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6 Dead, 16 Hurt in Tarlac Van-Bus Crash

by Nelson Bolos

Tarlac City - - Over fatigue causes accident.

This must be the lesson learned too late by a driver of a van which crashed to a Santrans bus which resulted in the death of 6 persons and injuring 16 others along the Mac Arthur Highway, Barangay Aguso, around 4:30 AM last Monday (July 24).

The passengers of the Toyota Hi Ace van (ABT-6298) are relatives and came from Legaspi City in Bicol where they attended a kin's burial. They were on their way home to Tubao, La Union and must have been more than 12 hours on the road.

The van collided head on to a Santrans bus (CWV-4181) bound to Metro Manila and was completely deformed.

Due to the impact, the bus crashed to a house along the highway damaging 2

vehicles parked inside but, luckily, none among the residents were injured.

In his report, PInsp Wilhelmino Alcantara identified the 6 fatalities in the early morning vehicular accident as Jemor Bueno y Molina, driver of the Toyota Hi Ace Van, and his passengers Teresita Basadre, Silvestre Basadre, Lolita Marzan, and Andrea Duran who were all killed on the spot.

The sixth fatality, Gerald Rei Basadre, died while being treated at the Tarlac Provincial Hospital.

The injured passengers of the van were Severino Fortez y Dela Cruz, 59; Maximo Dolen y Espinoza, 68; Dolores Mapanao y Cortez, 63; Rolando Duran y Estoque, 58; Ofelia Lopido y Veloria, 52; Pricilla Sales y Marzan, 69; Benito Sales y Marzan, 63; Edmar Laron y

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3 FOREIGNERS WITHDRAWING MONEY WITH FAKE ATMs ARRESTED; 152 CLONED BANK CARDS SEIZED; P340 M CASH WITHDRAWN

City of San Fernando, Pampanga - - Banks no longer safe?

This came as 3 foreign nationals were arrested on the act of withdrawing money using fake Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) cards from whom almost P340,000 cash and 152 cloned ATM cards were seized last Monday night (July 24).

The arrest of the 3 foreigners was announced by Police Region 3 Director

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Magsumbong sa Weekender!

>Meron ba kayong issue na matagal nang pinaabot sa mga liderato natin ngunit di kayo pinapasin?

>Meron ba kayong sumbong ngunit di niyo alam kung paano at kung kanino ito ipaaabot?

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De Ocampo inaugurates Philippine Veterans Bank branch facelift; Showcases war history, heroism of 'freedom fighters'

Paniqui, Tarlac - An illustrious man, an institution graced this town.

Former Finance Secretary Roberto "Bobby" de Ocampo inaugurated yesterday the renovation of the Philippine Veterans Bank branch here showcasing Philippine war history and the heroism of "freedom fighters" - the veterans.

De Ocampo, acclaimed as the "Finance Minister of the year" and former Ten Outstanding Young Man awardee, is the Chairman of the Philippine Veterans Bank.

The Veterans Bank renovation features a 5-panel historical pictures of the country's war scenes during the World War II accenting the "new modern look" of the bank's interior.

"We are the only bank in the country where one can appreciate some historical scenes of our experience during the second world. We came out with this innovation, not only as a fitting memoriam to our veterans, but for all the people to appreciate our past. Our bank is now not only a bank but a mini museum where one can have a glimpse of our war history", De Ocampo said.

Philippine Veterans Bank has 68 branches all over the country and has for its majority

clients the Filipino war veterans of WW II.

De Ocampo disclosed that "in accordance to the law which created it, the VB is the only private bank which can extend loans to local government units for their infrastructure projects and other programs".

The Paniqui branch is the only PVB branch in the province of Tarlac.

The inauguration was graced by this town's mayor Max Roxas and representatives of governor Susan Yap-Sulit, Gerona Mayor Eloy Eclar and other local officials.

Roxas announced that it will deposit P50 Million of this town's treasury account.

"Dahil sa magandang serbisyo at sa patuloy na pagbibigay ng halaga sa aming bayan, magde-deposito ako dito sa Philippine Veterans Bank ng P50 milyon sa aming pondo," Roxas said.

Impressed with the scenic WW II memorabilia donning a corner of the bank, Tarlac Tribune publisher Paul Gonzales said, "ibang klaseng innovation, kapag magde-deposit ka dito iba ang ambiance, at may matutunan ka sa history."

De Ocampo served as Secretary of Finance during the presidency of Fidel V Ramos from 1992 to 1998.

He graduated cum laude from Ateneo de Manila University



Santa Ignacia Mayor Nora Modomo with the support of the members of the Sangguniang Bayan, cuts the ribbon for the newly cemented roads of Purok 1, 5, and 6 of Barangay Cabugbugan.

(1967 Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics). Then he took his a Master in Business Administration from the University of Michigan (1970) and a post-graduate diploma from the London School of Economics (1971).

The career of De Ocampo began in 1972 when he pioneered the rural electrification program. He was then recognized as the youngest administrator in the history of the national government and received the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines (TOYM) award in 1975.

After working as a senior loan officer at the World Bank, he was appointed chairman and CEO of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) in 1989. Under his leadership, the DBP won national and international recognition and was named "the world's second soundest bank" by The Banker magazine. For his groundbreaking initiatives in the field of development banking, he was presented with the very first "Man of the Year Award" by the Association of Development Finance Institutions in the Asia-Pacific (ADFIAF) in 1997.

As Secretary of Finance, de Ocampo introduced and successfully implemented a number of important policies and measures and under his stint, the Philippines exited from a nearly continuous thirty years of IMF economic of "control"./Nelson Bolos

Redhorse story: Drunkenness almost made man kill his 'Kuya'

Gerona, Tarlac - - Beware, Redhorse's 'kick' may be fatal.

This was according to a man who almost killed his close friend after drinking too much of the Redhorse bottled beer.

Redhorse is a local beer with an alcohol content of 7% and is being advertised as the local brew with the "strongest kick."

In the complaint submitted to the Provincial Prosecutor's Office, Paul Timothy Rosero, 27, of Barangay Manaois, Paniqui was charged of Frustrated Murder for repeatedly stabbing his drinking buddy and severely injuring his face.

During the inquest, complainant Pepito Sibugan, 48, of Barangay Salapungan, here, is "unrecognizable" duty to wounds inflicted by Rosero on him.

In an interview, Rosero said, "hindi ko talaga alam kung bakit ko pinagsaksak at pinagpapalo si Kuya Pepito. Nawala ako sa sarili sa lakas ng tama ng Redhorse".

Pepito said they consumed almost 6 bottles each of Redhorse at his house and was surprised when Rosero suddenly became berserk and relentlessly attacked him.

He said they have been together in their work of tending seedlings for

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Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB) Paniqui (Tarlac) branch "new look", the only bank with a "museum", was inaugurated by PVB Chairman and former Sec. of Finance Roberto "Bobby" De Ocampo (second from right), PVB President and COO Nonilo Cruz (fourth from right). Paniqui Mayor Max Roxas (center, rolled up sleeves) pledged to deposit P50-M from town's funds. On the background are "monumental scenes" of the country's World War II experience.

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Science and Technology Week at Central Luzon features exhibits and inventions

MUNOZ, Nueva Ecija - Following the successful celebration of the 2017 National Science and Technology Week of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) at the World Trade Center in Pasay City last July 11-15, 2017, the DOST-Region III now celebrates the Regional S&T Week (RSTW) at the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) in Munoz, Nueva Ecija. This year's activity is anchored on the theme "Science for the People".

As a long time partner of the DOST, CLSU plays host to this year's celebration of science week from July 25-27, 2017, highlighting the entries from different provinces in the region that are vying for the prestigious award of becoming a winner in the Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits or RICE. This annual event is organized by the Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) of the DOST in close cooperation with the regional offices.

Expected to attend this S&T event is DOST Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña who will be giving his keynote address together with host DOST Region III

Director Dr. Julius Caesar V. Sicat. Joining the science chief are officials of DOST Central Office, namely: Undersecretary for R&D Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara; Undersecretary for Regional Operations Brenda L. Nazareth-Manzano; Assistant Secretary Emmanuel S. Galvez; DOST-TAPI Director Edgar I. Garcia; and DOST-STII Director Richard P. Burgos. The DOST Region III Assistant Directors and Provincial S&T Directors will also be in attendance.

Aside from the RICE event, there will be exhibits of different technologies in agriculture, industry, information and communication, enterprise development education, health and disaster mitigation. The exhibits cum technology fair will be open to the public on July 25 to be held at the CLSU Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Together with the exhibits, there will be film showing of technologies and seminars and forums on hydroponics, goat production and meat processing, prototyping of agricultural machineries, and implementation of Early

Warning System for disaster preparedness.

Furthermore, there will be an activity for micro, small and medium enterprises or MSMEs called the "uSap SETUP Tayo" where cooperators of the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) will have the opportunity to discuss business-related topics like enterprise development, marketing, financial assistance, technology adoption and many more.

To promote S&T education to the youth, the RSTW will conduct a scholarship orientation to provide information about scholarship grants for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses. This activity will further strengthen the country's capacity building efforts in increasing the pool of S&T graduates and professionals in the country.

The culminating event on July 27 will be the awarding ceremonies for RSTW Exhibitors, RICE winners and DOST Region III Service and Achievement Awards. (S&T Media Service)

9 drug suspects arrested in Pampanga

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga - Nine drug personalities were arrested as a result of the anti-drug operations conducted by police authorities in this province.

Chief Supt. Aaron Aquino, Police Regional Office-3 (PRO-3) director, identified the four drug suspects nabbed early Wednesday morning as Nelson Tolentino, Noel Ramos, Francis Pangan, and Melvie Ann Abrugar, all residents of Mawaque Resettlement Center, Barangay Sapang Biabas, Mabalacat City.

Aquino said that confiscated from the suspects' possession were 13 heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu, drugs paraphernalia and the marked money.

Meanwhile, joint operatives of Pampanga Provincial Intelligence

Branch and Pampanga Provincial Public Safety Company arrested three suspects in a buy-bust operation in Barangay Del Pilar, City of San Fernando.

Those were identified as Ferdinand Silerio, Bonifacio Galang, and Jimmy Pineda, all street level targets of City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Seized from the three suspects were seven heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu, one cellular phone, one magazine loaded with six ammunition for caliber .380, six aluminum foil strips containing suspected shabu residue and the marked money.

Aquino also said that another suspect was arrested by operatives of City of San Fernando Police Station during a buy-bust operation in Purok 4, Barangay San Jose, who was identified as Roger Manlulu.

Seized from his possession were 32 heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu and the marked money.

Meanwhile, operatives of the Mexico Municipal Police Station arrested George Hidalgo following a search warrant by Judge Celso O. Baguio of RTC Gapan City, Nueva Ecija for violation of Republic Act 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act).

Confiscated from Hidalgo's house in Barangay Pandacaque, Mexico were 11 heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu, one open plastic sachet containing suspected shabu residue, weighing scale, improvised toter and lighter.

The PRO-3 director commended the operating troops.

He said the PRO-3 will continue its →

DENR releases wildlife in Nueva Ecija forests

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga - Seven wildlife species have successfully returned to their natural habitat after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Nueva Ecija released them into the wild area of Pantabangan watershed.

Four species of serpent eagle (*Spilornis holospilus*), two species of reticulated python (*Python reticulatus*) and species of pond turtle have been released in their original home after almost five years of captivity in the DENR Regional Wildlife Rescue Center in Palayan City.

"The rescue center has been their temporary shelter. The wildlife had undergone care and rehabilitation after being rescued by our wildlife officers under various circumstances. And now they are released back in their natural home", DENR Provincial Head Alfredo Collado explained.

He said it is important that wildlife species is released back to the wild after their captivity to regain their natural instinct that they can learn to live and hunt on their own.

"The wildlife species were declared fit for release after the diagnosis made by the provincial veterinarian to ensure that they are healthy and free from any form of disease. The biggest threat to the survival of wildlife is the exploitation of local communities, Collado furthered.

He appealed to the public to report to the nearest DENR office any suspicious wildlife trading activity, including illegal hunting.

Earlier, the DENR has also released 12 bramminy kites (*Haliastur indus*), five monitor lizards (*Varanus salvator*) and 30 box turtles (*Terrapene carolina*) in the 62,300-ha Angat Watershed Forest Reserve in Bulacan. (CLJD-PIA 3)

TRADOC to put up research, development arm

SAN ANTONIO, Zambales - Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) is now working on establishing a research and development institute.

"Establishing a research and development institute in TRADOC is part of our goal to expand the educational training of the officers of the Army," TRADOC Commander Brigadier General Casiano Monilla said.

Aside from physical and field training exercises, Monilla explained that he wants to underscore the importance of research in the Command.

"To further enhance the quality of education and training in TRADOC, there is a need

to highlight the importance of research. This institute is a way to practice the Army's skills in the said field," he shared.

TRADOC serves as the schooling and training for the Army, which aims to train personnel and develop doctrines in order to professionalize soldiers and provide sound doctrines for the said military service.

"Somehow, in some way, we are part of molding those people we send to battles, particularly those sent to mitigate the Marawi crisis. This [research institute] might be a way for us to improve those we send out," he noted. (CLJD/JRAA-PIA 3)

DOST to showcase local inventions, programs during Regional S&T Week

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga - Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is set to showcase the latest local inventions, as well as its programs and services during the 2017 Regional Science and Technology

(S&T) Week.

Carrying the theme "Science for the People", it will be held at Central Luzon State University in Science City of Muñoz from July 25-27.

"This primarily aims to showcase the latest developments in the S&T sector and how these can contribute in improving our lives and developing our economy," DOST Regional Director Julius Caesar Sicat **Cont. on page 7**

Social Media Invasion: Is it bad for the youth?

The world today is a universal estate of social animals. The new era of social networking has transformed into a dominant entity in this social world. You can be connected to anyone at any time and any place in this massive system generated by the Internet. Before, barriers like difference in geographical location limits the flow of communication but today, it bridges the gap between those differences. While social networking definitely portrays a dynamic role in widening social links and acquiring technological expertise, its hazards can't also be ignored.

The question is how do social media affect the flow of our education system?

How do they influence the lives of students?

In my opinion, it has its positive impact on the world. I for one is all for the development of the society we live in, and the advancement of communication and information distribution all over the world. Social media has undoubtedly brought different parts of the world closer and made the life of students much easier. It has been a great help for students to acquire fast information for their homeworks and projects. The knowledge that anyone can get from the internet have greatly influenced people, especially teenagers in an effective way. The fast information distribution from the social media gives students the awareness of events that matter. They discuss these issues and develop a cognitive and objective skills upon discussing what matters more.

Editorial

THE BRIGHT LIGHT

First and foremost, the easy communication. We can contact anyone around the world, at any time, with just clicks away. Many reasons exist as to why students spend their time in social media.

Social networks gives them the freedom to do whatever they want. Sharing partial moments of their lives, through sharing photos of themselves is like experiencing another person's journey despite the barrier that keeps you apart. There are also grounds and information between students which enables them to discuss issues that matter, widen their general knowledge and come across things they never knew before.

Students tend to create other personalities online that is restricted from the world of reality. The sheer freedom that it gives them just by facing any gadget is enough to enchant them. It captivates their young minds to build a digital and virtual image of themselves through an extemporaneous medium. Never have it been very interesting for teenagers to develop their creativity and social skills while it draws them into diving to various discoveries.

There is no doubt that there are many reasons to love social media but it also has its ugly side of the coin.

THE UGLY SIDE OF THE COIN

One of the biggest problems of social media invasion is the identity crisis produced by social networking sites. The algorithm of social networks and the actions web users take and the types of information they are including to their profiles are mirror images of their real identities that can be also used against them. The influence of social networking on students is very substantial as to teenagers are the heaviest users of social media and this exposes them to realistic extortions such as depression and cyberbullying.

There are also other issues such as internet addiction and sleep deprivation. Too much exposure on social media among teenagers could lead to loss of privacy and the withdrawal from reality. This digital and virtual zone of the system may bring unknown consequences in future personal and non-personal spheres of life.

The most important things in a student's life are studying, learning good morals and obtaining knowledge to become a person with good values but the prime learning process is extremely put at risk by students entangled by the tactics of social networking.

Getting too involved in social media can lead to an addiction and sometimes leads you to the door you wished you have never opened, the deepest and darkest web of the internet.

THE DARKEST ZONE OF THE INTERNET

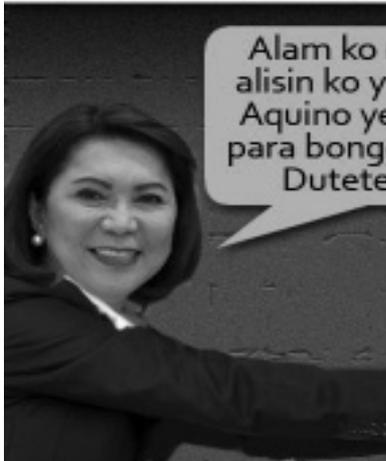
Have you ever heard of the deep web? If you haven't, then consider yourself fortunate. That means you didn't dive to the dangerous parts



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Year	Revenue (P)
2010-2011	P106.3B
2011-2012	P124.5B
2012-2013	P160.2B
2013-2014	P189.9B
2014-2015	P214.9B
2015-2016	P227.6B
2016-2017	P227.3B

Patay, bumabagsak ang turismo. Hindi umobra yung pagsisi ko kay Leni... walang naniwala. Lagot ako nito kay Wangbu.



Alam ko na, alisin ko yung Aquino years para bongga si Duterte.

Year	Revenue (P)
2010-2011	P106.297B
2016-2017	P222.3B

During the first year of the Duterte administration, the country doubled its tourism revenue from Php 106.297 billion receipts to Php 222.30 billion, a 109.13 percent increase.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Mere changing of guards in Bilibid is useless



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:
 "...Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."
 (Romans 12:2, the Holy Bible).

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MERE CHANGING OF GUARDS IN BILIBID IS USELESS: The disclosures being made by Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II during the last two days or so about the continuing proliferation of illegal drugs trading inside Bilibid, or the National Penitentiary in Muntinlupa City, prove the correctness---pardon me for saying this---of what we have been saying all along, right at the moment that Special Action Forces were deployed in the establishment to replace jail guards believed to be in cahoots with drug syndicates.

We said then that mere changing of guards---from the old Bureau of Correction guards to Special Action Force policemen---at the National Penitentiary will not truly stop the trading of illegal drugs there, if there is no corresponding change of heart and mind of the SAF policemen or other people who will be assigned in that place.

Unless the new guards, whether they be from the Philippine National Police or the Armed Forces of the Philippines, have true fear and love of God in their hearts and in their minds, they will be susceptible to corruption coming from those interested to pursue the multi-billion peso sale and distribution of illegal drugs using the National Penitentiary as headquarters. Aguirre just confirmed the devastating accuracy of what we predicted.

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EVERYONE HAS BECOME A CRIMINAL: I am tempted to say, "I told you so", but then, let me repeat the truth: what I have been saying about evil and criminality in our midst are not really mine. They come from the Christian Bible. This book says many people will become truly sinful and bad and evil during our time.

The reason given for this phenomenon is that, man (and, yes, Filipinos in particular) will leave the faith, and will no longer listen to sound teaching or instruction, and will instead take fancy of deceiving thoughts and doctrines from the devil. They will care about nothing except themselves. They will be wild, slanderous, and will have no fear and love of God. In fact, many will even deny God and His human incarnation, Jesus.

Consequently, it would be very easy for almost everyone to commit heinous acts---from raping and killing even mere babies and octogenarian women, to stealing billions in government funds in more ways than one, to dispensing uneven justice, acquitting the guilty and persecuting and jailing the innocent.

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- *SONA or State of Nothing Address!*
- *OMB Morales pinersonal ni PDIGs!*



BY: ROLDAN P. RAMOS

SONA or State of Nothing Address- What was really said during the recent SONA? What did we learn that we did not know? Were there factual information shared that would put us in a positive and optimistic sense of the near future or did we just hear the usual ramblings that we have often heard from the Greatest President in the Universe, our President, the Great Rodrigo Roa Duterte?!

I can enumerate some of the points stated by the President, but to mention them in my column, I feel would be a waste of printer ink and valuable paper space, therefore, I would not rather burden you my dear readers with shitsense.

At this point, the bottom line is, should our Dear God allow him to rule over us for another 5 years, how and what do you think will be the condition of this Country? Quite a hard thought to imagine. At this point, all I can say is, we must all turn to the Almighty for if we all believe that nothing happens by chance, therefore, the ascendance of this president to rule over us is most definitely with the blessing of the Almighty and as they say, the ways of the Lord a lot of times, Man cannot fathom or understand.

What I am saying is, PANAHOON NA PARA SA LAHAT NG MATITINONG PILIPINO NA MAGDASAL NG MATAIMTIM AT HILINGIN SA PANGINOON NA MABIGYAN TAYO NG ISANG TUNAY NA PAGBABAGO.

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OMB Morales pinersonal ni PDIGs - Ano ba namang klaseng Pangulo itong si Digong-gong, akalain ba naman ninyo na mismong si Ombudsman Conchita Morales ay hindi niya inimitahan na dumalo sa kanyang SONA! Ibang klase rin talaga itong tao na ito kung mang-bengga ano? Pag-iimita pa lamang sa kanyang SONA ay hindi niya magawang imbitahan ang isang mataas na opisyale na katulad ng Ombudsman dahil lamang sa isang minor criticism na isinagawa ni OMB Morales. Tsk!Tsk! Tsk! Hindi kaya nage-second childhood na itong si Digong-gong at pati na rin ang kanyang mga adviser?

Editorial

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of the internet. It is said that only 4 percent of the internet is visible to normal users and the remaining 96 belongs to the dark web.

The deep web consists of hidden websites that you need a special browser and a direct link to access. It's completely anonymous because some unspeakable stuff happens within it. Selling and buying drugs is the most harmless thing that can happen there.

I don't want to share more information about the dangerous parts of the internet. I'm warning you! Don't let curiosity get the best of you! Remember that "CURIOSITY KILLS THE CAT!" so don't be a stupid cat! Keep in mind that too much internet can sometimes be the death of you.

Although I'm up for the upgrades of Internet communication and information distribution through the mediums of the web, I also think that it is crucial to have proper protocols on the too much use of the internet. Students must always remember that the Internet creates the digital worlds that massively varies from our world of reality. We must enhance our ability to decide how much time we should spend on social media. Because at the end of the line, the choice is up to us to what really matters and weighs more in life and in the future./ *Frances Caryl E. Magallanes*

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BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

A year after the Gentleman from Mindanao took the highest position in the country with an overwhelming 16 million votes. It is now time for him to report to the people what are his accomplishments during his one year stint in the office. Did change really come, or is it just the same old song that we knew wherein Leaders talk too much but did nothing? Let's review everything by looking at the simple things we can understand to see if there was really a change.

Let us look at the event itself, and what is more important to it than the dresses these politicians are going to wear. Of course nothing is more important than that. Well at least in the eye of the media who painstakingly go and interview the designers of those dresses as if it is a crucial part of the event. Well on the plus side of it, the dressmakers have a free advertisements of the products they're making. So on this area, there was no change at all.

On the speech delivery and content, well if you are a college student taking up Arts in Communication or any other subjects related to speech delivery, you can kiss it all goodbye and stick to these practical rule that as long as you are successful we can deliver any formal speech in the way that you like. This might be the first SONA in our history where the transcripts had a lot of redacted expletives, and the second SONA that has a lot of adlibs, stories, jokes, and warnings. Listening, reading and watching it made me feel like I was a father being scolded by a Father with a lot of dirty words. The content is as expected, written to be good but the president going off and back in the script made it more understandable to the ordinary Juans, and even made it more realistic and from the heart of the speaker.

On the promises he made a year ago, First is the Six months promise to go full throttle on the war on Drugs. Well, he got shorthanded there but admitted it and asked for an extension. Was it effective? Well it would seem that it is, according to surveys I watched and reaction of people interviewed. It would seem that the only way for us Asians not only the Filipinos to follow the law is if the seed of fear is instilled on us first. On the issue, between China and our country, he practically applied the adage if you can't beat them, join them in his effort to remind them that those Islands are legally ours. I do not totally agree with the process, but what can we do? We are just missile away to extinction if we try to lock horns with them. We also made friends with other countries like Russia and why wouldn't we? We got nothing against them. Their beef is with America. So I say so far so good.

On his promise to lead a clean government, he had delivered but it's kind of a to and fro motion. He never had any recommendatory letter written for a person applying for a certain position, which a lot of people I know is the reason why they have grudge against him. They even changed side now, hell bent on destroying his name. He fired people he personally appointed when he heard rumor and take note just a rumor of corruptions against them. But one thing I'm wondering is why he reinstalled a cop suspected of being dirty. Well at least he is trying to clean the government.

On the processing of papers in all government office, there are some few changes adhering to his call to shorten the queuing time by reducing those unnecessary papers being required by them. A news every Juan likes to hear. When it comes to the economic improvement, well economist are saying it is going well but I will only say it is when we at the bottom level can feel the wellness of the economy pouring on us.

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

IMBECILE daw si Speaker Alvarez!!!



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Ano nga ba ang ibig sabihin o depinasyon ng imbecile? Ayon sa Merriam Webster Dictionary ay "fool", "idiot" "a person affected with moderate mental retardation." Ayon naman sa Cambridge English dictionary ay "a person who behaves in an extremely stupid way." Ang dalawang depinasyon na ito ay sa aking palagay ay medjo tama bagama't kulang pa rin kung ihahambing kay Speaker Pantalon este Pantaleon Alvarez sapagkat sa aking pagkakaalm ay masahol pa siya sa imbecile. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Isipin mo naman na isa rin na kapwa Dutertard (Atty. Anderson) na isang abogago este agogado ng BOC ang tumawag sa kanya ng ganito at isang kapwa Ateneo Law School ang babaeng abogada ang nagsabi na siya ay isang imbecile. Ito ay nag-ugat daw sa banta ni Alvarez na ipabubuwig niya ang Court of Appeals. Iba talaga ang taong ito na laseng na laseng sa kapangyarihan.

Kaya nga kami sa Linis Gobyeno nuong Secretary ng DOTC yang si Alvarez nuong panahon ni GMA ay isa kami sa mga grupo na nag-sampa ng reklamo laban sa kanya at pinagaksayahan namin siya ng panahon at gastos sa pag-aattend namin sa Senado, sa Commission on Appointments (CA) upang tutulan ang kanyang confirmation as Secretary of the DOTC. Sa awa naman ng Diyos ay tinamaan rin siya at ang kanyang Bossing-GMA ng hiya at nag-resign na lang siya pagkalipas ng several attempts na ma-confirm, bagama't alam na namin kung gaano na kalalim ang kanyang balsa nuon pa lang. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Base lang sa malawakang research namin hinggil sa kanyang PIATCO-FRAPPORT NAlA-3 deal kung saan pagkatapos nuon ay itong si Speaker Imbecile na nakatira nuon sa Better Living Subdivision sa Paranaque nuong siya ay Assistant General Manager (AGM) ng NAlA ay lumipat siya pagkatapos sa Magallanes Village nung DOTC Secretary na siya at pagkatapos ay marami na siyang matitinding mga pinaggagawa. Ang marami dito ay iiwan ko na lang na Secret. Hi ! Hi! Hi!

Bagamat gusto ko yung kanyang sinabi na siya ay miyembro ng Manobo Tribe (alamin ko nga kung maka member din ako duon) nang maka pag asawa rin ako ng mahigit sa isa. Kaya pala siya nag-panukala ng very-very easy separation among spouses na sinasabi niya na marriage dissolution na sa aking alam ay hindi ito palulusutin sa kongreso ng mga asawa ng mga tongresista este kongresista. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Talaga naman itong si Speaker Imbecile, masyado ka na ha, mukhang dapat na mag esep-esep na ang mga ibang tongressmen kung dapat ka ng patalsikin at itapon ka na sa Court of Appeals. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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REFORM: The objective of any true leader, therefore, is to make sure that there is a spiritual transformation among his constituents. Any true leader who aspires for truly beneficial changes must see to it that the minds and the spirit of the people he governs are reformed so they will no longer conform to the evil that controls the world.

The genuine leader must be concerned about "renewing the mind" of the population, by instilling in them true fear and love of God, whatever each one of them may call Him in his or her own religious group or affiliation. There must be an effort to steer our countrymen

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DOTr relocates to Clark

MANILA - The Department of Transportation (DOTr) on Friday has starting moving to Clark its first batch of employees.

The DOTr is the first national agency to transfer outside of Metro Manila.

In his address to the employees, DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade reiterated that the greater good must prevail over personal interests as the initiative is part of moves to decongest traffic in Metro Manila and boost economic growth in the countryside.

"Ang DOTr ang dapat maging ehemplo upang ang traffic congestion ay maibsan. Nandito tayo ngayon upang magbigay ng kontribusyon sa pamahalaan at ipakita na handa tayong magsakripisyo (The DOTr must set an example on doing efforts to ease traffic congestion. We are here to help the government and show that we are willing to sacrifice for the greater good)," Tugade said.

He also addressed issues that his administration did not consider the welfare of employees in its transfer. "We are not leaving our people behind. We are not abandoning the health and welfare of our employees," the transportation secretary said.

The DOTr said that it had conducted dialogues with its employees "to thresh out issues, differences and fears about the transfer."

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towards having the "Spirit of God" in each one of them, so that in whatever they think, say, and do, they will always be guided by godly principles.

At the very least, a leader truly desirous of freeing his people away from the grip of evil must teach them to always ask themselves, in whatever they think, say, or do: is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? And, will it be beneficial to all concerned? If everyone will do this, we will be on our way to success and progress.

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It will provide free shuttle service for employees going to and from Clark, implement flexible time and four day work week schedule to address their concerns. Subsidized accommodations for its personnel are also being discussed by the department.

Furthermore, DOTr employees were given the option to transfer or be assigned to any of its attached agencies.

The relocation is expected to generate savings due to less rental and overhead costs in Clark as well as gaining potential income from opening its units in Columbia Towers at Ortigas for lease.

DOTr stands to earn about PHP 9.3 million per year from the transfer.

The transfer will be conducted gradually by batches to ensure efficient transition and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Meanwhile, Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) President Vince Dizon disclosed that his office will also begin the process of transferring to Clark within the next few months.

The BCDA office is currently located at Bonifacio Global City in Taguig.

Tugade also hinted that another government agency had expressed interest to transfer to Clark.

He also expressed his

support on the creation of the National Government Center to be built in Clark to house central offices of government agencies in one location for more convenient transactions.

The National Government Center to be built in Clark shall serve as a common location that will facilitate efficient coordination of government agencies in implementing their respective programs and services. *(Aerol B. Patena/PNA)*

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said.

"Through this event, we want these developments to be felt by every Filipino so they can benefit from these. We also hope to solicit the public's support for its sustainable development," Sicat explained.

One of the highlights of the event is the technology seminar on goat production and processing and hydroponics for entrepreneurs who may want to venture into this kind of businesses.

"We will also be having technical sessions on designing, prototyping and commercialization of agricultural equipment and machineries. Likewise, a seminar on basic troubleshooting and maintenance of early warning devices will be conducted for local disaster risk reduction teams," the official furthered.

The event will also include a techno-bazaar to help DOST-assisted small and medium enterprises market their products to the public.

There will also be a S&T film showing as well as the showcase of the Science Explorer Bus and the PAGASA Mobile Planetarium for the students to learn key science concepts in a fun and enjoyable manner.

The awarding of the BEST provincial SETUP adoptors from the region, as well as the Regional Invention Contest and Exhibit will also be featured during the three-day event.

This annual celebration is based on Proclamation No. 169, series of 1993, which declares every third week of July as "National Science and Technology Week." *(CLJD/MJLS-PIA 3)*

9 high profile inmates return to NBP's maximum compound

MANILA - Nine high-profile inmates have been transferred to their original cells at the maximum security compound in the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Muntinlupa City on Friday morning, a Department of Justice (DoJ) official said.

In a message sent to reporters, DoJ Undersecretary Erickson Balmes said inmates Rico Caja, Joel Capones, Jojo Baligad, Benjamin Marcelo, Sam Lee Chua, Hanz Anton Tan, Che Kit Chua, Peter Co and Vicente Sy were transferred from medium security compound to Building 14 at the maximum security compound.

"The report about the transfer was already submitted to the office of the OIC (Officer-in-Charge) BuCor to be endorsed to the office of SOJ (Secretary of Justice)," Balmes said referring to the BuCor report submitted to the DoJ.

Caja, Capones and Baligad were placed in cell 23, while Marcelo and Chua were transferred to cell 24, Tan and Chua were placed in cell 25 while Co and Sy were assigned to cell 26 of Building 14.

"All these cells are located in block Charlie while Jaybee Sebastian is in block Alpha far from the cells of the nine," the report said.

The transfer of the high profile inmates was made after Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre issued Department Order No. 496 dated July 24, 2017 directing BuCor under officer-in-charge Rey Ragaas to immediately return the convicted drug lords from the medium security compound to their original detention facility.

Aguirre's order covered inmates earlier transferred to the medium security compound, including Sy,

Baligad, and Co, who all testified against De Lima before the House of Representatives inquiry on proliferation of illegal drugs in the NBP.

The DOJ chief said he is inclined not to believe reports on the supposed threats of some inmates to retract their statements against De Lima.

The resurgence of drug activities in NBP had also prompted BuCor Director General Benjamin delos Santos to resign on July 13.

After Delos Santos' resignation, Aguirre has taken over the BuCor on Thursday.

In assuming leadership of the BuCor, Aguirre instructed all BuCor officials and employees "to submit and bring to the undersigned's attention all matters that are beyond the authority of the BuCor Officer-in-Charge."

Upon assuming the duties as top BuCor executive, Aguirre led another surprise inspection at NBP on Thursday morning that again led to confiscation of various contrabands.

Aguirre learned from Philippine National Police Special Action Force (PNP-SAF) head Director Benjamin Lusad that there were airconditioned "kubols" or temporary shelters found inside the medium security compound.

Aguirre said the kubols would be destroyed and called for a probe about why kubols were allowed construction.

The SAF has also replaced its contingency that has guarded the national penitentiary since last year.

BuCor is an attached agency of the DoJ. *(Christopher Lloyd T. Caliwang/PNA)*

Comelec in 'wait and see' mode on fate of barangay, SK polls

MANILA - The Commission on Elections (Comelec) is hoping that the Senate and President Rodrigo Duterte would give their definite answers on the fate of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) polls.

Comelec Chairman Juan Andres

Bautista noted that direct responses from them would establish on whether or not to push through with the October 23 polls.

"There is no clear direction from the Senate yet. And, of course, we also have to know whatever is the sentiment of the

President regarding this matter," he said in an interview.

Bautista added that having a direction would be good for them since they already know where they are heading.

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First "Green Jeepney" launched

TAGUIG CITY — The Department of Energy (DOE) witnessed the launching of the first-ever electric-powered "Green Jeepney" in the country.

Developed by QEV Philippines, the Green Jeepney runs on electricity, more efficient,

clean and modern alternative public transport vehicle.

QEV Philippines is the electromobility ecosystems company that will set up the first charging station network in the country for electric vehicles.

The charging station

will have fast chargers that can charge lithium ion batteries for 15 minutes. This will enable the Green Jeepney to run for 100 to 140 kilometers.

Using electricity as fuel will be 30 percent less costly than using diesel. The charging infrastructure also translates into \$100 million savings in foreign exchange by eliminating the importation of about

375 million liters of oil per year.

QEV Philippines will be converting jeepneys with internal combustion engines into electric vehicles like what it did to the Green Jeepney. The conversion, to be done in partnership with local manufacturers, can be done in just two hours.

Other officials who graced the Green Jeepney launch were Department of Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, Department of Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade, Department of Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark Villar and Environment and Senate Natural Resources Committee Chairperson Senator Cynthia Villar. (DOE/RJB/SDL/PIA-NCR)



Department of Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi behind the wheels of the first-ever electric-powered "Green Jeepney" developed by QEV Philippines during their product launch held at the Shangri-La at the Fort in Bonifacio Global City, July 20.

U.S. Transfers Weapons and Munitions to AFP to Support Counterterrorism Operations



Members of both the U.S. and Philippine armies unload and inspect a delivery of 992 2.75 inch rockets from the U.S. to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Clark Air Base, Pampanga. This delivery is one of many recent deliveries from the U.S. through the Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) that enhance the AFP's counterterrorism capabilities and directly support AFP members engaged in current counterterrorism operations.

Manila — Officials from the Joint United States Military Assistance Group (JUSMAG) recently delivered 1,040 2.75" rocket motors and 992 2.75" rockets to the Philippine Air Force (PAF) through the Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA). These timely transfers greatly enhance the Armed Forces of the Philippines' (AFP) counterterrorism efforts. They are part of a series of upcoming transfers from the U.S. military to multiple branches of the AFP through both MLSA and the security assistance program. Through the MLSA, the AFP is able to receive select munitions and equipment from U.S. military stock in an accelerated process reserved for allies and close partners of the

United States.

The munitions and weapons deliveries will enhance the AFP's counterterrorism capabilities, and directly support AFP members actively engaged in counterterrorism operations in the southern Philippines, including Marawi. Upcoming weapons deliveries include 250 rocket-propelled grenade launchers and 1,000 M203 grenade launchers delivered to the Philippine Army through the security assistance program.

The United States is a proud and steadfast ally of the Philippines and will continue to provide support to the AFP's long-term modernization goals and counterterrorism needs.

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hope they can have a decision already. Or at least tell us the direction they will be taking, even if it is not yet official," he explained.

At the same time, the poll body chief cited the recent statement of House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez that the Lower House is for the postponement of the forthcoming elections.

"It's good that the House already appears to have a clearer direction," said the poll chief.

On the other hand, the Senators have indicated that it is divided over the proposal to postpone the October polls.

With this, Bautista said they will just continue with their preparations for the scheduled electoral exercises,

assuring that they will not spend as much as possible.

"We can just continue with our preparations, such as conducting biddings but withholding the awarding of the contract. We can also start printing the ballots but we don't want it to go to waste if the elections will eventually be postponed," he added.

The poll body chief said they have until the first week of August before they can full blast with their preparations, including ballot printing.

There are pending bills in the Senate and at the House of Representatives that aims at postponing the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to October 2018 and to May 2020, respectively. (Ferdinand G. Patinio/PNA)

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