

Mayor Angeles Suspends Operation of a Poultry

By Nelson Bolos

Tarlac City – Victory of the people against an unsanitary big business interest?

This came when Mayor Cristy Angeles issued a suspension order against a big poultry farm long been complained of for the swarm of flies it allegedly generates.

Suspended for 15 days operation is the Dela Rosa-Vega Poultry Farm located at Sitio Pag-asa, Barangay Tibag here.

The Mayor's order reads, "you are hereby ordered and directed to SUSPEND your business operation until such time that all the necessary clearances, permits and pertinent documents relative to your poultry farm, have been secured, completed and submitted to the appropriate departments/agencies of the City and National Governments".

The suspension stemmed from the poultry's noncompliance with local and national government permits, as

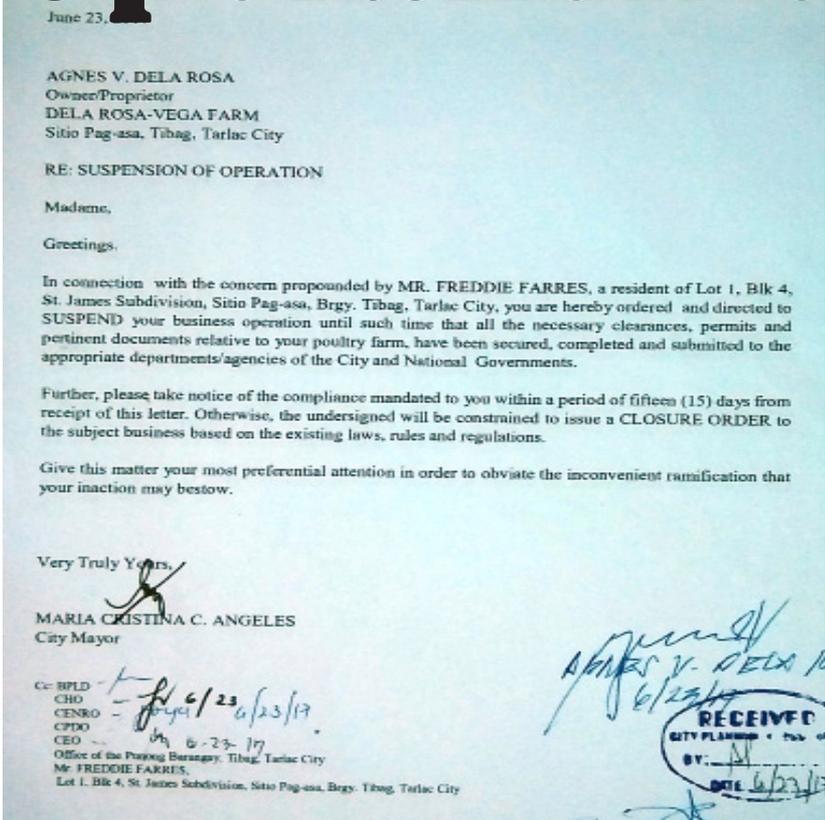
enumerated by Freddie Farres, a resident of the area, in his series of letters to Mayor Angeles dating back in April 18 this year.

On June 19, Farres sent another letter summarizing the violations of the said poultry among which were:

1. No business permit.
2. No building permit (though the City Engineer's Office said that they have a record of application, but have yet to show the actual permit).
3. No sanitary permit.
4. No ECC (Environmental Compliance Certificate).
5. No Barangay clearance from the current Barangay administration.

Farres said he is still waiting for the other national government offices as to their report on the poultry's compliance.

But Farres said, the Mayor's office, **Cont. on page 8**



Ang suspension order ni Mayor Cristy Angeles para sa Dela Rosa Vega Farm

Manila-Clark Railway Project to cut down travel time to 55 minutes

MANDALUYONG CITY – The

PNR North or Manila-Clark Railway Project, a 106-kilometer line connecting Manila to Central Luzon will tremendously cut down travel time by as much as 70 percent.

With this railway project, you can travel from Tutuban, Manila to Clark, Pampanga in under an hour or 55 minutes, a significant reduction from the current 2-3 hours travel time.

The rail line will have a total of 17 stations, five of which were marked in a station marking event early today. The stations will run from Tutuban passing through Marilao and Malolos and all the way to the Clark International Airport and the proposed New Clark City in Tarlac.

that a commuter rail project will be extended to Central Luzon. This project is expected to decongest Metro Manila and spur development in the peripheries of Metro Manila.

"We hope to finish the term of President Duterte with at least 1,000 kilometers of railway system all over the country," said Department of Transportation Secretary Arthur P. Tugade.

The PNR North railway project is one of the 61 infrastructure projects under the Build Build Build program of the Duterte administration.

It will begin construction later this year and targeted for completion in 2021. It is designed to accommodate

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Mayor Cristy Angeles fulfills promise to parents, school kids



2 Tarlac municipal employees busted with shabu

Concepcion, Tarlac - - "Walang sino-sino pagdating sa droga".

Thus said mayor Andy Lacson on the arrest of 2 municipal employees here yesterday by the local police led by PSupt Luis Ventura Jr.

In his report Tarlac Police Provincial Director PSSupt Ritchie Posadas, Ventura identified the arrested municipal employees in a separate buy bust operations as Abel Datu, 50, of Barangay San Nicolas Pobalcion, and Armando Pamintuan, 51, of Barangay Green Village who was entrapped along with his wife 40-year old Mary Ann Pamintuan in their barangay.

Datu is a contractual street sweeper while Pamintuan works as a permanent utility personnel.

Being both employees of the municipal government, they are classified as "newly discovered High Value Targets (HVT)" said Ventura who assumed as police chief of this town last March 28.

In an interview, Lacson revealed that, "since Col. Ventura became our police

chief I ordered him to arrest all persons involved in illegal drugs regardless of who they are. Sa aking administrasyon walang sino-sino pagdating sa droga".

Last month, Ventura led his men in separately entrapping 2 barangay kagawads who were Barangay Kagawad Daniel Quilala of Barangay Alfonso and Barangay Kagawad Noel Sanches of Barangay Sta. Rita.

Four sachets of shabu were confiscated from Datu, while Pamintuan yielded 2 sachets and Mary Ann has 3 plastic sachets.

Datu and the spouses Pamintuan all tested positive of methamphetamine hydrochloride.

For his part, Ventura said, "We are thankful for the support of the people of Concepcion especially Mayor Lacson. Their trust and cooperation ensured the success of our anti-drug operations".

In less than 3 months, Ventura is credited for having arrested more than 60 persons involved in illegal drugs./ **Nelson Bolos**

700 Tarlac City residents receive free medical assistance

TARLAC CITY - Around 700 residents of the provincial capital, mostly children and elderly, recently received free medical assistance from the

city government and Starkey Hearing Foundation.

"Hearing defects prevents so many people from enjoying a normal life. We

TARLAC CITY — Mayor Cristy Angeles has done it again!

She has fulfilled her campaign promise to parents and public elementary school children in the 76 barangays of the city to provide free school bags with complete school supplies.

Dubbed as the "Lingap Anghel, Balik Eskwela 2017" project Mayor Angeles distributed the bags and school supplies to 43,500 elementary school pupils from Grades I to VI in all the eighty-eight [88] public elementary schools all over the city.

"This is my gift to parents and children in our city. It has always been my wish to help in the education of our children and ease the burden of parents in the hard times that they are experiencing these days," Mayor Angeles said.

Mayor Cristy went from school to school greeted by happy and cheering school kids, parents and teachers along with other city and provincial officials.

The school bags given were filled with complete supplies such as pencil case, pencil, crayons, eraser, paste, double sharpener, pad paper, brown envelope,

bond papers, eight composition notebooks, coloring book and ruler for grades 1 to 3 pupils.

Grades 4 to 6 pupils received school bags with the same supplies and ballpoint pens, intermediate pad, ten (10) spiral notebooks and drawing book.

Mayor Angeles also made good on her promise to teachers that she will give back to them their monthly allowance from the local school board fund that was denied by the previous city administration.

Around 2,400 public school teachers trooped to city hall on that day to gladly receive P2,250 each covering their allowances for three [3] months.

The teachers received a total of 5.4 million or P750 each from the City Treasury which conducted the release.

Mayor Angeles has pledged that she will not only restore the teachers' allowances that used to be only P500 per month but raise it to P750.

The restoration of the teachers' allowance was one of Mayor Angeles' major promises she made in her Inaugural Address upon her assumption to office last year./ **Tarlac CIO**

project, our constituents can enjoy life with full auditory perception," Mayor Cristy Angeles said in a statement.

During the activity, free hearing aids and lifetime batteries were distributed to those who were screened and determined to be in need.

Aside from the hearing disorder treatment, other medical assistance offered include cleft palate and cataract operations, open-heart surgery in India,

provision of prosthetics, newborn kits, reading glasses, wheelchairs, and crutches and other assistive devices.

City Health Officer Carmela Go expressed gratitude to partners that provided significant assistance to the residents especially those who don't have capacity to avail medical support.

"We are very privileged to receive these kinds of services aimed at providing assistance to every Filipino. We hope that these efforts will continuously execute to help of a lot of people," Go added. (CLJD/

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70 policemen from C. Luzon sent to Mindanao

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga - Some 70 personnel from the Regional Public Safety Battalion 3 were sent to Mindanao on Tuesday to augment the ground troops as fighting continues between government forces and the Maute group in Marawi City.

Police Regional Office 3 (PRO3) director Chief Supt. Aaron N. Aquino, in a send off ceremony held on Tuesday at the PRO3 parade ground here, said the contingents would be sent to Cagayan de Oro City as augmentation force to complement the troops.

"They are among the best and skilled personnel who have undergone tactical and combatant training," Aquino said.

He said the deployment of police personnel is

a continuing program of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and is line with the "Tour of Duty of PNP Personnel Deployed in Armed-Conflict Areas, Counter- Insurgency Operations and other Similar Serious Threats to National Security".

"I am sure that you will all do well, bear in mind that as police officers, we always place duty and honor above our own personal concerns. As your regional director, I am extremely proud of you because I am in no doubt that you will be able to carry out our mandated tasks of ensuring and maintaining public security and safety," Aquino said.

The troops will remain deployed in Mindanao until the situation normalized.

Meanwhile, he asked

the public to be extra cautious in believing and sharing in social media and spreading through text messages unverified reports circulating over the internet purportedly coming from police units as this might cause unnecessary panic and fear.

He also encouraged the reporting of any suspicious persons, activities, and unusual occurrences in public or any untoward incidents and crime situations through the nationwide emergency hotline 911 and/or PRO3 TOC 0917-623-5700.

"Let us stay strong and united against terrorism and other lawless activities for a safer place to live, work and do business," he added. (Zorayda S. Tecson/PNA)

'Vacationers' from Manila arrested for shabu

Cabanatuan City - - Relaxing or setting up a drug network?

This was the question asked when a group of "friends" from Metro Manila were rounded up in a luxurious resort here.

In a press briefing PSupt Ponciano Zafra disclosed that 8 friends, 6 of them come from Taguig and Pasig Cities, were arrested in a buy bust operation at Nery's Resort, Barangay Aduas Norte at around 1 AM and confiscated from them 14 sachets of shabu and 3 fully loaded high powered pistols.

In his report to Police Provincial Director PSupt Danilo Yarra, Zafra named those arrested as Janine Angelica Osorio y Go, 23, of Villa San Juan, Sto. Tomas, Pasig City, Justeen

May Gomez y Morales, 22, MLG St. Hagonoy, Pasig City, Carlo De Vera y Catuday, 23, of Lower Bicutan, Taguig City, Brent Garcia y De Guzman, 23, of San Miguel, Taguig City, Jeff Dela Cruz, 23, of San Miguel, Taguig City, Jayson Cabrera y Cauzon, 23, Bautista St. Taguig City, Christian Pascual y Manansala, 27, and Rez Cabantog y Velila, 31, both of Barangay Valenzuela, Sta. Rosa, NE.

Their arrest came when Cabantog was caught selling shabu to a police poseur buyer.

Aside from the illegal drugs confiscated from them, another sachet of marijuana and 3 fully loaded guns - a 9MM Glock 19, a caliber .45 Para Ordnance and a 9MM Colt IV pistol -

were also seized.

"We noticed that almost all of them (the 6 from Metro Manila) were 23 years old, but if they came here only to relax, why do they have high caliber pistols? We are still validating if any of them is in the 'watch list of drug personalities' or have criminal record", Zafra said.

In a follow-up with the Sta. Rosa police station, investigators were informed that Cabantog has been known "as a long time pusher" of their town.

"After arresting more than 320 drug personalities, we are focused on stopping the flow of drugs into the city, that's why we are checking on the background of this group", added Zafra. (Nelson Bolos)

Manhunt operations on vs suspected NPAs in Zambales

BOTOLAN, Zambales - Government troops are on hot pursuit operations against suspected communist rebels who reportedly raided this town's police station and its advance command post in nearby Barangay Taugtug Monday.

Zambales Philippine National Police (PNP) Provincial Director Senior Supt. Christopher Mateo Jr., said manhunt operations are ongoing for some 20 suspected members of the New People's Army (NPA) that reportedly simultaneously raided both police outfits early Monday dawn but were promptly thwarted by alert police guards who engaged them in a 20-minute exchange of firefight.

Local fireworks group appeals for review of EO 28

BOCAUE, Bulacan - While agreeing on the good intention of Pres. Rodrigo Duterte's signing of Executive Order 28 -- limiting the use of firecrackers to community fireworks display -- the Philippine Pyrotechnics Manufacturers and Dealers Association Inc., (PPMDAI) -- is appealing to the Chief Executive to consider their proposals aimed at uplifting the local fireworks industry through science and technology.

"The pyrotechnic industry is more on science and technology and through science, injuries can be avoided. Confining it to a designated zone is not a long term solution because lighting of fireworks is a centuries-old tradition of Filipinos," Celso C. Cruz, chairman emeritus of PPMDAI, said.

The EO stated that because of the firecracker related injuries and deaths, "the promulgation of stricter national standards, rules and regulations is warranted."

It was signed by Duterte on June 20, 2017.

The PPMDAI, however, said they are hoping that the Chief Executive will review the EO which the group says is provided under Republic Act 7183 which states that the "industry should be uplifted to enhance cultural heritage and tradition."

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Mateo said there were no casualties nor victims reported from the incident.

He, however, said he had ordered the SOCO team to further investigate and find possible crime aftermath as some witnesses claimed the rebels came crawling in and out from the fight scene.

The incident also alerted an Army mechanized encampment several kilometers away from the advance police outpost and troops reinforced their counterparts, forcing the rebel forces to scamper away and withdraw towards the hinterlands of the town.

Government forces are still on hot pursuit operations, Mateo added. (Mahatma V. Datu/PNA)

understand the good intention of our President. However, there are things that should be considered. The lightning of firecrackers is part of the traditions which cannot stop immediately," Cruz said.

He said that even before President Duterte assumed presidency, previous administrations has already banned the deadly "pico," the major culprit in the number of firecracker related injuries.

"Pico has long been banned but until now it is still the cause of firecracker injuries," Cruz said.

He said that the government, through the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), is helping the PPMDAI and the local fireworks industry to be safer and at par with global standards.

"The PNP, which is the administrator of RA 7183, has already came up with its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR). In coordination with the PNP-Civil Security Group, the PPMDAI is regularly conducting safety training seminars on the manufacture and sale of fireworks and pyrotechnics. No safety seminar, no permit. And the PNP is very strict on this. The DOST, on the other hand, is willing to fund the uplifting of local fireworks by making it at par with international standards by producing safe and quality products," Cruz said.

Likewise, he said that the PNP and the PPMDAI has long been working as partners to make the local fireworks industry safe and its workers as professionals.

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NOTICE OF DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SUCCESSION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the estate of the late Spouses Sergio Labasan and Segundina Roque-Labasan, who died intestate, respectively, on May 2, 1982, and August 1, 1981, in Gerona, Tarlac, without last will and testament and without any debts and obligations, left five (5) parcels of land covered by TCT Nos. 043-2015011348, TCT No. 46974, TCT No. 46976, TCT No. 46977 and TCT No. 07706 all located at Barangay Parsolingan, Gerona, Tarlac, is the subject of a Deed of Extra-Judicial Succession With Absolute Sale filed by the legal heirs of the aforementioned deceased otherwise known as Doc. No. 141, Page No. 31, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2017, in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Oscar V. Bermudez.

June 25, July 2, and 9, 2017

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After a year of DU30, the nation is gravely ill

It is one year, to the day, since the nation came under the spell of President Rodrigo Duterte. He has changed the presidency and the nation as he had promised, except that only his corporate, political and media cronies, choir and echo chamber seem inclined to believe the change has been for the better.

Is the DU30 we see and hear today the same DU30 whom 38 percent of our voters picked in May 2016 over his four other rivals?

Are his supporters today the same guys who thought they had found a savior who would serve the truth, justice and the rule of law, and liberate the poor from poverty?

Are the values DU30 is willing and ready to kill for the same as those which believers and non-believers alike are willing and ready to die for?

Beyond drugs and Marawi

These questions go beyond the drug war and the siege of Marawi City in Lanao del Sur. But they are among the more fundamental questions we should ask in trying to determine, from the nation's vantage point, whether DU30's first year has been a success or a failure.

I have more than a workaday personal interest in this particular discussion. For on the day DU30's minions danced in the streets to celebrate his descent from the skies of Davao, I asked my friends at the National Transformation Council what could possibly happen if after all the hoopla, the much-reviled B.S. Aquino 3rd ultimately turned out to be a much lesser evil than his lustily cheered successor?

This seemed absolutely unimaginable; no way, I thought, it could happen.

Now, as everyone had learned to call him, outdistanced his own mother's failures. But after my efforts to unmask a non-Filipino pretender to the presidency helped clear the way for the durian-eating gunslinger from Davao, I could not avoid one curiosity. Thus, I posed what sounded as an absurd and irreverent question.

Prophet of doom

Now, 12 months later, my friends who had laughed heartily at my irreverence think I could not have made a more prescient prediction. Where a famous economist friend of mine has been called a "Prophet of Boom," for consistently predicting the country's sound economic growth despite its serious political flaws, my friends now call me a "Prophet of Doom." True to my fears, the past year brought us moral, political and legal aberrations beyond our wildest apprehensions.

DU30 has repeatedly promised to be harsh. And with his offensive mouth and iron hand, he has proved to be much harsher, much more brutal, much more egocentric, much more power-driven—and his trolls and sycophants so much more unthinking and fanatical—than anyone could ever have imagined. Killing has become his first and often only solution to his problems, whether it was the drug suspects or the Mautes in the current Marawi siege.

"He has a hammer and everything is a nail," says former Defense Assistant Secretary Ruben Carranza, of the New York-based International Center for Transitional Justice, in a recent CNN interview with Christiane Amanpour.

I would retouch this particularly arresting imagery a bit to say "he sees himself as a hammer and everything else as a nail." Both in the drug war and in the military campaign against the Islamic State-linked Mautes in Marawi, "kill, kill, kill" is the first order that comes from the Commander in Chief's mouth even when there seems to be a clear opportunity of not having to kill.

All those killings

In the war on drugs which began on the day he took office, the killing is reported to have already claimed more than 8,000 lives, none of which appears to have been documented except the murder of Mayor Rolando Espinosa of Albuera, Leyte on December 6, 2016, inside his detention cell at the sub-provincial jail in Baybay, Leyte, by a team of policemen from Tacloban, the capital city, at 4 a.m.

The team, led by Police Supt. Marvin Marcos, with 18 others, has been charged with murder, a non-bailable offense, but the Department of Justice has downgraded the charges and authorized bail for all, raising indignant protests from the public.

A communication filed by lawyer Jude Sabio from Mindanao before the International Criminal Court at The Hague claims that DU30 was responsible for 9,400 killings by the Davao Death Squad since he was mayor of Davao City in 1988. The communication is supported by the Magdalo group led by Sen. Antonio Trillanes 4th and Rep. Gary Alejano, who had earlier filed an impeachment complaint against DU30, which the President's allies dismissed without a hearing at the House committee on justice. It is awaiting action from ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda's office.

DU30 has remained unmoved despite the plea of many who support his war on drugs, but oppose the summary killing of suspects. He has lately begun saying that the drug lords, none of whom have been identified, arrested

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PROMISES ARE PILING UP. WILL THEY EVER GET FULFILLED?

3-6 months no more drugs
freedom of information
wala nang junket
sa unang linggo, tanggal
ang endo
P15.00
na bigas
best and brightest
rebuild
Marawi



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Bulacan crimes show
Filipinos have become
animals



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:

"... But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." (2 Timothy 3:1-4, the Holy Bible).

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BULACAN KILLINGS DUE TO DRUGS, BOOZE, AND LACK OF FEAR OF GOD:

It was a potent and deadly mix of illegal drugs and booze, and evident lack of fear and love of God, that truly caused the massacre of five family members in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan this week, where the 58 year old mother visiting her daughter and the latter's family, and that daughter, were raped and then killed, together with the daughter's three young children.

In a confession given to police and media, Carmelino Ibanez admitted having committed the killings. He said he was under the heavy influence of drugs and of liquor when he went to the house of the victims at about 2 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

He disclosed that the victims were in fact even kind and generous towards him, allowing him on many occasions to draw water from their own water supply for his use. Asked what his motive was in carrying out the killings of people who even helped him several times in the past, Ibanez said it was simply a spur of the moment decision, fueled by abuse of illegal drugs and liquor hours before the massacre.

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58 YEAR OLD WOMAN RAPED AFTER SHE DIED OF 42 STAB WOUNDS:

That assertion of his notwithstanding, I am of the view that it was clearly a crime precipitated by lack of fear and love of God, for only someone who has no God in his heart and mind can commit crimes as heinous as multiple rapes and multiple murders.

Indeed, if Ibanez had fear and love of God, he would not have been abusing illegal substances and indulging in intoxicating drinks. That Ibanez did not have fear and love of God was further shown by the depravity of what he did---after having stabbed the 58 year old woman repeatedly, and apparently after she already died, it was at that point that he proceeded to sexually abuse her.

Imagine raping someone already dead, and full of stab wounds yet? But what is even more incomprehensible and also reprehensible here was the fact that Ibanez was supposed to be of insufficient financial means to splurge on these evil vices on account of his being a mere construction worker.

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- *Kelan ang SONA?*
- *Mga pangako ni PDigong natupad ba?*

BY: ROLDAN P. RAMOS



Kelan ang SONA - Yours truly is wondering as to how come there is still not an announcement on the date of the SONA or state of the nation address. Why do you think there still is no schedule? Could it have something to do with the president's health? As you all know, the SONA is a major pre-scheduled event that simply cannot be re-scheduled. However, if I were the president I will, this time, hold the SONA in Mindanao, perhaps in Davao or better yet in Marawi for a stronger impact. Just imagine a SONA wherein you can hear in the background the sound of guns and bombs, what a SONA!!!

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Mga pangako ni PDigong natupad ba? - For now let me just share with you an opinion taken from the Magdalo FB by a certain Deodato A. Malaya, and you decide if what he has written makes sense or not. As far as I am concerned most certainly No. 11 of the list below was indeed delivered as promised :

Changes in Duterte's 1st year:

1. *Traffic has worsened.*
 2. *MRTs more frequent breakdowns.*
 3. *SSS lost 67% of revenue due to the P1k pension to retirees.*
 4. *Pivot to China and disregarding the UN Arbirtal decision on the WPS.*
 5. *First President of the Phil to be accused in the ICC.*
 6. *First president to invite a terrorist group to attack a city and paid dearly for it at the expense of our Muslim Filipinos.*
 7. *Unparalleled rise in prices of commodities.*
 8. *Weakened the peso to P50.22 a dollar.*
 9. *Slowed down GDP to 6.4% from the previous 7%.*
 10. *Inflation went up to 3.4% from 1%.*
 11. *Depopulated the Phil by 12,000 suspected drug users.*
 12. *Hired propagandists to flood social media with fake news to fool the people and deprive them of the truth.*
 13. *Freed an obvious murderer (Marvin Marcos-Espinosa killer) to fulfill a promise.*
 14. *Jailed Delima based on trumped-up charges based on fake evidence and testimonies of convicted felons.*
 15. *Record breaking travel junkets abroad and returned with an avalanche of promises and pledges (but where's the beef?)*
 16. *Delivering a record number of speeches with just 1 recurring topic-drugs.*
 17. *Record breaking intelligence fund of P2.5billion only to find itself unable to telegraph the impending Maute attack due to failure of intelligence.*
 18. *Declined aid of European Union but negotiated a high interest loan from China.*
 19. *Accepted donation from a Chinese businessman worth P1.5billion without knowing that the donor is being accused of bribery in China.*
- So in fairness to him, there were really changes as promised.

**Kakampi Mo Ang Batas
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BULACAN CRIMES SHOW FILIPINOS HAVE BECOME ANIMALS: Yet, he nevertheless found the resources to satisfy his cravings. If this is not evil in itself, I don't know what is. Indeed, how could anyone who is living on a hand-to-mouth existence with starvation wages as a mere construction worker even think of devoting his hard earned-income to buying drugs and →

Change has come

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA



It's been a year when we were promised of a change that we never had in this country. So let us take a look at the changes that happened so far.

First we have the change of political parties. Those politicians who are wishing to be on the good side of the winner and get whatever perks that comes with being on the good side changed their political party as easy as changing clothes. Well, that change is so common already in the Philippine political arena but still it is a change.

The change on a leader we supported. After a year, some people started to change and they are starting to oppose the person they supported so dearly during the elections. The reason to this may vary from person to person. To some, their support changed because they don't agree with the decision being made by the leader. The funniest reason I saw is when a supporter suddenly became an opposition because he didn't get what he expected to get as a reward in helping during the elections. A traditional attitude that can drag humanity down. A change that we as a human must change.

A change in character. To most people using words that are not so kind in expressing your thoughts seemed to be better. Whatever happened to the art of effective communication? Nowadays it seemed lost. This is a change that we must correct.

Change in what is happening in the government. We have seen secretaries who came and went due to some allegations of corruption. A change that surprised everyone and made them think everything is real after all.

Change in the number of deaths. If we believe the statistics shown by the media, this is quite a change in the numbers of criminals and/or alleged criminal being killed. Though some people say that the streets are safer now, it won't look that good and sound good as it came to the expense of blood.

Change in the number. Accordingly, our economy is growing, and we are having higher rate of employment. A number of investor are going in the country and a lot of projects are being implemented. (If we are to believe the research of the BBC Hardtalk Host) Well then let's hope these keep improving and that sooner not later, we'll feel the effect of it.

A change in ally. Well we've been friends with the United States for so long and to everybody's surprise it seemed like that friendship is being set aside to connect with our neighboring countries. Others would say it is a stupid move. I would say it's about time. Let's break that shackle of spam mentality.

With all the changes happening, can we say we had a great leader? No. History will be the judge to that. Is he successful? In some ways yes and in other ways no. Can we as Filipinos help make a change that cannot hurt our country so bad. Yes, we can. Just set aside your personal agenda and set your sails with the wind of change and let's sail together towards the greater Philippines.

liquor?

This is what I have been harping on, for quite some time, in this column and in the other media outlets that have been opened for me. Filipinos have already descended to the level of animals, and all because they have turned their backs on God, spurning His Word, and no longer obeying His commands.

I can see more of these heinous crimes being committed in the days to come, by drug- and liquor-crazed criminals, **Cont. on page 8**

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- *50K-100K ang multa!!!*
- *Barangay Recall Elections- dapat lang!!!*

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



50K-100K ang multa - Patay kayong mga nam-babastos ng ating pambansang awit, malaki-laki ang multa. Mula singkwenta mil hanggang isandaang libong piso o (P50,000 up to P100,000). Ito ang nilalalman ng kamakailan lang na pinasa na Kongreso na batas:

"MANILA — The House of Representatives has approved on third and final reading the measure updating the rules on the correct rendition of the national anthem Lupang Hinirang, and requiring everyone to sing along when it is played in public.

House Bill No. 5224 also seeks to impose stiff penalties of P50,000 to P100,000 on "any person who, or entity which violates any provision" of the proposed law—much heftier than the P5,000 to P20,000 fine provided for by the current Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines.

Under the proposed measure, singing along when the anthem is played at public gatherings "shall be mandatory and must be done with fervor." It may be noted the current flag code, enacted in 1998, did not use the word "mandatory" when it directed public attendees to sing along during gatherings.

As a sign of respect, all persons must stand at attention facing the Philippine flag, if displayed, or the band or conductor; civilians salute the flag with their right palm over the left chest.

But, the House bill also seeks to provide leeway for people whose religious beliefs prohibit them from singing. The current flag code did not contain any provision, while the House measure states these people "must, nonetheless, show full respect... by standing at attention."

Kaya ayan sige, para sa mga bastos na akala mo kung sino sila na hindi man lang makapagbigay ng kaukulan respeto sa ating bandila at pambansang awit, maghanda –handanda na kayo ng inyong pang multa.

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Barangay Recall Elections- dapat lang- Mayroong mga ibang kupitan este kapitan ng barangay na walang ginawa o inatupag kung hindi mangurap, at sarili lang nilang kapakanan ang kanilang inatupag. Kaya panahon na para mang-sampol muli ng recall elections ng kupitan este kapitan (Punong Barangay). Sa totoo lang mayroon na tayong ginanyan. O ayun, asan si kupitan ngayon pagkatapos siyang pinulot sa kangkongang? Andun ngayon, isang maginhawang tindera sa palingki. Hi! Hi! Hi! Alam niyo mga dear readers, konting operational budget lang ang kailangan para mag-sagawa ng recall elections (basta't mayroong sapat na basehan) sa barangay. O, asan na mga mag-pi-finance? Sampolan na natin itong matulis na kupitana na ito!

Sa puntong ito ay nais ko muna kayong iwanan ng partial info hinggil sa recall elections na aking nakalap sa: <https://jlp-law.com/blog/primer-on-the-recall-process>

Who may exercise the power of recall? The power of recall for loss of confidence shall be exercised by the registered voters of a local government unit (LGU) to which the local elective official subject to such recall belongs.

What are the legal provisions governing the process of recall? Section 3, Article X of the Constitution provides that "Congress shall enact a local government code which shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization with effective mechanisms of recall, initiative, and referendum xxx." This is fleshed out in Republic **Cont. on page 8**

**Local Fireworks Group...
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DOST is also willing to make the industry more globally competitive," he added.

Cruz, a chemical engineer, said the government should have experts on the pyrotechnics industry.

He said that there must be a government body that should have experts and properly trained staff who fully well know the industry and how to make it safer and globally competitive.

A PPMDAI official also told local newsmen that even during the time when it was still outlawed and even at the time of the martial law period of then President Marcos, the local fireworks industry still managed to survive. (Emil G. Gamos/PNA)

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or killed, are funding the terrorists.

Terrorism as a defense?

Whether or not this has any basis, DU30 seems to be preparing his defense against the ICC complaint. By accusing the unnamed drug lords of funding the terrorists, he could try to justify killing the drug suspects, even though these were mostly barefoot pushers or users, rather than drug lords of Pablo Escobar's type.

In Marawi, where the fighting continues despite the long-elapsed self-imposed military deadlines, DU30 has ordered his troops not to hesitate killing, just because of the presence of civilians in the combat zone. This is consistent with his position not to negotiate for the peaceful surrender of any terrorist or a swap of prisoners involving any hostages by the Mautes and the parents of the Maute brothers who had been arrested by the authorities. DU30 appears determined to eliminate the enemy to the last man.

Some Mindanao observers point out that this approach

could work with the Tausugs of Sulu, who belong to the warrior class and are normally prepared to fight to the very end. But the Maranaws of Lanao del Sur are normally a trading class and prone to negotiations as a way of settling conflict. DU30's decision to reject all negotiations could radicalize their community, instead of encouraging them to work with government in rebuilding Marawi.

DU30 has to be reminded, these observers point out, that Marawi could not be rebuilt simply by pouring money (P10 billion or P20 billion) into the city, to which China has already contributed P15 million aside from some firearms and ammo with which to fight the Mautes, but by strengthening the roots of the community.

How Marawi will rise again

The new Marami will rise not on any new infrastructure but on the new sense of solidarity among the Maranaws, the observers insist. And this will be done not by radicals, but by moderates.

There appears to be a growing anxiety that DU30 does not fully understand this.

In the Carranza-Amanpour interview, the CNN anchor asked, "Where is the Philippines going under this President?" This is a question for all Filipinos.

Carranza, who has a master's degree in global public service law from New York University, and works with victims' communities and reparations policymakers not only in the Philippines but also in Nepal, Timor Leste, Indonesia, Palestine, Liberia, Ghana, South Africa and Kenya, as well as with some war crimes tribunals like the ICC and the Extraordinary Chambers in the courts of Cambodia, expressed concern about DU30's rising authoritarianism, the growing violence, the silencing of the opposition, and the vulnerability of elective officials to arbitrary replacement.

To this critic, DU30's governing style has created an atmosphere of instability which has fed more violence. Despite his attempt to take absolute control of government, DU30 has failed not only to decisively take over Marawi, but also to provide the necessary national leadership.

Failure to lead

"There is a vacuum of leadership when leadership is needed the most," he said. "DU30 has a lot to answer for."

I don't have the time nor the space now to discuss the serious foreign policy questions, involving our complex relations with the United States, China, Japan, Australia, Canada, the European Union, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which DU30 has tried to fiddle with to gain some international attention. This requires a particular focus, which cannot be done in a few sound-bites. This will therefore have to wait.

But we cannot judge DU30's first year without passing upon the moral question. This is the all-important question. Everything else flows from this.

There was a deliberate effort on the part of this President to shut down what is right and good and lawful, beginning with plain good manners, in favor of what is outrageous, illegal and wrong, beginning with fake news, sexual license, and killing.

Under DU30's spell, many of our people learned to applaud what they used to abhor and to despise what they once held sacred and inviolable. They lost their vision of the good they must live and fight for, and replaced it with what the powers of darkness have placed in the hands of this President.

Never has there been a time in our history when three of the four highest officials of the executive and the legislative departments led openly amoral, if not immoral, lives. And they expect to be allowed to continue to lead?

DU30 came upon a sick society when he became President on June 30, 2016. He made it sicker still after a year. Whatever problems he may have about his own health, which he wants to keep to himself, our problems with him, and the nation's health are infinitely graver. What kind of courage will it take for anyone of us to say we can afford to remain this sick for the next five years?/Francisco S. Tatad/fstatad@gmail.com

**Sen. Leila M. de Lima's
statement on Duterte's
first year**

This has been a year of lies, flawed policies and reckless violence by the State against the people.

What has been the President's go-to solution? More lies just to hide the lies, the incompetence and the bloodbath he has started.

My detention is one of these attempts to divert the people's attention from the lack of prosecution of real drug lords, of the failure to stop the proliferation of drugs, of the questionable transactions by which he is incrementally surrendering our sovereignty and selling the future of our people to foreign interests, of the poverty, rising unemployment and other hardships that our people are suffering from on a daily basis. I am the red flag that he waves at the Filipino people to distract them from his broken promises and their sufferings under his rule.

One year. I can weep about my 127 days in detention, but my personal sufferings are nothing compared to what our people have suffered in one year of broken promises and misrule.

If anything, I am the lucky one: I feel better sleeping in my detention quarters each night knowing I did what is right than living in luxury and false freedom, sleeping on a bed feathered with other people's sufferings.

FAKE NEWS!

OF THE WEEK

FAKE NEWS - BE FORWARDED

'WAG KANG TANGA! GAMITIN ANG COMMON SENSE!

BREAKING: MANNY PACQUIAO TO QUIT PHILIPPINE SENATE SEAT

BRISBANE, Australia (Exclusive to The Adobo Chronicles) – Once a boxer, always a boxer.

Filipino champion Manny Pacquiao told The Adobo Chronicles that he has made a very difficult decision to quit his seat as an elected senator of the Philippines.

Pacquiao made the decision on the eve of his WBO World Welterweight title fight against Australian Jeff Horn.

"I really miss boxing," he said, "and the smart and wonderful people associated with the boxing sport."

"In the senate, my colleagues there are nothing but self-centered, dumb-sses who are more concerned about their image and political career rather than the welfare of the Filipino people who put them in office."

"Since I joined the senate, no significant legislation has been put forward to help with the plight of my countrymen. It seems the senators are more interested in conducting hearing after hearing even on the minutest of issues. I'm fed up!"

The boxer-turned-politician added that he would be of better service to the Filipino people if he remained in the ring. "I can better bring honor to my country by being a champion boxer," he said.

The Pacquiao-Horn boxing match is being billed the "Battle of Brisbane," and will be held on Sunday morning, Philippine time, at the Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.



Philippine boxer Manny Pacquiao (L) and Australian challenger Jeff Horn. Picture: AFP

DND chief stands firm on fake news stance

MANILA - Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana on Wednesday defended his fake news stance against progressive group Gabriela, who claims that troops engaged in clearing operations in Marawi City are threatening women there with rape.

"I consider their allegations fake news because it appears from their actions that their purpose was not noble but to find fault," he added.

And in justifying his claims, Lorenzana said that if these allegations were true, the alleged targets of these threat never came out when they could have easily reported the incident first to the media covering the ongoing fighting.

"Second, I find it highly suspicious that during this first and only visit of Gabriela they would 'stumble' upon these girls? I suspect that they have planted those stories if not the girls themselves and went to Iligan under the

guise of helping the evacuees but actually to mine and milk these fake allegations," he added.

Fighting in Marawi City is entering its sixth week with the government reporting that it has already gained strategic and tactical advantage against the Maute Group terrorists.

The conflict started when government security forces tried to arrest Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon and ISIS "Emir" in Southeast Asia last May 23.

"Third, it is part of their grandstanding and limelight seeking tendencies as they now are asking Congress to investigate their fabricated allegations. Fourth, they don't want to divulge the names of their alleged subjects for security concerns kuno but we again suspect that they are non-existent or planted witnesses that can not pass legal scrutiny. Fifth, what is so laughable is that for lack of anything to throw at us they

are accusing our soldiers of future rape by insinuations," the DND chief stressed.

He added that he was not inclined to dismiss these allegations if only done in the proper way, which is to inform defense and military officials of the claims, so that an investigation could be made to check its veracity.

"I don't want to dismiss this allegations if only it were done the proper way- inform us so that we can address it instead of going immediately to the media. This allegation is very serious and i myself will do everything in my power to punish those who committed it whether in jest only as it objectifies and degrades women in general. These acts if true goes against the Filipinos deep-seated respect for our mothers, sisters and womenfolk in general," Lorenzana said. (Priam F. Nepomuceno/PNA)

DOT denies approving plans for Coron theme park anew

MANILA-TheDepartment of Tourism (DOT) on Wednesday has denied anew that it has approved plans for the construction of the Nickelodeon theme park in Coron, Palawan, noting that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and local government of Palawan are in charge of giving the plan its approval.

"The primary agencies to determine this are the DENR and the Palawan local governments, and we will defer to their assessment," Tourism Sec. Wanda Teo said in a statement.

Teo assured the Haribon Foundation and other environmental groups that the protection and enhancement of the environment will always be its main concern.

She also clarified that her initial positive response on the plan of a proposed Nickelodeon theme park was to encourage investment in new Philippine tourism projects.

Moreover, she stressed that this did not mean that she was throwing her support behind the project.

"We must see first if the project proponents can make good on their assurance to

us that their project will not damage the environment, and that this will have a strong positive impact on the people of Palawan," Teo said.

Teo further assured environmental groups of the DOT's full support for tourism projects designed to protect and enhance the environment.

"We are supportive of new tourism projects that would make the Philippines more attractive to foreign tourists and provide new rest and recreation havens for Filipinos. But these new projects, and even our

existing tourism spots should be havens as well for all living creatures. And the natural beauty that attracts visitors in the first place should always be preserved," Teo said.

Puerto Princesa Governor Jose Alvarez previously shrugged off plans to build a theme park in Coron.

"Forget what Nickelodeon is saying because they are just teasing your imagination. There is no such plan. There is no application. And besides they will not be allowed to construct underwater. Is it very clear?" Alvarez said. (Azer N. Parrocha/PNA)

Mismatch in curricular programs in some ASEAN schools bared

MANILA - A University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB) Filipino student, elected as the first President of the newly formed Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) University of Student Council, is calling for education leaders in the region to resolve the issue on mismatch of some curricular programs in various colleges and universities in its member states thereby causing delay in the studies of some exchange students.

In an interview, John Derick Ordonez, a 19 year

old second year Development Communication student, said some subjects were not credited when they transferred or study abroad for a one or two year educational program due to the misalignment in the curriculum of various schools in the ASEAN region.

Some of the subjects taken are either not credited here or abroad. Because of this problem, it causes delay in the completion of studies of students and their graduation, especially those in the undergraduate levels.

"With regards to the

DOLE urges stranded OFWs in Saudi to avail of amnesty now

MANILA - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) yesterday made a last minute call to undocumented overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to immediately register and avail of the amnesty given by the Saudi government which ends on June 29.

Undersecretary Dominador Say stressed the need for stranded and undocumented migrant workers to have their travel documents processed before Saudi authorities start crackdown on undocumented foreign nationals by month's end.

"I have been informed that there are still some OFWs in Saudi Arabia who have not yet registered and some have ignored the announcement of the Philippine Embassy to avail of the amnesty. The processing will take few days before they can leave and all of this should be done before June 29," Say said.

Say added that the Philippine Embassy in Saudi can only process documents of those who are willing and eager to be brought back home and they have no power over those who refuse to avail of the amnesty.

Citing an example, Say said that he spoke with one of the stranded OFWs when he was in Saudi Arabia last April. He tried to persuade the OFW to avail of the amnesty. However, the migrant worker insisted not to register yet, saying she can still work for a month and save some money before flying back home.

"The deadline for registration is due to end soon. We hope that

OFWs can register as soon as possible because there are still factors to be considered, such as the processing period, acquiring of other documents, and booking a flight back to the Philippines," Say added.

Say also said that despite being issued with exit visa, OFWs who have not yet left the Saudi territory after the given amnesty period will still be arrested by the Saudi authorities.

Last April, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, has sent a Rapid Response Team to ensure that stranded and undocumented OFWs in KSA will be repatriated to the Philippines by availing of the amnesty program of the Saudi government dubbed "A nation without violators."

In March, Saudi granted a 90-day amnesty for undocumented and overstaying foreign individuals of Umrah, Hajj and visit visa holders; OFWs with expired iqamas (residence permits), or have never been issued an iqama; Huroob cases or those who escaped from their employers; and OFWs who were abandoned by their employers, including their dependents.

Say clarified that those foreign nationals who have pending cases in the Arab country are not covered by the amnesty.

Since the implementation of the 90-day amnesty period, more than 5,000 stranded and undocumented OFWs have been repatriated by the government. (DOLE/RJB/SDL/PIA-NCR)

curricular problems, I think the education ministers should look into this," he said. Particularly, he said, it was observed that there were problems of misalignment in social science subjects with more on business and economic subjects that were only accredited by colleges or universities here and in other countries.

This is one of the first two problems identified by the participants during the sharing of students coming from the member states in the recently concluded First ASEAN

Student Mobility Forum held in Pasay City, where the ASEAN, the Philippines' Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the European Union (EU) joined forces to organize. The move was aimed to capture and promote the benefits of student mobility in the ASEAN region.

About 200 students and alumni attended the two-day forum early this June to discuss the impact of student mobility has on individuals' studies, employability and careers, as well as on societies and on the ASEAN region as a whole.

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350,000 passengers daily on its opening year.

Other rail projects include PNR South (Manila -

Los Baños - Bicol) and Mindanao Railway. MRT-7, LRT-2 East Extension, and LRT-1 Cavite Extension projects are all undergoing construction. (DOTr/RJB/SDL/PIA-NCR)



NEDA Director General Ernesto Pernia, Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade, Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno, Caloocan Mayor Oscar Malapitan and Congressman Edgay Erice strike President Duterte's signature fist pose at the marking of five stations for the Manila-Clark railway project. (Photo by DOTr)

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and the city line departments, had been treating the said poultry farm with kid gloves as there are unconfirmed reports that the poultry owner is an "amiga" of the mayor and the suspension, though a positive development is just a slight blow.

"The community demands a permanent solution," Farres said, pertaining to the root of the issue which is the swarm of flies, said to be emanating from the said poultry.

Farres has taken the cudgels for the residents complaining about the poultry's "unsanitary operation."

Dela Rosa-Vega Farm had been the subject of complaints by the people affected by the swarms of flies which regularly come about every harvest season for the last more than 10 years.

In Farres' April 18 letter to the mayor, it cited the 2015 petition signed by hundreds of affected residents of Barangay Tibag which remained unacted.

It was said that there is a similar complaint-petition with 400 signatures, but that is already nowhere to be found.

"Tama na, busog na busog na kami sa langaw lalo na ang mga matatagal ng residente dito. Nakailang subok na sila na magreklamo, walang nangyari. Kawawa sila dahil hindi nila alam kung paano i-approach ang problema. They have been suffering for years! Pasensiya na lang. Pinaglalaman lang namin ang aming karapatan para sa malinis na kapaligiran, karapatan na makalanghap ng malinis na hangin, karapatan na kumain ng maayos, karapatan na matulog ng mahimbing, karapatan na mapakinabangan ang aming mga lupain sa ligal at maayos na paraan," Farres commented.

Despite the issuance of a suspension order, a resident remained skeptical. "Fifteen days lang ang suspension, paano kug nag-load ulit sila? Kung serious ang pag-address sa aming

reklamo dapat closure order na ang pinalabas dahil sa ilang taon na paulit-ulit na paglabag nila sa mga environmental laws and local ordinances," said a resident who requested his name withheld.

Apparently, the mayor's suspension order came on the warning that the issue will be elevated to the higher offices if not acted upon, as contained in Farres' letter.

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unless an honest-to-goodness moral revival, anchored on spiritual faith, is launched and pursued in earnest by right thinking Filipinos. The only problem here is that, this, I can see, is even an impossible dream. May God have mercy on the Philippines and on Filipinos.

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Magkasangga Tayo... from page 5

Act No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended by R.A. 9244.

How is the recall process initiated? The recall of any elective provincial, city, municipal or barangay official shall be commenced by a petition of a registered voter in the LGU concerned and supported by the registered voters in the LGU concerned during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected. The preparatory recall assembly was already removed as a means of initiating the recall process.

What are the required percentage of registered voters who must sign the



Hands-on Mayor - This photo of Tarlac CIO shows Mayor Cristy Angeles talking to market vendors, consumers and the administrator during her surprise on June 26. Despite however of the Mayor's frequent visit to the market, there seems to be very little improvement. Vendors are all over the streets, right where the Mayor is at in this photo. It seems that the mayor's call for an orderly city market falls on deaf ears.

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Various current pressing problems including issues on economy, environment, the peace and order situation of the country and its member states, were tackled during the forum.

The second problem identified is the occasional delayed financial assistance such as the supply of allowances, stipends and budgetary problems of students abroad. They are forced to struggle to survive when they run out of funds while studying in a foreign land when the help is not there yet, he said.

At the same time, Ordonez said they were also pushing for sustainability of exchange student programs aimed to benefit more who wanted to study abroad. At the moment, such programs backed by foreign funding through EU-SHARE, ASEAN International Mobility of Thailand, and ASEAN Credit Transfer System, are three schemes that are helping sustain the ASEAN's student mobility program.

Those who are interested to avail of the exchange student program may apply through the National Youth Comm (NYC), and institutions with international linkages, he said.

He said they wanted the newly created student body council under the ASEAN to serve as a platform for the ASEAN youth to

petition?

1. At least 25% in the case of LGUs with a voting population of not more than 20,000...

address their needs and be an avenue for

the students involved in the mobility in the region to elevate their educational concerns to various educational heads of the region.

At the moment, under his leadership, they were in the process of planning programs and projects and formulating policies, term of reference, and guidelines and laying down the rules that would govern the newly created student body in the future, he said.

Ordonez was elected as President of the Council, during their stay in Japan under the Genesis program last March 13 to 21. On the third day which was on March 15, the announcement of ASEAN Secretariat of an election to be held for chairmanship and other positions to be held for the young participants, came as a surprise because the activity was supposed to be just for cultural exchange only, he said. There were young 130 participants with 13 delegates from each member country.

He explained that Council is recognized by the ASEAN, as its official consensus building body for the youth in the region. His vice chairman is from Cambodia. The one year term of chairmanship, and election for vice-chairman for each country shall be made

on a rotation bases, according to Ordonez.

He said they are preparing for the holding of the next Student Council forum next year. At the moment, he said, the Council has an existing executive committee. They are still in the process of establishing a coordinator for each country, and plans to conduct at least 3 activities for this year.

As a new generation acting as ambassadors of goodwill and advocate of peace in the region he said, "We are looking forward to an environment that is conflict free. Mahirap po mabuhay tayo under conflict." Being the first legitimate youth organization in the ASEAN, they plan to accredit more youth organizations in the region.

"I really hope that the Commission on Higher Education will really be supportive of all these programs also with the student mobility because it would be great opportunity for us po, for the Filipino youth to engage with other countries and also to adopt the best practices. This is also an opportunity to build camaraderie in our region. It will not only benefit the person but it will benefit the whole country. This is the next generation. So the government should support it," he said. (MLG/PNA)

Langaw sa Lungsod ng Tarlac!

By: Bing Farres
First of three parts

Normal lang ba na may langaw? Hindi nga ba ito puwedeng masugpo at tuluyang mawala sa ating kapaligiran?

Sa aking pag-iikot sa Lungsod ng Tarlac, sa tuwing inuungkat ang usapin tungkol sa langaw, ang karaniwang reaksiyon ng tao ay “normal lang na may langaw”. Para bang resigned na ang mga tao at tinanggap na nila na ang langaw ay parte ng kanilang pamumuhay.

Ang usaping langaw ba ay napakasimpleng, at dapat na ipagkibit-balikat lamang? Nonsense kumbaga, at mas marami tayong mas importanteng issue na dapat pagtuunan ng pansin?

Mali. Hindi normal na may langaw. Hindi normal na dinadapuan ng langaw ang ating pagkain, hindi normal na dinapuan ng langaw an gating mga

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gamit hindi lamang sa pagtulog kundi gamit din sa kainan. Hindi ko lubusang maisip. Naka-kulambo habang kumakain? How cruel!

Kulambo ang solusyon. Tuwing may okasyon, kasalan, binyagan, o ano pa man, naka-handa na ang kulambo pantakip ng pagkain. “Nakakahiya!” sabi ng isang padre de pamilya. “Nagpakasal kami. Pinaghandaan namin husto. Maraming imbitado. Napaka-importanteng araw ito sa anak ko. Pagkatapos, nataon na nag-harvest ang poultry. Dinagsa kami ng langaw. Di na nakakain ang mga bisita. Nakakahiya!”

Poultry?

Saan ang poultry? “May poultry diyen, nadadaan niyo, yung may malaking gate. Nag petition na kami noon pero wala rin namang nangyari,” sabi ng isa. Bakit hindi kami sinabihan ng Barangay nung kami ay kumukuha ng clearance para sa building permit na may poultry pala dito na nirereklamo ng mga tao? May petition pala as far back as year 2015 na pirmado ng 184 na katao. Lucky us, may isang kapitbahay na nakapagtago ng receiving copy ng petition.

“Hindi lang ‘yan. Mayroon pa ulit kaming pinapirma pagkatapos ng 2015 petition na yan. May 400 na prima yun. Binigay din namin sa Barangay. Wala ring nangyari. Humihingi kami ng kopya sa Barangay ngunit sabi nila wala na, natapon na,” sabi ng isang pang residente.

Nagdulot pa ito ng ispekulasyon at pagdududa na ang ilang mga residente daw ay nagpabayad kaya wala ng nangyari. O ang mga opisyal kaya?

And this is where it all began. For years, ang mga tao ay pinaikot-ikot. Pasok sa isang tenga ang reklamo, labas sa kabila. Mukhang malakas ang poultry na ito at mukhang mas kinikiligan sila kaysa sa daan-daang residente. Mukhang binabalewala ang problema ng mga tao na nagluklok sa kanila sa puwesto. Mukhang hindi na nila inisip ang implikasyon ng sangkatutak na langaw sa kalusugan ng mga maraming bata. Mukhang hindi na nahiya ang mga opsiyal ng pamahalaan na sila ay pinapasweldo ng taong bayan (mula sa kanilang amilyar), ngunit di naman nila ginagawa ng tama at tapat ang kanilang tungkulin.

Sa susunod, we will trace kung ano na ang nangyari sa petition, at ano pa ang mga nangyari mula April ngayong taon nang aming dinulog muli ang 2015 petition sa mga kinaukulan. Mababasa ninyo kung paano tinatrato ng mga opisyal ang mga maliliit na tao. Ang mga kasinungalingan. Mababasa ninyo how the problem was swept under the rug. Lies! One lie cover-up another!

Ano ba, langaw lang ‘yan!

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anak kanilang pagtulog. Parang lamok din ‘yan. Puwede ‘yang ma-control, puwede ‘yang masugpo, at puwedeng tuluyang mawala sa ating kapaligiran. Ang langaw ay PESTE. May dala ang mga itong maraming mikrobyo na magdudulot ng sakit, lalung-lalo na sa mga bata at matatanda. Kung may langaw, ito ay nagpapahiwatig na mayroon tayong ginawagang mali sa ating kapaligiran.

Personal na karanasan

Bagong lipat lang kami (ako at ng aking pamilya) sa Lungsod ng Tarlac (wala pang isang taon). Sa loob ng ilang buwang pamamalagi naming dito, napansin namin na may mga panahon na dinadagsa kami ng libu-libong langaw (swarm of flies), at kahit anong gawin namin ay hindi kami nauubusan ng langaw (they must be coming from somewhere)! Ngayon lang kami nakaranas ng ganito sa buong buhay! Marami ring langaw sa palengke (karaniwang sasabihin ng mga tao eh palengke nga eh, eh di may langaw!), kaya kami ay nagpunta sa isang supermarket sa mall, ngunit laking gulat ko ng nasaksihan ko na may mga **bangaw**, yes **bangaw (malalaking langaw)** din sa kanilang meats and fish section. May mga langaw din sa ilang restaurants (mga sikat na naka-aircon) na aming kinainan.

Samaktwid, ang langaw sa Tarlac ay isa ng malalang problema, sa aminin man natin at sa hindi, at hindi na dapat ito i-trato na pangkaraniwan lamang (lalung-lalo ng ating City Health Office).

Ano nga ba ang langaw? Paano ito nabubuhay?

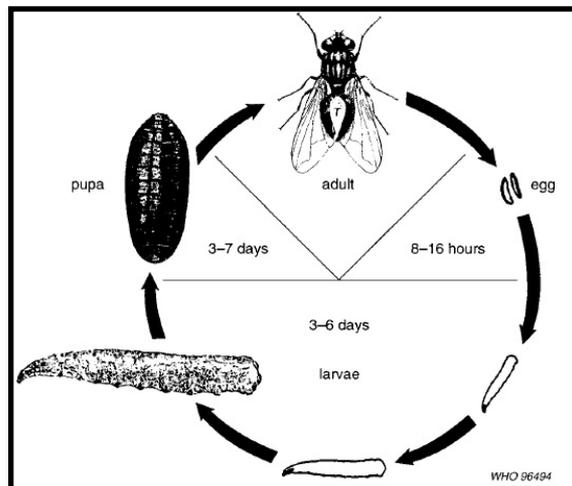
Hindi ako isang entomologist. Hindi ako scientist. Ako ay isang simpleng journalist lamang. Higit sa lahat, ako ay isang ina na naghahangad ng isang malinis at malusog na kapaligiran para sa aking mga anak. (I miss Gina Lopez!) Dahil dito, ako ay nanaliksik, pinag-aralan ko ang langaw!

Ayon sa World Health Organization o mas kilalang WHO (karamihan ng datus sa atrikulong ito ay galing sa pananaliksik ng WHO), ang langaw o tinatawag sa Ingles na housefly ay nabubuhay malapit sa mga tao sa buong mundo. Ngunit hindi ito nangangahulugan na sila ay parte na ng ating buhay.

May apat na yugto ang buhay ng langaw: egg (itlog), larva/maggot (uod), magkakaroon ng bahay ang uod sa kanyang pupal stage, hanggang sa ito ay ganap ng langaw. Depende sa temperatura, ang itlog ay magiging adult sa loob ng 6-42 days.

Ang adult na langaw ay nabubuhay sa loob ng 2-3 weeks. Depende sa environmental conditions, puwede pa itong mabuhay hanggang tatlong buwan!

Ang langaw ay karaniwang nangingitlog ng maramihan sa tae at sa basura. Ang itlog ay namimisa (hatch) sa loob lang ng ilang oras. Pag namisa na ang mga ito, at naging uuod (maliliit) kung saan gustong-gusto nila ang medyo basang environment. Pag ang mga uod na ito ay hinaayang mabuhay, lilipad sila



sa mas tuyong lugar at doon sila gagawa ng sariling bahay (pupa) hanggang sila ay magiging tuluyang adult na langaw.

Ang babaeng langaw ay kayang mangitlog ng hanngang 120-130 sa isang itlugan at sa buong buhay nito, kaya niyang mangitlog ng hanngang limang beses. Sa madaling salita, kung hayaan nating mabuhay ang isang langaw, ay asahan natin na dadami at dadami ito ng ilang daan (hundred-fold), sa loob ng humigit-kumulang na isang buwan lamang.

Pagkain ng langaw

Ang langaw (male at female) ay kumakain ng lahat ng uri ng pagkain ng tao, basura, at tae. Sinisipsip din nila ang pawis ng tao (kaya sila dumadapo sa atin). Kinakain din nila ang tae ng hayop.

Mas gusto ng mga langaw ang liquid food para sisipsipin lamang nila ito. Ngunit puwede rin silang kumin ng tuyong pagkain – ito ay kanilang lalawayan hanggang lumambot, at saka nila sipsipin.

Kaya ang langaw, ay dumadapo sa ating inyong inumin, dahil umiinom din sila. At pag dumapo sila sa ating tuyo (dry) na pagkain, asahan niyo na lalawayan nila iyon, kaya anumang mikrobyo na nasa laway nila ay mapupunta sa ating pagkain. Ito ay iba pa sa mga mikrobyo at iba’t-ibang kalseng dumi na kumapit sa kanilang paa.

Breeding sites (saan sila nagpaparami)

Ang langaw ay nangingitlog sa mga na tae ng hayop at mga nabubulok na mga halaman.

Ang pinakagusto nilang pangitlugan ay sa tae ng hayop na medyo basa, medyo malambot pa, at normally ay nasa isang linggo na. Ito ang isang ekspalanayon kung bakit ang poultry na hindi pinapalakad ng tama ay malangaw.

Ang ating alkantarilya (sewer) ay isa ring puwedeng pangitlugan ng mga langaw kaya napaka-importanteng may p-trap daluyan ng ating mga duming tubig. Nakakalungkot nga lamang dahil sa aming experience, ang p-trap ay winawalang-bahala ng mga construction workers (mason at tubero) at hindi nila nakikita ang kahalagahan nito. Magpalagay ka ng lababo sa kanila at karamihan sa kanila, ay hindi ilalagay ang p-trap kahit ito ay kasama sa set na ibigay sa kanila. Ito ay isang classic example ng failure of education natin (o baka naman pati mga guro ay hindi alam ito).

Ang mga pinagdamuhan na iniwan lang sa tabi-tabi ay breeding site din ng langaw. Ang pinagdamuhan ay dapat i-compost at hindi dapat hayaang mabulok lamang sa tabi-tabi. Panawagan sa City Environment and Natural Office, ginagawa niyo ba ito sa inyong mga grass cutting activities? Alam ba ito ng inyong tauhan?

Sa mga susunod na issue ay tatalakayin natin ang public health impact (ang mga iba’t ibang sakit na dulot ng langaw).

Panawagan sa City Health Office – kung mayroon kayong nalalaman at mayroon kayong mai-contribute tungkol dito (sana ay meron, dahil sa obserbasyon ko lang ay wala kayong pakialam sa langaw) ay maari kayong mag-email sa tarlacweekender@yahoo.com. I hope you will prove me wrong.

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Langaw lang ‘yan!

The story of a community’s struggle for a healthy and clean environment

(First of three parts)

By: Bing Farres

Sitio Pag-asa, Barangay Tibag. Isang close-knit community kung saan halos lahat ay magkakamag-anak. Tahimik at mapayapang lugar. Along the main road, may mga business activities, a sign that the community is moving forward. Kapag pumasok ka sa mga interior roads (na sa kasamaang palad ay hindi pa sementado despite sa laki ng IRA ng Barangay na nasa sampung milyong piso kada taon), makikita mo ang mga puno, mga sakahan.

Sitio Kasulukan, Barangay Tibagan. Ito ang bungad ng barangay. Kadikit ng Sito Pag-asa. Unassuming ika nga. Pero pag-pasok mo sa isang rough road, isangliit na kalsada, ay makikita mo na at least yung lugar na matao ay sementado ang daan.

Sa magkalapit lugar na ito, maaliw ka sa mga alaga ng mga residente na kambing, baka, kalabaw. Matutuwa ka na maraming fruit bearing trees. Masisiyahan ka na bawat lupa ay sinusubukang pakinabangan.

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Sa gabi, may nakasusulasko na amoy. Hindi namin alam kung saan nanggagaling. Amoy imburnal, septic tank, ‘di namin maintindihan. Masangang! Kahit sarado ang bintana at naka-aircon ka ay pumapasok pa rin ang amoy. Paano na kaya ang mga kapitbahay namin na walang aircon?

Buwan-buwan (every 35-45 days) may dumadagsa na libu-libong langaw and stays with us for a week or two. As in swarm, na hindi mo alam kung saan nanggagaling. Pumapasok sila sa bawat maliit na butas ng aming kabahayan. Sinubukan naming i-seal lahat ng bintana at pintuan, ngunit nakakapasok pa rin sila. Pumapasok kahit sa aircon! Mag-iwan ka ng kahit anong pagkain o inumin, sa loob ng ilang segundo, dadagsain na ‘yan ng mga langaw. Hindi namin magamit ang aming “dirty kitchen” na nilagay sa labas ng bahay dahil sa dami ng langaw. Pumapasok sila Sa kotse. Kumakapit sila sa tao! You can even hear the flies buzzing! Ang tataba nila. Ang aamo. Busog na busog. Ang lalaki ng tiyan –itlog kaya nila ‘yun, o matataba lang sila talaga? Kinakailangan naming mag-spray dalawang beses isang araw, pero patuloy ang dagsa nila. Pudpod na ang aking fly swatter (at wala akong mabilhan ng pamalit). Saan sila nanggagaling?! Kadiri!

Ang oras na dapat na ilaan ko para sa aking mga anak at pamilya, ang mahalagang oras ko na dapat ay gamitin para sa isang productive activity ay napupunta sa

pagbugaw at pagtapay ng langaw! What a waste of time! Hindi ko na matiis. Utang na loob! Tama na!

Pero benefit of the doubt. Kami lang ba ang may ganitong problema? May ginagawa ba kaming mali para kami dagsain ng ganito karaming langaw?

Nagtatagong kami sa mga kapitbahay.

Hindi kami nag-iisa. Ang problema namin ay problema ng marami sa Sitio Pag-asa at Sitio Kasulukan. Problema ng daan-daang pamilya.

Good for us, ilang buwan lang kaming nakatira dito. Ang karamihan ay ilan taon nang nagdurusa. Ang iba, nasa 19+ years ng nagdurusa. Ang iba (na may option) umaalis na lamang at naninirahan sa ibang lugar. Karamihan, nagtitiis na lamang dahil wala silang malipatan, at ang lupain nila ay kanila pang minana.

Ang kuwento ng karamihan, hindi na nila alam gumamit ng lamesa dahil kinakailangan nilang

kumain ng palakad-lakad at mabilisan para di dapuan ng langaw ang kanilang pagkain. “Sa mahal ng kape ngayon, pag dinapuan ito ng langaw ay tanggalin mo na lang siya at pilit mo pa ring inumin ang kape,” ayon sa isang kapitbahay na sinang-ayunan naman ng marami. “Hindi lang sa kape, kahit anong pagkain. Daanin mo na lang sa dasal na huwag magkasakit.”

May mag-asawang may sakit, kinakailangan nilang mag-aircon 24-hours a day. “Ang laki ng aming electric bill. Ang dapat na ipambili namin ng gamot, napupunta sa kuryente. Hindi namin mabuksan ang aming bintana. Malangaw at maamoy,” sabi nila.

Kulambo

So paano sila naka-survive? Paano na ang mga bata? Di mo naman puwedeng palakarin ang mga ito habang kumakain? Kulambo. They found comfort in kulambo. Ang kulambo ay **Cont. on page 9**

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