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Pimentel, nanawagan sa mga Pilipino na suportahan ang MMFF

Nanawagan si Senate Minority Leader Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III sa lahat ng Pilipino na suportahan ang Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) sa pamamagitan ng panood sa mga pelikulang kasalukuyang pinapalabas.

Binigyang-diin ng Pimentel ang kahalagahan ng pagdiriwang ng pelikulang Pilipino at pagsuporta sa mga local filmmakers.

Binanggit ng mamabatas ang kahalagahan ng MMFF bilang isang platapor-

mang nagpapakita ng pagkamalikhain ng mga Pilipinong gumagawa ng pelikula.

Naniniwala ang minority leader na ang pagsuporta sa mga local films ay mahalaga para sa paglago at pag-unlad ng industriya ng pelikula sa Pilipinas.

"Panorin natin ang mga pelikula, at ibahagi natin ang ating karanasan sa ating mga kaibigan at pamilya," dagdag ni Pimentel.

Nagpahayag si Pimentel ng kumpiyansa na ang MMFF



entries ngayong taon ay magbibigay ng entertainment at mas mataas na pamantayan para sa mga pelikulang Pilipino.

Petitioner sa pagka-senador ni Quiboloy ilalapit sa Korte Suprema



Plano ng petitioners sa pagkandidato ni Apollo Quiboloy na iparating sa Korte Suprema ang kanilang petition para tuluyang harangin ang pagkandidato nito.

Sinabi ni Labor leader Sonny Matula, na gagawin nila ang nasabing hakbang para mabaligtad ang naging desisyon ng Commission on Election.

Pinatibay kasi ng Comelec na hindi nuisance

candidate si Quiboloy kaya maaari itong tumakbo.

Giit ni Matula na dapat hindi namimili ang COMELEC dahil sa idineklarang nuisance candidate ang kapartido nito na tumatakbong senador na si Sultan Subair Mustapha mula sa Marawi.

Samantalang noong 2022 ay pinayagan ng Comelec si Mustapha na tumakbo bilang congressman.

Escudero: '2025 budget a product of collaborative process'

Senate President Francis Escudero on Monday welcomed the signing of the 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA), which he described as a product of a truly collaborative process involving the inputs of various sectors, including the public.

While the signing took longer than expected, Escudero emphasized that the thorough review of the 2025 GAA by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and his economic team was part of the normal budget process.

"The General Appropriations Act is not only the most important legislation, but also the longest and most complicated bill that Congress is expected to pass every year. It should therefore no longer come as a surprise that the process is more prolonged and controversial compared to other bills and laws," he said.

In defending the General Appropriations Bill passed and ratified by both the Senate and the House of Representatives, Escudero said that Senate, for its part took this "constitutional duty to appropriate seriously in utmost respect to the people whose taxes are what make the budget possible."

"We will therefore be remiss in our duties if we do not vet budgetary items and verify the merit of each proposed expenditure. Our work is not to blindly ratify proposals, but to review them rigorously, and if need be recalibrate the budget to align with the needs of the people. Not to do so amounts to betrayal of public trust," he added.

"What is important is that the 2025 GAA was signed before the year ended and the country avoided starting the new year on a reenacted budget," he said.

As stated by the Chief Executive, the inputs of the people were taken into account in his review of the national budget, which Escudero noted as "a positive sign that the President listens and that democracy is well and alive in the country."

"If governance is defined as 'allocating scarce resources' then I am truly elated and encouraged that the people and all the branches of government took an active part in governance and governing of our country. This is precisely what democracy means, and it shows that we have a strong one where the system of checks and balances is alive and well," Escudero said.

"This is the vibrant marketplace of ideas that should envelope and energize the crafting of this most important bill," he said.

According to Escudero, while each chamber of Congress would have wanted to keep their respective initiatives and amendments, the process involved a lot of "give and take,"



considering the reality that there are unlimited needs and finite resources.

"No one branch reigns supreme and dictates over the other. The expression of divergent and different opinions, views and suggestions regarding the GAA are all well taken and are part and parcel of the process," Escudero said.

"I have always believed in the dictum that while we debate ideas, this should not derail the country's process. Ultimately, however, regardless of whose side prevails, we must all come together, wiser, better, and stronger to face the challenges that lie ahead in the coming year as one nation and one people," the Senate chief said.

While they exercise the check-and-balance democracy requires, Escudero said that ultimately the legislature and the executive are not "rivals for power, or the purse, but are partners for progress."

"We are glad that the improvements we made on the budget were conformed to by the executive. As much that it respected our amendments on the budget, we too respect the other branch's disagreement on the proposals we put forward," he said.

The challenge now is on the implementation by the Executive Branch, which Escudero said should be done swiftly because as it is often said in the Senate "budget delayed is development denied."

"Now that the budget authorization phase is concluded, it is time for each and every program, activity and project in the budget to be implemented on time, in full, according to specifications, and without delay. Conditional implementation should not constrict spending," he said.

Mary Jane Veloso, natapos na ang quarantine period - BuCor

Kinumpirma ng pamunuan ng Bureau of Corrections na natapos na ang limang araw quarantine period ni Mary Jane Veloso.

Ayon sa ahensya, dahil dito ay inilipat na ito sa regular dorm ng Reception and Diagnostic Center sa loob ng Correctional Institution for Women sa Mandaluyong City.

Sa loob ng naturang dorm ay mamamalagi ito ng nasa 59 na araw.

Habang nasa loob ay sasaialim ito sa mandatory orientation, diagnostic at classification.

Makakasama ni Veloso sa loob ng naturang regular dorm na may 48x32 feet na sukat ang nasa 30 na bagong pasok na Persons Deprived of Liberty.

Ayon kay BuCor Director General Gregorio Cata-pang, mahalaga na maging paliy-ar muna ang mga bagong bilanggo sa mga rules at regulations ng BuCor.

Tatalakayin rin sa mga ito ang mga karapatan at pre-bilichiyong ng mga bagong bilanggo.

Kaugnay nito ay ipinag-utos na ni Cata-pang sa mga personahe ng CIW na i-trans-



late ang record ni Veloso sa Indonesia.

Romualdez: Marcos Jr. signing 2025 GAA prevents reenacted budget



House Speaker Martin Romualdez lauded President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for signing into law the 2025 General Appropriations Act worth P6.326 trillion on Monday.

In a statement, Romualdez said the budget reflects a shared commitment to uplift

the lives of every Filipino.

"The President's timely signing of this spending plan ensures uninterrupted government operations while addressing the nation's most pressing priorities. This decisive action prevents a reenacted budget and strengthens our resolve to achieve the country's national development goals," he said.

Romualdez highlighted the "significant contribution" of the lower chamber of Congress in the development of the budget.

He said their participation ensured the budget is "fiscally sound and aligned with the needs" of citizens.

"This reflects our commitment to transparent,

accountable governance focused on delivering meaningful results," Romualdez said.

"This budget represents the efficient and responsible use of resources, balancing fiscal discipline with the government's commitment to improving the quality of life for all Filipinos. It is a critical step toward sustained growth and national development," he added.

Romualdez thanked his cousin, President Marcos Jr. and his colleagues in the House of Representatives for their hard work.

"This budget reflects our united effort to ensure that government programs truly serve the people," he said.

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Gov't needs to ensure AKAP will be 'well-targeted, transparent': NEDA exec



The executive branch is working to ensure that the implementation of the Ayuda sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) will be "well-targeted" and "transparent," an socioeconomic official said on Monday, hours after President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. placed the funding for the program under conditional implementation.

Infants from illegal surrogacy scheme may be up for adoption

The Cambodian government earlier pardoned 13 Filipinos who were involved in a surrogacy scheme, provided that the children that they bear will not be sold to any party, said Justice Undersecretary Nicholas Felix Ty.

"Kung makita natin na hindi kakayarin yun, maaaring sa estado na muna ang mga sanggol at icoonsider ang mga posibilidad sa kanila tulad ng adoption," he said.

Of the 13 Filipinas, 3 have already given birth while the other 10 remain pregnant, the DOJ official said.

"Diyari muna sila sa silungan ng DSWD hanggang handa na silang ireintegrate sa lipunan," Ty said.

"Dapat hindi pabayaang ang mga sanggol. Dapat akuin kung hindi ng mga nanay, akuin ng mga Pilipinas ang mga sanggol," he said.

The 13 Filipinas will receive an aid package given to all victims of human trafficking, he said.

"Kung maglakas loob sila na kasuhan yung mga recruiter nila, matitiyak namin na bibigyan sila ng proteksyon ng pamahalaan," Ty said. "May mga kinakausap ang mga awtoridad para makuha ang kanilang mga salaysay para sa mga kasong maaari nating isampa," he said. The DOJ warned the public against shady recruiters who convince them to skirt proper labor and immigration procedures to work overseas.



The infants who were carried by Filipinos via an illegal surrogacy scheme in Cambodia may be up for adoption should the government deem that their surrogates are not fit to properly raise these children, an official from the Department of Justice (DOJ) said.

"Marami pa rin diyan ang gustong pagsamantalahan, gustong biktimahin ang mga kababayan natin na may kaunting kahinaan o humaharap sa kahirapan," the Justice Undersecretary said. "Maging mas alisto tayo, maging mas mulat tayo. Huwag tayo basta-basta magtitiwala," he said.

"Sana ireport niyo sa amin para mahanap namin yung mga nagre-recruit at maiharap namin sila sa batas."

Most of the 13 Filipinas were in their 20s and were recruited online, DFA Undersecretary Eduardo De Vega said.

They departed the Philippines through backdoor channels, including a boat ride from Mindanao to Malaysia to skip immigration checks in airports, he said.

Comelec warns individuals against 'politicizing' Traslacion

The annual event draws millions of Catholic devotees packing the streets of Manila during the procession.

Over the weekend, Comelec Chairman George Garcia said the religious event should not be politicized even if campaign season has yet to begin and aspirants are not yet considered candidates.

Comelec Commissioner Ernesto Maceda Jr. reiterated the statement on Monday in an interview with reporters.

"Pinapalala lang po ng aming en banc lalo na ng aming Chairman na sa darating na January 9, Traslacion ng Nazareno, sana ho yung ating mga candidates who are not yet candidates, maalala na huwag nating gamitin yung mga ganitong religious event and occasions sa pamumulitika," he said.

Maceda said aspirants may provide assistance during the event, but should not use the feast as an avenue to campaign.

"Kung gusto niyo hong tumulong, siyempre lahat tayo pwede makisap. Nasa sa inyo na ho yun kung gusto niyo ilabas later on yung inyong pag tulong. Pero huwag niyo gagawing pagkakataon na dumami ang basura, dumami yung mga T-shirt na may mukha ninyo imbis na yung mukha ng Nazareno. It's not a political occasion, it's a religious occasion," he added.

The poll body official said individuals, who are devotees, may still observe their tradition to help carry or transport the image of the Jesus Nazareno during the procession.

"Hindi naman ho pinagbabawal yun. Huwag lang sil-

AKAP funds will be placed under conditional implementation to "ensure that the people's funds are utilized in accordance with their authorized and stated purpose," the President earlier said in his speech in Malacañang.

"Gusto natin masiguro na well-targeted siya at magiging transparent yung delivery noong programang iyon... na magkakaroon ng greater accountability," said, Rosemarie Edillon, undersecretary at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

"Ikla-klaro natin kung ano ang magiging conditions, ano ang mga requirements na kailangang ipakita, pruwaba na nakuha nila yung benepisyo na yun," she told.

According to Budget Secretary Ameh Pangandaman, this means that a condition to the release of funds for AKAP would be the issuance of the program's guidelines from the DSWD, DOLE and NEDA.

"Para maging consistent iyong pagbibigay ng AKAP doon po sa gusto nating mangyari doon sa tamang recipients, hindi po magkaddoble-doble iyong binibigay natin na mga cash assistance," the official explained.

Vice President Sara Duterte earlier accused congressmen of using AKAP and other aid programs to sway voters ahead of the 2025 national elections.

The controversy further grew after the bicameral conference committee decided to include last-minute insertions in the 2025 budget, including AKAP funds that would be under the discretion of both the House and the Senate.

"Nakita natin na buo ang resolve ng pamahalaan... just to make sure na mayroon tayong mapasa na budget," Edillon said.

"Yung mga ginawang pagre-paso sa budget, binusisi talaga, tiningnan talaga kung aligned ba talaga sa priorities... implementation ready ba ito," she said.

Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin meanwhile allayed concerns on politician's possible intervention on the implementation of the AKAP Program.

This, amid criticisms that the program is a form of pork barrel.

"Don't be naive. Always sa life natin dito

sa Philippines, there must be somebody to initiate. That is the thinking about this. We must be broad minded about it," Bersamin told reporters.

Bersamin also said that there are ways to ensure that the AKAP funds will not be used for patronage politics.

"We can check that. That is why people who notice that, they can complain then we will go to investigate. We cannot just... Our law presumes good faith in everyone. All actions in good faith. Kung may bad faith, that is where you come now, kayong media or kayong mga tao na aggrieved," he said.

While Marcos Jr. vetoed over P194 billion in line items under the 2025 General Appropriations Act, the NEDA officials assured the public that the administration will continue to "prioritize human development."

"Ito yung tinatawag natin na nuanced yung implementation... Malaki pa rin ang importance sa education pero tututok tayo sa quality," she said.

"Nandito pa rin po yung pagtutok natin sa health pero nandito yung icexpand na yung universal health care program na ang gusto talaga kasi matutukan dito yung primary health care," she said.

"Malaki rin po ang priority na ibigay sa innovation agenda natin so excited kami sa mga magiging bagong talagang makilala na Filipino-vators (Filipino innovators)."

The government will also launch projects to ensure the resilience of the Philippines' agriculture sector, Edillon said.

"Isang malaking problema ng agriculture is masyado siyang vulnerable sa climate shocks," she said.

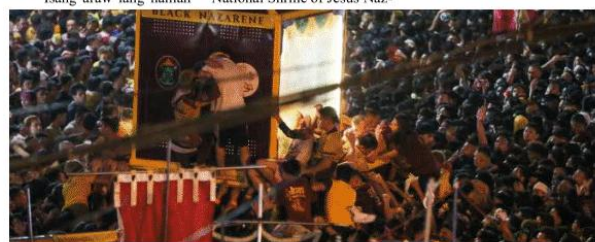
"I-improve natin ang irrigation systems natin para during the times na maraming tubig, masasalo natin ang tubig at during the times na walang tubig ay mabibigay natin yun sa mga farms," she said.

Among the agriculture projects that the government will prioritize in 2025 are the creation of more post harvest facilities and the upgrade of National Food Administration (NFA) warehouses, she said.

areno released the schedule of activities for Traslacion 2025.

Part of the annual celebration is the procession of the 400-year-old image of Jesus Nazareno from the Quiro Grandstand to the Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Jesus Nazareno on January 9.

The Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Jesus Naz-



The Commission on Elections (Comelec) has warned against individuals who may "politicize" the Traslacion ng Jesus Nazareno next month.

2024 SETUP PRAISE Awards Recognize Excellence in MSMEs Across Region 1



The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office 1 recognized the 2024 SETUP PRAISE Awardees during Regional SETUP & CEST Summit at the DMMMSU-International Convention Center in Bacnotan, La Union, on December 9, 2024.

Researchers eye more partners to test hand-writing tool research

The Intelligent Stroke Utilization, Learning, Assessment, and Testing (iSULAT) is an intelligent pen that provides a practical solution for assessing children's handwriting to provide objective evaluation based on the most common handwriting tools, such as tests of Visual-motor skills, Minnesota handwriting assessment, and an evaluation tool for children's handwriting.

The iSULAT has a microcontroller within the pen, which transmits data to a mobile application. The raw signal undergoes filtering, feature scaling, engineering data, and analyses before it is forwarded to the occupational therapist for diagnosis.

Through the pen, the occupational therapist can efficiently assess one's handwriting based on the alignment of letters, spacing, and consistency.

A separate report mentioned that the number of handwriting problems in developing children reached an

approximate 5 to 25 percent range. Handwriting is still the most immediate form of graphic communication and failure to attain proficiency during the school-age year may result in far-reaching negative effects on both the academic success and self-esteem of a child.

This project was funded by the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD), with a budget of PHP3.2 million for its initial phase.

"Yung mga ganitong invention, kailangan niyan ng testing. Hindi lang isa. Dapat time-test siya ng mas marami para mas ma-check kung accurate o kung maganda na yung pine-perform ng prototype," said Engr. Jomel Herras, Project Manager of iSULAT.

Engr. Herras added that his team is looking for more enthusiasts and partners who will help them promote iSULAT to gain more users from

various locations.

The iSULAT is one of the technologies featured in the recently concluded 2024 National Science and Technology Week, held in Cagayan de Oro City from 26 November to 01 December 2024.

According to DOST-PCHRD, standardized assessments of children with developmental delays are quite expensive and must be done with the aid of an occupational therapist or handwriting experts. The therapy usually runs from 20 minutes up to one hour.

"Basically ina-address na problem ni iSULAT is yung kakulangan natin ng occupational therapists at mahal na cost ng therapy," said Engr. Herras. "Siguro yung pinaka rootproblem ay yung problema ng mga bata sa kanilang handwriting. They do it in their everyday lives. Nag-susulat sila even in Math, Arts, and English subjects. Yung ibang mga bata, hindi sila enthusiastic kaya akala natin

tamad lang sila mag-sulat."

With the help of iSULAT, children with handwriting problems can undergo simultaneous testing in batches or groups.

During phase I, the project team conducted pilot testing for children ages 6-10 in three sites across Luzon namely Villa Maria Elementary School in Porac, Pampanga; Juan Sumulong Elementary School in Metro Manila; and Bulacan Montessori School Inc. in Bulacan. Herras said that phase I of the project started in 2022 and ended last 31 October 2024.

"Hopefully by 2026 ay mayroon nang phase II na kung saan ay maiiapply na natin ito hindi lang para sa mga bata," Herras explained. He added that the project targets those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or ADHD and autism.

This year, the project team has secured a partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) Division Office of Metro Manila for future testing.

Visitors of the 2024 National Science and Technology Week (NSTW) try the iSULAT pen technology developed by researchers from the University of Sto. Tomas. This project was funded by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development. (Photos courtesy of DOST-PCHRD) By Claire Bernadette A. Mondares, DOST-STII



Local researchers have developed a handwriting assessment tool, are looking to get more partners to conduct more tests across the country.



The PRAISE Awards for MSMEs celebrate outstanding micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) that have excelled and flourished through the support of the SETUP program.

Leading this year's winners is Costales Rice Mill from Magsingal, Ilocos Sur, hailed as the 2024 Regional SETUP PRAISE Awardee. The firm earned this prestigious recognition for its outstanding technological innovations, unwavering resilience, and commitment to sustainable practices. Costales Rice Mill's efforts in modernization and its significant contributions to the community made them the trend-setter of rice mill facility in the region. The following winners were recognized in various categories:

- Provincial Winners
- Ilocos Norte: Bakers Ph
- Ilocos Sur: Costales Rice Mill
- La Union: Jaypee's Bakeshop
- Pangasinan: Net Atlas Printers Plus
- Most Sustainable
- Ilocos Norte: Adams Inuwayan Food Products
- Ilocos Sur: Malakas Farm Livelihood Development Center
- La Union: Dr. Ronald Alwit Farm
- Pangasinan: Mama Cili Enterprises (Alyzza Jane N. Gapuz and Ryan Christian A. Manzano)

Pangasinan: Elisha Bay Dagupan Bangus and Seafoods

Most Resilient

Ilocos Norte: Citipoint Metalcraft

Ilocos Sur: Manang Cora Sugarcane Products Manufacturing

La Union: JC Laroco Rice Mill

Pangasinan: Dizon's Welding Shop

Most Agile

Ilocos Norte: Lucky Theo Food Products

Ilocos Sur: Royal Maharlika Wellness and Livelihood Training Center, Inc.

La Union: Jaypee's Bakeshop

Pangasinan: Toning Digital Printing

Most Innovative:

Ilocos Norte: Niña Leather Ph

Ilocos Sur: Wynn's Food Products

La Union: Calica's Fruit Products

Pangasinan: Net Atlas Printers Plus

Ilocos Norte: Adams Inuwayan Food Products

Ilocos Sur: Malakas Farm Livelihood Development Center

La Union: Dr. Ronald Alwit Farm

Pangasinan: Mama Cili Enterprises (Alyzza Jane N. Gapuz and Ryan Christian A. Manzano)

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Lipa students learn science storytelling basics



“Effective storytelling is key to science writing,” this was how Ingrid Espinosa, a science communication practitioner sums up her lecture to student journalists from Lipa City Colleges (LCC) in Lipa City, Batangas.

Espinosa shared that whether browsing science alerts, doing investigative projects in school, or observing local communities, storytelling is always easy to understand, entertaining, memorable, and relevant.

Additionally, she also highlighted that human interest, recency, locality, surprise, the power elite, follow-ups, shareability/reliability, controversy, novelty, and bad/good news are what shape news stories.

The lecture was part of the Science Journo Ako (SJA) science communication caravan held in Lipa City, Batangas held last November. The SJA is a science communication advocacy of the Department of Science and Technology through its Science and Technology Information

Institute. The program aims to expand science communication at the grassroots to capacitate young communicators to dive deeper into science and technology by creating awareness and communicating its benefits to the public.

She offered additional tips, such as focusing on positive notes and offering solutions, emphasizing the balance of compelling factors with accuracy, and the use of case studies to support data.

“The structure of a news story should be an inverted pyramid. Make sure to include quotations, further explanation, and the context of the topic,” Espinosa said.

Additionally, Espinosa provided tips for student interviews: “It’s important to do your research and plan.

Don’t be afraid to ask simple questions. Summarize to confirm, recheck quotes, and keep questions short and easy to understand.”

As part of the participants’ immersion, Espinosa prepared a mini press conference for the students, allowing them to ask questions about Buddybets, an application that helps manage blood sugar.

She commended the students for their active participation and ability to apply the interviewing techniques.

One participant asked whether quotations should be direct or paraphrased. Espinosa responded that direct quotations should be used when the statement is noteworthy and “magandang pakinggan” (pleasant to hear) in one sentence. Paraphrase when the



quote is used for an explanation.

Another participant inquired about the ideal length of a news article. Espinosa explained that news articles are typically 300 to 500 words long, while feature articles range from 500 to 800. “Anything beyond that is considered a long-form article,” Espinosa emphasized.

When asked if there is a pattern in feature writing, Espinosa clarified that features do not follow the inverted pyramid structure of news articles and are usually free-flowing. “You can tease a bit more and be playful,” she said.

Lastly, Espinosa reminded the students to consider various factors when writing articles, including diversity, background, power, interest, sensitivity, SOGIE (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression), and stigma, as these aspects may affect readers’ reactions.

She also reminded the participants to answer the questions, “Who is my audience?” and “What do I want them to do/feel?”

Espinosa was one of the three resource speakers that included Rosemarie Señora, Science Research Specialist I who discussed mobile photography and photojournalism, and Allan Mauro Marfal, Information Officer III both of the DOST-STII who lectured on the topic social media content creation.

The second day of the event included a site visit, where participants gathered data and interviewed the beneficiaries of DOST Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program in Lipa, learning about the technologies, products, and services offered by these firms, which they could use to write science articles and produce photos and reels for the workshop.

Look. Student journalists from Lipa City Colleges convened as the two-day Science Journo Ako went to Lipa City to enhance their skills in creating science content across multimedia platforms on 21-22 November 2024. (Photos by Andrea Mei B. Resane, DOST-STII) By Ryan Spencer P. Secadron, DOST-STII

Year End 2024 RTEC Meeting cum SYear End 2024 RTEC Meeting cum SETUP iFund Awarding Ceremony Showcases Progress and Innovation

One of the event’s highlights is the awarding of P5.7 million in SETUP iFund support to three exemplary Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) - two from Cagayan Province and one from Isabela Province.

Additionally, the event recognized the contributions of RTEC members from various sectors for their invaluable efforts in the program’s success. The iFund support and awards were presented by Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera and Assistant Regional Director Dr. Laila A. Taguinod, who commended both the awardees and beneficiaries for their unwavering dedication to fostering innovation and excellence. The event also served as an opportunity to engage with RTEC members, discussing observations and recommendations to enhance SETUP implementation for even greater impact.

Dr. Laila A. Taguinod, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations Services, opened the event with her welcome remarks, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in driving technological innovation. She highlighted how the evaluation of proposals plays a vital role in aligning SETUP interventions with the specific needs of MSMEs for sustainable growth. She further emphasized that the activity promotes meaningful collaboration with RTEC members, fostering the identification of challenges and the development of effective strategies to enhance program implementation and ensure its ongoing relevance and impact. She also acknowledged the awarded SETUP iFund beneficiaries, showcasing the importance of DOST SETUP in supporting MSMEs to achieve innovation and business growth.

In her keynote message, Regional Director

Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera underscored the power of collaboration and sustained efforts in fostering economic development. “We are proud of how far we’ve come this year, but our journey doesn’t end here. Together, we can achieve even greater milestones in advancing regional growth,” she stated.

Dr. Bilgera also extended heartfelt gratitude to the RTEC members for their dedication and invaluable contributions. “Your expertise and commitment have been instrumental in the success of our programs,” she added.

Ms. Mary Ann D. Carpio, Supervising Science Research Specialist and SETUP Center Manager, presented the accomplishments of the RTEC in 2024 and outlined the new SETUP Guidelines for RTEC endorsement and approval.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Carpio thanked all stakeholders and participants for their vital contributions to the program’s success.

“SETUP is a collaborative effort, and every success we celebrate today is the result of teamwork, dedication, and a shared vision. Let’s continue this momentum and transform lives through science and technology,” she said.

As the ceremony concluded, attendees reflected on the achievements of 2024 and shared their aspirations for the future. Through this year-end gathering, DOST Region 02 reaffirmed its commitment to fostering innovation, supporting MSMEs, and driving economic growth in Cagayan Valley. By emphasizing the importance of thorough evaluation and collaboration, the region looks forward to an even brighter future for its enterprises and communities.



Year-End 2024 RTEC Meeting cum SETUP iFund Awarding Ceremony

Highlights Progress and Innovation

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Bilang ng mga PDLs, napalaya ngayong holiday season umabot na sa 1-k -BuCor



Inanunsyo ng Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) ang pagpapalaya ng 1,000 na mga Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) mula noong Nobyembre hanggang nitong buwan ng Disyembre.

Sa tala ng komisyon, 625 ang nakatapos ng kanilang pinakamahabang sentensya,

134 rito ang na-acquit, 38 naman ang nasa probation, habang 190 ang nakatanggap ng parole, 11 din ang pinalaya sa pamamagitan ng habeas corpus, at ang isa ay ipinagkaloob ang mosyon para sa pagpapalaya nito. Karamihan sa mga pinalaya ng BuCor ay mula sa iba’t-ibang mga pasilidad pangkulongan, kabilang na ang New Bilbilid Prison, Correctional Institution for Women, at iba pang mga Prison and Penal Farm ng bansa.

Simula nang manungkulan si Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla, umabot na sa 18,422 ang kabuuang bilang ng mga pinalayang PDLs.

Sinabi rin ni BuCor Director General Gregorio Catapang Jr. na sa susunod na taon, ang mga PDL na nahatulan ng heinous crimes ay kwalipikado para sa Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA), matapos sabihin ng Korte Suprema na may karapatan silang makinabang mula sa nasabing batas.

MON DAY **Worship**



By **Bro. Ernie Acayan**

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

New Year's Resolutions Na Naman?

Every onset of a new year, with good intentions and much enthusiasm, we prepare a list of our New Year's resolutions. Unfortunately, after episodes of frustrations and failures, we give up out of discouragement and disappointments.

Jer.29:11-13 "I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to Me. You will come and pray to Me, and I will answer you."

We don't even know what is good for us and we try to pursue goals that are not according to His will.

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

We need the light of God's word to remove the darkness that is deeply rooted in us.

Jn.15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

Jesus is the only source of goodness. His wisdom is sure and profitable for wise living.

John 1:17 "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

Living a life separated from the life in Christ invites troubles and disasters in our lives.

John 15:6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."

Jesus alone can reveal and unfold the true meaning and purpose of our lives.

Ps 57:2 "I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me."

To God Be The Glory!

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

Foreclosure No. 24-4657

-versus-

SPOUSES FERDINAND RODEO MARQUEZ AND GINA RAMOS MARQUEZ,
Debtors/Mortgagor/s,

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118, filed on December 02, 2024 by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.,** (Mortgagee), with principal office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 Mandaluyong City, against **SPOUSES FERDINAND RODEO MARQUEZ and GINA RAMOS MARQUEZ,** (Mortgagors), with postal address at (1) No. 2215, Doña Narciso Building, Chino Roces St., Barangay San Miguel, Manila, 1001 and (2) Lot 9-A-2, Block 2535 (Legarda corner San Rafael St.,) Barangay 390, Quiapo, Manila 1001, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of November 11, 2024, amounts to **THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 21/100 (Php 3,462,647.21),** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and other charges, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the **Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement** (Real Estate) notarized on **August 12, 2022,** the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Manila, through her deputy, Sheriff **SAMUEL V. PIZANA,** will sell at public auction on **January 16, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter but not later than 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, in front of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Manila, 4th Floor, Manila City Hall, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, more particularly described as follows:

**Transfer Certificate of Title
No. 002-2013003269**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in CITY OF MANILA, PHILIPPINES, bounded and described as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 9-A-2 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN PSD-00-074722, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 9-A, BLOCK 2535, PSD-464, LRC RECORD NO.), SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF QUIAPO, CITY OF MANILA, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINES 1-2-3 BY CALLE SAN RAFAEL; ON THE SE., (Continued on next page) is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of **Owner: GINA E. RAMOS-MARQUEZ, MARRIED TO FERDINAND R. MARQUEZ,** Address: NO. 2215 DONA NARCISO BLDG., CHINO ROCES ST., MENDIOLA, MANILA

as owner thereof in fee simple, subject to such of the encumbrances mentioned in Section 44 of said Decree as may be subsisting.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that said land was originally registered as follows:

Case No.: CAD. 173
Orig. Reg. Date: 01 16 1922
Original RD: CITY OF MANILA
Volume No.: 0-11
Original Owner:

Record No.:
Decree No.: CAD. 36
OCT No.: OCT-4972
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OWNER INFORMATION (Continued from page 1)
Owner: BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO CITIZENS;

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1)
ALONG LINE 3-4 BY CALLE LEGARDA; ON THE SW., ALONG LINES 4-5-6 BY LOT 9-B, BLOCK 2535, PSD-464; AND ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 6-1 BY LOT 9-A-1 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN, BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 24 DEG. 41'E., 144.06 M. FROM BLLM # 9, MANILA CADASTRE, THENCE S. 60 DEG. 21'E., 6.20 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 19 DEG. 40'E., 1.90 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE S. 27 DEG. 38'W., 7.15 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 16 DEG. 25'W., 4.00 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N. 60 DEG. 28'W., 4.81 M. TO POINT 6; THENCE N. 27 DEG. 34'E., 5.62 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS AND SIXTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (45.60). ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 40 CM., EXCEPT POINTS 1 TO 5 BY OLD SPIKES; BEARINGS GRID; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY ON JULY 25-SEPTEMBER 27, 1917, THAT OF THE SUBDIVISION SURVEY ON JULY 27, 2008 AND APPROVED ON OCTOBER 2, 2008.

Prospective bidders and/or buyers are enjoined to investigate, verify and conduct proper due diligence on the property/ies above described.

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 due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working, or for any other lawful / valid reasons, it shall be held on **January 26, 2025** without the need of further notice, reposting and republication.

Manila, Philippines, December 13, 2024.

(SIGNED)
JENNIFER H. DELA CRUZ-BUENDIA
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SIGNED)
SAMUEL V. PIZANA
Sheriff-In-Charge

Copy furnished:

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, Mandaluyong City,

FERDINAND RODEO MARQUEZ
GINA RAMOS MARQUEZ
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Note: Failure to attend at the said auction sale despite proper notice, shall be construed as waiver, the auction sale shall be held as scheduled.

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

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Firecracker-related injuries sa PH, sumampa na sa 142 —DOH

Sumampa na sa 142 na kaso ng fireworks-related injuries ang naitala ng Department of Health (DOH) tatlong araw bago mag bagong taon.
Ayon sa ahensya sa nakalipas lang na 24-oras naitala nila ang 17 na bagong kaso ng napaulat na nasugatan sa mga iligal na paputok.
Kung saan mas mataas ito ng 35 percent na fireworks-related injuries sa bansa kumpara noong 2023 na 105 na kaso lamang ng fireworks-related injuries ang

naitala ng DOH.
Nagabiso naman ang ahensya sa publiko na iwasan ang paggamit ng mga iligal na paputok at iwasan rin ang pagsindi sa mga ito ng sagayon makaiwas sa panganib ngayong darating na bagong taon.
Kung mangyaring maputukan ng mga iligal na paputok, itinagubilin ng DOH na agad pumunta sa pinakamalapit na ospital sa inyong lugar o tumawag lamang sa emergency number na 911 o 1555 para sa kaukulang tulong medikal.



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UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Mortgagee,

FRE NO. 15478

-versus-

JONATHAN D. SAGADRACA married to
JENNIFER L. SAGADRACA,
Mortgagor/s,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER ACT 3135 (AS AMENDED)

UPON extra-judicial petition under ACT 3135, as amended by ACT 4118, and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the **Real Estate Mortgage** executed on **May 7, 2024**, by **Jonathan D. Sagadraca** married to **Jennifer L. Sagadraca**, Mortgagor/s, with postal address/es at 1. 2714 Nieto Street, Phase 3, Avida Residences, Sta. Catalina, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite; and 2. Unit 506, 5th Floor, Avida Homes Towers, New Manila, Tower 4, Bonny Serrano Avenue, Quezon City, in favor of **Unionbank of the Philippines, Mortgagee** to satisfy the mortgage debt in the amount of **PESOS: THREE MILLION SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN & 72/100 (PHP3,078,317.72)** as of **November 11, 2024**, inclusive of interest, penalties, and other charges, together with all the lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court and/or his duly authorized Deputy Sheriff** hereby announces that on **February 26, 2025**, between the hours of **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, at the **Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City**, will **SELL at public auction** to the highest bidder and for **CASH**, in **Philippine Currency**, the following described real property/ies with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Condominium Certificate of Title No. 004-2015000413 Registry of Deeds for Quezon City

AVIDA TOWERS NEW MANILA TOWER 4 FLOOR: 5/F UNIT NO: 506 UNIT TYPE: 2 BR. ALLOCATED DRYING CAGE: UNIT 70

UNIT AREA (SQ.M): 50.14 DRYING CAGE AREA (SQ. M.): 1:00 TOTAL AREA: 51.14

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE RT-18115(214935)** which embraces and describes the land located at **BONNY SERRANO AVE., QUEZON CITY** with an area of **TWELVE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE (12,035) Square Meter**.

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

Interested parties are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title/s to the said property/ies and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

In the event that public auction should not take place on the scheduled date due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working holiday, or for any other lawful/valid reasons, it shall be held on **March 5, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, December 16, 2024.

(SIGNED)
MANUEL S. PANLASIGUI
Sheriff IV

(SIGNED)
GREGORIO C. TALLUD
Clerk of Court VII and Ex-Officio Sheriff

WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove deface or destroy this Notice of Sheriff's Sale before the date of auction sale under penalty of law

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Union Bank of the Philippines
Union Bank Plaza Bldg. Meralco Ave. Cor. Onyx & Sapphire Roads Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila

Sps. Jonathan D. Sagadraca & Jennifer L. Sagadraca
1. 2714 Nieto Street, Phase 3, Avida Residences, Sta. Catalina Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite; and
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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE PROBATE OF THE HOLOGRAPHIC WILL OF **MERCEDES CHUA TIOCO**,

R-MNL-24-07033-SP

EVELYN L. LANARIO AND MIKI J. TERAQ,
Petitioners.

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ORDER

A verified petition having been filed on 18 November 2024 by the above-named petitioner, through counsel, for the Probate of the Holographic Will of Mercedes Chua Tioco, who was a resident of Manila at the time of her death, leaving a Holographic Will, the Court hereby orders that said petition be, as it is hereby set for hearing on **28 January 2025 at 8:30 in the morning** on which date and time, all concerned may appear before the Court and show cause why the aforesaid petition for probate of the aforesaid will shall not be granted.

Let this Order be published at petitioner's expense in a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, before the date of hearing. Any person who may be interested in the Petition may contact the Court through the number indicated above.

Notice of this Order shall be served forthwith upon known heirs of the decedent whose names appear in the petition.

SO ORDERED.

Manila, Philippines, 19 November 2024.

(SIGNED)
MARLO A. MAGDOZA-MALAGAR
Presiding Judge

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Dates: **Dec. 30, 2024, Jan. 06 & 13, 2025**

Rains delay opening of some rides at Marikina amusement park on Christmas day



The continuous rains delayed the opening of some rides at an amusement park in Marikina City on Christmas day, but it failed to dampen the Christmas spirit for families who went.

The park was scheduled to open at 10 a.m., but several rides were still closed at 3 p.m. amid nonstop rains. There were few visitors in the morning until early afternoon,

but more started coming in beginning 4 p.m.

Among the early birds were the Fernando family, who opted to have a picnic at a covered area outside the park, while waiting for the rains to stop and the rides to start. They shared not just meals, but fun stories, too.

Zyra Fernando, who just recently started working, said she wanted to treat her par-

ents, siblings, and cousins to the rides.

The Fernando family also shared their home-cooked meals to the vendors of a nearby stall.

"Basta lahat kami magkakasama... kahit umulan man diyan... Masaya kami kahit ganito na maulan," Zyra's mom, Michelle Fernando, said.

"First time ko rin kasi

magka-job, so lumabas kami. Treat ko na rin...Sana po mamaya medyo tumila, para ma-try naman namin 'yung rides," Zyra added.

Nine-year-old Jaynele Quirona echoed this wish, as she spent the early afternoon playing games at covered booths. Among the most popular ones are the "Hagis Piso" and the "Running Light," where winners can get cash, food, or a stuffed toy. This was also where Rosemarie Rejuso's family spent some time while waiting for the rides in open areas to become operational.

"Nagayong Pasko lang kami nagkasama-sama... 9 years old ako nagkahiwa-hiwalay na kami...Ako sa Bicol galing, ito Nueva Ecija. Ito naman diyan talaga sila sa Pandacan...Masaya kasi magkakasama kami...Kahit umulan, kahit konti 'yung handa, basta sama-sama at

walang may sakit," Rosemarie said.

Among the first attractions to open was the Horror House, which offered a multi-sensory experience. It combined sound effects, lighting, moving displays, and personnel wearing scary costumes to send many visitors screaming with fear.

"Nakakatakot po. Yung heart ko, nawawala na. Parang hinahangin 'yung utak naming apat... Idea ko lang po...Exciting kasi 'yan minsan eh. May mga kumakalabog na mga tao," said Angel Angkahas, who tried the Horror House.

At around 4 p.m., other rides also opened, including the kiddie train, carousel, ferris wheel, bump cars, and octopus.

The amusement park will stay open on Christmas day as long as there are visitors.

418 road accident sa PH, naitala ng 7-araw ngayong holiday season —DOH

Ayon sa ahensya 38 percent ang itinaas nito kumpara noong 2023.

Sa nakalipas lamang na 24-oras naitala ng ahensya ang 68 na bagong kaso ng road accident.

Sabi ng DOH isa ang motorcycle accident sa nangungunang listahan na kanilang naitala na pinaka maraming kaso ng aksidente nitong holiday season.

Kaugnay nito hindi naman bababa sa 356 na indibidwal ang involved sa mga road accident kagaya ng hindi pagsusuo ng mga helmet at seatbelt. Karamihan daw umano sa mga aksidenteng nang kanilang naitala ay involved sa impluwensya ng alak.

Muli namang nag paalala ang ahensya sa mga motorista na laging sundin ang mga safety guidelines kapag bumabaha.



DND, binigyang diin ang kahalagahan ng pagtatanggol sa soberanya ng bansa ngayong Rizal Day

Binigyang diin ng Department of National Defence ang kahalagahan ng pagtatanggol sa soberanya ng bansa.

Ginawa ng ahensya ang naturang pahayag kasabay ng paggunita ngayong araw sa ika-128 anibersaryo ng kamatayan ni Gat. Dr. Jose Rizal.

Ayon sa ahensya, marapat lamang na ngayong Rizal Day ay alalahanin ng mga

mamamayang Pilipino ang mga sakripisyo ni Rizal sa bansa.

Kabilang na dito ang ipinamalas na pagmamahal ni Rizal sa Pilipinas sa pamamagitan ng pagtatanggol sa ating soberanya.

Magsilbi rin aniyang huwaran ng mga Pilipino ang ipinamalas na tapang, talino at pagmamahal sa bayan ni Dr. Jose Rizal.

Bilang ng nasawi dahil sa aksidente sa kalsada, umakyat na sa lima

Umabot na sa lima ang naitalang nasawi ng Department of Health ng dahil sa mga aksidente sa motorsiklo.

Kabilang na dito ang tatlong indibidwal na nasawi dahil sa pagkakasangkot sa aksidente sa motorsiklo.

Batay sa data ng Department of Health, nakapagtala ito ng bagong 39 na kaso ng aksidente sa kalsada dahil para umakyat na sa 457 ang road accidents na naitala mula pa noong December 22.

Mula sa naturang bilang, 393 indibidwal dito ang

naaksidente ng walang suot na safety gear habang ang 76 ay nagmancho ng lasing o nasa ilalim ng impluwensya ng alak.

Nangunguna pa rin ang motorsiklo sa pinakamaraming bilang ng aksidente na umabot ng 322 na kaso.

Patuloy naman ang panawagan ng DOH sa publiko na huwag magmancho ng lasing, tiyaking nasa maayos na kundisyon ang sasakyan bago bumiyahat sa sundin ang iba pang safety measures sa daan.

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Presyo ng mga duplex at condominium units bumaba – BSP



Bumaba ang presyo ng mga duplex housing at condominium units.

Ayon sa Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) ito ang unang pagkakataon sa loob ng tatlong taon na bumaba ang presyo.

Base sa residential real estate price index ng BSP na bumaba ng 2.3 percent sa 163.9 noong third quarter kumpara sa 167.7 percent ng parehas na quarter noong nakaraang taon.

Noong 2022 ay nagkaroon kasi ng 9.4 percent na pagbaba sa loob ng second quarter.

Mayroong 6,626 na kabuuang bagong housing units na duplex ang naibenta sa third quarter ng 2024.

Habang ang presyo ng mga condominium ay bumaba ng 9.4 percent na 205.6 sa third quarter ng taon mula sa 226.9 percent ng parehas na quarter noong nakaraang taon.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF QUEZON CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FRE NO. 15384

-versus-

RISHEEMA HASIM ANDUHOL AND
FATIMA DIANARA ANDUHOL TUNGUPON,
Debtors/Mortgagors

FATIMA AIRA ANDUHOL DANGLAPAN,
Co-Debtor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER ACT 3135 (AS AMENDED)

UPON extra-judicial petition under ACT 3135, as amended by ACT 4118 and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement Supplemental Terms and Conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate) executed on **September 9, 2020/September 27, 2023** by Freda Hasim Anduhol, signing as attorney-in-fact of Risheema Hasim Anduhol and Fatima Dianara Anduhol Tungupon and Fatima Aira Anduhol Danglapan – (1) 024 Guiwan New Highway Zamboanga City, Zamboanga Del Sur 7000; and (2) Unit 0216 2nd Floor, Tower 21 Tress Residences, Quirino Highway Brgy. Pasong Putik, Novaliches, Quezon City, Debtors/Mortgagors in favor of **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, Mortgagee, to satisfy the mortgage debt in the amount of **Php3,506,456.87** as of **September 16, 2024** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, together with all the lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City and/or his duly authorized Deputy Sheriff, hereby announces that on **February 13, 2025**, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, will sell thru public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property/ies with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 004-2023006725 Registry of Deeds-Quezon City

TREES RESIDENCES

TOWER 21

TOWER : 21
FLOOR : 2
UNIT NO.:216
UNIT TYPE : STUDIO UNIT
UNIT AREA : 19.09 SQ.M.

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2015000343; which embraces and describes the land located at QUIRINO HIGHWAY, BRGY. PASONG PUTIK, NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY with an area of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE (26,293) Square Meter,

Owner: FATIMA DIANARA A. TUNGUPON, FILIPINO CITIZEN, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE
Address: 024 GUIWAN NEW HIGHWAY, ZAMBOANGA CITY, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR 7000, PHILIPPINES

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

Interested parties are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property/ies and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

In the event that public auction should not take place on the scheduled date due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working holiday or for any other lawful/valid reasons, it shall be held on **February 20, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, December 9, 2024.

(SIGNED)
RANDY C. BERNARDO
Sheriff IV

(SIGNED)
GREGORIO C. TALLUD
Clerk of Court VII and
Ex-Officio Sheriff

WARNING:

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Tulong para sa mga pamilyang naapektuhan ng pagbaha sa Davao at SOCCSKSARGEN, naihatid na –DSWD

Naihatid na ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) ang tulong para sa mga naapektuhan ng mga pagbaha sa Davao Region at SOCCSKSARGEN, epekto ng mga pag-ulang dala ng patuloy na umiiral na Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ).

Patuloy ang ahensya sa paghahatid ng tulong kabilang na ang nasa mahigit kalahating milyon piso na halaga ng mga family food packs na naipamahagi sa mga apektadong pamilya at indibidwal sa lalawigan ng Davao Occidental.

Sa isang panayam ay

sinabi ni DSWD Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlaog, sumampa na sa 739 pamilya katumbas ng 3,158 indibidwal ang nadala na sa mga evacuation center dahil sa mga pagbaha.

Naka standby rin sa kanilang field office Ang nasa 157,339 family food packs at iba pang pondo sa oras na kailanganin.

Sa ngayon, apektado parin ng ITCZ ang mga lalawigan na kinabibilangan ng Sarangani at Sultan Kudarat.

Nakapaghatid na rin ang ahensya ng inisyal na tulong sa mga residente sa bayan ng Alabel sa Sarangani.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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PASAY CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FILE NO. REM 24-140

-versus-

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

**VANISSA MARIE LARGOSA ANG
MARRIED TO TERENCE JANSEN
GALICANO ANG,**
Debtor/Mortgagor,

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by the Mortgagee/s **BDO UNIBANK, INC., c/o CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT** with office/business address at **33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center, #12 ADB Avenue Mandaluyong City**, against the Debtor/Mortgagor **VANISSA MARIE LARGOSA ANG MARRIED TO TERENCE JANSEN GALICANO ANG** signing for herself and as Attorney-In-Fact of **TERENCE JANSEN GALICANO ANG**, with residence/postal/office address at **(1) #601-E Solano Hills Condominium Villonco St., Brgy. Sucat Muntinlupa City 1770; and (2) Unit 3-3005 30th Floor Tower 3 Avida Towers Prime Taft, Brgy. San Isidro Pasay City**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **16 December 2024** amounts to **Php3,193,263.25**, including/excluding interest, penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **February 12, 2025** at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the ground floor (main entrance) of the Hall of Justice, Pasay City to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real properties, together with all the improvements existing thereon to wit:

**Condominium Certificate of Title
No. 003-2023005616
(Republic Act No. 4726)**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

PROJECT NAME – AVIDA TOWERS PRIME TAFT
USAGE TYPE – RESIDENTIAL CONDO
ALLOCATION – TOWER 3
LEVEL/FLOOR – 30TH FLOOR
UNIT CALL OUT – 3-3005
UNIT TYPE – STUDIO
UNIT AREA – 22.40 SQ.M.
TOTAL AREA – 22.40 SQ.M.

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2013000152; 2013000153; 2013000154; 2013000155; 2013000156; 2013000157; 2013000158; 2013000159; 2013000160; (continued on next page in Title Host section) which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. SAN ISIDRO, PASAY CITY, METRO MANILA with an area of NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR (9,884) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 27, 2025** without further notice.

Pasay City, this 19th day of December 2024.

For the Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SIGNED)
RONALD P. BULOS
Deputy Sheriff, RTC Br. 112, Pasay City

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Education has highest budget at P1.055-T after DPWH cuts

The education sector now has the lion's share of the 2025 national budget as President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. struck down some items under the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Marcos on Monday signed into law the 2025 national budget after he vetoed PHP194 billion in line items. Next year's government budget was originally set at PHP6.352 trillion, but the President's vetoes trimmed it down to P6.326 trillion.

Of the vetoed items, PHP26.065 billion were projects under the DPWH and PHP168.240 billion allocated were under unprogrammed appropriations.

Budget Secretary Ameh Pangandaman said the education sector now has the highest allocation with PHP1.055 trillion following the cuts in the DPWH budget.

The funding is spread across the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Local Government Academy, Philippine National Police Academy, Philippine Public Safety College, National Defense College of the Phil-

ippines, Philippine Military Academy, Philippine Science High School System, Science Education Institute, and state universities and colleges.

The DPWH is left with PHP1.007 trillion.

According to Finance Secretary Ralph Recto, it is the first time that education and infrastructure budget both hit the trillion-peso mark.

"That would augur well for the economy's growth for 2025," he said in a Palace press briefing.

Other agencies with the biggest budget allocation for 2025 are the Department of National Defense with PHP315.1 billion; Department of the Interior and Local Government with PHP279.1 billion; Department of Health with PHP267.8 billion; and Department of Agriculture with PHP237.4 billion.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development has an allocation of PHP217.5 billion; Department of Transportation, PHP123.7 billion; Judiciary, PHP64.0 billion; and Department of Justice at PHP42.2 billion.

DepEd budget cuts. The administration is also looking to remedy the budget cuts in the DepEd, in line with the promise of

the President to "restore" the slashed appropriations.

Although the executive cannot increase the funding of agencies once the bicameral conference committee submitted the budget bill to the President, Pangandaman said the government may still tap unprogrammed appropriations and excess revenues for education programs.

"As long as mayron tayong (we have an) additional revenue from the DoF [Department of Finance], we can actually augment or increase the budget of DepEd. Specifically for computerization

program," she said.

Recto agreed, saying that the President prioritizes education.

"I think the President wants to prioritize the additional spending on education which is found in the unprogrammed portion of the budget. So, if there are excess revenues, we would immediately release that part of the budget," he said.

The DepEd earlier decelerated the PHP10-billion budget cut in its Computerization Program, saying that it would widen the digital divide among students. (PNA)

OP budget hike due to 2026 ASEAN Summit hosting

The Office of the President (OP) will receive an additional PHP5.2 billion in its 2025 budget in preparation for the Philippine hosting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in 2026, Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin said Monday.

Bersamin issued the statement in defense of criticisms that the OP received a higher budget allocation after the bicameral conference committee.

"That's a very important

part of our international relations," Bersamin said in a press briefing in Malacañang shortly after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. signed the 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

During the 43rd ASEAN Summit in Jakarta last year, Marcos accepted the regional bloc's request to be the ASEAN chair in 2026, or a year earlier than scheduled, after Myanmar withdrew its chairmanship.

The ASEAN chair is responsible not just for the leaders-level summits but all the other gatherings for the bloc.

"So, ASEAN 2026 will be hosted by the Philippines, we needed to start the work now. So humingi kami after the submission of the NEP (National Expenditure Plan). Humingi kami sa Congress ng supplemental funds in addition to what we proposed for the OP sa NEP to the tune of PHP5.2 billion for 2025," Bersamin said.

"After 2025, we will ask for more, bigger, but that will be in the NEP that will be submitted in 2025 for 2026," he added.

Marcos named Bersamin as the ASEAN National Organizing Committee Chairperson in preparation for the country's hosting of the annual gathering. (PNA)

AKAP under 'conditional implementation' in 2025 - Marcos

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. placed the Ayuda Para sa Kapos Ang Kita Program (AKAP) funding for 2025 under conditional implementation.

Marcos signed on Monday the 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA) in a ceremony at Malacañang Palace in Manila.

He vetoed over PHP194 billion in line items which he deemed inconsistent with the administration's priorities.

In his speech, Marcos also announced that AKAP will be among the items that will be placed under conditional implementation to "ensure that the people's funds are utilized in accordance with their authorized and stated purpose." AKAP will be implemented in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), according to the President.

"This way, we ensure that its implementation will be strategic leading to the long-term improvement of the lives of qualified beneficiaries, while guarding against misuse and duplication, and fragmented benefits," Marcos said.

"This approach is anchored on a simple yet profound truth: The appropriation of public funds must not break the public trust," he added. The PHP26 billion allocation for DSWD's AKAP was among the main points of contention in the 2025 national budget.

According to Budget Secretary Ameh Pangandaman, the AKAP budget remains but will only be released once the guidelines have been finalized and met by concerned agencies.

"Yung AKAP po is still there. It's just that, bago natin ma-release 'yung pondo (before we release the fund), we need to issue

guidelines po together with DSWD, DOLE and NEDA para maging consistent 'yung pagbibigay ng AKAP sa tamang recipients at hindi magdoble-doble 'yung binibigay natin na mga cash assistance (so the AKAP cash assistance will be given to the right recipients and avoid repetition)," Pangandaman said in a press briefing in Malacañang shortly after the enactment of the GAA. AKAP provides cash assistance to minimum wage earners and near-poor Filipinos to help tide them over the effects of inflation.

Aside from AKAP, other Special Provisions under conditional implementation include: - Payapa at MASaganang Pamayana (PAMANA) Program; Basic Infrastructure Program; Support to Foreign-Assisted Projects; Office of the Ombudsman's Payment of Retirement Benefits and Pensions, along with the Release of Payment of Retirement Benefits and Pensions Judiciary-Supreme Court's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses of the Lower Courts;

- Department of Agriculture-Office of the Secretary's Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund;

- Use of Excess Revenue from the Total Annual Tariff Revenue from Rice Importation;

- Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Management's (Calamity Fund) National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Program;

- Department of Finance-Bureau of Customs' Rewards and Incentives Fund; and

- Congress of the Philippines' Availability of Appropriations and Cash Allocations. Of the PHP194 billion that the President vetoed, PHP26.065 billion worth of projects under the Department of Public Works and Highways and PHP168.240 billion were allocated under unprogrammed appropriations. (PNA)



ADVERTISE WITH US

Enrique Gil, open to do a reunion project with Kathryn Bernardo



After initially being paired up together in the 2012 ABS-CBN hit series Princess and I, Enrique Gil admitted he will always be open to working again with his former co-star Kathryn Bernardo.

Riva Quenery, Vern Flores Ong pen messages to each other after confirming split

Actress and vlogger Riva Quenery and her ex-partner, Vern Flores Ong, shared emotional messages on social media following their breakup announcement on Monday, December 30.

In her Instagram story, Riva expressed gratitude to Vern and their five-year relationship as a couple.

"Thank you, Vern. Thank you for the five beautiful years. While things didn't turn out as we hoped, I still want you to know how much I appreciate the good moments we shared," Riva expressed.

The former GirlTrends member also noted how she would continue to cherish and support Vern, despite their separation.

"I've learned so much from our time together, and for that, I am grateful. I will always care for you. You were my best friend, and I have never loved anyone like you. Always remember that I'm rooting for you, no matter where life takes us," she added.

She ended her message, saying, "Thank you for being such a beautiful part of my story. I will carry those memories with me forever. You'll always have a place in my heart."

Vern, in his own message, expressed deep appreciation for Riva's impact on his life and their daughter, Athena Rae.

"Thank you for changing me and making me a better person, a better son, sibling, partner, and most importantly, a better father. I will always love you, and that will never change. My love for you only grew deeper when you became the amazing mother of our Athena," he wrote, calling Riva his only girlfriend.

Vern promised to be a good father and continue supporting Riva from afar.

"Moving forward, I'll be your silent supporter, rooting for your happiness and success from afar. I know I wasn't perfect as a partner, but I promise to be as close to a perfect father as I can for Athena," he added.

Vern reflected on their time together, saying, "I have no regrets about chasing you, even during those moments when you wanted to walk away. You gave me five unforgettable years, and I'm endlessly grateful for them. There was a time when every part of me belonged to you, and you were the only person I dreamed of growing old with."

"Although we're going our separate ways

now, I wish you nothing but the best. Life will never be the same without you, but I'll always cherish what we had. Thank you for everything Wif," he continued.

The couple confirmed their breakup in a joint statement, explaining that they had separated a few months ago and remained on good terms.

"With 2024 coming to a close, we've been thinking a lot about new beginnings. We want to take a moment to address our relationship status. As many of you may have noticed, we are no longer together," they said in the statement. "We broke up a few months ago. However, we remain on good terms and continue to co-parent Athena."

They clarified that their decision to separate was mutual, allowing them both to grow, and that no third party was involved. They also assured their followers that they would always remain committed to their daughter.

"We also want to take a moment to thank all our RIVern fans for the support over the past 5 years. We can't thank you enough for being with us every step of the way. There are no goodbyes, because at the end of the day, we will always be Athena's parents and will continue to love & support her," they added.

Prior to their announcement, speculations about the then couple's relationship circulated online as the two were not seen together for some time.

Riva and Vern first went public with their relationship in 2019. In April of that year, Riva introduced Vern as her suitor on her YouTube channel and they confirmed their relationship in August 2019.

In 2021, the couple announced they were expecting a child, and Athena was born in October 2022.



"I'm not sure about that. I haven't heard about that. But I'm always open to anything, of course," he told the press during the red carpet of the 50th Metro Manila Film Festival awards night last December 27.

Even after putting up his own production company, Immerse Entertainment, and becoming a full-fledged film producer this year, Quen clarifies that this move does not mean he is now turning his back on doing love team projects for good.

"I'm not naman saying goodbye. I'm not saying I'm closing my doors. In the meantime, as of now, because I've been doing it all my life, I think there's a time and place for everything. This time, I really want to focus on different genres I've never done before. Para masasabi ko, when I get old, at least I was able to do everything. So for now, I'm just really enjoying and playing around with different concepts and characters. I'm just having fun," he explained. The 32-year-old Kapamilya star admits he is excited to explore various genres when it comes to both acting and producing in the coming year.

"Wala pa, this is just the beginning. I was able to produce I am Not Big Bird which is a comedy. I've always wanted to do comedy, slapstick comedy," he shared. "And then now, I was able to produce meta-style horror. I still want to produce traditional style horror movie in the future. And I have a concept as well for an action horror." "More concepts and more comedies and of course I want some dramas as well in the future," he added. "Hindi kasi ako magaling mag-isip ng drama. May mga ilang concepts na. I have a team naman. Ang hilig ko kasi comedy and horror eh. And some action of course in the future."

The Strange Frequencies star admitted his only wish for him and his company in 2025 is to have more projects to look forward to apart from the ones they are currently working on in collaboration with the Kapamilya network.

Watch Enrique Gil in Strange Frequencies: Taiwan Killer Hospital, which is one of the ten entries in the 2024 Metro Manila Film Festival now showing in cinemas nationwide until January 7, 2025. It also stars Jane de Leon, Alexa Miro, Rob Gomez, MJ Lastimoso, Raf Pineda, and Ryan "Zarcaroo" Azurin, directed by Kerwin Go.

Actress at supermodel Dayle Haddon pumanaw na, 76

Pumanaw na ang supermodel at actress na si Dayle Haddon sa edad na 76.

Kinumpirma ng kampo nito na nasawi siya sa soffucation ng carbon monoxide leak sa Solebury, Pennsylvania.

Nadiskubre ng Solebury Township Police Department ang katawan nito sa kuwarto nito na matatagpuan sa ikalawang palapag.

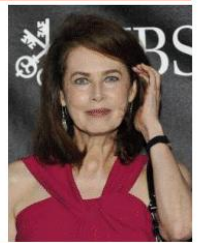
Nakita naman ang kasama nitong si Walter Blucas na

nawalan din ng malay at nakahiga kaya ito ay itinakbo sa pagamutan.

Nakilala ang si Haddon sa mga sikat na magazine mula dekada 70 at 80.

Bumida ito sa ilang mga TV shows gaya ng "North Dallas Forty", "Max Headroom" at "The Hitchhiker".

Patuloy naman ang ginagawang imbestigasyon ng mga otoridad sa nangyaring insidente.



'The Voice' USA winner Sofronio Vasquez inunsiyo ang pag-uwi



Inunsiyo ng "The Voice" USA Season 26 winner na si Sofronio Vasquez ang kaniyang nalalapit na pag-uwi.

Sa social media account nito ay nagpahayaw siya ang nalalapit niyang pag-uwi. Hindi naman nagbigay pa

ng ibang detalye ang singer sa kaniyang pag-uwi.

Si Vasquez ang unang Asian na nagwagi ng nasabing international singing competition.

Hawak siya ng singer na si Michael Buble bilang kaniyang coach.

Kylie Versoza nakagat ng jellyfish habang nasa Boracay

Ibinahagi ng actress na si Kylie Versoza ang hindi magandang karanasan niya sa Boracay.

Sa social media account nito ay ibinahagi niya na nakagat siya ng jellyfish habang nagsi-swimming.

Dahil sa insidente ay nilagat ito at hindi nakalabas sa buong araw ng Kapasku-

han.

Sa ibang mga post ay ipinakita niya ang mga masasayang larawan habang ito ay nagsi-swimming sa Boracay.

Si Versoza ay nagwagi bilang Miss International Beauty Princess noong 2016 at naging pang-anim na Filipino beauty queen na nag-uwi ng korona.



Pokwang inamin na may apo na siya mula sa panganay na na anak



Inamin ng komendyanteng si Pokwang na mayroon na ito ng apo mula sa anak nitong babae na si Mae Subong.

Sinabi nito na apat na taong gulang na ang apo nito na pinangalanang si Gabriel. Dagdag pa nito na hindi

naman artista ang 28-anyos na anak nito kaya minabuting ilabas na sa publiko ang pagkakaroon niya ng apo.

Hindi naman ito nagalit ng malaman niyang nabuntis ang anak dahil nakapagtapos naman ito sa pag-aaral.

Denise Julia pinag-aaralan ang defamation case laban kay Pascual

Nakikipag-ugnayan na ang singer na si Denise Julia sa kaniyang mga abogado para ihanda ang kasong defamation laban sa celebrity photographer na si BJ Pascual.

Ibinunyag kasi ni Pascual sa isang podcast na ang singer ang siyang "worst" na personality na kaniyang nakatrabaho.

Kinansela kasi nila ang naka-schedule na photoshoot isang gabi bago ito isagawa

kung saan sinagot pa umano ni Pascual ang cancellation fee.

Nitong Disyembre 25 ay ibinahagi ng singer ang mga screen recording ng pag-uusap ng kaniyang manager na si John Vincent Salcedo at manager ni Pascual na si Pearl Acuesta

Giit ng singer na may personal na motibo si Pascual para pabagsakin ang kaniyang pangalan.



Anthony Jennings muling naging aktibo sa socmed



Muling naging aktibo sa social media ang actor na si Anthony Jennings.

Matapos ito ng kinasangkutan niyang cheating controversy nila ni Maris Racal.

Sa social media nito ay ipinromote niya ang pelikulang "And The Breadwin-

ner Is..." kung saan kasama ito at pinagbibidhanan ni Vice Ganda.

Magugunitang naging laman ng balita ang actor at actress matapos na ikalat ng dating nobya ng actor na si Jamela Villanueva ang mga screenshots ng usapan ng dalawa.



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Trump, nagpaabot ng pakikiramay sa pagpanaw ni former Pres. Carter

Hindi naitago ni US President-elect Donald Trump ang kalungkutan sa pagpanaw ni dating US president Jimmy Carter sa edad na 100.

Si Carter kinikilalang longest-living president sa kaysaysayan ng US. Siya ay pumanaw habang nasa kaniyang tahanan sa Plains, Georgia.

Naging state governor at tuluyang naging pangulo ng US. Siya ang ika-39 na nag-

silbing pangulo ng naturang bansa.

Sa mensahe ni Trump, binanggit niya na ang mga naging Pangulo ay bahagi ng isang eksklusibong grupo na nakakaunawa sa malaking responsibilidad ng pamumuno sa tinatawag niyang "Greatest Nation in History."

Ayon kay Trump, hinarap ni Carter ang mga hamon ng kanyang panahon bilang pres-

idente at ginawa ang lahat upang mapabuti ang buhay ng mga Amerikano.

Dahil dito, nararapat lamang na magpasalamat tayo sa kanya.

Sa huli, ipinapaabot ni Trump at may-bahay nitong si Melania ang kanilang pakikiramay sa pamilya ni Carter at hinihikayat ang lahat na isama sila sa kanilang mga dasal.



Outgoing President ng Georgia nagmatigas na bumaba sa puwesto



Nagmatigas si Georgian outgoing President Salome Zourabichvili na bumaba sa puwesto kahit na may bagong halal na pangulo ng bansa.

Nanumpa na sa puwesto si Mikheil Kavelashvili matapos na ito ay magwagi sa halalan noong Oktubre.

Subalit maraming mga Georgians ang hindi naniniwala sa panalo ng bagong

pangulo dahil umano sa tala-

mak na dayaan.

Sa kasagsagan ng inauguration ng bagong pangulo ay ilang libong mga Georgians ang nagprotesta sa capital na Tbilisi.

Giit ni Zourabichvili na aalis lamang ito sa opisina pero kikilalanin ang susunod sa kanya bilang illegitimate.

2 nasawi sa plane crash sa Ras al-Khaimah coast sa UAE

Nasawi ang dalawang sakay nang bumagsak ang isang light plane sa dagat sa United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Ang pagbagsak ay nagapanap sa baybayin ng emirate ng Ras al-Khaimah, na ikinasawi ng piloto at co-pilot nito.

Mismong ang General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) ang nagkumpirma ng pangyayari.

Agad namang sinimulan ang isang imbestigasyon upang alam ang sanhi ng pagbagsak.



Patuloy ang ginagawang imbestigasyon ng mga otoridad ukol sa nasabing insidente.

3 patay sa pagbangga ng bus sa Norway

Patay ang tatlong katao matapos ang pagbangga ng bus sa Norway. Nanyari ang insidente sa Hadsel district sa may north-western coast ng bansa. Ayon sa mga kapulisan na nahulog pa ang bus sa bahagi ng Asvatnet lake.

Mayroong lulan na 58 pasahero ang bus kung saan karamihan sa mga dito ay mga dayuhan.

MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT

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KEEPING UP WITH THE KARDASHIAN



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NBA's 'King' James on top of his game at 40



NBA superstar LeBron James celebrates his 40th birthday on Monday, the milestone carrying him to yet another first in a league in which he has starred for more than two decades -- with the clock still running.

Heat itinangging lilipit nila si Jimmy Butler

Itinanggi ni Miami Heat president Pat Riley na kanilang itit-trade si Jimmy Butler. Kasunod ito sa mga lumabas na usapin na nakatak-dang lumipat sa ibang koponan si Butler.

Giit nito na kung gusto naman ni Butler na lumipat ay maari siyang maging free-agent.

Stephen Curry wala pang balak na magretiro



Hindi pa iniisip ngayon ni NBA star Stephen Curry na magretiro.

Sinabi ng 36-anyos na Golden State Warriors star na laging sumasagi sa isip niya ang maagang pagreretiro na sa paglalaro.

Subalit nakikita niya sa kaniyang katawan na kaya pa niyang makipagsabay sa

ibang mga manlalaro. Giit nito na hanggang kaya pa ng kaniyang katawan ay hindi pa ito magreretiro dahil siya ay nag-eejenjoy sa paglalaro.

Inaabangan ngayong araw ang paghaharap ng Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers para sa tamang Christmas Day Game main game.

The Los Angeles Lakers great will become the first NBA player ever to play in his teens, 20s, 30s and 40s.

A four-time champion, four-time NBA Most Valuable Player and four-time Finals MVP, James continues to excel.

In his 22nd season he's averaging 23.5 points, nine assists and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Having surpassed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the league's all-time scoring leader in February of 2023 he has taken his total to 41,131.

Still in his sights is the record for baskets made -- James's 15,088 trailing Abdul-Jabbar's 15,837 -- and the record for most games played.

With 1,520 he's fifth on that list topped by the 1,611 of Robert Parish.

"It's just commitment to the craft and to the passion and love I have for the game," James said when he set the

minutes-played mark on December 19.

"It's kind of mind-boggling just to be in this position coaching him, playing against him for 15 years, taking three years of calling his games and then he's still playing at this level," said JJ Redick, the 40-year-old who played 15 seasons in the NBA then served as a TV commentator before being named head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers in June.

"Feels like he's just been doing this forever, and not a small stretch in human history -- but forever." And that just speaks to his competitive stamina and love of the game. "James's longevity allowed him to achieve a cherished dream this season, playing alongside son Bronny James as they became the first father-son duo to play together in a regular-season game.

The Lakers' decision to draft the largely untried Bronny James -- whose collegiate career was disrupted by a frightening heart attack that revealed a congenital heart defect -- sparked backlash.

But James said in September that the chance to play alongside his son, and his role in helping the United States defend their Olympic title in Paris, had reinvigorated him. "Gives you a lot of life," James said, and that's surely just what the Lakers wanted to hear from the player who signed a new two-year contract worth a reported \$100 million in July.

Whether he'll go on that long remains to be seen. James's interests off the court are constantly expanding. As a partner in the Fenway Sports Group that owns Liverpool FC, James has shares in the English Premiership club as well as Major League Baseball's Boston Red Sox and the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins.

His entertainment firm the SpringHill Company has made him a player in Hollywood and Forbes estimates that James is the first basketball player to become a billionaire (\$1.2 billion) during his career.

When his playing days are over, James has said, he wants to become an NBA owner, preferably in Las Vegas.

- Sustained excellence - But first there's the pursuit of a fifth title.

James won back-to-back titles with the Miami Heat in 2012 and 2013, then returned to his hometown Cleveland Cavaliers and led them to the crown in 2016. But he hasn't won a ring since 2020, when the Lakers triumphed in the league's "Covid bubble" in Orlando.

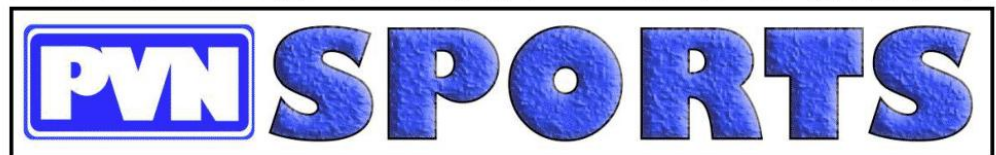
The Lakers have since been disappointing, reaching the Western Conference Finals in 2023, but being eliminated in

the first round of the play-offs last spring. They have struggled to build momentum this season and James looked his age as he battled through a shooting slump that saw him miss all 19 of his three-point attempts in one four-game stretch. He has also missed games with a foot injury and illness and seen his points in the paint and efficiency in transition diminish.

But James delivered a classic on Christmas Day, scoring 31 points and handing out 10 assists as the Lakers edged the Golden State Warriors.

Redick sounds in awe of James's ability to keep rising to the demands of the game.

"For guys like him ... the Tom Bradys of the world, the Roger Federers of the world, it's hard to comprehend having that level of sustained excellence for so long because of the toll that it takes on all of you, not just on your body."



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B.League: Kai Sotto tallies double-double as Koshigaya regains winning ways

The visiting Alphas crushed the Shiga Lakes, 89-62, with Sotto tallying 16 points, 14 rebounds, and three blocks in a 26-minute stint.

He was one of four players in double-digits for Koshigaya, led by LJ Peak with 20 points. The Alphas snapped a six-game losing streak, claiming their first win since December 8.

They now have a 7-18 win-loss record in the tournament.

Also triumphant on Sunday were Matthew Wright and the Kawasaki Brave Thunders, who whipped the Ibaraki Robots 89-78 at the Kawasaki Todoroki Arena.

Wright knocked down seven of his 11 three-pointers en route to 23 points, along with three rebounds and three assists.

After losing 10 consecutive games, Kawasaki has now won back-to-back assignments to improve to 6-20.

Also on Sunday, the Osaka Evessa held on for an 84-80 win against the Akita Northern Happinets at the CNA Arena Akita. Ray Parks Jr. contributed seven points and three rebounds in the win that hiked their record to 14-12. However, other Filipinos in Japan absorbed defeats on Sunday.

Kiefer Ravena and the

Yokohama B-Corsairs were soundly beaten once more by the league-leading San-En NeoPhoenix, 87-72, with the Filipino guard mustering only seven points and four dimes in the loss.

It was the seventh loss in nine games for the B-Corsairs, who are 9-17 in the season.

Dwight Ramos and LeVanga Hokkaido suffered a heartbreaking 75-74 loss against Seahorses Mikawa, as they squandered a late lead to absorb a fourth consecutive defeat.

A layup by Yoshiaki Kubota gave Mikawa a one-point lead with 11 seconds to go, and Shuto Terazono's jumper was off the mark for LeVanga as time expired.

They dropped to a 9-17 record.

The Nagasaki Velca lost 76-70 to the Sendai 89ers, with Gilas Pilipinas center AJ Edu tallying six points and seven rebounds in 20 minutes of action.

In the second division, the Yamagata Wyverns fell 81-71 to Kumamoto, as Roosevelt Adams contributed eight points and five boards. The Ehime Orange Vikings lost anew, 90-67, to Shizuoka. Former Ateneo center Geofrey Chiu was limited to five points and four rebounds.



Filipino center Kai Sotto put up a huge double-double to help the Koshigaya Alphas snap their losing streak in the 2024-25 B.League Division 1 on Sunday at the Shiga Daihatsu Arena.

Ballado wins two titles in PSC-Philta tourney

Top seed Jayden Reece Ballado defeated No. 2 Avegail Joy Ansay, 7-6 (3), 6-3, Monday to secure the girls' 16-under title in the Philippine Sports Commission-Philippine Tennis Association (PSC-Philta) tournament at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center. "I'm glad because I did what I wanted to do in the match," the 15-year-old Ballado said after pocketing her ninth 16-under singles title this year. "I just kept my patience and instead of thinking about the errors, I focused on the next point because that is more important," added the Grade 10 student at Muñoz National High School in Nueva Ecija. Ballado also won the 18-under doubles title with Shiloh Louisa Cruz. They beat Ansay and Ave Maria Policarpio, 6-4, 5-7, 10-8. Meanwhile, top seed Mikaela Ngu

rallied past Shiloh Louisa Cruz, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0, to capture the girls 18-under crown. Top seed Maristella Torrecampo trounced second seed Ayl Xyza Gonzaga, 6-1, 6-1, in the girls 14-under final while second seed Lilith Rufino won the girls 12-under title over top seed Athina Zhia Liwag, 7-5, 2-0 (ret.). In the boys' division, third seed Adrian Cagitla bagged the 18-under title over John Benedict Aquino, 6-3, 6-2. Novak Brazal walked over Gavin Kraut to win the 16-under title, while top seed Anthony Bjorn Castigador prevailed over third seed Rafa Monte De Ramos, 6-2, 6-3, to take the 14-under title. The boys' 12-under title went to fourth seed Jan Caleb Villeno, who turned back Everett Pete Fernan Niere 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. (PNA)