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PAGKAKAROON NG REGIONAL TRIAL COURT SA SILANG, CAVITE; ISINUSULONG

ISINUSULONG ng isang mambabatas mula sa Cavite ang panukalang pagkakaroon ng isang sangay ng Regional Trial Court (RTC) sa bayan ng Silang.

Ang House Bill No. 3318 ni Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola, mula sa ikalimang distrito ng Cavite, ay patuloy na dinidinig sa Kongreso.

Kamakailan ay tinalakay ang naturang panukala ng Committee on Justice at ito ay dinaluhan ng lady solon sa pamamagitan ng webinar hearing.

Batay sa post ni Rep. Loyola sa kanyang FB account, ang mga kaso mula sa Silang ay kasalukuyang nasa pangangasiwa ng mga RTC ng Tagaytay City.

Dahilan kaya isinulong ng babaing mambabatas ang nasabing panukalang batas.

Sa pamamagitan umano nito ay malaki ang paniwala ni Rep. Loyola na higit na magiging mabilis ang pagkakaroon ng maayos at epektibong pamamahala ng hustisya sa naturang munisipalidad. ***RS***

81K magsasaka at mangingisda sa CALABARZON, makatatanggap ng ayuda mula sa DA

LUNGSOD NG LUCENA, Quezon (PIA) --Inihayag ni Sec. William Dar na may 81,000 magsasaka at mangingisda sa mga lalawigan ng Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal at Quezon ang nakatakdang tumanggap ng ayudang tig-P5,000 mula sa Department of Agriculture (DA).

Ang pahayag ay binanggit ng kalihim sa idinaos na paglulunsad ng cash and food subsidy for marginalized farmers and fishers program sa Barangay Mayowi sa lungsod ng Tayabas noong Nobyembre 23.

Ayon pa sa kalihim, karamihan sa mga bibigyan ng ayuda ay mga magsasaka at mangingisda na naapektuhan ng mga nakaraang bagyo.

Bukod sa cash at food subsidy na P5,000 mula sa Bayanihan-2, ang mga samahan ng mga magsasaka at mangingisda sa mga bayan sa lalawigan ng Quezon ay tumanggap din ng mga makinarya na nagkakahalaga ng P304 milyon.

"May positive growth sa agrikultura ang ating mga magsasaka at mangingisda", sabi pa ng kalihim

Kabilang sa mga samahan ng mga magsasaka na tumanggap ng makinarya ay mula sa mga bayan ng Tayabas, Lucban, Mauban, Pagbilao, Real, Sampaloc, Panukulan, Atimonan, Lopez, Tagkawayan at iba pang mga bayan sa lalawigan ng Quezon.

Sinabi pa ng kalihim na nais niyang madagdagan ang pondo sa agrikultura sa susunod na taon at handa siyang makipagtalakayan sa Mababang Kapulungan ukol dito.

"Nais kong madagdagan ang pondo sa agrikultura sa susunod na taon para sa hanay ng ating mga magsasaka gayundin para sa paglago ng agrikultura sa bansa", sabi pa ni Sec. Dar

Samantala, magkakaloob ng karagdagang loan assistance na P25,000 ang DA at Development Bank of the Philippines sa mga magsasaka at mangingisda na naapektuhan ng bagyo. Walang ipapataw na interest ang perang ipapautang na maaaring gamitin ng mga magsasaka at mangingisda sa kanilang hanapbuhay.

Bukod kay Sec. Dar, dumalo rin sa paglulunsad ng programa sina Quezon Governor Danilo Suarez, 1st Dist. Rep. Wilfredo Mark Enverga; Department of Agriculture-Region-4A Director Arnel de Mesa at iba pang opisyal ng Quezon na nagpahayag din ng suporta sa mga magsasaka at mga mangingisda sa lalawigan ng Quezon. ***(Ruel Orinday- PIA- Quezon)***

'Tulak' dedo sa engkuwentro

SA loob mismo ng kanyang bahay nalagutan ng hininga ang isang hinihinalang tulak nang nakipagpalitan ng putok at tumakbo papauwi sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite.

Kinilala ang napatay na si Ramil Sandoval, tinatayang 35-40-anyos, ng Block 11 Lot 2, Brgy San Jose, GMA dahil sa tama ng bala sa kanyang katawan.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Dann Czar Rosales, ng GMA Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-9:30 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) ng GMA MPS sa Brgy San Jose, kung saan ka-transaksiyon ng poseur buyer ang suspek.

Pero sa kalagitnaan ng transaksiyon ay nahalata ng suspek na pulis ang kausap kaya tumakbo ito sa loob ng kanilang bahay.

Sinundan siya ng mga operatiba at pinasu-surender pero putok ng baril ang kanyang itinugon dahilan upang gumanti ang mga pulis na nagresulta sa kamatayan ng suspek.

Narekober sa lugar ang baril na ginamit at sachet ng shabu. ***GENE ADSUARA***

SC confirms Chief Justice's plan to retire early

MANILA – Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta is considering to bow out of the service a year ahead of his mandatory retirement.

In a message to newsmen Tuesday, Supreme Court (SC) spokesman Bryan Keith Hosaka said Peralta has confirmed his plans to step down by next year but did not provide any explanation.

"For those asking about the purported letter of Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta to his colleagues in the Supreme Court, signifying his intention to avail of early retirement, I have asked him personally and he confirmed it," Hosaka said in a media statement.

Peralta reaches the mandatory retirement age of 70 on March 27, 2022.

"The Chief Justice did not elaborate further but said that he will make a formal announcement in due time. Thank you," Hosaka also said.

If Peralta pushes through with his early retirement, the five most senior Associate Justices of the SC would automatically be nominated under the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC)'s rules.

Peralta was appointed by President Rodrigo Duterte as Chief Justice in October 2019, replacing Lucas Bersamin.

Should the President pick Peralta's successor based on seniority, the most senior magistrate of the high court is Associate Justice Estela Perlas-Bernabe who would retire from the service on May 14, 2022.

The other most senior magistrates are Associate Justices Marvic Leonen, Alfredo Benjamin Caguioa, Alexander Gesmundo, and Ramon Paul Hernando.

Gesmundo and Hernando were both appointed by President Duterte. ***(PNA)***

Drayber, tigbak sa over take

NASAWI ang isang lalaki nang makasalpukan nito ang sasakyan ng isa pang driver matapos nitong tinangkang mag-overtake sa Silang, Cavite.

Isinugod pa sa Estrella Hospital ang biktimang si John Patrick Nunuez, nasa wastong edad, ng Montalban Rizal pero hindi na umabot ng buhay dahil sa tinamong sugat sa katawan.

Kinilalala naman ang driver ng nakaasalpukan nitong sasakyan na si Rolando Gulapa, 45.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Ramil Legaspi, ng Silang Municipal Police Station, dakong alas-9:30 ng umaga naganap ang insidente kung saan minamaneho ni Gulapa ang kanyang sasakyan patungo sa south direction habang ang biktima ay patungo naman sa north direction.

Pagsapit sa kahabaan ng Aguinaldo Highway sakop ng Bgry Lucsuhin, Silang, ay nag-overtake ang minamanehong sasakyan ng biktima dahilan upang makasalpukan nito ang papadating na sasakyan ni Gulapa.

Dahil sa insidente, kapwa napinsala ang mga sasakyan ng dalawa pero napuruhan si Nunez kaya isinugod sa ospital subalit idineklara itong dead on arrival. ***GENE ADSUARA***

BOC surpasses target collection for the 6th consecutive month

Consistent with its mandate to collect lawful revenues for the country and despite the effects of pandemic, the Bureau of Customs surpassed its November 2020 target collection by 5.85% or Php2.47 billion. The Php44.691 billion collection against the P42.221 target collection, based from the report of Financial Service, RCMG continues to highlight the Bureau's consistent and positive monthly collection for the sixth month since June 2020 despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the preliminary report, twelve of the seventeen collection districts hit their target for the month: Port of Manila, Port of NAIA, Port of Batangas, Port of Cebu, Port of Tacloban, Port of Surigao, Port of Cagayan De Oro, Port of Zamboanga, Port of Davao, Port of Subic, Port of Clark, and Port of Aparri.

As of date, the Bureau of Customs collected P493.324 billion since January reflecting the 97.47% of the 2020 target collection of P506.150 billion. ***PR***

HONTIVEROS SEEKS DBP DOCUMENTS ON P9.5B LOAN FOR SEA GAMES FACILITIES

Senator Risa Hontiveros is seeking all relevant documentation from the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) in the hopes of getting a reasonable explanation for the P9.5B loan the agency released for the construction of facilities for the recent South East Asian Games.

"Nagpadala kami ng pormal na sulat sa DBP para makakuha ng dokumento na inaasahan naming magdedetalye ng bilyun bilyong loan na ito. Target namin yung mga files around May 2018 at hiningi namin yung loan or credit agreement, signing authority, minutes of the meeting, mga relevant presentations, management memorandum ng loan sa MTD Berhad, at higit sa lahat, yung yung Counsel's Opinion or legal sufficiency na galing sa counsel ng DBP," the senator said in a virtual press conference Wednesday.

Hontiveros hopes the documents could shed light on specific personalities involved, as well as the decision-making process that allowed a private company, like MTD Berhad, to secure a loan from a government bank "in record time".

"Umaasa kami na diringgin ng DBP ang aming request letter – in the spirit of transparency - upang hindi na kailanganin pang ipasubpoena sa kumite," she said.

In her statement, Hontiveros referred to the DBP loan as one of the "ingredients" of a "special ginisa recipe", referring to the Filipino idiom "ginisa sa sariling mantika."

"Matapos ma-approve ng DBM ang 2019 budget, natanggap na ng BCDA ang 9.5 bilyong piso para sa SEA Games facilities. Ito ang perang ibininayad nila sa utang ng MTD Berhad sa DBP. Ang ibinayad ng BCDA sa utang ng MTD Berhad sa DBP ay mula sa national budget. Mula sa kaban ng bayan," she said.

The statement comes as Hontiveros continues to push for a Senate probe on the controversial joint venture agreement between the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and developer MTD Berhad for the 2019 SEA Games facilities

"Importante ang imbestigasyon na ito dahil, sa sobrang galing ng mga chef sa transaksyong ito, parang may balak silang magluto uli," she said, amid reports the country is open to becoming a backup host for future editions of the SEA Games in case any designated country withdraws.

"Kung nagkataon, ginisa nanaman ba ang uulamin ng sambayanang Pilipino? Parang nakaka-umay na yata," she concluded. ***PR***

6th District solon bares infrastructure projects for 2020

General Trias, Cavite (PIA) – Sixth District Representative Congressman Luis 'Jon Jon' Ferrer revealed several of the infrastructure projects for 2020 in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the City Government of General Trias for the benefit and welfare of the constituents.

Firstly is the riprapping of Malabon Grande river ways from Sta. Clara to Bacao II that passes through Barangay Vibora, San Gabriel, Dulong Bayan and Bacao I that will prevent collapse of the river banks during typhoons.

Road infrastructures like the diversion road from Vibora to Barangay Sta. Clara, road widening and construction of drainage system from Sta. Clara to Pasong Camachile I & II to Barangay Santiago (Arnaldo Highway) and the on-going construction of the Bacao I (Lavanya) to Barangay Sampalukan bypass road, Pasong Camachile II to Pasong Kawayan 1 and Barangay Santiago to Buenavista II.

Notably, the new Buenavista Bridge is now open to motorists while the San Juan - Mulawin (Tanza) Bridge is still under construction to ease the traffic congestion along the crossing of Tejero going to Tanza and Rosario.

Meanwhile, to help the sector in education two new school buildings are set to finish this year, the 4-storey 16 classrooms school building at Juliano Brosas Elementary School in Pasong Kawayan 1 and the 4-storey 40 classrooms Luis Y. Ferrer Jr. Senior High School located in Barangay Sta. Clara.

Also, two new covered courts were constructed in Barangays San Francisco and Manggahan which may several purposes aside from basketball tournaments.

Cong. Ferrer working hand-in-hand with elder brother General Trias City Mayor Antonio Ferrer had been instrumental for the continuous provision of assistance to the residents, frontliners, health workers and the members of other sectors like teachers, drivers and operators, Senior Citizens and the Youth sector during this ongoing pandemic. ***(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Dennis Abrina)***

Decrease in crime due to pandemic discussed in 4Q RPOC meeting

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) – CALABARZON meeting brought together officials and representatives from the different provinces in the region and regional heads of the different regional line agencies via Zoom last Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) Police Regional Office (PRO) – Calabarzon's updates on the crime situation gave a comparative crime statistics against the same period of 2019 which showed an over-all decrease in the crime volume for both Non-Index Crimes and Index Crimes in all five provinces in the region, as well as the incidents of road crash.

The said decrease was mainly due to the limitation on the movement by the quarantine protocols because of the CoVID-19 pandemic.

The PNP-PRO IV-A also revealed the Covid-19 Heat Map wherein, the latest data (as of November 21, 2020) showed the province of Cavite ranked first with the total number of active cases with 2,431 followed by the province of Quezon with 2,091, third is Rizal province with 1,214, Laguna has 1,109, and the province of Batangas with the least at 629 cases.

The cities with the highest number of cases for Cavite and Laguna are those near the greater Metro Manila or the NCR while those in the provinces of Quezon, Rizal and Batangas are those with industrial/economic zones.

The PNP PRO IV-A also reported a total of 673 confirmed cases among its personnel again with the Cavite PPO having the most number totaling to 135, second is Laguna PPO with 118, and Batangas PPO at 104 while the other provinces reported less than 100 cases.

Being the first in the line of defense in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency intensified its counter measures with the adherence to the National Task Force against CoVID-19 campaign of Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment and Reintegration.

Enhancing its capacity to fight the pandemic, the police force used a total of Php8,507,003.42 for its Anti-CoVID-19 expenses reporting more than half of the expenses used in the procurement of COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits, construction of Quarantine Facilities, purchase of PPEs, and the provision of food packs and water.

According to the police force's assessment, the gradual easing of Community Quarantine will have significant impact to the Crime Volume and 8 Focus Crimes as well as in the rate of infection especially with the coming holiday season.

It could also be surmised that the Community Quarantine has been effective in preventing crimes but not necessarily in defeating COVID-19.

And in conclusion, the key to success to the "New Normal" in Policing are the preparation, anticipation, and time to adapt. ***(Ruel Francisco)***

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'Multong pulis'

HINDI dapat balewalain ng mga district director at station commander ang mahigpit na babala sa kanila ni National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) chief, BGen. Vicente Danao, Jr.

Mayroong kaukulang kaso sa sandaling hindi nila magagawang maiaccount ang kanilang mga tauhan o pulis.

Dapat kapag hiningi sa kanila ang attendance ng mga pulis nila ay siyento porsiyento o one hundred percent dapat.

Ibig sabihin ay sobrang istrikto ni Gen. Danao sa kaso ng AWOL o absent without official leave.

Isa pa ay galit ang heneral sa sistemang 15/30 at ito ay nais na niyang mawakasan.

Sabi tuloy ng iba ay 'multong pulis' ang tawag sa mga 15/30 na nasa hanay ng pulisya.

Kasi nga naman ay hindi naman sila nakikitang nagdu-duty subalit naramdaman ang kanilang presensiya tuwing akinse (15) at katapusan (30) sa mga araw ng suweldo.

Nangyayari ito dahil may basbas ng opisyal at pagsapit ng 15/30 ay depende sa kung ano ang usapan.

Tama si Danao sa pagsasabing ibinibigay ng gobyerno ang lahat ng suporta sa mga pulis kaya nararapat ang sukling tapat na serbisyo sa publiko.

Lumalaban sa sistemang 15/30 ang isang pulis kung siya ay mayroong kaya sa buhay at nagsisilbi lamang palamuti ang kanyang tsapa.

Kung hindi naman mayaman ang pulis subalit lumalaban sa ganitong sistema ay maaaring nalilinya sa iba at ang tsapa ang panabla.

Kung ano man ang dahilan ay malamang na magwawakas na ang sistemang ito dahil seryoso si Danao.

EDITORYAL

Negatibo at positibo

MALINAW ang pahayag ni President Rodrigo Duterte na hindi niya pahihintulutan ang face-to-face classes hanggang sa pagtatapos ng kasalukuyang taon.

Mayroong panawagan na pahintulutan na ang physical classes sa mga lugar sa bansa na minimal o wala ng kaso ng COVID-19.

Isa sa mga paliwanag sa mungkahing ito ay dahil may mga magulang o guardian na lubhang hirap sa paggabay sa pagtuturo sa mga bata sa loob ng tahanan.

Kung may mga nagsusulong ng naturang suhestiyon ay hindi naman maaaring mayroon ding tumututol o hindi sang-ayon.

Mainam na tutukan ang dalawang bagay sa usaping ito, ang negatibo at ang positibo.

Dapat matukoy kung mas makakalamang o makakahigit ba ang positibo kontra sa negatibo.

Para naman magkaroon din ng sapat at matibay na dahilan si Pangulong Duterte sa pagdedesisyon sa isyung face-to-face classes sa susunod na taon.

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Huwag magpaloko sa NPA, payo ng Pangulo sa mga katutubo

LUNGSOD, QUEZON (PIA) -- Nananawagan si Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte sa mga indigenous people (katutubong kababayan) na iwasan ang pagsali o kaya ay kumalas na sa Communist Terror Groups gaya ng New People's Army (NPA).

Sa kanyang pahayag nitong Lunes, binanggit ng Pangulo ang panganib na kinakaharap ng mga katutubo o lumad o di kaya ng mga magsasaka sa pagsama-sama sa ganitong teroristang samahan.

"Ang nakakaawa ay yung pobreng tagabukid na madadala ninyo (mga NPA). I think 75 porsiyento (sa Mindanao...sa mga Lumad). Kayong mga Lumad, umuwi kayo at sabihin ninyo sa mga tao ninyo na nilolokо lang sila ng NPA. Totoo yan. Maraming namatay na Lumad," ayon sa pangulo.

Kung hindi titigil sa pagsama ang mga (lumad o ang mga maralita) sa NPA, sinabi ng Pangulo na "palagi na kayong wanted…hindi ka na makababa (mula sa bundok), sabi nga ni (MGen Antonio) Parlade ng AFP delikadong mamatay kayo (baka mapaengkwentro sa militar).

Nitong Sabado, napatay sa pakikipag-kwentro ng mga tauhan ng Philippine Army 3rd Special Forces Arrowhead Battalion ang 22 taong gulang na si Jevilyn Cullamat, anak ng Bayan Muna partylist representative.

Tumakas at iniwan ng mga kasamang NPA ang batang Cullamat at iba pa nilang mga mataas na klase ng armas matapos ang engkwento sa Sitio San Isidro, Marihatag, Surigao Del Sur.

Kasunod ng pagkamatay ng batang Cullamat, nag-abot ng pakikiramay ang National Task Force ELCAC sa pamilya at kaibigan ni Juvilyn sa Makabayan Bloc.

Ayon kay Undersecretary Lorraine Marie T. Badoy ng Presidential Communication Operations Office at tagapagsalita ng NTF ELCAC, walang nagtatagumpay sa digmaan na nilikha ng mga matatanda at ideolohiya na nakasentro sa doktrina ng pagkamuhi.

Itong rebelyon (ng NPA), ani Usec Badoy, ang nagwatak-watak sa bansa at nagtulak sa mga Pilipino na patayin ang kapwa Pilipino sa loob ng 52 taon.

Pinakahuling pamiminsala ng NPA ay sa Palawan kung saan inako ng Bienvenido Vallever Command ang pagpaslang kay Rizal Municipal Planning and Development Officer Gregorio Baluyot kamakailan.

Bukod sa pagpaslang kay Engineer Baluyot, patuloy pang sinisiraan ng NPA ang biktima sa kanilang propaganda na mariing kinokondena ng Palawan Task Force ELCAC.

Tiniyak ng Palawan Task Force ELCAC na nagpapatuloy ang imbistigasyon sa kaso ni Engineer Baluyot at pagpapanagutin ng mga awtoridad ang mga nasa likod ng pagpaslang sa kanya.

Una rito, kinondena ng Philippine Army 2nd Infantry Division ang pagsalakay ng mga NPA sa mga sundalong nagsasagawa ng relief operation o rumuresponde sa mga biktima ng Bagyong Ulysses sa lalawigan ng Quezon. ***(LP)***

BOC hosts Webinar on Trade Facilitation

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC), on 27 November 2020, hosted a Webinar on Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program, and Advance Ruling System on Valuation and Rules of Origin.

The activity was attended by 230 stakeholders from various companies and industry partners with simulcast through the BOC official social media platform.

The resource speakers include Atty. Maria Yasmin Obillos-Mapa, Director of the BOC Legal Office and Chief of AEO Office; Mr. Antonio Meliton T. Pascual, Chief Customs Operations Officer of the Manila International Container Port; Mr. Evez Dexter A. Carcedo, Customs Operations Officer IV of BOC-Imports & Assessment Service, Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group; and Ms. Gina C. German, Customs Operations Officer III of the Port of Manila.

Atty. Yasser Ismail A. Abbas, CESE, Director, Imports & Assessment Service opened the event in which he explained the importance of conducting a webinar in raising awareness and fostering collaboration with the stakeholders on important areas of customs policies and procedures.

One of the topics discussed was the Trade Facilitation Agreement which ensures seamless trade across borders. The TFA aims to remove trade barriers such as bureaucratic delays or Red Tape and allows movement of goods efficiently and at a reduced cost. Thus, the discussion on TFA provides the stakeholders an understanding on its purpose and advantages which are significant to trade development in general.

The event also provided an orientation on the history, scope, benefits of AEO Program, including its accreditation process. The AEO program aims to achieve a customs-to-business collaboration with legitimate and trusted Philippine trading partners. The AEO aims towards the enhancement of international supply chain security and facilitation in the movement of goods.

The last topic of the webinar is the Advance Ruling System for Valuation and Rules of Origin. The discussion put emphasis on the scope, legal framework and rationale of the TFA facilities. Also highlighted were the process flow in availing such services and the benefits thereof.

As part of the initiative to trade facilitation, participants were given opportunity to raise questions. At the end of the discussions, the presenters then made appropriate clarifications relative thereto.

To wrap up the program, Deputy Commissioner Atty. Edward James Dy Buco of Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG) gave his closing remarks. He thanked the stakeholders whom he said are partners of BOC in nation building.

The webinar is the Bureau's way to educate and encourage stakeholders to take advantage of these TFA facilities for the enhanced cooperation of the BOC and its stakeholders. ***PR***

Batang angkas sa motor, patay

NASAWI ang isang 6-anyos na batang lalaki na angkas sa motorsiklo ng kanyang tatay nang nasabitan ng isang truck sa Gen Trias City, Cavite.

Pawang isinugod sa ospital ang mag-asawang Eugene Aquino at Clarisse Aquino at anak nilang si Jhariss Aquino, 6, pero hindi na umabot ng buhay ang huli.

Hawak ng pulisya ang driver ng truck na si Charlie Imperial Jr., ng Lumang Bayan, Calapan City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Jayson Olivar, ng Gen Trias City Police Station, minamaneho ni Eugene ang kanyang motorsiklo kung saan angkas nito ang asawa at anak habang binabagtas ang kahabaan ng Arnalo highway sakop ng Brgy Pasong Camachile 2, dakong alas-6:30 ng gabi at dahil sa trapik ay nag-overtake ito sa truck na minamaneho ni Imperial.

Pero nang umusad ang trapik at umandar ang truck ay naabutan nito ang motorsiklo kung saan nasabitan nito dahilan upang matumba ang pamilya na nagresulta sa kanilang pagkaka-sugat pero nang isungod sila sa ospital ay napuruhan ang bata at hindi na umabot ng buhay. ***GENE ADSUARA***

AFP mobile kitchen rolls out in Rizal

TAYTAY, Rizal, PIA – Personalities from various organizations, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, prepared hot meals as part of the feeding program for the victims of the recent typhoons.

Together with Hands Off Our Children, the Armed Forces of the Philippines – 7th Civil Relations Group led by their commander, Maj. Celeste Frank Sayson, Miss Philippines 2020 first runner-up Bella Ysmael and actress Kris Bernal, the AFP Mobile Kitchen has officially rolled out in Sitio Tapayan Elementary School, Lupang Arenda in Brgy. Sta. Ana.

Previously deployed during the Marawi siege to sustain government troops, the AFP Mobile Kitchen was stationed right after the onslaught typhoon Ulyses.

Designed to cook for 1,500 individuals per meal, the Mobile Kitchen currently stationed in Taytay is furnished with state of the art cooking technology that can supply hot meals to the recuperating communities who suffered due to the two typhoons.

"Bilang isa sa mga adbokasiya ng Armed Forces of the Philippines, dito sa paglulunsad ng AFP Mobile Kitchen gumagana ang whole of nation approach dahil bukod sa pamahalaan sa pangunguna ng AFP, nandito rin ang pribadong sektor," said Sayson.

[As one of the advocacies of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the launching of the AFP shows the whole nation approach because aside from the government [through the AFP], the private sector is also here.]

The AFP has also called for optimism and unity as the nation recovers from the aftermath of the recent disasters.

As part of the national government's Whole of Nation Approach in solving societal problems, such as hunger, the AFP mobile kitchen boasts a state-of-the-art technology that can feed up to 1,500 individuals per meal and has already served during the Marawi Siege to feed the stationed troops.

Right after the ceremony, Bernal and Ysmael led the distribution of packed food to the residents and encouraged everyone to use their platforms in helping various causes.

They emphasized that helping our fellow Filipinos may not always come in monetary assistance, but also through promoting important causes.

STATEMENT OF SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS ON WORLD AIDS DAY 2020

We cannot let the COVID-19 pandemic derail all our efforts in our long fight against HIV-AIDS. Without proper access to testing and treatment, many could be spreading this incurable illness without even knowing it. It is our duty to ensure that this preventable sickness is contained, more so in a time of so much suffering.

The spike in HIV-AIDS cases and the simultaneous limitation of access to life-saving treatment reveals what a great injustice it is to malnourish our HIV-AIDS health services. As the author of the HIV and Aids Policy Act of 2018, I implore the government to fully implement and fund its programs to make sure we are not thrown back to square one. We need to make testing, early treatment and proper facilities accessible at all times, no matter the circumstances, so we can put an end to the HIV-AIDS epidemic once and for all.

I thank the NGOs, private sector and government agencies which during this time have distributed free medicine and test kits to many communities. It is crucial that we continue to work together to ensure everyone's right to health.

The Philippines must meet the challenge of saving and improving more lives, especially in times of adversity. We are able to do it, so we must. We owe this to our people. ***PR***

Makabagong mga 'Palengkeras', tumutulong itinda ang ani ng magsasaka

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- Nagsisilbing tulay ng mga magsasakang hitik ang mga ani pero hindi makapagtinda sa mga pamilihan ang bagong tatag na non-governmental organization o NGO na Veggies for Good.

Tumutulong sila na maibaba mula sa kabundukan ang mga aning gulay at prutas ng mga magsasaka sa pamamagitan ng pagdadala ng nasabing mga produkto kung nasaan ang mga mamimili.

Sa ikalawang episode ng Dagyaw Central Luzon: The Open Government Virtual Town Hall Meeting 2020, inilahad ni Veggies for Good Founder Aison Garcia na payak lamang ang naging simulain ng NGO mula sa isang karaniwang personal na obserbasyon at karanasan.

Ito ay nang nakasakay niya sa isang libreng shuttle bus ang isang matandang babae noong kasagsagan ng Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Bitbit ng babae ang kanyang mga panindang panggatong na kahoy at mga kangkong. Kapansin-pansin aniya na hindi iniinda ng matandang babaeng ito ang banta ng COVID-19 basta't makapag hanapbuhay para sa pamilyang umaasa sa kanya.

Kaya naman naisipan niyang dalahan ng relief goods sa kinaroroonan ng matandang babae sa lalawigan ng Rizal.

Doon na nakita ng NGO na ito na hindi lamang ang matandang babae na ito ang nangangailangan, kundi maging mga Dumagat na naninirahan sa bulubundukin ng Sierra Madre sa nasabing lalawigan.

Nakita nila na ang daming ani na mga produktong agrikultural ang mga katutubo ngunit hindi malaman kung paano maititinda upang mapagkakitaan.

Dahil dito, nagsimula nang makatuwang at mabigyan ng kabuhayan ang iba pang mga nanay sa Rizal, upang tumulong na magtinda ng mga produktong agrikultural ng mga dumagat sa mga komunidad sa ibaba ng bundok at maging sa kalungsuran ng Marikina.

Ayon pa kay Garcia, naging mga bagong "Palengkera" ang kanilang grupo na nagtitinda ng mga ani ng magsasaka sa mga kaibigan at komunidad.

Hindi lamang aniya ito nagbibigay ng kabuhayan sa kapwa magsasaka at mga ina sa tahanan, kundi nagbibigay din ng kontribusyon na umabot sa hapag ng karaniwang pamilyang Pilipino ang mga abot-kaya at masusustansiyang pagkain.

Nang unti-unti nang dumarami ang tumatangkilik sa kanilang mga tinda, ayon pa kay Garcia, minarapat nilang magkaroon ng inobasyon sa kalidad ng mga produktong agrikultural na kanilang inilalako.

Kabilang diyan ang Anti-COVID Vegetable Packs na may kasamang luya, lemon at gata na mainam sa katawan at kalusugan ng tao.

Ginamit na rin nila ang bentahe ng social media upang mas maraming merkado ang maabot lalo na ang mga hindi makalabas ng bahay. Ito naman ang nagbunsod upang arkilahin ang ilang mga tricycle na nahinto sa mga biyahe, upang kumita naman bilang Veggie Delivery Trikes.

Hanggang maitatag na ang Village Market kung saan pirmihan nang dinadala at itinitinda ang mga produktong tanim ng mga magsasaka at maging ng mga katutubo.

Kaugnay nito, binigyang diin ni Garcia na ito ang dahilan kung bakit ibinabahagi ang iniyatibong ito ng Vegies for Good upang mapalawak at mapaigting ang kolaborasyon ng pamahalaan at ng pribadong sektor sa pagtataguyod ng kagalingang panlipunan.

Tutugon din aniya ito sa unti-unting pagbangon mula sa krisis na dulot ng pandemya ng COVID-19. ***(CLJD/SFV-PIA 3)***

Hope for out-of-school youth amid Covid-19 pandemic

MANILA – Being out-of-school for three years, Timothy, 15, has decided to continue his elementary education this year amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

In an interview with the Philippine News Agency (PNA), Timothy admitted that addiction to mobile gaming made him neglect his studies and lose his love for physical activities including basketball and taekwondo.

"My mom would always tell me to go back to school because I'm growing old already, and, in my mind, I want to study again, but I'm also hesitant because my future classmates will be a lot younger than me and I'm ashamed if that is the situation," he said in a mix of Filipino and English.

When the Department of Education (DepEd) implemented blended learning program including the Alternative Learning System (ALS) to prevent the spread of the Covid-19, Timothy found new motivation to study again.

He is hoping to earn appropriate educational level for his age and eventually enroll for senior high school when face-to-face classes resume in the future.

"I don't need to go to school and I just need to get my self-learning modules (SLMs) from my ALS adviser every Monday and return them to him, complete with answers on the next Monday. Then, I'll have my new batch of SLMs, and also, we have an online class once a week," he said.

He said ALS provides opportunity for out-of-school youth like him to earn quality education despite uncertainties posed by the pandemic worldwide.

Timothy is one of the 25 million learners who enrolled in public and private schools nationwide for the academic year 2020 to 2021.

Latest DepEd data showed that 405,902 learners are currently enrolled under DepEd's ALS program.

The ALS is a parallel learning system which encompasses informal, nonformal, and indigenous teaching strategies as an alternative to the existing formal education.

During the opening of classes on October 5, DepEd Assistant Secretary for ALS G.H. Ambat said the department continues to deliver quality education to the vulnerable, marginalized, and out-of-school youth and adults (OSYA) who want to finish their elementary and high school education.

Ambat said different distance learning modalities - modular, online, television and radio-based instruction learning - set up by the department to ensure the safety of learners and teachers amid the pandemic are nothing new to ALS students because they are used to learning from modules at their own phase.

During the launch of the "Duterte Legacy" on Jan. 18, 2020, Education Secretary Leonor Briones reported that OSYA enrollees has substantially increased under President Rodrigo Duterte's administration.

Briones said current ALS enrollees are 57 percent higher compared to the past administrations due to Duterte's full support to the program.

She added that policy reforms led to higher number of learners passing the ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Test yearly, equating to 56 percent compared to the average number of passers per year from 2005 to 2015. ***(PNA)***

Uniting science, culture thru bamboo musical instruments

MANILA – Who would have thought there could be science behind bamboo musical instruments (BMIs)?

Bamboos are susceptible to insect attacks, fungal stain, thereby affecting the sound quality and the people's appreciation for the indigenous music.

With the goal of preserving the indigenous music and document the ethnocultural story behind several BMIs and identify bamboo species, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) launched the Bamboo Musical Instruments Innovation Research & Development in 2019.

On Nov. 27, the DOST held an online concert, "Musika ng Kawayan Yaman ng Bayan", to showcase the beauty of BMIs, while also tackling the program.

"I was the one who thought of this concert as our way to show people that scene and technology have a role in preserving and enhancing our culture. The future generations should know about it, and have a chance to be part of it," Secretary Fortunato del a Peña told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) in an interview.

He added that he hopes to make a new state-of-the-art bamboo organ, which would not only put the Philippines on the international music map but also create an industry that Filipinos could be proud of.

During the concert, DOST Undersecretary Rowena Cristina Guevara noted that the music pieces showcased were fruits of innovation.

"There is history, culture, science that overall created these BMIs," she said, adding that the agency will continue to help local artisans to improve their instruments," she said.

The DOST allotted PHP126 million for the three-year program dubbed as Bamboo Musical Instruments Innovation Research & Development.

Through this program, the DOST will help BMIs makers improve the durability of the instruments, without sacrificing or affecting the sound quality, DOST-Forest Products Research and Development Institute (FPRDI) Director Romulo Aggangan told the PNA.

Aggangan said drying, thermal modification, finishing, lamination, and other treatment techniques will be used in this program.

The FPRDI has partnered with the UP Center for Ethnomusicology in 2019 for the teaching module for playing BMIs, as well as with the UP Electronics and Electrical Engineering Institute for testing the sound quality and standardization of design, Aggangan added.

Program head, Aralyn Quintos, said the program has four projects: documentation of Philippine BMIs; protective processing technology of BMIs; processing facility for BMIs and other lignocellulosic material; and development of prototype design and standardization of instrument making process for non-traditional bamboo instruments using select Philippine bamboo species.

A BMI processing facility is being established in Laguna.

"It started in 2019 with the renovation of a building where all the equipment will be housed. Due to the pandemic, there were delays in the delivery of the equipment. Establishment is (still) ongoing," Quintos said.

She added that the FPRDI will soon sign a memorandum of agreement with two possible adopters, who will be assisted in upscaling their instrument production.

There are no scheduled training sessions yet, she said.

"Should there be one, it will be opened to local BMI micro, small and medium-scale makers," Quintos said.

Those who would like to avail of any of the FPRDI technologies or are interested to become technology adopters may send a request to the Office of Director Aggangan, she said.

She added that the FPRDI intends to conduct the training nationwide.

Among the concert performers were Joey Ayala, Dipolog Community Rondalla, PNU Himig Kawayan, Huni Ukelele, Pangkat Kawayan, and Dulag Karatong Performers. Aggangan said they represented Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Some of the instruments they used were karatong (slit drum), katatoktok (lyre), hagubhob (open tube drum), clappers, bamboo marimba, and angklung (tuned bamboo shakers). ***(PNA)***

SM BACOOR-CITY CSR RELIEF OPERATIONS

SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE- Worried about the dangers of the recent typhoon, the residents of Brgy. Sineguelasan in Bacoor, Cavite decided to pack their essentials and evacuate to ensure their safety. Unfortunately, they will never have a house to return to as fire consumed the community that night. More than 65 families were displaced and are now temporarily staying on school buildings around the city.

To give aid to the families, SM City Bacoor team had its CSR - Relief Operation for the fire victims last November 23,2020. Security personnel from Defense, Combined and D'ROBE Security Agency actively joined the repackaging activity and distribution. The relief goods consisting of rice, ready to eat food packs and hygiene essentials were turned over to Ms. Haydee Pamaran, City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD) for distribution to the families affected.

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MARIAN ON SHOPPING, BUDGETING, AND WALTERMART SUPERMARKET'S SALU-SALO CHALLENGE

As a Family, Food, and Fun Place, WalterMart Supermarket recently launched its 10.10 Double Deals, part of which was the P2000 Salu-Salo Challenge with Marian Rivera which was recently conducted live on Facebook.

The challenge was an offshoot of a letter whose sender asked Marian for her tips on how to budget/save P2k for a group meal of 10. For this, Marian navigated the WalterMart Supermarket's Grocery Delivery (GD) app, which has a list of meal suggestions where customers can just click the designated recipe and all the ingredients needed on that recipe will go directly to her cart. The Grocery Delivery app also has a capability where customers can choose the quantity (kg) needed for all the fresh products.

With a P2k budget, Marian was able to make four of her family's favorite recipes: spaghetti, menudo, barbecue and lumpiang shanghai. With her extra money, she was also able to buy some snacks through the GD app, Promo Tab.

How did she do it? Here are Marian shares some tips on how to budget/ save P2k for a group meal of 10 people with a little help from the WalterMart Supermarket delivery service:

1.Plan your budget well. Marian identified the budget she would need budget for meals, drinks, and for other things needed for a salo-salo. With that, she made a list.

"WalterMart helps you budget easily because they have suggested meal recipes that will help you forecast how much would you need for a certain meal," she says. "Everday Savings kasi sa WalterMart"

2.Stick to your budget. Marian suggests that we be practical when buying ingredients. "Look for alternatives that of the same quality but with better value," she shares. "You don't need expensive ingredients just to cook for your most well loved recipes. We can explore other options."

She adds that she also doesn't believe in quality over quantity. "Why do you have to choose between the two?" she asks. The best is to have" quantity but of course without compromising quality."

3.Schedule your grocery shopping. For Marian, the earlier you shop in the day, the better. It's better to avoid the rush and crowds, especially now since safety is our priority.

For her salu-salo ingredients, Marian availed of WalterMart supermarket's delivery service, which she found to be quick and efficient. "You order online and the ingredients will be delivered to your doorstep," she says. "Kaya ok na ok ang service."

4.Look for promos. With most of us budget conscious these days, Marian suggests that we regularly check promos being offered.

She was surprised that with WalterMart's daily promos, she had extra money left for her guilty pleasures like snacks or things for her kids. "Hindi ka lang basta nakasave, masayang masaya ka pa kasi nga, you get more than what you budget for," she enthuses. "In the end, happy ang shopping mo!"

One promo she is looking forward to is WalterMart's P99 Anniversaya Deals on October 15 to 18, where one can enjoy great bundled packs of P99, P199 and P299.

Avail of these Anniversary deals in store or via WalterMart Delivery services, with over 15,000 products to choose from. You can be sure that all items are delivered fresh and in proper packaging, same-day delivery. Contactless payment options are available for the customer's preference: Mastercard, Visa, GCash, GrabPay, Amex, Alipay and Wechat. It also accepts cash on delivery option.

WalterMart Delivery is now serving 15 communities with Online Grocery convenience: WalterMart North Edsa, Makati, Pasay, Sucat, Dasmarinas, Taytay, Tagaytay, Carmona, General Trias, Cabuyao, Tanauan, Sta. Maria, San Fernando,Gapan and Bicutan.

For more updates, visit our facebook page @ Waltermart Supermarket or check our website at www.waltermart.com.ph.

And she is happy that WalterMart supermarket has many available options of good quality products that can fit into one's budget. "Kumpleto dito eh," she says

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Parks kumakarera sa PBA MVP 2020

Nangunguna si Bobby Ray Parks Jr. sa puwesto sa karera para sa Philippine Basketball Association Most Valuable Player award kasunod ng pagkalkula ng statistical point (SP) hanggang sa semifinals ng bubble season.

Sa pagpapalabas ng mga resulta sa pagtatapos, inabutan ng anim na talampakan na combo ng guwardya ng TNT ang Phoenix na si Matt Wright na may 38.3 SPs.

Pagpasok sa finals showdown ng Tropang Giga kasama ang Barangay Ginebra nag-average si Parks ng 22.5 puntos, 8.1 rebounds, 3.1 assist, at 1.3 steal bawat laro.

Si Wright, na ang pinsala sa bukung-bukong ay nagpabagal sa kanya sa semifinal series ng Phoenix laban sa TNT, napunta sa pang-apat na may 35.6 SP's, na hinayaan si CJ Perez, na ang pulutong ni Terrafirma ay bumagsak sa regular na panahon, lumipat sa pangatlo na may 35.7.

Si Calvin Abueva, na nasa rolyo mula nang bumalik mula sa isang mahabang pagbabawal, ay pangalawa sa karera ng MVP na may 37.1 SP's.

Ang Phoenix winger ay kasalukuyang nag-average ng 15.4 puntos, 11.3 rebounds, 5.2 assist, at 1.7 steal ng isang gabi, isang stat line na mas mabuti pa kaysa sa kanyang Rookie of the Year season noong 2013.

Ang NorthPort na si Chris Standhardinger ay pasok sa Top 5 na may 34.6 SPs, habang ang TNT's RR Pogoy, (33.5), Ginebra's Stanley Pringle (33.1) at Scottie Thompson (32.7), at si Jason Perkins (32.7) ng Phoenix ay nasa labas na nakatingin.

Samantala, si Aaron Black ay nasa track ng pagwawagi sa mga parangal sa Rookie of the Year.

Habang ang freshman ng Meralco ay nananatiling pangalawa sa karera ng stats sa likuran ng Roosevelt Adams ni Terrafirma, ang katotohanang nakarating ang Meralco hanggang semifinals ay maaaring maging factor sa pagboto.

Mga hakbang sa Antivirus na nagkakahalaga ng $ 960M

Ang gastos ng Covid-19 countermeasures para sa itinakdang iskedyul na Tokyo Olympics ay halos USD960 milyon, iniulat ng lokal na media

"Ang komite sa pag-oorganisa, ang pamahalaang metropolitan ng Tokyo at ang gobyerno ng Hapon ay dapat magpakita ng pansamantalang ulat tungkol sa mga countermeasure ng coronavirus, na nagsagawa ng maraming pagpupulong sa isyu mula pa noong Setyembre, sinabi ng mga mapagkukunan," ayon sa ahensya ng balita ng Kyodo.

Haharap ang Japan ng labis na gastos upang labanan ang Covid-19 sa panahon ng Palarong Olimpiko kasama ang pagtatatag ng imprastraktura ng pangangalagang pangkalusugan kasama ang sistema ng pagsubok at mga kagamitang proteksiyon para sa pag-iwas sa virus.

"Ang mga karagdagang gastos sa pagpapatakbo mula sa isang taong pagpapaliban ay inaasahang isasama ang mga gastos na nauugnay sa pag-secure ng mga venue ng laro, pag-upa sa kagamitan at mga bayarin sa pag-iimbak, at paggasta sa paggawa," iniulat ng Kyodo news agency.

Ang Tokyo Olympics ay dapat na maganap noong Hulyo ng taong ito bago ito ipagpaliban dahil sa pandemya.

Ang mga laro ay nai-reschedule para sa Hulyo 23-Ago. 8, 2021, habang ang Paralympic Games ay magaganap sa Agosto 24-Setyembre. 5, 2021.

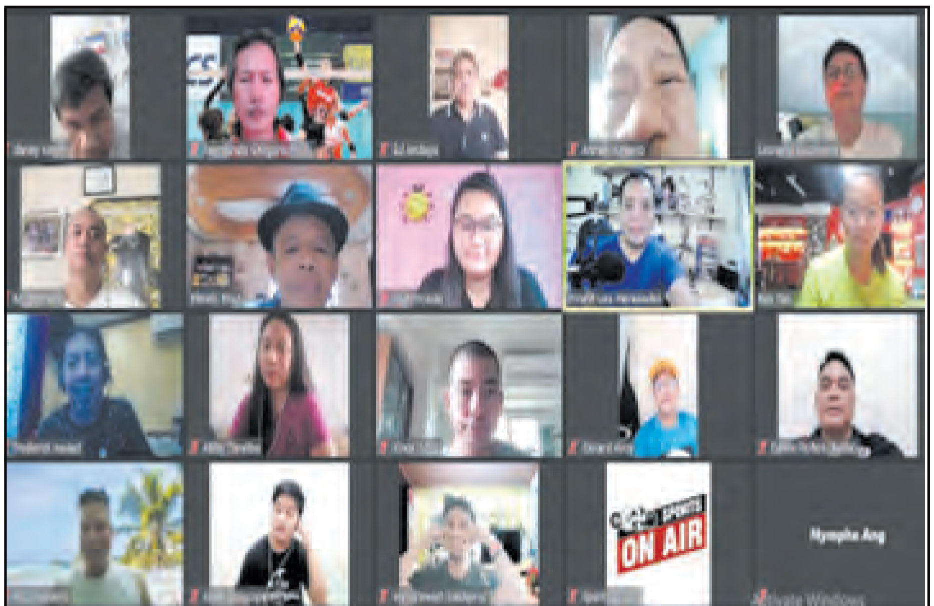
Unang babae na referee ng UEFA Champions League game pinakilala

Ang referee ng Pransya na si Stephanie Frappart ay ang kauna-unahang babaeng nangangasiwa sa isang laro sa UEFA Champions League, kumpirmado ng UEFA

Si Frappart, 36, ay maghahatid sa laro sa pagitan ng Juventus ng Italya at Dynamo Kyiv ng Ukraine sa Turin

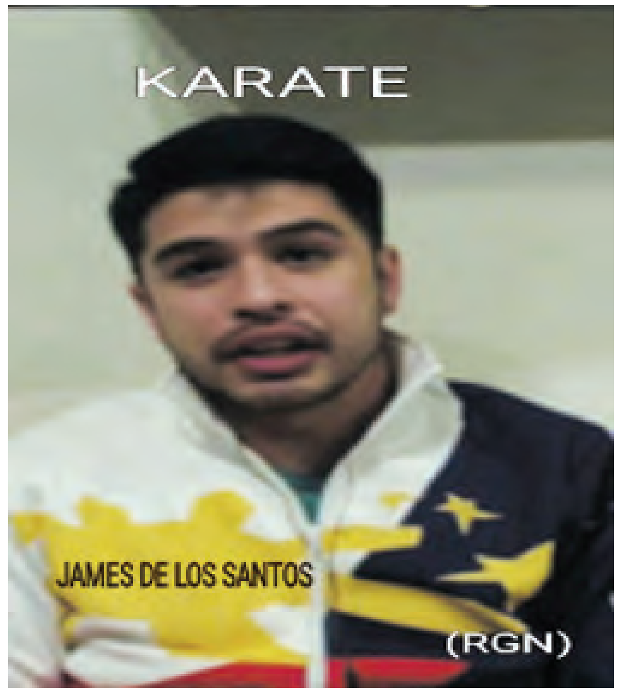
Kamakailan lang din ay kinontrol ng referee ng Pransya ang final UEFA Super Cup sa pagitan ng Liverpool at Chelsea sa nkaraang taon

Nasungkit ng Reds ang Super Cup sa Vodafone Park Stadium ng Istanbul matapos nilang talunin ang Chelsea 5-4 sa mga penalty.



Makikita sa larawan ang apart na kababaihan na may kaugnayan sa palakasan na dumalo sa lingguhang TOPS USAPANG sports via Zoom online week 22 na Sina Tennis Marian Cappadocia, Jan Jodilyn Fronda Chess, Bea Tan Volleyball, at Dragonboat coach Len Escollante maging ang mga opisyal at membro ng TOPS. ***(RGN)***

Pinoy Kampeon sa Karateka ng Katana Intercontinental League 4



Ang karateka ng Filipino na si James de Los Santos ay nakapuntos ng kung ano ang kanyang magiging "napaka-di malilimutang 25th gold win" matapos na maghari sa Katana Intercontinental League 4.

Tinalo ni De Los Santos ang kalaban ng Hungarian na si Botond Nagy sa huling kasunod ng paglabas ng iskor ng mga hukom noong Martes.

"Aaminin ko sana na malaki ang kahulugan sa akin ng laban na ito dahil ang aking pangwakas na kalaban ay ang pinakamahusay na nakatatandang lalaki na kata ng player ng kata,

Si Nagy ay kasalukuyang nasa ika-39 sa buong mundo ng World Karate Federation at ika-34 sa mga umaasa sa Olimpiko.

Ang Nagy ay naging mas tanyag sa pagtatakda ng Guinness World Record para sa pinakamabilis na sipa sa roundhouse, na nakumpleto ang isa sa 0.476 segundo lamang sa 2018.

Gayunpaman, si De Los Santos ay nakapuntos ng isang malaking inis, tinalo si Nagy, 24.9-24.5, ang kanyang pinakamalapit na gintong medalya na panalo hanggang ngayong taon.

"Kahit na ako ay umusbong na tagumpay, ito ay isang napakahirap na laban at isang karangalan na nakaharap sa isang kata player ng naturang kalibre," aniya.

Una niyang tinalo si Cornelius Johnsen ng Norway sa quarterfinals bago talunin ang pamilyar na kaaway na si Nejc Sternisa ng Slovenia sa semifinals.

Sa kabilang banda, nagbye muna si Nagy bago manalo laban kay Silvio Cerone-Biagoni ng South Africa sa semifinals.

Sa pagsisimula pa lamang ng Disyembre, si de Los Santos ay nasa track ng pagtatapos ng taon ay napabilang sa isang virtual kata player sa buong mundo.

PARADA, GAWAING PANSIMBAHAN; WALA MUNA-ISKO

Muling pinaalalahanan ni Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso na hindi pinahihintulutan ng lokal na pamahalaang lungsod ng Maynila ang anumang klase ng prusisyon at kahalintulad na aktibidades partikular na sa darating na Pista ng Itim na Nazareno at Pista ng Sto. Niño sa Enero 2021 bunsod na rin ng nararanasang pandemya sa bansa dulot ng COVID-19.

Ayon kay Domagoso, hindi nagbabago ang posisyon ng siyudad hinggil sa pagkansela ng nakasanayang tradisyon ng mga namamanata sa Itim na Nazareno partikular na ang Traslacion.

"Any form of parade will not be allowed. Pagpasensiyahan niyo na ako. Patawarin nawa ako ng Diyos pero ang iniisip ko lamang ang kaligtasan niyo," ani Domagoso.

"Iba po yung piyesta, parang Pasko yan. Yung Pasko, Bagong Taon at yung Piyesta ay tuloy din. We have to adapt to the new normal, may COVID-19 pa po," dagdag pa ng Alkalde.

Aniya, maging ang "Pahalik" ay pansamantalang ipinagbawal ng lokal na pamahalaan dahil malaki ang posibilidad na kumalat ang impeksyon.

"Let's be practical about our situation. There is danger. Let's accept facts. Let's accept science. Let's accept reality. Marami pang paraan para mapalapit sa Diyos," giit ni Domagoso. ***(leonard basilio)***

2 rider, tepok

DALAWANG motorcycle rider ang namatay, isa rito ay isang Cameroonian national nang tumama ang ulo sa poste ng kuryente habang ang isa ay nag-head-on collision sa isang motorsiklo sa magkahiwalay na lugar sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang mga nasawi na sina Joshua Sankey Tonye Nled, 23, Cameroonian national, ng Santa Rosa Tagaytay Road, Puting Kahoy, Silang, at Jester Llandelar, 25, ng Purok 1 Brgy. Timbau, Biñan City, Laguna.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt Jesus Bae, ng Dasmarinas City Police Station, minamaneho ng Cameroonian national ang kanyang motorsiklong Russi habang binabagtas ang direksiyon ng Palapala galing sa Silang dakong alas-10:43 ng umaga at pagsapit sa Brgy Sampaloc 2 sa kahabaan ng Aguinaldo Highway ay aksidenteng bumangga ito sa isang kongretong poste kaya nagpagewang-gewang at tumama ang kanyang ulo sa isang poste ng kuryente na nagresulta sa kanyang agarang kamatayan.

Minamaneho naman ni Llandellar ang kanyang kulay pula na motorsiklong Ducati habang isang Yamaha Mio naman si Luta kung saan angkas pa nito ang kasamahan sa trabaho at papapuwi na ang mga ito habang binabagtas ang Sito Manggahan, Brgy Manguyam, Silang, dakong alas-9:40 ng umaga nang nawalan umano ng kontrol sa manibela si Llandellar na nagresulta sa pagsasalpukan ng kanilang motorisklo na kapwa binabagtas ang opposite direction sa lugar.

Isinugod ang tatlo sa Estrella Hospital subalit idineklarang dead on arrival sa Llandelar. ***GENE ADSUARA***

CSC job portal open for applicants seeking gov't work

MANILA – The Civil Service Commission (CSC) said government agencies should submit to them the list of their job openings for posting in the CSC job portal and in their regional field offices for these to be made available for individuals seeking work in government offices.

"All positions should be published at the CSC website before an agency can hire," said Commissioner Aileen Lizada in an interview with the Philippine News Agency on Wednesday.

Lizada added that this is to enable the CSC to monitor the number of job openings in different government agencies as numbers of government positions remain unfilled for a long time.

CSC Chairperson Alicia dela Rosa-Bala said Memorandum Circular No. 25 series of 2020 dated Nov. 20 states that the commission resolved to adopt a unified platform for publication of vacant positions in the government on the CSC website.

MC No. 25 also states that this is to maintain and manage only one online portal for government job vacancies, pursuant to CSC Resolution No. 20002211 promulgated on Feb. 4.

Interested and qualified individuals seeking to work in different government agencies may check the CSC job portal for available positions.

Aside from the position title, the place of assignment, salary grade, and monthly salary is included in the job posting details.

The CSC also reminded applicants that they should be able to meet the required qualification standards, submit needed documents, and follow instructions in sending their application.

Based on CSC's data as of September, more than 7,000 government job positions open for applications have been posted on the commission's website.

Vacancies posted in the CSC job portal include first-level, second-level, and third-level career positions.

First level positions include clerical, trades, crafts, and custodial service positions which involve non-professional or sub-professional work in a non-supervisory or supervisory capacity requiring less than four years of collegiate studies.

The second level includes professional, technical, and scientific positions that involve professional, technical, or scientific work in a non-supervisory or supervisory capacity requiring at least four years of college work while the third level position covers those in the Career Executive Service that are appointed by the President.

Meanwhile, Lizada reminded applicants that working in the government means providing the best quality of public service.

"It's not easy being in government kasi the responsibility is quite heavy but mabuti naman yung pay, ang atin lang (the pay is good, what we just want) is really your professionalism, integrity, and the will to truly serve the people)," Lizada said. ***(PNA)***

Parak, sugatan sa buy bust

PATAY ang isang hinihinalang tulak habang sugatan ang isang pulis-Cavite at arestado ang isa pang tulak nang nakipagpalitan ng putok sa isinagawang buy bust operation sa Dasmarinass City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang napatay na si Ernesto Vina, nasa wastong edad, ng NIA Road, Brgy Paliparan 1, Dasmarinas City, habang sugatan naman si PSSgt Danirey Bohulano, nakatalaga sa Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) ng Dasmarinas City Police Station dahil sa tama ng bala sa kamay.

Arestado naman ang kasamahan ni Vina na si Juric Soriano, 34, ng Bina compound, NIA Road, Bgy Paliparan 1, Dasmarinas City.

Sa ulat ni PSSgt George Fajardo, ng Dasmarinas CPS, dakong alas- 6:45 ng gabi nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang mga elemento ng SDEU ng Dasmarinas CPS sa NIA Road, Brgy Paliparan 1, kung saan ka-transaksiyon nila ang mga suspek.

Sa kalagitnaan ng kanilang transaksiyon, nahalata ng mga suspek na pulis ang kanilang kausap dahilan upang magbunot ng baril at pinaputukan si Bohulano kaya tinamaan sa kamay.

Gumanti naman ang ibang awtoridad na nagresulta sa pagkamatay ni Vina at pagkakaaresto kay Soriano.

Narekober sa lugar ang baril na ginamit, ilang sachet ng shabu at buy buts money. ***GENE ADSUARA***

P50M halaga na cold storage warehouse at cutting facility, nakatakdang itayo sa Batangas

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA) --Lumagda sa isang Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) ang Department of Agriculture-National Meat Inspection Service (DA-NMIS) at San Jose Workers' Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SJWMPC) para sa cold storage warehouse at meat cutting facility na nakatakdang itayo sa Batangas sa isang simpleng seremonya noong ika-24 ng Nobyembre 2020.

Ang naturang pasilidad na nagkakahalaga ng P50M ay nilaanan ng pondo mula sa Bayanihan to Recover as One Act 2 stimulus package.

Pinangunahan nina DA-NMIS Executive Director Dr. Reildrin Morales at SJWMPC General Manager Emmanuel Munda ang paglagda sa kasunduan na sinaksihan nina DA Region IV-Calabarzon Director Arnel De Mesa at Assistant Regional Director for Research and Regulations at Livestock Program Coordinator Vilma Dimaculangan kasama si NMIS IV-A Regional Technical Director Dr. Fernando Lontoc.

Nakasaad sa kasunduan na magbibigay ng technical assistance ang NMIS kabilang ang preparasyon ng engineering plan and design, scope of works, bill of quantities, mga kakailanganing kagamitan at iba pang dokumento na kinakailangan para sa implementasyon ng proyekto.

May karapatan din ang DA-NMIS upang magsagawa ng inspeksyon sa pasilidad habang isinasagawa ang konstruksyon at maging sa operasyon nito upang i-monitor ang implementasyon ng proyekto at malaman kung ito ay angkop sa program of work at alamin kung kumpleto o tama ang operasyon nito.

Nakatakda ding magsagawa ng evaluation at certification sa pamamagitan ng Project Management Office at konsernadong Regional Technical Operations Center ang progreso ng implementasyon ng proyekto at kung ito ay sumusunod sa mga itinakdang panuntunan.

Bukod pa dito, magbibigay din ang DA-NMIS ng technical assistance sa SJWMPC para sa inisyal na aplikasyon at renewal ng License to Operate ng pasilidad. Gayundin ang pagsasagawa ng regular monitoring ng operasyon ng meat establishments at tulungan ang SJWMPC sa pagbuo ng mga linkages at network sa mga project sectors sa pamamagitan ng DA-Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service.

Sa kabilang banda, kinakailangan magbuo ang SJWMPC ng Project Implementing Group ganundin sa kabilang grupo upang magmonitor ng implementasyon ng proyekto. Ang SJWMPC din ang magbibigay ng lugar na pagtatayuan ng proyekto, maghahanda ng business plan, tatanggap ng transferred fund, pag-iisyu ng official receipt sa DA-NMIS at pagdedeposito ng halaga sa government depository bank.

Sila din ang nakatalagang mamuno sa public bidding at awarding na maigting na sumusunod sa transparency, competitiveness, streamlined process, accountability at public monitoring.

Inaasahan ang pondong ipagkakaloob ay gagamitin lamang sa naturang proyekto. Sa pagsisimula ng konstruksyon, kinakailangan magbuo ang SJWMPC ng consortium na tatawaging Oversight Board na kinabibilangan ng SJWMPC, DA-NMIS at DA IV-A na siyang magbubuo ng terms of reference, magsasagawa ng monitoring sa trabaho ng bawat miyembro at mangangasiwa sa pamamahala ng pondo at pagpapatuloy ng operasyon ng pasilidad.

Nakatakda ding magsumite ang SJWMPC ng monthly progress report para sa implementasyon ng proyekto at imbentaryo ng operasyon nito sa DA-NMIS gayundin ang physical at financial report ng mga kaukulang dokumento na sumailalim sa pagsusuri ng resident auditor mula sa Commission on Audit para sa liquidation ng pondo na ginamit sa pagpapatupad ng proyekto.

Tiniyak naman ni RD De Mesa na suportado ng DA Calabarzon ang proyektong ito upang mapataas ang pangangailangan ng meat industry hindi lamang sa Batangas kundi maging sa buong Calabarzon. ***(BHABY P. DE CASTRO -PIA Batangas with reports from DA Calabarzon)***

DTI Bulacan, nagkaloob ng ayuda sa mga nasa industriya ng paputok

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- May 36 na manggagawa ng paputok sa bayan ng Bocaue ang pinagkalooban ng tulong ng Department of Trade and Industry o DTI Bulacan sa pamamagitan ng programang Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa o PPG.

Ayon kay DTI Director-in-charge Ernani Dionisio, naglaan ang kanilang ahensya ng tulong sa industriya pagkat lubhang naapektuhan ito ng pandemya gayundin ang ginawang paghihigpit sa polisiya at regulasyon sa pagbebenta ng paputok.

Halagang 10 libong piso halaga ng livelihood kit ang ipinagkaloob sa kada fireworks manufacturing enterprise na maaring ilaan sa ibang uri ng negosyo tulad ng sari-sari store, loading station, rice store, retail store at frozen products businesses na magsisilbi nilang bagong pagkakakitaan.

Bago ang pamamahagi, sumailalim muna ang mga benepisaryo sa isang entrepreneurship development seminar upang mapalawak ang kanilang kaalaman at karanasan sa pagsisimula at paglago ng negosyo.

Ang PPG ay nagbibigay ng ayuda sa mga pamilya o indibidwal na naaapektuhan ng sunog, bagyo, baha o iba pang kalamidad. ***(CLJD/VFC-PIA 3)***

Opportunity 2.0: 'Ang second chance ninyo sa edukasyon'

Target mabigyan ng programa ng USAID ng isa pang pagkakataong makapag-aral at makapagtrabaho ang tinatayang 180,000 out-of-school youth sa bansa. Ito ay sa pamamagitan ng P1.9-bilyon project na Opportunity 2.0 na tutulong na lalong mapahusay ang Alternative Learning System (ALS) ng Department of Education (DepEd), at mga skills training program ng Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Ang mga programang ito ng pamahalaan na para sa edukasyon at pagsasanay naman ang tutulong at magbibigay ng kaalaman at kasanayan sa mga kabataan upang magamit nila sa kanilang buhay, kahit sa gitna pa ng kasalukuyang pandemya, at modular, at distance learning.

Upang higit na mapaliwanag ang Opportunity 2.0: Second-Chance Opportunities for Out-of School Youth project, minabuting kapanayamin ng PIA-NCR "e-tanong" si Ms. Angelique Roux ng Education Development Center ng USAID.

PIA-NCR: Sino ba ang beneficiary o para kanino ang Opportunity 2.0 program?

Ms. Angelique: So "opportunity," maririnig ninyo from the term pa lang, "Opportunity 2.0," it is geared towards helping our vulnerable out-of-school youth, and the main goal is actually, for them to have better education, employment, and livelihood outcomes.

PIA-NCR: Why focus on our out-of-school youth?

Ms: Angelique: We have different numbers in terms of reports of out-of-school youths. In 2016, I think it was nine percent of Filipinos from six years old to 24 years old who are not in school, so that's almost one out of 10, medyo alarming 'yun! Mga 3.6 million out-of-school children.

Ms. Angelique: But I think there's a newer report, which was released in 2019, that was pre-pandemic, 1.2 million out-of-school youths. But now, because of the pandemic nga, the numbers have bloated, but we don't know the exact numbers right now because the schools have just opened last October.

Ms. Angelique: Of course natako na ang mga magulang, hindi na nag-enroll, nag-home schooling, etc. so for sure, our out-of-school youth numbers have bloated because of the pandemic.

PIA-NCR: How do you find beneficiary out-of-school youths?

Ms. Angelique: Opportunity 2.0 is a systems-strengthening project. Ang tinutulungan namin ay ang DepEd ALS [Alternative Learning System] at ang TESDA. So that they would have better curriculum, better teacher professional development programs, better monitoring and evaluation, kung baga, partners namin sila.

Ms. Angelique: We're helping strengthen their systems, so the youths that enroll in DepEd ALS and TESDA are the youths we are trying to help. If you think about it again, DepED ALS and TESDA ay ang ating "Second-Chance Education" and "Second-Chance Training" institutions in the country.

PIA-NCR: Bakit nga ba kailangan ng mga out-of-school youth ang "Opportunity" sa education o training?

Ms. Angelique: In the first place, it's important to note that DepEd ALS and TESDA programs are free. So eto 'yung nakapagtataka na madaming bata na imbes na nag-aaral o nag-i-i-skills training ay nasa kalye, nakatambay or doing other things. It's important to have at least "foundational education" so that they are equipped with the knowledge to survive in this world, [with] skills.Ms. Angelique: Not everyone is made for higher education and, I hope that I don't get shut down for this, but totoo, there are some na pag-graduate ng high school, aba! Napakagaling magbenta! Madaling mag-bake, for example, and they progress this way. So TESDA has programs for food trade. For example may baking, and that's an option for our out-of-school youth to take. Ang iba naman, siguro, ang gusto nila is talagang mag-higher education o mag-college, so definitely, they need to undergo, at least, until senior high school to be able to go to higher education.

Ms. Angelique: So that is an avenue youth to take kung mag-aral sila at makatapos ng senior high. There are some naman after senior high school, aba'y gusto nang magtrabaho! Again we cannot judge them. So they would be equipped if they join the Opportunity 2.0 Program to be able to go to higher education, to self-employment, or to wage employment.

Para sa kabuuan ng interview kay Ms. Angelique, panoorin sa link na ito: https://www.facebook.com/PIAMetroManila/videos/400998081098876 ***(PIA NCR)***

Calabarzon's top fugitive killed in police op in Albay town

LEGAZPI CITY – The most wanted person in Region 4-A (Calabarzon) was killed on Saturday night in a shootout with policemen in Daraga town.

Capt. Dexter Panganiban, Albay police spokesperson, in an interview said Rodel Llorera, 42, tagged as Southern Tagalog's most wanted person, resisted arrest by joint police and military operatives who were about to serve him a warrant of arrest at a residence in San Ramon, a remote village of the town at around 9 p.m.

Arrested at the raid were Felimon Madridano, 33, a construction worker and Honeybee Boneo, 33, both residents of said place.

A police report said as he was being served the arrest warrant, the suspect drew his .45-caliber handgun and reached for a hand grenade, which led to a shootout. The suspect sustained multiple gunshot wounds that led to his instantaneous death.

Recovered from the crime scene were a .45- caliber pistol with seven bullets, a grenade, and personal belongings.

Madridano was arrested for illegal possession of a .38-caliber pistol, while Boneo was arrested for harboring a criminal, knowing that the suspect was a wanted person.

Meanwhile, at least PHP286 million worth of illegal drugs seized in separate drug stings in Bicol were burned on Friday at an incinerator facility in Camalig, Albay province, a report from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in the region said on Sunday.

Cotton Talento, PDEA-Bicol spokesperson, said 42 kilos of shabu and nine kilos of marijuana were burned through thermal destruction at the Goodfound Cement Corporation Kiln incinerator facility in Barangay Palanog.

Talento, in an interview, said the burning of the seized illegal drugs was in compliance with the recent agency directive to destroy all the seized illegal drugs that had been approved by the court for destruction either because the cases had been decided or the judge had allowed it, or the substance was recovered or surrendered with no pending cases and no persons arrested.

The destruction of dangerous drugs is pursuant to the mandate of Section 21 of Republic Act 9165, the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

The ceremony was graced by Timoteo A. Panga Jr, executive judge of Regional Trial Court Branch 60 in Iriga City, Camarines Sur. He encouraged all drug courts in the Bicol region to fast-track cases and issue orders for immediate destruction of illegal drugs once cases are terminated. ***(PNA)***

500,000 plus returning OFWs assisted by govt One-Stop Shop

PARAÑAQUE CITY (PIA) -- The One-Stop Shop established by the government to expedite the required processes for returning overseas Filipinos has already provided service to 500,000 individuals, a report by PTV News said.

Authorities have welcomed the "milestone" of the One-Stop Shop, put in place in airport terminals since April.

"Siempre situation nila babalik sila ng nawalan ng trabaho, pagod tapos ang sasalubong pang proseso ay 'di organized. Lalong malungkot 'yung pagbalik nila. With this, mabilis ang ano. In a few hours, nakapunta na sila sa kanilang quarantine facilities," Undersecretary Raul del Rosario said.

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Bureau of Quarantine, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Philippine Coast Guard have joined forces for the swab testing operations at the airport.

Government agencies assured that the operations of the One-Stop Shop will not end at 500,000. This will instead mark the start of more organized procedures for returning modern heroes. ***(PIA NCR)***

Documentary PH film 'Kagitingan: A True Story of Valor' wins in international film fest

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- The documentary film "Kagitingan: A True Story of Valor" bagged the Best Screenplay award in the recently held International Film Festival Manhattan (IFFM) held in New York, USA.

According to the Philippine Army, the film recounts the heroic act of then Cpt. Arturo B. Ortiz during a firefight against a numerically superior enemy in Murcia, Negros Occidental in April 1990.

The award-winning film was written, directed and edited by 1st Lt. Bala Tamayo was among the 22 Filipino films nominated during the virtual event.

Aside from the Best Screenplay award, the film also bagged the IFFM Most Popular award besting hundreds of entries from across the globe and garnering the highest promo views.

According to Luis Pedron, Festival Director of the International Film Festival Manhattan the virtual festival gave them the opportunity of reaching a new audience beyond the borders of Manhattan with the theme "Digital Hope."

Other countries represented are USA, Canada, Bulgaria, Estonia, India, Japan, Colombia, Spain, Germany, Macau, China, Russia, Italy, Myanmar, Tibet, Austria, Switzerland.

The topics and genre covered in the festival are the global pandemic due to the corona virus, senior issues, depression, health care system, beauty pageantry, military, war, crime, drama, and horror. ***(PIA-NCR)***

BSP warns public against the spread of fake money during holidays

PASIG CITY (PIA) -- The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is warning the public against the spread of fake money during the holiday season.

This, after several vendors in Gerona, Tarlac have received fake P1000 and P500 bills, a report by PTV News said.

The BSP advised the public to check the markings of the bills to see if it is embossed such as the "Republika ng Pilipinas," signature of the President and Governor of the BSP. It added that the water mark, asymmetrical serial number, and the color blue and red of the security fiber must be clear.

Other security features of the money can also be observed such as its concealed value, security thread, and optically variable ink by tilting the bill. ***(PIA NCR)***

WANTED NA AMANG RAPIST, NADAKIP SA CAVITE

MAKARAAN ang mahigit isang taon, nasukol din ang isang ama na gumahasa sa sariling anak at itinuturing na No. 7 Most Top Wanted Person sa Iloilo City sa harapan ng isang kilalang mall sa Cavite.

Kinilala ang suspek na si Jovel Barrios, nasa listahan ng Top 7 Most Wanted, Municipal Level sa bayan ng Duenas, Iloilo City dahil sa panggagahasa sa sariling anak na si Jocel, 13, di tunay na pangalan, noong November 30, 2019.

Si Barrios ay inaresto dakong dakong alas-10:00 ng umaga sa harapan ng SM Mall, Tirona Highway Bacoor City, Cavite ng mga operatiba ng AKG-VFG Bacoor City sa pamumuno ni PCol Salvador Alacyang at PNP-AKG Iloilo City-Bacolod Satellite Office sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inisyu ni Hon. Domingo Casiple Jr., acting RTC Judge Branch 63, 6th Judicial Region, PD Monthfort North, Dumangas, Iloilo City dahil sa kasong rape by carnal knowledge at walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Bago ang pagkakaaresto sa suspek ay nagsagawa muna ang mga awtoridad ng surveillance at monitoring kung saan nagpalipat-lipat ng kanyang kinaroroonan hanggang sa nakumpirmang nagtatago ito sa Bacoor City kung saan isinagawa ang operation at pagkakaaresto.

Sinusulat ito, ang suspek ay nasa kustodiya ng AKG Hqs para sa tactical interrogation at booking procedures bago ilipat sa issuing court sa probinsiya ng Iloilo. ***GENE ADSUARA***

7 sabungero, tiklo sa tupada

KUNG may lugar, gagawin kahit iligal.

Tila ito parati ang kalakaran sa Cavite matapos na pito na namang mananabong ang nasakote ng pulisya habang mas marami ang nagtakbuhan sa isinagawang anti-illegal gambling operation sa isang tupadahan sa Gen Trias City.

Kinilala ang mga inaresto na sina Jose Tomagan; Felisisimo Herrera; Noel Coronado; Wilson Abalos; Rodolfo Reyes; Jerryl Cobrado at Mark Christian Sanez, pawang ng General Trias City.

Sa ulat ni Corporal Franz Zorilla, ng Gen Trias City Police Station, dakong alas-1:20 ng hapon nagsagawa ng anti-illegal gambling operation ang Gen Tri CPS makaraang nakatanggap ng tawag na may isinasagawang tupada sa Bgry Pasong Kawayan 2.

Pero pagdating ng mga awtoridad sa lugar, tulad ng inaasahan, nagtakbuhan ang mga mananabong at pitong katao ang kanilang nadakma.

Narekober sa lugar ang dalawang tari, isang buhay at dalawang patay na sasabunging manok at P2,200 na pusta.

Kasong paglabag sa Illegal Cockfighting/Tupada ang kinaharap ng mga naarestong mananabong. ***GENE ADSUARA***

Lawyers can withdraw as counsel from 'deadbeat' clients: CA

MANILA – A law firm need not continue representing its client in the middle of a case if it decides to forego their service and act on its own, the Court of Appeals (CA) ruled.

In a decision dated Nov. 26 and released Tuesday, the appellate court's Special 14th Division set aside the ruling of the Valenzuela Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 269) and allowed the Valenton Loseriaga Law Offices (VLLS) to withdraw as counsel from a client who has decided to forego counsel in her suit.

The case started in 2013, when Merry Kaw hired the services of petitioner VLLS to represent her in the probate of the will of her deceased daughter, Marie Christine Kaw.

In the course of the proceedings, the relationship between Kaw and the law firm turned sour to the extent that she refused to coordinate with her lawyers. Later, she verbally refused to pay the firm for its services until the case is resolved in her favor.

Kaw eventually filed pleadings on her own behalf without assistance from her lawyers and also asked the lower court to furnish her with all the notices and court processes at her new address.

In April 2018, after five years of its engagement as counsel for Kaw, VLLS filed a motion to withdraw appearance as counsels and said it is terminating its attorney-client relationship with Kaw, in view of her incessant failure to coordinate and settle outstanding bills with them.

On June 8, 2018, however, the RTC denied the law firm's motion to withdraw its appearance as counsel "for lack of substantiation".

The law firm claimed that at the time, Kaw's bill of services ballooned to PHP93,995.50.

In overturning the RTC's decision, the CA pointed out the obvious lack of cooperation between VLLS and Kaw.

"Obviously, there is lack of cooperation and communication between VLLS and Kaw who, it appears, wants to litigate her case on her own. Surely, such inability to cooperate with her lawyers will not promote the best interest of both parties. Understandably, no responsible lawyer can be expected to do justice to any cause under such conditions, and it would be an unjust imposition to compel him to continue his services in relation thereto," the CA said. ***(PNA)***

DA nagkaloob ng P823K halaga ng ayuda sa mga magsasaka sa San Luis

LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)--Nagkaloob ang Department of Agriculture Region IV-Calabarzon ng mga agricultural interventions na nagkakahalaga ng P823,999 sa samahan ng mga magsasaka sa bayan ng San Luis kamakailan.

Kabilang sa mga samahan na nakinabang sa naturang pamamahagi ang San Luis Vegetable Farmers Association na nabigyan ng limang knapsack sprayer, limang plastic drum at limang kilo ng iba't-ibang butong pananim. Nabigyan naman ang San Luis Mango Growers Association ng isang power sprayer unit. Ang San Luis Organic Farmers Association ay nabigyan din ng isang knapsack sprayer at ang Banoyo Farmers Association ay tumanggap ng isang mechanical sheller.

Napagkalooban naman ng 200 bag ng complete fertilizer ang San Luis corn and cassava farmers at limang kalabaw naman ang mga iba't-ibang livestock farmers sa naturang bayan.

Ayon kay DA Region IV Calabarzon Regional Director Arnel de Mesa, ang programang ito ay pagbabalik lamang sa mga magsasaka sa kanilang patuloy na pagtataguyod upang makapaglagay ng pagkain sa bawat hapag ng mamamayang Filipino.

"Ito ay isang uri ng pagsuporta ng DA sa inyong lubos na pagtatatrabaho sa kabila ng mga hinaharap na pagsubok tulad ng pagputok ng Bulkang Taal,African swine fever(ASF), mga kalamidad tulad ng lindol at bagyo at maging ang pandemyang kinahaharap dulot ng COVID-19," ani De Mesa.

Hiniling ni De Mesa ang patuloy na kooperasyon ng mga magsasaka upang mapagtagumpayan ang hinaharap na pagsubok ng sektor ng sakahan upang patuloy na mapakapaglagay ng pagkain sa bawat hapag hindi lamang ng mga Batangueño kundi maging sa buong rehiyon.

Kaugnay pa nito, sinabi ni De Mesa na may P50M trading post ang nakatakdang gawin sa susunod na taon para sa San Luis vegetable farmers. Nagpahayag din ito na magkakaloob sa San Luis Vegetable Farmers Association ng karagdagang delivery service vehicle para mas mapadali ang pagbibiyahe ng mga kalakal patungo sa iba't-ibang merkado.

Nagpaabot naman ng pasasalamat si Deputy Speaker at 2nd District Representative Raneo Abu sa malaking tulong na ito para sa mga magsasaka sa bayan ng San Luis. ***(BHABY P. DE CASTRO-PIA Batangas with reports from DA Calabarzon)***

HENERAL KALENTONG, GRAND SLAM SA TRIPLE CROWN!

Itinanghal na kampeon ang kabayong si Heneral Kalentong sakay ng hineteng si Jessie Guce matapos na walisin ang tatlong yugto ng Triple Crown Stakes Race noong nakaraan sa pista ng Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. (MMTCI) sa Malvar, Tanauan, Batangas. Sa simula ng karera, gaya ng inaasahan ay kinuha kaagad ni Sky Shot ang unahan sakay ng hineteng si JPA Guce habang kumaskas naman kaagad ang kabayong si Union Bell na nirendahan ni JB Hernandez upang makuha ang ikalawang puwesto. Nasa ikatlong posisyon naman si Heneral Kalentong, habang nasa ika-apat si Cartierruo na pinatungan ng hineteng si KB Abobo, nasa ikalima naman ang kabayong si Lucky Savings na ginabayan ni OP Cortez, pang-anim si Winner Bidder ni PR Dilema at ang kabayong si Blazing Bullet na sakay ni RM Garcia ang nasa hulihan sa simula ng labanan. Pagdating sa back stretch ay nangunguna pa rin si Sky Shot habang nakasunod sa ikalawang puwesto si Union Bell at nakapirmis sa ikatlong posisyon si Heneral Kalentong. Pagsapit sa huling 400 meters ay kinuha na ni Heneral Kalentong ang bandera habang pinipilit ni Sky Shot na muling makadikit sa unahan at malakas naman na dumarating si Winner Bidder mula sa labas, hanggang sa tuluyan ng makatawid si Heneral Kalentong sa finish line. Sumegundo ang malakas na si Winner Bidder, tersero ang napagod na si Sky Shot, pang- apat si Blazing Bullet, panglima si Lucky Savings, pang- anim si Cartierruo at nabugaw si Union Bell na nag grand slam champion sa 2019 Juvenile Stakes Race na kapatid ni Heneral Kalentong sa amang si Union Rags. Tinapos ni Heneral Kalentong ang karera sa tiyempong 2:06.2 (24'-22'-25-25-28') para sa distansiyang 2,000 meters. Nakapag-uwi si Heneral Kalentong ng grand prize na 1.8M at may kabuoang 5.4M matapos sungkitin ang tatlong yugto ng Triple Crown. 675,000 naman ang nakamit ni Winner Bidder bilang 2nd place, 375,000 ang kinubra ni Sky Shot bilang 3rd place at 150,000 naman para kay Blazing Bullet bilang 4th place. Proud na proud ang owner ni Heneral Kalentong na si former Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos matapos nakapagtala ng pangalawang grand slam sa Triple Crown, ang una ay noong 2012 na kung saan ay nakapag grand slam din ang kanyang kabayo na si Hagdang Bato na nakakatandang kapatid ni Heneral Kalentong. Si Heneral Kalentong ay nakasama sa makasaysayang listahan ng labing dalawang kabayo na nagkampeon sa Triple Crown. Ang iba pa ay sina Fair & Square noong (1981), Sky Walker (1983), Time Master (1987), Magic Showtime (1988), Sun Dancer (1989), Strong Material (1996), Real Top (1998), Silver Story (2001), Hagdang Bato (2012), Kid Molave (2014), Sepfourteen (2017) at Heneral Kalentong (2020)

DOST LAUNCHES 'AGRIZKAYA ONE-STORE HUB' IN NUEVA VISCAYA

"We will survive, recover and even advance."

Thus declared Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Fortunato 'Boy' Dela Pena during the recent launch of Agrizkaya One-store Hub in Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya. He was referring to the misery and challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 29th one-store hub in the Philippines is into promoting local products and services, particularly organic-based commodities produced by farmers in Nueva Vizcaya and neighboring provinces like Ifugao, Quirino, Isabela and Cagayan.

"This one-store hub provides a new avenue for micro-, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to help market their products given the effects of this pandemic," Dela Pena said, especially that more than a hundred products were supposedly added to the store that was established by Agrizkaya Cooperative Federation in July 31, 1991. This likewise secures the sustainability and marketability of products of other MSMEs.

He further explained that the launch represents a "remarkable expression" showing nationalism. "It is delightful to know that you chose to be the portal of other local products," referring to the people behind the Agrizkaya Cooperative Federation, that organized the hub.

Dela Pena also lauded the Nueva Vizcaya local government units led by Bambang Mayor Pepito Balgos.

DOST Region 2 director, Engr. Sancho Mabborang joined the virtual launch which was livestreamed over Facebook. The innovative and creative strategies of Region 2, according to Dela Pena might have him launched various projects almost monthly.

Soon, he said a bigger project called Smart Food Value Chain stores will also be launched. It will involve and generate a wide range of economic and related activities because the bigger percentage sold in store hubs are food products. "This covers activities like planting to produce the raw materials; post-harvest processing, storage, logistics in taking the products to markets where they are in demand like food innovation centers where products are being processed or to different companies. Logistics and delivery are also important, Dela Pena added.

The Agrizkaya Cooperative Federation has Eden Lacar as its general manager, and Nieto Barrcena as Board chairman. Most of its cooperative members are farmers. Their one-store hub is located along the Maharlika Highway in Barangay, Almaguer North, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya.

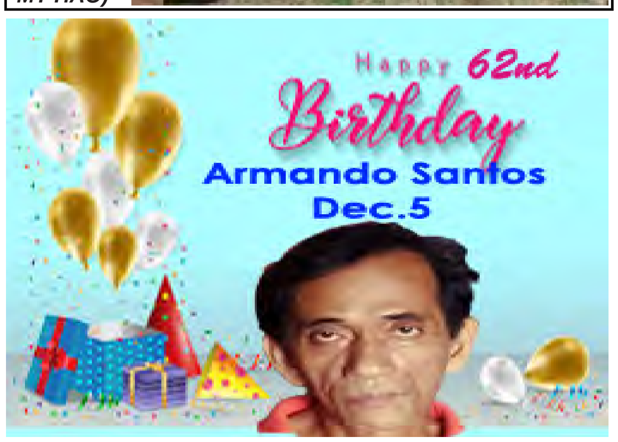
Regional Director Mabborang, for his part, said the one-store hub forms part of DOST's efforts to assist MSMEs under the DOST Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (DOST-SETUP). It is a major strategy being pursued nationwide to encourage, support and assist MSMEs to adopt technological innovations to improve their products, services, operations and increase their productivity.

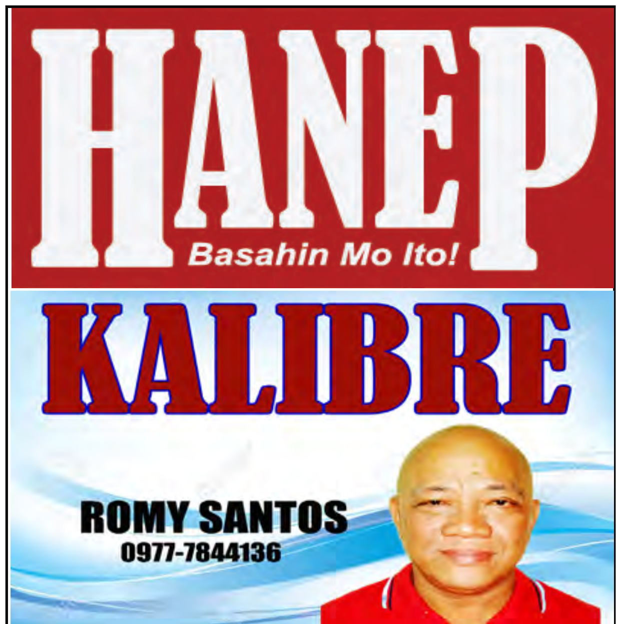
Mabborang noted that the pandemic did not really affect adversely the performance of one-store hubs which in fact increased their sales by 15 to 20 percent. ***(Janet R. Ducayag)***

New elected officers from group (UPTODA) from Barangay San Isidro, Paranaque City. ***(JIMMY HAO)***

HAPPY 7th Anniversary of Redemptorist Zumbaholic Peeps at Baclaran Church. Congratulation to Fr. Brian, Wennie Dacapio, Butch, Zin Joy Villamarzo, Zin Jenny Arconado, Zin Rona Liza Doyola, Zin Danny, Raymond Del Mundo, Froilany Sia, Pearl Mata Sigue, Lola Ganda, Grazel Alconga, Zin Jhun Alas, Norma Galvez Lim, Virgie and JIMMY HAO (Media).

PINANGUNAHAN ni Paranaque City Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez ang pamamahagi ng Pamasko at pa-birthday ng cash transfer para sa mga senior citizen na ginanap sa Fortonata Gym, Fortonata Village, Barangay San Isidro, P'que City. Kabilang sa mga sumaksi sa okasyon sina Barangay San Isidro Chairman NOEL JAPLOS, Councilor Pablo Gabriel at Councilor Tess De Asis. ***(JIMMY HAO)***





'Kaliwaan'

LUSOT na sana sa kaso ang isang misis pero nabulilyaso pa kaya diretso sa kalaboso.

Hindi lang naman si misis ang himas-rehas kundi maging ang kanyang lover boy.

Si misis at ang kanyang asawa ay magkasama na nakasakay ng taksi subalit naunang bumaba si mister.

Ang hindi alam ni misis ay may plano na pala si mister, at ito ay ang tiktikan siya.

Palihim ang ginawang pagsunod ni mister at tila hindi nagkamali ng hinala dahil sa halip na roon sa pinapasukang trabaho at sa motel nagtungo si misis.

Nakipagkita sa motel si misis sa kanyang 43-anyos na kalaguyo na isang seaman.

Hindi nag-aksaya ng panahon si mister at humingi ng tulong sa pulisya.

Lumabas naman si lover boy at humarap sa mga parak pero si misis ay wala roon.

Pakiwari ng mga pulis ay natunugan ng 'magsing-irog' kaya unang inisip na pinaalis o pinatakas na ni lover boy si misis.

Kaya lang ay may biglang lumikhang ingay mula sa kisame.

Hindi sinasadyang nahulog ang suot na sandals ni misis kaya bistado siya sa pagtatago.

Ang resulta, kulong si misis at ang kanyang kalaguyo.

Itong si seaman ay may asawa rin at umamin naman sa bawal na relasyon.

Ibig sabihin ay pareho nilang niloloko at pinagtataksilan ang kani-kanilang mga asawa.

Sa isyu ng 'kaliwaan' ay sadyang may kanya-kanyang dahilan kahit batid na ito ay isang kasalanan.

PINANGUNAHAN ni 1st District Congressman Eric L. Olivarez ang pormal na pagpapasinaya at pagbubukas ng 'Christmas Diskwento Caravan' sa harapan ng Paranaque City Hall. Kasama sa mga dumalo sina 2nd District Councilor Tess De Asis, Barangay San Antonio Valley 1 Kagawad Jerome De Asis, P'que City Public Market (Economic Ent. Mgt.) head Renato Jose, Business Permit & Licensing Office (BPLO) Atty. Melanie S. Malaya, at Consumer Welfare Office (CWO) /City Social Welfare Office Milan E. Alcaraz. Sari-sari ang mabibili rito para sa kapaskuhang darating. ***(JIMMY HAO)***