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Gov. Petilla places Leyte under MGCQ from August 1 to 15

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TACLOBAN CITY- Maintaining the modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) in Leyte will help its economic recovery.

Thus said Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla who wants the reopening of the local economy ravaged by the impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

“We don’t want to burden our people from doing their livelihood,” he said.

President Rodrigo Duterte in his live video message last Friday (July 31), has placed Leyte and the rest of the provinces in the region under the MGCQ status.

Gov. Petilla said that although Leyte has the most number of COVID-19

cases in the region, its recovery rate is also high as most of the infected individuals by the virus are asymptomatic.

“Most of them had already recovered even those who arrived in the early week of July,” he said.

The governor has issued Executive Order 08-01-2020 last Friday placing the entire Leyte province under MGCQ from August 1 to August 15.

Under the MGCQ, movements and travels of all residents in the see 5,000 cops /page 6 ...



DENGUE FEVER CAMPAIGN. While the campaign to stop further the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) remains, the City Health Office of Tacloban city government continue its efforts against dengue fever by conducting fogging operations to eliminate breeding places of mosquitoes that causes dengue fever. Tacloban City has more than 270 cases with one death as of last month.

(CITY HEALTH OFFICE)

Tacloban city gov’t receives quarantine facility for returning city residents

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) turn over to the city government of Tacloban a quarantine facility for returning city residents.

The facility is located at the Salvacion Heights, a housing project of the National Housing Authority.

OCD Regional Director Lord Byron Torrecarion disclosed that the said facility is one of the 10 regional quarantine and isolation facilities funded by their office.

“With this we can ensure that our returning residents will be captured in a quarantine facility and limit home isolation which triggers the increase



QUARANTINE FACILITY. Representing Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez, city administrator Aldrin Quebec(second from right) accepted the quarantine facility from Office of Civil Defense(OCD) Regional Director Lord Byron Torrecarion. The facility is intended for Taclobanons who will be returning where they will be staying during their mandatory quarantine.(OCD-8)

of Covid-19 cases like what happened in Cebu,” Torrecarion said.

City administrator Aldrin Quebec, representing Mayor Alfred Romualdez,

accepted the facility in behalf of the city government.

More than P27.4 million budget was allocated in the creation of said facility.

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Mayor confirms existence of local community transmission of COVID-19 in Palo

TACLOBAN CITY- The mayor of Palo has confirmed the existence of a local community transmission of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) in her town.

As this developed, the Department of Health (DOH) said that the region has now 982 COVID-19 cases.

According to Mayor Frances Ann Petilla, among its three new cases, one of them, a 29-year old man, has no travel history or engaged with any locally stranded individuals (LSIs) or returning overseas workers.

But she said that the man could have get the infected from his 61-year old father who was earlier confirmed to have the dreaded virus.

Petilla said that they immediately conducted a contact tracing to ensure that the virus would not further spread.

“(The) patient has no travel history and no contact with any locally stranded individuals, returning overseas Filipino or returning resident. With this, I am confirming that Palo has now a local community transmission of COVID-19,” Petilla said on her Facebook post.

Thus, the town mayor asked her people to strictly observe all the health protocols.

“Always wear your mask and practice social distancing. Please avoid going out if it’s not important. We are following and implementing protocols and health measures that will prevent

further spread of coronavirus,” Petilla said.

The regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) has yet to confirm on this claim of Petilla.

With three new cases, Palo has now 32 cases with 19 recoveries.

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81K waitlisted families in E. Visayas to get SAP aid

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Friday said a total of 81,003 additional family beneficiaries in Eastern Visayas would receive cash assistance under the social amelioration program (SAP) of the national government.

In a press statement, DSWD 8 (Eastern Visayas) Director Marie Angela Gopalan said these came from the 129 local government units (LGUs) in the region that submitted a list of qualified poor families but did not receive the grant during the first tranche.

A total of 38,420 families were listed from Leyte, 16,393 in Samar, 14,652 in Northern Samar, 5,310 in Eastern Samar, 4,663 in Southern Leyte, and 1,565 in Biliran.

As of July 29, the regional office here has already released P12,145,000, serving a total of 2,429 families.

Each recipient received P5,000 cash, Gopalan said.

“We expect more beneficiaries to receive the emergency subsidy in the next days, especially that the DSWD continues to conduct direct cash payout and we are also preparing for the implementation of the digital payment scheme,” she added.

Under Republic Act (RA) 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, financial support for two months will be granted to indigent families affected by the movement restrictions meant to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

However, Eastern Visayas is no longer includ-



MORE BENEFICIARIES. A social amelioration program beneficiary in Eastern Visayas receives the P5,000 emergency cash subsidy. The Department of Social Welfare and Development on Friday (July 31, 2020) said a total of 81,003 additional family beneficiaries in the region would receive the cash assistance. (Photo courtesy of DSWD)

ed in the second tranche of the emergency subsidy due to downgraded community quarantine status.

Gopalan said they released a total of P2,752,283,000 during the first tranche of SAP, serving 550,480 families from the region's 143 LGUs.

Meanwhile, Eastern Visayas has confirmed a total of 936 Covid-19 cases, including 670 recoveries and three deaths from Leyte, Biliran, and Samar, according to the Department of Health monitoring report.

(GERICO SABALZA/PNA)

DOLE-8 provides assistance to displaced workers in Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 8 (DOLE-8) through its West Leyte Field Office (WLFO) has recently conducted an orientation on Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) for the 167 beneficiaries of Tulong Panghanapbuhay para sa Ating Disadvan-

taged/ Displaced Workers (TUPAD).

DOLE-8 WLFO head Edgar Tabuyan, representing DOLE Regional Director Yahya Centi, said that the July 23 orientation was a pre-requisite for any TUPAD program of DOLE to be implemented.

“Aside from the OSH standards, the beneficiaries coming from 10 barangays of Javier were likewise given information on the minimum health standards against the COVID-19,” he said.

Present during the activity were Rep. Carl Cari of the 5th congressional district, Mayor Michael Dragon Javier of LGU-Javier and Bethel Napoles, PESO manager of Javier.

Tabuyan said during the event that the TUPAD program is the department's response to the



VIRTUAL MEETING-- House Majority Leader and Lakas-CMD party president Martin Romuladez (right) presides the virtual meeting via Zoom during the monthly meeting of Lakas-CMD Party in Manila, looking on are Lakas-CMD VP for Luzon and Pampanga Rep. Mikey Arroyo (center), Member and Lone District of Biliran Gerardo Espina Jr. (left). photo by Ver Noveno

Tremors rock Samar Island; no damages or aftershocks reported by Phivolcs

TACLOBAN CITY- The provinces of Samar Island were rocked by earthquakes on Sunday night though the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) announced of no damages or aftershocks due to these jolts.

The first earthquake to hit the Samar Island was in Northern Samar province with the epicenter recorded

in Allen town at about 7:24 pm.

Based on the monitoring of Phivolcs, the tremor had a magnitude of 2.5 and was of tectonic in origin with a depth of focus at about 065 kilometers.

Another quake was felt in Samar Island, this time in Samar province with the town of Basey as its epicenter.

It had a magnitude of

2.3 and of tectonic in origin with a depth focus of 160 kms.

The last tremor recorded in the island was in Eastern Samar.

The 10:53 pm was traced to have an epicenter in San Julian town with a magnitude of 4.1 and a depth focus of 033 kms.

The quake was felt in the town at Intensity IV; Inten-

sity III in Sulat town, also in Eastern Samar; Intensity II in Catbalogan City and in the towns of Jiabong, both in Samar, and Taft in Eastern Samar; and Intensity I in San Jose de Buan town, Samar.

Phivolcs said that they did not monitor any damages or aftershocks due to the tremors.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Governor E. Jaro Elementary School prepares for opening of classes for SY 2020-2021

By VALENTIN C. TRAPELA

Governor E. Jaro Elementary School in Babatngon I District has looked for ways for a successful enrolment and observed the guidelines set by the Department of Education (DepEd) in the context of the public health emergency due to COVID-19.

The school upholds its role in delivering quality education for every learner in the place while protecting them from the current deadly virus.

Enrolment procedures were modified taking into consideration the public health situation.

During the first two weeks, enrolment was done remotely. There was no absolute “face to face” enrolment.

Learner Enrolment and Survey Tagging Facility (LESF) had been done remotely through emails, messengers, and were reached out for enrolment by the contact numbers published by the school.

Teachers were designated

to facilitate remote enrolment and appointed local persons.

School disseminated information on the enrolment procedures to the public thru print media, social media and radio.

During the third week until June 15, 2020, drop boxes have been set up in the barangay hall. Enrolment was done in coordination with the LGU. There was strict compliance with the minimum health and safety of the parents and students.

Amid pandemic, the school was able to enroll 80% of its previous students.

Teachers made their Budget of Lessons and activity sheets ready for the August 24, 2020 opening of classes and prepared everything for a successful school year 2020-2021.

(Note: The author is a teacher of Governor E. Jaro Elementary School, Babatngon, Leyte)

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LGBTQ extends assistance to gay community to help them this time of COVID-19 pandemic

TACLOBAN CITY- More than 200 members of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) in San Julian town, Eastern Samar received care package and cash assistance to cope them with the pandemic caused by coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

The assistance was distributed by the San Julian Pride (SJP) members to 208 LGBTQ members in the municipality.

"We originally listed 129 members but we had to expand to more than 200 with the inclusion of those entering or already in junior high school," Roel Andag, SJP founder said.

"This stems from the realization that some families might see their LGBT children as burden especially during this time of hardship," he added.

The beneficiaries came from 16 villages of the municipality.

The care package which is wrapped in eco-bags include food and hygiene items, vegetable seeds, and a flyer featuring COVID-19 information.

SJP were assisted by ASEAN SOGIE Caucus, Municipal Agricultural Services (OMAS) of the local government, HIV RESU (human immunodeficiency virus- regional epidemiology surveillance unit) of the regional office of the Department of Health providing the care package.

Also included in the care package are condoms and lubricant packets.

"Kasi research has proven that sexual activity increases during disasters and/or times of extraordinary hardships. We need to continue protecting people from HIV and STIs/STDs transmission hence condoms and lubricants are essential for health," Andag said when asked why they included condoms and lubricants in the package.

A cash assistance was also provided to the beneficiaries.

"Many of our members parlayed the cash assistance into augmenting their small livelihood. Some used the cash to help their family, to buy school supplies in

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3 killed in Southern Leyte landslide

ORMOC CITY- At least three persons were buried alive after a landslide hit near a dried river where they were excavating in Barangay Canlawis, Pintuyan, Southern Leyte Friday (July 31) afternoon.

Town police chief Lt. Col Omar Bagasbas identified the fatalities as Ruben Gulbao, 20, single and native of Tampoong, Sogod, Southern Leyte; Adelberto Gales, Jr., 35, single and resident of PD Equipilag village in Pintuyan town, both are laborers; and Joel Malque, married, 43 and living in the village where the incident occurred.

Bagasbas said in a phone interview that the three were sacking sand and gravel near the slope at estimated height of 35 meters at the side of a dried river when the soil containing rocks eroded and covered the victims.

When police arrived at the scene, some people from the community, roughly half a kilometer distance, were already digging with the use of shovel



A landslide incident in Barangay Canlawis, Pintuyan, Southern Leyte resulted to the death of three men last July 31. (Photo Courtesy)

to rescue the victims. They came to help the town rescuers and able to retrieve two bodies. Another body was recovered with the use of a backhoe.

The three were rushed to the town district hospital but were pronounced dead upon arrival by the attend-

ing physician Dr. Jude Aspirin.

Bagasbas said that the landslide area used to be a quarrying site but excavation was discontinued by the local government being unsafe already.

However, residents nearby continue excavation

activities of small volumes for meager income. Heavy rains on the past days softened the soil and slight movement on the ground may have resulted to the landslide, he added.

(ELVIE ROMAN-ROA with report RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Leyte province makes headway in fight vs. insurgency, says OPAV official

TACLOBAN CITY- "We are making headway on the fight against the rebels," said Assistant Secretary Jonji Gonzales of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas, during the Network Briefing News interview with the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar on July 17.

According to Gonzales, the number of former rebels in San Isidro, Leyte is increasing and they are among the beneficiaries of the government's livelihood projects.

The increasing number, according to Asec. Gonzales, only shows that the rebels are now serious in returning to the folds of the law.

"Right now, the said rebel returnees have started their livelihood projects such as poultry-raising and

egg-selling, which were funded by the Provincial Government of Leyte through Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla," he said.

He added, "These former rebels are now selling eggs. They are producing 3,000 eggs per day from the 1,400 layers, given by the province and other businessmen who are helping them."

Gonzales also said that these people are also into farming. The Philippine Coconut Authority 8 (PCA-8) has also distributed seeds and seedlings, in coordination with the 802nd Infantry Brigade of the Philippine Army, as among their interventions to the government's anti-insurgency program.

To recall, President Rodrigo Duterte visited San Isidro, Leyte in January, this year, where he gave assistance to some 262 rebel returnees of the said municipality, of

which the group now has increased its number to 500 individuals.

During his visit, the President also gave P5-million worth of check to Governor Petilla, who leads the Leyte Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict or ELCAC. The amount was used for the construction of the halfway house for the said former rebels. (LDL/GTT/PIA-Leyte)



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MATEO PACURE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a 1/2 conjugal share of a house and lot particularly described as; A parcel of land designated as Lot 863-D-2 of the subdivision plan, Psd-08-009589-D, a non-subd. plan project being a portion of Lot 863-D (LRC) Psd-41986 LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1068 located at Brgy. Sageahan, Tacloban City containing an area of 48 square meters, more or less and embraced in TCT-48245 and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, rights and interest over CATALINA CONGOLLO PACURE. Per Doc No. 12, Page No. 03, Book No. 4, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Samuel C. Lagunzad. LSDE: August 1, 8 & 15, 2020

Brigada Eskwela accomplishment report for school year 2019-2020

BY: FE TRAYA DUARTE (Principal II)

DepEd Order no. 35 s. 2016 which is known as Brigada Eskwela or the School Maintenance Week is an annual program of the Department of Education to prepare the schools physical facilities ready and conducive for learning environment for our school children on the opening of classes for the school year.

Mahaplag II District implemented the DepEd Order school year 2019-2020 last May 28 to June 2, 2019 with the theme: "MATATAG NA BAYAN PARA SA MAUNLAD NA PAARALAN" Last year's Brigada Eskwela launching was in Abuyog South CS, Abuyog, Leyte. This was attended by all PIC's, District Head and District Supervisors from Area V -A both Elementary and Secondary schools.

In our District, we had motorcade from Polahongon Central School to Mahay-

ag Elementary School, then back to Polahongon. Then we had a short program.

The program started with a welcome talk by Central Principal Consuelo P. Cerilla, then checking of attendance then a message and brief orientation on Brigada Eskwela from FE TRAYA-DUARTE(yours truly).

I made it clear that to the community and teachers the importance of Brigada Eskwela with the cooperation and participation of the barangay people. I emphasized that making school ready and attractive will surely invite school children to be in school which had to be an increase of participation rate. Then followed by an intermission number from Grade IV pupils coached by sir Jeffrey Otero. Then the teachers returned to their respective area/station to start cleaning, rehabilitating, repairing and repairing of schools physical facilities. Parents with same skills were grouped together and work on their assignment with their expertise.

From day 1 to day 6, everyday a barangay official leads the group of parents who volunteered to work. Most of the school have done great transformation of their schools' physical appearance while some schools has not fully made their schools

ready due to some parents with attitude problem. But majority of the schools in the district has fully implemented Brigada Eskwela which was inspected by the district Administrator on the fifth day with the presence of the district supervisor, Dr. Antonieta C. Eliseo who attended the closing program that marked the end of the 6 day Brigada Eskwela.

From the findings of the administrators during their rounds in each school to observe how far Brigada Eskwela effective in each of the schools in the district it was then concluded that Brigada Eskwela was the solution of the habitual delay of starting the formal class on the first day of class in June. It made the first day of class, very orderly and teachers were able to start the right for everything in school were in proper order, a sign of the readiness of the school to accommodate pupils on their first day of school.

So, Brigada Eskwela be sustained and hopefully with financial assistance from Dep Ed to support in the provision of the necessary materials which is beyond to the financial capability of the PTA.

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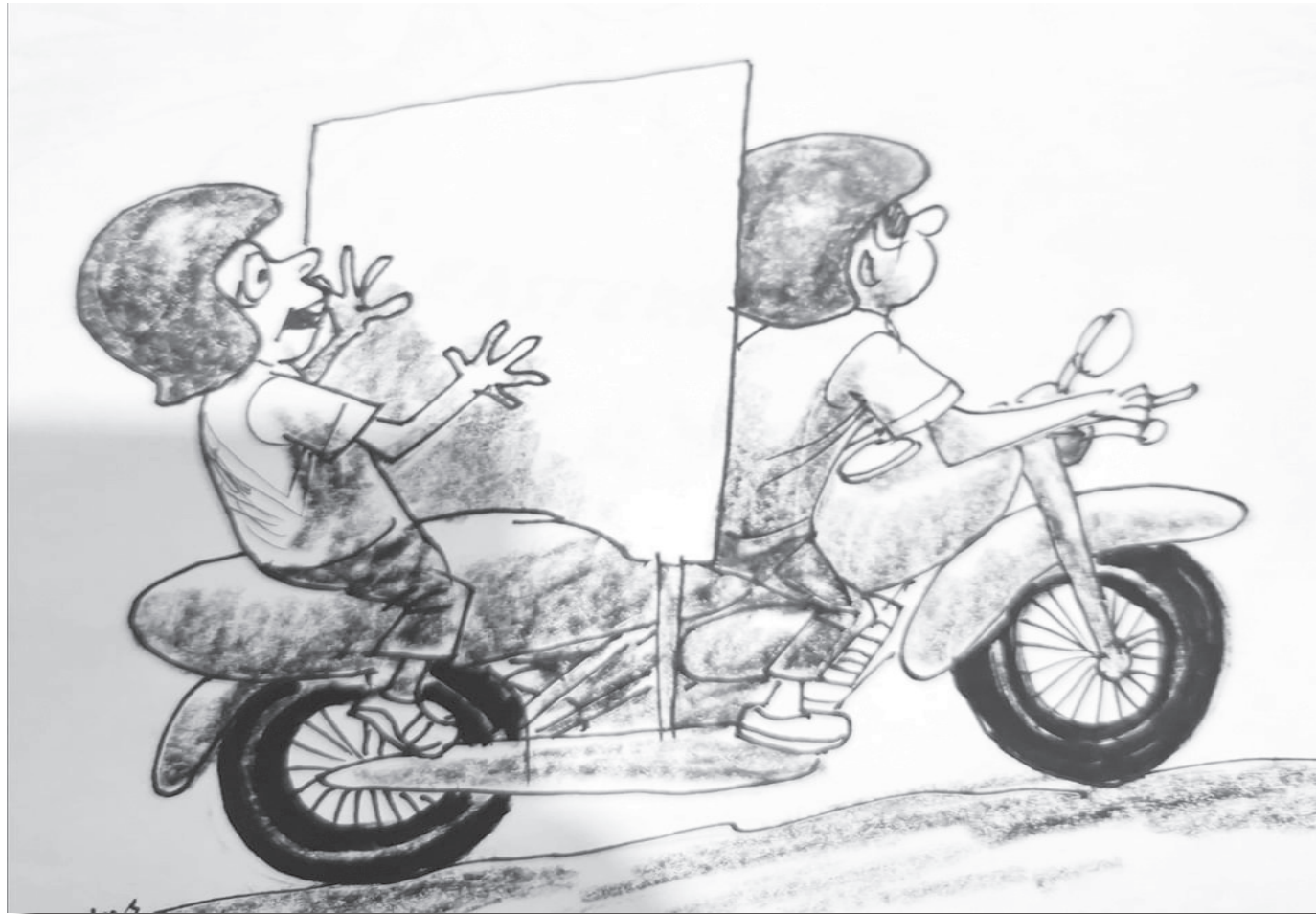
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Questionable

As

they frantically look for ways to contain the spread of coronavirus from China, our authorities have been devising means that could hopefully address the problem. In the

process, however, the concepts they come up with are rather funny, at times risky for disregarding the laws of nature.

Consider the plastic barrier recommended for single motorcycles, between the driver and the back rider. The concept should have been good if only the motorcycle is stationary and not moving at all. It would indeed trap the droplets of saliva or airborne particles sneezed or coughed out by one of them, thus preventing likely viruses from infecting the other.

The problem is, a motorcycle runs on the road and glides quite fast. As it zooms forward, the plastic barrier goes against the wind that could topple it down and toss it into the air thus

risking the life of the back rider. If it's windy, or if the motorbike runs past those huge vehicles like highway buses, then the likelihood of the driver losing control of the motorcycle could happen, resulting in a bloody mishap, even death.

Should these possibilities occur, and they're not remote, then the purpose of said partition would be defeated. One doesn't have to be an educated thinker to figure it out. The risk it implies is obvious even to the most stupid bystanders. The driver and his passenger may be spared of virus contagion, but their lives are at risk to a likely accident.

Which brings certain doubts to mind. Could it be that its design was more of penalizing violators with a monetary fine, rather protecting the rider-passenger tandem? Well, such doubt cannot be helped, more so that the penalty is so big an amount. It's up to the authorities to erase such doubts if their intent is indeed noble.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Of colors and masks

If I were to aptly self-assess what kind of people we Filipinos are, as once asked by the writer Leon Ma. Guerrero in his essay What are Filipinos Like, I would say that, besides their undeniably good attributes, they are among the most hypo-

critical people on earth. You hardly see their real nature because they project plenty of colors and wear a variety of masks.

In his essay, Guerrero based his descriptions mostly on what other nationalities say about us.

He kind of conducted an informal survey, soliciting from his foreign friends and acquaintances their impressions on Filipinos. He did get a significant number of observations, some of which describe us as being friendly, good-natured, loyal, idealistic, sentimental, and socially gracious. We, moreover, are unwilling to accept responsibility, lacking in self-reliance, indolent, and undisciplined.

As for the impressions of neighboring peoples, the Thai according to Guerrero find us to be pretentious; the Indonesians say we readily accept Western standards at face value; the Chinese think we are improvident; and the Indians are shocked that we could

kill one another over a few centavos.

The essay, as anthologized in some Philippine Literature books, almost perfectly outlines our attributes as a people, as a race. Those descriptions and observations are all true, but they are rather expressed in general. In fact, it failed to mention our excessive religiosity and extreme adherence to superstitions. Generalities barely pinpoint the icebergs of our true qualities. It pays to dwell on the specifics if we are to really capture and document the real traits that we have.

Why do I say that we are hypocritical? Because we tend to pretend most see *Of colors/page 7 ...*



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

The wheat and the weeds

IT'S good to review that wonderful parable about the wheat and the weeds and to savor the great lesson it gives us. (cfr. Mt 13,24-30) To be sure, the parable is very relevant these days as there is a crying need to sharpen our skill at discerning between the good and the evil that in today's world are so mixed up that we often would not know which is which.

Christ tells us to be patient with that predicament. We should not over-react by uprooting what we consider as the weeds, or the evil elements in our life, because most likely we would cause more harm than good that way.

"No," the master in the parable told his servants who suggested that they uproot the weeds, "because while you are pulling the

weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest." (Mt 13,29) The condition is so complicated that we would not really have the precision to distinguish one from the other.

Let's not forget that the way things are nowadays, the evil things can look like the good things, and vice-versa, the good things can also look like the bad things. In fact, there are times when what may begin as something good can turn bad due to lack of rectitude of intention, and also vice-versa, what may begin as bad may turn to be something good when a conversion takes place. These are confusing times!

To top it all, the confusing condition is not limited only to our surroundings. It can start at our very own selves. Remember the

lament of St. Paul: "In my inner being I delight in God's law. But I see another law at work in my body, warring against the law of my mind and holding me captive to the law of sin that dwells within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (Rom 7,22-24)

Of course, we are told not to over-react to this condition because as St. Paul again said: "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." (Rom 5,20) We should never forget this divinely-inspired reassurance.

Christ has advised us just to wait till the time of real reckoning comes when the truly good things would be separated from the bad things, and their due reward or penalty would be given. We are told that at that time, what is hidden now will be uncovered, what is spoken in the dark will be heard in the daylight. (cfr. Lk 12,2)

In the meantime, we should try our best to be truly guarded, ever sharpening our knowledge about what is truly good and bad, and deepening our virtue of patience. Of course, in all of this, what is important is that we identify ourselves with Christ more and more.

That's because only with Christ would we know what is good and bad. Only with *see The wheat /page 7 ...*

vere levels that caused hunger due to loss of jobs and gainful economic activities. Drivers of public transportation where driven to the streets to cry for help as they could not longer bear the ill-effects of the lockdown. The drivers brought their cries to the streets in order to get the attention of government. It is unfortunate that their wails for food were responded with police action that cited them for quarantine violations.

Such situation where people were pushed out of home quarantines by the painful grind of hungry stomachs is lamentable. It underscores the utter failure to provide food that would be enough to sustain life for the entire duration of the quarantine. There was that assurance of full support from government that had the huge funds generated from the various government agencies. Relief food items were distributed by the local governments at *see Recovery ?/page 7 ...*



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Drilon, you're a hypocrite!

Pastilan hinca-maisog na la hinin aton Presidente, diri nga diri gud nag-aalang panginsulto bisan dida hin dadamo nga tawo!

In President Rodrigo Duterte's State of the Nation Address (SONA) held early this week, his two (2) of controversial pronouncements struck me "hard."

Firstly, the insults he hurled at Minority Leader (erstwhile Senate President) Franklin Drilon, which is the topic of this column...

...and secondly, the President urgent request for Congress to enact a law, legalizing the use of lethal injections in order to put to permanent slumber, convicted drug financiers, drug lords, and even drug pushers convicted of heinous crimes. This will be the subject of my Column in the next issue of this popular Leyte Samar Daily Express.

To start with, for the information of our valued readers, the State of the Nation Address (SONA) is a constitutional obligation and a yearly tradition, wherein the President reports the status of the country, unveils the government's agenda for the coming year, and proposes to Congress certain legislative measures.

The President of the Philippines appears before Congress upon its invitation, for which purpose a joint session is held in the Session Hall of the House of Representatives.

Congress issues tickets, and all preparations are undertaken with Congress as the official host. Eighty-one (81) SONAs have been delivered thus far.

President Rodrigo Duterte personally delivered his penultimate State of the National Address (SONA) which lasted an hour & 40 minutes at the Batasang Pambansa last July 27, 2020 - Monday.

The following is the part of the President's speech, some portions of which had to be edited, due to printing limitations.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: "My countrymen, it is sad to note that while government focuses its attention and resources to battle the coronavirus, there are those who take advantage of a pre-occupied government.

"One of them is Senator Frank Drilon. In a televised interview, he arrogantly

mentioned among others that oligarchs, need not be rich. Obviously, he was defending the Lopezes and stated categorically that the 'Lopezes are not Oligarchs.'

"Then he linked the oligarchy with the dynasty set-up system and the topic was my daughter and 2 sons.

"This interview happened after the Committee on Legislative Franchises voted 70-11 to deny the grant of a franchise to ABS-CBN.

President Duterte continued by saying - "Great wealth enables economic elites & corporations to influence public policy to their advantage; and media is a powerful tool in the hands of oligarchs like the Lopezes, who use their media outlets in their battles with political figures...

...and President Duterte added "I am a casualty of the Lopezes' media maneuverings during the 2016 election.

Duterte then said "Ikaw Franklin Drilon, You are a hypocrite! You know that you cannot pass an anti-dynasty law!

"Ikaw ang nandiyan sa Congress, eh 'di ikaw ang mauna. But to take it against me for protecting my country is something which I really resent."

"Pardon the time that was allotted for my speech. I would just like to give a statement dahil kung minsan hindi ako naiintindihan.

"Drilon, panindigan mo

- I am asking Drilon, were you still a part of ACCRA Law Firm when this contract with Ayala water was being drafted?

"Alam mo you used the dictionary's synonym ng mga oligarchs, oligarchy, kung anu-ano. Then you proceeded to characterize everyone - with so many names and then declare that oligarchy is not bad at all because - not all oligarchies are bad. True

"But eto, my countrymen....the oligarchy that exists in this country is similar to the one that existed during the Spanish time. At that time, the lands or friar lands and all its benefits were passed on to the Insulares or Spaniards who did not go back to Spain.

"But that was long ago, it has been forgotten. This is the oligarchy that now controls the Philippines; how?

"By taking control on the water, electricity and power. Iyan ang oligarchy mo Drilon.

"Yan ang oligarchy dito ngayon! The oligarchs have controlled water, electricity and power!

"Tingnan mo, how can a new contract for water, electricity and power be made, unless the oligarchs pay the billions and billions of pesos that their companies have overcharged and collected from the people?"

"For example, the water treatment charged that is indicated in our water bills. Maliban sa kontrata, nandiyan din yan sa water bill.

"These have been collected from water concessionaires since 1997. So isipin mo na lang kung ilang bilyong pesos ang na-colecta na since 1997?"

"Para malaman n'yo mga kapwa kong mga Pilipino, WALA!...Wala ni isang water treatment facility o planta ang ginawa, maski isang gripo man lang, wala. Pero sinisingil at binabayaran ng mga water concessionaires, magmula noong 1997, dahil kung hindi bayaran, nang mga concesyunaryo, puputulan ng tubig.

"Iyan ang mahirap sa'yo

see Drilon/page 7 ...



Foulshot

AL ELLEMA

Recovery?

It is not only shocking but revolting that the health department had been fooling the Filipino people with reports on the covid19 pandemic. The data regarding the positive cases had surpassed forecasts that were pegged by the University of the Philippines. The daily increase of positive cases had consistently outnumbered recoveries since the first covid19 positive cases were reported.

This is the very reason why the number of positive cases as well as the number of deaths due

to the covid19 virus keep on increasing despite the quarantine restrictions imposed on individuals, families, communities and the entire island of Luzon. People were held in detention inside homes as the health department issued stern warnings under pain of unknown penalties only the authorities are aware of. The restriction of movement was allegedly aimed at controlling people from becoming carriers of the virus.

The consequences of the quarantines where people were locked in homes and communities reached se-



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)

Alangalang supports Dual Education Training Program

HERVEY JAY B. NUÑEZ

Alangalang Mayor, Hon. Lovell Anne M. Yu, joined the ceremonial memorandum of agreement (MOA) signing in support of the K to 12 curriculum on Dual Education Training Program held last July 2 at Luxury Suite, Tacloban City.

The program was piloted by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) in 2014 in the hotel and restaurant sector in the province of Batangas. The program is now being adopted and conducted in other parts of the country.

The municipality of Alangalang is one of the seven pilot municipalities identified by the PCCI in partnership with the Department of Education for the Dual Education Training in the K to 12 Program for Senior High School Students.

As the name suggests, dual education training brings K to 12 students to two leaning venues. Their leaning will happen alternately between the school and the partner companies in hotel and restaurant/tourism, agriculture, construction, and Information and Communications Technology.

“Under this program, the K to 12 curricula is enhanced with greater exposure of the learners in the industry immersion. From 80 hours, the immersion

time is increased to 800 hours to develop their skills in the hotel industry training such as culinary, hotel and restaurant operations, and housekeeping to make them highly competitive in the industry at the end of the two-year K-12 program”, Hon. Yu said in a statement during an interview.

The local government unit (LGU) of Alangalang is in its one step further in supporting and cooperating with the PCCI and the Department of Education as its town mayor, signed a MOA to give financial support to selected industry training who will be part of the program.

“The (main) role of LGU Alangalang for the implementation of Dual Education Training is more on the financial support to our students”, Hon. Yu said.

The LGU assigned Verwena Bibar, MPDO, as a coordinator, who will constantly assess and monitor the implementation of the said program.

In an interview, Mayor Yu expressed that the partnership of the LGU in this Dual Education Training Program is to ensure that the Senior High School students of Alangalang are skilled and ready for employment once they have complied with the training program.

“This program will also contribute to helping the community lessen the poverty rate”, added the town mayor.

(The author is teaching at the Alangalang I Central School, Alangalang, Leyte)

Gov. Petilla...

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province are unrestricted. However, health and sanitary protocols must be observed especially in crowded and public places.

The entry of all persons originating outside the province either by land, air, or sea is prohibited except for returning overseas Filipino workers, locally stranded individuals, and Balik Probinsya, Balik Pag-asa (BP2) program beneficiaries, must undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine period in their respective local government units upon their arrival.

Also exempted from travel ban are authorized persons outside residence (APOR) or those workers in essential business establishments and industries, health and emergency front-liners, uniformed personnel, those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, skeleton workers, accredited construction workers, delivery personnel of cargo vehicles, among others.

Public utility vehicles can now resume operations, provided they comply with the directive of the Department of Transportation disin-



Joseph Banagbanag (center) receives his TESDA graduation medal during the May 15, 2018 graduation from: (l-r) Burauen Mayor Juanito Renomeron, Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico L. Petilla and TESDA Leyte Provincial Director Loreta Banario (far right).

fection and other safety measures.

The new directive will allow business establishments to resume operations provided they equip their office or store disinfectant or sanitizer ready for use of its clientele.

Mayor...

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Meantime, the DOH said that to include the three cases of Palo, nine new cases were added to the region's total COVID-19 cases.

Aside from Palo, also posting their new COVID-19 cases were Baybay City with two cases and the towns of Palompon, Alangalang, Barugo and Abuyog with one each.

Except for one in Palo town, all the new cases of the region involved locally stranded individuals. (JOEY A. GABIETA, LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)



LGBTQ...

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preparation for the anticipated reopening of schools, or to buy gender affirming hormones which supply has been affected because of lockdowns and quarantines,” Andag said.

Andag added that although the support they provided is in no way a solution to the current situation they are facing due to COVID-19 but this act gives their members hope that they will be reunited again when situation improves. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that MARILYN DAGA BANDONG heir of the late SPS. DOMINADOR DAGA AND FORTUNATA DAGA executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land located at Candahug, Palo, Leyte covered with OCT No. P-43000, Lot 10924, Case 13, Case 407 consisting of 3,505 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of NENITA S. TABALANZA as vendee of a portion measuring 691 square meters identified as Lot 10924-K from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 426, Page No. 86, Book No. VII, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Edson G. Piezon. LSDE: July 21, 28 & August 4, 2020

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that REMEDIOS R. SERRATO heir of the late CORNELIA R. CUIZON executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7068 situated at Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar covered by TD No. 99-0300200219 with an area of more or less 0-50-27 square meters. Per Doc No. 3882, Page No. 777, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Hernando M. Hernandez, Jr. LSDE: July 28, Aug 4 & 11, 2020

DEED OF CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LOLITA B. MONTECINA heir of the late BUE-NAVENTURA P. MONTECINA executed an Affidavit of Confirmation of Sale over all rights, participation and interest in favor of RAMIL LANTAJO over a motorcycle described as: Make: HONDA; Plate No: TP 0802-2389; Moto No: KBS03023-023253E; Chassis No: KB503-023-023253; CR No: 20624973; OR No: 1145793235. Per Doc No. 116, Page No. 23, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Kenneth Spice M. De Veyra. LSDE: July 21, 28 & Aug 4, 2020

Julita Taekwondo jins; promoted to higher belt level

BY: MYRA T. MARBIBI

The Philippine Taekwondo Association (PTA), has conducted its nationwide online promotional examination thru its Regional Management Committee Eastern Visayas VIII- on July 25-27, 2020 headed by its regional chairman Master Jed M. Lirios.

The goal of the said activity was to upgrade the athlete of their current belt grade level to the next higher belt rank. In addition, the association also aims to have the taekwondo member athletes all over the country to stay active and physically fit during this time of pandemic thru its online taekwondo training program conducted by registered and licensed national taekwondo instructors.

The Taekwondo jins who were promoted to their next belt rank namely were: Allyza Maekylle Cerrro (promoted to redbelt, a gold medalist of 2019 Leyte Provincial Athletic meet and EVRAA qualifier), Lizbeth Anne Novales (promoted to brownbelt, a

gold medalist in 2019 Regional New Face Taekwondo Championships), and Shyrene Angel Gastalla (promoted to yellowbelt, 2019 Leyte Provincial Meet silver medalist. These athletes have attended their online taekwondo training as alternative mode of learning of the sport and have successfully accomplished the required number of training hours for their belt rank. Moreover, they were also guided and supervised by their taekwondo coach and trainer, Master Rommel Marbibi, a 4th dan blackbelt.

Furthermore, the said promotional examination was successfully conducted by the Regional Referee Chairman, Master Francis M. Dosdos.

(Note: The author is the head teacher of Caridad and Tagkip Primary Schools Julita District, and the head coach of Taekwondo event for the elementary division of the Area 2-B.)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE CASTANAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2080-C of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-299225 approved as a non-subdivision project being a portion of Lot 2080, Catbalogan Cadastre, LRC Cad Record No. 2379 situated at Barrios Jiaan and Pangdan, Catbalogan Samar containing an area of 157,300 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JUN DE JESUS AND MA. ELPA DE JESUS as vendee of a portion consisting of 58,638 square meters from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 249, Page No. 56, Book No. 1, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok. LSDE: July 28, August 4 & 11, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EDUARDO MANAOG extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Pedro MacArthur, Leyte covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-41590 with an area of 2, 172 square meters designated as Lot No. 42, Case 1, Cad 900. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of IRENE B. RACAZA married to JONATHAN B. RACAZA as vendee of a portion measuring 2,086 square meters designated as Lot 42-A from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 324, Page No. 67, Book No. 2, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rex L. Flores, RN. LSDE: July 21, 28 & Aug 4, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ADJUDICATION AND SALE OF ONE PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. SIMON ECHAPARE AND JUAN DURANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land described as: 1) A coconut land located at Brgy. Iba, Basey, Samar; 2) A residential land covered with TD No. 928 situated at Esperanza St., Barangay Baybay, Basey Samar with an area of 63 square meters, Assessed value of P7,430.00, Market value of P37,170.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. MELLEZA LEVERA FLAMIANO married to SANDY FLAMIANO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 388, Page No. 57, Book No. VI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Filotea B.M. Estorninos. LSDE: July 28, Aug 4 & 11, 2020

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RS-CC/EV/PA-PJ-2020-07-0208
Case No. VIII-2020-0208

Application for Consolidation with
Extension of Validity of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a P.U.J. service

TACLOBAN V AND G CALANIPAWAN
DRIVERS AND OPERATORS
TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE
(TAVAGCADOTCO),
Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee
of THIRTEEN (13) Certificate of Public
Convenience namely: Case Nos. VIII-2015-
0199, 2015-0576, 2015-0286, 2015-0901,
2015-0898, 2014-4195, 2014-0562, 2014-
0561, 2014-2732, 2014-3573, 2014-0876,
2014-0287 and 2014-0811 to operate a P.U.J
service for the transportation of passengers and
freight on the route: TACLOBAN
CITY-V&G (PHASE 4 Ext. 2B) & VICE
VERSA with the use of FOURTEEN (14)
unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates
are valid and subsisting until June 30, 2020,
respectively.

In the present application, applicant-
Cooperative request authority for
Consolidation of Cases with Extension of
Validity for the said certificates using the
same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
AUGUST 18, 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 local circulation.

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 Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this 22nd day of JULY,
2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

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Case No. VIII-2020-0134

Application for Consolidation of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a P.U.B. service

ALVIN TRANSIT INC.,
Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the
Consolidation of a Certificate of Public
Convenience to operate a P.U.B. service for
the transportation of passengers and
freights along the line: TACLOBAN CITY-CATARMAN
VIA CATBALOGAN-CALBAYOG-
ALLEN & VICE VERSA with the use of
ONE (1) unit/s, in the petition previously
filed. Re: Application for the Consolidation
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a P.U.B. Service.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
AUGUST 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
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documentary evidence submitted by the
parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this 20th day of JULY,
2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

DPWH builds seawall to protect community in Dulag

DULAG, Leyte – The Department of Public Works and Highways - Leyte Second District Engineering Office has attained 85 percent completion of the construction of Luan Seawall in Brgy. Luan, this town.

“This structure will form as a coastal defense against natural calamities which is inevitable but we can contrive ways in preventing damages to human lives and properties,” said district engineer Gerold Pacanan.

With the contract amount of P28.7M, the



project involves 144.58 cubic meter of stone masonry works; installation of 2,640 linear meter furnished Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and 2,420 linear meter driven PVC which brings a total of 230 linear meter concrete

stair type masonry works.

Barangays of Luan, San Jose and San Rafael are areas identified in Dulag as highly-vulnerable to sea level rise as it faces the Pacific Ocean.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Of colors...

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of the time and do not really disclose what we are, what we feel, and what we think. We are not that frank enough. We do not say and do what we really want. When a visitor arrives in time when we are taking our meals, we invite him to eat even if, inwardly, we are hesitant to do so knowing that the food is perhaps just enough for the family. When somebody invites us to attend a gathering, we assure him we'll consider that even if, in our mind, we have no intention of attending. We often justify that action as a means of not offending

the person with our refusal, though it's the same thing.

Our tendency to hide our true intentions in dealing with people prevails. We don't care if the people we are dealing with are harmed as a result, as long as we can carry out our plans. And we pursue these even if it means projecting a deceitful color, or wearing a mask. We see this in politicians who try to win the people's vote in the guise of public service, in protesters who claim to fight for democracy but are in truth pushing for a dictatorial regime, in religious figures who claim to care for souls but are in reality just after mammon, etc.

This must explain why Filipinos are difficult to deal with. Because they are hardly real, seldom real.

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Burauen NHS battles COVID -19 pandemic, the 'new normal'

BY: ANGELINA G. WING

Burauen, Leyte-COVID 19 pandemic give chaos to the whole world, classes have been shortened last school year 2019 -2020 due to the fast widespread of the virus. Everyone is being careful for their safety especially health awareness.

Opening of classes for the school year 2020 -2021 is scheduled to open come August 24, 2020. The Teachers are preparing for the Worksheets and Activity sheets to be distributed to the students as the new normal in lieu for the face to face classes.

The BNHS Faculty with the initiation of Mrs. Salve P. Romeron and Mrs. Charmie T. Rayo, both are Master Teachers find ways to how the school can help the Teachers, Students and other Stakeholders and Frontliners maintain health protocols.

One of which is a donation drive which targets prospects individuals, like alumni of the Burauen NHS, Teachers and other individuals who are willing to donate certain amount.

The said amount will be used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), health safety kits like alcohol, hand sanitizers, facemasks for the Teachers, other school staff, parents, guardians and other stakeholders who will be coming to school for the enrolment and also Frontliners of the Burauen District Hospital (BDH).

Mrs. Rosita P. Abio, the school principal, commends the initiation Samaritan works of the two Master Teachers and to the donors who willingly share financially in times like these.

The faculty and staff of Burauen National High School accepts the new normal situation in terms of academic excellence of its school and the welfare of everyone in facing this COVID 19 Pandemic, hoping that the school can cater the needs of each student for the betterment of the educative process for the bright future of the youth and the Burawanons.

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of the Burauen National High School, Burauen, Leyte)

The wheat...

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him also would we know how to be patient, how to suffer out of love for God and for everybody. The true face of evil, of sin can only be identified if our relation with God who is revealed to us by Christ is strong.

In this regard, the Catechism says: “To try to understand what sin is, one must first recognize the profound relation of man to God, for only in this relationship is the evil of sin unmasked in its true identity as humanity’s rejection of God and opposition to him, even as it continues to weigh heavy on human life and history.” (CCC 386)

The question to ask and the challenge to tackle now is how can we make our relation with God so strong that we be very sharply discerning of what is good and evil, and at the same time be patient and strong enough to be able to bear the unavoidable evil we will always have in the world?

Installation of Hernando Miranda as the new public schools district supervisor of Alangalang I

BY: ROSENDA H. VILLAMOR

ALANGALANG, Leyte-Mr. Hernando R. Miranda, the district head of Jaro I in Jaro, Leyte is now the newly-installed Public Schools District Supervisor of Alangalang I in Alangalang, Leyte.

He has served for almost seven years in Jaro I District, giving his utmost dedication and expertise.

Mr. Miranda, the new district head said, “We will ensure that Alangalang I District will continuously move forward”.

He was formally installed into office by the competent Schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Manuel P. Albaño. According to SDS Albaño, “In the case of the Public Schools District Supervisor, they are the alter ego of the superintendent, so wherever they will be assigned, they will be representing the Superintendent’s Office. And they are personnel of the Curriculum Implementation Division in the Division Office. So, by the exigency of



the service, they will be reassigned anywhere in Leyte.”

The said event was supported by the local government unit, under the leadership of the young and active local chief executive, Mayor Lovell Anne M. Yu welcomed the new District Head and stated, “We will be working closely for us to provide quality education to our Alangalang students and pupils.”

The installation last Monday, July 27, at the Alangalang Municipal Covered

Court was witnessed by SB Member Hon. Vernon Jolbitado, the Division Personnel, Mr. Alvin Tantuan, Mr. Jose Mariano Barril, and Mr. Marvin Nicer.

Also present in the event were the District GPTA president, the Alangalang Teachers’ League president, the school heads and functionaries of Alangalang I and Jaro I Districts.

(Note: The author is the teacher-in-charge of the Tinasan Elementary School, Alangalang, Leyte)

Drilon...

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Drilon...You protect the oligarchs; but not the people. You are the one. Ikaw lang mag-isa. And I suspect that you were also the one – or you helped when you were still connected with the ACCRA Law Firm.

“Ayala got ACCRA; and ACCRA drafted the contract. Ikaw Drilon galing ka doon, and it is common knowledge that most of the lawyers there handle big corporate accounts; like the water suppliers.

“Natatandaan mo noong nag-increase sila ng water rates; obligadong magbayad lahat ng tao, dahil iyong agrabiyado sa increase, pinuputulan ng tubig. So choice yan ng mga tao, kasi hindi puwedeng di-maligo at kailangan uminom sila ng tubig.

“Nag-increase yong Electricity rates. Yong mga agrabiyado sa increase, yon, palaging brownout sa kanila.

I’m sorry to have to say

Recovery?...

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the onset of the lockdown and the social amelioration from the national government given to few households selected by local politicians and personnel of the social welfare. But the assistance was too meager to sustain people over the long period of the lockdown.

As the economy suffered, the health department came out with data that the curve had flattened and people may start working in order to recover the economy. But the curved turned out to have been bended as bared by the health secretary. It

these things. Some people may thing it's not the time for it, but for me, since it is SONA and a lot of people would be listening, the citizens should already know and really get the facts. – To me, this is the right time for the people to really know the real facts.

“Sa mga taong tinutukoy ko, hinawakan n’yo ang elektrisidad pati tubig. Lyon ang oligarchy talaga. Kaya sinabi ko noong kampanya pa lang na “corruption is not down here.”

“Yong mga anomaliya sa Customs, maliit at bariya lang yan. The massive corruption is there upstairs, ginagawa ng mga oligarchs at mga korporasyon nila!!

“For so long a time, this massive corruption has been kept a secret and the lawyers who drafted the contracts knew about the one-sided contracts favoring only the oligarchs.

“And it was really providential – dumating yung panahon na hindi ko hiningi o’ inaasahan....

belied the reports from his own health department that the country has recovered normalcy from the covid19 virus. As the number of positive cases spiked to alarming levels that defeated the chanting of the national saliva, the health department did adjustments that showed unbelievable recoveries that reached over 38,075 in one day and 65,064 as of 7:00 o'clock Friday evening. The health department is in a folly and seems to have turned stupid in its desperate move of a mysterious . . . recovery?

comments to allema@yahoo.com

“Dumating ang panahon that finally I saw the contract that was kept a secret from the people for so many years – Yong mga contracts na claro ang ca-lugi ng mga kapwa kong mga Pilipino.

At this stage, this Columnist repeats the words that were earlier declared by our President – “how can a new contract for water, electricity and power be made now, unless the oligarchs pay the billions and billions of pesos that their companies have over-charged and collected from the people?”

And as I usually end of my columns, “Abangan ang susunod na kabanata!

-oOo-

On the side, this Columnist made researches and noted the following---

ACCRA LAW – The Original Law partners were Edgardo AN-GARA, who eventually became a senator, ABELLO, CONCEPCION, REGALA & CRUZ Law Offices, -- ACCRALA was easily one of the biggest Law Firms in the Philippines even during the 80’s – and at present the law firm has over 160 Lawyers!

Among the many ACCRA lawyers in the 1980’s, Former President Cory Aquino used to consult Atty. Frank Drilon in connection with legal problems of their Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac.

So, after EDSA Revolution, and Cory became President in 1986, Cory got Drilon as Secretary of DOLE, then promoted him Secretary of Justice and eventually Cory’s Executive Secretary, as the “Little President” in Malacañang until 1992.

Drilon was elected a Senator in 1995 and even became Senate President. He is presently the incumbent Senate Minority Leader.

As to the reasons why Senator Drilon became the number one “defender” of the Lopez in the senate, and even went all-out in his support for the 2016 presidential candidacy of Mar Roxas....

This Columnist’s theory is this – The Roxases are from Capiz – now known as Roxas City.

The Lopezes through Don Eugenio “Enying” Lopez, Sr. started their empire through their vast sugar lands in Iloilo.

Senator Drilon hails from Molo, Iloilo...Now, is the closeness of these personalities still a wonder? ILONGOS. Period.

Borongan City to construct a new evacuation center



MAYOR JOSE IVAN DAYAN AGDA

BORONGAN CITY- The city government of Borongan will buy a parcel of land where a new evacuation center will rise, said Borongan City Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda in a presscon on July 27.

Agda added that the parcel of land is adjacent to the City Hall and at the same time at the heart of the city.

Mayor Agda said the land measures 595 square meters, which was owned by the Religious of Virgin Mary (RVM), the extension building of formerly

St. Joseph's College now St. Mary's College located along the national highway.

The RVM Sisters and the LGU-Borongan have agreed to sell/buy the 5.9 square meters parcel of land for P5.5-million.

He disclosed that he plans to build a five-storey building wherein the 5th floor will be an evacuation center and the first two floors to be the city's parking lot.

As to the City Plaza, Agda said that based on their consultation meeting with Bishop Crispin B.

Varquez, they agreed not to put up concrete infrastructure building, instead the bishop suggested that the city plaza will be surrounded with to eventually provide the downtown of Borongan a sort of a breather.

"That is a good suggestion of our bishop, we lack open spaces in our downtown areas," Mayor Agda said.

The city government also plans to make use of a one hectare lot, somewhere in Brgy. Sabang which was given by a generous donor in the person of Mr. Ron Ron Reago.

"We will construct a city stadium with an Olympic-size swimming pool," the city mayor said.

The said stadium and swimming pool is an additional recreation facility and can be used in the near future when the city hosts the Eastern Visayas Regional Athletic Association (EVRAA) and State and Colleges University Athletic Association (SCUAA).

(nbq/SDC/PIA-E. Samar)

Eastern Samar mayor places village under hard lockdown as it post first COVID-19 case

TACLOBAN CITY – A village in Lawaan town in Eastern Samar was placed under lockdown after one of its residents was infected with the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

Mayor Athene Mendros placed Barangay Maslog under a hard lockdown beginning July 31 and to end on August 3 or good for 72 hours.

The regional office of the Department of Health announced that a 65-year old woman from the said town was infected of the dreaded virus.

She is the first COVID-19 case of Lawaan town.

It was learned from Mayor Mendros that the woman has been staying in their town since March of this year and was scheduled to return

to Texas, United States where she lives with her American husband.

She, however, was said to have travelled to Germany, Pampanga and here in Tacloban, the town mayor said.

Mayor Mendros said that the woman took a swab examination last July 29 for her to get a health certificate for her to travel back home.

The swab sample of the woman came out last Saturday which turned positive.

According to Mayor Mendros, considering that the woman has been living in Lawaan for five months now she could have interacted with the community.

Thus as part of the lockdown, massive contact tracing will be conducted to determine who she engaged.

Workers or govern-

ment employees from Maslog village are prohibited from reporting to their work during the hard lockdown.

The mayor also order the strict observance and implementation of health protocols in all village which includes mandatory wearing of face masks when outside of their residence, observation of physical distancing, restriction of movement outside of residence except when absolutely needed, frequent hand-washing, unnecessary gathering of persons, prohibition on social gatherings.

Curfew is also implemented from 8 pm to 4 am daily except fisherman and farm workers while 24-hours curfew is implemented to minors below 18-years old and senior citizens.

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Torrecarion added that the facility in Salvation will function only as quarantine facility and will not house individuals confirmed to have infected of COVID-19(coronavirus disease 2019).

More than 290 individuals can be accommodated in the quarantine facility with 50 units are available and ready for use.

Aside from returning residents, quarters for health workers and other frontliners

are also allocated in the facility

Each units has its own water and electricity supply, bed, table and chairs, cabinet and electric fan. There is also a provision of air-conditioning units but this will be installed at tents that are used by health workers and other frontliners.

To secure the area, personnel from the Tacloban City Police Office will be assigned in the facility.

The basic necessities and food of those who will be quarantine in the facility will be provided by the city gov-

ernment, city administrator Quebec said.

"We can now say that we are prepared if there is a spike of COVID-19 patients. This facility turned over by the DPWH and OCD will help us manage the situation once it get worse," Quebec said.

At present, Tacloban has now almost 500 quarantine and isolation units, excluding the hotels which the city government had made an agreement.

About 50 units of these will be allocated for COVID-19 positive patients.

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