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CVSU MAIN CAMPUS OPENS AS ISOLATION AND TREATMENT FACILITY

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) --The Cavite State University (CvSU) main campus in the municipality of Indang opened yesterday, August 23 as Indang Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility.

This is in response to the alarming rate of transmission of CoViD-19 cases with the detection of confirmed Delta and Beta variants in the town.

Currently, the Indang Municipal Health Office reported a total of 218 Active cases with an average of 20 cases recorded daily.

The facility also aims to augment the shortage in isolation and medical facilities such as the Oplan Kalinga at Hacienda Isabela in Brgy. Carasuchi, and the Carmona Mega Isolation Facility of Region 4A that

are now at full-bed capacity.

Mayor Perfecto Fidel personally inspected the opening of the facility together with CvSU President Dr. Hernando D. Robles.

"The challenges we will face in the ongoing fight against COVID19 may be heavy and long, but with our continued unity and action as one people, we will be able to do all this if we continue to exercise concern and unity," said Fidel. The chief executive is grateful to the CvSU and its officials for the initiative as well as for the assistance in many aspects such as technical assistance and facilities for the LGUs programs to continue to provide service to the residents and the frontliners in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

Imus City Brigada Eskwela 2021 virtual kick off set

Imus City, Cavite (PIA)

-- The Imus City Schools Division Office will hold the Brigada Eskwela 2021 virtual kick off on Friday, 20 August 2021 pursuant to the Department of Education (DepEd) Memorandum Circular no. 48 s. 2021 that sets the Brigada Eskwela activities from August 3 – September 30, 2021.

According to Imus Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Rosemarie D. Torres that the Brigada Eskwela is focused on strengthening the support and cooperation of the stakeholders, and parents to ensure the proper and orderly implementation of the plans and projects included in the basic education continuity plan of the DepEd.

Part of the undertaking is the 'Brigada Pagbasa sa Panahon ng Pandemya' where parents are encouraged to guide and teach their children to read in support of the teachers particularly to those who are slow learners or have difficulty in reading.

Another program of the Brigada Eskwela is the Bayanihan sa Paaralan

that enjoins the parents to participate in other activities such as in distribution of learning modules, as well as distribution of food packs for the school-based feeding program.

Other stakeholders and parents may donate learning gadgets, materials for printing, as well as CoViD-19 supplies such as face masks, face shields, alcohols and sanitizers to support the teachers and educators as they perform their crucial role in shaping the character and the future of the Imuseño youth.

The online activities include teaching parents to practice their creative skills on providing and creating a conducive learning space for their children within their homes. Some activities guide the parents to ensure that their children are truly learning with the online classes.

In support of the SDO programs, the city government had developed several projects such as the granting of gadget loans for students, provision of laptops and other equipment to help with the blended

8M Pinoys accept modern family planning methods

CALOOCAN CITY, (PIA)

-- A total of 8,085,000 Filipinos used modern methods of Family Planning in 2020, a six-percent increase from 2019.

However, there were also reports on dropouts which can be attributed to difficulties in accessing FP services due to COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, according to the 2020 Annual Report of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012.

The Department of Health (DOH) and the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) renewed their call to stakeholders—particularly local government units (LGUs)—to continue the provision of family planning (FP) as one of the vital and essential health services, especially during the health crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented event that has put the world to a standstill, yet the Philippines still managed to make progress in FP," Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said.

"We commend our service providers and partners in the field for their unwavering dedication and efforts in making sure that

learning system, and the partnership with network providers to strengthen the WiFi connectivity for use with the online classes of the students shared Imus City Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi.

He also disclosed that despite the apprehensions of the parents' for their children's education during the pandemic, the city had a high enrollment rate last year.

Maliksi lauded the city's SDO thru the able leadership of SDS Torres because it had been cited as the Top SDO not just in the whole region but in the country as well. **(Ruel Francisco/Imustahan FB Live)**

FP services are available and accessible, especially during these trying times. This is a testament that the pandemic should not be a hindrance to pursuing open conversations and continuous service provision in family planning for our kababayans," Duque added.

Undersecretary Juan Antonio Perez III, executive director of POPCOM said, "Protecting ourselves from COVID-19 is as equally important as shielding our families from the burden of unintended pregnancies that may hinder our nation in achieving secure and comfortable lives we aspire for every Filipino family, thereby allowing our nation to reach its full economic productivity potential and improve educational outcomes."

The DOH and POPCOM will have a joint health event in celebration of the National Family Planning Month this August with the umbrella theme: "Usap Tayo sa Family Planning, atbp." It will be anchored on the principles of informed choice and promotion of open conversations about FP and allied topics.

In the agencies' Joint Memorandum Circular, the observance will have four sub-themes:

"Usap Tayo sa FP so you can Practice Safe Sex,"

"Usap Tayo sa FP para sa HIV-Free 'Pinas,'"

"Usap Tayo sa FP dahil ang Pamilyang Planado, Protektado!," and

"I CHOOSE: #MalayaAkongMaging..."

The celebration is aimed at integrating the messaging on family planning within the context of sexual and reproductive health during health crises, Sexually Transmitted Infections or STIs—including human immunodeficiency virus or HIV infection which can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome AIDS, informed choice, and responsible parenthood, and adolescent health and de-

DAR Farm Business School to give vegetable price stability

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)

--The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) here offered a Farm Business School to help the local farmers of Tanza town grow vegetables, and address the price instability of farm produce in the public market.

This is in response to the recent increase in prices of vegetable produce that was observed in the past few days causing a slump in sales at the Tanza Public Market.

According to a vegetable vendor of the said public market, prices of several vegetables increased after the recent weeks of rains. The prices of cabbage, tomatoes, and garlic increased by P30 per kilo

while chili is sold at P200 from the previous price of P80 per kilo.

DAR-Trece Martires City Agrarian Reform Officer I Ms. Corazon Peji said, "Price increases are affected by changes in weather, as well as the amount of produce, if vegetables produced are less then prices go up but if farmers produce more the prices go down."

The Farm Business School aims to teach the local farmers how and when to grow certain varieties of vegetables as well as the proper pricing of their farm produce to be able to avoid the irregular changes in prices of vegetables in the local markets.

Cavite Provincial EO, sets limitations on funeral rites

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)

--Cavite Provincial Governor Juanito Victor C. Remulla on Friday, August 20, 2021 signed Executive Order No. 48 S. 2021 providing the guidelines for funeral rites during the Modified

development.

The National Family Planning Month also featured two virtual health events: "Usap Tayo sa National Family Planning 2021" and "Usap Tayo sa Family Planning Experts" conducted on August 4 and 18, respectively. Regional offices of both agencies will also

conduct local events such as online press conferences, webinars, and social media campaigns, among others, to generate widespread attention on the importance and benefits of FP in promoting the overall health and wellness of the Filipinos.

The DOH and POPCOM said that, together with various partners, they will remain relentless in investing in the health and rights of women as well as couples, so they can have the power to choose, plan and attain their goals and dreams for themselves and their families. **(DOH/POPCOM/PIA-NCR)**

Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) status in the province until August 31, 2021.

This is in the wake of the alarming increase in the number of CoViD-19 cases, and the detection of the more transmissible Delta variant in the province with gatherings for necrological and funeral rites cited as a venue for local transmissions.

The said order declares that wakes and necrological services for family members who died from causes other than CoViD-19 is limited to two days only.

Said gatherings are limited to immediate members of the family aged 18 years and above. They may be members of the same household, or being the wife, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, and any other relatives such as the in-laws: parents, brothers/sisters.

No food and drinks are allowed to be served during gatherings, as well as during funerals and strict compliance with the minimum health protocols is advised to be followed at all times.

The local authorities such as the LGUs, PNP, and the barangays are advised to monitor these activities for the strict implementation of the guidelines provided under the provincial mandate.

SILANG LCE RESPONDS TO CAVITE BM'S PROPOSAL FOR TOWN'S 'AYUDA'

Silang, Cavite (PIA) –In her official Facebook page, Mayor Corie Poblete responded to Cavite Board Member Attorney Kevin Amutan Anarna's proposal for the welfare goods distribution for their constituents who are affected by the current MECQ status.

The Chief Executive admitted that her office has not received any letter from the official, and also agreed about the fund approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

"Sa katunayan po, 50 Milyong Piso po ang naaprubahan ng Sanggunian. 25 Milyong Piso sa Bakuna at 25 Milyong Piso sa mga Welfare Goods na naipamahagi simula Abril hanggang kasalukuyan na tuloy-tuloy ang pamamahagi sa panahon ng pandemya," said Poblete.

(In fact, Php50 million was approved by the Council. 25 Million Pesos for Vaccines and 25 Million Pesos for Welfare Goods distributed from April to the present with continuous distribution during the pandemic.)

Kelot, tigok; nabangga ng dyip

NASAWI ang 49-anyos na lalaki na nabangga ng pamasaherong jeepney habang tumatawid sa Carmona, Cavite.

Isinugod pa sa Pagamutang Bayan ng Carmona ang biktimang si Rocel Palumabrit, ng Brgy Maduya, Carmona subalit namatay din habang ginagamot.

Kinilala naman ang driver ng jeepney na may plakang DJN 760 na si Warren Solmoro, 46.

30 mananabong, kulong

UMABOT sa tatlung sabungero ang dinakma ng Cavite Police sa isinagawang anti-gambling operation sa magkakahawalay na lugar.

Sa Naic, Cavite, dakong alas-10:00 Linggo ng umaga nagasagawa ng anti illegal gambling operation ang mga operatiba ng Naic MPS sa Tukod Langit, Brgy Bucana, Sasahan, na nagresulta sa pagka-kaaresto ng apat lalaki at narekober ang P400 na pusta, tari at isang patay na

Mayor Poblete was grateful for BM Anarna's concern and initiative, and for his suggestion on the distribution of 'ayuda'.

According to BM Anarna, with around 80K households in the municipality targeted to be given welfare goods, an estimate of P312.50 worth of food pack will be received by each household.

Each pack would include 5 kilos of rice, 2 canned Mechado, 2 canned meat loafs, 1 pouch each of coffee and white sugar, 2 pouches of powdered milk, and 3 pieces of instant noodles according to the board member's canvass in a grocery store.

Mayor Poblete also agreed on being transparent with the people and said that her office and the different departments of the local government would welcome anyone who would want to talk about issues and concerns regarding government services. **(Ruel Francisco/Corie Poblete FB page/Atty. Kevin Amutan Anarna FB page)**

Sa ulat ni Corporal Rommel Samorin, ng Carmona Police Station, patawid ang biktima sa kahabaan ng Gov. Drive sakop ng Brgy Maduya, nang nabangga ng paparating na jeepney na minamaneho ni Solmoro dakong alas-9:50 Linggo ng gabi.

Mabilis namang sinaklolan ng mga rescue team ng Carmona MDRMO at isinugod sa ospital subalit namatay din habang ginagamot. **GENE ADSUARA**

panabong. Tatlong lalaki din ang binitbit ng Imus City Police Station nang nagsagawa ng illegal gambling operation sa Athena Classic, Anabu 2D, dakong alas-9:00 Linggo ng umaga at narekober ang P1,000 na pusta, dalawang panabong at tari. Nakatanggap naman ng impormasyon ang Tanza Police hinggil sa isinasagawang tupada sa Brgy Daang Amaya 2, dakong alas-10:50 Linggo ng umaga na nagresulta sa pagka-

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ISIP-ISIP KUNG MAGPAPAREHISTRO AT BOBOTO

SUSUNDIN ng Commission on Elections ang kanilang naunang itinakdang deadline para sa voter registration.

Hanggang sa darating na Setyembre 30 lamang at wala na itong ekstensiyon.

Ang pagpaparehistro ay hindi palalawigin ng Comelec sa kabila nga ng mga paghirit. Napagkasunduan na ito ng En Bank kaugnay na rin ng paghahanda para sa 2022 national at local elections.

Ngayong Setyembre ay inaasahan din ng publiko ang anunsuyo ng iba't ibang kakandidato.

Marami ang nagsabing kakandidato na Setyembre ang kanilang anunsuyo sa kung anong posisyon tatakbo.

Pero hindi sa tatakbuhin ng mga kakandidato nakasentro ang usap ng tropa nating lansangan.

Mayroon sa kanila na sadyang ayaw magparehistro kaya hindi sila interesado kung palalawigin pa ang rehistrasyon paglagpas ng Setyembre 30.

Kumbaga ay wala silang 'paki kung hanggang Setyembre 30 lamang ang voter registration.

kaaresto ng walong lalaki at nakumpiska ang P3,450 na pusta, isang panabong at tari.

Anim na lalaki ang inaresto naman sa Terminal Green Cab sa Brgy Habay 2, Bacoor City dakong alas-1:00 Linggo ng hapon kung saan nagkukumpulan sa isang Online Sabong at nakumpiska ang P1,020 at isang unit ng Vivo cellphone.

Bukod sa kasong paglabag sa PD 1602 ay lumabag din ang mga naaresto ng

May kanya-kanya silang rason at irespeto na lamang natin ang kanilang pasya.

Habang ang ilan naman sa tropang kalye ay tila nag-iisip pa kung magpaparehistro.

Ganyan naman ang ugali ng ilang kababayan natin na mahilig sa 'last two minute' kung magdesisyon.

Ganoon pa rin, mayroon din silang kanya-kanyang dahilan na dapat nating igalang.

Ang kainaman sa tropang lansangan natin ay updated sila sa impormasyon o kaganapan.

Alam nilang start ngayong Agosto 23 ay alas-otso ng umaga hanggang ala-siyete ng gabi ang voter registration na dati ay hanggang ala-singko lamang ng hapon.

Updated ang tropa nating kalye dahil alam din nilang open ang Comelec kahit Sabado at holidays mula alas-otso ng umaga hanggang ala-singko ng hapon.

Tandaan lamang na ang paglahok sa eleksiyon ay isa sa ating mga karapatan.

Isip-isip kung magpaparehistro at boboto.

EDITORIAL

Doktor laban sa doktor?

HINDI pa man gumugulong ang bakunahan sa bansa ay sadyang napakarami ang may agam-agam sa vaccination kontra COVID-19.

Nang simulan at isagawa na ang pagbabakuna ay nababawasan ang bilang ng mga ayaw magpaturok. Sa kasagsagan ng vaccination ay may ilang doktor ang naglahad ng negatibong komento sa bakuna.

Daan o sanhi na naman upang muling umatras ang mga dating nais ng magbabakuna.

Masasabi bang pekeng impormasyon o balita ang ipinakalat ng ilang manggagamot na mariin namang tinuligsa ng grupong Vaccine Solidarity Movement.

Ang resulta ay doktor laban sa doktor kaya ang sakripisyo ay nasa publiko dahil sa pagkakalito sa kung sino sa mga ito ang nagsasabi ng totoo na dapat paniniwalaan.

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LOCAL ISOLATION FACILITY, HOSPITALS AT FULL BED CAPACITY

Kawit, Cavite (PIA) – The local government of Kawit announced that the current status of the town's isolation facility, and hospitals are at full bed capacity.

According to the latest data from the Rural Health Unit (RHU) as of 13 August 2021, the San Pedro Calungsod Medical Center, and the Binakayan Hospital and Medical Center as well as the Kawit Isolation Facility are already full due to the increase in the number of CoViD-19 cases during the past week.

The LGU warned the public of the alarming rate of infection with 165 Active cases recorded on said date which is about 54% increase from the 107 Active cases in just a period of 7 days.

"Tama po na karamihan sa mga active cases natin ay mga APOR at lumuluwas sa NCR para magtrabaho pero marami pa rin sa atin ang basta't lumalabas na lamang nang walang mask, at gumagala nang walang

mahalagang pakay," stated Mayor Angelo Aguinaldo.

(It is true that most of our active cases are APORs who go out to NCR to work but many of us still come out without a mask, and wander around without an important purpose.)

Aguinaldo reiterated that the vaccine supply from the national government is not sufficient to vaccinate everyone, and once again reminded his constituents to strictly follow the IATF protocol, and refrain from going outside if there's no urgent need or purpose to leave their houses.

He also appealed to the parents to be responsible for the safety of their children in the wake of reports of increase CoViD-19 infection among children who still are not eligible for vaccination.

"Cooperation is the key to overcome this crisis we are currently facing," said Aguinaldo. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from Kawit PIO)**

BFAR 4A sinimulang ipamahagi ang halos 3M semilya ng Bangus at Tilapia sa mga mangingisda

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) --Halos tatlong milyong kabuuang 2,815,000 semilya ng Bangus at Tilapia ang nakatakdang ipamahagi ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region (BFAR) 4A sa mga mangingisda sa Rehiyon simula Agosto 19 hanggang Setyembre 1, 2021.

Unang namahagi ang BFAR 4A ng 120,000 Bangus fingerlings sa mga mangingisda ng lungsod ng Biñan at Calamba nitong nakaraang Huwebes, Agosto 19.

Nakatakda naman mamahagi sa mga susunod na araw ang BFAR 4A sa pamamagitan ng Fisheries Production and Support Services Division (FPSSD) at mga Provincial Fisheries Offices (PFOs) sa mga lalawigan ng: Cavite, 100,000 Bangus at 500,000 Tilapia; Laguna, 500,000 Tilapia; Batangas, 100,000 Bangus; Rizal, 200,000 Bangus at 500,000 Tilapia; at Que-

zon, 600,000 Tilapia. Ayon sa BFAR 4A, ang pamamahagi ng semilya ay bilang pagtugon sa Republic Act (RA) 11321 o ang 'Farmers and Fish-erfolk Enterprise Development Program' (SAGIP SAKA ACT) na naglalayong sagipin ang industriya ng pagsasaka at pangingisda sa pamamagitan ng paghikayat sa kanila na magnegosyo. Hangarin din ng proyekto na makapagbigay kontribusyon sa produksyon ng isda sa CALABARZON.

Ang pamamahagi ay isinagawa ng Fisheries Production, Support and Services Division (FPSSD) ng BFAR 4A sa pangunguna ni OIC-Chief Emiliana C. Casbadillo na kasalukuyan ding OIC ng PFO-Laguna, sa pakikipagtulungan ng lokal na pamahalaan at samahan ng mga mangingisda sa mga nabanggit na lungsod. **(CPG, PIA CALABARZON at ulat mula sa BFAR 4A FB Page)**

CDA CALABARZON to establish regional office in Cabuyao City

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) CALABARZON will soon build its regional office in the City of Cabuyao after signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Deed of Usufruct with the city government last August 2.

Thru the MOA, the city government of Cabuyao donated a 900 square meter lot located at the Enterprising Cabuyao One in Barangay Banaybanay.

"The search is over," CDA CALABARZON Regional Director Salvador V. Valeroso following the MOA signing, which ended their 29-year quest of acquiring a permanent site for its re-

gional office.

Designed as a venue for trade and industry for its people, the Enterprising Cabuyao One was conceptualized by Mayor Mel Ge-colea since the city's major income sources are from commerce, industries and services.

True to its vision to facilitate in the creation of livelihood and job opportunities to Cabuyenos, and boost investments in the City, CDA CALABARZON Regional Office shall be one of the offices that will trigger the invisible hand of the economy, and promote inclusive growth to the people. **(CPG, PIA-4A with report from CDA CALABARZON)**

PCA-4A, handang tumulong sa mga stakeholders ngayong pandemya

LUNGSOD NG LUCENA, Quezon (PIA) --Inihayag ni Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)-4A Acting Regional Manager Ramon Rivera sa idinao na "Kapihan sa PIA" na handang tumulong ang kanilang tanggapan sa mga stakeholders gayundin sa mga samahan ng mga magsasaka ng niyog sa lalawigan ng Quezon at maging sa mga lalawigan nasasakop ng rehiyon 4A sa panahong ng pandemya.

Sinabi ni Rivera na nauna nang namahagi ang tanggapan nila ng tulong na P5,000 bawat magsasaka ng niyog kamakailan na naapektuhan ng pandemya at handa pa rin silang tumulong sa kabila ng nararanasang pandemya.

Inihayag din ni Rivera na ang paggawa ng coco-sugar at virgin coconut oil sa lalawigan ng Quezon partikular sa bayan ng Alabat ay ilan sa mga by-products mula sa niyog na malaki ang naitutulong ngayon sa mga magsasaka ng niyog upang madagdagan ang kanilang kita.

"Maaari din pong mag-inter-cropping o magtanim ang ating mga magsasaka ng niyog ng mga gulay o

prutas sa pagitan ng mga punong niyog upang madagdagan din ang kanilang kita bukod sa pagniniyog," sabi pa ni Rivera

Binigyang diin ni Rivera ang kahalagahan ng coconut farmers industrydevelopment plan ng kanilang tanggapan na siyang makatutulong din sa mga magsasaka ng niyog.

Samantala, ibinida rin ni Rivera na ang Rehiyon-4 o CALABARZON region ay numero uno pagdating sa dami ng bilang ng mga nakatanim na punong niyog kumpara sa ibang rehiyon sa buong bansa.

"Malaki po ang naitulong ng lalawigan ng Quezon upang maging number one ang CALABARZON pagdating sa pagdami ng mga nakatanim ng punong niyog," ayon pa kay Rivera Si Rivera ay naging tampok na panauhin sa lingguhang "Kapihan sa PIA" Agosto 18 alinsabay sa pagdiriwang ng 35th Coconut Week.

Kabilang din sa aktibidad ng pagdiriwang ang "Coco Kwentuhan sa Negosyo for Coconut Farmers" at iba pang mga nakahanay na gawain na inihanda ng PCA IV

DepEd to campus journalists: 'Spread the love for honesty, veracity, and integrity'

PASIG CITY -- The Department of Education (DepEd) challenged campus journalists to share correct and truthful information at the conclusion of the first-ever virtual National School Press Conference (NSPC) 2021 on August 13, Friday.

"Your success as journalists will greatly rely on your firm grip on values and faith in Him. Use your talent to communicate and deliver the good news, positive attitude and spread the love for honesty, veracity, and integrity," Undersecretary for Finance Annalyn Sevilla said in her closing remarks at the three-day virtual NSPC.

"The objective of NSPC is to demonstrate understanding on the importance of journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors and approaches, and promote responsible journalism and fair and ethical use of social media," she added.

Undersecretary Sevilla noted that young journalists should not forget the 'deepest why' they are writing and expressing themselves and why they want to be heard and understood.

In line with this, she challenged the learners to be responsible, credible, and equip themselves with the know-how on scrutinizing disinformation from a real one.

"I have three challenges to give to all of you and I hope you will keep these challenges in your mind and heart. Let's call these three challenges as SPC – Self-Identity, Perspicacity, and Credibility," she said.

Sevilla underlined that Self-identity is being aware, mindful, and responsible of own dignity and esteem, and Perspicacity is knowing to

identify what is fake from real, while Credibility is being responsible and paying attention to the world.

DepEd has been conducting the NSPC yearly to leave a lasting impact on the development of aspiring journalists, sustaining advocacy on social consciousness and environmental awareness, and enhance journalistic competence.

The three-day virtual NSPC 2021 was headlined by multi-awarded veteran journalists and speakers including Mr. Horacio "Howie" Severino, Ms. Malou Mangahas (Investigative Reporting), Ms. Susan Enriquez (Radio and Script Writing Filipino), Mr. Stanley T. Chi (Editorial Cartooning), Mr. Randolph B. Leongson (Sports Writing), Mr. Jeff Canoy (Mobile Journalism), Mr. Mark Z. Saludes (Photojournalism), Prof. Danilo A. Arao (Editorial and Column Writing), and Prof. Yvonne T. Chua (News and Feature Writing).

In addition, Mr. Timothy James Dimacali spearheaded the Science Discovery category, Mr. Rupert Ambil, Mr. Vito Lucero, and Mr. Voltaire Tupaz (Advocacy Journalism), Dr. Michael Francis Andrada (Campus Journalism Vlog), Mr. John Clifford Sibayan (Online Publication), Mr. Maricel Halili and Mr. Gerg Anrol Cahiles (TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting), Ms. Mirinza Boncan (Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting English), Mr. Dale De Vera (Infomercial), Prof. Stephenie Ong Busbus (Development of Instructional Materials in Campus Journalism), and Prof. Jeremiaiah Opiniano (Teachers' Research on Campus Journalism). (DepEd)

VILLAR: CALAX SILANG EAST INTERCHANGE NOW OPEN

SILANG, Cavite --The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) with MPCALA Holdings Inc. (MHI) inaugurated the fourth section of the 45-kilometer Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) with the opening of the CALAX Silang East Interchange Section, extending the operating sections from 10 kms to 14.24 kms.

The 45-kilometer CALAX is a Php 56-billion road infrastructure project granted by the Department of Public Works and Highways to MHI, a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). It is a high-speed road network connecting the two provinces, Cavite and Laguna, targeting to serve around 45,000 motorists upon its completion.

The inaugural ceremony held in the morning led by DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar was attended by the following key personalities Senator Bong Go, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur P. Tugade, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla, and Mayor Corazon Poblete of Silang, Cavite. Also in attendance are Metro Pacific Investment Corporation President Jose Ma. Lim, Metro Pacific Tollways President and CEO Rodrigo E. Franco, MHI President and CEO Robert V. Bontia, and selected members of the project team.

"We are grateful for the trust and continued partnership with the government of the Philippines in providing the much-needed mobility infrastructure in the form of CALAX to help boost tourism and economic activity in the CALABARZON Region," said MPT South President and General Manager Roberto V. Bontia during his speech.

With the completion of the Silang East of CALAX, motorists can now travel from Mamlasan in Binan, Laguna up to Silang East, exiting at Tibig Road, in Silang. The newly opened Silang East Interchange will be serving 5,000 motorists and help decongest traffic coming from Governor's Drive, Aguinaldo Highway,

and Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road

"CALAX is included in the Luzon Spine Expressway Network -- a master plan aimed at increasing the high standard highway network by three-fold. We are now closer to our dream of connecting the northernmost part of Luzon to its southernmost portion. We are confident that we will be able to deliver majority of this high-impact project within the term of President Rodrigo Duterte," said DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar.

As approved by the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), the following toll rates in CALAX will now range from PHP 14 to PHP 64 for Class 1 vehicles, PHP 29 to PHP 128 for Class 2 vehicles, and PHP 43 to PHP 192 for Class 3 vehicles, depending on the vehicle's entry and exit point.

Upon completion of the entire CALAX Project, it will have several interchanges located at the following locations: Kawit, Governor's Drive, Open Canal, Silang (Aguinaldo) Highway, Silang East, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay, Laguna Boulevard, and Laguna Technopark. It will cut travel time between Cavite and Laguna from 2 hours to under an hour. It was also previously lauded by Toll Regulatory Board for its advanced features and regarded as the country's most advanced toll road.

CALAX has been designed to be a green and sustainable highway. Aside from the array of flora and green spaces that surrounds the expressway, which is intended to absorb carbon emissions of vehicles, the expressway also uses LED lighting systems, and renewable solar energy to power its toll plazas, toll equipment and systems, and operations management center.

Aside from CALAX, MPTC also holds the concession rights for Manila-Cavite-Toll Expressway (Cavitex), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

Relocation of 'First Cry' monument from Balintawak to UP recalled

MANILA – As the nation marks on Monday the 125th anniversary of the "Cry of Pugad Lawin," formerly called the "Cry of Balintawak", it is also worth recalling how the "First Cry" monument was relocated from its original site in Balintawak to the University of the Philippines (UP) campus in Diliman, Quezon City in 1968 or 53 years ago.

The so-called "Cry" of Pugad Lawin or Balintawak is considered as the beginning of the Philippine revolution against more than 300 years of Spanish occupation.

As part of such recollection, it is also worth mentioning the important but little-known role played by the late former National Historical Commission (NHC) Chairman Carmen Guerrero Nakpil and the late former UP President Carlos P. Romulo in the transfer of the said monument from the original place, where it was inaugurated on Sept. 3, 1911, as a tribute to the heroes of the revolution launched by the "Katipuneros" led by Andres Bonifacio, among many others, on Aug. 23, 1896.

Mrs. Nakpil, who died on July 30, 2018 at age 96, served as NHC head from 1967 to 1971. On the other hand, Romulo died on Dec. 15, 1985 and was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani (Heroes' Cemetery) in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. He was 87 years old.

Historians say the "Cry" monument was considered as the first national memorial for Bonifacio and his men prior to the erection in 1933 of the imposing Bonifacio monument at the intersection of Epifanio de los Santos Ave. (Edsa), MacArthur Highway, Rizal Ave. Extension, and A. Samson Road in Grace Park, Caloocan City.

The monument in Balintawak was inaugurated in 1911 and as such, it used to serve as the site for the annual celebration of the Cry of Balintawak every Aug. 26 until 1962, when it was moved to Aug. 23. The name of the event was also renamed as the Cry of Pugad Lawin.

In 1968, the then Bureau

of Public Highways (BPH), predecessor of the present Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), removed the "Cry" monument to give way to the widening of Edsa and the construction of the present Balintawak Cloverleaf Interchange.

The cloverleaf interchange construction was necessitated by the extension of the then Manila North Diversion Road (MNDR), which was inaugurated by then President Ferdinand Marcos in 1966. It originally covered a length of 36 kilometers from Balintawak to Tabang, Guiguinto, Bulacan.

MNDR was the original name of the present North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), which stretches from Balintawak to Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga.

Not many people, particularly those born after the 1972-1981 martial law of the late President Marcos, are aware of how the "Cry" monument was transferred to Diliman from Balintawak after it was dismantled from its location, and this article is written for them.

One afternoon in August 1968, while this writer was on my way from Novaliches to the editorial office of the defunct Philippine News Service (PNS) at the second floor of the National Press Club (NPC) building along Magallanes Drive in Intramuros, Manila, I noticed that the dismantled monument was just dumped together with a heap of garbage near the temporary field office of the BPH in what is now known as Camachile area in Balintawak. PNS was the predecessor of the present Philippine News Agency or PNA.

Newsman instinct told this writer to do something about what happened to the monument. I alighted from the public utility jeepney I was riding and took a photo of the monument along with the pile of garbage, using an instamatic camera, the popular model at that time.

At the PNS office, I requested the photo laboratory man to develop the photo while I was writing the corresponding story.

Virtual simultaneous quake drill for Q3 set Sept. 9

MANILA – The third-quarter online national simultaneous earthquake drill has been set on September 9, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) announced Wednesday. The ceremonial pressing of the button for the drill starts at 9 a.m., NDRRMC deputy spokesperson Mark Cashean Timbal said.

"We continue to hold (our) NSED online, complemented by webinars on disaster preparedness so that our people can continue getting prepared and stay safe despite this (coronavirus disease 2019 - Covid-19) pandemic," Timbal said.

The September drill will be the fifth virtual holding of the earthquake drill since it began in the third quarter last year.

"We are (also) holding three webinars that target various sectors, including the youth, urban poor, workers, MSMEs (micro, small, and medium enterprises), etc. so that the discussion is custom-made to their needs and the circumstances," he added.

The event can be watched via livestream on the Civil Defense PH and NDRRMC Facebook pages where viewers can do the "duck, cover, and hold" gesture in their houses and offices once the ceremonial alarm sounds.

Evacuation drills and simulation scenarios are still suspended due to the pandemic.

The first-quarter quake drill was held on March 11 and the second-quarter drill, on June 10. (PNA)

Pizza firm wins case vs disgruntled former employee

MANILA – The Court of Appeals (CA) has granted a petition filed by the franchise holder of a pizza restaurant to junk an illegal dismissal case.

In a 12-page decision dated Aug. 17, the appellate court sided with PPI

Holdings Inc. (formerly Philippine Pizza Inc.) and affirmed the labor arbiter's 2018 decision to throw out the complaint for illegal dismissal filed by Eugenio Rivera.

The case started when Rivera, assigned by contractor, Consolidated Building Maintenance Inc. (CBMI), as a rider in PPI, was asked to resign and return to the contractor.

Despite his deployment to PPI, he was still an employee of CBMI, which paid his salary and other benefits.

Rivera initiated a labor suit for regularization and subsequently, a suit for union busting and illegal dismissal.

The regularization case is pending before the Supreme Court (SC), where PPI elevated the case after the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) ruled that Rivera should be considered a regular employee of PPI where he worked for 13 years.

The PPI then received a notice of termination of contract from CBMI and as a result, Rivera was no longer deployed to PPI.

Rivera said the termination of contract amounted to illegal dismissal and sued anew before the NLRC, which dismissed his suit.

The CA said his second complaint for illegal dismissal "is premature" since he is reliant in the ruling of the regularization case that is pending before the SC. (PNA)

The photo of the dismantled monument was published on the back page of the defunct Daily Mirror, the then afternoon daily of the old Manila Times Publishing Co. Inc. It caught the attention of Mrs. Nakpil who contacted the PNS office through the telephone to get additional details.

Since this writer was the source of the photo and the story, the phone call was referred to me by the duty editor. I talked briefly with the NHC head, narrating to her the circumstances behind the removal of the monument from its original location. She promised to do something about it.

I learned later that she discussed the matter with Gen. Romulo, who agreed to relocate the monument at the state university campus in Diliman, particularly in front of the UP Vinzons Hall.

The relocated monument was inaugurated on Nov. 29, 1968 as the Balintawak Cloverleaf Interchange was undergoing construction. (PNA)

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VEGAN HAIR CARE FROM THE BODY SHOP



The Body Shop's new vegan routines - the Tea Tree and Moringa haircare range. The Body Shop's new haircare bottles and tubs are made from 100% recycled plastic, including Community Fair Trade recycled plastic collected off the streets of Bengaluru, India. *Not including lids



The Body Shop's new vegan Tea Tree haircare line purifies and balances oily hair and scalp made with organically-grown Community Fair Trade tea tree oil from Kenya and Vegan Silk Protein. Bottles and tubs are made from 100% recycled plastic. Brighten up your barnet with The Body Shop's new vegan Moringa Haircare routine that restores dull hair's radiance and shine, and protects hair from daily pollution. Made with Community Fair Trade moringa seed oil and extract from Rwanda and Vegan Silk Protein. Bottles and tubs are made from 100% recycled plastic.

Hair has an attitude, an identity. It tells a powerful story about who you are. Which is why it's so important to keep it in root-to-tip shape. Luckily The Body Shop's new vegan haircare routines are here to help your hair look and feel as powerful as you, so you can keep telling your story, your way.

At a time when environmentally conscious and friendly body, face, and hair products are on the rise, vegan products provide a natural source of nourishment made from plants and minerals coupled with safe and tested ingredients. They contain no harmful chemicals, and if you have sensitive skin they're just perfect for you. And sustainable for you and the environment.

What makes The Body Shop's new haircare routines so powerful is that they're all made with Vegan Silk Protein, a 100% plant-based protein, which cleverly replicates the chemical structure of natural silk produced by the common European garden spider. But The Body Shop's is fully plant-based – and ALL The Body Shop's haircare is now registered by the Vegan Society, so, no spiders or silkworms were harmed, used or disturbed to obtain it. Plus, all haircare is now made with (at least!) 90% ingredients of natural origin.

The Body Shop's new haircare routines - Tea Tree and Moringa - are designed to improve the appearance of damaged hair, so they literally help repair the hair follicle from the inside out. Get fresh and clean locks for longer with the new Tea Tree haircare routine - Tea Tree Purifying and Balancing Shampoo, Conditioner and Hair & Scalp Scrub - that purifies and balances oily hair and scalps. Made with organically-grown Community Fair Trade tea tree oil from Kenya and Vegan Silk Protein – this routine also helps eliminate build-up, leaving hair feeling purified and refreshed without stripping its natural moisture.

The new Moringa Haircare, on the other hand, brightens up your barnet. Get healthier-feeling, shinier hair and help protect it from daily pollution. Made with Community Fair Trade moringa seed oil and extract from Rwanda and Vegan Silk Protein. This routine, which includes the Moringa Shine and Protection Shampoo, Conditioner and Hair Mist, visibly restores dull hair's radiance

and shine. Expect softer, smoother and healthier looking hair that smells fragrantly floral.

The Body Shop's new haircare bottles and tubs are made from 100% recycled plastic, including Community Fair Trade recycled plastic collected off the streets of Bengaluru, India.

Give your hair these vegan haircare treats and power your do like never before with The Body Shop's new Tea Tree and Moringa Haircare Routines. Visit their online store 24/7, add to cart, and check out anytime of the day at www.thebodyshop.com. The Body Shop's cruelty-free and vegan products are also available in The Body Shop stores, Call & Deliver, Lazada, Shopee and ShopSM. The Body Shop now accepts SM Advantage Card for points earning and redemption, SM and Sodexo premium pass in all The Body Shop stores nationwide.

About The Body Shop

The Body Shop was founded in 1976 by Dame Anita Roddick in Little Hampton, England. The beauty brand pioneered corporate activism and was built on a philosophy that business can be a force for good. With its brand expression, Beauty with Heart, the company continues to be focused on five core values: Against Animal Testing, Support Community Fair Trade, Activate Self Esteem, Defend Human Rights and Protect The Planet.

All products are created using the finest ingredients sourced from the four corners of the globe, which are not tested on animals and are 100% vegetarian. The Body Shop has been in the Philippine market for twenty-five years with over 60 strategically located stores nationwide.

Eliza Sanchez, 99 years old, was the oldest vaccinee at Resbakuna SM City Rosario. She was very confident that COVID Vaccine will help her protected against the virus and that it will also protect her family from this disease. LGU in partnership with SM City Rosario, encourage all Rosario Cavite Residents to get vaccinated to help stop the spread of COVID-19.



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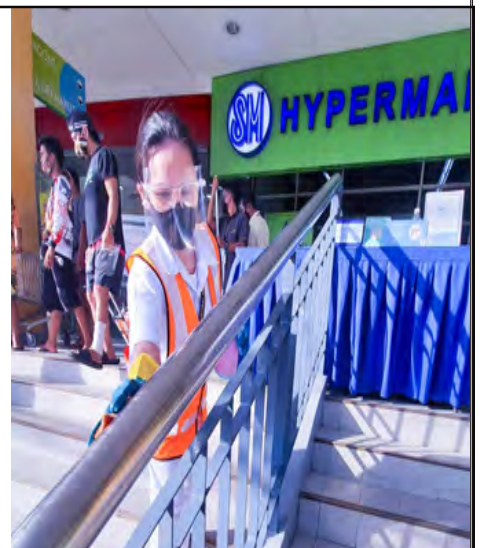
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MAGKAPATID NA ZAMBOANGA MAKIKIPAGTAGISA SA ONE ATOMWEIGHT GRAND PRIX QUARTERFINALS

MAKAKAHARAP ni Denice Zamboanga ang beteranong South Korea na si Seo Hee Ham sa isang co-headliner ng ONE: Empower card sa Setyembre 3 sa Singapore Indoor Stadium.

"Magiging sobrang ganda laban ito. Bibigyan ko sila ng best fight sa buong card. Kahit ako yong sa co-main event ipakikita ko sa kanila sa main event," said Zamboanga Tuesday in her debut appearance in the online version of the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum.

Ang Zamboanga, na No. 1 contender sa kanyang dibisyon, ay sinalihan ng nakatatandang kapatid na lalaki at kapwa mixed martial artist na si Drex Zamboanga at coach Fritz Biagtan mula sa kanilang punong tanggapan ng Marrok Force sa Bangkok, Thailand sa session na ipinakita ng San Miguel Corporation (SMC), MILO® Pilipinas, Amelie Hotel Manila, Braska Restaurant, at ang Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR).

"Medyo focus talaga kami kay Denice kasi bigatin yong laban. Kaya't bawat buwan, bawat linggo, araw-araw ay pinahihirapan namin siya sa ensayo at nag-improve talaga si Denice, expect na iba na talagang ang Denice yong labas," said Biagtan in the program powered by Smart and Upstream Media as official webcast partner.

Hindi natalo sa walong laban, ang Zamboanga, na tinaguriang 'Lycan Queen' para sa kanyang mabangis na form para sa pakikipaglaban, ay makakakita ng aksyon sa isa sa apat na mga laban sa ONE Atomweight Grand Prix quarterfinals sa Singapore na tutukoy sa hinamon ni Lee para sa korona.

Kabilang sa mga tinalo niya ay si Mei Yamaguchi, na natalo kay Lee sa laban para sa ONE atomweight kampeonato, na nagtamo ng isang kapani-paniwala na nagkakaisang desisyon na nagwagi na ang kanyang karibal sa Japan ay malubha at nabugbog noong Pebrero 28, 2020 sa Singapore.

"Siguro yong Grand Prix yong way para mapagbuti ako bago ko makalaban si Lee," said Zamboanga, who had pansin in a war of words with the defending champion on social media. Sinabi niya na alam na nila ni Biagtan kung paano nila talunin ang South Korean,

na mayroong record na walong panalo at tatlong pagkatalo, ngunit mas gugustuhin nilang ibunyag ang kanilang diskarte hanggang sa labanan ang gabi.

"Alam na namin kung ano ang gagawin sa Korean ngunit sa pagdating ay hindi na natin makikita kung ano ang gagawin natin ni coach Fritz," sabi ng animated at masigasig na manlalaban, na iwan ang kapital ng Thailand kasama ang kanyang coach.

Bagaman lahat silang tatlo ay nasa labas ng bansa ng higit sa isang taon, nagpasalamat si Biagtan na mayroon sila ng lahat ng kailangan nila para sa pagsasanay sa kampo ng Marrok Force.

"Lahat tayo ay nabakunan nang buong bakuna, marami kaming mga beterano na tagapagsanay sa boksing, pakikipagbuno, at muay Thai dito na nagsasanay sa amin kaya mayroon kaming buong pakete sa Bangkok," aniya.

Para sa bantamweight na si Drex Zamboanga, na gumawa ng kanyang tagumpay sa One Championship debut sa pangalawang-round pagsusumite ng Thai Detchadin Srosirisuphatin noong Agosto 8, 2020, sinabi ng manlalaban na iniskedyul siya ng mga organisador ng One FC para sa isang laban.

"Nag-uusap kami ng mga ONE FC promoter so waiting na lang po kami," said Zamboanga, a product of the Universal Reality Combat Championship itinaguyod ng wrestling chief Alvin Aguilar.



PSA FORUM - ZAMBOANGA MMA

Ang dalawang magkapatid na MMA Mix Martial Arts na sina Denice at Drex Zamboanga na nag bigay ng kanyang kanyang pahayag hinggil sa kanilang mga nakatakdang laban sa One Atomweight Grand Prix quarterfinals sa Singapore. habang patuloy ang kanilang pag iinsayo sa Bangkok, Thailand ipinahayag naman ni coach Fritz Biagtan sa weekly online PSA Forum ang kanilang maayos na kalagayan sa nasabing lugar bagamat matagal na rin silang namamalagi sa naturang bansa bunsod parin ng Covid-19. (RGN)



PACQUIAO BIGO NA MABAWI ANG WBA NG TALUNIN NI CUBAN FIGHTER

Nabigo si Manny Pacquiao na bawiin muli ang titulong World Boxing Association welterweight na natanggal sa kanya matapos mabiktima ng Cuban pug na si Yordenis Ugas sa kanilang showdown sa T-Mobile Arena sa Las Vegas (Philippine Time).

Sa isang laban sa mga boksingero na nakakita ng kanilang orihinal na kalaban na umaatras dahil sa iba't ibang mga pinsala sa mata, ang 42-taong-gulang na si Pacquiao ay mukhang tamad sa kanyang unang laban sa loob ng dalawang taon, at ang 35-taong-gulang na Ugas ay nagbangko sa kanyang maabot na kalamangan upang kumonekta sa kalaunan ay medyo namaga ang mga jabs sa mukha ni Pacquiao.

Ang boxer na senador ay maglalagay ng isang malakas na laban, na binago pa ang mga jet sa Round 10, ngunit isinara ni Ugas ang laban sa isang malakas na kamao, na naghahatid ng mga haymaker kay Pacquiao sa huling dalawang yugto.

Dalawang hukom ang nagkaroon nito ng 116-112, habang ang pangatlong hurado ay nakapuntos ng laban sa 115-113 na pawang pabor kay Ugas, na umakyat sa 27-4.

Si Pacquiao naman ay bumagsak sa 62-8-2. Inilagay din nito ang muling



pag-iskedyul ng kanyang ipinagpaliban na laban laban sa World Boxing Council (WBC) at International Boxing Federation champ, Errol Spence, sa karagdang panganib bilang isang posibilidad ng isang labanan sa Ugas-Spence para sa hindi mapag-aalintangan na katayuan ng hari ng welterweight ngayon na lumilitaw.

Samantala, si Mark Magsayo ay humugot ng mas malapit sa isang pamagat ng mundo sa pamamagitan ng pagpapahinto sa kalaban na si Mexico na si Julio Ceja sa isang undercard match.

Pinatalsik ni Magsayo si Ceja sa ika-10 round ng kanilang nakatakdang 12-round WBC featherweight title eliminator.

Si Magsayo ay talagang nagpakita ng mga sulyap nang maaga nang patumbahin niya si Ceja sa Round 1.

Bumalik si Ceja at naghahatid ng malutong na body shot kay Magsayo na nagpatumba sa kanya sa ikalimang round.

Malapit ang laban hanggang sa magsagawa si Magsayo ng isang serye sa pag putakte sa ulo na itinakda ang kanyang knockout na kanang hook kay Ceja.

Si Magsayo, na nakapuntos ng kanyang ika-16 na knockout na panalo sa kanyang karera kahit na nanatiling walang talo siya na 23 laban, ay nasa track ngayon na harapin si Gary Russell para sa WBC belt.

UNANG ARANGKADA NI BEJINO SA 200M MEDLEY SA TOKYO

Nagpumiglas si Gary Bejino sa kanyang kauna-unahang kaganapan para sa Tokyo Paralympics at napalampas sa isang medalya sa nasabing para-swimming race, ang 200-meter individual medley ng lalaki.

Huling natapos si Bejino sa 17 mga kalahok sa paunang yugto ng kaganapan sa Tokyo Aquatics Center.

Si Bejino, na naglaro sa Heat 2, ay sumipa sa loob ng tatlong minuto at 17.19 segundo, na nasa likuran ng nagwagi sa init na si Andrei Granichka ng Russia, na nagtapos ng shade sa ilalim ng 2:46.

Ang Granichka ay sasabak para sa isang medalya sa kampeonato na kasama ang Nelson Crispin ng Colombia, na may pinakamabilis na oras



sa preliminaries matapos na mauna sa Heat 3 sa 2:43.07, Jia Hongguang, Yang Hong, at Wang Jingang ng China, Juan Gutierrez ng Mexico, Talisson Glock ng Brazil, at Zach Shattuck ng Estados Unidos.

Si Bejino ay may isa pang bitak sa ginto dahil makakarating siya sa Heat 1 ng 50-meter butterfly preliminaries sa 8:36 ng Lunes.



TOPS USAPANG SPORTS

INISA-ISA sa pagpapaliwanag ni PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial ang mga update patungkol sa pagpapatulo ng PBA Bubble, habang tinugon naman nila Boxing Champion Jayson Mama, Powerlifter Joyce Gail Reboton, at Pilipinas Sambo President Paolo Tantontan ang mga naging katanungan ni TOPS President Ed Andaya maging ng mga membro sa ginanap na TOPS Usapang Sports via online zoom. (RGN)

IKINALUNGKOT NG PSC ANG NAGPOSITIBO SA COVID-19 NG ISANG PARA ATLETA

Sinabi ng chairman ng Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) na si Butch Ramirez na ang isang atleta ay hindi makakalaban sa Tokyo Paralympics matapos na mag positibo sa coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

"I was very sad about it at iyak nang iyak iyong tao but talagang wala. Hindi natin kontrolado si Covid eh (and the para athlete cry cry much but it's nothing else we can do. We cannot control Covid)," Ramirez told the Laging Ang pagpapaalala sa publiko na laging handa kung paano siya at ang apektadong para atleta ay nag-reaksyon nang malaman ang malungkot na balita. Sinabi ni Ramirez na ang para atleta, ay sinabihan na manatili sa bahay para sa paggaling, ay nabakunan laban sa Covid-19 at sumailalim sa dalawang reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaksyon (RT-PCR) na mga pagsubok bilang bahagi ng mga protokol na itinakda ng Tokyo Olympic Organizing Committee.

Ang Komite ng Paralympic ng Pilipinas, sa pamumuno ni Mike Barredo, ay kinumpirma na ang ilang mga coach at ilang ibang miyembro ng delegasyon ay nagpositibo para sa Covid-19 din bago lumpad patungong Tokyo at nanatili sa bahay para sa paggamot. Sa kabila nito, naniniwala si



Ramirez na ang kopian ng Paralympic ng Pilipinas ay mas magiging determinadong makuha ang ginto ng Tokyo Paralympic sa kabila ng huli na pagkatakot ng Covid-19 na tumama sa pulutong bago ang Tokyo Paralympics, na magsisimula.

"Sigurado ako na ang limang atleta na binawasan ng isa ay isasaalang-alang kung ano ang nangyari sa kanilang kasamahan bilang isang malakas na kadahilanan na nag-uudyok na talagang umuwi kasama ang mga medalya," Ramirez sa karagdang sinabi.

LINGGO NG KABATAAN FEATURES TALKS ON TEENS' MENTAL HEALTH

CALOOCAN CITY, (PIA) -- In the observance of "Linggo ng Kabataan," the Department of Health (DOH), Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) and National Youth Commission (NYC) have joined together to enable conversations among Filipino youth centered on pressing issues currently affecting them, particularly those concerning teenage pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and mental health problems.

The celebration, which culminated in a joint virtual event on Thursday, Aug. 19, served as a platform for Filipino adolescents and youth to engage with each other, along with experts and medical professionals, in accessing appropriate health information, training, and services enhancing their abilities to come up with informed decisions on their health and other development concerns. It also focused on the following priority areas and messages:

Kalusugan ng kabataan pangalagaan; Safe sex, pag-usapan!

Despite the decreasing trend of registered births among those 15 to 19 years old, the adolescent birth rate in the country remains high, as it exceeds the Asia Pacific average of 35 and comes close to the global average of 50, according to the United Nations Population Fund.

Given this, the State recognizes that engaging young people into discussions on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) will make them more involved in related programs and initiatives. It can enhance their knowledge on Sexual and Reproductive Health towards practice of safe sex, better health-seeking behaviors and access to ASRH services without discrimination.

Teenage Pregnancy, wakasan; Isulong EO 141! In a Senate hearing last year, Undersecretary for Population and Development Juan Antonio Perez

Ill disclosed that almost 500 Filipino youths gave birth daily in 2019. These include about 40 of those 10 to 14 years old every week. On average, he said there are around 64,000 minors, or those who are below 18 years old, who give birth annually.

Recognizing its far-reaching implications, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order No. 141 declaring as an urgent national priority the implementation of measures that address the root causes of adolescent pregnancies, and calling for a whole-of-government approach.

Linggo ng Kabataan creates the opportunity to raise awareness among the stakeholders and the public in general on the important role of every individual and institution in addressing this complex phenomenon besetting young Filipinos.

As a manifestation of its support, the NYC approved a Resolution creating a Strategic Nationwide Plan to address teenage pregnancy in the country as a "National Social Emergency."

According to Chairperson Ryan Enriquez, the proposed plan is envisioned to augment the implementation strategies of the Philippine Youth Development Plan 2017-2022, specifically on the thrusts of the identified Health Center of Youth Participation that ensures the practices of healthy lifestyle, as well as responsible sexual and reproductive health.

"The NYC, as the agency mandated to protect the welfare of the youth, cannot just monitor the glaring statistics, but would rather support the implementation of relevant plans to curb the rising percentage of teenage mothers, and to promote activities that would encourage the youth to think twice before engaging in risky sexual behaviors," Enriquez said.

HIV-Free Pinas For You(th) and Me!

As of January 2021, 25% of HIV cases reported were among Filipino youth 15 to

Legarda Receives National TESDA Kabalikat Award 2021

Three-term Senator, now Deputy Speaker and Antique Congresswoman, Loren Legarda, virtually received today the National TESDA Kabalikat Award under the Legislative Category in recognition of her invaluable contribution in developing, enhancing, and implementing training programs that have resulted in better employability of Filipino skilled workers as well as in the promotion of entrepreneurship among Filipinos.

Legarda also recently received the Kabalikat Award at the regional level after being nominated by TESDA Antique Provincial Office for the Regional Awards under the Legislative Part-

ner category. Even before her election as Antique Congresswoman in 2019, Legarda has worked with various government agencies to help uplift the lives of many Antiqueños by ensuring that programs of the national government continue to reach the province, particularly the barangay level.

Among these programs are the Barangay Kabuhayan Skills Training Program (BKSTP), Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP), and Special Training for Employment Program (STEP), all under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) benefiting over 18,000 Antiqueño trainees since 2016.

To further provide the province with the capacity to generate more jobs and develop skilled workers, Legarda supported the allocation of funds for the construction, equipment and operational expenses of TESDA Training centers in each of the 18 municipalities. Moreover, the construction of the provincial training center located in Hamtic is also ongoing.

A house bill filed by Legarda is now being considered in the House of Representatives to provide adequate funding for the Antique Provincial TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Hamtic and the Pandan TESDA training center to ensure that effective employment interventions through training programs will be more accessible in both the southern and northern parts of Antique.

Since she was first elected as Senator in 1998, Legarda has consistently given importance and priority to livelihood and skills training development. On her second term as Senator, she authored Republic Act No. 9509, also known as the Barangay Livelihood and Skills Training Act of 2008, a law that establishes livelihood and skills training centers in the fourth, fifth and sixth class municipalities to open employment opportunities, combat poverty and improve the quality of life of the Filipinos. During her Chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Finance, she initiated the augmentation of funds for TESDA's various scholarship and skills training programs. In the House of Representatives, as the Chair of the Sub-Committee on New Normal, Legarda also con-

ducted a hearing on the bill which seeks to provide a Recovery Assistance Package for Higher Education and Technical Vocational Education and Training by providing recovery assistance package to upgrade and rehabilitate IT/internet system and infrastructures in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) and TESDA; provide training on distance/flexible learning system for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Technical Vocational Institutions (TVIs); provide financial assistance/subsidy for teaching and non-teaching personnel, trainers and assessors in HEIs and TVIs; offer zero percent (0%) interest loans and subsidies for students and faculty for IT-related needs; and ensure additional budget for Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) under RA 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act to expand coverage for students not covered by Listahanan 2.0 determined by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Aside from TESDA scholarship grants in Antique, additional scholars from other localities such as Cagayan, Pampanga, Tarlac, NCR, Laguna, Batangas, Cavite,

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NCR LGUs open vax program to Calabarzon, nearby provinces

ANTIPOLO CITY (PIA) - With around 90 percent of its priority residents already vaccinated against COVID-19, Metro Manila chief executives are opening their vaccination programs in their cities to residents in surrounding areas, including the provinces of Cavite, Laguna and Rizal.

This was after the National Task Force Against COVID-19 led Monday's symbolic vaccination to mark the country's 30-million mark in total jabs administered last August 23, at SM San Mateo.

As part of their support to the National Vaccination Program, SM Supermalls said they launched their Vax 'N' Dine campaign to encourage their customers to get vaccinated in their mall-based vaccination hubs.

Metro Manila Development Authority Chair, Benjamin Abalos said around 11, 613,157 residents belonging to priority groups have already been inoculated against the disease.

Abalos said around 70 per-

cent of COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated, while 30 percent have already received up to two doses of vaccines.

"Karamihan ng mga namamatay [sa COVID-19] ay mga unvaccinated at pagdating sa mga critical and severe cases ay hindi nagkakatay. Karamihan ng asymptomatic patients ay fully vaccinated," Abalos said of how the national vaccination program affects the COVID-19 situation in the National Capital Region.

[Most COVID-19 related deaths are unvaccinated, while those who are in critical and severe cases are not much different. Meanwhile, most of the asymptomatic patients are fully vaccinated.] Considering that some of the country's major cities are found in the NCR, Abalos said smaller cities-- such as San Juan, Pateros and Mandaluyong-- tend to complete their vaccination programs faster than their larger and more populous neighbors. **(PB)**

DOH-CALABARZON inaugurates Lumban COVID Isolation Facility in Laguna

QUEZON CITY --Department of Health (DOH)-CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) led the blessing and inauguration of the Lumban Isolation Facility, a first class temporary treatment and monitoring facility (TTMF) for Covid-19 patients in the town of Lumban in Laguna.

The facility has a 25-bed capacity that will serve residents of the municipality who will be affected by the Covid virus.

“Napakaimportante na bawat bayan ay magkaroon ng sariling isolation facility upang mayroong magpaglagay sa mga pasyente na mahahawaan ng Covid virus. Ang layunin po nito ay upang makontrol po natin ang pagdami at pagkalat ng virus sa komunidad.”

“This facility will also help in preventing hospitals and medical staff from getting overwhelmed in case of an increase in the number of Covid patients,” Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated during the ceremony.

“The Lumban Isolation Facility will operate to cater to direct or possible contact, suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 patients with mild symptoms,” Magpantay emphasized. She added that the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) has provided assistance by donating wheel chairs and glucometers for the facility. The regional office also sent medicines and other medical assistance.

Lumban Mayor Rolando G. Ubatay gratefully extended his appreciation and gratitude to Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo and Laguna Provincial DOH Officer Gigi G. Janairo for their initiative and support in the accomplishment of the project.

“Karamihan sa ating mga Covid patients ay mayroong mild symptoms at ang iba naman ay asymptomatic. Most do not need to be hospitalized. And some may not be able to isolate themselves at home because they have no available room which puts

family members at risk of infection. Dito natin sila ngayon dadalhin sa facility na ito.”

The Lumban Isolation Facility will be managed by the local government unit of Lumban. It was funded under the Bayanihan 2 and constructed through the initiative of DOH-CALABARZON under the DOH Health Facilities Enhancement Program with a budget of P10 million pesos.

According to Regional TTMF (Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities) Lead Coordinator (TTMF) and Medical Officer IV Restituta G. Magpantay, patients who will choose to stay at the facility should coordinate or contact their Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) for referral.

BOC issues Customs Memorandum Circular in line with the Strategic Trade Management Act

PURSUANT to the issuance of Strategic Trade Management Office-Department of Trade and Industry (STMO-DTI)'s Memorandum Circular No. 21-27 Series of 2021 with the subject: “Lifting of the Temporary Suspension of Administrative Penalties under the Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA) Effective 01 January 2021”, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) published Customs Memorandum Circular (CMC) No. 172-2021.

The CMC was also based on Section 22 of the Republic Act No. 10697 or STMA, wherein the administrative penalties were laid down for those persons violating the said act. In relation to the section, the suspension of the administrative penalties shall be continued until the end of the year, December 31, 2021, with the exception for Warning Letters/Orders for Corrective Action issued by STMO. How-

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) has turned down the petition of a real estate developer, asking for a review of the Court of Appeals (CA) decision that sided with a retired general's opposition against the installation of generators. In a resolution recently made available online, the SC's Second Division denied the petition filed by Cathay Land, Inc. and affirmed the CA's 2011 decision, which it said “can no longer be reviewed as it had since become final and immutable”.

The CA reversed the ruling of the Pasig Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 157 that dismissed the civil suit filed by retired Brig. Gen. Angel Sadang against Cathay Land Inc. for violation of Republic Act No. 8749,

ever, failure in adherence to the letters or orders may arise to the imposition of the temporarily suspended administrative penalties of STMA.

Furthermore, it was also indicated in the provisions of the CMC that the temporary suspension of Sec. 22 shall be without prejudice to the filing of criminal cases or charges against the persons responsible for such. The STMO also reiterated the role and obligation of the STMA covered persons in registering and applying for authorization engaged in activities as mentioned in the provisions of the circular.

The Bureau of Customs, as one of the authorized agencies tasked to protect the borders of the country under R.A. 10697 alongside STMO, shall remain steadfast and committed in doing its role through the guidance and leadership of Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero. **PR**

SC denies appeal to install genset in condo

or the Clean Air Act.

Aside from abating the installation of the machineries at the 35-storey Astoria Plaza condominium along Escriva Drive in Pasig City, Sadang, whose house was adjacent to the project, also sought PHP100,000 in damages.

Cathay sought to put four power blowers/condensers, exhaust ducts, and two units of diesel-fed generator sets.

Sadang claimed the installation of the machineries produced all kinds of air pollutants, excessive noise, smoke, and noxious odor.

The CA reversed the Pasig RTC and said that contrary to Cathay's claim, there was no forum shopping because the suits filed before the lower court and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Pollution Adjudication Board (DENR-PAB) were not the same.

“The case lodged before the DENR-PAB pertained to the installation and operation of machineries. On the other hand, in the civil case, the issues of nuisance as governed by the Civil Code and claim for damages are beyond the jurisdiction of an administrative body to resolve,” the SC said.

The SC likewise rejected the developer's claim that the deadline for appealing the case is not binding since they did not receive a copy of the same after their lawyers reportedly changed office addresses.

Ruling against the developer's arguments, the SC noted that the firm's offices at 23rd Galleria Corporate Center in Quezon City is the same office address of its lawyers.

“The Court will not allow every defeated party, in order to salvage his case, to claim that he failed to receive the court's adverse ruling,” the tribunal said, adding that otherwise “court proceedings will become indefinite, and be subject to reopening at any time”. **(PNA)**

Dispose health care wastes properly -DENR

QUEZON CITY, (PIA) --

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) reiterated its call for the proper disposal of household health care waste to protect garbage collectors and haulers from COVID-19 and other diseases as the whole country struggles to cope with the rising number of coronavirus cases,

Since the start of the pandemic in March last year, the DENR has consistently and repeatedly reminded households to segregate their used face masks, face shields, and disposable gloves because these are potentially contaminated and infectious waste.

“Our garbage collectors are also our frontliners. They are at a very high risk of infection every time they collect unsegregated and improperly disposed household health care waste,” DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu pointed out. “If we really want to stop the spread of this virus, then we must all be responsible not only for ourselves but also for others,” he added.

The environment chief warned that it only takes one infected garbage collector to spread COVID-19.

“Think of the members of his family, his co-workers, his community, and you arrive at a possible exponential transmission of the virus. Let us protect those who protect us,” Cimatu said.

The DENR secretary has also previously reminded local government units (LGUs) to prioritize the handling of pandemic-related trash by imposing strict waste segregation in households and implementing an effective collection system.

Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and LGUs Concerns Benny D. Antiporda said the DENR has “not wavered in warning the public that the lives of garbage collectors are at stake if there is utter disregard for proper waste dis-

posal.”

“If they get sick, then we are faced with the even bigger and more serious problem of collection and disposal of these household health care waste,” Antiporda said.

“Pakinggan po natin ang panawagan ng ating mga garbage collectors na ihinalat at itali ng mabuti ang mga basurang ito upang maiwasan ang posibilidad na makuha nila ang COVID-19 virus mula sa mga ganitong uri ng basura,” the DENR official appealed.

He added, “These household health care wastes – face masks, face shields and gloves – that we use every day should not be mixed with the residual wastes. Lagyan po natin ng label na household health care wastes ang mga ito, so that these will be properly handled by our garbage collectors”.

Antiporda also reminded LGUs of their duty to ensure compliance with Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, which covers the safe disposal of waste not only from households but also from medical and health care facilities.

He has previously called on LGUs to provide personal protective equipment to garbage collectors to protect them from waste potentially contaminated with coronavirus.

The DENR—through its Environmental Management Bureau—already has an existing set of guidelines on managing hazardous waste as stated in memorandum circulars 2020-14, 2020-15 and 2020-16 on the issuance of Special Permit to Transport for the Treatment and Disposal of Health Care Waste.

The agency also follows the standards set forth by the Asian Development Bank under its Due Diligence on the Philippine COVID-19 Immunization Waste Management Plan. **(DENR/PIA-NCR)**

Pagpaparami ng Deputized Environmental Officers sa Upper Marikina Watershed, Isinusulong ng DENR CALABARZON

ISANG pagpupulong kaugnay ng pagpaparingting ng proteksyon sa Marikina Watershed ang inilunsad ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Enforcement Benito De Leon, Environmental Law Enforcement Protection Service (ELEPs) Director Reuel Sorilla, DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo Tamera, In-Charge of Rizal PENR Office Forester Ernesto Diso, at mga miyembro ng militar at Philippine National Police Provincial Office.

Sa kasalukuyan ay binibigyang importansya ang patuloy na pagpaparingting ng Republic Act No. 11038 o ang ENIPAS Act sa loob ng Upper Marikina River Ba-

sin Protected Landscape. Isinaalang alang ang kaligtasan ng mga kawani ng DENR kasama ang mga bantay gubat sa pinanganagalagaang pook, kaya naman humiling ng dagdag na puwersa ang DENR mula sa Armed Forces at PNP.

Patuloy rin ang inisyatibo para sa paggawad ng mga Deputized Environment and Natural Resources Officers (DENROs) mula sa mga katuwang na mga ahensiya. Kaugnay nito, isang training activity ang isasagawa sa pamumuno ng Office of the Undersecretary for Enforcement at ELEPS na dadaluhan ng mga kawani mula sa Field Offices ng DENR, PNP, AFP, LGU, at iba pa. Ayon kay DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamera, nilalay-

on ng aktibidad na bigyang diin ang pag intindi sa iba't ibang batas pangkalikasan at magkakaroon din ng hands-on activity kaugnay naman ng pagsasagawa ng first aid, wood counting at identification, at paggamit ng mga armas para sa self defense.

Sa mga darating na araw ay mas magkakaroon na ng mas mataas na presensiya sa mismong lugar, ang mga ahensiyang nabanggit. Ito ay tinitingnan bilang hadlang sa sinuman na gagawa ng mga ilegal sa naturang lugar. Dagdag pa rito, patuloy ang pagsasagawa ng sarbey at imbentaryo ng Protected Area Superintendent ng Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape para sa tenured migrants sa loob ng protektadong pook. Alinsunod sa ENIPAS Act, ang tenured migrants ay mga residente sa loob ng isang protektadong pook na naninirahan na sa lugar limang (5) taon bago pa

man maideklara ang lugar bilang isang protektadong pook.

Ang pagpupulong ay isinagawa ng may ibayong pag-iingat at pagtalima sa mga minimum protocols / health standards na ibinaba ng Inter-Agency Task Force kaugnay sa COVID-19.

Hinihikayat ng DENR CALABARZON ang publiko na makiisa sa laban para sa ating kapaligiran. Para sa may mga sumabong ukol sa ilegal na gawain na may kaugnayan sa kalikasan ay maaaring tumawag o magbigay ng mensahe sa 8888 hotline numero 09561825774/09198744369 at Trunkline No. (049) 540-DENR (3367) / (049) 554-9840 - 48 local - 121. Ang mga litrato, bidyo, at iba pang impormasyon ay maaaring ipadala sa opisyal na Facebook page ng DENR CALABARZON: <https://www.facebook.com/DENR4AOfficial/>. **PR**

CA upholds dismissal of employee cleared in court case

MANILA – The Court of Appeals (CA) has dismissed a petition filed by a union leader against auto parts manufacturer Isuzu for alleged illegal dismissal, unfair labor practice, and damages.

In a 13-page decision written by Zenaida Galapate-Laguilles dated Aug. 13, the CA's 17th Division dismissed the case filed by Ralfy A. Medrano, a safety supervisor and chapter president of the Isuzu Autoparts Supervisory Employees Union.

Medrano was shown the door for violation of the company's code of conduct and serious misconduct brought about by an administrative complaint filed by a co-employee, Amelita Albaira, who accused him of acts of lasciviousness in 2017.

In 2018, Medrano questioned the decision of the National Labor Relations Commission which ruled in favor of Isuzu and its president, Masakatsu Ota, for the termination.

Albaira, a mother of three,

claimed Medrano forcibly fondled her inside the company's clinic while she was having chills because of the flu.

Medrano, who is married, claimed it was consensual and the act was not related to his duties as supervisor. The municipal trial court of Biñan, Laguna subsequently acquitted Medrano in 2019 of the criminal charge of acts of lasciviousness, which the employee said should likewise be a basis to clear him in the administrative charge that prompted his dismissal.

Ruling otherwise, the CA said "an employee's acquittal in a criminal case does not automatically preclude a determination that he has been guilty of acts inimical to the employers' interest" and explained that "while the evidence presented against Medrano did not satisfy the quantum of proof required for conviction in a criminal case, it substantially proved his culpability which warranted his dismissal from employment." (**PNA**)

COP, JAILER; SIBAK SA PAGPUGA NG 3 PRESO

AGAD na sinibak ang hepe ng Kawit Police Station at duty jailer habang ipinagutos ang hot pursuit operation para maaresto ang dalawa at tatlong preso na pumuga sa loob ng Custodial Center sa Kawit Police Station sa Kawit Cavite Lunes ng gabi.

Ipinag-utos ni Regional Director B/Gen Eliseo Cruz ang pagsibak kay Police Major Joel Palmares, Chief of Police ng Kawit MPS at PSSgt Ryan de Guzman, Duty Jailer dahil sa insidente.

Bukod sa pagkaka-relieve, naharap din si Palmares para sa command responsibility habang administrative at criminal charges naman ang kinaharap ni De Guzman.

Kinilala ang mga pumugang preso na sina Tristan Antonio, 19, ng 15 Acacia St., Brgy Ligdong, Rosario,

na may kasong Theft; Jon-Jon Esquillo Cortesano Potes, 22, ng Pinakaloo, Brgy Toclong, Kawit, na may kasong paglabag sa Sec 5 at 11 ng RA 9165; at Rhino Reyes Ortega, ng Tanggulan St., Brgy Kaingen, Kawit, na may kasong Carnapping.

Nabatid na si Ortega ay naaresto rin kinagabihan. Sa ulat, nagsasagawa ng inspeksiyon sa Kawit Custodial Facility na matatagpuan sa Brgy Putol si De Guzman dakong alas-6:30 Lunes ng gabi ay nadiskubre na ang padlock sa gate ng kulungan ay nasira at ng bilangin ang mga preso ay kulang ito ng tatlo.

Inimbestigahan din kung paano nasira ang nasabing padlock na hindi narinig o napansin ng duty jailer dahil ang kulungan ay nasa loob lamang ng police station at malapit lamang sa desk officer. **GENE ADSUARA**



IT'S A DEAL, BUMUNGAD! EARLY BIRD, NAKASILAT!

Hindi binigo ng liyamadong kabayo na si It's A Deal na sinakyan ng hineteng si Claro S. Pare Jr. ang mga karerista na sumuporta sa kanya matapos manalo noong nakaraang Agosto 18 sa pangbungad na karera na ginanap sa Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. sa Malvar-Tanauan City, Batangas. Sa largahan ay nakuha kaagad mula sa labas si Kiwi Rose na ginabayan ni NJ Esteban ang bandera, kasunod ang kabayong si Lucky Saver ni AR Villegas, nasa ikatlong puwesto naman si Unlimited Song na nirendahan ni RS Cabuliran, pangapat ang kabayong si Empress Holly ni Jeff Zarate, habang nasa ikalimang posisyon ang paborito na si It's A Deal, panganim si Anika's Will na pinatungan ni CP Henson, pangpito si Ranagant ni Renz Ubaldo, pangwalo si Et Tu Brute na dinala ni Mark Alvarez, kasunod si Gwapo Duck ni MB Pilapil, kasabay si Mc Cartney na sakay ni MA Lanot, samantala si Cool Mom ni JA Pastoral ang kulelat sa takbuan. Sa back stretch ay bandera pa rin si Kiwi Rose ng may apat na kabayo, kasunod pa rin si Lucky Saver, nasa ikatlong puwesto si Unlimited Song ng may dalawang kabayong agwat, habang nasa ika-apat si Empress Holly at panglima si It's A Deal. Pagdating sa huling 400 meters ay nasa unahan pa rin si Kiwi Rose, habang malakas na dumarating ang winning horse na si It's A Deal mula sa labas at pagsapit sa huling rektahan ay naagaw na ni It's A Deal ang bandera at nagdire-diretso ang kanyang pagremate na naging dahilan upang tuluyang lumayo at manalo ng halos limang kabayong agwat laban sa nasegundo na si Lucky Saver, tersero si Unlimited Song at kuarto si Et Tu Brute. Nakapagtala si It's A Deal ng tiyempong 1:25.8 (13'-21'-24-26') para sa distansiyang 1,400 meters. Sa sumunod na karera ay nakasilat naman ang kabayong si Early Bird na nirendahan ni Jessie Guce matapos talunin ang paboritong kabayo na si Patong Patong na sinakyan ni Jeff Zarate. Sa arangkadahan ay bahagyang nakauna ang kabayong si Gintong Tubig ni IL Aguila, ngunit kaagad din na sinunggaban ni Patong Patong ang unahan. Hindi naman pumayag si Gintong Tubig na makabandera si Patong Patong kaya binulabog niya kaagad ang liyamado na si Patong Patong sa harapan habang nakapanood sa ikatlong puwesto ang winning horse na si Early Bird. Pagdating sa medya milya ay nasa unahan na kaagad si Early Bird, nasa tabing balya si Gintong Tubig, habang malakas na rumeremate sa gawing labas ang dehadong si Rogelio ni John Alvin Guce. Sa huling diretsuhan ay muling bumabalik sa unahan ang paborito na si Patong Patong ngunit biglang bumulusok si Early Bird pagdating sa huling 100 meters at nagdire-diretso sa pagtawid sa meta. Sumegundo ang malakas ang dating na si Rogelio, tersero si Patong Patong at pangapat si Sudden Impact ni RD Raquel Jr. Nakapagrehistro si Early Bird ng tiyempong 1:24.6 (14-23-22'-25) para sa distansiyang 1,400 meters.

WHALE SHARK SIGHTED IN LAMON BAY, ATIMONAN, QUEZON

A whale shark (Rhinocodon typus) was sighted last August 23 in Lamon Bay, Atimonan, Quezon.

At 10 in the morning, residents of Barangay Angeles, Atimonan, Quezon spotted a whale shark trapped in a fishing net near its seashore. According to the report of DENR-CENRO Calauag personnel, the whale shark appeared to have an estimated length of three meters and has no visible injuries. More or less 30 fishermen, concerned residents, and local barangay officials helped release the whale shark into safer parts of Lamon Bay.

According to the Conservation and Development Division - Coastal Resources and Foreshore Management Section of DENR CALABARZON, this is not the first time a marine mammal was sighted in the community. Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria says, "this may indicate rich marine biodiversity in the area and we need to continue to conserve and protect the marine ecosystem. Kung ano ang ginagawa natin sa kagubatan at kalupaan, ay magkakaroon din ng epekto sa ating katubigan at karagatan. Kaya patuloy natin itong pag-igatan".

Further, RED Tamoria is calling on the public not to touch a whale shark when encountering one. It is also advised not to feed the species as it can alter their behavior and could pose a harmful effect on them.

Based on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, whale sharks have a decreasing population trend and are classified under the Endangered (EN) category - a designation applied to species at a very high risk of extinction due to rapid decline in population of 50 to 70 percent over the previous 10 years. Meanwhile, identified major threats to whale sharks include fisheries catches, bycatch in nets, and vessel strikes.

In case of a whale shark en-

counter, DENR CALABARZON is urging the public to report the incident to the nearest DENR office in the area. Other Environment and Natural Resources-related concerns may also be reported via hotline 8888, SMS to 09561825774/09198744369, email to r4a@denr.gov.ph, or send photos, videos, and other information via official Facebook Page of DENR CALABARZON: <https://www.facebook.com/DENR-R4AOfficial/> **PR**

Supreme Court, Landbank hook up for easier Bar exam payments

MANILA, (PIA) -- The Supreme Court of the Philippines and Land Bank of the Philippines (LandBank) have partnered to offer aspiring lawyers convenient options to settle their fees for the upcoming Bar examinations scheduled on all four (4) Sundays of November 2021.

The Supreme Court's Office of the 2020/2021 Bar Examinations Chairperson recently announced that 24 institutions have been approved to serve as local testing centers nationwide, and that Bar applicants can also pay the Bar application fee online through LandBank's Link.BizPortal as an additional option.

Starting last July 29, 2021, applicants may settle their Bar exam fees via the Link.BizPortal facility, while over-the-counter (OTC) payments at any LandBank branch or branch-lite unit nationwide are being accepted since July 15.

The Link.BizPortal is the bank's electronic payment facility that allows clients to safely and conveniently pay for products and services online to over 800 enrolled partner-merchants nationwide, anywhere, anytime. "LandBank has partnered with the Supreme Court to provide alternative payment methods, in line with

Gatchalian 'di pabor na ipagbawal ang 'di pa bakunado sa malls at restos

MAYNILA, (PIA) -- Mas maiging ipagpaliban muna hangga't hindi pa nagkakaroon ng sapat na suplay ng bakuna laban sa COVID-19 ang panukala na gawing limitado lamang sa mga fully vaccinated ang pagpasok sa mga malls at restaurants, ayon kay Senator Win Gatchalian.

"Sa ngayon mahirap gawin 'yan dahil hindi sapat ang supply ng vaccines natin. Marami na ang gustong magpabakuna pero ang problema naman ay kulang ang supply," paliwanag ni Gatchalian.

"Until such time na marami na ang bakuna at mayroon pa ring mga taong ayaw magpabakuna, siguro maaari na nating pag-isipan ang panukalang 'yan para maengganyo natin ang lahat na maging bakunado,"

dagdag ng senador. Binanggit niyang halimbawa ang Valenzuela City kung saan umabot na sa 300,000 ang backlog ng mga hindi pa bakunado. Kahit na aniya nasa 52% na ng target population ang nabigyan na ng first dose, nasa 34% pa lamang ang nakakumpleto ng bakuna o nakakuha na ng second dose.

"Hindi sa ayaw ng mga taong magpabakuna, walang bakuna na makuha at maraming local government units (LGUs) na humihingi pa ng bakuna. Marami akong kausap na mga LGUs sa probinsya na namomroblema sa supply ng bakuna. Kulang na kulang pa talaga," pagdiin ni Gatchalian.

Sa kabuuan ng National Capital Region (NCR), sinabi ni Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairperson Benhur Abalos na nasa 43.5% na noong Agosto 22, 2021 ng target na mabakunahan o umabot sa 4,262,546 ng mga residente sa Kalakhang Maynila ang fully vaccinated na.

Nasa 75% naman ng kabuuang bilang ng planong mabakunahan sa NCR ang nakatanggap na ng first dose o paunang bakuna at maaaring umabot sa kalahati o 50% ang full vaccination ng target population dito sa katapusan ng buwan, ayon pa rin kay Abalos.

May ilang grupo ng negosyante ang nagsabing supor-

Factors vs. lockdown's impact on gov't fiscal position cited

MANILA -- The government's job program against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) and arrival of more vaccines are expected to counter the impact of movement restrictions on the government's fiscal performance in the coming months. In a report, Rizal Commer-

tado nila ang panukalang naglilimita sa mga bakunado o fully vaccinated na makapasok sa mga restaurants, malls, at ibang commercial establishments sa NCR para makalikha ng "safer bubbles" na maaaring makapag-control sa paglaganap ng mas nakahahawang COVID-19 variants.

Ani Gatchalian, suportado niya ang ideyang ito pero kung makakapag engganyo ng mas maraming tao sa pagpabakuna at kung may sapat nang suplay.

"Aminin na natin, mababa na ang vaccine hesitancy rate ngayon. So kahit na may mga naeengganyong magpabakuna na, kung wala naman silang paraan para mabakunahan, mawalan ng saysay ang pagsisikap na ito. Hindi rin naman madadagdag ang kita ng mga malls at restaurants kung konti pa lang ang mga bakunado," sabi ni Gatchalian. **(OSWG/PIA-NCR)**

Public to benefit from ATM installation in 7-Eleven stores

MANILA -- The government's bid to ensure the availability of financial services to more Filipinos got a boost from the installation of automated teller machines (ATMs) in over 500 7-Eleven stores in Metro Manila and Cavite.

Philippine Seven Corporation (PSC), the exclusive licensor of 7-Eleven in the country, announced its partnership with Japan's Seven Bank Ltd. (Seven bank) subsidiary, Pito AxM Platform, Inc. (PAPI), in providing the banking public the lowest inter-bank transaction fee for cash withdrawals.

"We want to offer our customers the most convenient service, which is why we also want them to save on transaction fees they would have otherwise spent when withdrawing at another ATM," Philippine Seven Corporation president and chief executive officer Jose Victor Paterno said in a statement.

Paterno declined to give figures on the average customer traffic in their stores in Metro Manila and Cavite but said "all stores

with ATMs are expected to draw more customers".

"Customer traffic is expected to increase by 10-15 percent," he said.

To date, some 7-Eleven stores nationwide have e-money/online payment machines.

Paterno said ATMs "are envisioned to co-exist with our current e-money payment methods".

"The ATMs are expected to provide convenience for our customers who prefer cash as their primary means of payments," he said.

Installation of ATMs in 7-Eleven stores in Metro Manila and Cavite started in February this year and the target is to expand this to 1,000 stores by the end of this year.

"With the threat of Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) still present, and the continuing implementation of community quarantines, the need for easy access to financial services is paramount. Now, more Filipinos can withdraw cash at ATM machines in over 500 7-Eleven stores," Paterno added. **(PNA)**

cial Banking Corporation (RCBC) chief economist Michael Ricafort forecasts an increase in budget deficit in the coming months due to the cash aid distributed during the two-week enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) in Metro Manila from August 6 to 20.

Data released by the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) on Tuesday showed a PHP121.2-billion budget gap last July, lower than the previous month's PHP149.9 billion and year-ago's PHP140.2 billion.

As of end-July this year, the budget deficit reached PHP837.3 billion, higher than the PHP700.6 billion in the same period last year.

"Increased government spending for Covid-19 vaccines/booster shots, which could be recurring in nature in the coming years, as well as on related preparations/logistics including for testing, quarantine/health-care facilities, among other would also lead to wider budget deficits and higher government borrowings/debt, going forward," Ricafort said.

However, Ricafort said reopening of the economy will help revive economic activities as more people get vaccinated.

He said higher government spending on infrastructure and other expenditures, especially ahead of the election ban for the May 2022 national polls, are expected to boost the economy's recovery.

"Further measures to reopen the economy from MECQ (modified enhanced community quarantine)/ECQ in NCR (National Capital Region) would eventually allow greater capacity for many businesses/industries in terms of higher production, sales, net income, employment/jobs, and other business opportunities, thereby increasing the government's tax revenue collections and help in reducing the country's budget deficit," he added.

Ricafort said hitting the government's goal for population protection "would also help make the country's budget deficit, debt stock, and overall fiscal performance more manageable and sustainable in the coming years, especially if the economy picks up/ recovers further, alongside existing and upcoming fiscal/tax reform measures." **(PNA)**

MAGDYOWA, 2 PA; DINAKMA SA DROGA

NAG-ALANGAN pang pasukin ng mga operatiba ng Cavite Police at Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) ang target na bahay sa buy bust operation dahil nakalagay na signaga sa harapan na "Regional Trial Court, Branch 23, Staff and Personnel" gaunman ay nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa mag-live-in na front ang magbenta ng imported na pusa at kasama ang dalawa pa sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang magadyowa na sina Ronalyn Reoganis Verdillo, 22, online seller; at Gary Moreno Gerela, 34, Japan surplus seller, kapwa residente ng 554 Ice Woods St. Greensborough Subd. Brgy. Sabang, Dasmariñas City. Nakilala naman ang dalawa pa na sina Carl Bantiad, 22, clinic janitor, ng Blk N5 lot 1, Brgy San Francisco, Dasmariñas City; at Mark Dennis Norega, 27, freelance tattoo artist. Sa ulat, dakong alas-4:00

Lunes ng hapon nagsagawa ng operasyon ang Dasmariñas City Police at PDEA sa bahay ng mag-live in matapos nakatanggap ng impormasyon na nagbebenta ng droga. Ayon sa impormasyon, madalas umanong puntahan ng tao ang bahay ng magdyowa kung saan nagbe-breed at nagbebenta umano ng mga imported na pusa pero lumalabas na front lamang umano na ang tunay na ibinebenta ay droga.

Dahil dito, nilusob ng Dasmariñas CPS at PDEA ang nasabing bahay subalit sa una ay nag-alangang pasukin dahil may nakalagay na "RTC, Branch 23, Staff and personnel" ang harapan ng bahay subalit nauwi din sa pagkakaaresto sa apat at nakuha sa lugar ang 1 kilo ng marijuana na ibinebenta, apat na kilo ng marijuana na nakuha sa lugar, drug paraphernalias, portable weighing scale at buy bust money. **GENE ADSUARA**

3 'tulak' swak

TINATAYANG mahigit sa P130K halaga ng shabu ang nasamsam at pagkakaaresto sa tatlong tulak sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang mga naaresto na sina Cris Edaño, alias Eric Edaño/Bunso; Jomar Casiño; at Alexander Pamaran, pawang nasa wastong edad.

Sa ulat ni Pat. Jerome Asid, ng Bacoor City Police Station, dakong alas-11:20 Miyerkules ng gabi nagsaga-

wa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) ng Bacoor CPS sa Perpetual Village 7, Brgy Mambong 4, kung saan target ang mga suspek na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkakaaresto at nasamsam ang 20 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P136,000.

Nakuha pa sa kanila ang isang kulay itim at pulang pouch kung saan nakalagay ang droga at buy bust money. **GENE ADSUARA**

3 bagets durog sa tren

PATAY ang magbabarkadang tatlong menor-deedad nang nasagasaan ng tren at nagkalasug-lasog umano ang katawan sa Sta. Mesa, Maynila.

Dead-on-the-spot ang mga biktimgang sina Alfred Visagar, 17, ng Bagumbayan, Bacood; Jayvee John Luna, 16, ng V Fancisco St.; at Rico Devilla, 17, ng Peralta St., pawang ng Sta. Mesa.

Sa ulat ng Manila Police District-Traffic Enforcement Unit (MPD-TEU), dakong alas-6:25 ng gabi naganap ang insidente sa riles ng PNR sa Anonas St., Sta. Mesa.

Papauwi na umano sa kani-kanilang bahay ang mga biktima na naglalakad sa riles at hindi umano narinig ang paparating na tren ng Philippine National Railways (PNR), kaya sa pagkataranta ay lalong hindi nakaiwas hanggang sa masagasaan.

Nagkadurug-durog umano ang mga katawan ng mga binatilyo na ang isa sa kanila ay naputulan pa ng ulo.

Nabatid na ang PNR tren na may body number ay 1831 na ino-operate nina Ronald Antonio at Eric Nase. (**Leonard basilio**)



Criminal Cases Filed vs Traders of Vehicles, Various Goods

CONSISTENT with its mandate to protect the borders against illicit trade and customs fraud, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) filed on August 20, 2021, two (2) criminal cases before the Department of Justice (DOJ) against importers and customs brokers involved in the alleged unlawful importation of P31.3 million worth of vehicles and various goods.

The first case is against DESMO TRADING for the alleged misdeclaration of various general merchandise, 2 jet skis, 7 motorcycles, and 2 used boats with an estimated value of P6.867 million last October 30, 2020 at the Port of Cebu.

The second case is against ADFINEST MARKETING CORP. and its customs

broker due to alleged unlawful importation of three (3) motor vehicles and 98 pieces of unmanifested used tires with a total value of P24.422 million on May 27, 2021 at the Manila International Container Port (MICP).

The respondents purportedly violated Section 1401 of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Executive Order No. 877-A, otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Development Program."

The cases were filed through the initiative of the Bureau's Action Team Against Smugglers (BATAS), Port of Cebu, and MICP. **PR**



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Maliit na bagay lamang

ANG mga irresponsible dog owner ay mayroong multang kinakaharap. Kapag ayaw ikulong o talian ang alagang aso ay may P500 na kaakibat na multa.

Kung ayaw naman pabakunahan ang alagang aso ay P2,000 ang multa. Nakakagat ang asong walang bakuna ay P10,000 ang multa.

Nasa P25,000 naman ang multa kapag nakakagat ang alagang aso subalit ayaw tulungan ang nakagat.

Base ito sa isinasaad ng Republic Act 9482 Anti Rabies Act 207.

Nabuksan ko lamang ang paksang ito dahil dumaan sa wall ng aking fb account ang post tungkol sa babala ng naturang batas.

Alam naman natin na sa ano mang uri ng post sa social media ay nariyan ang iba't ibang komento.

Siyempre may kanyang pananaw ang bawat isa kaya nga lamang mababasa mo sa comment section ang pagtatalo o animo'y away dahil lamang sa kanilang

Balik po tayo sa paksa tungkol sa alagang aso at sa dog owner pati na rin sa batas na may kinalaman dito.

Sino ba ang magpapatupad nito o kanino nakaaatas ang pagpapairal? Sa lokal na pamahalaan ba o sa barangay level lamang?

Hindi naman maikakaila na napakaraming lugar na makakakita ka sa labas o lansangan na mga asong gumagala.

Sakaling nakaperwisyo ang aso halimbawa ay

nakakagat ay walang may-aring lulutang at kung mayroon man ay suwertehan lang. Pero kapag ang aso ang nadisgrasya ay mabilis pa sa alas-kwatro na labas at magpapakilala bilang siyang dog owner.

Ito ay dahil ang dog owner ang hihingi ng danyos sa nakadisgrasya sa kanyang alagang aso.

Kung tutuusin ay napakaliit na bagay o usapin lamang ang tungkol sa aso.

Ang katanungan nga lamang ay bakit hindi nasosolusyunan o nagampanan ng kung sino mang mga kinauukulan ang nakakasaklaw nito.

Halimbawang sa level ng barangay ito ay doon pa lamang ay natutuldukan na ang suliranin.

lyon nga lamang ay hindi napapag-ukulan ng tamang atensiyon ng barangay.

Usaping iresponsable para sa nag-aalaga ng aso na hindi naaaksiyunan ng mga kinauukulan. Ano na po ang tawag sa kanila?

Simple lang, sila ay irresponsible public servant/official.

Iresponsableng pamunuan ng barangay maging ng local government.

Problema lamang sa aso ay hindi makaya-kaya, hindi sila dapat sa puwesto.

Responsible ang nanungkulan kaya tiyak na magagawang responsible rin ang mga nasasakupan.

Ulitin natin, maliit na bagay lamang ang tungkol sa mga aso pero patuloy na nagiging kumplikado.