

The Timeless Magic of Christmas: EK unveils five magical gifts to celebrate the holiday season

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, brings the most magical holiday celebration as it shares five (5) new timeless Christmas experiences in Santa Rosa, Laguna.

Apart from the more than 30 unlimited rides and gated attractions, every Filipino can now enjoy the Timeless Magic of Christmas with the Park's festive tunes, vibrant displays and colorful decors, all unveiled during EK's grand holiday kickoff last November 23.

ENCHANTING PERFORMANCES
The event's amazing lineup of performers spread the timeless holiday magic through world-class music and entertainment.

Award-winning De La Salle Santiago Zobel (DLSZ) Rondalla serenaded the crowd with a Christmas medley and enchanting symphonic music through their strings and percussion.

Returning to the EK stage to bring some Yuletide cheer, members of the powerhouse dance company G-Force teased the audience with their spectacular dance moves. They also promoted their year-end dance concert which will also be held at the theme park on December 15.

EK's homegrown vocal groups, SMS, Victoria's Way and the Kingmen, set up the festive vibe even more with their mesmerizing renditions of classic holiday songs.

THE MAGIC OF GIVING
The magical celebration was graced by Santa Rosa Mayor Hon. Arlene B. Arcillas, who shared that the Christmas season in the city would not be complete without the grand lighting ceremony of the Park's Enchanted Christmas Tree and Grand Parol.

EK's Chief Operating Officer Dr. Cynthia R Mamon officially turned over the donation funds raised during the Timeless Halo-ween: An Event for a Cause for the benefit of those affected by Typhoon Kristine, to the city government of Santa Rosa



through Hon. Arcillas.

Hon. Arcillas expressed her gratitude to EK for spreading the 'very essence of Christmas' — the spirit of giving — through their offerings and initiatives.

ELDAR'S MOONLIGHT PARADE

Parkgoers flocked along the streets of Portabello and Brooklyn Place in anticipation for the back-to-back launch of EK's holiday attractions beginning with the Eldar's Moonlight Parade.

And suddenly, there they were — EK's jolly wizard along with other beloved storybook characters appeared with their vibrant, glow-in-the-dark costume. Nightlife at the Park lit up as they pranced across the themed zones to the tune of lively, iconic EK songs.

ELDAR'S BROOKLYN SYMPHONY

As the parade party approaches EK's 4D-simulated theater Rialto at the Brooklyn Place zone, Eldar the Wizard waved his magical wand to start the Brooklyn Symphony. Christmas lights that covered the whole zone suddenly came to life, dancing to the beat of popular Christmas songs playing throughout the area.

Guests also rejoiced upon the sight of 'snow' falling from the sky towards the end of the show as part of the holiday vibe.

ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS TREE

Serving as the highlight of EK's magical holiday attractions this 2024 is their one-of-a-kind Enchanted Christmas

Tree in partnership with Firefly. It is located between the Brooklyn Place and Midway Boardwalk's Wheel of Fate.

With Dr. Mamon and Hon. Arcillas leading the lighting ceremony, purple lights soon covered the whole tree, unveiling its unique design.

This year, the theme park transformed the Enchanted Christmas Tree into Eldar's iconic wizard hat. Serving as the ornaments are star-shaped lanterns, each bearing the portrait of the EK storybook characters; while on top is an image of the nativity scene, reminding every guest of the true essence of the Christmas season.



GRAND PAROL

EK embraced Paskong Pinoy and brought back the star of Filipino holiday celebrations through its Grand Parol, which stands even brighter at the Spaceport Grounds beside the Space Shuttle rollercoaster ride where guests can enjoy its colorful display synchronized with popular Filipino Christmas songs.

The Santa Rosa-based theme park commissioned the renowned lantern maker from Pampanga, Eric Bondoc Quiwa to create this record-breaking decor together with 100 other parols installed around the park.

ENCHANTMENT CONTINUES UP IN THE SKY

Once again, Eldar the Wizard orchestrates a grand spectacle of lights up in the sky with the new Timeless Magic Fireworks Show. This features the special holiday version of EK's 29th anniversary theme song Timeless Magic, composed and sung by the theme park's P-pop girl group SMS.

MORE TIMELESS

CHRISTMAS MAGIC

'Tis the season to celebrate with the whole family here at EK!

Guests can now continuously enjoy the majestic view of the Grand Parol, Enchanted Christmas Tree, and the Eldar's Brooklyn Symphony while they can watch out for the Timeless Magic Fireworks Show during Saturdays at 7 PM.



Meanwhile, starting this December, Eldar the Wizard will add a Yuletide twist to his Moonlight Parade with the Christmastime Parade.

Musical groups and bands will also spread the magical spirit of the holidays through enchanting live carols by the Grand Parol starting the end of November. DLSZ Rondalla will be back with their music on November 30 and December 7. Ateneo Gabay and Emilio Aguinal-

The Timeless Magic of Christmas event was made even more magical through the following sponsors: Bounty Fresh, Cloud 9, Coca-Cola, C2, Chuckie, DITO Telecommunity, Dove, Easy Life, Galway Lightskin, Easy Life, Krispy Kreame, Maya, McCormick, Milo, Mount Malarayat Golf & Country Club, Optimal, Philadelphia, Poten-Cee Plus, PruLife UK, SD13 Advertising Corp., Selecta, and Tulip.

For more information about this celebration, available promotional offerings, and more of EK's timeless magic, visit our Press Room at <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph/ek-press-room> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and Tiktok, and @ek_philippines for Twitter and Instagram.

do Symphonic Band will also be there to join the festivities on December 16 and 21, respectively. EK also hinted of an upcoming anniversary promo which is also set for release this last week of November that you surely don't want to miss! Gift the magic of Enchanted Kingdom through our upcoming holiday EKatalogue featuring



The paper that stand for real values and gives you real value for money

Vol. I - Series 20 - Dec. 01-07, 2024

Mayor Ross Tops CALABARZON Rankings: "Salamat Po sa Pagtitiwala, Calambeños!" P. 02

Cayetano calls for stronger action vs rising stunting rate in Filipino children



Defeated Candidate Continues to Serve: Sol Aragones Provides Free Maintenance Medicines in Laguna



CABUYAO, LAGUNA — Despite her loss in the 2022 gubernatorial race, former Congresswoman Sol Aragones remains steadfast in her commitment to serve the people of Laguna. Recently, she launched the "AKAY ni SOL" program in Cabuyao, aimed at providing free maintenance medicines to those in need.

The program distributed over a month's supply of essential medicines such as Amlodipine, Metformin, Losartan, and Rosuvastatin to hundreds of residents suffering from heart conditions, diabetes, and hypertension.

This initiative is part of the efforts of 141 AKAY ni SOL Partylist, in collaboration with Sol Aragones, Vice Governor Peewee Perez, and Board Member Christian Aguillo. Beneficiaries expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the program, which has significantly eased their health and financial burdens.

"This is a huge help for us senior citizens who rely on maintenance medicines every day. Thank you, Gob Sol, and to everyone involved in this project!" said Ernesto, one of the recipients of the free medicines.

Known for her advocacy for #GobyernongMaySolusyon (A Government with Solutions), Sol Aragones prioritizes heartfelt public service, even without holding an official position. The "AKAY ni SOL" program demonstrates that genuine care for the community transcends electoral victories.

Residents of Laguna hope initiatives like this will continue, bringing hope and support to their daily lives. (EDJUN MARIPOSQUE)(NELSON DIMAPILIS)



Sa pangunguna ni LVGP President, Laguna Vice Gov. Atty Karen Agapay ay ginanap kamakailan ang 98th National Assembly of the League of Vice Governors of the Philippines - LVGP kasama ang mga Guest Speakers na sina DILG Secretary Jonvic Remulla, Hon. Chavit Singson, Senator Francis Tolentino, Hon. Rodante Marcoleta, Senator Bong Go at Philip Salvador

Editorial NAGKAISA ANG LTO AT NLRC PARA PABILISIN ANG MGA LABOR-RELATED CASES KAUGNAY SA MGA SASAKYANG PANLUPA

Nagkasundo ang Land Transportation Office (LTO) at National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) upang lagdaan ang isang kasunduan na nagtataguyod ng mas matibay na koordinasyon sa pagitan ng dalawang ahensya patungkol sa mga kasong legal at desisyon na may kaugnayan sa mga sasakyang panlupa.

Ang seremonya ay pinangunahan nina LTO Chief, Assistant Secretary Atty. Vigor D. Mendoza II at NLRC Chairperson Grace E. Maniquiz-Tan ang paglagda sa kasunduan ay ginanap nitong Martes, Nobyembre 26 sa tanggapan ng NLRC sa Ben-Lor Building, Quezon City.

"Ang kasunduang ito ay nagbibigay ng mga kinakailangang gabay at wastong koordinasyon upang matiyak ang epektibong pagpapatupad ng mga pinal na kautusan, resolusyon, desisyon at iba pang proseso na inilalabas ng NLRC kaugnay sa mga alituntunin at regulasyon sa transportasyong panlupa," ani Assec Mendoza.

Binigyang-diin ni Assec Mendoza ang kahalagahan ng kasunduang ito dahil ipinaliwanag niya na may terms of reference ito na nagpapadali sa mga paraan upang matupad ang mandato ng dalawang ahensya.

Nakapaloob sa kasunduan, obligadong magbigay ang NLRC ng kopya ng kanilang mga legal na dokumento sa LTO at makipag-ugnayan para sa beripikasyon kung may nakarehistrong sasakyang panlupa sa pangalan ng mga judgment debtor.

Nahpasalamat si NLRC Chairperson Tan sa pamunuan ng LTO dahil sa pagpapadali ng kanilang mga gawain lalo na sa aspeto ng beripikasyon, pinal na kautusan, desisyon, resolusyon at iba pang prosesong legal na nais ipatupad ng kanilang ahensya.

Ang NLRC rin ay inatasing magbigay ng mga kaukulang impormasyon sa mga tauhan ng LTO upang maresolba ang mga isyung panghurisdiksyon kaugnay ng rehistro ng mga sasakyan, upang ang tamang logistical na tulong ay maaaring mapalawak at magsagawa ng iba pang kaugnay na tungkulin upang matupad ang layunin ng Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Sa kabilang banda, inatasan ang LTO na agad na aksyunan ang mga kahilingan ng beripikasyon mula sa anumang Sheriff o itinalagang tauhan ng NLRC hinggil sa anumang nakarehistrong sasakyang panlupa sa pangalan ng judgment debtor alinsunod sa writ of execution na inilabas ng anumang Komisyoner o Labor Arbiter ng NLRC.

Sakop ng beripikasyon ng LTO ang sumusunod:

- a. Notice of Decision/Resolution; b. Certificate of Finality/ Entry of Judgment, kung naaangkop; c. Writ of Execution na nakapangalan sa Sheriff o itinalagang tauhan ng NLRC; at d. Opisyal na dokumento mula sa NLRC na nagpapatunay na ang humihiling ay awtorisado.

Inatasan din ang LTO na magbigay ng sertipikasyon hinggil sa pag-iral ng nakarehistrong sasakyang panlupa sa pangalan ng judgment debtor, pati na rin ang mga datos ng rehistro ng mga sasakyan alinsunod sa naunang tala.

Bukod dito, inaasahan din ang LTO na magtakda ng kaukulang alarm sa sasakyan alinsunod sa LTO Memorandum Circular No. ACL-2009-1155 upang maiwasan ang paglipat ng pagmamam-ari habang hindi pa naayos ang Notice of Levy. Gayunpaman, hindi nito maaapektuhan ang pag-renew ng rehistro ng sasakyan habang nasa ilalim ng alarma.

Inaatasan din ang LTO na bumuo ng mga mekanismo upang maisama at mapadali ang NLRC execution processes sa kanilang regular na tungkulin bilang tagapagpatupad ng mga batas sa transportasyon.

Binigyang-diin ni Assec Mendoza na kasama rin sa MOA ang regular na quarterly oversight meetings sa pagitan ng LTO Chief at NLRC Chairperson, kasama ang kanilang mga kinatawan, upang matukoy ang progreso ng implementasyon nito

Cayetano...

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Tuesday called on the government to reassess its programs and consider new approaches to tackle the rising rate of stunting among Filipino children, stressing the importance of early intervention in securing the

MAYOR ROSS... FROM PAGE 1

Calamba City, Laguna - Calamba City Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal has once again proven his exceptional leadership by securing the top spot in the latest survey conducted by Social Pulse Philippines. The survey highlights the performance of city mayors across the CALABARZON region, and Mayor Rizal emerged as the Top 1 Mayor with an impressive 87.8% approval rating.

Mayor Rizal's closest contenders were Lipa City Mayor Eric Africa and Antipolo City Mayor Jun Ynares, who placed second and third, respectively. Meanwhile, Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene Arcillas ranked fourth with an 86.2% satisfaction rating, and San Pedro City Mayor Art Mercado followed in sixth place with a score of 83.1%.

Other mayors who made it to the Top 10 include:

- Cavite City Mayor or Denver Chua

NPA REBEL... FROM PAGE 3

arm with a loaded magazine, a backpack, a handheld radio with a headset, assorted medicines, and personal belongings.

No casualties were reported on the side of government forces.

Maj. Gen. Cerilo Balaoro Jr., commander of the 21D, expressed gratitude for the community's support in providing intelligence that led to the operation. "The support of our fellow citizens is a testament to their confidence in our efforts to maintain peace and security. Rest assured, we remain committed to protecting our communities and responding promptly to any threats that endanger their safety and well-being," he stated.

nation's future.

"This is a discussion with the whole of government. The DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development) plays a significant role, but I'd like to ask if we can try something in 2025 to really lower the numbers,"-

FROM PAGE 1

- Lucena City Mayor or Mark Alcala
Imus City Mayor Alex Advincula
Dasmarinas City Mayor Jenny Barzaga
General Trias City Mayor Luis Ferrer IV

The survey, titled "The Social Pulse Survey: Pulso ng Bayan for August 2024", involved 2,000 respondents, with a margin of error of ±3% and a confidence level of 95%.

In a statement, Mayor Rizal extended his gratitude to the people of Calamba:

"Salamat po sa inyong tiwala at suporta. Alay ko po ito sa inyo, mga minamahal kong Calambefios. Patuloy po tayong magsisikap para sa mas progresibong Calamba!"

This recognition further solidifies Calamba City's position as a leader in good governance, under Mayor Rizal's administration. It reflects his dedication to serving his constituents and driving inclusive development across the city. (Edjun Mariposque)

FROM PAGE 3

He reiterated that the government does not celebrate the loss of lives but remains steadfast in its mission to end insurgency and achieve lasting peace.

Maj. Gen. Balaoro also appealed to remaining members of the CTG to surrender and take advantage of the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), which offers assistance to those who wish to leave the armed struggle and reintegrate into society peacefully.

Authorities continue to monitor the area and encourage public vigilance to ensure peace and order in the region. (Edjun Mariposque)

FROM PAGE 1

Cayetano said during the deliberation on November 19, 2024 of the proposed 2025 budget for DSWD.

Citing alarming data that one-third of preschool-aged Filipino children are at risk of stunting, Cayetano drew attention to the long-term consequences of malnutrition such as developmental delays, chronic illnesses, and limited economic opportunities in adulthood.

He said despite the increased funding for feeding programs and health initiatives, the impact in reducing stunting remains minimal.

"In the past few weeks we'd looked at all departments. Sa lahat ng usapan na 'yan you are basically talking about two-third of our future population, because if stunted ang one-third [of children], hindi rin nila mapapakinabangan 'yan (government programs)," he added.

Cayetano urged the DSWD to reassess existing programs like the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and explore how it could better monitor and support families with malnourished or at-risk children.

He also called for the agency to identify underfunded programs or pilot new initiatives in the areas most affected by

stunting. "Is there any other program which is there but is underfunded that the DSWD can focus on or launch to prevent stunting?" he said.

In his interpellation, Senator Cayetano also raised concerns about other vulnerable groups such as orphans and the elderly. He proposed a model similar to 4Ps where funding is tied to measurable outcomes like nutritional improvement for orphans.

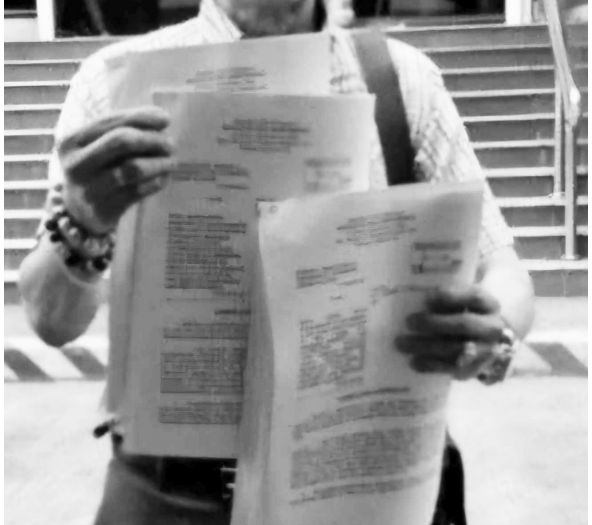
For the elderly, Cayetano called for "true no-billing" services under PhilHealth to reduce the burden on the DSWD, allowing the agency to focus resources on better food and accommodations for elderly residents in care homes.

The senator also called on agencies such as the Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and local government units (LGUs) to collaborate with the DSWD in crafting more targeted and effective policies.

"We all agree that prevention is better than cure. Marami sa stunted, sila rin ang future PWDs. The more that we take care of the stunting now, the less we have to spend on the interventions later on," he said. PR

DERETSAHAN WEEKLY PUBLISHING. Editorial Office: #025 Coastal Green St., P. F. 1 Espiritu, Bacoor City Cavite. Mobile No. 09365035056. Email ad: deretsahan2024@gmail.com. EDITORIAL BOARD: Publisher: Nelson A. Dimapilis, Editor-in-chief: Kevin Pamatmat, Editor: Sol Luzano, Marketing Manager: Pau Dela Cruz, Circulation Manager: Christina Mercado, Lay Out Artist: Danica vMae G. Cardino. ADVERTISING RATES: COMMERCIAL P200/col.cm, LEGAL/NOTICES P160/col.cm. Font Size: Heading: 10, Body Text: 8, Space: Single space.

Citizen's Crime Watch Files Graft Charges Against Sto. Tomas Mayor Arth Jhun Marasigan



Anti-Corruption Group Alleges Violations of Procurement Laws in Multiple City Projects

Sto. Tomas City, Batangas - The anti-corruption group Citizen's Crime Watch (CCW), led by its National President Diego Magpantay, has filed three graft and corruption charges against Sto. Tomas City Mayor Arth Jhun Marasigan and other key city officials.

The charges, submitted on Monday to the Office of the Ombudsman in Quezon City, allege violations of Republic Act 3019, or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, in awarding contracts for city projects.

According to Magpantay, the charges stem from irregularities in the procurement process for three city projects: the delivery and installation of LED lights, the supply of customized medal and certificate holders, and the implementation of energy-efficient street lighting systems.

Alleged Violations in Procurement Process: Customized Medal and Certificate Holder: A P6.35 million contract for school supplies was awarded to JOARC Trading in July 2023, allegedly in violation of procurement rules. Energy-Efficient Lighting System: The

Magpantay claims that these projects were awarded to private entities without adhering to the required bidding and posting processes. He

highlighted that some projects were initiated even before formal procurement procedures began.

LED Lights Installation: The group accused the mayor of awarding a P3.42 million project to DSL GAM Enterprise last November, allegedly without approval from the city's Bids and Awards Committee (BAC).

Customized Medal and Certificate Holder: A P6.35 million contract for school supplies was awarded to JOARC Trading in July 2023, allegedly in violation of procurement rules.

Energy-Efficient Lighting System: The



Laguna Police Arrest Suspect in Major Anti-Drug Operation, Seize Over Php 10 Million Worth of Illegal Drugs



third complaint involves a P1.86 million project awarded to DSOM General Construction in January for installations in Barangay Poblacion I, II, and III.

"These projects were carried out before the proper bidding and posting processes were completed, indicating clear violations of the law," Magpantay said.

Call for Accountability: Magpantay emphasized that the group's evidence suggests a deliberate circumvention of lawful procurement practices. "We filed this complaint to stop these malpractices and ensure that government projects follow proper processes," he added.

He further revealed that additional documents are being reviewed, hinting at more charges to come against Mayor Marasigan.

The Office of the Ombudsman is expected to review the complaints and determine the next steps in the case. Mayor Marasigan and the implicated city officials have yet to issue a public statement regarding the allegations.

Lumban, Laguna - Authorities successfully apprehended a suspect and seized a significant amount of illegal drugs during an anti-drug operation in Barangay Maytalang 1, Lumban, Laguna, on November 29, 2024.

The operation, carried out at around 10:55 AM, was led by PLTCOL Joey T. Caise, Commander of the PNP Drug Enforcement Group (DEG) Southern Operations Unit (SOU) 4A, with PMAJ Arlan V. Perez and PLT Rizaldy D. Dimano spearheading the on-ground team. Acting on Search Warrant No. 2024-278, issued by Executive Judge Agripino R. Bravo of the Regional Trial Court in Lucena City, the team arrested Ricardo Rana y Aquino, alias Carding, Karding, and Ojab Pastor, a 60-year-old pollution control officer and resident of E. Rana Street, Barangay Maytalang 1.

Seized Items: During the operation, authorities confiscated: 10 grams of suspected shabu worth Php 68,000 (bedroom); 1,500 grams of suspected shabu worth Php 10.2 million (bedroom); 301 grams of suspected marijuana worth Php 37,625 (2nd-floor bedroom).

Non-drug evidence, including a black plastic case and sling bag, was also recovered. Community Witnesses: Barangay officials Hon. Ruben L. Ubata and Hon. Nicanor B. Flores, alongside media representative Ronaldo M. Vargas, served as witnesses to ensure transparency during the operation.

Details of Arrest: The suspect was apprised of his constitutional rights in his native language, and the entire operation was recorded using two alternative recording devices. The search concluded at approximately 1:52 PM, with the suspect and seized evidence now under the custody of PNP DEG SOU 4A for further documentation and legal proceedings. Authorities emphasized their commitment to eradicating illegal drugs and protecting the community through sustained and well-coordinated operations. (Edjun Mariposque)

Ensuring Safe, Affordable, and Sufficient Water Supply in Laguna



Calamba and Laguna Water Districts Share Innovations in Kapihan Forum

of clean and safe water for communities, aligning with the goals of Bagong Pilipinas.

lights of the CWD presentation was its use of the Ultra Violet-Hydro Optic Disinfection System, a state-of-the-art technology designed to protect consumers from water contamination.

hand, highlighted its Joint Venture Agreement with the Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) and Manila Water Philippine Ventures (MWPV).

tion and modernization to improve service delivery. They continue to upgrade their facilities and infrastructure, ensuring that customers receive high-quality and affordable water services.

The water districts assured their stakeholders that they will persist in improving their systems and implementing modern solutions to guarantee safe, affordable, and sufficient water for everyone.

AKAP PAYOUT NI CONG. AMBEN PARA SA VENDOR NAMAN



Napasaya at nagtulungan ni Congressman Loreto Amante ang 1389 individual na manininda na miembro sa San Pablo Public Market vendors Association ibang bayan ng ikatlong

distrito ng Laguna, dahil sa pagkapili sa kanila na maging recipient ng AKAP Program ng Pangulong Bong-bong Marcos ,na ginanap noong Ika -23 ng Nobyembre sa Central School Gymnasium.

Naging panahin ni Cong. Amante ng araw ngayon si San Pablo City Mayor Gem Retuerto Amante na nagbigay saya sa pamamagitan ng pagkanta at pagbibigay ng pangpakalma sa makiki-

duet sa kanya, Andun din si Martin Gel Adriano na nag introduce kay Cong Amben Amante bago ito mag-salita.Naramdam din ang presensya ni Cong Ruth Hernandez sa pamamagi-

tan ni Atty Simonette Lim na nagpunta ng araw sa kaganapan. "Ang AKAP, AICS, at Medical. Assistance ay hindi ako papayag na mawala dahil Ang magdudusa ay Ang

maralitang kababayan natin" ani Cong Amben, Nagpasalamat din sya kay House Speaker Martin Romualdez sa paglalaan ng budget para sa ikatlong Distrito ng Laguna (Lynn Domingo)



Pointer
Pau Dela Cruz
KATANGIAN NANG ISANG TUNAY NA LIDER AY MAHINAHON AT MAINGAT SA PANANALITA

Nakakalungkot ang nangyayari aa ating bansa sa ngayon. Sa takbo ng politika sa bansa, kung saan nagiging masyadong personal na ang batuhan ng paghayag ng opinyon, ng puna at kritiko. Malaki na ang pinagbago nang mga politikong inihalal ng mamamayan upang mamuno at igiya ang sambayanang Pilipino at Pilipinas patungo sa ikabubuti nito. Ang higit pang nakakadisma-ya ay mismong mga nasa tuktok ng liderato ang kinariringan at nakikitaan ng di katang-gap-tanggap na mga pahayag at hindi maganda ehemplo.

Sa mga pahayag ni VP Sara Duterte-Carpio ay tunay ngang nakakagulat, lalo't galing sa isang edukada, pangalawang pinakamataas ang posisyon sa gobyerno at "minsang" naging kaibigan/kaalyado ng naukaupong pangulo ng bansa. Ang may pang-gagalaiting pahayag na nasaksihan ng buong sambayanan maging ng buong mundo na "pupugutan" niya ng ulo si Pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. at ang pangako ng hukukayin ang labi ni dating Pangulong Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr. na ama ng nakau-pong pangulo at itatapon ang bangkay sa West Philippine Sea ay hindi lubos maisip at nakakadismaya.

Ang kaniyang "pagbulahaw" ay nag-mula lamang sa kaniyang binalikang insidente sa pagtatapos sa Philippine Military Academy (PMA) ng paghingi ng isang kadete sa relo ng pangulo at tinanong siya kung bakit niya ito hinihingi na ikinaani ng pagtawa ng mga taong nakapalibot, na sa isip ni VP Sara ay napahiya umano ay kadete. Kung tutu-usin ay napakaliit na bagay ang insidente na pagmumulan ng pagbatikos ni VP Sara kay PBBM, ang totoo ay nag-ugat ang naging "mapait" nang relasyon ng dalawa sa pag-aakala ni VP Sara na may kinalaman ang palasyo sa di-umano'y panggigipit sa kaniya ng Kongreso at mga kaalyado ng Pangulo (na inaakala rin niyang hindi siya ipinagtatanggol ni PBBM).

to be cont. for next issue

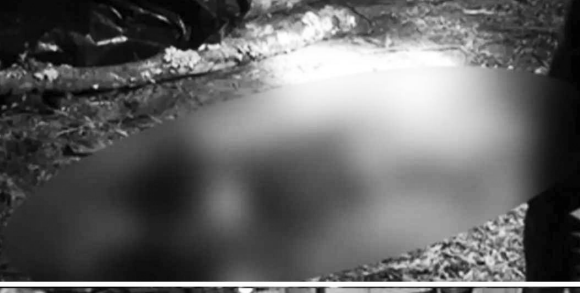


PUBLISHER CORNER
SINO SI ALVIN SAHAGUN

Si Alvin Sahagun ay isinilang sa Zambales Isa syang Katutubo na nag sikap naging successful na business man .Bilang Isang Katutubo o Tribes na kita nya na Ang laging naiwan at halos walang programa sa sektor ng ating Lipunan at lagi pa na aagawan ng kanilang mga lupain ng ilang ganid nating kababayan at Ang iba pa ay MISMO nasa ating Gobyerno.

Dahil sa pag sisikap ni Alvin Sahagun ay umayon sa kanya ang maraming blessing ng Panginoon Dios sa kanya, Sa tagumpay nyan ito sa kanyang Buhay nais nya isabay pa Ang mga kapuwa nya Katutubo,Sabi nga nya na Tapusin na natin Ang mentalidad na mahirap Tayo kaya kaya mahirap umasenso o imposibleng mag nigusyo.Let us look at the neighboring countries, They were once behind us,Ngayon,we're behind theme.

NPA REBEL KILLED IN CLASH WITH ARMY IN FAMY, LAGUNA



Laguna, Philip-pines - A clash between the Army's 2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division (2ID) and the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) in Famy, Laguna, resulted in the death of an NPA member on Thursday afternoon, November 28.

reports from the 202nd Infantry Brigade, the encounter occurred during a security operation in Sitio Sigsigan, Barangay Bacong, following reports from concerned residents about alleged extortion activities in the area. The troops were ambushed by an armed

DICT eyes more free public wifi sites in Calabarzon

BATANGAS CITY (PIA) — Expect more free public wifi in the Calabarzon region as the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is looking to onboard more public areas to benefit from its National Broadband Program (NBP).

To date, the DICT has installed free wifi in 518 strategic locations with 1,111 active access sites in Region IV-A such as town halls and public markets.

DICT IV-A Regional Director Felix Tabanao Jr. said the project will cost over P100 million to facilitate the installation of free public wi-fi and other IT infrastructure in other areas such as transport terminals, seaports, airports, among others.

"The entirety of the (NBP), considering that from the middle mile to the last mile could cost over a P100 trillion. Our national government, through Congress, is allocating funds for free public Wi-Fi and the national broadband," Tabanao said in an episode of Philippine Information Agency's Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas program.

The NBP is designed to build a stronger, more reliable digital payment system.

DICT IV-A Regional Director Felix Tabanao Jr. said the project will cost over P100 million to facilitate the installation of free public wi-fi and other IT infrastructure in other areas such as transport terminals, seaports, airports, among others. (PB/PIA4A)

For the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), utilizing digital payment minimizes the risk of encountering counterfeit group, leading to a fire-fight. The rebels eventually fled, leaving one female NPA member, identified as Agnes Lingay—also known by her aliases Jimmy, Judy, and Esek—dead at the scene. Recovered from the site were a short fire-

cont. on page 2

A HEARTWARMING RETURN OF HOLIDAY CHEER AS THE GRAND MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE MAKES ITS COMEBACK AT SM.

As the holiday season approaches, one of the most eagerly awaited events this 2024 in South Luzon is making its mas, with its dazzling floats, sparkling lights, and joyful performances that usher in the season. For generations of South Luzon residents, the parade is a part of their Christmas memories. "I remember when I Cassie was a baby, 5 Months old, we used to rush to SM after just to catch the parade. Now, she is 8 and it's amazing how the magic of Christ-



"Super happy that Casseybelle got to experience the Christmas Parade again!" Cassey Andal at 5 months old 2016 vs 8 years old 2024 (Photo from Rein Andal/Facebook)



One with the community -San Pablo LGU's headed by Vice Mayor Justin Colago the SM Supermalls South Luzon Team for SM City San Pablo's Grand Magical Parade (photo by Mr. Vanz)

triumphant return — the Grand Magical Christmas Parade at SM Malls. After a brief pause due to pandemic, the beloved holiday spectacle is back to spread joy and rekindle the festive spirit among shoppers, families, and Christmas enthusiasts alike.

A Tradition Rekindled Bringing Back the Magic

For many, the Christmas Parade at SM is more than just an event — it's a cherished tradition. It has become synonymous with the magic of Christ-

mas never fades," shared Rein, a mother from San Pablo.

The Joyous Journey Through SM Malls-A Walk Down Memory Lane for Shoppers

This year, SM malls in South Luzon have pulled out all the stops to make the parade even more spectacular. Featuring an array of festive decorations, vibrant lights, and of course, everyone's favorite Christmas characters, the parade offers a feast for the eyes and a treat for the heart.

From Santa Claus and his elves to magical reindeer, fairy tale princesses, and beloved cartoon characters, the parade is a delightful mix of holiday nostalgia and modern spectacle. And with live performances, catchy Christmas tunes, the fun extends beyond the parade itself, creating an immersive experience for all ages.

SM Malls have been more than just shopping destinations — they are places where countless memories were

made. From buying gifts for loved ones to enjoying family bonding over meals at food courts, SM has been a part of the holiday season for decades.

More than Just a Parade

Beyond the performances, SM Malls also offers photo opportunities for families looking to celebrate the season. The festive spirit can be felt throughout the mall as shoppers enjoy discounts, interactive exhibits, and

even meet-and-greet sessions with Santa and his helpers. It makes shoppers feel the true meaning of Christmas — joy, love, and giving."

The Magic of Christmas is Back

The return of the Grand Magical Christmas Parade at SM Malls in South Luzon is a testament to the timeless charm of the holiday season. Whether you're a child or an adult, the parade reminds us all of the magic of Christmas — the



excitement, the wonder, and the joy of sharing it with those you love. So, gather your loved ones, put on your most festive attire, and head to your nearest SM Mall in South Luzon. To know more about The Grand Magical Christmas Parade activities at SM, visit www.smsupermalls.com or follow @SMSupermalls on social media. The Grand Magical Christmas Parade is waiting to make this holiday season one to remember.

Pedal Forward for a Sustainable Future at SM City Santa Rosa



The road to a cleaner, greener tomorrow is taking shape as over 100 bikers gathered today at SM City Santa Rosa to celebrate National Bike Day and promote a sustainable future. The event was a thrilling showcase of passion for cycling, com-

munity, and eco-friendly transportation.

With every pedal, participants not only embraced the health benefits of biking but also took a stand for reducing their carbon footprint, reinforcing the message that small actions can make a big dif-

ference in preserving our environment. As we continue to share the road and cycle toward a better tomorrow, SM Cares thru SM City Santa Rosa remains committed to creating a bike-friendly space for all, helping to raise awareness about the importance of sustainability and active living.

Let's keep the momentum going—together, we can pedal forward toward a cleaner and more sustainable future! #PedalForwardWithSM #BikeFriendlySM #SustainableFuture #NationalBikeDay #SM-Cares

CARMONA CITY LIGHTS UP THE HOLIDAYS WITH TANGLAW 2024 CELEBRATION AT CITY PARK



Carmona City, Cavite — Thousands of residents gathered on Sunday evening, November 24, 2024, to witness the grand lighting of Tanglaw 2024, marking the official start of the Christmas season at the newly chosen venue, Carmona City Park.

This year, the Christmas lighting event was moved from its traditional location at the City Hall to the City Park to address traffic congestion caused by the growing number of attendees, as explained by Carmona City Mayor Dahlia A.

Loyola. The festive program, organized by the local government unit and led by Mayor Loyola alongside the full Sangguniang Panlungsod, brought together families and even their furry companions to celebrate.

Mayor Loyola proudly highlighted Carmona City's remarkable achievement as an 8-time consecutive SGLG (Seal of Good Local Governance) awardee. She noted that the dual lighting of both the City Park and City Hall symbolizes the city's progress and unity.

Adding to the evening's excitement, the event also served as a prelude to Carmona's first-ever Sorteong Festival 2025 as a newly designated city. The audience was treated to the introduction of the candidates for Binibining Sorteong, representing various barangays, who will compete in the upcoming festival.

The vibrant Tanglaw 2024 celebration reflects Carmona City's commitment to fostering community spirit and celebrating its achievements while embracing the joys of the Christmas season. (EDJUN MARIPOSQUE)



MGA DATING REBELDE, NAKATANGGAP NG TULONG PANGKABUHAYAN MULA SA GOBYERNO



Sa patuloy na pakikipag-ugnayan ng 81st Infantry (SPARTAN) Battalion sa iba't ibang ahensya ng pamahalaan sa lalawigan ng Camarines Sur, matagumpay na

naipamahagi ang tulong pangkabuhayan sa mga dating rebelde noong ika-28 ng Nobyembre 2024 sa Barangang F. Simeon, Ragay, Camarines Sur. Sa ilalim ng Live-

lihood Assistance to Former Rebels program ng Department of Agriculture Camarines Sur, tatlong (3) dating rebelde ang nabigyan ng tig-isang KALABAW upang matulungan



silang makapagsimula na muli ng kabuhayan at panibagong yugto ng kanilang buhay. Hinihikayat din ng pamahalaan ang mga natitirang rebelde

na magbalik-loob upang makapamahay nang mapayapa kasama ang mga mahal sa buhay. Patuloy namang nakikipagtulungan ang 81IB sa iba't ibang sektor

upang maghatid ng mga programang tutulong sa pagbabagong-buhay ng mga naligaw ng landas dahil sa maling ideolohiya ng CPP-NPA (Nelson Dimapilis)