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Region has now 3,403 COVID-19 patients

11-day old baby among EV's new patients

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TACLOBAN CITY- An 11-day old infant is among the latest persons from the region to be infected with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The baby, who is from this city, is among the 60 new COVID-19 cases of the region as reported by the Department of Health (DOH) over the weekend.

The DOH has reported that last Saturday (Sept. 5), the region had 38 new cases while another 22 new cases were reported on Sunday (Sept. 6).

This now brings to 3,403 COVID-19 cases of the region with 25 deaths.

Meantime, Taclo-

ban City has now 532 COVID-19 cases with four deaths, all were suffering from existing illnesses like kidney disorder.

Mayor Alfred Romualdez has earlier said that despite of the rising cases of COVID-19 in the city, he would not place Tacloban under lockdown.

However, areas where there are two or more COVID-19 cases, these would be placed under a granular lockdown.

At present, there are five villages under lockdown, namely, Barangays 60, 60-A, 62-A, 62-B, all in Sagkahan district, and Peerless Village in Barangay Bagacay that are under lockdown.

The city mayor has called on the residents of the city to be vigilant and report to authorities all those who are not complying the health protocols like the proper wearing of face

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Mayor Alfred Romualdez called for a meeting on September 5, 2020 at the Patio Victoria to discuss on the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the city and how this can at least be reduced. He also wanted to know where these cases originated and which barangays to ensure a better contact tracing. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

'Yolanda' resettlement residents turn to farming for food security

TACLOBAN CITY- Twenty-seven mothers and grandmothers from Kawayan Ville turn to farming for food security and livelihood.

This is another step forward toward the reali-

Held at the Habitat Area in Kawayan Ville, the Food Security Project which has several developmental farming activities in line kicked off with the distribution of seeds on Thursday, August 27, 2020 by the Re-

Enriquez assured every one of the provision of training and continuous technical assistance from the agency to the recipients.

Marjorie Jaramilla, presidential consultant of Region 8, who has been very



At least 27 women from Kawayan Ville, one of the 'Yolanda' resettlement sites, are into farming to help them augment their food needs. The activity is under the 'Green Revolution' program of City Mayor Alfred Romualdez.

zation of Mayor Alfred Romualdez' dream of bringing back Green Revolution to Tacloban City.

gional Executive Director of the Department of Agriculture herself, Angel Enriquez.

supportive of the project since day one, was also present.

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As many COVID-19 patients coming out Mayor Romualdez, Molon see it as a big help in contact tracing

TACLOBAN CITY - There is nothing wrong if a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) patients want to reveal their identities on social media.

Thus said City Mayor Alfred Romualdez who was quick to say that it is better if they will provide all needed and correct information to contact tracers.

Contact tracing is used to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19 which is essential in controlling the spread of the virus.

"Alam mo nasa kanila yan, ako naman sinasabi ko, may iba nagsasalita diyan na positive sila at kung paano nangyari yun, na hindi nila alam. Okay you can do that, wala namang problema dun, but what is

important that the contract tracer knows the right questions that needs to be asked to you and you have to be honest and tell the contact tracer because they are trained people," Romualdez said.

"Sa contact tracer mo i-kwento lahat yan kasi alam niya kung saan gagamitin ang information mo," he added.

Tacloban City has 120 contact tracers in the barangay level with 90 contact tracers from City Health Office and the Tacloban city Police Office.

In August, the city government had convened 40 local government employees who are living in the northern part of the city as designated Persons of Authority (POAs) who will lead the Volunteer Surveil-

lance Officers composed of barangay health nutrition scholars, barangay service point officers and other volunteers in contact tracing and surveillance.

Dr. Minerva Molon, the regional director of the Department of Health, for her part, said that she appreciate those COVID-19

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2 fire trucks, responding to a fire call, collides; 3 injured

TACLOBAN CITY- Two firetrucks figured in a collision as both were on their way to respond to a fire call that hit one in one of the villages of this city on Sunday night.

The accident has resulted to the injury of the drivers and a passenger of the fire trucks, the Tacloban City Police Office said.

Injured were Charlie Chan, 46, driver of a fire truck of the Bureau of Fire Protection and his passenger, Mandy Oral; and Jerome Eguillos, 31, the driver of the Central Tacloban Filipino-Chinese Volunteers Fire Brigade.

His passengers, Eden Rose Barillo, 22; Judy Ann Casas, 22; Roel Avestruz, 20; Jobert Janoras, 20; and Lemuel Colite, 21, were unharmed.

Based on the report, the two firetrucks were heading towards Barangay 62, Sagkahan District, this city, to respond to a fire call when they bumped in an intersection along Pa-



Responding to a fire call has resulted to a freak accident between two fire trucks that collided along Paterno and Imelda Streets, Tacloban City on Sunday(Sept.6) night. The drivers of the two firetrucks and one passenger were hurt during the accident. (Photo Courtesy: Vice Mayor Jerry ‘Sambo’ Yaokasin)

terno and Imelda streets at about 8:15 pm.

The impact was so strong that resulted for the drivers of both fire trucks to sustain injuries and another fire personnel.

All were brought to the

Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) for medical treatment.

Meantime, the fire incident where the fire trucks were to respond gutted five house mostly made of light materials.

The said incident started at the house of one Adonis Ramac.

The origin of the fire and cost of damage has yet to be established by fire authorities.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

CORDS-8 exhorts members to make the BP2 program work for the benefit of the region and its people

TACLOBAN CITY- DSHUD Secretary Eduardo Del Rosario called on the member of the newly-organized Eastern Visayas Balik Probinsiya Bagong Pag-Asa Committee he chairs, "to work twice as hard" in order to deliver what the program promised to the Filipino people.

Speaking to the members during the Virtual organizational meeting of the Eastern Visayas Regional Development Council BP2 Special Committee on September 4, Del Rosario who is also the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security for Eastern Visayas and the Chairperson of the Regional Task

Force 8 to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, at the outset, assured the members that the efforts they put into this work are "aptly placed as this will be the focal point for the development of the Region in the coming years."

To put in proper perspective the value of BP2 and the significance of the Region in the life of the nation as a whole, Del Rosario said that as part of the eastern nautical highway, the region is the "bridge" that connects the islands of Mindanao and Luzon where most of economic progress are happening. This "bridge" must be excep-

tionally strong to withstand adverse conditions and sustain the flow of goods and services between north and south, Del Rosario said.

"Instead of the people in the Region just watching opportunities pass by, this time BP2 will open up opportunities here to strengthen the foundation and structure of the region as a "bridge" that connects the whole nation," Secretary Del Rosario underscored.

He allayed the fears and hesitations on the program especially it's timing amid the COVID-19 pandemic and ask them to instead remember that at the core of this program is a noble intention to spark change and development in the far-flung depressed areas. It aims to provide hope to people and communities that wish to see long-awaited redress to problems such as unemployment, lack of opportunities, and inadequate social services, he added.

BP2 is a program that

yearns to divert the development focus of the national government from the already-established urban centers in Manila, Cebu, and Davao and bring it to other provinces.

The program aims not only to decongest Metro Manila and other highly urbanized cities but more importantly, to promote balanced growth and equitable distribution of wealth in the country.

Consequently, the BP2 program will spur inclusive growth and sustainable development in the Eastern Visayas Region, through investing in people, empowering local industries and businesses, and generating jobs.

"That is the real significance of this committee," Del Rosario stressed, "and the value of our role of facilitating the implementation of the initiative in the region. As such, its success or failure in Eastern Visayas rests in our hands."

The BP2 program pres-

PRO-8 launches "Singko Kontra CoViD" bayanihan campaign

PALO, Leyte - Police Regional Office 8 (PRO-8) has launched a bayanihan campaign in support to the government's campaign in the fight against the corona virus disease(COVID-19) pandemic, a report from PRO-8 based in Camp Ruperto Kangleon, this town, said.

PRO-8 Regional Director Police Brigadier General Bernabe Balba told reporters that his office adheres the directive from the Administrative Support for CoViD-19 Task Force (ASCOTF) to initiate a bayanihan campaign dubbed as "Singko Kontra CoViD" in all Police Regional Offices nationwide.

Balba inform reporters that ASCOTF was created to focus on providing administrative support, faster logistics, response, and deployment of Police Officers who will serve as frontliners in several checkpoints and health facilities.

Balba explained that the "Singko Kontra CoViD" campaign is purposely ini-

tiated to come up with a "seed money" to help address the challenges brought by this current health crisis.

"This campaign underscores the spirit of bayanihan among all PNP personnel to provide immediate financial support to all police officers afflicted by the coronavirus disease," Balba said.

He disclosed that a monthly five-peso voluntary donation will be collected from all PNP personnel both Uniformed and Non-uniformed region wide that has started in August up until December 2020.

It is however encouraged that five peso or more be donated by each personnel, he added.

"We are doing this voluntarily to help our comrades who are battling from this unseen enemy and through the collective efforts of the men and women of PRO-8, we will be able to win this battle as one," Balba said.

(RESTITUTO A.CAYUBIT)

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mask and shield; and on social distancing.

He also urged them to stay at their homes unless they have to go out to do some essential errands.

Several local government units in the region have issued a guideline prohibiting residents coming from areas where there are high COVID-19 cases to

enter at their places.

Among these areas are the cities of Calbayog and Borongan.

Meantime, of the 60 new cases of COVID-19 as reported by the DOH over the weekend, Leyte posted the highest number of new cases at 41; followed by Samar province, 17.

Both Northern Samar and Southern Leyte posted one new case each.

ents a great opportunity for a renewed focus by the national government to initiate growth in the regions especially in the laggard provinces of the country.

Secretary Del Rosario called on the Committee members to "take advantage of this remarkable chance to shape the lives of our people for the better. So I urge you, ladies and gentlemen, to not let this opportunity slip by our fingers. We all want to make this proud Re-

gion richer, and its people healthy and resilient. What better time than now."

The virtual meeting which was hosted by NEDA-8 was participated in by RDC 8 Chair Governor Leopoldo Dominico L. Petilla, the RDC Executive Committee, provincial governors, city mayors, LMP provincial presidents, heads of member NGAs, and Private Sector Representatives.

(OLIVE TIU, PIA-8)

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Vice Gov. Loreto asks Leyteños to do biking during this time of quarantine

TACLOBAN CITY- Leyte Vice Governor Carlo Loreto is encouraging Leyteños to try biking not only as a hobby but also a means of transportation during this time of quarantine due to coronavirus disease (COVI-19) pandemic.

Loreto said that biking is a good lifestyle and exercise that everyone must try as this does not only help to become person phys-

tation, Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of Public Works and Highways are promoting biking as alternative to public transport.

Last month the four agencies signed a joint memorandum order that promotes active transport during and after Covid-19 pandemic.

The order defines active transport as physical activities like walking and bik-

Providing or constructing bike lanes for bikers or cyclists had long been mandated by the province under the Environmental Code which he authored when he was still a board member, according to Loreto.

It is needed and important for the safety of bikers and to encourage more people to engage into biking, he said.

Among the benefits of biking includes increased cardiovascular fitness, in-



Leyte Vice Governor Carlo Loreto(seen in the photo) encourages Leyteños to use bicycle not only for their means of transportation but as a way to build their stamina during this time of pandemic.(Photo Courtesy Vice Gov. Loreto)

ically fit and healthy but also including their mental health.

“It’s a good lifestyle and exercise for everyone. And in this time of pandemic and quarantine, we need to rediscover things like biking to remain safe and health,” Loreto said.

Loreto disclosed that for the past weeks now, he has been invited by various biking enthusiasts in the province to join them on their biking activities.

Public transportation has been banned or allowed for a limited capacity during this time of quarantine which ignited the interest of some people to use bicycle as their means of transportation.

To encourage more people to try biking and ensure their safety, Loreto said that it is time for local government units to allocate portion of the road as bike lanes. He added that even in Metro Manila, bike lanes had been introduced by local government units.

Also national government agencies like the Department of Health, Department of Transpor-

ing or cycling and enjoins LGUs to construct protected bicycle lanes and walking paths, and supportive infrastructure like bicycle racks and changing rooms. It also provides minimum health standard to active transport such as the use of face masks and physical distancing.

creased of muscle strength and flexibility, improved joint mobility, decreasing stress, depression, and anxiety levels, improvement of posture and coordination, strengthening bones, good way to control or reduce weight, and prevention or management of disease. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

3-year old girl, pregnant woman among to recover from COVID-19 in the region

TACLOBAN CITY- A three-year old girl and a pregnant woman are among the latest COVID-19 patients from the region to have recovered from the dreaded virus.

Out of the 3,403 current coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases of the region, 2,325 or 68.32 percent were declared to have recovered from the ailment, the Department of Health (DOH) said.

This means, the region has only 1,052 active cases with an additional 22 cases reported by the DOH on Sunday.

The three-year old girl

and the pregnant woman who have recovered from COVID-19 were from Albuera town in Leyte.

The two have been confined at their isolation facility since August 29 and August 31, respectively. Both were classified as locally stranded individuals.

The town has now 16 active COVID-19 cases.

On Sunday (Sept.6), the DOH in the region has announced of 22 new cases of COVID.

And out of these cases, 20 of them were from Leyte province alone with two see 3-year old /page 7 ...



The Scene of the Crime Operatives work on the crime scene where the child's body was found assisted by the town police headed by Capt. Delfin Dinky Boy Bardillon. (Courtesy: TANAUAN PNP)

Suspect of 5-year old girl rape-slay in Tanauan, Leyte charged; suspect admits commission of crime

ORMOC CITY- The suspect of raping and killing of a five-year old girl in Tanauan, Leyte on September 3, 2020 has been charged with complex crime of rape with homicide in an inquest proceeding at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, based in Tacloban City on Saturday evening according to Captain Delfin Dinky Boy Bardillon, the town police chief.

The filing of the case against the suspect, Henry Andres, 23, was made after the autopsy result of the victim was released Saturday afternoon, confirming the child was raped, Bardillon said.

The police said that An-

dres, a close relative of the victim, admitted the crime a day after it happened.

Bardillon said the child went missing in the morning of September 3 and relatives immediately assisted the family searching for the child in the remote village of Limbuan Guti, Tanauan.

Later that day, the information reached the police and cops came to assist until late evening but remained no hint of the child’s whereabouts.

Searching for the child resumed the next day including the suspect without him knowing his actions would lead the police to pointing him becoming the

lead suspect.

The police chief said Andres knew exactly where the child’s body was. He led the searchers to a grassy portion of the village, approximately 300 meters from the village center. The child’s body was covered with leaves, without lower clothing.

Citing the suspect’s statement, Bardillon said, Andres has a personal grudge with the child’s parents, whose father is his first cousin and that the mother’s mockery over him drove him do the crime.

The suspect and the victim’s family are neighbors. (ELVIE ROMAN ROA)

DPWH in Southern Leyte enhances road markings

MAASIN CITY-The Department of Public Works and Highway-Southern Leyte District Engineering Office (DPWH-SLDEO) has enhanced the road markings along highways to ensure safety of the travelling public plying Southern Leyte’s major thoroughfares, a report from DPWH-SLDEO based in this city said.

DPWH-SLDEO District Engineer Ma. Margarita Junia told reporters that her office has completed the application of thermoplastic road markings such as center line, edge line using thermoplastic paints along roads in Maasin City leading to its commercial district.

“We prioritized the application of road markings along our highways because it provides guidance and information to drivers and pedestrians about vehicular positioning and road alignment thereby reducing the risk of road accidents,” Junia said.

On the other hand, maintenance section chief Gideon Sacro said that aside from painting the road’s center line and edge line, they also included the repainting of pedestrian lanes especially along schools.

“Thermoplastic road marking paint is a thick, wear-resistant, anti-skid, bright and reflective powder paint which guides mo-

torists during poor road visibility,” Sacro said.

Junia reported that Southern Leyte has the second longest network of national roads in Eastern Visayas. DPWH-SLDEO is tasked to maintain 299 kilometers of national roads and 155 bridges built in 18 towns and one city.

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Pray for recoveries

To

be declared positive of the coronavirus is such a devastating thing to know. This is what those people who test positive eventually experience—the mental anguish due to fear that complications might result and

consequently endanger their lives.

This is not to mention the resulting discrimination from people around, to be avoided even by the closest loved ones who fear they might as well contract the virus. The seeming rejection from society, plus the bodily pains that could ensue from that dreaded disease are more than enough to torture one's mind, hence the cases of depression and even suicide that have been reported to accompany the disease.

Amid this devastating and lonesome experience, some positive individuals are finally able to recover despite having had symptoms of the disease. Just as turning positive causes mental torture, recovery from it is a joyful experience. For those who suffer

terribly but are able to recover, it's like being born anew, graduating from a harsh episode in life. Such a jubilant victory one could even celebrate as if it's his birthday.

It's the precious hope that positive persons look forward to and are praying for—to be able to recover, knowing that at present, there are yet no definitive cures for the disease, nor is there a vaccine available. Given all this, recovery is tantamount to a miracle from the God of the impossible. This explains the value of prayers to receive healing. With a pandemic that has already claimed thousands of lives even from medical experts, the disease must be that serious.

How we rejoice indeed at knowing that somehow, so many people finally survive from this plague. It is our prayer that more and more positive individuals will recover from the virus, not just for their own survival, but also for their loved ones and the entire citizenry in general. If we pray for protection to the healthy, all the more that we should pray for the recovery of the afflicted.



Things To
Mind

DOMS PAGLIWAN

Revising history

Written history is not something infallible, meaning—it's not perfect. The likelihood of errors is always there as far as recorded history is concerned. This is not referring to the occurrences in history, or the actual history itself;

it's the recording, through writing, of those occurrences that proves vulnerable to errors.

Luckily, there is this antidote for uncertainties and questionable accounts—revision of history. It's not to change past events, but to

mend the way they have been recorded, knowing that an awkward point of view, a little bias, a bit of omission, an unnecessary detail, and other things like these could make a big difference in the future and create tremendous impacts among readers and decision-makers.

Imagine what an erroneous history can do: it could perpetuate racism; it could make heroes out of traitors; it could prolong violent hatred; it could poison innocent minds; and above all, it could hide important truths and highlight errors, instead. If, until now, the claim that the earth is an endless expanse of plains and mountains has not yet been corrected, how would

the aircraft pilots and ship captains maneuver their vessels in their need to circumnavigate the planet?

Some sayings are jokingly said, but there is truism in them. Example: "The only thing that doesn't change in this world is change." It's a play on words, but it strongly suggests everything in this physical universe changes. Even facts could expire and cease to be facts. Our sun is extremely hot, but the moment it dies as what happened to some stars, it would not be hot anymore. Our personal profiles and ID pictures need to be regularly updated due to unstoppable changes.

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What's New
Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Ted Failon - Left ABS-CBN;
Now With Radio/TV5

September 1st news headline -
‘VETERAN BROADCAST JOURNALIST TED FAILON LEFT ABS-CBN & MADE HIS FINAL APPEARANCE ON ‘TV PATROL’ & ‘FAILON NGAYON SA TELERADIO’ MONDAY, AUGUST 31st.”

September 2nd news headline
“TED FAILON’S RADYO SINGKO SHOW TO START SEPTEMBER 21.”

Well, well, well, The top headline on September 1st was a not-so-good news about our fellow waray-waray broadcaster who has made good on national media.

The second short news was sort-of expected, because at least 2 of my fellow media friends in Metro Manila told me that a major media corporation (Radio-TV5) “showed interest” in hiring him. So good luck Ted in your newest venture!

The TED FAILON I Knew....

Failon (now 58) served ABS-CBN for at least 30 years.

I remember he started as an announcer of a small ABS-CBN station in Angeles City, but ambitious as he was, he auditioned and was hired as a Radio/TV Newscaster at ABS-CBN; and the rest is ‘history.’

This Columnist was a Tacloban public official in the 80’s then, when I was invited to a gathering at the defunct DYMM radio station along old road Sagcahan. where I met a ‘newbie’ radio an-

nouncer named Mario Teodoro Failon Etong, who told me that he lived “somewhere” in Marasbaras, this city.

He was married to the late Trinidad ‘Trina’ Arteché, a daughter of Pacifico Arteché, the brother of my former City Mayor Filomeno D. Arteché, Jr. Ted and Trina had 2 daughters -- Kay & Karishma. . BUT DID’JA KNOW --

> THAT early in 2019, no less than Senate President Vicente Tito Sotto III wanted Failon (who’s a former congressman in Leyte to run as senator under their Nationalist Peoples Coalition NPC)?

Apparently, this didn’t work out then. But, who knows what will happen in 2022?

> THAT several of my fellow media personalities in Metro Manila declared that the camp of Senator Grace Poe Llanazares is ‘eyeing’ Failon as her vice-presidential running mate when she makes her 2nd presidential bid in 2022?

Errr Whatever happened to the planned LENI-GRACE (or GRACE-LENI) Tandem as proposed by some Liberal Party bigwigs?

And now, (Courtesy of Telescopyo ni Mr. Q) here’s the “POLITICAL TSISMIS” in Tacloban, which circulated sometime last March, because of many uncertainty things then.

But, with the closure last July of ABS-CBN, this “Tsismis” has come alive again.

Believe you me, a business group in the city had been planning

a political “ALFRED vs TED FAILON ‘Return Bout’ in 2022” -- This time for the City Mayorship of Tacloban.

City Vice-Mayor Jerry Sambo Yaokasin is/ was reportedly willing to accept the position as City Administrator (Is this true, CVM Sambo?) -- a position which his elder brother Jimjim Yaokasin used to hold at city hall -- BUT for One Year only -- if (and that’s a BIG IF) “a new mayor” sits as Hizzoner of the City.

The planned City Vice-Mayorship candidacy would be a toss-up between City Councilors Edwin Chua and Jerry Uy.

Wow, if this indeed happens, and the above holds true, what a political extravaganza it would be in 2022! Ye-heey!

Abangan ang susu-nod na kabanata!



Foulshot

AL ELLEMA

Deposit for life

Saving lives is the primordial consideration in the treatment of patients who are brought to the hospital. The rush of bringing the sick to a hospital requires considerable cost of time, money and effort on the part of the patient and the family that seeks treatment. It is truly lamentable how many people are deprived of health care due to lack of facilities in the communities of our country. The lack of accessible health services, medicines and personnel in health centers causes people to bring their patients to government district, municipal, city or regional hospitals where facilities are expected to be better than in health centers.

The predicament requires transportation facilities to conduct patients to hospitals. Unfortunately, not all local government units are equipped with ambulances. In places where there are ambulances available, the cost of operating and maintenance is charged to the annual budget of the local government unit. In municipalities where district hospitals are located, it is the provincial government



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Easier Lending Terms
For Sugar Planters

The Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) and the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) have recently proposed to the Social Credit Program (SCP) Committee to lower the lending interest rates from the current 6.5 % to 3.5 % interest annually to cover administrative costs. The purpose is to help sugar farmers improve their production under the Sugar Industry Development Act (SIDA), in the light of the reduction of the P2 billion budget in the past four years.

“Under the SIDA, the

credit program will have an allocation of 15 percent of the P2 billion yearly budget or about P300 million.” This situation has been greatly affected, though when the SIDA budget has been cut over the years from 2 billion in 2016, P1.5 billion in 2017, P1 billion in 2018, and P500 million in 2019.

“WHEN THINGS I HAVE NONE ... ON Q!”

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Tradition age-old broken,
what a miss

Conscience bothered,
things I’ve none

But, smiles at times tittered,

purchase of medicines, bandages, plasters, needles and other items that are needed not just by the patient but by the hospital as well.

In cases when government hospitals could not accommodate the number of patients that sometimes swell beyond the bed capacity, the patient is constrained to resort to private hospitals. There is a common belief that private hospitals provide better health services than government hospitals. Truly, private hospitals are observed to provide cleaner wards, wider rooms, and less patients unlike the toxic conditions in public hospitals. The primary problem that patients encounter is the expensive cost in private hospitals. The practice in private hospitals is the requirement of cash deposit before the patient is admitted.

One recent legislation prohibits hospitals from requiring patients to tender cash deposit from patients. This measure is laudable as it would ensure that patients would be attended to. But

stringent
Clans’ shindig curtailed,
a remiss.

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Parents’ special days do
come

Marked with tons of
greetings

And small in-house
gatherings

Close-knit, but modest to
some.

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Blame it on

Quarantine-laden protocols
Hapless populace mandated
to toe

Health guidelines and no
outings, too;

C – 19, a culprit, for
decades amidst tolls.

(GCQ-QC. . . June 18,
2020 . . . drpacjr)

Also, the SRA submitted a follow proposal to the SCP committee aimed to accredit sugar farmers associations as loan conduits to help facilitate loans for the small-time farmers.

The twin proposals from SRA should be welcomed developments for the few sugar planters in Eastern Visayas, particularly those in Leyte Province like Ormoc, Kananga, and Leyte-Leyte.

As my personal input, I urge the SRA to include as its third proposal to enhance the research activities for the sugar industry to improve production. The research process undergoes a long gestation period to get planned results.. Indeed, R & D is a must in improving the quality of products deemed necessary to a progressive industry like sugar.

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NEXT TOPIC: “Still on S & T issues during the Pandemic period”

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this same piece of legislation must be supported with commensurate funds to ensure that the best public health services are afforded by government through private hospitals that deserve subsidy to defray the cost of hospital bills.

comments to aellema@yahoo.comn

Prayer for the Nation and
for Those who Serve in
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(The family that prays together stays together)

DAR reaches out ARBs in far-flung Northern Samar villages

CATARMAN, North-ern Samar – The Depart-ment of Agrarian Reform (DAR) continues in reach-ing out to agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in far-flung villages in this province to provide farm production assistance as the nation faces health emergency crisis caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pan-demic.

After distributing sup-plemental food, vitamins and hygiene kits to 535 ARBs throughout the province, DAR is now dis-tributing farm production inputs to 638 ARBs under the second component of the PaSSOver: ARBold Move for Deliverance of ARBs from the COVID-19 Pandemic project.

DAR Northern Samar Provincial Office started delivering farm produc-tion inputs comprising of garden tools and different varieties of vegetable seeds to the Municipal Agrarian Reform Offices (MAROs) in the province's 24 towns in mid-July this year.

However, staff of the different MAROs tasked to distribute the said items to the intended agrarian re-form beneficiaries (ARBs) are having hard time pen-etrating many areas in the province.

According to Sheila Jean Oronos, Agrarian Reform Program Tech-nologist (ARPT) assigned in San Jose town, there are areas which could not be accessed by any type of vehicle that one needs to hike several kilometers or cross rivers to reach these



About 638 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in Northern Samar are expected to receive garden tools and different varieties of vegetable seeds from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) under its ARBold Move project. (DEBORAH BIANES)

remote villages.

“But no matter how far these areas are, we are de-termined to bring these items to our ARBs,” Oronos added.

She further said that by merely seeing the recipi-ents happy after receiving the garden tools and seeds relieve them from exhaus-tion.

At the moment, 596 ARBs, or 93.42 percent of the 638 targeted ARBs in the entire province have al-ready been provided with farm inputs, with each re-ceiving a rake, a shovel, a garden knife, and five vari-eties of vegetable seeds.

During the initial dis-tribution held in Catar-man, Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II (PARPO II) Nida Abelido emphasized to the recipi-ent-ARBs the importance of farming during this time of pandemic.

She told them that one should not look lowly at farming because it is not only a source of food, but also a source of income. A business opportunity which may help them ease the burden brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, Abelido further stressed. **(DEBORAH BIANES)**

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF GIL G. CANEJA and CAROLINA MACARIOLA WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GIL G. CANEJA and CAROLINA MACARIOLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Caraycaray, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 4168-P under TD No. 00235 with an area of 0.648800 hectares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ZOSIMO AND GEMMA ADOBO as vendees of the above-described land. Per Doc. No. 294, Page No. 59, Book No. 59, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: Aug 25, Sept. 1 & 8, 2020*

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TRANQUILINA ALBESA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Doos del Sur, Hindang, Leyte, designated as Cad Lot No. 1810 under TD No. 08-15010-000214, OCT No. P-29037 with an area of 4.695 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of EMMA A. NAVAR-ROZA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc. No. 48, Book No. LXX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros-Phua. *LSDE: Aug 25, Sept. 1 & 8, 2020*



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla poses for posterity with Secretary Isidro Lapeña, TESDA director general, during his visit to the Peace and Prosperity Village which offers egg-laying livelihood among former rebels on August 22, 2020. With them were Dante Navarro, TESDA regional director 8, and Mayang Cruz, president of the 11 farmers association in Sitio Limite barangay Daja, Daku San isidro, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)

PRO-8 holds series of webinar for drug operatives

PALO, Leyte- Police Re-gional Office 8 (PRO-8) is currently holding a series of webinar on anti-illegal drugs operations, investi-gation and prosecution for investigators and drug en-forcement unit operatives via zoom spearheaded by Police Lieutenant Colonel Mario Abrenzosa, chief, Re-gional Legal Service 8 (RLS-8), a report from PRO-8 based in Camp Kangleon, this town said.

PRO-8 Regional Direc-tor Police Brigadier General Bernabe Balba told report-ers that the program dubbed as “Continuing Legal Edu-cation for Police Personnel” aims to ensure efficiency in law enforcement particular-ly in the implementation of the provisions of laws.

Balba said that the we-bin- ar is a one day activi-ty conducted to all Police



Police Brigadier General Bernabe Balba

Provincial Offices (PPOs), City Police Offices (CPOs) and Regional Drug En-forcement Unit 8 (RDEU 8) scheduled every Friday starting from August 28, 2020 and will end on Octo-ber 9, 2020.

By conducting the sem-inar, the police personnel

will be abreast and re-freshed of relevant pro-visions of R.A. No. 9165 (Comprehensive Danger-ous Drugs Act of 2002) as amended by R.A. No. 10640 which is the recent jurisprudence on drug cases, thereby equipping them with the recent rules, guidelines and procedures in the prosecution of drug cases and be able to effec-tively and competently en-force the law.

“This will provide le-gal knowledge to drug operatives and avoid laps-es in the conduct of an-ti-illegal drug operation, thus securing conviction of drug-related violators,” Balba said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Yolanda..

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Ruth Ramirez, chief of staff of Tacloban City Hall-North, these 27 women each received a 50-square meter farm lot from the Tacloban City Housing and Community Devel-opment Office for the said purpose.

After the training and soil sampling, these wom-

en farmers are set to start the planting activity and other farming endeavors.

The said project was made possible thru the collaborative efforts of the City Government of Tacloban, Department of Agriculture, Tacloban City Housing and Com-munity Development Of-fice, and I-Konek.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFOR-MATION OFFICE)

Mayor Romualdez..

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patients who discloses their identities and admit that they were infected with the virus as this can help in the effort of contact tracing.

But this must be done by the patient willingly and should not violate their rights of privacy.

She added that there are even health workers who were tested positive with the virus who re-vealed their identities to the public and shared how they overcome their battle against COVID-19.

At present, Tacloban 532 COVID-19 cases with four deaths. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED SERGIO FUMAR SR. WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS OF A PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SERGIO FUMAR, SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 12 parcels of land particularly described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 994 situated at Luntad, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 202 square meters covered by TD No. 9930004-00032; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3796 situated at Cangumbang, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 2.8136 hectares, more or less and covered by TD No. 0230017-000145; 3) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4720 situated at Tacuranga, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 6,662 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 99-30-034-00320; 4) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5210 situated at Cangumbang, Palo, Leyte containing an area of .1187 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30-017-000146; 5) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 8229 situated at Teraza, Palo, Leyte containing an area of .6434 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30-085-000099; 6) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9518 situated at Teraza, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 5,620 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-46028; 7) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9501 situated at Teraza, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 8,974 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-46029; 8) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7617 situated at Capirawan, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 14,444 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-45707; 9) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 576 situated at Cavite West, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 152 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30003-000484; 10) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3563 situated at San Antonio, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 28,364 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30029-000193; 11) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9332 situated at Anahaway, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 2,012 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-45969 and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights and participation over Lot No. 994 situated at Luntad, Palo, Leyte in favor of BEACORA E. FUMAR. Per Doc No. 188, Page No. 38, Book No. 45, Series of 2004. Notary Public Atty. Generoso Casimpan. *LSDE: Sept 1, 8 & 15, 2020*

In Northern Samar Gov. Ongchuan issues stern warning against those engaging in 'tupada'

TACLOBAN CIT-The governor of Northern Samar issued an ultimatum to enthusiasts of illegal cock fighting, locally known as 'tupada,' to stop it or face its consequences.

Governor Edwin Ongchuan made this warning after the arrest of eight people who were arrested playing the tupada in Bobon and Pambujan towns.

The eight were arrested in separate operations conducted by the local police.

"I am ordering the Philippine National Police and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group to arrest those who are participating in tupada," Ongchuan said.



Gov. Edwin Ongchuan

The governor said that those who are engaging in the illegal cockfight should be arrested and charged regardless of their station or economic status.

"This arrest should be

implemented against anyone no matter what the status in life is, lawyer, fiscal, businessman, contractor or government official. No one is exempted. No consideration should be made," he said.

The governor also called on the community people those who are engaging the tupada on their respective barangays.

Tupada is among the activities prohibited in the province as it continue to be under General Community Quarantine amid the threat of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Northern Samar was the first province to record the

first case of COVID-19 confirmed patient in Eastern Visayas in March.

Since then, the province has a total of 116 confirmed case as of September 5 data from the Department of Health.

The province has a total of 41 active cases who are all in an isolation facilities. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

Revising... ...from Page 4

Update, upgrade, revise, for even facts could turn obsolete. You are single now, tomorrow you are not. One is healthy now, next month he is not. Fearful now, daring the following year. Rich this time, beggar two years from now. The scholarly community is fully aware of these, hence their demand to just consider references published in the last five years.

History, of course, is not exempted from necessary revisits, updating, and revising. Only those who are hiding some things, or are fearing something, are not open to these. Why not? His-

"For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens"
2 Corinthians 5:1

IN LOVING MEMORY REMEDIOS PULGA COLAPO

April 28, 1954 - August 15, 2020

Our beloved matriarch passed away peacefully on August 15, 2020 in Catarman, Northern Samar. Nanay Remy was born in Lao-ang, Northern Samar on April 28, 1954.

She is survived by her children Carlo Magno and Cyrus, grand children, Carlos Hector, Eric, Zoe, Kaycee, Noah, Julianne, Jamira.

Her family will always cherish the memories spent with her and forever be grateful for the love she gave.

LSDE: Sept. 8, 12, 15, 2020

Leyte town goes online to release health certificates to avoid crowding at RHU

TACLOBAN CITY-The municipal government of Alangalang through its municipal health office (MHO) announced the implementation of e-Health application to address the uncontrollable number of people who are lining up and waiting for the release of health certificates.

The MHO of Alangalang also reminded everyone that alongside addressing the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, they still have other duties to fulfill like the daily consultations, barangay immunizations, pregnancy and labor tracking reason they could not easily enter-

tain those seeking for health certificates.

"As a result, we are asking for a little bit of patience as to why we are steering towards an online solution to this which is to limit the number of people daily in the rural health unit(RHU) and to prevent gatherings," the local government unit said on its announcement.

Those who will apply for health certificate has only to visit Google link <https://forms.gle/R4LkbR7hz-6p6VQg9A> and fill out the informations in the form which data will reflect on information that will be encoded on the health certificate.

After submission, the

applicant will have to get the copy of health certificate at the RHU on the scheduled date with valid identification card, updated barangay health certificate and transaction pass.

At least 50 health certificate are to be process and release for every schedule. The e-HCRF is renewable every 15 days.

The MHO added that the walk-in applicants like pregnant women requesting for ultrasound, and emergency cases will not be require for e-HCRF but will still need to present necessary documents.

The town has reported of 42 COVID-19 cases. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

LGU Borongan starts CBMS survey to determine socio-economic conditions in barangays

BORONGAN CITY-The City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) started a Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) survey on August 17, 2020 this city.

Engr. Jose Jovanny Mercado, City Planning and Development Officer II, said that CBMS data have been very useful in identifying the socio-economic condition of every

household in every barangay.

The survey started in the villages of Bugas, Can-aga and Sta. Fe.

Engr. Mercado disclosed that CBMS serves as the comprehensive database from the grassroots level, through the eight indicators such as health, nutrition, housing, water and sanitation, basic education, income, employment and

peace and order.

Mercado further said that for the City of Borongan, all information that will be generated from the CBMS survey will be put in the database and will be used as basis in the implementation of programs, projects and other activities identified and prioritized in the city.

He added that the gath-
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DPWH-Samar 1 converts DRRM headquarters to a quarantine facility

CALBAYOG CITY- The Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) headquarters was recently converted by Samar First District Engineering Office into a quarantine facility at Sitio Talahib, Barangay Trinidad, and Calbayog City.

The building will cater to those locally stranded individuals (LSIs) who are returning to Calbayog City.

The project was funded through the FY 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA) for use in the Rehabilitation of Disaster Related Infrastructure and Other Facilities in the amount of P3.5 million.

Governments and health authorities use quarantines to stop the spread of contagious diseases. The quarantine keeps them away from others so they do not un-

knowingly infect anyone.

The facility was installed with eight rooms wherein every room has four cubicles and two toilets. Every cubicle is provided with a bed and a stand fan while the comfort rooms have faucets, showers, lavatory, closets and mirrors.

The structure can house 32 RCRs/Suspected Cases.

Public Advisory No. 10 Series of 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) of COVID-19 of the

City Government of Calbayog states that LSI shall be ushered to a quarantine facility and shall adhere to the facility protocol as determined by IATF. This building will help in the influx of returning LSIs who are requesting to return home.

This facility was realized through close collaboration with the local government unit (LGU) of this city.

(GISSELLE G. PARUNGAO, PIO designate)

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START WITH A PRAYER --- House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano (2nd right) and House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (3rd right) leads the prayer for guidance before the start of Budget Briefing for Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) at the House of Representatives,with them are Deputy Majority Leader Rep. Mikee Arroyo (right) and Deputy Majority Leader Rep. Wilter Sharky Palma (left).photo by Ver Noveno

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ering of the information will take at least four months. All 61 barangays of the city will be surveyed by enumerators for every household to answer the CBMS survey.

“The city had been providing and extending its support for the project, because they know the outputs of the survey conduct-

ed by Local Government Units (LGUs) have been so precise and useful not only for the LGUs but also for other users,” Mercado said.

He further said that the CBMS survey is so far the best source of information for planners, project implementers and decision-makers.

Mercado assured that all information and data gathered from the household will be held confidential. He asked the public to partici-

pate in the CBMS survey.

On April 17, 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Republic Act 11315 or otherwise known as An Act Establishing a Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), a measure seeking to establish a CBMS to improve poverty analysis in the country. **(Nbq/sdc/PIA-E. Samar)**



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Eastern Visayas cops nab 10 ‘most wanted’ persons in four days

TACLOBAN CITY- At least 10 most wanted persons were arrested in various police operations in the region from August 31 to September 3, 2020, according to the Police Regional Office (PRO)-Eastern Visayas.

In Artech, Eastern Samar, police arrested Ronald Quicol, rank number 1 most wanted-municipal level for the crime of murder.

The accused has a warrant dated March 5, 2018, issued by Judge Mory Nueva of Regional Trial Court (RTC)-Branch 38 in Gamay, Northern Samar, with no bail recommended.

In Jaro, Leyte, Dominador Verona, rank number 9 most wanted person-municipal level, was arrested for the crime of homicide with a warrant dated June 10, 2020.

Judge Dexter Aguilar of RTC-Branch 10 in Abuyog, Leyte, recommended a bail bond of P120,000.

Accused, Alex Ontuca, rank number 10 most wanted person-station level, was arrested in Capooan, Leyte by virtue of a warrant dated July 9, 2020, for robbery.

Judge Evelyn Riños-Lesigues, of RTC-Branch

43 in Tacloban City, issued the warrant, with a recommended bail bond of P100,000.

Police also nabbed the rank number 3 most wanted person-municipal level in Isabel, Leyte.

Accused, Jonathan Ala Bicoy, has a warrant dated August 31, 2020 for the crime of acts of lasciviousness under Republic Act 7610, otherwise known as Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act.

Judge Mario Quinit, presiding judge of RTC-Branch 12 in Ormoc City, issued the warrant, with no recommended bail bond.

In Matuguinao, Samar, police arrested rank number 4 most wanted person-municipal level identified as Danny Bartolo.

The accused is facing criminal cases for Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Act of 2004.

Judges Tarcelo Sabarre Jr. and Feliciano Aguilar, of RTC-Branch 41 in Gandra, Samar, issued the warrants with no recommended bail bond for violation of section 5 (a) of RA 9262 and with a recommended bail bond of P24,000 for violation of section 5 (b) of RA 9262.

Accused, Renante Cagnaan, rank 4 most wanted person-municipal level, was arrested in Pintuyan, Southern Leyte.

He was facing a warrant of arrest dated Aug. 25, 2020, for rape.

Judge Fabio Albao Jr., of RTC-Branch 39 in Sogod, Southern Leyte, issued the warrant, without recommended bail bond.

mended bail bond.

Also, the top 9 most wanted person-provincial level was arrested in Pintuyan town on September 2.

Accused, Teofilo Macato, 78, has a warrant dated August 25, 2020, for rape in relation to Republic Act 7610, otherwise known as Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act.

Judge Albao issued the warrant without recommended bail bond.

In Tacloban City, police arrested 39-year-old Jessie Ponferrada, top 3 most wanted person-city level, for two counts of rape based on his warrant dated August 24, 2020.

Judge Jacinto Elle of RTC-Branch 7 (Family Court) in Tacloban issued the warrant, without recommended bail bond.

Fernando De Rosas, top 5 most wanted-provincial level, was also arrested in Tabango, Leyte on September 1.

Judge Lauro Andres Castillo Jr. of RTC-Branch 36 in Carigara, Leyte issued the warrant dated June 26, 2019, for rape.

Also, police nabbed the rank number 1 most wanted person-provincial level in Taft, Eastern Samar on September 3.

Accused, Romeo Sabejon, has a warrant dated April 19, 2011, for double murder.

Judge Rolando Lado-o, presiding judge of RTC-Branch 42 in Balangiga, Eastern Samar, issued the warrant, with no bail recommended.

(RONALD O.REYES)

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