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Archbishop Du to faithful: Church will not

abandon you during this COVID- 19 pandemic

TACLOBAN CITY- The archbishop of Palo in Leyte assured the faithful that the Church would not abandon them during this time of pandemic caused by the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

Archbishop John Du made his assurance as he earlier directed on the suspension of all public Masses in the archdiocese effective March 20 until he 'revokes' it.

"My dear people of God, the Church is not abandoning her children on these trying moments. We are availing the best means to reach out to you. We continuously seek the

mercy and compassion of God and the maternal protection of our Lady. Let these words of the Lord be our source of strength and courage...'I do will it, Be Cured 'I(Lk/V:13)," he said on his pastoral letter he issued on March 18.

"This is a very difficult decision on our part. However, as pastors it is also our solemn moral obligation see Archbishop /page 9 ...



Tacloban starts disinfection campaign to ensure city will be COVID-19 free

TACLOBAN CITY-Personnel of the Tacloban City Fire Office started the disinfection drive across the city on Saturday(March 21) to ensure the area would remain free from virus that causes the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

The fire office, assisted by Filipino-Chinese fire volunteer brigades, started the disinfection at the city's downtown area which will cover the entire 138 barangays of Tacloban, said city fire marshal officer Senior Inspector Vic Leonard Ma-

According to him, the disinfection will be done daily from every 3 pm to 6 pm for the next three weeks, coinciding with the period of the intensified restriction imposed by the city government.

"This is our way of making sure that Tacloban City would be free from possible spread of the COVID-19.We will disinfect all the villages of the city," he said.



tion and Filipino-Chinese fire volunteers, conduct ed their disinfection and flushing across the city to stop possible spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Aside from the fire trucks where fire personnel and the volunteers would disinfect the main streets of the city, there are also men on foot who will be in charge in disinfecting the alleys of the barangays.

The disinfectant is made of chlorine mixed with wa-

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Tacloban, Leyte chapter, headed by Eugene Tan, donated the several gallons of chlorine being used as disinfectants.

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Six PUIs negative of coronavirus, DOH-8 says

CITY-Eastern Visayas remains to be free from the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) the results of the six persons under investigation (PUIs) turned negative.

P15.00 IN TACLOBAN

This was announced by Dr.Minerva Molon, regional director of the Department of Health (DOH8) in a statement.

Molon said that they received the result of the samples taken to the six PUIs conducted by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) on Saturday (March 21).

"The six samples sent to RITM for the confirmatory test of COVID-19 turned out negative. These PUIs will be discharged today," she said.

There are still about 12 PUIs confined at the Eastern Visavas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) whose samples have yet to be released by the RITM.

At least 115 PUIs, meantime, are "strictly" under home quarantine.

Meanwhile, Dr.Molon said that samples from the region would now be brought to Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in Cebu City, being identified as the assigned sub-national laboratory testing for COVID-19 for the Visayas.

She, however, said that their office is working to make the EVRMC as the testing center for the region for its PUIs. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

Leyte town converts gym into isolation area for PUIs

home quarantine.

officer Dr. Lynette

de la Cruz-Ev-

ans said that the

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isolation tents for

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Leyte

The municipal government of Leyte, Leyte temporarily municipal health converted its gymnasium as an isolation area for residents who are identified as persons under investigation (PUIs) but are living in houses that are not ideal for



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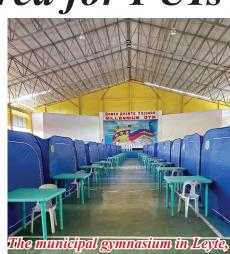
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chair, hygiene kit, food, and snacks. Patients need to bring clothes but they have to be decontaminated before their entry.

> To ensure comfort, ventilation system was also placed strategically in the area and the facility has also its own decontamination



Leyte was converted into for persons investigation(PUIs)making sure that they are comfortable and safe. (Photo Courtesy)

> area and dressing room located at the entrance.

Patients will also have activities to ease their boredom while they are on quarantine.

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Baybay Mayor Cari places city under community quarantine amid COVID-19 threat



MAYOR JOSE CARLOS CARI

TACLOBAN CITY-Baybay City was placed under community quarantine as a measure for possible spread of the dreaded coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

Under his Executive Order Number 55 he signed on March 22, City Mayor Jose Carlos Cari directed for the temporary closure of all business establishments operating in the city during the entire duration of the community quarantine implementation.

However, establishments considered to be delivering essential services and goods like restaurants, banks and remittance centers, pharmacies, gasoline stations, mobile phone distributors, among others, are still to operate

And to ensure the

continuous supply of food in the city, its public market, which is being sanitized daily, will also be open.

Establishment which are allowed to remain open to the public are mandated to strictly observe social or physical distancing.

Mayor Cari has also directed all its villages to strictly enforce the community quarantine, especially for those which have persons under investigation and persons under monitoring who are mandated to have a 14-day quarantine.

Checkpoints in strategic areas of the city manned by the police and the soldier together with health personnel were also established to control the flow of people coming in and out of the city.

Under the order of the city mayor, hoarding and panic buying are also prohibited as well as the imposition of curfew, particularly for senior citizens and children on a 24-hour basis.

The city's public plaza was also temporarily closed for any gathering of people.

(LÍZBÉTH ANN A. ABELLA)



Catbalogan city government offers free ride to commuters affected by the enhanced community quarantine enforcement

TACLOBAN CITY- The city government of Catbalogan is offering free rides to its residents after public transportation was stopped after it was placed under enhanced community quarantine to ensure the city would remain without any case of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

Mayor Dexter Uy issued Executive Order 03-11 placing Catbalogan City, the provincial capital of Samar province, beginning on March 22 and to end on April 15 this year.

Private vehicles and motorcycles are not allowed to roam the city's streets unless they have vehicle pass.

While the city remains to be COVID-19 free, 13 individuals are considered as persons under investigation (PUIs) while 843 others are classified as persons under monitoring (PUMs).

"Cooperation and understanding is very important in this time and type of situation. We hope that our constituents will follow our policy because this is to protect them from the disease," Mayor Uy said.

In the implementation of free rides, the city government asked help from the private sector to allow their vehicles be used to ferry those who are in need of

Local bus company Clemacor, responded to the request of the city government, allowing some of their buses to be used in the operation.

while the vehicles are from the private sector, the city government will shoulder the fuel needs. They will also give assis-

Mayor Uy said that

tance to the drivers as gratitude to their service.

Pick-up hours of the free rides starts at 6 a.m. in selected areas outside the city to the Catbalogan City Bus Terminal.

Business establishments in the city was also regulated to operate until 8 p.m. except for hospitals, gasoline stations and pharmacy that can operate for 24-hours.

Meanwhile, the city government assures its residents that assistance will be given to them especially those who are badly affected during the quarantine period which resulted in the temporary closure of

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DPWH, DOT to develop Talustusan Falls in Biliran

Biliran-The Department of lic Works and Highways (DPWH)- Biliran District Engineering Office (DEO) in convergence with the Department of Tourism (DOT) has set aside P105 million to develop road leading to Talustusan Falls in Naval, Biliran.

District Engineer David Adongay Jr. said that the allocated amount is to be implemented under a multi-year funding from Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2022.

"The access road project leading to Talustusan Falls will encourage more local and foreign tourists to visit the place since the said tourist destination is still undeveloped," said Adongay.

According to Adongay, the project has a total length of 4.715 kilometer



At least P105 million was allocated by the Department of Public Works and Highways in Biliran province to construct a road leading to Talustusan Falls in Naval town. (DPWH-BDEO)

two-lane road with a width of 6.10-meter and a thickness of 0.23-meter including complete roadside fea-

tures and road safety.

Under 2020 implementation, Biliran DEO will implement the concreting of existing gravel road and rehabilitation of existing damaged paved road at Sitio Magtaran-an, Brgy. Ta1.215-kilometer two lane road amounting to P35 million while the remaining 3.5-kilometer two lane road is for implementation for the next two years amounting to P35 million each.

The completion of this project by phases will help boost tourism in the province. Walking time will also

lustusan with a length of be reduced from 10-15 minutes to just 3-5 minutes to reach the waterfalls.

> "Not only the tourists will benefit this project but also the farmers along this road project can enjoy a wider, safer, and convenient transport of agricultural products to market centers,"

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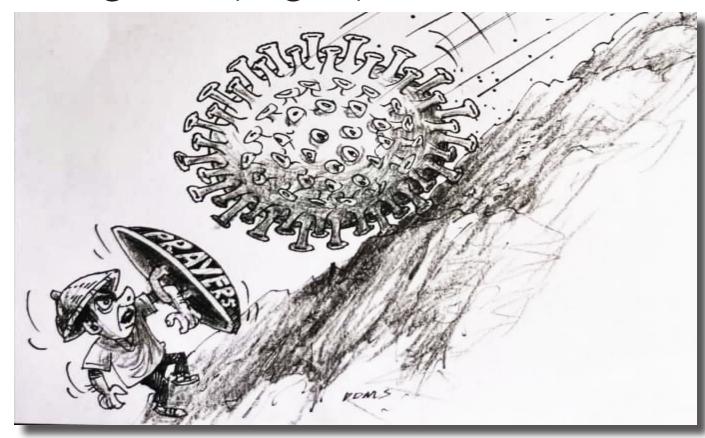
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Expect for the worst



t's not being pessimistic, and we're not promoting negative thinking, but if we will trace the history of global pandemics, we will notice that they usually

claim not just hundreds nor thousands, but millions of lives. Under this present outbreak, then, we need not wonder if, in the long run, it will likewise claim those shocking figures.

There's an advantage we can get from this line of expectation. First, bloated numbers of fatalities will not shock us anymore into fainting from heart attack. Secondly, it will make us more cautious in combatting the disease. Thirdly, it will condition our minds into making sustainable, prolonged combative schemes necessary for a lingering plague. Fourthly, it will allow us to prepare more rather than just hysterically panic at the moment doing nothing against the disease.

The recent claim of China that in their country, figures of newly infected people are decreasing cannot be relied upon. It might be true, but it could be due to the fact that,

based on the videos that had leaked to the internet, their authorities are forcibly taking suspected cases out of their homes only to disappear like bubbles. Suspicions are high that, like North Korea, China is also killing those who are showing the COVID symptoms so that they will not affect other people anymore, hence the decline of newly infected cases.

We cannot do it here, we hope. We try to treat our patients in hopes of having them recover from illness, though the risk is there they might indeed affect many others as well. But ours is a Christian country that adheres to the dignity of human life, and so we could not resort to killing the infected just to contain the virus. But even that is not a remote possibility; we might as well expect such actions to happen in the near future.

Let this attitude be upon us: expect for the worst, but do what you can to the best of your ability in trying to combat and avoid this menace. At least, should it overtake us, we already did our best. Get to know more what it is, how it works, and how to defeat it.



What COVID-19 reminds me of

This dreaded corona virus that is afflicting people worldwide reminds me of an illness that struck me during my third year high school. I can't remember exactly how it started; I just found myself plagued with cough and colds, severe joint pains, a cracking headache, high fever, and other painful abnormalities that resulted in my loss of appetite, frequent chills, and nausea.

hospitalization, my mother commonly seen on people just confined me at home, merely using the home remedies that she knew for my treatment. She claimed it was just an ordinary illness and could be easily cured, based perhaps on her numerous experiences as a mother of ten children who were orphaned by their father when the youngest that's me-was just a year old.

As days passed by, my condition worsened. The home remedies seemingly were not working. I had grown so weak, dehydrated, and emaciated. Speculations had it that I was suffering from what is locally

known as tipdas. But the

rashes that surfaced on Not having money for my skin were not red, as is with that disease, but black in color, making the elders our neighbourhood conclude I did have tipdas nga itum which, they said, is a killer tipdas.

The pains continued to rage inside out that, after days of being bedridden and unable to eat well and sleep, many of my body parts stopped functioning normally. In fact, I started to feel bad about my arms and legs not obeying my orders anymore. I could not move them a bit. Life in me seemed to have been cornered to my chest and head; meaning, the only

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The 2nd Part

Wow, I can't figure out how several barangay chairman in Tacloban got my cellphone number, but many of them sure are resourceful, that after apparently reading my column last March 17th, they called me to inquire about the plan of Tacloban City Mayor to reduce the number of Barangay Chairmen in Tacloban from 138 to only "about 40."

I just said "this was what Mayor Alfred Romualdez said, during our meeting last week - "that the barangay system in the city should now be revised to be more functional, manageable, & conform with the provisions of the Local Government Code, and that barangays should have about 5,000 residents.

So, don't be surprised, dear readers, once you start hearing that several barangay chairmen are already meeting and consulting several of their fellow capitanes del barangay in order to draw-up their own coalition or clustering plans in preparation for the time when the city mayor's barangay reduction plan is finally in motion.

But before we continue, I'd like to relate here, how this barangay system in Tacloban started....

OPERATION CCLEAN

TACLOBAN

This columnist joined the Tacloban City Government after winning the Number Two post in the 1972 the local elections. Yep, 1972—48 years ago. Elderly citizens who are still with us today, will remember this.

Well, within a few months after taking office, then City Mayor Filomeno D. Arteche, Jr. asked this columnist to organize and head a city-wide volunteerism network which was called then as the Operation CCLEAN. CCLEANfor Civic Cleanliness, Legal Action Network.

with his civic work background, (in the Jaycees, YMCA, PHHCCI among others), immediately got down to work, and decided that for the volunteerism network to be functional and manageable, each city block and each of the 18 barrios then, be converted into CCLEAN ZONES, with its own duly-elected non-salaried officers. (Volunteerism balitaw!)

An average of Seven (7) Zones were under a District Chairman; and so after the organization was completed, there were 143 CClean Zones divided into Seventeen (17) Districts.

Elderly **Taclobanons** who were witness to the operations then of Operation CClean, and who are still around, can bear witness to the relatively successful activities of this city-wide volunteerism network.

The Martial Law Years

Former Samar Governor Jose Roño, who was President Ferdinand Marcos' Minister of Interior & Local Government, initiated the Barangay Movement nationwide in 1975; and declared the distribution of P5,000 as barangay Integrated Development Assistance (or BIDA Funds) for each and every barangay. In the 70's. P5,000 was a big assistance for a barangay!

Then Tacloban City

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formation came in trickles, mostly emanating from the trolls, unreliable sites and accounts on social media. A lot of information are generated by just anyone and such unverified information had caused public speculations based on baseless inferences. Amidst the confusion, the virus keeps spreading to eventually conquer the whole world in a stealth manner.

It appears that the virus came out as a surprise to an unsuspecting people who woke up to the news about the disease caused by a virus named 2019 novel corona and later renamed 19 covid. The disease caused several deaths that were initially kept in wraps by China. Even the number of infected persons, persons under investigation, persons under monitoring and those who died due covid are not reported. The origin of the virus had long been identified but measures to contain the virus were cautiously implemented for fear of economic repercus-

Government took too long to enforce preemptive

Amon Distance **JOEY E. CLARIN**

Prevention Against COVID-19

We are now confronted with the COVID-19 virus that we have a lockdown in Tacloban City until April 12, 2020. This virus caused the outbreak in Wuhan, China in December 2019. The World Organization Health (WHO) declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

The disease can spread

from person to person through small droplets expelled from the nose or mouth when a person coughs or exhales. These droplets land on surfaces around the person. You can get infected by touching those surfaces and touch your nose or mouth.

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your hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water or alcohol; maintain at least 1 meter distance from a person, avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth, practice proper cough etiquette.

Older people and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems or diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

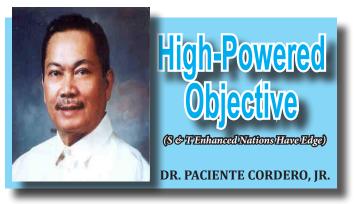
People with fever, cough and difficulty breathing should seek medical attention.

Japan is beginning trial procedures aimed at winning approval for the anti-flu drug Avigan as a treatment of the coronavirus. The drug has already showed signs of being effective in relieving symptoms of the vi-

10 other countries very like to lose the largest sandy shorelines, include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China. India, Mexico, Russia, and the USA. While these countries, counted among the "moneyed ones", have the means to draw up massive and expensive engineering interventions, e.g. resilient infrastructures, while, the less moneyed countries struggle to draw up disaster mitigating measures to enhance their defense capabilities from natural calamities.

Very sad observation is evident in the Province of Leyte that lost close to 10K human lives and millions of real and agricultural properties caused by typhoon Yolanda - the LGUs' NO BUILD ZONES signages along coastal towns are being ignored! The government and international NGOs have spent billions to construct housing units in safe relocation

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Half of the world's beaches disappearing in 2021?

This is no fake news, being with scientific basis! Rather, this should serve as a stern warning to those who still doubt about what science can do to mankind and this planet. Hereunder is an *en toto* statement from an Editorial published in a Philippine broadsheet recently. Thus:

"Last week, researchers warned that the sea level rise and climate change are on track to wipe out half of the world's beaches by 2100. Even with the drastic reduction in fossil fuel pollution - the researchers warned in the journal Natura Climate that over a third of thee sandy shorelines around the planet would still disappear."

Countries like the Philippines blessed with 7,100 + islands and an extensive shoreline, longer than that of continental USA, makes it vulnerable to the impact of global warming. The thinning out/destruction of our first line of defense, sandy beaches and manconut tree). Together with the Philippines among are

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

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

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

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

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



Cell

In lockup cells are those people who are deemed suspects of violating penal laws but before proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt after fair trial. But there are many who violate the law but remain free without worry as they have the power and influence to enjoy freedom and liberty owing to their linkage with those who can keep them so. A special class are those who are free despite conviction for crimes or felonies that are grave or heinous. These people remain out of cell, are called honorable and have good access to the powers that grant freedom and liberty. Some who violate the

law are clever to avoid being nabbed. There are less fortunate people who are inside cells even if they are not violators or are merely accused of false charges on planted evidence.

In past days though, people are shivering in fear of a microorganism that reportedly destroys cells and causes death on people. The virus had caused unexplained instantaneous deaths among human beings. A sudden change in disposition had gone viral across several countries across the globe. The disease caused by the virus has been been kept secret in China, mainly from Wuhan and nearby localities. In-

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Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla led the cutting of the ribbon during the inauguration and turn over of the P4 million worth covered court-cum- evacuation center on March 13, 2020. Joining the governor were board member Raissa Villasin(2nd district);, Pastrana Mayor Marites Marcos; and barangay chairwoman Nimfa Son Lourdes. (Gina P. Gerez)

POPCOM pushes Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning amid COVID-19 "stay at home" enforcements

the enhanced community quarantine being enforced by the different local government units in the region, the general advice is to stay home as much as possible and practice 'social distancing'.

With more times on hand, the Commission on Population and Development in the regions pushes for Responsible Parenthood to take its core among Filipino families. Responsible Parenthood, a core program of the agency, encourages parents them to spend more time with their children during this health crisis. Not only will this help children feel more secure, it also will provide parents with opportunities to talk with their children about any concerns they may be having.

Also, Popcom advisexposure children have to television or social media, as this can lead to increased worry and anxiety for children and instead, spend time playing games or other activities of interest. These unusual times also present parents an opportunity to teach children about things like resource conservation, taking responsibility and thinking about others in the community.

On the other hand, Family Planning- a twin program of Responsible Parenthood -enables couples to achieve their desired number, spacing and

timing of children. Family planning in crisis affected population is critical to meeting the needs of women and girls and which can save women's live and improves their health. In times of pandemics, it is also wise to see its effects on demography, as it is important to look not only deaths but also births. Illness, quarantine, and death can all have a major impact on conception, pregnancy, and birth.

Reaching women and adolescent girls affected by crises with family planning is critical to the vision of values of equity and equality among women and girls. Cooped up inside the

home during these days of enhanced community quarantine, where everyone is discouraged to go out in the streets, Popcom says this may too, reduce women's access to family planes to limit the amount of ning and lead to unplanned pregnancies. As the legends go, major natural disasters, pandemics and other events that forces people to stay indoors are followed by increased births. Such a disruption, as evidenced by figures from the National Demographic Health Survey(NDHS), may have played a role in the pregnancy spike years ago after Super Typhoon Haiyan ravaged many parts of the country, especially the Eastern Visayas region.

> But disasters may also dampen fertility it was learned as crisis-affected local economies result in diminished household as

sets and security. Affected individuals and families, particularly those under "no work, no pay" terms, may experience increased financial instability. As a consequence, women and their partners may delay childbearing.

Thus, Popcom pushes for Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning in families in this time of enhanced community quarantine. (PR)

ESDEO takes precautionary steps against COVID-19

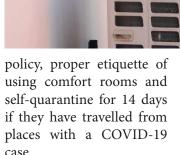
BORONGAN The Department of Public Works and Highways-Eastern Samar District Engineering Office (DP-WH-ESDEO) implements preventive measures against the dreadful Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) that breakouts around the world.

During March 14, 2020, ESDEO employees commenced in cleaning and disinfecting their respective working areas headed by the ESDEO District Maintenance Engineer Esteban P. Casillano in order to prevent the entry of the said virus in the office and this will constantly be done every Saturday.

District Engineer (DE) Manolo A. Rojas instructed to disseminate advisory photos from the Department of Health (DOH) as well as to provide hand sanitizers and soaps to every units, sections, lobbies and comfort rooms in the office.

"Due to the ease of spreading this virus, we need to heightened precautionary steps and take away any possibility of being a conduit to it," DE Rojas said.

Moreover, ESDEO employees immediately applied practices such as continuous sanitation of hands, observing social distancing



DE Rojas added to reinforced continuous awareness about the essential proactive measures and practices to combat the spread of the virus and ensure the safety of the employees.

As of now, Philippines have already confirmed COVID-19 cases based on the official reports of the Department of Health (DOH) while Eastern Samar have zero cases, Gover-

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nor Ben Evardone released an executive order directing task forces to set up 24 hours checkpoints and cancellation of classes for all-levels until March 31, 2020.

Furthermore, DPWH Central Office recently transmitted to all district offices a memorandum discouraging the employees to travel locally and internationally and ESDEO will continue to cooperate along with the DOH, DPWH Central/Regional Office, Provincial and Local Governments.

(LARA MIKAELA C. **SUYOT/PIO STAFF/PR)**

Eastern Samar Rep. Abunda in self-home quarantine; says she is fine ing man-

TACLOBAN CITY-Eastern Samar Rep. Maria Fe Abunda is now on a home quaran-

Abunda, the lone congressional representative of the province, said that her self-quarantine for 14 days is in compliance to directive for those coming from Metro Manila and other areas where there are confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

"We have to follow the order. But I feel okay," she said when asked how she

Abunda said that she started her self- isolation in her residence in Borongan City since March 14, the day she arrived from Manila.

The lady solon, who is the eldest sister of television host Boy Abunda, said that though she stay



REP. MARIA FE ABUNDA

most of the time at her room, there are times that she went out to the sala using a face mask.

And when she is talking with her house helpers, she makes sure that she distances herself of more than one meter, part of the social distanc-

degree.

Her security escorts just stay outside the main house, she added.

According to her, she also have her body temperature taken which ranges from 29 Celsius degree up to 33 Celsius

"While I am in self-isolation, I just preoccupy myself like sorting out my clothes which I will later on donate or I busy myself with paper works," she said.

"Of course, I am also sep- busy eating foods here in my room," Abunda,

laughing, added. She also said that she continues her work through telephone calls on the various programs and projects she intends to do for her district.

Abunda is to return to Manila on May for the resumption of their regular session.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)



FEATURE

In Maasin, kindness becomes the order of the day amid deadly virus

Law student Shanya Mair Laureen "Shani" Pajao, 24, was planning on how to help some of her needy "kababayans" who were affected by the deadly coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) when she read the Facebook post of her friend Amelia Fe Mancera, who was also doing the same after the latter saw how the COVID-19 measures take a heavy toll on the livelihood of the lowly "potpot" (trishaw) drivers in Maasin City.

That was last Friday afternoon, April 20.

A day and a half after, Pajao and Mancera, along with musician friend Jennifer "Ahjing" Estaño and another law student Bendever Gerona, started to roll out their "bayanihan" project by giving repacked rice and goods to the less fortunate residents in

The random plan to help their needy kababayans that began in group chats has exploded on social media, with family members and friends each finding a way to help

Pajao's mother, Sondra, who works as a teacher in Indonesia, collaborated with the group as public relations (PR) officer, assisting the young Good Samaritans in crafting their call for donation.

As being "maluluy-on (compassionate)" is inherent among the locals, supports also came like a breeze.

"Six dajon ka sacks of rice na raise nilang Shani in an hour (Six sacks of rice were immediately raised by Shani and her group in an hour)," Sondra said in an interview.

"We were able to give food packs to our dear potpot drivers who have been direly affected by this crisis. We thank our drivers too for being cooperative! And of course, we thank our donors, for helping us pull this off!" wrote 33-year-old Mancera on her Facebook, overwhelmed by the support.

To maintain social distancing, the group established some pick-up points or stations for the beneficiaries who would get the goods individually by schedule. The stations are located at Print & Design, Balay Kan-anan, and Tulay establishments in the city.

They also generated a list of trishaw drivers in the city so that no one will be left behind.

On Sunday, March 22 alone, the group distributed 70 food packs in station 1, with 18 packs left and 79 food packs in station 2, with 16 packs left.

Mancera said they will continue the distribution of relief packs on Monday, March 23.

Also, they aimed to do more as they planned to extend the same help to porters, small street vendors, dispatchers, security guards, janitors, laborers, and other informal sector workers in



Amidst the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic, kind souls shines like in Maasin City where good Samaritans provided food relief to 'potpot' drivers whose daily income was affected due to the general community quarantine imposed by the city government. (Photo Courtesy)

"We also want to include the senior citizens especially those who are living alone in their houses," said the known event organizer and rights advocate in the city.

"Thus, if you can donate-may it be a cup of rice, a canned good, a root crop, a peso- please message us. Small donations when gathered together become big. For those who also want to do a relief operation, if you won't mind, maybe we can coordinate and work together so that none of our city's sectors will be left behind," said Mancera.

"COVID-19 shows to be strong but we are stronger together," she added.

Help also came from like-minded friend Bryan Sadoguio, government employee Dewi Pajao-Pongase, Shani's father Joel Pajao, fresh psychology graduate Meg Razi Demeterio, and longtime trishaw driver turned government worker Jose Cutamora.

Saduguio, cause-oriented group Maasin Outdoor Organization (MOO), said the relief pack contains five kilos of rice, three canned goods, and two packs of noodles.

As the group and their volunteers are moving towards their next batch of beneficiaries, Mancera said they rely on the assistance of everyone to sustain the bayanihan in the

According to her, the informal workers suffer the most in the midst of the pandemic.

"Imagine you only have P30 in a day, been under the heat of the sun for hours, with mouths to feed when you get home," said Mancera, referring to her encounter with a potpot driver who pedals his way for a day's income as most of the

residents stayed indoor.

"Take a minute or two to pause and think about how others are doing and what you can do to help uplift their lives," she added as she called on for more help.

To put things in order, they also created a database for both beneficiaries and benefactors.

"As Maasin's middle class and upper-middle class arm themselves with laptops, gadgets and food stock to deal with the city's community quarantine, naa'y nabijaan... How can we-in all decency--live in one community side by side with hundreds of Maasinhons who might come close to starving, not to mention mas susceptible to the virus kay di maka-quarantine and wa'y saktong kaon ug pahuway? How can we seriously Netflix and chill knowing we could have done something?" asked Sondra.

"Let's do something. Give what little or big help you can—in cash or in kind. Volunteers are willing to sort all your donations para muabot sa atong mga potpot drivers, porters, small vendors nga nagkinahanglan karong mga panahona. This is real," she added.

To help, send to these accounts: Amelia Fe. D. Mancera, BPI Account No.:

5735-0005-02 or Shanya Mair Laureen Pajao, BDO Account No: 0061-3025-9963; G - Cash - +63950-0354-951

Send rice or goods to Balay Kan-anan, Ruperto Kangleon Street, Tunga-Tunga, Maasin City, Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or at Macaldo's Eatery (Betty's) beside Borg's along Queen Cinema at the downtown area.

Contact Amelia at 0917-8860-831, Shanya at 0950-0354-951, or Ahjing at 0936-

(RONALD O. REYES)

PUM arrested after breaking COVID-19 quarantine protocol in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY-Police arrested a 40-yearold male person under monitoring (PUM) for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) after he allegedly broke the home quarantine guidelines in Gandara, Samar.

NEWS

The suspect, Orlan Geraldo, a construction worker, was caught roaming around the streets and drinking with his friends at Barangay Catorse De Agosto of the said town at around 5 pm on March 20.

The PUM's "non-cooperation and his total disobedience and resistance to the authorities" has led to his arrest, according to Police Captain Joselito Tabada, the town police chief.

The suspect went home to Gandara to be with his family after President Rodrigo Duterte declared an enhanced community quarantine of the entire Luzon last March 16 due to the rising cases of COVID-19 in the country.

He will be facing charges in violation of Section 9 of Republic Act 11332 or the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act."

Also, he will face pen-

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII

Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-03-20144376 Case No. VIII-2014-4376

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freigh on the route: CATARMAN-ALLEN & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until APRIL

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on APRIL 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of This application will be acted upon

by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties. unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 18th day of MARCH, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

alties and jail term for violating Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code or resistance and disobedience to a person in authority.

ORLAN GERALDO y PESTIJO

Violation of Section 9 of R.A 11332 and

Violation of Article 151 of the RPC (Resistance and disobedience to lawful

Authority)

MARCH 20, 2020

Department The of Health (DOH) has strongly advised all PUMs to strictly observe the home quarantine protocol to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

Based on the quarantine guidelines, PUMs should stay home for 14 days; wear mask if in company of other peo-

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Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-03-20142821 Case No. VIII-2014-2821

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freigh on the route: CATARMAN-ALLEN & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until APRIL

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WITNESS Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 18th day of MARCH, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

ple, and properly dispose used mask; use one's own set of utensils; non-sharing of towels, toothbrush, glass, spoon and fork, etc.; avoid contact with elderly, children or those with underlying medical condition; avoid handshake, kissing or hugging someone; and routinely clean frequently-touched surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, cellphone, tables, handles

and toilet. (RONALD O. REYES)

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FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte

> R8-EV/PA-TH-2020-03-20150114 Case No. VIII-2015-0114

of a Certificate of Public Convenience

to operate a TH service

PETROLOGISTICS CORPORATION

Rep. by: Marilou Onrejas. Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TH service for the transportation of passengers and freigh on the route: FROM TACLOBAN CITY TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII & VICE VERSA with the use of EIGHT (8) unit/s which Certificat is valid and subsisting until SEPTEMBER 29, 2020.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of

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This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence
WITNESS the Honorab

GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 16th day of MARCH, 2020.

Regional Director

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. ALEJO E. RAMIREZ AND ALE-JANDRA S. RAMIREZ extraiudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 7 parcels of land more described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5959-D-2-B situated in Brgy. Nula-Tula, Tacloban City containing an area of 2,474sq.m., with TCT No. 56320; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 746-A situated in Central II, Poblacion Palompon, Leyte containing an area of 43sq.m., with TD No. 08-31003-00223 R13; 3) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 746-B situated in (Road Right of Way) Central II, Poblacion Palompon, Leyte containing an area of 68sq.m., with TD No. 08-31003-00223 R13; 4) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 746-D situated in Central II, Poblacion Palompon, Leyte containing an area of 145sq.m., with TD No. 08-31003-00223 R13; 5) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9006 situated in Brgy. Tinago, Palompon, Leyte containing an area of 13,114sq.m., with Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo P-65550; 6) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1542 situated in Brgy. San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte containing an area of 7,057sq.m., with TCT No. 115-2015000890; 7) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 10722 situated in Brgy. San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte containing an area of 3,361sq.m. with TD No. 99-31040-00461 R10. Per Doc No. 379, Page 76, Book No. LXVI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Philip A. Albeos III. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RESURRECCION PARADO, CRIS-TITA LIM MARIA GIDGET L. PARADO and MARIA GENALYN L. PARADO extra judicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 244, Case 1, Cad. 654 measuring an area of 3,435sq.m., situated at Poblacion, Liloan, Southern, Leyte under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 46256 under Kaloob na Patente Bilang 086406-99-16407. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of LOKFAN PROPERTIES, INC. represented by: SUZANNE S. FAN as vendee of a portion as Lot 244-B measuring an area of 2,061sq.m., from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 374, Page No. 76, Book No. IX, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Kirby Bryan M. Liao. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARINO MACALALAG and GLO-RIA MACALALAG extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land both situated at Brgy. Manloy, Carigara, Leyte, described as: 1) A parcel of land situated at Manloy, Carigara, Leyte identified as Lot 9039 with OCT No. P-4009, with lot area of 7,420 square meters; 2) A parcel of land identified as Lot No. 9037 with OCT No. P-40010, with an area of 6,245 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favorf of MARIA VILMA T. LABENIA as vendee for Lot No. 1, known as Lot 9039 with OCT No. P-4009 and Lot 2 infavor of GERRY M. TOLDA as vendee for Lot No. 9037 with OCT No. P-40010; per Doc. No.240, Page No. 42, Book No. 22, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Edgar J. Tonolete. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANASTACIA MENDOZA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land described as; 1) An Agricultural land situated at Brgy. Tabunok, Bato, Leyte under TD No. 060030000303 with Cad Lot No. 1505 containing an area of .5389 hectares; 2) An Agricultural land situated at Brgy. Tabunok, Bato, Leyte under TD No. 060030000304 with Cad Lot No. 1557 contain-Ing an area of 2122 hectares. Per Doc No. 429, Page No. 85, Book No. 54, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo.

LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE ON A RESIDENTIAL (URBAN) LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JULITO GONTINIAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential urban land situated at Brgy. San Pedro, Albuera, Leyte, Region 8, Philippines designated as Cad/survey 655 Lot 2185 with PIN-044-03-0011-020-17 containing a total area of 107sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JOEL M. GONTINIAS as vendee of the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 850, Page No. 172, Book No. LVIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Jervoso. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DONATILA ALDAY-ADAY extrajudicially settled partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land (Lot 819, Case 2, Cadm 430 situated in Brgy. Cogon, Guiuan, Eastern Samar, containing an area 14,435 square meters, covered by OCT No. 9469 and this property which has been subject of DENR land Case No. 2003-16 decided in favor of DONATILA ALDAY-ADAY; OP Case No. 09-J-561 which was affirmed said decision and CA-G.R. SP No. 09104 and has long been in the possession of the Dept. of Education (DepEd) as the site of GUIUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS in Guiuan, Eastern Samar and heir CONCEPCION SENAL is hereby constituted, named and appointed as their Attorney-in-Fact specially empowered to negotiate shares from the rentals and/or just compensation from the DepEd or GUIUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR; per Doc. No. 102, 22, Book No. 8, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Vicente B. Canas. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RAMON C. LORENZO who was the son of late sps Juan Lorenzo and Catalina dela Cruz Lorenzo, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one sixth (1/6) portion of each two(2) parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of land Lot 4-A-5, Psd-368537, containing an area of 423 square meters, more or less, covered by TCTT-55176; 2) A parcel of land Lot 4-C, Psd 08-001498, containing an area of 1,544 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-27232; per Doc. No. 126, Page No. 27, Book No. II, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RUFINO REYES extrajudicially settled partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land all situated at Brgy. Cantandoy, Palompon, Leyte, more described as: 1) Lot 10435, with an area of 5.2331 hectares, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31019-00211; 2) Lot No. 10480, with an area of 2.8477 hectares, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31019-00210 R-13; 3) Lot 4337, with an area of 3.1840 hectares, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31019-00212R13; per Doc. No. 458, Page No. 93, Book No. 56, Series of 2020, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Luz Viacrusis. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANTONIO C. LORENZO and latter was the son of the late spouses Juan Lorenzo and Catalina C. Lorenzo, located at Brgy. Di-it. Tacloban City, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one sixth (1/6) portion each of two (2) parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of land (Lot 4-A-5, Psd 368537, containing an area of 423 square meters more or less, covered by TCT No. T-55176; 2) A parcel of land Lot 4-C, Psd-08-001498, containing an area of 1,544 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-27232; per Doc. No. 128, Page No. 27, Book No. II, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ELLEN KINANAHAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land described as; 1) An agricultural land situated at Brgy. Naga, Bato, Leyte covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg P-84075 with Lot No. 3096 containing an area of 434sq.m., 2) An agricultural land situated at Brgy. Naga, Bato, Leyte covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-84076 with Lot No. 3097 containing an area of 4,922sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JAIME and REALYN MENDOZA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 141, Page No. 69, Book No. 50, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that EMMA JABINES PACAANAS heir of the late Sps. Primo Jabines and Agripina Escuadra extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 12472-C, bearing TCT T-38490, situated in Brgy. Plaridel, Baybay City, Leyte with an area of 157 square meters, more or less, covered and embranced by TCT T-38490. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of SPS. SOLOMON MADRIGAL and JANICE SALAS as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 93, Page No. 19, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Eden C. Butawan. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CORNELIO T. LOPEZ JR., extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over conjugal properties described as: 1) One half (1/2) pro indiviso share in the property located in Apitong, Tacloban City, with an area of 17,158 square meters, more or less, covered by OCT No. P-245, and identified as Lot No. 3112; 2) One half (1/2)pro indiviso share located in Apitong, Tacloban City, identified as Lot No. 3113, containing an area of 30,512 square meters, more or less, covered by OCT No. P-245. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of BEVERLY MACARIOLA MARABE as vendee for the above-described parcels of land; per Document from State of California, Country of San Juaquin, of Notary Public MARGARITA BARRON.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICES

NOTICE is hereby given that RUBEN K. LANZAR heir of the late Spouses Exequiel Kudera and Susana Kudera executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1104, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 401 square meters, more or less, covered and embraces by TCT No. T-9651; per Doc. No. 293, Page No. 59; Series of 2019 of Notary Public. Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. *LSDE: March 17, 24, & 31, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CARMEN SORIA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot 447-A-1, Psd 083708-007521-D, situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 218 square meters more or less, covered by TCT No.T-26975. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. DANIEL B. SANCHEZ and SHIELA F. SANCHEZ as vendee for the above-described property including the residential house erected therein; per Doc. No.400, Page No. 80, Book No. XLII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. LSDE: March 17, 24, & 31, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION with DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ISIDORA MEJIA CONTERO, surviving heir of the late Marcelo Mejia executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, identified as Cad. Lot No. 3739, located at Brgy. Marao, Inopacan, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 08-16016-000395 with Title No. P-76902, with an area of 3,808 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of EDITHA C. DACERA as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 195, Page No. 54, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Hugo B. Kudera. LSDE: March 17, 24, & 31, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF ESTATE WITH A DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CASIANO MIRAFLOR and RICARDA ZAMORA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land particularly described as Lot No. 7443, C-22, Cad. 566-D located at Brgy. Bagumbayan, Hilongos, Leyte containing an area of 22,117sq.m., covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-46519 and TD No. 14007-00345 R13. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of EDBERTO N. ZAMORA married to MAE LYNATTE ZAMORA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 79, Page No. 17, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2017. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Lourdes Madula-Vilbar. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JUANA OBAOB SABAGKIT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JUANA OBAOB SABAGKIT extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a ONE-HALF conjugal share in a parcel of residential/agricultural land located at Calumpang, Naval, Biliran covered by TD No. 01753 with an area of 0.3215 hectare with an assessed value of Php22,320.00 and market value of Php227,361.75, and heirs do hereby confirmed that 3 portions of the land denominated as Lot No. 6 with an area of 93sg.m., Lot 8 with an area of 151sg.m., and Lot 9 with an area of 400sq.m., which are all taken from the conjugal share of Isabelo Sabagkit had been sold to EVANGELINE TADEJA-TAN. Per Doc No. 104, Page No. 21, Book No. I, Series of 2015. Notary Public Atty. Clemencio C. Sabitsana, Jr. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ESMERALDA LORENZO EPIL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one sixth (1/6) portion each of two (2) parcels of land, being one of the six (6) children of the late Sps. Juan Lorenzo and Catalina C. Lorenzo located at Brgy. Di-it, Tacloban City more described as: 1) A parcel of land Lot 4-A-5, Psd 368537, containing an area of 423 square meters more or less, covered by TCT No. T-55176; 2) A parcel of land Lot 4-C, Psd 08-001498, containing an area of 1,544 square meters more or less, covered by TCT No. T-27232; per Doc. No. 127, Page No. 27, Book No. 11, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARIA T. PASO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 408, Cad. 1320-D, Case measuring an area of 2,518sq.m., situated at Poblacion, Hinunangan, Southern Leyte under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang CARP2016000843 under Kaloob na Patente Bilan 086403-15-30104. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of LOKFAN PROPERTIES INC represented by: SUZANNE S. FAN as vendee of the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 116, Page No. 25, Book No. X, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Kirby Bryan M. Liao. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that LEA D. JANTOC of Aguit-itan, Calbayog City, Samar was in possession of Original Certificate of Philippine Registry (CPR) Cert. No. 0085980 and Certificate of Ownership (C.O.) Cert. No. 0085981 of the Vessel FBca Dely executed an AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS for the above-described document and the original copies of said document was lost during her travel; per Doc. No. 90, Page No. 19, Book No. V, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Kimberly Uy Grace R. Peque. LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSEFINO JOYCE V. FELICIO, heirs of the late MARCELINA V. FELICIO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4899, Case 13, Cad. 566-D situated at Brgy. Concepcion, Hilongos, Leyte covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-79733 containing an area of 6,024sq.m., Per Doc No. 430, Page No. 87, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Lourdes Madula-Vilbar. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BERNARDINA DICO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Cansamada East, Dagami, Leyte designated as Lot No. 4221 under TCT No. P-54924 and TD No. 08-12-0030-00079, Property Identification No. 044-12-030-06-017. Per Doc No. 392, Page No. 80, Book No. III, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Gesileth C. Dela Cruz. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. FELIPE AGUILLON and TRINI-DAD CONDE-AGUILLON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of land Lot No. 161, covered by OCT No. 115-15238 with the improvements thereon, situated in the Poblacion of Municipality of Burauen, containing an area of 541 square meters, more or less; 2) A parcel of residential land situated in the Poblacion of Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. R12-05-08-002-00007, designated as Lot No. 158 with improvements thereon, containing an area of 448.55 square meters more or less and heirs have all jointly and named, constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do name and appoint co-heir PEDRO C. AGUILLON married. To Delfina B. Aguillon, as our common, true and lawful attorney-in-fact for us and in our names places and stead for our own use and benefit, to do perfrom to represent in negotiating for the sale and disposition of the above-described properties, to sign the deed of absolute sale and to sign the proceeds of the sale for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 281, Page No. 58, Book No. VII, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Henry D. Adasa LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

DEED OF PARTITION AMONG CO-OWNERS WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ALBERTO M. NICER, PORFERIA CUBIO-VILLE-JO, ELIZABETH C. VILLEJO, EDGAR C. VILLEJO, ELENA VILLEJO REOMA and AURORA VILLEJO SANDAGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 305, Case 03, Cad. 566-D situated at Bry. San Juan, Hilongos, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-44385 with TD No. 14036 00158 R13 containing an area of 7,259sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. DANILO B. DONAIRE and ALICIA V. DONAIRE as vendee of the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. II, Page No. 3, Book No. XLIX, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Exzon B. Mendoza. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby that heirs of the late ERIBERTO FERNANDEZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7371 of the Cadastral Survey of Baybay, covered by TCT No. T-9392, situated in Brgy. Marcos, Baybay City, Leyte, under Tax Dec. no. 07-0069-003111, containing an area of 6,994 square meters, more or less; 2) A parcel of land situated in Brgy. Pangasugan, Baybay City, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 07-0077-00337, containing an area of 8,791 sugair, Baybay Chy, Leyte, inder tax Dec. No. 07-0077-00537, Containing an area of 8,791 square meters, more or less. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of SPS. DALMACIO L. PAJANUSTAN and CHARITA M. PAJANUSTAN as vendee for the above-described properties; per Doc. No. 390, Page No. 78, Book No. LXXXIV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan.

LSDE: March 17, 24 & 31, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOEL PEÑALOSA GO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 11, Block 9, Pcs-08-001252-D situated at Barangay Campetik, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 102sq.m. covered by Trans for Certificate of Title No. 115-2015000983 and TD No. 08-30-0015-02988 for Residential Land and TD No. 08-30-0015-02989 Residential Building. Per Doc No. 377, Page No. 77, Book No. X, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena F Goc-ong. LSDE: March 24, 31 & April 7, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. ROBERTO and FLORENCIA MORALLOS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel situated at Brgy. Burabod, Gamay, Northern Samar with an area of 1,000.00sq.m., more or less registered under TD No. 05-00277 denominated as Lot No. 1283-A. Cad 1098-D. Per Doc No. 420, Page No. 84, Book No. I, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Cesar J. Clacito.

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF THE ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that CORAZON G. TORREFRANCA, heirs of the late TEOFILA CUSTADO, FRANCISCO FLORES, ANACORITA FLORES and DIONISIA FLORES executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot. 10140, Cad. 566-D situated at Brgy. Taguipa, Hilongos, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-52605 with an area of 15 111sq m. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of BER MIL G. RAZA married to MARLYN V. RAZA as vendee of the above-described property Per Doc No. 283, Page No. 57, Series of LI, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Exzon B Mendoza. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANECITA MANCIO extrajudicial-settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy Tabunok, Bato, Leyte under TD No. 06003000292 with Cad Lot No. 1371 containing ar area of .2388 hectares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ROLANDO T. AGUILAR as vendee of the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No.328, Page No. 66, Book No. 39, Series of 2017. Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that NARCISO T. BILBAO, heir of the late SPS. JUAN BILBAO and FLAVIANA TAMBIS executed an affidavit of Self Adjudication over a parcel land, situated in Brgy. P.S. Eamiguel, Naval, Biliran, denominated as Lot No. 4, under Cad. Lot No. 3430 and ass. Lot No. 080 with an area of 1.6941, under Tax Dec. No. 00356 assessed at Php29,770.00. A Deed of sale was executed a portion of known as Lot 4 from the above-described property with an area of 896 square meters in favor of SPS. ALLAN and BLAIR SABINAY as vendee; per Doc. No. 36, Page No. 8,. Book No. 41, Series of 2008, of Notary Public Atty. Redentor Villordon. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that MEROFE BERNADAS FLOETHER heir of the late SPS. DIOSDADO BERNADAS, SR and EUSTAQUIA MONTES BERNADAS executed an affidavit of ADJUDICATION over a parcel of agricultural land located at Calumpang, Naval, Biliran, consisting an area of 2.4295 has. With Tax Dec. No. 00829 RII. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 1,938 square meters from the above-described property in favor of SHIFTING SANDBAR DEVELOPMENT INC. (SSDI) represented by Dr. DUS-MAN P. OLIVER as vendee for the above-described portion; per Doc. No. 730, Page No 147, Book No. I, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Lolita Casas-Nueve. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. BRIGIDO TELMO and NELIA G. TELMO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land des ignated as Lot 11, Blk 1 of the subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-41466, being a portion of Lot 5993-C situated in Brgy. Marasbaras, Tacloban City with TCT No. T-21488 containing an area of 252sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of MARIA LINDA SO RAMA married to RAMON DE RAMA and NIÑA DAPHNE S. DE RAMA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 445, Page No. 088. Book No. X, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena F. Goc-ong. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. JUAN LORENZO and CATALI-NA DELA LORENZO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Di-it, Tacloban City, Lot 4-A-5, Psd-368537, situated at Brgy. Di-it, Tacloban City, containing an area of 423 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-55176. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of SHIELA REA P. BANDOY as vendee for a portion of 200 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 64, Page No. 14, Book No. X, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. JUAN LORENZO and CATALINA DELA CRUZ LORENZO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 4-C, Psd-08-001498, situated at Brgy. Di-it, Tacloban City, containing an area of 1,544 square meters more or less, covered by TCT No. T-27232. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 100 square meters from the above-described property in favor of SPS. ALBERTO ABELLA and LORENA L. ABELLA as vendee; per Doc.No. 66, Page No. 15, Septles of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Frig. T. De Vavas No. 15, Book No. X, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. LSDE: March 10, 17 & 24, 2020

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LSDE: March 17 & 24, 2020

DepEd to teachers: Never be part of panic buying

TACLOBAN CITY-The regional director of the Department of Education (DepEd) has urged the teachers to remain calm and never be part of panic buying amid the threat of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

"Lockdown including the entrance of basic commodities will never happen. So, we do not need to rush. Stay calm because the government takes care of us," said Ramir Uytico, the DepEd-8 director.

As teachers were advised to do their remaining works online, Uytico assured them of the immediate releases of their salaries and benefits.

Uytico also thanked Education Secretary Leonor Briones and other officials at the central office for "exploring the possibility of the early release of April salary, midyear-bonus, 2018 performance-based bonus, and clothing allowance."

According to Uytico, teachers will start to receive their salaries starting on April 1.

"As soon as cash is ready, we will immediately release all benefits. Of course, all these are subject to Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and DepEd guidelines. We just also need to be patient in these trying times," he

Uytico, however, urged the teachers to "practice financial literacy."

"We always understand their needs but not to the extent of allowing them to be fooled by those who take advantage of the situation. There are those, in

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For the safety of their frontliners, the municipal health official said that they have prepositioned personal protective equipment like goggles, N95 mask, and improvised protective suit using PVC type rain-

As of March 23, the town has a total of 14 PUIs and 347 persons under monitoring (PUMs).

"We all have our own responsibility. I hope evervone does their share of contribution to stop Covid-19,"Evans said. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)



RAMIR UYTICO

the guise of helping, plunge them into the quagmire of nothingness. The help is indeed a camouflaged venom," he said.

Meanwhile, Uytico reminded the school leaders to "always be available 24/7 to respond to any eventuality relative to school operation in the midst of this pandemic" despite their non-attendance in their work stations, saying that this "does not free them from seeing to it that schools are still safe."

"I hope the current situation does not in any way lead to non-compliance with respective responsibilities as government officials and employees," he said.

Also, he urged the teachers "to initiate engaging worthwhile and meaningful activities so learning does not stop" while maintaining social distancing at home with their families.

"Likewise, their being

at home does not prevent them to indulge in online intellectual interaction with learners for their being dedicated teachers is not only confined in the four walls of the classrooms," said Uy-

With the current health situation in the country, DepEd has also cancelled the fourth grading final examination of elementary and high school students.

Following a DepEd memorandum, final scores in the remaining grading period will be computed based on students' school performance.

"Private schools can adopt it but they can have their own as long as it will be for the benefit of the students," Uytico said.

According to the official, there is also a big possibility for the cancellation of the moving up and graduation ceremonies this school year. (RONALD O.REYES)

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Mayor Filomeno Arteche proposed to Local Government Minister Roño, the City's **OPERATION**: CCLEAN organization to be converted as Tacloban's new Baranagay System. Mayor Arteche's proposal was approved by Minister Roño, with P715,000 total appropriation for Tacloban City's new Barangay System, shared at P5,000 BIDA Funds per barangay.

Mayor Arteche's close ties with Minister Jose Roño, a Samareño, was a known fact then, having former school mates when they took up law.

The unsettled question then was - Did these closeness of Roño and Arteche and the P5,000 BIDA Funds per Barangay - were these

Half...

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areas, but said structures, though awarded, have remained unoccupied. This is plain and simple stubbornness Filipino style finds these housing units awardees back to their old locations along danger zones, never mind the lives and property lost during the surge – all because that's where their livelihood is or is it DEATHLIHOOD!

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NEXT TOPIC: "The Flip-side of COVID-19 and Other Viruses Occurrence"

Archbishop...

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to abide the advisories of competent authorities in the name of common good and public safety, the prelate added.

The government, as part of its measure to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in the country, has imposed prohibition on

mass gathering and when involved more people, social distance policy.

The prelate reminded the faithful that while there are no public Masses, he has directed all the priests in the archdiocese to say Masses 'without congregation' every day and even 'virtual' Masses through live streaming.

"In times of crisis and

who venture out on the streets are required to use face masks and have a quarantine pass issued by their

Children and old people, especially those who have existing medical conditions, are strictly prohibited to go out of their homes.

City hall personnel and police men roams around the city to ensure that the home stay policy is followed strictly as a citywide curfew which starts at 8 pm to 5 am

calamities leading to physical impossibility we can resort to some other prudent means," Du said.

He also said that baptisms and funerals Masses will not be stopped but those who will attend must be limited to the immediate family members and should at all times, observe the required distance during the entire celebration.

Archbishop Du also asked all the priests to regularly sanitize churches and chapels as another means to stop possible spread of the

Casimero...

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affected by the virus scare were the championship duels for Donaire and IBF superflyweight ruler Jerwin Ancajas. Ancajas was scheduled

to defend his belt against Mexican challenger Jonathan Rodriguez on April 11, while Donaire faces WBC superbantam titlist Nordine Oubaali. (KEVIN SIOSANA)

the "ingredients" that eventually led to this ridiculous situation where Tacloban City with about 300,000 population (as announced by Mayor Alfred) has 138 barangays while Cebu City with 922,611 population has only 80 barangays?

Sorry, but the above-mentioned public officials are already in another world, so the above question can never be answered satisfactorily. Tacloban's Barangay

Organization

Then, the controversial ordinance was passed by the City Council with the specific proviso that a lawyer should head the barangay system; and since this columnist was not a lawyer, Tacloban City Councilor Atty. Antonio Zeta became the first Head of the Tacloban City Barangay organi-

The rest is history.

There were originally 143 barangays, but as years passed, new City administrators decided to cluster several barangays and so we have at present 138 barangays, which the Honorable Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez wants to tone down to about Forty (40) barangays "in order to make the city barangay system functional, manageable, & conform with the provisions of the Lo-

Mayor Alfred's "ideal number of Barangays in Tacloban – about Forty barangays with about 5,000 residents per."

cal Government Code.

(Columnist's Note: This indeed can become a reality, after a City Ordinance is passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, re-Organizing the City's Barangay Organization and new Barangay Officials are elected!)

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quarantine. The executive

order was a haphazard

kneejerk reaction to an

emergency. The issuance

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measures to protect its citizens from the dreadful virus. Despite reports about persons entering the country from China that were found carrying the virus, government was tentative in banning flights from China. It was discovered later that flights were not suspended as only persons are banned from travelling into the country.

when deaths

What...

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living parts of me were my heart and brain—the rest were stone cold.

It climaxed in one sunny afternoon. I was lying on my back, not sleeping and, for sure, not dreaming. I was alone in the room, and my mother was in the kitchen for her chores. Suddenly, a very strong energy from beneath passed through me, taking my senses with it all the way to the space just above our roof, outside, and there stayed immobile for seconds while I was up there watching the scenes

From that viewpoint, I could see the houses in our

Catbalogan...

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business establishments which are not offering essential needs or services during the duration of quarantine.

"All households will receive relief packs containing food items and hygiene products," Mayor Uy said.

At least 25,000 households of the city are to receive the assistance.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

was perceived to cause social chaos as people will be restricted from travelling and working. The consequences upon those who are daily-wage earners who will suffer from loss of earnings. The quarantine was raised from community to an enhanced level that placed the entire Luzon in a huge cell. comments to alellema@yahoo.com

neighbourhood bathed by the sunlight in that lazy afternoon. I could also see the chickens and other animals walking around in their normal mobility. I could not see myself nor the force that was suspending me there, but I was fully aware that my senses were intact, though I was out of my body then.

Surprisingly, the force hat was holding me suddenly let go, and I literally fell into my body with great impact such that my arms and legs raised into the air. For a moment, the fall traumatized me into panic I quickly shouted mama's name for help. She rushed into the room and asked what happened, but I was too shocked to narrate it.

That was the turning point of my fast recovery. But I never told anyone about that experience lest I be accused of losing my mind. I just did so when I was already an adult and could understand many things. One thing is clear to me now: in that instance, the Author of life was at work and in full control.

Tacloban...

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COVID-19 cases though it has 21 persons under investigation and over 1,804 persons under monitoring as of March 21.

City Mayor Alfred Romualdez has virtually placed Tacloban on a lockdown with the people coming from outside the city prohibited to enter unless for emergency purposes, working in the city and those carrying foods and essential products, among

Residents of the city respective barangays.

was imposed.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA/ **JOEY A. GABIETA)**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Pacman hopeful COVID-19 ends soon, to fight in July

TACLOBAN Eight-division champion Manny Pacquiao will return to the ring in July, that is if the COVID-19(coronavirus disease 2019) threat suffers a knockout in the next two to three months.

Three days ago, the 'Pacman' expressed optimism that the deadly disease will be contained within the next three months and he will train immediately for the planned bout.

Because of the virus, boxing promoters such as Top Rank cancelled scheduled bouts that included the April 25 duel between Ormoc City pride John Riel Casimero and Japanese champion Naoya In-

Other title fights featuring Pinoy sluggers Jerwin Ancajas and Nonito Donaire were indefinitely postponed.

The fighting senator has been inactive inside the ring for almost a year. His last fight was August 2019 where he earned a



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8-division boxing champion Manny Pacquiao

unanimous victory over Keith Thurman to claim the WBA welterweight crown.

Pacman, now 41 years old, wants to fight as soon as possible as his age and inactivity may affect his performance.

Two big names have been floated as possible opponent for Pacquiao in his next bout. They are 4-division titlist Mikey Garcia

and WBC/IBF welterweight ruler Errol Spence.

Garcia, 32 years old, tots an impressive ring record of 40 wins, 1 loss and 30 KO victories, while the 30-year old Spence boasts of 21 Kos in 26 triumphs without absorbing a defeat.

Pacquiao has 62 wins, 39 by KO, 7 losses and a couple of draws.

(KEVIN SIOSANA)







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Casimero trains amidst COVID-19 threat

With his title unification duel hanging in the balance, WBO bantamweight king Johnriel Casimero continues to train in the United

Almost a week ago, Top Rank head honcho Bob Arum announced the indefinite postponement of all fights under his company, including that of Casimero, because of the COVID-19 threat. The pride of Ormoc City was to face WBA/IBF titleholder Naoya Inoue of Japan in Las Vegas on April 25, 2020. As of today, Arum has yet to decide for the rescheduling of the unification bout.

Last February 7, Casimero and his team left for Florida, USA where he has been prepping-up for the biggest fight of his career. They were supposed to move to Las Vegas on March 16, but the plan was derailed by the dreaded virus which is now spreading across America.

Casimero's handlers say that there's no turning



Ormoc City native and WBO bantamweight champion Johnriel Casimero. (Photo by sportstar.com)

back for the Visayan slugger. They are confident that their ward will stop the carnage by the Monster from Japan who is a knockout artist. They added that Casimero is a complete package and can stand toe-totoe with Inoue.

Casimero, a former EVRAA games and Palarong Pamabansa medalist, is in a secluded area in Miami for his build-up for the fight. He won the WBO diadem late last year when he scored a monumental upset over former champ Zolane Tete via stoppage in the 6th round. His win over the fancied Tete raised his stock paving the way for the Inoue fight.

The 31-year old nicknamed Cuadro de Alas, boasts a professional record of 29 wins, 20 of which by KOs, and 4 losses. Previously, he held the IBF's version of the flyweight and lightflyweight crowns.

Inoue, on the other hand, carries a spotless 19 victories, 16 by short-distance. The 26-year old Japanese scored a close scoring decision win against Fil-Am boxer Nonito Donaire in his latest ring

Meanwhile, aside from the Casimero fight, also see Casimero/page 9 ...

