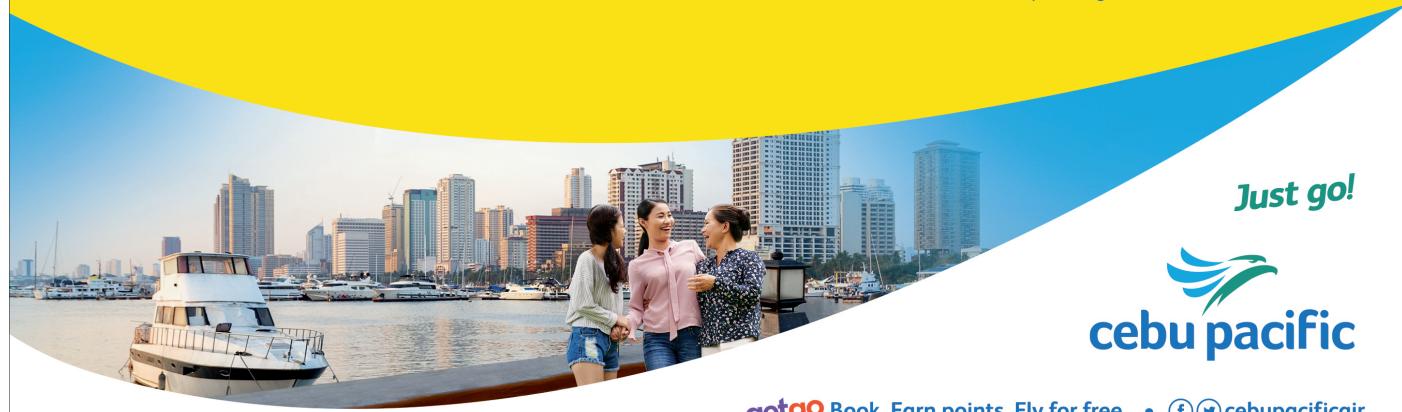
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CSWDO spearheads forum on rights of PWDs



The City Social Welfare and Development Office-sponsored forum on the rights and benefits of persons with disabilities were attended by 200 participants. The forum was held at the Tacloban City Training Center on July 19. (CIO)

TACLOBAN CITY-Around 200 participants attended the forum on Rights and Benefits of Person With Disability (PWDs) at the Tacloban City Training Center on Friday, July 19.

Spearheaded by the Local Government of Tacloban through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), the forum was held as part of the 41st National Disability Prevention & Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week

Celebration.

Maria Lourdes Sabate, PWD Welfare Focal Person, said that the event is special for it is in respect to the rights and privileges, as well as the programs and services that the City Government can offer to the PWDs.

Representatives from PhilHealth, Commission on Human Rights, City Cooperative Development & Livelihood Assistance Office, Public Employment Service Office and EVRMC

attended the forum to discuss the programs and services available to the marginalized and vulnerable sectors of society.

Also present during the event was the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) 8 Focal Person Ben Calzado.

This year's theme is "Lokal na Pamahalaan: Kabilikat sa Pagtupad ng Karapatan ng mga Taong May Kapansanan." (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM. A female soldier serves food to children during the conduct of a community support program in an upland village in Lope de Vega, Northern Samar. The activity aims to facilitate the government's development programs with the army hearing issues and concerns of villagers and bringing them to the attention of concerned government offices. (Photo courtesy of Army 43rd Infantry Battalion)

54 Samar villages tagged as priority in anti-NPA drive

TACLOBAN CITY-The Philippine Army has initially identified 54 villages in the Samar provinces as priorities for the delivery of needed projects and services by the newly-created regional task force on ending insurgency.

Brig. Gen. Eliezer Losaños, assistant commander of the Philippine Army's 8th Infantry Division, said that government agencies should immediately address the concerns of these communities to counter the influence of the Communist Party of the Philippines - New People's Army (CPP-NPA).

"We have submitted the first batch of barangays (villages) and the corresponding issues that should be addressed by different clusters. We believe that we cannot end insurgency with just military operations. It needs a whole-(of)-nation approach," Losaños told task force members during a workshop at the office of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA).

Of the 54 areas, 28 had been threatened by the terrorist group while 26 are vulnerable to armed struggle.

These villages are located in Can-avid and Dolores in Eastern Samar; Calbiga, Pinabacdao, Basey, San Jose de Buan, Gandara, Matuguinao, and Calbayog

City in Samar; Las Navas, Mondragon, Lope de Vega, and Catarman in Northern Samar.

Government troops have come up with a list of needs through their community support program, an initiative of the military to facilitate the government's development programs by hearing issues and concerns of villagers and bringing them to the attention of concerned government offices.

Among the issues raised were land titling, poor infrastructure, absence of water and electricity, poor health services, poor irrigation system, classroom shortage, lack of livelihood opportunities, poor access of farmers to market, high farming production costs, lack of toilet facilities, absence of post-harvest facilities, political discrimination, and the very low price of copra.

The list of specific areas and issues had been provided to concerned government agencies, which are members of the regional task force on ending local communist and armed conflict.

"Resolving these issues requires more resources. We cannot execute everything since there are long-term projects where other agencies are mandated to implement. The Philippine Army has no capability to solve all of these," Losaños

said.

The army official reminded government agencies to immediately act on these concerns to completely put an end to insurgency in Samar Island.

"If the government fails to deliver what is expected, it would be an opportunity for (the) NPA to find fault and encourage people in upland areas to join the rebellion," he added.

Director of NEDA 8 (Eastern Visayas) Meylene Rosales was upbeat that through convergence efforts by the task force, the region would be able to resolve the decades-long insurgency.

"Peace and order should have tailor-made solutions with all government resources available. We were told to realign budget this year and propose a new budget for next year to attain our goals," Rosales said.

The formation of the regional task force operationalizes Executive Order 70 issued by President Rodrigo Duterte on Dec. 4, 2018. The directive also institutionalizes a whole-of-nation approach in attaining an "inclusive and sustainable peace."

Patterned after the national task force, the regional body is composed of heads of local offices of the departments of the

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Leyte residents complain on the operation of poultry farm

CAPOOCAN, Leyte – Residents of a village in this town are complaining on the operations of a poultry farm saying it's becoming a health hazard to them.

The residents of Barangay San Joaquin claimed that they have made their complaint against the owner of the A&E Farm but to no avail.

Antonio Aragon, a resident of the village whose house is located few meters away from the poultry farm, said that their health are now affected.

"It poses health risk to us. We can't eat well during harvest time because of flies swarming our houses and our food," he said.

His neighbor, Danilo Malicabul, added that the flies are even infesting his farm located in adjacent mountain.

He added that the waste water of the poultry farm pollutes the creek down the mountain that is used by residents for bathing.

The residents said that they felt that they

were deceived because when the poultry farm was being constructed two years ago, they were told by the workers that were constructing a hospital.

The owner of the said poultry farm is said to be a well-known political figure in the province reason why their complaints are not being acted upon, the residents said.

An employee of the poultry farm, who did not give his name, asked for an appointment from Leyte Samar Daily Express before they could answer any questions relative to the complaints of the residents.

Rosie Quilarto, village chairwoman, said that she already visited the poultry farm twice after they received complaints from the residents and were shown some mitigation measures purportedly put in place by the management, mainly to stop the fly infestation.

But obviously, the measures did not help contain the problem as the village continue to

be swarm with fly infestation, especially during harvest time.

Quilarto added that the council cannot make any action against the problem because they had not yet received a formal complaint from any of the residents.

Leyte Board Member Raissa Villasin, who represents the 2nd district of Leyte where Capoocan town is included, asked the residents that if the barangay leaders failed to take action on their problem, they should elevate their complaint to the municipal level before they in the provincial board can take action and conduct any possible investigation.

"The board cannot just supersede the power of the barangay and the mayor. That is why, the residents should file their complaint first in the barangay level and in the municipal level before we can take action by conducting an investigation in the provincial board if the two offices cannot make action," she said.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

In time of the President's 4th Sona Groups stage protests on 'failure' of the Duterte administration

TACLOBAN CITY- Various progressive groups based in the city staged their protest rally against President Rodrigo Duterte who delivered his 4th State of the Nation Address (Sona) Monday.

Serving as the highlight of the protest, attended by about 500,000 rallyists as estimated by the organizers, was the burning of the effigy of Mr. Duterte placed in a cartoon-made boat, representing the issue surrounding the dispute between the Philippines and China on the South China Sea.

The protest rally started at 1 pm at Noblejas Junction, named after a popular local radio commentator Ramon 'Monching' Noblejas who was gunned down on October 4, 1987, and ended along P. Rizal Avenue.

Speakers after speakers denounced the Duterte administration claiming its failure to deliver 'genuine and pro-poor' programs.

"The rice tariffifica-

tion, for example, only rendered the poor farmers poorer as rice traders now choose to buy imported rice, leaving behind the local farmers," Jun Berino, secretary-general of Sa-gupa(Samahan han Gugtina Parauma)-Sinirangan Bisayas said, citing one of the laws passed under the Duterte administration which they called as among the anti-poor measures.

Berino also cited the modernization of public transportation as anti-poor measure and the administration's failure to fully enforce its anti-contractualization.

"Poverty incidence in Eastern Visayas remain to be widespread," he said.

Meantime, a full alert status was declared by the Philippine National Police (PNP) across the region on Monday as part of the security preparations as the Pres. Duterte delivered his 4th Sona.

Police Brigadier General Dionardo Carlos, police regional director, said that 900 policemen were deployed as part of the

security measures.

Carlos told reporters that in line with the declaration of full alert status, all personnel were required in attendance and be ready for any maximum deployment as Reactionary Standby Support Force (RSSF).

Police Provincial Offices (PPOs), City Police Offices (CPOs) and Regional Mobile Force Battalion were directed to intensify simultaneous checkpoint operations in all strategic areas especially to vehicles transporting significant number of persons without clear purpose.

Police Colonel Warren de Leon, force commander of Regional Force Battalion 8 said that their unit was ready for the deployment of personnel.

"We provided standby civil disturbance management platoon led by a Police Commissioned Officer and our companies are already conducting checkpoints in their respective area of responsibilities," he added.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT/
JOEY A. GABIETA)

Couple hit in their heads in a shooting incident in Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY-

Four people, two of them were children, were shot by still unidentified armed men while they were on board a vehicle on Sunday (July 21) at about 6 pm in Jaro, Leyte.

Two of the victims, Leopoldo Po, 44 and said to be a businessman, and his wife Ailen, 40 and a teacher by profession, are now in critical conditions after they were hit in their heads, Captain Arnel Sarengumba, police chief of Jaro town, said.

The other victims, Estrella Geraldo, 62 and a village chairwoman of San Pedro, Tunga town, also in Leyte, and Rachel Cuña, 27, were hit at the lower back of their bodies but are now in stable conditions.

Geraldo's husband, Wilfredo, 62, and Cuña's children, Estefanie, 6, and Sheena, 4, were unharmed.

Capt. Sarengumba, in a phone interview, said that the victims, on board a Suzuki Ertega, were heading to Tacloban City from their village of San Pedro, Tunga town.

And while cruising Barangay Hibucawan, two kms away from Jaro town proper, they were chased by the still unidentified suspects who were also on board a vehicle and shot



Residents Barangay Hibucawan, Jaro in Leyte came to the rescue of a family on board in a vehicle that was peppered with bullets by still unidentified suspects on July 21. Four of the seven passengers sustained gunshot wounds.

them several times.

This resulted for the vehicle, driven by Leopoldo Po, to fall on a bridge, as he lost control of the steering wheel.

The Po couple were hit on their heads while Geraldo and Cuña were hit at the lower back of their bodies. Both are said on stable conditions.

The rescuers of the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) who responded to the scene

brought all the victims to the hospital at the region's capital.

Sarengumba said that they have yet to unmask the suspects and their motive.

"We are still conducting our probe on the incident," he said.

Recovered from the crime scene were two deformed fired cartridge cases that were turned over to regional police headquarters for ballistic examination.(ELVIE ROMAN ROA)

Young Philippine eagle found in Eastern Samar forests

TACLOBAN CITY- A young Philippine eagle was rescued last month in Maslog, Eastern Samar and is now under the care of the Philippine Eagle Foundation Center in Davao City to determine its physical condition.

The Philippine eagle, believed to be just three year old, was found inside a chicken trap in a deep forest in Barangay Carayacay, Maslog town on June 17 of this year, the regional office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said.

On that same day, Maslog Vice Mayor Septemio Santiago reported the discovery of the Philippine eagle (Pithecophaga jefferyi) to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) based at the nearby town of Dolores, also in Eastern Samar.

Immediately, upon learning on the rescued

eagle, a team from the regional DENR office went to Dolores to conduct initial assessment on the eagle, which they named as 'Maslog E.S.' referencing the town and the province where it was recovered.

"Sightings of the Philippine eagle is extremely rare and protecting them is a challenge," Crizaldy Barcelo, DENR regional executive director, said.

The rescued Philippine eagle, while said to be in good condition, was brought to the Davao City-based Philippine Eagle Foundation Center on June 26 for further examination.

Maslog E.S will be released back to its natural habitat in the forests of Maslog town, a remote town in Eastern Samar, once it's declared to be in complete good physical condition.

Barcelo said that the discovery of the said eagle confirms the 'presence of



Philippine eagle

this critically endangered species in Eastern Samar.'

he said.

A Philippine eagle was last seen in the forests of Calbiga, Samar and Taft, Eastern Samar in September 2014.

In 2013, a Philippine

Hunting of the Philippine eagle is strictly prohibited under the Philippine Wildlife Conservation Act of 2001 (Republic Act 9147) with penalties of up to 12 years imprisonment and a fine of up to P1 million.

The Philippine eagle was officially declared as the country's national bird in 1995 by President Fidel V. Ramos.

It is endemic to the Philippines and can be found in the islands of Eastern Luzon, Samar, Leyte and Mindanao.

The Philippine eagle is one of the DENR's priority threatened species for conservation and is listed as "critically endangered" per DENR Administrative Order No. 2004-15 on the list of terrestrial threatened species and their categories and under the International Union for Conservation (IUCN). (PR)

eagle was spotted near the boundaries of Baybay City, Burauen and Albuera, all in Leyte province and Silago, Southern Leyte, months before super typhoon 'Yolanda' struck the region.

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SONA's appraisal

As of this writing, President Rodrigo Duterte was yet to deliver his State of the Nation Address (SONA) before representatives of various sectors in our society. This event, as expected, was to be greeted with applauses as well as criticisms; the former from the president's allies, the latter from his enemies.

It is but natural for presidents delivering their SONA to highlight their achievements and accomplishments. This litany could prolong, or run short, depending on the performance of one's regime. The listed accomplishments could also be significant or not at all. As for the incumbent president, he has quite plenty to boast of though he is but halfway into his administration. But not all that he might claim to have accomplished are greeted with approval by the people, especially among his adversaries.

The war on drugs that has already claimed thousands of lives is one such issue that is fierce-

ly criticized. Aside from the persistent proliferation of illegal drugs, which is contrary to the president's campaign promise of stopping it in six months, its accumulated casualties is drawing much condemnation from human rights groups. The lenient treatment of Chinese intrusion into Philippine waters likewise provokes critical darts. Even the build, build, build program, which is pro-development, is being castigated for accordingly drowning the country into further foreign debts.

Despite these issues thrown against the president, he continues to reap high trust ratings in surveys. The people's approval of what he is doing for the country remains high, hence the ironic truth that criticisms and disapproval only come from his political foes, from those whose drug operations are affected, and from those whose drug-linked friends and loved ones had been silenced. After all, every president is accountable to the people, not to their critics.



If it were up to Manny's body

From how he looked after his brutal fight with Keith Thurman last Sunday, Manny Pacquiao appeared different to me—he had gotten older than his age. This means that he, indeed, is no longer the Pacman that he used to be. Age is overtaking him, and his body is getting worn out

after those years of receiving powerful punches from strong opponents.

In the previous years, he would still look strong despite being repeatedly punched during the fights. But yesterday, he looked rather tired, his face a little swollen. Thurman, being younger, was just walk-

ing around as though he had not absorbed powerful shots. That's a difference in appearance that was dictated by age. Shots to his head and body over those years are taking their tolls on Manny that, after a few more fights, he indeed must retire for good.

But up to now, Manny still keeps on winning his big fights. In fact, he remains a world champion. It would be quite unwise to retire when, every time he fights, he dominates his foes, no matter how big or powerful they are. Think about it. Why should he turn his back on something that is earning him millions of dollars? Why should he abandon an old passion that catapults him to constant victory with

ease? How can he ignore his fans that are still glued to the screens in wild jubilation every time he unleashes his explosive punches and knocks down his rivals?

For these reasons, then, Pacman undoubtedly will continue to fight. He has nothing more to prove, yes, but he has good reasons to remain active in the sport. He has just mastered boxing that no one can just convince him to retire. Aside from it being his passion, boxing earns multi-million dollars with each fight, so who wouldn't be motivated with that? Rich people may not understand why he refuses to retire. But for

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DR. PACIENTE CORDERO, JR.

Indigenous plants as alternative food colorant

The Philippines location in the tropics has the advantage of being home for various species of plants, animals and microorganisms. The present column shall deal mainly on the many uses of terrestrial/land plants. While the primary and popular usage of plants are as food, both processed and unprocessed, one other use is as food and textile coloring source.

Non-tropical countries with fewer species of land plants as source of food coloring, resort to the use of artificial coloring materials, which may have toxic effect if not thoroughly tested or the process used in the usage of chemicals are not validated in the laboratory. While the use of artificial food colorants are meant to make the food product "more delectable and mouth-watering . . . unfortunately, some of

them are actually harmful to the body.

A team of UPLB-Institute of Biological Sciences researches with funding support from the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR), undertook a project aimed at "... Providing the public a healthy and safe alternative to artificial food coloring using indigenous plants."

The aforementioned study identified and "screened over 20 indigenous plant species among them included *alugbati*, *lipote*, *duhat*, *gumamela*, *roselle*, *butterfly pea*, *pandan*, *Turmeric*, *barberry*, *kamantigi*, *begonia*, *mayana leaf*, *bougainvillea*, *talinum*, *oxalis*, *impatients*, *portulaca*, *nasturtium*, and *bell pepper*." The researchers screened the plants using the following criteria : toxicity, tinctorial strength but with minimal or without imparting any flavor or aroma, availability

of the raw materials and ease of handling, mutagenicity and stability of the pigment under different pH, temperature, and light regimen. Also, considered were the pigments solubility in water and demand of a particular color in the market.

Going over the 20 indigenous plants would show that most of these are found in Leyte and in the 6 provinces of Eastern Visayas though known by their waraynon local names. In other words, such a research undertaking could have been easily undertaken and conducted in Region 8. All that are needed would be a plant taxonomist to identify the plants, a chemist to extract and analyze and test pigments present, a decent working laboratory and a modest library. Very importantly, too, is encouraging the younger Eastern Visayans to embrace and tow the line along science and technology. This will happen if more science teachers are research-oriented, lead in conducting research activities – it being one of CHED's four-pronged mandates.

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NEXT TOPIC : "Reviving Forests and Knowing the Plant and Animal Inhabitants"

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promotion of peace, order and public safety. Over the years, government had taken steps to modernize law enforcement and capacitate officers across all sectors and units of the various law enforcement agencies.

Notably, the president had increased salaries of law enforcement officers as a way of providing motivation for improved performance. The enhancement of economic condition is expected to deter law enforcers from indulging in nefarious practices and rid their ranks from graft and corruption. This outcome may sound too ideal that is far from reality considering the deep rooted systemic practices not just among law enforcers but of other workers in the bureaucracy.

Professionalizing the police is one of the noble reforms brought about by law which placed the interior sector separate and distinct from local government. Although coexisting under one department, the interior sector works in harmony with other agencies that render service for the

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Policing

One important duty of government is the protection of life, liberty and property of citizens as enshrined in the constitution. This function is vested in the country's police is national in scope and civilian in character. The line of command from the national level down to the police stations at the various levels of local government units shields the police officer from politics.

The organizational set-up places the police away from the control of local chief executives of the local government unit of their assignment. It is an ideal setup that aims to

give independence to the police from the influence of politicians who serve for fixed term limits and are bound to come and go from the seat of elective offices. It is thus a continuing challenge for the police officer to be highly capable, effective and credible in their performance of their tasks.

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From A Distance

JOEY E. CLARIN

No Rematch for Pacquiao

Everybody saw Manny Pacquiao won his World Welterweight title against Keith Thurman by scoring a narrow but thrilling decision over the previously unbeaten Thurman at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Pacquiao proved that at 40, he still has the speed, power and stamina that made him a great boxer. He knocked down Thurman late in the 1st round with a left to the body and

a right straight to the face. That knockdown proved to be the key to his victory. If not for that knockdown, the fight could have gone either way or could have ended in a draw. It was a split decision meaning, it was a close fight.

If I were Coach Freddie Roach, he will not allow anymore a rematch fight with Keith Thurman. Thurman is young and strong, he's very tough and a heavy puncher. He proved that he



Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

A blank check from God

THAT'S what God has practically given us. He has created us to be his image and likeness. And he has given us everything to reach that goal—our intelligence, will and his powerful grace, and everything else that is for our own good.

In a sense, his precious project with us is well funded. Now it is up to us to write whatever amount we are going to put on that check by way of our free correspondence to his will for us. Whatever amount we write there, it will always be honored.

This is a truth of our Christian faith that we have to be most aware of. Besides, even if along the way, we bumble and commit all sorts of mistakes and blunders, God knows what to do with them, deriving something good from them. It's a win-win proposition. But it is also true that in spite of

this great privilege, we can choose to lose.

We need to be more aware that our life here on earth is a matter of how much we correspond to God's will and ways. It is a matter of giving ourselves to him, and because of him then also to the others. It's a matter of losing ourselves in order to win him, to be-



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

is tough. He is an opponent you cannot underestimate.

It's a big mistake on Pacquiao's camp if ever they would grant a rematch. Thurman is bigger, taller, and younger at 30 years only compared to Pacquiao who is going 41 this coming December 17. It would be better if he fights instead Floyd Mayweather Jr. for a rematch as Floyd is already old like Pacquiao and his style is not dangerous as he keeps on running the ring.

Sure, Manny Pacquiao still has skills to fight as a boxer but it cannot be denied that time is catching up on him. In his last fight, it was clear that he got tired in the middle rounds losing the 7th, 8th and 9th rounds before recovering in the 10th round when Thurman nearly fill from the body blow to the liver.

Even Manny praised Thurman saying "his journey doesn't end with this fight. He has a bright future as a boxer.

come like him as he wants us to be.

That is why Christ has been consistent in saying that we need to deny ourselves, carry his cross and follow him. (cfr. Mt 16,24) More vividly, he said, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—such a person cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14,26)

We have to lose our fear of losing ourselves if only to have God, to be with God, and to be like God as he wants us to be. This might sound like an insane proposition if considered in human terms. But God assures us that what we seem to lose would be gained back many times over.

"No one," he said, "who see A blank/page 10 ...

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)

REAP holds Region VIII chapter seminar in DPWH Tacloban

CALBAYOG CITY – The Road Engineering Association of the Philippines (REAP) conducted its 2-day Region VIII Chapter Seminar and Induction Seminar at DPWH Region VIII Multi-Purpose Hall in Tacloban, Leyte.

DPWH – SFDEO's District Engineer Alvin Ignacio, Assistant District Engineer Denis Cagomoc,

technical section chiefs, and select planning and maintenance engineers attended the event.

The seminar with the theme: "Disaster Mitigation" involved discussions on alternative materials used for disaster-mitigating structures – flood control and slope protection.

Polyvinyl Chloride "PVC" Sheet Piles and Synthetic

Fiber Reinforcement Concrete were introduced as possible replacements for traditional steel sheet piles and steel concrete reinforcement.

The conference ended with the induction of Region VIII Executive Officers and Board of Directors and the oath-taking of new members. (MAE ANGELICA R.COMOTA,PIO STAFF/PR)

Skills and livelihood training held for former rebels in Can-avid town

ORAS, Eastern Samar – The TESDA (Technical Education Skills and Development Authority)-Arteche National Agricultural School (ANAS) in partnership with the local government unit of Can-avid and 14th Infantry (Avenger) Battalion successfully conducted a 3-Day Raise Organic Chicken Skills and Livelihood Training to the Former Rebels (FRs) at Multipurpose Hall, Can-avid, Eastern Samar last 16-18 July, 2019.

The 3-day training aims to strengthen our reach

and skills training provision for the FRs and give them a chance to earn a decent livelihood in order to become productive member of the society.

The said training benefited 26 FRs from the upstream barangays of Can-avid. Each FRs beneficiaries received twenty-five (25) heads of chicks and one month allocation of feeds.

During the opening ceremony, Mayor Gil Norman "Toytay" P. Germino encouraged the FRs to cooperate and internalize the knowledge and skills that

they will be learning from the said livelihood training. Likewise, during the closing ceremony, Lieutenant Colonel Pecson said, "After a 3-day livelihood training, I wish that every one of you gained the needed knowledge and skills for the raised organic chicken livelihood training. And to the different agencies present, let us continue to do our job in helping the FRs and other people who needs our services."

The activity is a collaboration of different agencies
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of the Department of Education (DepEd) on July 10, 2019 at the BJMP-Balangiga Sub-Jail.

According to Mr. Vicente Antofina, Jr., ALS division focal person, all 14 who took the examination passed or 100 percent.

Antofina said that five PDL passed the elementary exams and nine PDL

passed the high school exams in the last batch of A & E examination held on March 3, 2019.

The 14 passers received their diplomas with pride from Antofina; Public School District Supervisor, Dr. Maria Grace Adina; and Jail Warden Garle Canata.

Antofina further said see 14 persons /page 11 ...

can address the situation," Villasin added.

Villasin said that all the 40 towns and the city of Baybay have dengue fever cases.

The six deaths were from the towns of Burauen (2) and one each from the towns of Babatngon, Mahaplag, Merida, and Baybay City.

The top five areas in the province which have more than a hundred cases of dengue fever were Baybay City (155); Jaro (126); Palo (123); Sta. Fe (217); and Alangalang (118).

Meantime, the Department of the Interior and Local Government

(DILG), through Regional Director Artemio Caneja, urged all local government units across the region to strengthen their measures to address the increasing number of dengue fever cases in Eastern Visayas.

"Governors, mayors, and punong barangays should take the lead in ensuring that households, workplaces, and other parts of the community do not become breeding grounds of dengue-carrying mosquitoes," Caneja said in his open letter addressed to all local government units in the region.

(with reports JOEY A. GABIETA)

NEDA panel OKs cost increases in Mindanao railway, MM bridges

MANILA – The National Economic and Development Authority to be applied to the Guadalupe Bridge, putting up of temporary detour bridges in Guadalupe, and additional work shift to reduce the construction period, among others.

These include the increase in cost for the Mindanao Railway Project Phase 1-Tagum-Davao-Digos Segment (MRP-TDD), and the implementation extension of the Metro Manila Priority Bridges Seismic Improvement Project.

For the MRP-TDD, the project cost increase amounting to PHP82.9 billion—from its previously approved cost of PHP35.9 billion in 2017—will cover changes in cost of structural and construction works, among others.

In terms of scope, the ICC-CabCom also noted the inclusion of the Project Management Consultant with a cost of PHP14.39 billion, inclusive of VAT and contingencies, in the scope of works for the PNR South Long-Haul Project.

"We see changes in scope and cost as opportunities to optimize the project components and update the estimates. The Government aims to speed up implementation while ensuring quality," said Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia, who co-chaired the meeting with DOF Secretary Carlos

G. Dominguez. Meanwhile, it was reported in the same meeting that the NEDA Board confirmed ad referendum the ICC-CabCom approval of changes in three projects, namely:

1. Implementation of extension and loan validity extension of the Central Luzon Link Expressway (CLLEX) Project, Phase I of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

2. Change in project cost and scope of works and extension of loan validity and implementation duration of the National Irrigation Sector Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (NISRIP) of the National Irrigation Authority.

3. Change in project scope and loan validity extension of the Metro Manila Wastewater Management Project (MWMP) of the Land Bank of the Philippines.

These latter changes had been approved by the ICC-CabCom on May 17, 2019. (PR)

Alangalang III District conducts its pre-evaluation for S.Y. 2019-2020

BY: ARCHILYN L. TRINIDAD

The School Administrators of Alangalang III District, conducts the pre-evaluation for School Year 2019-2020, headed by the District Principal-In-Charge, Dr. Ramil P. Bingco.

This activity of the District is primarily focused on the reading performance and comprehension of the learners in Alangalang III District and at the same time the school forms and classrooms were also evaluated following the standards set by the De-

partment of Education, Leyte Division.

This activity will surely help the district build an educational programme to assess its achievements and improve its effectiveness, review the progress in learning of the learners in the district and provide valuable feedback in uplifting the academic status of learners and the school community as an edge.

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of Alangalang III District, Alangalang, Leyte)

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interior and local government, justice, agriculture, defense, public works, budget, finance, agrarian reform, social welfare, and education, as well as the military, police and local communication offices.

Also listed as members were the regional or provincial heads of the NEDA, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, as well as two representatives of the private sector.

The CPP-NPA, which has been waging a five-decade armed struggle against the government, is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines. (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECT (CAPEX),
WITH MOTION FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

ERC CASE NO. _____

LEYTE II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
INC. (LEYECO II),
Applicant.

APPLICATION

APPLICANT LEYTE II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (LEYECO II), through counsels, unto this Honorable Commission, most respectfully alleges, that:

1. This application pertains to the emergency acquisition, installation, testing and commissioning of One (1) Unit 20 MVA Power Transformer and Accessories at the Sagkahan Substation of LEYECO II amounting to P24,890,000.00 to be financed by the LEYECO II from its existing Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable CAPEX (RFSC).

THE APPLICANT

2. LEYECO II is a non-stock, non-profit electric cooperative, duly registered, organized and existing under and by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 269, as amended, with principal office address at Real St., Sagkahan District, Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines;

3. LEYECO II holds an exclusive franchise, issued by the National Electrification Commission, to operate an electric light and power distribution service in the City of Tacloban (with 138 Barangays) and in the Municipalities of Palo (with 33 Barangays) and Babatngon (with 25 Barangays), all in the Province of Leyte. A copy of the **Certificate of Franchise** is hereto attached and marked as **ANNEX "A"**.

4. LEYECO II is duly represented by its General Manager Engr. Fernan Paul R. Tan per **Board Resolution No. 127-07-2019**. A copy of which is hereto attached and marked as **ANNEX "B"**.

5. LEYECO II engaged and authorized the undersigned counsels to file the instant case per **Board Resolution No. 115-07-2019**. A copy of which is hereto attached and marked as **ANNEX "C"**.

LEGAL BASES OF THE APPLICATION

6. The instant application is based on the *Amended Rules for Approval of Regulated Entities' Capital Expenditure Projects (Capex Rules)* adopted per Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Resolution No. 26, Series of 2009.

7. The issuance of the foregoing rules was also based on Section 43(f) of Republic Act No. 9136 otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 or the EPIRA, provides that any significant operating costs or projects investment of the National Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO) and Distribution Utilities (DUs) which shall become part of the rate base shall be subject to verification by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) to ensure that the contracting and procurement of the equipment, assets and services have been subjected to transparent and accepted industry procurement and purchasing practices to protect the public interest.

8. Section 3.4 of the aforesaid Capex Rules defines "emergency capital expenditure" as projects that require immediate implementation during an event other than those enumerated and covered by the definition of a force majeure, or fortuitous event in order to maintain safe, reliable, secure and efficient operation of the power system.

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

LEYECO II 2018 OPERATIONAL FACTS

9. As of December 2018, LEYECO II has 143 Regular Employees, classified by the National Electrification Administration (NEA) as an AAA electric cooperative, with 65,616 Consumer Base.

10. The Total Membership of the cooperative is 80,352 (Tacloban City 57,778; Babatngon, Leyte 16,853; Babatngon 5,721). The Household Connection is 70,911 (Tacloban City 50,168; Palo 14,999; Babatngon 5,744). The Growth Rate of membership is 10.9%.

11. Moreover, membership is composed of 90.63% Residential, 9.26% Low Voltage and 1% High Voltage Customers.

12. Peak Demand of LEYECO II already reached 49,389 kW as of December 2018. Recorded System Loss for 2018 is 5.95%. kWh Purchased in 2018 is 259,987,556 and kWh Sold is 243,614,280.

ANTECEDENT FACTS

13. Before the year 2018, LEYECO II and its customers recovered from the devastation caused by Super Typhoon (ST) Yolanda on November 8, 2013. After the typhoon, it was only in 2016 (or about 3 years after the typhoon) that LEYECO II was able to reach back to its pre-Yolanda peak demand of 41 MW.

14. The Capacity of LEYECO II is 60 MW since the year 2014. This 60 Megawatt Capacity is distributed in 3 Substations as follows: 20 MVA Campetic, 20 MVA Abucay and 2-10 MVA Sagkahan. The 20 MVA Campetic Power Transformer replaced the old 10 MVA Power Transformer in 2014.

15. Prior to ST Yolanda in 2013, the Peak Demand (MW) and Load Growth of LEYECO II was as follows:

YEAR	PEAK DEMAND (MW)	% GROWTH
2010	38.72	
2011	39.68	2.42%
2012	40.11	1.09%
2013	41.59	3.56%
AVERAGE	41.59	2.36%

16. The recovery period took time considering the extent of the devastation caused by the typhoon. As shown in the table below, the year 2014 was considered as the recovery period which extended even to 2016. It was only in the year 2016 that the 41 MW Peak Demand was reached.

YEAR	PEAK DEMAND (MW)	% GROWTH
2014	Recovery Period	
2015	36.49	
2016	41.06	11.13%
2017	44.84	8.43%
2018	49.06	9.21%
AVERAGE	41.59	9.59%

17. After reaching the 41 MW mark in 2016, LEYECO II forecasted that the growth rate would gradually slow down and return to the normal rate of 2%.

18. However, the growth rate in 2017 was still unusually high and even increased further in 2018. LEYECO II did not anticipate the unprecedented growth after reaching the 41 MW level of capacity. As reflected in the table above, the peak demand's average percentage growth from

2015 to 2018 is 9.59%. Apparently, this unusual growth is a reflection of the significant increase of industrial and commercial activities within the coverage area, including the establishment and operation of new malls, hotels and hospitals.

19. This unusual growth placed the 60 MW capacity level of LEYECO II in critical level in 2018. The following table shows the critical capacity and load levels of the 3 substations based on the May 2018 data, to wit:

Substation	Non-Coincident Peak Demand (MW)	Substation Capacity (MVA)	% Loading	Remarks
Sagkahan	14.480	20	72.40%	Critical
Abucay	17.093	20	85.47%	Critical
Campetic	17.140	20	85.70%	Critical
TOTAL	48.713	60	81.19%	Critical

20. Forecasting model was based on the 3 year historical data starting 2015 considering that it was in this year after the ST Yolanda that the operation of the cooperative normalized, with the exception of the load growth. It was noticed then that the usual 2% annual growth used in forecasting before is already **inapplicable** to LEYECO II.

21. Based on the forecast, the present demand of LEYECO II has surpassed the results and is now showing a minimum of 2 MW annual load increase. Apparently, 2 MW spot load is added to the results of the selected forecast to reflect the present demand scenario of LEYECO II.

22. With the fully loaded LEYECO II distribution system, one of the 10 MVA power transformer in Sagkahan Substation was permanently damaged and was immediately replaced with the standby 10 MVA power transformer. Upon replacement, the total load of the distribution system was recorded at 77.47%, which required immediate uprating.

EMERGENCY CAPEX PROJECT

23. This project therefore aims to install a 20 MVA Power Transformer at the LEYECO II Sagkahan Substation to augment the critical capacity of the existing distribution system. This will increase the capacity of the cooperative to 80 MW.

24. The abrupt increase in power consumption in the LEYECO II coverage area resulted to several unscheduled power interruptions that caused inconvenience to the consumers and hampered business operations in the areas served by the two (2) 10-MVA Sagkahan Substation. LEYECO II deemed it necessary to immediately install additional capacity to augment the power needs of the consumers.

25. The 25-year old 10 MVA Power Transformer installed at the LEYECO II Sagkahan Substation suffered a serious leak in June 19, 2018 rendering it inoperative. This was immediately replaced with the old 10 MVA Power Transformer from Campetic Substation, which was replaced in 2014 by a 20 MVA power transformer. The leaking incident caused four (4) days of rotational power interruptions in Feeders 1, 2 & 5.

26. To promptly address the critical capacity problem, LEYECO II decided to immediately start the procurement process of the additional power transformer that will be used to augment the capacity of the present distribution system.

27. In August 24, 2018 the emergency acquisition of a new 20 MVA Power Transformer started. LEYECO II considered six scenarios before deciding on the capacity of the transformer that will be acquired, which showed that a 20 MVA Power Transformer is the least cost based on the economic evaluation.

28. Thus, in compliance to the regulatory requirements, LEYECO II informed the ERC on December 4, 2018 about the emergency acquisition in compliance to ERC requirements on notice and report to ERC. On January 23, 2019 representatives from LEYECO II went again to the ERC to consult about the proper petition that will be filed by LEYECO II. Copies of the **Certificate of Appearances** are hereto attached as **ANNEX "D"** and **ANNEX "E"**, respectively.

Actual Project Cost

29. Considering that the acquisition passed public bidding in accordance with the procurement guidelines of the NEA, the amount of the winning bid of P24,980,000.00 is lower than the NEA Price Index. This Index serves as a guide of the electric cooperatives in determining the reasonable prices of equipment and line materials. No inflation costs need to be considered since the amount indicated already showed bid cost for the power transformer with the accessories included. The table below shows the details of the costs:

Item Description	NEA Price Index	Actual Cost	Quantity	Sub-Tot
ACCESSORIES				7,100,0
Vacuum Circuit Breaker 15kV, 2000A, 60Hz, 25kAIC				
- ABB-Mexico /R-Mag	2,700,000.00	2,234,500.00	2 SETS	4,469,0
- Distribution Protective Relay with DNP 3 Comm. Protocol				
Disconnect Switch 15kV (Motor Operated) Outdoor, 2000A, 3-phase, 25kAIC	580,000.00	293,000.00	2 SETS	586,0
- ABB-Poland/Three Phase ON III				
150meters XLPE Copper Cable and termination kit for 2 feeders, 250m2, 25kV, includes delivery, installation, assembly, interconnection (i.e. concrete encasement, etc.), and testing and commissioning		2,045,000.00	1 LOT	2,045,0
POWER TRANSFORMER				
- 20/25 MVA Power Transformer, 69/13.2Y-7.620kV, 60Hz	21,500,000.00	17,880,000.00	1 UNIT	17,880,0
TOTAL PROJECT COST				24,980,0

30. Copies of the bidding documents will be presented during the trial of the case.

Project Financing Plan

31. To relieve the consumers from the burden of shouldering rate adjustments, LEYECO II will source the cost of the project from the existing RFSC which is derived from the collected ERC approved RFSC rate of 0.1518 per kWh.

32. Data shows that as of May 31, 2019 LEYECO II's RFSC Fund Cash Balance amounts to P63,594,952.72. The available RFSC is the result of the implementation of massive restoration and rehabilitation in 2014 to 2016 funded by the Yolanda Restoration and Rehabilitation Program (YRRP). Hence, substantial portion of the collected RFSC from 2014 to 2019 were unutilized.

33. The Total Forecasted Sales in kWh (e-ICPM) for 2019 is 246,590,000.00 multiplied with the ERC approved RFSC rate of 0.1518 per kWh would result to a forecasted Sales Revenue of P37,432,362.00.

34. The table below shows the sufficiency of the RFSC to finance the project without sacrificing other RFSC related obligations and projects.

Particulars	2019
Cash Balance, Beg. (2018)	58,248,486.82
Projected Sales Revenue from RFSC	37,432,362.00
Total Projected Cash Available from RFSC	95,680,848.82
Proposed Emergency CAPEX (Internal Financing / RFSC)	24,980,000.00
CAPEX Approval Fee (75% per P100)	187,350.00
Sub-Total CAPEX Plan Cost	25,167,350.00
% to Total Cash Available from RFSC	26%
Debt Servicing of Existing NEA Loan	10,809,054.00
CAPEX Purchases and Payables	48,428,030.00
Total CAPEX Cost	84,404,434.00
% to Total Cash Available from RFSC	88%
Net Cash Flow, End (2019)	11,276,414.82

Rate Impact

35. Considering that the project will be financed solely from the existing RFSC of LEYECO II, there will be no rate adjustment that will be proposed.

Project Schedule

36. In order to maintain safe, reliable, secure and efficient operation of the power system, LEYECO II pursued this as an Emergency CAPEX Project. Considering the time constraints in manufacturing this transformer, LEYECO II started the acquisition process and finally executed on February 26, 2019 a contract with the winning bidder

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND/OR SHARES

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Daniel Versoza who died on 18 January 1982 extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of commercial land located at Poblacion Del Norte, Villaba, Leyte, containing an area of 277.16 square meters, more or less, covered under Tax Dec. No. 02-41001-00412 declared in the name of Cipriana Versoza of Villaba, Leyte; per Doc. No. 1953, Page No. 17, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2006 of Atty. Camilo P. Esmero.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Pelagio B. Campaner, Sr. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of Agricultural land, situated in Brgy. Agpang, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 1667 under Tax Dec. No. 00088, with an area of 0.0608 hectares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Felisa Abellanosa as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 55, Page No. II, Book No. 44, Series of 2011 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor Villordon. LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Cristita Literado, executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of Residential land, designated as Lot No. 1, LRC Cad. No. 1060, situated in the Barrio of Marasbaras, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, covered under TCT No. 45782, containing an area of 50 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed by Cristita Literado, represented by Attorney-in-fact Wensly Dumdum in favor of Spes. Adolfo A. Mugas and Sally A. Mugas as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 430, Page No. 87, Book No. 1, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Henry L. Inopiquez.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late William S. Lee extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land more described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lot 1-A, Block 10, Psd-08-023828-D, situated in Brgy. Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, covered by TCT No. 122-2010001467, containing an area of 120 square meters, more or less; 2) A parcel of land Lot 1-B, Psd-08-023828-D, situated in Brgy. Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Leyte, covered by TCT No. 122-2010001468, containing an area of 120 square meters, more or less, covered by T.C.T. No. T-122-2010001468; 3) A parcel of land, Lot 4, Block 10, situated in the Brgy. of Anibong, and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Leyte, containing an area of 274 square meters, more or less and covered by TCT No. T-53653; 4) Parcel of land, Lot 1, Block 6, Pcs-08-3747-000376-D, situated in the Brgy. of Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 229 square meters, more or less and covered by T.C.T. No. T-53654; 5) Parcel of land, Lot 2, Block 6, Pcs-083747-000376-D, situated in the Brgy. of Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 204 square meters, more or less covered by T.C.T. No. T-69266; 6) Parcel of land, Lot 2, Block 51, Pcs-083747-000376, situated in the Brgy. of Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 190 square meters, more or less, and covered by T.C.T. No. T-69604; 7) Parcel of land, Lot 5, Block 50, Pcs 083747-D, situated in the Brgy. of Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 180 square meters, more or less and covered by T.C.T. No. 122-201000298; 8) Parcel of land, situated in the Brgys. of Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 260 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-53655; 9) Parcel of land Pcs-083747-D, Lot 3, Block 6, situated at Brgy. of Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 256 square meters, more or less, covered by T.C.T. No. T-53656; 10) Parcel of land, Lot 4, Block 50, situated at Brgy. of Anibong and Nula-Tula, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 248 square meters, more or less and covered by TCT No. 122-2011 0000299; 11) Residential Bldg., A two storey 2 doors Residential Bldg., erected on Lot 1-A, Block 10, and Lot 1-B, Block 10 (formerly Lot 1, Block 10, covered by TCT No. 53652) of mixed concrete and G.I. Roof with floor area of 441.40000 square meters, more or less located at San Gerardo Heights, Anibong, Brgy. 71, City of Tacloban, covered by Tax Dec. No. 2012-02-0025-04958; and heirs hereby WAIVE, QUIT and RENOUNCE all rights and interest of the above-described parcels of land and two storey 2 doors residential building in favor of their mother, SUSAN EVELYN CHAPMAN LEE; per Doc. No. 2511, Page No. 2, Book No. II, Series of 2019 of Vice Consul Marco Angelo Felix L. Lopes of Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines Houston, Texas; O.R. No. 9003591.

LSDE: July 16, 23 & 30, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that ROSARIO B. URDANETA heir of the late Sesiñado Urdaneta executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 2 parcels of land described as: 1) parcel of land with TCT No. T-6016 designated as Lot No. 6875, Psc 5 situated at Brgy. Kilim, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of more or less 4,334 square meters; 2) parcel of land with TCT No. T-6003 designated as Lot No. 6874, Psc 5 situated at Brgy. Kilim, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of more or less 2,801 square meters; per Doc. No. 260, Page No. 52, Book No. 72, Series of 2014 of Notary Public Ernesto M. Butawan.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER AND CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ARTEMIO R. RUIZ died intestate on August 7, 2014 extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land (Lot No. 1 of the consolidation plan, Pcs-08-000104, being a portion of the Consolidated Lot Nos. 55, 569, 570 and 572 of the Alangalang Cadastre L.R.C. Cad Rec. No. 1014) situated in the Poblacion of Alangalang, Province of Leyte with an area of 8,903.28 square meters, Bearing Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-19723. That we, Marites Ruiz Pimping, Maricel C. Ruiz and Leodegaro C. Ruiz, hereby WAIVE all our rights, ownership, shares, interests and participation over the parcel of land described above in favor of our mother Natividad C. Ruiz and recognizing her as the absolute owner thereof; per Doc. No. 56, Page No. 13, Book No. X, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Vernon I. Jolbitado.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF PROPERTY WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Zosima Rogero Cloma, Filipino of legal age, widow, residing at Brgy. San Vicente, Alangalang, Leyte, That I am the only sole surviving heir of late Victoria Cativo who died on March 3, 1963 in Jaro, Leyte, executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land referred herein is the one-half (1/2) portion of Lot 2362-A, Psd-08-021586-D, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-37739. That this property adjudication and sale covers a portion of Lot 2362-A-1, which the same is further subdivided to Lot 2362-A-1, with an area of 425 square meters, and Lot 2362-A-1-B with an area of 2,479 square meters, That heirs hereby SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY in a manner of absolute and irrevocable, unto said vendee the above-described Agricultural land, including the improvements thereon; per Doc. No. 144, Page No. 29, Book No. IX, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Rogelio P. Gula. LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

Publication Notice
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Republic of the Philippines
City Civil Registry Office
Province of Eastern Samar
City of Borongan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ARTURO A. LOMUNTAD**, has filed with this Office a **Migrant Petition for Change of Child's first name** from **JOEL ARTHUR** to **ARTURO** in the Birth Certificate of **JOEL ARTHUR ACOSTA LUMONTAD** who was born **April 7, 1971** at **General MacArthur, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **JUANITO M. LOMUNTAD** and **ESTHER B. ACOSTA**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file written opposition with this Office not later than **29 July 2019**.

(Sgd.) MA. LUISA M. AZUL III

City Civil Registrar

LSDE: July 16 & 23 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CONRADO MACAPINIG WITH DEED OF DONATION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CONRADO MACAPINIG who died intestate, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land particularly described as follows to wit: It is a parcel of agricultural land located in Brgy. Agpang, Naval Biliran, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00297 denominated as Survey No. 1882-P value of P8,980.00. That as an act of gratitude and liberty on their part, the DONORS, URSULA LINAO-MACAPINIG, AMELITA M. SALIGUMBA, NENIETA M. CUIZON, ARTURO L. MACAPINIG, do hereby voluntarily give, transfer and convey by Way of Donation the above-described agricultural land in favor of their co-heir Sonia M. Labone; per Doc. No. 403, Page No. 81, Book No. 57, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Norberto A. Sarsalejo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, situated in Talibong, Cabugayán, Biliran, denominated as Survey No. 697-P and assessor's Lot No. 11, under Tax Dec. No. 00296, containing an area of 0.905800 hectares, covered by T.C.T. No. TC-1640; A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of LORNABELLE A. ELORDE as vendee for a portion of 1,067 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 251, Page No. 51, Book No. 58, Series of 2019 of Atty. Redentor C. Villordon.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

CONFIRMATION OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Constance Aboque Mendros executed a confirmation of Extrajudicial Settlement with sale over a parcel of land, Lot No. 4418-B, Cad. 986-D, situated at Brgy. Veloso, Municipality of Marabut, Samar, containing an area of 6,348 square meters, part of ARP/Tax Dec. No. 09-024-00156, PIN 036-09-024-06-003 (which cancelled ARP/TD No. 00212 in year 2006) and now evidence by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. 201300037 and hereby confirm and affirm the adjudicated, subdivided and partitioned the co-ownership of the above-described property with one-half (1/2) thereof as the conjugal share of surviving Spouse Ildefonso G. Mendros, and hereby confirm the sale in favor of MERCY G. INCISO, the whole of the above-described property; per Doc. No. 2035, Page No. 25, Book No. V, Series of 2018 of Atty. Pedro Felicen, Jr.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Florentino H. Baribe extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, situated in Brgy. Manlabang, Caibiran, Biliran, denominated as Survey No. 1258, Assessors Lot No. 40, under Tax Dec. No. 00018-R11, covered by O.C.T. No. (P-189) 123-201800015, containing an area of 0.497288 assessed value of P7,210.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sp. Emmanuel O. Abuda, Jr. and Angelica Joy V. Abuda as vendee for a portion of 150 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 408, Page No. 83, Book No. 56, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Juan De la Cruz extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcel of agricultural land situated in Brgy. Matangao, Almeria, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 2625, Lot No. 106 under ARP No. 00120, containing an area of 8469.93 has., assessed at P11,930.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sp. RAUL and DEOLINA VILLATO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 348, Page No. 70, Book No. 39, Series of 2008 of Atty. Redentor C. Villordon.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the Civil Registrar
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRC Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1, series of 2012 (IRR) on RA 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that

MARILYN RONDA DELA CRUZ has filed with this Office for Correction in the Entry in the Day and/or month in the date of birth from **11-23-1976** to **NOVEMBER 24, 1976** in the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) of **MARILYN RONDA CRUZ DE LA** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **GORGONIA A. RONDA** and **SIMPLICIO M. CRUZ DE LA**.

Any person having knowledge and/or claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: July 16 & 23, 2019

Publication Notice
RA 9048

Republic of the Philippines
City Civil Registry Office
Province of Eastern Samar
City of Borongan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that

EDWIN B. ARMA, has filed with this Office a **Petition for Change of Child's first name** from **EDUARDO** to **EDWIN** in the Birth Certificate of **EDUARDO ARMA** who was born **May 30, 1960** at **Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **VIRGINIO ARMA** and **AGRIPINA BUNA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file written opposition with this Office not later than **29 July 2019**.

(Sgd.) **MA. LUISA M. AZUL III**

City Civil Registrar

LSDE: July 16 & 23 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Cresencio Fajardo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated in P. Inocentes, Naval, Biliran, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00936, denominated as Survey No. 586, containing an area of 211 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sp. Raul P. Villato and Deolina D. Villato as vendee for a portion of 105 square meters denominated as Lot 586-B from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 471, Page No. 95, Book No. 55, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villardon.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Jaime Capatoy and Justina Capatoy who died on July 31, 1979 and June 11, 2002 at Alangalang, Leyte, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land with improvements thereon comprising 13,594 located at Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte which whole lot more particularly described as follows to wit: A parcel of land Lot No. 1490 of the Cadastral Survey of Alangalang, Leyte with improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte, containing an area of 13,594 square meters, covered by TCT No. T-6341. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Virgilio R. Caidoy and Alicia C. Caidoy, both of legal age, Filipinos and a resident of Brgy. Dapdap, Alangalang, Leyte; per Doc. No. 247, Page No. 51, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Edwin B. Jomadiao.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sp. Pablo and Pelagia Vilbar extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land described as: 1) Lot 126580-B, with an area of 1,249 sq.m. located at Brgy. Lunang, Hilongos, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 14024 00290 R13, with assessed value of Php1,430.00; 2) Lot 12658-B, with an area of 138.8 sq.m. located at Brgy. Lunang, Hilongos, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 14024 00291 R13, with assessed value of Php158,450.00;

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Florentino H. Baribe extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated in Brgy. Manlabang, Caibiran, Biliran, denominated as Survey No. 1258, Assessor's Lot No. 40, under Tax Dec. No. 00018-R-11, covered by O.C.T. No. (P-189) 123-2018 000015, containing an area of 0.497289, assessed value of P7,210.00. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 120 square meters from the above-described property in favor of ED WILFRED PEÑAFLOR VERUNQUE as vendee; per Doc. No. 409, Page No. 82, Book No. 56, Series of 2018 of Atty. Redentor C. Villordon.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Inocencio C. Redona extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over two parcels of land: 1st, Commercial land, situated at Brgy. "E" Poblacion, Borongan City, Eastern Samar, covered by A.R.P. No. 08-006-00094 and O.C.T. No. 90, containing an area of 133 square meters, including the 2 commercial buildings constructed thereon are covered by A.R.P. Nos. 08-006 and 00095 and 08-006-0096 respectively; 2nd, A parcel of agricultural land, situated at Brgy. Can-Abong, Borongan City, Eastern Samar, covered by ARP No. 08-025-00005, containing an area of 8,002.00 square meters and heir Ma. Rosalina A. Redona hereby waive, renounce and quitclaim all share, interest and participations over the above-described properties in favor of other HEIRS, who are her children; per Doc. No. 165, Page No. 033, Book No. 033, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Jesus C. Apelado, Jr.

LSDE: July 16, 23 & 30, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Bimbo S. Avelino heir of the late Catalina S. Avelino extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 171, GSS-1218, located at Brgy. Hitomnog, Dagami, Leyte, containing an area of 11,516 square meters, more or less, covered by O.C.T. No. OC-16516. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Angelita Salazar Silvestree married to Ma. Ivan D. Silvestree as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 51, Page No. 12, Book No. VI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Aljim Denver M. Arcueno.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Casimer Asia extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land Lot No. 716, Cad 434-D, Psd-0403890 located at Brgy. Campesino, Borongan City, Eastern Samar, containing an area of 3,252 square meters, more or less, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. 890 and subdivided into 4 lots known as Lot 716-A to Lot 716-D; per Doc. No. 154, Page No. 32, Book No. II, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Richell Acabo Fuentes.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

DEED OF DONATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Sps. Milo M. Tolera and Mylin C. Ferreras executed a Deed of Donation over a motorboat operating under the business name and style 'MJ OCEAN STAR' registered with the Maritime Industry (MARINA) in favor of JOEY P. TOLERAN called the Donee; per Doc. No. 2839, Page No. 82, Book No. 49, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Garry Franco C. Puaso.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VIOLETA OPEÑA, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated in Agpangi, Naval, Biliran, with an area of 1,6073 has. under Tax Dec. No. 00953, assessed value of P12,870.00 market value of P91,937.56; per Doc. No. 2454, Page No. 290, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Opeña.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Avelino R. Arnon extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot 10523 Case-32, Cad 505, situated in Brgy. Catmon, Tanauan, Leyte, covered under Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-64997, containing an area of 13,386 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Michael M. Duran and Jeny Ann G. Duran as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 87, Page No. 19, Book No. IV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Yuko Carolyn Watanabe.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF REAL ESTATE BY THE HEIRS OF SPOUSES PABLO AND PELAGIA VILBAR

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Pablo C. Vilbar and Pelagia M. Vilbar died intestate extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a real estate hereunder described in the manner following: 1) Lot 12658-B, with an area of 1,249 sq. m. located at Brgy. Lunang, Hilongos, Leyte declared under Tax Dec. No. 14024 00290 R13, with assessed value of Php1,430.00; 2) Lot 12658-B, with an area of 138.8 sq.m. located at Brgy. Lunang, Hilongos, Leyte declared under Tax Dec. No. 14024 00291 R13, with assessed value of Php158,450.00; 3) Lot 10875, with an area of 8,579 sq.m. located at Brgy. Tabunok, Hilongos, Leyte declared under Tax Dec. No. 14041 00540 R13, with assessed value of Php5,660.00 in the name of the Hrs. of Pablo Vilbar, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-45337; 4) Lot 12585, with an area of 7,529 sq.m. located at Brgy. Lunang, Hilongos, Leyte declared under Tax Dec. No. 14024 00254 R13, with assessed value of Php8,630 covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-45338; per Doc. No. 54, Page No. 11, Book No. 39, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT 8th Judicial Region Branches 6, 7, 8, 9, 34, 43 & 44 Bulwagan ng Katarungan Tacloban City OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF LEYTE BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee/s, -versus- SPS. JEROME D. PARAGAS AND GRACE JACKIE LOU P. PARAGAS AS REPRESENTED BY THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, MARIANO R. DONCERAS, JR., Debtor/Mortgagors, SPS. MARIANO R. DONCERAS, JR., AND SONIA E. DONCERAS, Mortgagor/s, EJF No. 4190 For: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE/ PERSONAL PROPERTY MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 X- - - - - NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended executed by MARIANO R. DONCERAS, married to SONIA E. DONCERAS, with postal address at: (1) F. Gulferic St., Brgy. 04, Can-avid, Eastern Samar; (2) Brgy. 91, Abucay, Tacloban City, Leyte, (3) Lot 16, Block 4, Camella Leyte Subdivision, Phase 2, Diversion Highway, Campetic, Palo, Leyte in favor of BDO UNION BANK, INC., with principal office address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 15, 2019 amounted to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX & 78/100 (P2,475,246.78) only, in Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges, but excluding additional interest and penalty charges until fully paid, expenses of collection, 10% of the total indebtedness as Attorney's Fees, plus expenses of the Foreclosure, Sheriff's lawful fees, and Expenses for conducting the PUBLIC AUCTION SALE, thereof, the UNDERSIGNED EXECUTING SHERIFF WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION on August, 12, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at entrance lobby of Regional Trial Court, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all its improvements, if any to wit:

TCT No. 115-2017001072

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 16, BLOCK 4 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. PSD-08-030128-D, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2, PCS-08-001415), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF CAMPETIC, MUNICIPALITY OF PALO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, ISLAND OF LEYTE. BOUND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 14, BLOCK 4; ALONG 2-3 BY LOT 13, BLOCK 4; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 17, BLOCK 4; ON THE SW,

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS AND BUYERS MAY INVESTIGATE FOR THEMSELVES THE TITLE AND ENCUMBRANCES, HEREIN ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTIES IF ANY THERE BE.

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 August 19, 2019.

Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines.

July 08, 2019

FOR THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

(Sgd.) LAURO R.C. P.

CASTILLO, III

Sheriff IV

RTC-OCC, Tacloban

LSDE: July 16, 23 & 30, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Pedro Perol extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Tomalista, Caibiran, Leyte, containing an area of 70.38 square meters, more or less, and covered by Tax Dec. No. 00189. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of BENITO PEROL as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 166, Page No. 35, Book No. 100, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Mario M. Villegas.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Pedro Perol extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Tomalista, Caibiran, Leyte, containing an area of 15.19618 hectares, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00187, PIN No. 074-04-0014-001-05. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MARK ANTHONY PICA PEROL as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 166, Page No. 35, Book No. 100, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Mario M. Villegas.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Maharlika R. Marilao heir of the late Felipe Marilao executed an affidavit of Adjudication over 2 parcels of land situated at Brgy. Sabang, Palompon, Leyte described as: 1) Lot 1169-D, with an area of .2418 hectare more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31035-00420; 2) Lot 1165, with an area of 2.200 hectare, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31035-00421. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Bernard M. Bulante as vendee for the above-described 2 parcels of land, per Doc. No. 273, Page No. 56, Book No. 43, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Mario M. Villegas.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Ruby Ann O. Duran heir of the late Cepriano A. Magbagay executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land covered by O.C.T. No. P-10033, situated at Brgy. Pagnutan, Guiuan, Eastern Samar, containing an area of 1,333 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Arnel C. Panit and Rowena B. Panit represented by Rosely G. Arceno as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 64, Page No. 13, Book No. II, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Vincent Acalon Cablao.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Salvador J. Dala, heir of late Pedro Dala, executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Lalawigan, Borongan, covered by O.C.T. No. 0993, Cad. Lot No. 6251, Case 7, Cad 434-D, containing an area of 823 square meters, under Tax Dec. ARP No. 08-031-00566, PIN 037-230-031-10-044, Survey No. 6251 R.P.; A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Gessen Camantig Rocas and Jurgette Nectarina Montes Rocas as vendee, for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 518, Page No. 104, Book No. VI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Arturo D. Macabasag.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Domingo Cardona Abella and Gerónima Tabinas Abella extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coconut land located in Maybito, Brgy. Suruk, Borongan City, Eastern Samar, covered by Tax Dec. No. 510001, Cad. Lot No. 12661, with an area of 66,667 square meters; A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of EDUARDO Q. ANG JR. married to Karen Ann T. Ang as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 13, Page No. 64, Book No. XIII, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Claudio Elpedez extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Cad. Lot No. 5275, covering an area of 386 square meters, more or less under ARP No. 11-030002-00539 & PIN 037-03-0002-010-29, situated along Canales St., Brgy. 02, Poblacion, Maydolong, Eastern Samar; per Doc. No. 359, Page No. 73, Book No. XII, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Louie A. Borja.

LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Federico Maula extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Brgy. Campetic, Palo, Leyte designated as Lot No. 13554 (9902-C) with an area of 2,801 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0015-03269 R13; per Doc. No. 184, Page No. 38, Book No. XIX, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. OLEGARIO LARAZBAL and ULPANA E. LARAZBAL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated in Brgy. Gayad, Capoocan, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-2038 designated as Lot No. 1336, containing an area of 9,478.69 square meters, more or less; and A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Olegario E. Larazabal, Jr., the above-described property; per Doc. No. 216, Page No. 43, Book No. 22, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Edgar J. Tonolete.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PEDRO BACALLAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 107 situated at Sto. Niño, Matalom, Leyte containing an area of 38.58 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 08-27003-00005. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Ricardo P. Salar and Myra Fleur P. Salar as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 127, Page No. 26, Book No. LXXVI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Emmanuel G. Golo.

LSDE: July 9, 16 & 23, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ROMAN MENDEZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of commercial land, situated at Tres Martires St., Pedro de Veyra (Zone 14) Baybay, Leyte under Tax Dec. No. 07014-00047, with Cad Lot No. 315, containing an area of 21 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. Celestino Dublin and Persie Dublin as vendee; per Doc. No. 60, Page No. 1, Book No. 19, Series of 2008 of Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo.

DPWH-SFDEO kicks off the 2019 infrastructure projects

CALBAYOG CITY - The Department of Public Works and Highways-Samar First District Engineering Office has started the various projects under the General Appropriations Act of 2019 (RA 11260).

Pre-construction meetings were arranged with the assigned project engineers after the Notice to Proceed is awarded to the contractors, to make

sure that all will start without any qualms regarding the project.

The district is meeting regularly with the contractors to air their issues and concerns so that these can be given immediate resolutions.

District Engineer Alvin Ignacio said, "all contractors should be diligent in undertaking the 2019 projects and to confer immediately with the project

engineers if there is any doubt or problem that will arise in the project implementation to avoid delays".

The district has 126 projects to be implemented with a total appropriation of P3.2 billion. All these are expected to be expedited in order to meet the absorptive capacity and disbursement target of the district.

**(GISSELLE G.PARUNGAO/
PIO Designate)**

these things will be added to you," Christ said. (Mt 6,33)

Ours is simply to correspond to his will as fully as we can, imitating the example of Christ, our way, truth and life, who gave up everything, including his life, to do his Father's will to save us. And that giving up led to the resurrection.

Like Christ, we should correspond to God's will even to the most extreme of conditions. St. Paul, another good example of how one should very generously correspond to God's will, gives us an idea of the extent to which we should be willing to correspond to God's will.

"I have worked much

harder," he said, "been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move..." (2 Cor 11,23-26)

We need to train ourselves to give ourselves to God more and more, even if it is slow especially at the beginning and in small degrees. As long as it is steadily done, we can end up writing a big amount on the blank check God gives us.

was his previous ability to swarm an opponent with non-stop punches? Where was his former quickness to avoid incoming punches? Where was his ability to follow-up landed shots with a flurry of combinations? I was missing much of these in that Thurman fight. I found him to be less busy. But I could not blame him because those absent ingredients were just denied him by his ageing body that must be itching to retire now.

ment as an ally that to their belief is strong and dependable. People rely in their respective abodes and communities that law enforcers are there to protect them from unlawful elements in society.

It is truly lamentable that after all the innovations and modernization efforts undertaken by government, law enforcers still carry that unending aim to ensure that public safety and public order be achieved. The need for legislation as a national agenda may not bring desired results that will solve the peace and order situa-

tion of the country. So much of the task to maintain if not improve its integrity and for the public to depend on it as protectors from lawless elements. The attainment of a highly effective and credible law enforcement agency depends so much on the consistent application of laws without political influence and free from fear of adverse repercussions from those in power. Indeed, policing with integrity and credibility is beyond legislation or agenda of any administration.

comments to alelma@yahoo.com

DOLE RO VIII capacitates child labor program implementers

TACLOBAN CITY -

The Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office VIII successfully capacitated some 75 enumerators, encoders and community facilitators for the implementation of child labor program in Eastern Visayas last July 11-12, 2019 at Avenue Hotel, Marasbaras, this city.

DOLE RO VIII OIC-Assistant Regional Director, Atty. Cecilio I. Baleña welcomed all the participants coming from the seven provincial field offices of the agency namely North Leyte Field Office, West Leyte Field Office, Southern Leyte Field Office, Biliran Field Office, Samar Field Office, Eastern Samar Field Office and Northern Samar Field Office.

The two-day activity dubbed as "Capacity-Building for Child Labor Profiling Implementers" was conducted to orient all enumerators, encoders and community facilitators on the scope of work they need to deliver to effectively implement the child labor prevention and elimination program of the regional office.

For this year, DOLE RO VIII has been given a target of 10,575 child laborers in Eastern Visayas to be profiled, 30% higher than the region's target of 8,106 in 2018.

"Child Labor" is defined by DOLE as any work or economic activity performed by a child that subjects him/her to any form of exploitation or is harmful to his/her health and safety or physical, mental and psychosocial development.

Mr. Virgilio A. Doroja, Jr., Regional Child Labor Program focal and Senior Labor and Employment Officer, provided the National and Regional Child Labor Situationer.

He likewise discussed Republic Act No. 9231 or the Anti-Child Labor Law, and Department Order No.



149-16 or the Guidelines in Assessing and Determining Hazardous in the Employment of Person below 18 Years of Age.

The roles of the enumerators, encoders and community facilitators were clearly tackled by Ms. Cristina T. Longjas, Chief of the Technical Support Services Division (TSSD) of the office.

To fuel inspiration for the child labor implementers, she also presented the 2018 accomplishments of DOLE RO VIII in child labor profiling which summed up to a total of 9,715 child laborers profiled, accounting to a 120% accomplishment rate.

"We urge all of you to be passionate in doing your jobs. We need your full cooperation and support in order for us to be able to deliver our target for this year. Your contribution will be valuable to our goal of achieving a child-labor free Eastern Visayas", said Ms. Longjas.

On the second day, Engr. Mark Louie Daza and Ms. Ma. Dahlia Aseo, Child Labor Program focal persons of DOLE-NSFO and DOLE-SLFO, respectively,

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that SUSANA Y. BADAJOS LIM, heir of the late Ceferino Badajos and late Modesta Y. Badajos executed an affidavit of Adjudication over 12 parcels of land, described as: 1) A parcel of agricultural land situated Sitio Ipil, Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 1-30-00 has., assessed value of P11,260, covered by ARP No. 13263; 2) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio Ipil, Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 74-50 has., assessed value of P6,470.00, covered by ARP No. 13261; 3) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio Canapil, Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 93-50 has., with an assessed value of P8,830.00, covered by ARP No. 13262; 4) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio Ipil, Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 72-00 has., with an assessed value of P5,390.00, covered by ARP No. 3299; 5) Unsegregated one half (1/2) portion over a parcel of land situated at Sitio Sagpuro, Brgy. Nouvelas Oriental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 1-58-76 has., with an assessed value of P19,270.00, covered by ARP No. 14535; 6) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 41-77 has., with an assessed value of P4,880.00, covered by ARP No. 13270; 7) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio Tambac, Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 0-60-00 has., with an assessed value of P7,320.00, covered by ARP No. 13272; 8) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 74-97 has., with an assessed value of P10,110.00, covered by ARP No. 13273; 9) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio Ipil, Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 43-20 has., with an assessed value of P4,500.00, covered by ARP No. 13271; 10) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio Ipil, Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 1-02-60 has., with an assessed value of P12,440.00, covered by ARP No. 13274; 11) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio Binongto-an, Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 24-84 has., with an assessed value of P5,000.00, covered by ARP No. 13268; 12) A parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Nouvelas Occidental, Basey, Samar, containing an area of 33-45 has., with an assessed value of P4,270.00, covered by ARP No. 13269; per Doc. No. 866, Page No. 84, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2005 of Notary Public Atty. Arturo F. Aguinadde.

SPED program intensifies in TC SNSC receives new VI equipment

By Diosdado D. Rabanso



Seven visually impaired pupils from Sto. Niño SPED Center (SNSC) will now be able to use a brand new brailleur with computer set designed for learners with special needs through the efforts made by the Filipino Chinese Amity Club-Tacloban Chapter.

The team headed by its Tacloban chapter President Mrs. Corita Ong together with the National President Mr. Tai Kou An, Ronald Lee Kasing the National Executive Secretary, Suen Ming Keung National Director, Sy Dian Yu the incoming President, Samuel Ngo the Vice President, past president Johnny Go, and Board of Directors Joseph Lim and Jose Yu handed the 145,000-peso worth facilities

to Mrs. Amalia P. Pepinas, Elementary School Principal IV of SNSC on May 22.

"We are indeed thankful and grateful to have generous donors like the Filipino Chinese Amity Club who have extended their support to our school," says Mrs. Pepinas when asked about the facilities donated to SNSC.

She also added that the school has so many learners under the Special Education Classes and that they do not receive SPED fund that could finance the facilities needed by their children.

Mrs. Richie Lou T. Saac, the teacher of the children under the Visually Impaired class, also expressed her gratitude to the donors of the brailleur.

"With this new addition to support the learning of our children, we can now ensure that the seven learners from this class will be able to catch up with the technology used in other places in teaching them," Saac added.

The event was also graced by Vice-mayor Jerry "Sambo" Yaokasin who represented the City of Tacloban and Mr. Ivanovich Dimitri A. Agote who represented the City Schools Division of Tacloban.

February 19 this year when Mrs. Ong had an initial talk with Mrs. Pepinas with regards to their plans of donating school facilities that the school need which resulted to its official turn-over during the Brigada Eskwela week.

outside.

"I didn't expect that I can finish my studies inside the jail. I thanked the DepEd and BJMP that I was given a chance and opportunity to study," the PDL said.

Antofina said that he is hoping that better changes will happen in their lives through the ALS.

He added that there are several out of school youth, and PDL who already found direction because of the ALS pro-

gram.

"In ALS, there is hope," Antofina added.

Another batch of some 20 PDL who took and passed the same examinations will be graduating at the BJMP-Guiuan Sub-Jail. (NBQ/SDC/PIA-Eastern Samar)

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in addressing the issues and concerns raised by the affected farmer sector most especially the FRs who were influenced by the CPP-NPA-NDF.

The unit expressed its gratitude to the TES-DA-ANAS in collaboration with the LGU of Canavid for the successful conduct of the livelihood training, which contributed to the sustainment of peace through the efforts of the different stakeholders in the province of Eastern Samar. (PR)



DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that General Alfonso Sulit executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a residential land, located at Mabini, Higatangan, Naval, Biliran, containing an area of 400 square meters, with Tax Dec. No. 00313. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SHIFTING SANDBAR DEVELOPMENT INC. (SSDI) represented by Dr. Dusman P. Oliver as vendee for a portion of 148 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 265, Page No. 54, Book No. I, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. LSDE: July 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 2019

In his message during the graduation ceremony, the jail warden congratulated them and inspired them.

"Once you leave this facility, you will be ready for the integration to the communities and then you can contribute to the well-being of your families," said Jail Warden Garle Canata.

One of the PDL who received his diploma was close to tears as he recalled his truant ways



House Majority Leader and Leyte First District Rep. Martin Romualdez nominates and votes for Taguig-Pateros Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano as the Speaker of the 18th congress during the opening of session at the plenary of the House of representatives. Looking on is his wife, Tingog Party List Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez (right seated).

photo by Ver Noveno

Modernization...

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daily from a relocation site in Suhi village to the city's downtown, where he works as a goldsmith to support his family.

"I always prefer to ride the solar jeepney because of its bigger space and comfortable seats. For a man with long legs like me, it is very uncomfortable to ride a multicab or a very crowded old jeepney," he told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

The Department of Transportation launched the PUV modernization program in this city on Jan. 23, 2018 to "overhaul" the country's public transportation system.

This is one of the priority projects of President Rodrigo Duterte to provide a more dignified commuting experience.

The program has initially deployed 45 solar-powered jeepneys supplied by the Star8 Green Technology Corp. The number of units has doubled this year.

The jeepneys initially covered the Tacloban-Palanog route, which is intended to improve accessibility to resettlement sites occupied by thousands of super typhoon Yolanda survivors.

This year, the project has launched new routes in the city.

"I wish the government will push through this modernization program for the safety and comfort of thousands of commuters. This is way better than aging jeepneys and tiny mul-

ticabs," Montellano said.

Solar jeepney driver Rodolfo Solidor, 60, said driving the modern jeepney has encouraged him to extend his working years. The old man, who earns P320 to P500 daily, has been driving the solar jeepney since its launching here early 2018.

Each unit carries 22 passengers with free Wi-Fi on board, overhead electric fan per passenger, and USB power port to charge their devices.

It has a capacity to travel approximately 100 kilometers on a full battery charge, and adding another 10-15 km from the solar production during daylight hours.

"Its power steering makes it easier for me to drive this jeepney especially for an old man like me. I can drive for as long as I can breathe," said Solidor who has been transporting commuters to the new Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center and relocation sites in Kawayan village.

He shared that after working as a driver for over three decades, he never had social and health insurance until Star8 Green Technology Corp. hired him last year.

The solar jeepneys, designed to replace the aging combustion engine fleet, have initially operated in the city starting mid-December 2017.

On July 11, the company launched 20 more solar jeepneys to ply new routes from the city's downtown.

"This is really introducing better tech-

nology for the public and better jobs for the people. This will address the transportation needs of the city's one million day-time population. It's really important to provide mobility and convenience for the people," said Mayor Alfred Romualdez during the launch.

The PUV modernization is a flagship project of the Duterte administration, which aims to restructure, modernize and make an environment-friendly transport system in the country.

The program also aims to provide drivers and operators with stable, sufficient and dignified livelihoods and at the same time, to let the commuters enjoy a safe and comfortable transportation system.

"You know the machines, the engines of public utility jeepneys, are about 20 to 25 years old. We got them from other countries. The reconditioned ones were sold here and they have been pumping in so much carbon dioxide into the air, including the factories," President Duterte said during a federalism forum sometime in October 2017.

State-run Land Bank of the Philippines and Development Bank of the Philippines earlier announced the availability of multi-billion loans to finance the acquisition of new PUVs to qualified prospective borrowers.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

SPORTS



Who's next for Pacman?

TACLOBAN CITY—At 40 and 8 division titles, it seems that hanging up his gloves for good is still far from the mind of newly-crowned World Boxing Council (WBC) super welterweight champ Manny Pacquiao.

Minutes after his split-decision title victory over Keith Thurman on Sunday, the Pacman was asked if he will continue with his boxing journey.

"No more fight this year...I have to attend to other important matters, but I'll be back next year. I will fight again next year," replied the Filipino boxing icon.

Pacquiao added that he will watch the unification match between Errol Spence Jr and Shawn Porter in September and will weigh his options depending on the result of the duel.

Spence is the International Boxing Organization welterweight supremo while Porter is WBC welterweight ruler.

Spence is undefeated in 25 fights highlighted by 21 stoppages, while Porter holds an impressive 30 wins, 17 KOs, and 2 losses slate. One of his twin defeats was on the hands of Thurman in 2016.

Any of the two top-level welterweights are worthy foe for Manny.

Of course, there is Terence Crawford, the current World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight kingpin, who previously held the WBA lightweight and IBF welterweight crowns, respectively.

Crawford is widely regarded as the most crafty, methodical and cerebral welterweight of his generation, aside from possessing a knockout punch.

His ring record is 35 wins, 26 by way of KOs, with zero setbacks.

In fact, several boxing observers are one in saying that Pacquiao is avoiding Crawford like a plague.

But the most logical next outing for Pacman is rematch with Thurman.

The loudmouth pugilist from Florida proved his worth in his date with Pacquiao. He walked the talk. He survived a knockdown and bravely stood toe-to-toe with the ageless Pinoy ring hero.

Pacquiao even admitted that Thurman was good and rocked him several times.

In his triumph over Thurman, it was very evident that Pacman lost steam in the middle rounds paving the way

for the erstwhile champ to momentarily take control of the fight.

If not for the knockdown and the vicious left to his liver in the 10th round, Thurman could have salvaged a draw or even won by a squeaker.

But in terms of publicity and money making aspect, a second dance with the retired Floyd Mayweather Jr. is the most practical choice. It's a sure-fire mega million bucks event.

However, a few days before the Pacquiao-Thurman tiff, the camp of Mayweather stressed that Floyd has "zero interest" in making

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Manny Pacquiao is being ordered by referee Kenny Bayless to go to a neutral corner after flooring Keith Thurman in the 1st round of their super welterweight title bout.

a comeback and is enjoying his retirement with his family.

But knowing him and the lure of money, it's not mission impossible

to stage a Pacman-Pretty Boy II.

With the plethora of high-caliber opponents in the horizon and the potential earnings from this fight, it's hard for the fighting senator to just turn his back from the sport that made him what

he is now

For now, the Pacman has to rush back to his home soil to attend to his continuing fight - in the lawmaking arena, where he has yet to show a single inspiring performance.

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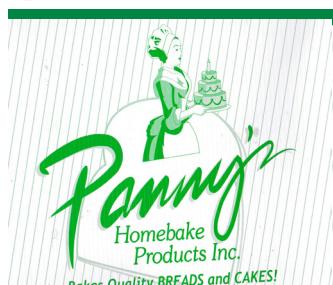
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