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RICE BLACK bugs have infested the towns of Sara, San Dionisio, Ajuy, Concepcion in Iloilo, the Provincial Agriculture Office reported.

Assistant provincial agriculturist Elias Sandig said rice black bugs were also sighted in the town of Banate.

While the other four towns have no standing rice crops, Sandig said Banate is now at risk of possible damage that might be caused by the rice pests on standing crops if these are not controlled.

"Ang first reported naton nga opat ko municipiyos, mayad lang to kay wara pa standing crop pero ang Banate gaumang nga maungah, the rice crops are on their early vegetative stage kun indi maagapan, atakehon gid sang black bugs," he said.

Rice black bugs feed on rice crops by sucking through its stem, causing it to wither and die.

According to Sandig, the black bug infestation in the four towns is considered normal, since this is also the season when pesticides are commonly used.

PESTICIDES LED TO INFESTATION

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By Emme Rose Santacruz

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‘ACCEPT CHANGE’

Mayors urges City Hall workers to support new admin

By Emme Rose Santacruz

AMID the ruckus in the looming change at the Iloilo City Hall, outgoing Mayor Jose Espinosa III called on officials and workers to support the incoming administration of his brother-in-law, Iloilo City mayor-elect and lone district Rep. Jerry Treñas.

During the regular flag ceremony on Monday, Espinosa encouraged the city hall employees to support the Treñas administration.

"May mga changes and you will expect changes man sa bag-o nga administration, kay ang aton ginaserbisiyohan ya ara ang aton mga pumuluyo, kag they are expecting service from you," he said.

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Two die, two missing after drowning in Antique falls

**By Jennifer P. Rendon**

A 21-YEAR-OLD lass and a teenage boy died afternoon of May 19, 2019 after they drowned while swimming in a waterfall in San Remigio, Antique.

Police identified the fatalities as Willyn Grace Dalmacio, 21, of Barangay Ocahan, Silabon, Antique, and Reyven Villar, 16, of Barangay Calibawan, San Remigio.

The incident left two other persons missing. Search and rescue operations are underway to locate Mary Adela Jayme, 27, of Sibalom town and Juvy Balensosa, 9, of Cabian village, San Remigio.

Police accounts said the Juabes and a friend were swimming in a waterfall in Barangay Lisub A, Anini-y, Antique, when a log fell into the water as they tried to cross it.

Ten-year-old Renalyn Villar, also of Cabian village, survived the incident. However, they failed to renew it when the deed of authority ended in 2016.

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According to police reports, the victims went for a swim at Barangay Calaparan, Arevalo around 12:10 a.m. Sunday.

The victims tried to hold on but the water current was too strong. Rescuers first found Dalmacio and rushed her to the hospital.

**Four riders killed in road mishap**

**By Jennifer P. Rendon**

FOUR motorcycle riders were killed in a traffic collision in Nueva Valencia, Guimaras evening of May 15, 2019.

Four victims were identified as Elven Gamlanga and Joenmarie Tronco, both 18 years old and residents of Sitio Tilias, Barangay Poblacion, Nueva Valencia; and Andy Magan, 15, of Oracion village, Nueva Valencia, and John Rey Castor, 21, a native of Tapaz Capiz but was temporarily staying at Barangay Oacon.

Police Captain Henry Gaborno, Nueva Valencia police chief, said the four victims were riding on two motorcycles when the collision happened 10 p.m. Sunday at Barangay Concordia St. Gamlanga was driving a Yamaha 150 mo.

Iloilo City’s most wanted man collared

**By Jennifer P. Rendon**

THE most wanted person in Iloilo City was arrested May 19, 2019 in Arevalo district.

Members of the Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) Tracker Team and Arevalo Police Station collared Russel Mosquera, 29, of Barangay Calaparan, Arevalo around 12:10 a.m. Sunday.

Mosquera is accused of murder in Criminal Case No. 17-80710 with no bail recommended and frustrated murder in Criminal Case No. 17-80711 with P24,000 bail.

The suicide note indicated that Jack Lord Mosquera intended to bury his body on June 19, 2019.

The Department of Health, together with the World Health Organization, and Natasha Goulbourn Foundation launched Hopeline, a 24/7 suicide prevention hotline.

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ROXAS CITY, Capiz – Senator Manny Pacquiao received the honorary degree of Doctor in Humanities (Honoris Causa) from the Filamer Christian University (FCU).

The awarding of the honorary degree was held during the school’s commencement exercises Friday afternoon, May 17, where Pacquiao was the guest speaker.

Dr. Minnie Panagustin Chan, FCU Vice President for Academic Affairs, said the honorary degree was based on the senator’s charitable acts.

Aside from Pacquiao, the same honorary degree was also bestowed to Dr. Sharon Rose Lucrecario in the field of teaching and religion.

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Mayor-elect to tear down fence around town hall

By Dolly Yasas

BACOLOD City – Mayor-elect Ella Garcia of Moises Padilla, Negros Occidental said the first thing she will do when she assumes office noontime of June 30, 2019 is to take down the GI sheets that surrounds the municipal hall.

“This will symbolize transparency and freedom from a tyrant,” Yulo said.

Mayor Magdaleno Peña put up the fence purportedly to protect the building from rebel attacks.

But Yulo said it only hampered people from moving in and out of the townhall grounds.

“We will take down the GI sheets to allow the people to freely go inside and out of the municipal hall because the municipal hall is the people’s house,” she added.

Yulo said she wants transparency in her administration and she wants everyone, especially the needy, that they are welcome to go inside.

The newly elected mayor also said she plans to remove majority of the town hall’s employees working for Peña, as they are allegedly not residents of Moises Padilla, but from the town of Pulupandan, where Peña was a former mayor.

She will ask the Army to remain in the town after the Comelec control is lifted to ensure peace in the town.

Defeated mayor denies abuse raps

By Jomarie A. Billones

ROXAS CITY, Capiz – Mayor Gideon “Ike” Patricio of Pilar, Capiz vehemently denied complaints that he went berserk after losing his reelection bid in the May 13, 2019 midterm elections.

Patricio nixed reports that he dismantled tables at a peryahan or amusement center at Brgy. Cayus, Pilar.

Defeated

Governor-elect vows to continue financial aid

By Jomarie A. Billones

ROXAS CITY, Capiz – Governor-elect Ernesto ‘Eson’ Contreras vowed to continue the financial assistance and burial package to the people of Capiz, particularly the underprivileged.

The incoming governor issued the statement following reports that outgoing Gov. Antonio del Rosario has stopped the assistance as he wants to settle down some of the financial obligations of the province before turning it over to the new administration.

Aside from the financial assistance, Contreras said he will continue the scholarship program of the provincial government as he wanted the students to finish their studies.

“I will assure that the scholarship program of the provincial government will not be tainted with politics,” Contreras said adding that he wants to be “governor for all” and not for certain individuals.

Meanwhile, Contreras said that he will only appoint one or two members of his family.

He said he is planning to appoint former governor Victor ‘Tenco’ Sr. as the provincial administrator.

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When a mayor reports for work on bicycle

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.” – Albert Einstein

NEW YORK CITY - I have covered the Vancouver city hall beat, among other offices and cities in the British Columbia for a Filipino community newspaper, Philippine Asian News Today, where I briefly served as editor in 2012.

It was in this world’s most livable city where I saw Mayor Gregor Robertson report for work on a bicycle. He went to city hall riding on a two-wheeler bike like an ordinary cyclist without any bodyguard.

After parking his bicycle, he changed cloths right there in the parking area from jersey to office attire before proceeding to the mayor’s office on 453 West 12th Avenue. Only tourists could not recognize that the cyclist changing cloths in the parking space was the chief executive of the City of Vancouver.

Because he loves cycling, his proposal to create more cycling lanes in the streets snowballed. It was not hard for Robertson to get the support of the Vancouver city council which had voted unanimously to spend Canadian $25 million to create and improve bike lanes throughout the city, re-writing the city’s map on how people get around.

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Vancouver city council which had voted unanimously to spend $25 million to create and improve bike lanes throughout the city, re-writing the city’s map on how people get around.

The money would be spent building about 55 kilometers of new bike lanes and construction is ongoing. It was expected to also enhance and improve connections from south Vancouver to the Canada Line Bridge.

Other notable changes expected in the project included extending separated bike lanes along Burrard Street and the Dunsmuir Viaduct, a pedestrian cycling greenway along Helmcken Street and an east-west bike route along 45th Avenue.

On March 10, 2010, we witnessed the smiling Robertson, an avid cyclist, open the Dunsmuir Viaduct bike lane. People in Vancouver have high regards for cyclists, who are treated with utmost respect in the roads because of the mayor’s influence and advocacy for this mode of transportation.

The last time I was with Robertson was when we watched the 2010 World Cup finals between Spain and The Netherlands. I sat beside him on the pavement together with hundreds of soccer fans. “Where’s your bike, mayor?” I asked him, while he was about to leave after the Spaniards bundled out the hundreds of soccer fans. “Where’s your bike, mayor?” I asked him, while he was about to leave after the Spaniards bundled out the Dutchmen, 2-0. “I parked it at city hall,” he reported with a smile.

EVENT

I recalled the biking event last April 1, 2014 when I witnessed the 1st Iloilo Bike Festival with routes passing the Lizares Manor.

The 1st Iloilo Bike Festival

Rift within GrupoProgreso

IN YESTERDAY’s column I wrote about the credible and honest campaign of the opposition in Bacolod City. While they lost but for one, they should be consoled by the way they behaved and restrained against the temptations of yielding to political contributors who expected favors afterwards. Theirs is the true honor for the honesty of their campaign.

Winning by buying votes is an illegal and immoral victory; devoid of honor and the father of corruption.

On the other hand, the victors in a questionable election are in disarray. Even before they were proclaimed to have swept the 2019 elections, a crack in the GrupoProgreso already broke out into cyberspace, thereby confirming the information that there was treachery and single voting among them. The number of votes of each member of that party shows that their followers did not vote as ordered and paid for — 15-0.

Single-voting is a system adopted by candidates in a group to insure not only the winning but winning big to be senior than the others in the event of vacancy in the higher slot.

There were talks before the election campaign that an order was issued by the party chieftains to insure that Vice Mayor El Cid Familiaran won the election so that when the mayor’s seat is vacated, the successor will come from the party.

There was fear that even after the elections Mayor Evelio Leonardia would be removed from office. If the challenger to Familiaran, former vice mayor Thaddeus Sayson, won he would take over and that would be disastrous as it could lead to the demise of GP.

The news just four days before the elections that Leonardia had been indicted by the Ombudsman on charges of graft and corruption could have triggered this back stabbing among the GP candidates for councilors. The reported indictment though dismissed as political and not imputed
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T EACH us how to live in this pass-
ing world with our heartset on
the heavenly kingdom forever ever"! This is part of a Eucharistic Precept for Lent which reminds us that we should have our focus on theulti-
mate goal of life without getting confused and lost as we immerse ourselves in the passing things of this world.

The weekbefore which St. Paul said in his Letter to the Colossians: “Since you have been raised with Christ, strive to walk as he walked, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things” (3,1-2).

God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. “May we receive the grace to cast off the earthly things. “ (3,1-2)

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theless was a reality that can happen after Leonardia had taken office. In that event, the number one councillor could then become vice mayor, thus the scramble among the GPS councillors to get to the top. A brief statistical glance at their votes shows the extent of this rivalry. Of course, the other candi-
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Bacolod City government. There is a long appeal by the son of Vice Mayor Familiar to ask his father to no longer pursue a political office. While he congratulated him for being the biggest number of votes he ever got, he also said “this is the most successful, the most timely and most painful campaign. My heart is being crushed not by our opponents but by our own, who are against you. I don’t have to read bad things against you in Facebook. Just give that post to your allies who cannot wait. “ Who could that be? As in Christ’s Last Supper, the Grupo Progressocol was asking the younger son, “Is it I?” Of course as in that Biblical narrative, Judas Iscariot knew it was he and he forced the other disciples to act on his betrayal. The message of the younger Familiar evokes sympathy as it is revealing of the depth of rivalry within the party. It must have really pained him that he had to bring out the plot into the public square. I believe he wanted to warn the city and the others of a scheme or even a conspiracy to destroy the vice mayor so that in the event Leonardia is removed, the public would know that Familiar were undercoup. The name or names of the plotters were not revealed but as that does not matter for the present, what matters is that there were attempts to do our best, but because God’s power. What is imposs-
ible with us is always possible with God. But we need to go along as best as we can with God’s will and withch, echoing Christ’s words: “For have come down from heaven, not to my own will but the will of him who sent me” (Ch 6,38).

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At home and sick

A 5 GLOBAL temperatures get higher, it has become easier for anyone to get sick. No matter how quickly the medical community makes a recovery, those who are not will still bow down to viruses, bacteria, and whatever biological abominations that give discomfort and a reason to stay at home and watch cartoons. There is progress happening in the labs of pharmaceutical companies and university research institutions, but we are still as fragile and vulnerable as the ragdolls that we are.

Disease has always been a part of the world’s history, but it wasn’t until the dawn of civilization that we were able to develop a system of tools and methods for diagnosing and containing it. We can trace the birth of modern medicine as far back as Ancient Greece, although Eastern societies and other cultures unfairly labeled “primitive” had established their own practices, perhaps earlier. In due time, the practices and the medical scholarship was able to produce significant strides against diseases that used to be life-threatening.

The production of vaccines and other preventive drugs have been instrumental in controlling the spread of diseases such as polio, hepatitis, measles, and mumps. Varicella, also known by its innocuous moniker chickenpox, was widespread before the advent of the vaccine. The disease itself was considered as deadly as smallpox. According to a World Health Organization publication paper on Varicella, pre-vaccine deaths due to the disease occurred at a rate of 3 per 1,000 cases. But vaccina-
tions administered during the early 90s have contained the outbreak of Varicella, which had also been one of the top killers for causes of infant mortality.

We can all thank the med-
ical community for its undying commitment towards treating illness and coming up with new methods. The task, however, poses even more of a challenge. The extent of global warming’s effects on the planet exacerbates the challenge of limiting the outbreak of disease. In a University of Colorado study, extreme climatic conditions have the potential to worsen existing diseases and produce new threats to human health. According to a Daily article, lead research Dr. Cecilia Sorensen points out what “climate change can amplify and unmask ecological and socio-
political weaknesses and increase the risk of adverse health in socially vulnerable regions.”

A case in point is the outbreak of the Zika virus. The virus is carried by Aedes mosquitoes and it’s known to cause pregnancy complications and congenital malformations in infants. The most recent Zika outbreak was in 2015 in Brazil where it became a daunting problem that “has shrunk research budgets and paralyzed ministries and departments responsible for trying to unravel the mystery,” according to a 2017 Globe and Mail article on the issue. While vaccines are already in the works, the scientific community is inching closer to unraveling the relationship between the spread of Zika and the fact the planet is warming up. According to Sorensen’s team, Zika outbreaks may very well be the result of extreme ENI-Nino. Warmer temperatures are ideal conditions for disease-carrying mosquitoes to thrive. Indeed, Zika is not the only disease that gets to be amplified. We are also seeing spikes of other threats such as dengue and malaria. As if this weren’t enough, the anti-vaxxer movement, prevalent in the pre-2020 period, is making the task of reducing fatalities harder than it should be.

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At home and sick
NAPOLCOM-6 endorses complaints vs drug chief

By DOLLY YASA

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30,000 new biz registered from January to May 2019

THE MSME Development (MSMED) Council reported that registered businesses in the Philippines climbed to 1.42 million in May 2019 from 1.39 million in December 2018. This is around 30,000 new businesses in five months.

Trade Secretary and MSMED Council Chair Ramon Lopez said this indicates that it’s a good time to do business in the Philippines given that the country is the 2nd fastest growing economy in the ASEAN region.

During the 11th MSMED Development Council meeting on 14 May 2019, Sec. Lopez said that programs for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) should be felt at the barangay-level. The MSMED Council, composed of public and private sector representatives, is the group tasked to advance the interests of Filipino MSMEs.

“Part of fulfilling President Rodrigo Duterte’s promise of ‘Tanang at Malasakit’ is providing job and business options to help Filipinos live more comfortable lives. So even if the DTI’s budget is only up to the provincial-level, we will find ways for our programs to reach MSMEs at the grassroots,” said Sec. Lopez.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) further committed to inform the public on the benefits of the Barangay Micro Business Enterprise (BMBE) law. Sec. Lopez clarified that entrepreneurs can still register as single proprietors in DTI, even after business registration.

Pag-IBIG Fund releases record high P17.22B in home loans in Q1 2019

Pag-IBIG Fund released P17.22 billion in home loans in the first quarter of 2019, an increase of P3.23 billion compared to the P14.1 billion released during the same period in 2018. This is by far the highest ever amount released by the agency for the first three months of a year.

The amount financed the acquisition and construction of 19,696 homes for Pag-IBIG Fund members, also a record-high for the first quarter of a year, and is 13 percent higher than the 17,268 homes financed during the same period last year.

Of these, 5,789 or 29 percent were for socialized housing units benefitting minimum-wage earners. Pag-IBIG/Fund

‘Fake’ vinegar flooding PH market?

OFFICIALS of the departments of agriculture, health, science and technology, and trade and industry are set to meet on Monday to address reports that ‘fake’ vinegar products using the synthetic acetic acid are being sold in the market.

Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel “Manny” Piñol said on his Facebook post Saturday that the meeting is an offshoot of a study conducted by the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI), an agency of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), which showed that many commercial vinegar brands use synthetic acetic acid in producing the popular Filipino condiment.

Seventeen vinegar brands tested by PNRI were found to contain acetic acid made from carbon monoxide and water.

BDO Leasing eyes partnerships with fintech companies.

BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc. (BDOLF), a subsid- iary of BDO Unibank that caters to the leasing and financing market, said it is exploring new business opportunities with financial technology companies as one of its strategies going forward, during the company’s annual stockholders’ meeting held recently.

Present during the meeting are (standing from left) Joseph Jason M. Natividad, corporate secretary; Antonio N. Cotoco, Jr., non-executive director; Jesse H. T. Andres, independent director; Vverene S. Perez, Jr., independent director; and Walter C. Wassmer, director. Also in the photo are (seated from left) Jeci A. Lapus, non-executive director; Nestor V. Tan, director; Teresita T. Sy, chairperson; Roberto E. Lapid, vice chairman and president; and Ma. Leonora V. De Jesus, lead independent director.

Pag-IBIG/Fund
PH eyes at least 10 deals with Japanese traders in Duterte’s May visit

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte will fly to Japan on May 30 to 31 to meet with Japanese leaders, including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, as part of his trip to Asia. The visit is also hoping for a bilateral meeting between Duterte and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. “Japan is our number two trading partner, so very important that we sustain all these discussions so at any opportunity we want to go there and talk with the business leaders and also have a bilateral meeting too with the prime minister.”

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In order to prepare the world for the coming uprising against the hated Imperium, the genestealer cult must utilize every tool in its arsenal to infiltrate society. When that day of ascension comes, members of the planetary military will turn against their own regiments.

On the tabletop, GSC has a special rule called Brood Brothers which allows them to use models from the Astra Militarum faction, a popular Imperium aligned army, as their units. From a modeling standpoint, this opens a lot of opportunities for customization. The best thing about rules like this is that you can take anything the Astra Militarum uses and steal it for the cult. Is that majestic Leman Russ glorifying the Emperor too much? Deface all Imperial symbols on it and vandalize that thing to kingdom come. Does that aircraft not look like it belongs in your army? Stick a bunch of tentacles and teeth on it to show how corrupted it’s become.

The amazing thing about this is that all this comes from a single rule in the book. That’s the beauty of tabletop wargaming. Instead of limiting you, the rules open doors for newer more creative ways to model and play. Chaos factions can use Imperial units as long as they corrupt them. If a model’s weapon is labeled in the rules as ‘heavy improvised weapon’ then have them whack their enemies with a Space Marine. It’s heavy. It’s improvised. It’s a weapon. The possibilities are endless!
Secretary Eduardo D. del Rosario, who heads access to decent and affordable housing, “said sustainable social development programs and uplift the lives of Filipino families through their dream of homeownership. This is why Pag-IBIG Fund remains as a major player in the housing market, with one or two shocks left to its conclusion on Sunday night, with one more shocking twist to come.

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We trust that the new service innovations coupled with our world class talent will bring us diverse roster of clients even further,” stated Michael McCullough, Managing Director at KMC Savills. “Since we started 10 years ago, the strengths and expertise of our people have been the foundation of the KMC brand in the industry, helping us expand the growth trajectory of our clients and the Philippine economy as a whole.”

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MANILA — The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) urged the government to fully and effectively implement the country’s Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act.

UNICEF joins other socio-civic organizations and advocates in calling for the lowering of the minimum age of criminal responsibility. “Children in conflict with the law are already victims of circumstance, mostly because of poverty and exploitation by adults. Children need access to rehabilitation services because they deserve a second chance. They need to be protected and not further penalized,” UNICEF said in a statement.

Monday, May 20, marks the 13th anniversary of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act, and UNICEF reiterates its commitment to promote the rights of children, including those in conflict with the law. “As we celebrate this milestone, let us be reminded that all children must be treated with dignity and effectively rehabilitated with utmost respect and protection,” UNICEF said. The law was adopted on May 20, 2006 and amended in 2013. It promotes the creation of a child-centered justice system focused on rehabilitation and restoration rather than punishment. The law makes it clear – without a doubt – that there is a need for a separate juvenile justice system where detention is the last resort.

The erring child must be rehabilitated and reintegrated into society if the child must take responsibility for his or her action and mend the broken relationship with the community and the victim,” UNICEF explained.

UNICEF also said there have been success stories from the proper implementation of the law, with children formerly in conflict with the law rehabilitated without imprisonment or detention. The group urged the government to celebrate the 13th anniversary of the law by upholding the rights and interests of the children.

“We call on the government to work with child rights defenders and strengthen the juvenile justice system for the sake of all Filipino children,” UNICEF said. (ABS-CBN News)

**UNICEF calls for full enforcement of PHL’s juvenile justice act**

**MANILA — U.S. Pacific Air Forces chief Philippines visit enhances partnership with PAF**

U.S. Pacific Air Forces chief, Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., traveled to the Philippines May 15 to 17, 2019 to meet with senior officials from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine Air Force (PAF). Brown visited senior officials of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Gen. Benjamin Madrigal, Jr. at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo.

“Enhanced engagement between our people and our forces is grounded in personal relationships established during visits of the Fallen Airmen and discussed during training opportunities between PACAF and AFP,” Brown said. “It’s an honor to be here to be part of the friendship and cooperation between our two nations and our two air forces.”

During his visit to Manila, Brown met with Chief of Staff of the AFP Lt. Gen. Benzigard Madrigal, Jr. at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo.

Brown’s visit was his first to the Philippines since taking command of PACAF, the air component command of Indo-Pacific Command. “The visit reinforces the U.S. Air Force’s commitment to its bilateral relationship with the Philippine Air Force,” the U.S. Air Force's commitment to its bilateral relationship with the Philippine Air Force.

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Airport Road, the District Office has completed the construction of Farm-to-Mill road in Brgy. San Fernando, Talisay City, Negros Occidental.

The project, in the amount of PhP 4,743 million, involves constructing a 1.75-kilometer, 5-meter wide Portland Concrete Cement Pavement (PCCP) road including excavation, embankment, drainage and gutters.

The project has improved the mobility of people, goods and services and connected farms and coastal areas to the main roads, promoting agro-tourism development in the area.

In addition, the District has completed the construction of a road leading to Imbag San Fernando Bayuan-Tansakan in Brgy. San Fernando, in cooperation with the Department of Tourism (DOT), through its Tourism Road Infrastructure Project (TIRP).

The project, costing PhP 627 million, involves constructing 3.16-kilometer, 6.10-meter wide Portland Concrete Cement Pavement (PCCP) including excavation, embankment, pavement markings and roadside drainage (grouted riprap). With the completion of this road, the public now enjoys a better riding comfort, lesser travel time and lesser maintenance cost for vehicles. (DPWH-6/RPAID)

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which is a celebration of the one year anniversary of Boracay Closure. The activities run from April 26-May 1, 2019 and focused on the need to keep Boracay island sustainable.

Food fest, exhibits, drone festival, ocean jams, sustainable talks and clean ups were the activities done for the whole week.

DENR 6 Regional Executive Director Francisco E. Milla Jr. said that aside from the branding design which may help the environmental concerns of the island. “This (tropical design) will help the island to break the ‘tropical fast food construction’.

Aside from that, this will help ease the burden on the island carrying capacity and pollution, from air-conditioned concrete buildings in the island.” Milla said. (DENR)
Iloilo City
santacruzan on May 28

THE Iloilo City Government through the City Tourism and Development Office (CTDO) will hold this year’s Santa Cruzan, an annual festival in celebration of the feast day of St. Mary. It will be held at the East Grandstand on May 28 starting at 4 p.m.

“This is the most important event of the year for the Iloilo City Magazine.”

The procession will feature 40 sagapis or mous who will be wearing gowns from famous Ilonggo designers. A mass will then follow, and the display of Santacruzan gowns at SM City Iloilo.

TRAVELING to Bacolod-Silay Airport is now faster and more comfortable with the improved and widened access road implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Negros Occidental 1st District Engineering Office. District Engineer Jaime Javierlana said the project, amounting to P144.743 million, involved widening of both sides of the 4.013-kilometer access road going to Bacolod-Silay Airport road with an average of 3.5 meters including embankment protection, grading, concrete paving blocks and widening of existing cross drainage.

“This widened road provides a shorter alternate access route going from Bacolod City to Bacolod-Silay Airport in Iloilo City, and vice versa,” he said.

Javierlana also said that this access significantly decongest traffic along Bacolod North Road, which is a primary/arterial road, hence decongesting traffic in Bacolod City.

The access road serves as a main thoroughfare, providing access for farm products to the market, especially the hauling of sugarcane from farm-to-mill and serves as an entry point to several tourist destinations, including the market, airport, schools and health facilities, and generating savings in fuel cost among motorists.

Other than widening of Bacolod-Silay Airport road

Catholic leaders spearhead AIDS candlelight memorial in Iloilo

By LEONARD T. Pineda I

CATHOLIC CHURCH leaders in Iloilo City spearheaded the commemoration of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on May 19, 2019.

The Philippine Catholic HIV and AIDS Network (Phicanion)-Iloilo, which is under the Phicanion of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), in collaboration with the Department of Health-Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) 6, held the LACM at St. Vincent Ferrer Seminary in Anao district.

St. Mila Grace Silab, SPE, Phicanion-Iloilo chair and President of St. Paul University Iloilo, said the LACM commemoration is part of their mission to spread and raise awareness on HIV and AIDS.

“We are spearheading the activity to strengthen our support to our brothers and sisters living with HIV and promote our mission to raise awareness,” she said.

The event began with a Eucharistic celebration at 5 p.m., followed by a short program and the Candlelighting Ceremony.

“It will be an evening of songs and prayers. There will also be a special presentation by the group ‘Little Theater’ from the University of San Agustin,” she said.

She added that the Phicanion held a session with the group to tackle HIV, which enabled them to come up with an original play. “The script was based on the session provided to the group,” Silab said.

During the Candlelighting Ceremony, the participants were grouped into sectors including faith-based organizations, support groups, health sector, business, youth, government agencies, civil society organizations, among others.

Silab said that various multi-sectoral partners from the different government and private agencies, organizations, hospitals, and schools took part in the event.

This year’s local theme is “One Big Fight for PLHIV Health and Rights.” (PNA-Iloilo)

THE Municipal Planning and Urban Design Guidelines Review Committee (MPUDGRC) created by the local government of Malay, Aklan under Executive Order No. 10 signed by then Acting Mayor Abram Sualog, mandates the review of plans for the construction of new structures or renovations to be done in buildings in Boracay Island, as well as the inspection of the progress of developments to ensure that they follow the island’s “tropical design” rules.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) believes that the “tropical design” will be the new branding of the island’s infrastructures to the wide eyes of the tourists.

Aside from this, the design that will be done on the existing buildings, likely to be more environment-friendly while at the same time promote a local culture. Thus, this may add an additional attraction on the island aside from its famous turquoise water and powdery-white sand.

The ordinance emphasizes the use of wood, bamboo, “stone elements,” non-combustible thatched roofing, and earth-tone colors as exterior and interior paint for structures.

It also calls for the integration of design elements such as large windows to allow for natural lighting and cooling, high ceilings for better air circulation, tropical elements in building entrances, and landscaped areas with local native trees and plants.

The guidelines also require the use of ancient script “Baybayin” as the main language for signage, with translations in English and other languages as needed.

The guidelines were issued a few months after the reopening of the island paradise in October. It was shut down for six months last year for rehabilitation, after President Rodrigo Duterte sounded the alarm on environmental degradation and overdevelopment on the island.

“The ordinance is a good news, as it would support Bora- cay’s carrying capacity by using less water and concrete one in building establishments on the island. President Duterte, as Governor, is committed to the environment and to promoting a sustainable and cleaner Boracay.”

Secretary Roy A. Cimatu noted that the whole rehabilitation efforts is getting better during its first year, and the highest tourism level recorded for the past months was only 40 thousand probable number (mpn) per 300 milliliters, lower than the safe level of 100 mpn/ml。“This is the result of committed and commitments,” she added.

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While the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) celebrated a week-long “Sustainability Week” dubbed as #LoveBOracay, THE wider Bacolod-Silay Airport Access Road provides faster and more comfortable access from Bacolod City to Bacolod-Silay Airport and vice versa. This road also serves as a gateway for large amount of agricultural products like sugarcane and as a gateway to various tourist destinations in the province. (Photo courtesy of DPWH Negros Occidental 1st DEO)
PHL Robotics Team scores double victory in world tilt

A cozier life in space awaits astronauts, thanks to the impressive creations of The Philippine Robotics National Team. Their awe-inspiring robots earned two coveted awards in the recent For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Lego League World Championship held in Houston, Texas, USA on April 15-21, 2019.

The national delegation, winners of the 8th FLL Philippines, comprised two teams – DYCI Blue Ocean’s 10 from Dr. Yanga’s College Inc. (Ages 12-17) and Team CYLLO from De La Salle Zobel (ages 6-12).

DYCI’s Blue Ocean’s 10 (ages 12-17), with team members Jo- cas Arabella Cruz, Abigail Silva, Denise Carpizo, Niah Nicole Mendoza, Raingel Vryse Mendoza, Rodel Christian Alcanta- ma, Ma. Anne Geline Doneth Dela Rama, Paul Jaren Perez, Lara Monique Narciso, Head Coach Beryl Jhan Cruz, and Assistant Coach Lemuel Francisco, emerged as Champion’s Award Finalist for their work titled “Project Fuse,” besting 109 teams from 74 countries.

Their winning piece is a virtual reality game that connects astronauts in space to their families on earth through live virtual reality video chat with their loved ones.

PHL ahead in diversity, inclusion of women in tech: IBM country head

THE Philippines is ahead when it comes to diversity and inclu- sion, especially for women in technology, the head of IBM Philippines said Thursday.

Aileen Judan-Jiao, IBM Philippines’ first homegrown Filipino woman president and country general manager said that in the many markets that the multinational tech company operates, the country stands out with many women holding management positions.

She also said IBM is serious about its diversity and inclu- sion policies.

“It is really a business priority for us as we have shown in our leadership positions within IBM,” she said in an exclusive interview with ANC’s The Boss.

Besides what she called a culture of openness and trans- parency, Jiao said the tech giant also actively tries to spot po- tential leaders and encourages them to move ahead.

“It is also a very nur- turing organization as far as promotion from within, and of women in technology.”

But Jiao also said that it was important for women who want to take up management and executive positions to “raise their hands.”

“It’s important that you have the realization: do you want to move farther ahead?”

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**Photo:** The Philippine Robotics National Team (DYCI Blue Ocean’s 10 from Dr. Yanga’s College, Inc.) with Ms. Mylene Abiva of FELTA Multi-Media (leftmost) at the FIRST Lego League World Championship in Houston, Texas, USA. (Photo courtesy of FELTA)
The Philippine Robotica National Team (Team CYLLO from De La Salle Zobel) with Mrs. Mykela Aliva of FELTA Media (leftmost) at the FLL World Championship in Houston, Texas, USA.

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Epinosa explained that this is a change that is something constant, especially his supporters, should accept it.

“Again, there is change and you should always change. May too, be (rid) foundations, the only thing that is constant in our universe. Kami nga mga pilipino, we can laugh, we can humble to no kon udp on ka, then you continue but if not, you said’s,” he said.

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Region 6 spikers make their presence felt in Nat’l PRISAA

By Elviree S. Naborre

SPARKERS from Western Visayas won their opening in the National Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA) 2019 in Davao City, May 20.

Represented by Central Philippine University (CPU) Golden Lions, the women’s team walloped Central Luzon, 25-10, 25-12, 25-12, while the men’s side survived Central Luzon, 25-11, 25-16, 25-18.

In addition, the secondary girls’ volleyball represented by Bacolod Tay Tung High School is serious in defending their title as they opened the match with a convincing 25-6, 25-10 victory against Region 12.

Edwin Carlo Laruan of CPU Sports Office said he’s looking forward to have a successful campaign this year.

“We can defend our title especially in the youth division wherein we are the overall champion for three years and hoping for a 4-peat. In the seniors division, we are the second overall champion for two years. Our softball women’s team, represented by CPU is the 7-time national champion and looking to continue their streak,” he added.

The team will also defend their titles in table tennis boys and girls, volleyball men and women, tennis boys, and other individual sports events.

Meanwhile, the region’s collegiate basketball team banned by Negros Occidental Private School Sports, Cultural and Educational Association (NOPSSCEA) and one of the top teams in the tournament, Negros Occidental Women’s volleyball headed by former MVP Alyssa Bertolano and her teammates are a combination of veterans and rookies who can bring energy in the court.

The team includes hotshots from Colegio de Sta. Ana de Victorias (CSAV), St. James Institute of Roxas City will represent the secondary boys’ basketball.

Team manager Paul Cruz hopes this year’s squad will bring home the title; given that players are a combination of veterans and rookies who can bring energy in the court.

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Toronto Raptors earn pivotal double-OT win over Bucks

By Elviree S. Naborre

TORONTO – Kawhi Leonard scored 36 points — including two important field goals late in the second overtime — and grabbed nine rebounds as the Toronto Raptors defeated the visiting Milwaukee Bucks 118-112 in double-overtime Sunday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

The Bucks lead the best-of-seven series 2-1 with Game 4 slated to Tuesday in Toronto.

Pascal Siakam added 25 points and 11 rebounds for Toronto and Marc Gasol had 16 points, 12 rebounds, seven assists and five blocked shots.

Toronto’s Kyle Lowry had 11 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Norman Powell had 19 points off the bench before fouling out late in the fourth.

George Hill had 24 points for Milwaukee. Malcolm Brogdon had 20 points, Brook Lopez added 16. Eric Bledsoe tallied 11, and Nikola Mirotic 10.

The Raptors led by as many as 11 points but had only a two-point advantage entering the fourth quarter.

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"Madamo guid nga SALAMAT sa taman ko nga mga kasimtana.
Sa inyo liwat nga pag sali,
pag suporta ko pag pagpalatán!

Hon. Jonathan "Sonny" Besa
(Ex-Mayor, City of Davao)

Tay Tung defends title in JGM volleyball tilt

By Elviree S. Naborre

THE volleyball team of Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) bagged their fourth straight title in the 5th JGM Finance Corporation-U-17 Girls Invitational Volleyball Tournament at the BTTHS covered court, May 19, 2019.

BTTHS earned their fourth crown at the expense of California Academy, 25-22, 25-12, 25-14.

Eventual MVP Alyssa Bertolano led the undefeated Tay Tung - A. En route to the finals, they dominated their sister team BTTHS-B in the semifinals, 25-15, 25-13 while California defeated La Carlota City in the other semi clash.


Organizer Jose Montalbo said the tournament helped in the development of volleyball in the province, particularly for public schools and different localities.

In fact, three players from Tay Tung B are moving up to the juniors team this year.

“I’m happy that Tay Tung has become a feeder of volleyball talents for the UAAP. This year, we have another player going to University of the Philippines – libero Jenny Padilla. I’m close with UP because they understand our needs and protected our players and the school.”

Montalbo added.

Montalbo, who is currently in Davao City for the National PRISAA 2019, said UP is also working on getting the services of Bertolano and Joan Monares as new additions to their growing team.

To recall, UP Lady Maroons acquired Ilonggo setter Marianne Sotomil.

“I believe that there are lots of talents in Bacolod and Negros. Our friendship with Sir Montalbo and Tay Tung give us this hope to get our needed players. And, we are happy that we are given that first priority. I believe that the relationship between “Tay Tung and UP will grow,” he added.

MVP jins make waves in prov’t taekwondo tilt

By Elviree S. Naborre

YOUNG taekwondo jins under the Mark V. Pinggol Taekwondo Gym brought home medals in the 2019 Iloilo Provincial Taekwondo Championships held at the Justice Ramon Blancarte Hall in Iloilo on May 19.

The student-athletes of head coach Denmark Pinggol stumped the competition after bagging 10 gold and three silver medals in the weekend event.

Gold medalist Gabriel Dominie Capacada, who eliminated all his opponents in the tournament, led the team.

Other gold winners are Nathaniel Enrico Ballener, Phil Caleb Regalado, Anthony Benedict Planta, Akhimem Demarvivas, Christian Puadkera, JT Teatracuna III, Niha Pearl Acosta, Quinn Almirez, and Pardilo Jacobo Chua.

Silver medals went to Kate Sheevenie Santocildes, Myles Philip B, and Ana Lucille Ledesma.

The newly promoted yellow belts of MVP Gym and the novice jins showed great spirit during the game.

“It was a good start on their part. I’m very happy with their performances and skills and I would like to give all the credit to the New MVP parents for their support and to the MVP coaches Janjan Gerond, Melo Villarin and Diego Garcia for their help in building a new batch of MVP champions.” Pinggol said.

More than 120 jins from 10 taekwondo gyms in the province participated in the event which aims to develop the skills of play- ers at a young age.