

1. In Barangay Capisaan in the upland town of Kasibu in Nueva Vizcaya, Alayan Pag-asa Abot-Palad Association of Women are trying to keep their Ifugao-Twali culture alive through weaving. They are among the pilot beneficiaries of the Loom Weaving Industry program of the Department of Trade Industry – Nueva Vizcaya (Region 2) in 2014.

Among the women weavers' association's products is the famous Ifugao shawl crafted in a chain rib weave with embroidered seams. These shawls are worn in various ways including as a skirt or as a scarf.

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Sports News

2. MANILA — The Creamline Cool Smashers successfully clinched their eighth Premier Volleyball League (PVL) title.

Creamline closed out the 2024 All-Filipino Conference on Mother's Day by defeating the Choco Mucho Flying Titans, 20-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-22, 15-11 in Game 2 of their Finals series at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City.

Leading the four-peat champions was Finals MVP Jema Galanza who finished with 20 points, all coming from attacks, but she deflected all the credit to her teammates.

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Business News

3. Apple's iPhone 15 lineup hit stores Friday as people waited in long lines across China, Europe and the US to be among the first to get their hands on one of the company's next-generation smartphones.

Leading up to launch day, analysts at firms such as Wedbush Securities have reported iPhone 15 pre-orders tracking much stronger than originally expected, with a heavy demand on its premium iPhone 15 Pro offerings, especially the Pro Max. Delivery and shipment times have moved to late October through mid-November for various Pro models.

4. President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has banned all Philippine offshore gaming operators in the country.

In his 3rd State of the Nation Address, Marcos said POGOs had ventured into illicit areas such as scamming, money laundering, prostitution, human trafficking, kidnapping, torture, and murder.

"The grave abuse and disrespect to our system and laws must stop. Kailangan na itigil ang pangugulo nito sa ating lipunan at paglapastangan sa ating bansa," Marcos said in his 2024 State of the Nation Address.

5. ANGELES CITY, Pampanga – A new coffee shop that showcases locally-produced coffee was opened here on Thursday.

The "Kapebalian" is located on the ground floor of the City Library where one can enjoy reading a variety of books while sipping the city's own blend of organic coffee.

Aside from coffee (kape), the shop serves other beverages which it calls non-coffee (alang kape), tea (pang marimla), signature (tatak), and barista. Cafe goers have 19 flavors of these drinks to choose from.

6. In today's editorial, we explore the urgent need for increased funding in Philippine public education. The most powerful weapon at the constitutional command of Congress is the budget. The natural response to national crises is to legislate more funds to address them. Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian has noted that the government deployed P100 billion for vaccines to deal with the pandemic, and believes that the education crisis demands a comparable commitment of resources.

7. The South Korean government is establishing a \$3-billion funding facility for the Philippines, as well as a P13-billion loan agreement for the construction of a new Dumaguete Airport.

During the Kapihan sa Manila Bay forum yesterday, Finance Secretary Ralph Recto said he signed financing agreements with the Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) that would boost infrastructure projects in the country. These include the \$3-billion Economic Development Promotion Facility and the P13-billion Dumaguete Airport Development Project.

WEATHER NEWS

8. PAGASA has been continuously monitoring the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) in the tropical Pacific. The El Niño Advisory No. 9 was issued stating that El Nino started to weaken and may return to ENSO-neutral conditions during the April-May-June (AMJ) 2024 season. However, model forecasts suggest an increasing probability of La Niña to develop in the June-July-August (JJA) 2024 season. With this development, the PAGASA ENSO Alert and Warning System is now raised to La Niña **Watch**.

9. Star Music announced that the second and third-day concerts of P-pop girl group BINI at the New Frontier Theater **have** completely sold out in less than two hours.

In Star Music's X account, the record company thanked BINI's fans for patronizing the girl group. Tickets for BINI's Day 3 concert were released yesterday, alongside the Day 2 ticket sales.

The group, composed of Mikha, Aiah, Colet, Maloi, **Gwen**, Stacey, Jhoanna and Sheena, debuted in 2021 with "Born to Win."