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Congress urged to postpone May 2020 barangay, SK elections

MANILA -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte, in his 4th State of the Nation Address (SONA) on Monday, urged Congress to postpone the May 2020 barangay (village) and Sangguniang Kabataan (youth council) elections to October 2022.

"Congress has to

postpone the May 2020 elections and 'yung (the) Barangay, Sangguniang Kabataan to October 2022," Duterte said in his speech.

"Because if you read it, this... To rectify the truncated terms. Paibaiba na eh (It's always different)," he added.

Duterte implored

Congress to study the postponement "carefully."

He explained that postponing the barangay polls would provide local officials with ample time to finish their programs and projects.

He also urged Congress to enact the (Turn to p. 2)

Duterte to submit proposed 2020 nat'l budget in August

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Duterte will be submitting the proposed 2020 national budget in the first or second week of August, a Palace official said on Monday.

In an interview over PTV-4, Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles said the proposed budget is still being finalized.

Last year, Duterte submitted the proposed

PHP3.7-trillion national budget for 2019 to the Congress on the same day he delivered his third State of the Nation Address (SONA).

In his 4th SONA on Monday, Duterte did not mention national budget but urged members of the 18th Congress to pass pieces of priority legislation concerning major tax reforms, salary increases, national land use policy, new



Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles

departments and restoration of death penalty for drugs and plunder, among others.

Despite having transmitted the 2019 budget early, the (Turn to p. 2)

6K workers get close to P1-B benefits from settled disputes

MANILA -- The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on Monday reported that close to PHP1 billion in benefits were provided to over 6,000 workers as a result of sustaining a stable industrial climate during the first half of 2019.

According to Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, the labor disputes were settled using alternative dispute resolution (ADR)

mechanisms that ensure integrity, efficiency, and fairness and bereft of the long legal proceedings in labor row resolution.

With this, he noted that a total of PHP956,983,178 in collective bargaining benefits and other monetary claims were awarded to 6,095 workers from January to June 2019.

"Alternative dispute resolution is our strategy (Turn to p. 2)

PRRD calls for imposition of midnight liquor ban

MANILA -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte asked Congress to pass a measure imposing a midnight liquor ban.

Duterte said that while he had already succeeded in implementing a nationwide smoking ban, similar to what he did in his hometown of Davao City, he also wanted establishments to close by midnight.

"A national law, paralahat na, that at 12 o'clock, everything closes," Duterte said in his fourth state of the

nation address (SONA) on Monday (July 22).

In an interview with reporters after the SONA, Duterte clarified that he would not issue an executive order on a midnight liquor ban, similar to what he did with the nationwide smoking ban.

"I was just suggesting. I'd like to -- Congress to ponder on it and maybe sleep on it and if they want. But it can improve tremendously the quality of life. Stop drinking at almost 11, then you go home," Duterte said.

He admitted that he felt that it would not be a "popular move" in Congress because it would adversely affect businesses that operate during nighttime but noted that it would "do good" for people's safety.

"Overall, by experience that it will do good. But I said, it would be at the expense of a reduced income for those who operate nightclubs, clubs, discos during nighttime," Duterte said.

Duterte, however, acknowledged that the liquor ban in Davao City (Turn to p. 2)



President Rodrigo R. Duterte delivers his fourth State of the Nation Address.

started at 2 a.m. and not midnight.

"We have ordered already, so you can close

but we have to drink. Itong ngayon, at 12, everything closes down. Nobody works. So I... I

think that we should adopt it. Most of the states, in many states, in (Turn to p. 2)

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government operated on a reenacted budget since January 1 this year after lawmakers failed to pass the bill on time.

Its passage was stalled due to allegations of last-minute amendments made by the House of Representatives after both the House and Senate ratified the bicameral conference

committee report.

After ending the budget impasse, the Congress transmitted the proposed budget spending to Duterte on March 26, 2019.

Duterte finally signed the 2019 budget but vetoed several provisions on April 15, 2019. (PNA)

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Magna Carta for Barangays, which would give barangay officials -- including the barangay secretary, treasurer, tanods (watchmen), nutrition scholars, and health workers -- fixed compensation, as well as additional allowance, medical and dental coverage and retirement benefits.

This would not be the first time for barangay and SK elections to be postponed.

In October 2017, Duterte signed into law Republic Act 10952 postponing the October 23, 2017 barangay and

SK polls till the second Monday of May 2018.

Under RA 10952, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in a holdover capacity, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause, until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

The term of office of the barangay and SK officials elected under this law was to commence at noon of June 30, 2018.

The next synchronized barangay and SK elections shall be held on the second Monday of May 2020 and every three years

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many countries, ganun man. Alas dose, sarado na talaga (it's like that. By 12 midnight, it's already closed)," Duterte said.

He, meanwhile, floated the idea of banning karaoke and videoke by 8 or 9 p.m.

"We have to stop drinking. And jukebox, they're only good up to eight, nine. Eight, maganda 'yan (that's good) It's a... It's there in every corner, store. Blares out noise and the children who will go to school and the working class, and you are there

with your store," Duterte said.

"I have prohibited it in Davao. And at 12, as you see, Davao is quiet because everybody is resting already. Be it in the memorial parks, cemetery, or in the comfort of their homes," he added.

In May 2017, Duterte signed Executive Order No. 26 banning smoking in public areas.

Duterte also asked Congress to pass bills that would further raise excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol. (PNA)

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in ensuring speedy delivery of labor justice. DOLE stands firm on sustaining industrial peace through the fast settlement of labor disputes," he said in a statement.

At the same time, Bello underscored the importance of Labor Management Cooperations (LMCs) and Grievance Machineries (GM) in companies that helped in resolving disputes through its promotion of good labor-management relations.

The DOLE chief said that 3,415 companies with LMCs and 3,674 companies with active GMs did not report any cases of actual strike/lockout, notice of strike/lockout, and preventive meditation during the period.

Meanwhile, officer-in-charge Maria Teresita Cancio of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB) revealed that 1,892 requests for assistance (RFAs) on Single Entry Approach (SEnA) were settled resulting in

PHP 140,156,665 monetary benefit to 2,799 workers.

She added that eight cases out of 12 handled cases on actual strikes/lockout were settled and resulted in PHP3,524,508 worth of benefits to 86 workers.

Also, 82 cases on the notices of strike/lockout (NS/L) were settled covering 2,337 workers with monetary benefits amounting to PHPP227,418,761.

The NCMB official added that the decrease in work-disruptive industrial dispute resulted in 1,151,716 man-days saved.

Cancio said they resolved 241 preventive mediation cases of the 300 handled cases resulting in monetary benefits worth PHP15,635,929 granted to 685 workers.

On voluntary arbitration, the NCMB handled 672 cases and disposed 185 cases involving 188 workers with financial benefits totaling to PHP 570,247,314. (PNA)

Israeli researchers discover new way to detect bladder cancer

JERUSALEM – Israeli researchers have found a new way to detect bladder cancer in its early stages, which could also lead to treatment for the fatal disease, the Bnai Zion Medical Center reported Tuesday.

The goal of the research, conducted by the medical center in cooperation with the Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), was to find signs of recurrence of bladder cancer in a non-invasive urine sample.

The study, published in the journal Urologic

Oncology, found that a protein molecule called semaphorin is secreted to urine in increased amounts in bladder cancer patients, as opposed to people without cancer.

Bladder cancer has a common malignancy and tends to recur in about 70 percent of patients despite full treatment. Therefore, it is important to monitor early detection of tumor recurrence.

Early detection allows conservative treatment and may prevent the penetration of the lesion and the need for radical treatment, even chemotherapy. (Xinhua)

Health for all Filipinos: Universal Healthcare Law

MANILA -- All Filipinos are now guaranteed equitable access to affordable and quality health services with the enactment of Republic Act 11223 or the Universal Health Care Law.

Signed on February 20 by President Rodrigo Duterte, the law ensures that every Filipino, including overseas Filipino workers, are eligible for preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care upon automatic enrollment to the government's health insurance program.

Under the law, the Philippine Health Insurance Company (PhilHealth) will have expanded coverage to include free consultation fees, laboratory tests and other diagnostic services.

It also aims to improve doctor-to-

patient ratio, upgrades hospital bed capacities and equipment and established more hospitals in remote areas.

On July 12, the Department of Health (DOH) ended the fourth public consultation on the drafting of the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the law.

The DOH was tasked to draft the law's IRR within 180 days after its enactment

Earlier, DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III said the public consultations on the drafting of the IRR were "inclusive" — giving importance to the voices of the public and the different society sectors.

"To ensure that 106 million Filipinos benefit from the UHC reform the soonest, we need to make sure that first,

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HEALTHCARE SERVICE FOR INDIGENT MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY: *Bringing social services closer to the indigent members of the community, the provincial government of Cavite thru the OPG-Extension, Provincial Health Office and the City Government of Trece Martires joined hands to provide the basic health needs of Treceños during the medical and dental mission held at Golden Horizon in Barangay Hugo Perez recently. A total of 754 residents showed their appreciation to the medical mission team composed of doctors, dentists, and medical professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and the City Health Office led by Dr. Maria Cecilia Tejedor for rendering free consultations and tooth extraction. The locals were also able to avail other health care services including free sugar testing from Multilab Diagnostic and Health Services, immunization, maternal and family planning services, and nutrition lectures under the Maternal Neo-Natal Child Health and Nutrition Caravan Program headed by Dr. Maria Victoria Salvatus-Torres. Free vitamins, food supplements and deworming medicines to avoid helminthiasis were also given to the patients. Likewise, employees of the Provincial Population Office were in attendance to guide mothers on proper birth spacing. The event was made possible thru the effort of Mayor Gemma Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso, 7th District Board Members Ping Remulla and Lito Langit and the city council of Trece Martires. Other support agencies and personnel include barangay health workers, iPARV, Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department and employees of the local and provincial government. --(PICAD)*

HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MENDEZ: *As part of its continuous and intensive effort to promote public health program, the Provincial Government of Cavite thru the OPG-Extension and Provincial Health Office conducted another medical and dental mission in the municipality of Mendez on July 17, 2019. More than 300 locals were treated by the medical and dental team of PHO and its satellite hospitals with the assistance of Mendez Rural Health Unit. Eighth District Board Member Virgilio Varias who requested the health outreach event thanked the mission team and the provincial government for giving health assistance to his constituents. Some vitamins, insect repellent and medicines for common illness like fever, colds and cough were turned over to Ms. Eufemia Gonzalez, RHU staff. Vice Mayor Cocoy Mendoza also attended and supported the activity. -- (PICAD)*



MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION IN DASMARIÑAS CITY: *The Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Office of the Governor conducted another medical and dental mission providing free health services for 529 patients on July 18, 2019 at Brgy. Sto Cristo Covered Court, City of Dasmariñas. Services including free medical consultation and tooth extraction for 64 senior citizens, 182 adults, 256 children and 27 dental patients were rendered by doctors from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and other satellite hospitals. Team of volunteers including the PHO Technical staff, OPG-Extension Office, Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department, barangay officials headed by Punong Barangay Lolita V. Federio, and Purok leaders assisted in the conduct of the outreach program. Other support agencies include personnel from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and Provincial Population Office who guided the mothers on proper birth spacing. -- (PICAD)*





TRECEÑOS GET FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: In its continuous effort to improve the health condition of Treceños, the Provincial Government of Cavite under the leadership of Gov. Jonvic Remulla sponsored the series of medical and dental mission in Trece Martires City in cooperation with the city government thru the newly elected City Mayor Gemma Lubigan and Sangguniang Panlungsod members. The first leg was done in Barangay Lallana recently where almost 400 residents availed the free medical consultation rendered by the doctors and dentists of the Provincial Health Office and its Satellite Hospitals and the City Health Office. One patient, a 50-year old woman diagnosed with gangrenous foot was assisted by the Inocencio Paramedic and Rescue Volunteer (IPARV) and referred to Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital for possible amputation. Patients were also provided prescribed medicines and some vitamins. Barangay Captain Cecilia M. Decillo also received some medicines and vitamins for their barangay and expressed her gratefulness to the people who made the successful health activity possible. Seventh District Board Members Ping Remulla and Lito Langit was also present to support the program.—PICAD



ORANI, BATAAN LGU CONDUCTS BENCHMARKING VISIT AT PGC: Employees of the local government of Orani, Bataan headed by Mayor Efren E. Pascual, Jr. conducted a benchmarking visit at the Provincial Government of Cavite recently to learn about the procedures undertaken to become ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System certified and analyze the process in offering products and services. Vice Governor Jolo Revilla warmly welcomed the delegation at the Session Hall of the Legislative Building in Trece Martires City and extended his gratefulness for being chosen as the site of the study-visit. He reiterated that the provincial government would not be able to achieve the certification without the dedication of Governor Jonvic Remulla and support of all the departments. He also believed that the municipality of Orani has a strong potential to attain the ISO Certification. Governor Remulla also met with the visitors and emphasized the importance of being transparent and productive as it promotes a more predictable form of governance. In the afternoon, the group visited various offices of the provincial government and learned of the different practices in performing certain activities as well as their quality control functions. — (PICAD)

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This is to correct the error made in the publication of Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale filed by **PAG-IBIG FUND OR HDMF**, against the mortgagor/s, **ROWENA D. GONZALES**, in the 4th line of the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2014057167 Now Rs-005039 should be Now Rs-04-005039.

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LAUNCHING OF NSB IN MAGALLANES: The Department of Trade and Industry- Cavite led by Director Noly Guevara remains steadfast in initiating programs and business assistance services down to the smallest political unit of the country, the barangays. On July 18, 2019, DTI-Cavite officially launched its Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay (NSB) to aspiring community entrepreneurs at Brgy. Kabulusan Covered Court in the municipality of Magallanes in partnership with other national agencies and the provincial government of Cavite. Hon. Jasmin Angeli Maligaya-Bautista warmly welcomed everyone and emphasized the importance of empowering local players for economic growth and development. DTI-Cavite Division Chief Ms. Revelyn A. Cortez shared a brief overview of the NSB and DTI services wherein she mentioned that all the 16 barangays of the municipality are scheduled for visitation within 2022. She also encouraged the partakers to be proud of their local products and continue to enhance them. Representatives from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO), as partner agencies, took part of the event and introduced their programs, services and assistance being offered that can help in doing business. Also part of the activity is the announcement of 10 lucky MSMEs from Brgy. Bendita I and Brgy. Kabulusan who will be prioritized for entrepreneurship seminars and various trainings to enhance their skills and mold them to become competent entrepreneurs. During the event, staff of TESDA PTC-Paliparan also rendered free services such as haircut, manicure and pedicure while TESDA PTC-Rosario demonstrated free PV Installation and Solar Charging Station. Puregold Caravan also showed their support to MSMEs as they offered free application of Aling Puring Card and sold their groceries with special promos. -- (PICAD)



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BEYOND THE KITCHEN

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Filipinos know what to expect, and second, the implementers (health care providers, managers, and stewards) have a clear idea of how to implement this task," Duque said.

The full implementation of the law would require up to PHP270 billion a year.

Duque said the fund sources for UHC include DOH's annual budget, PhilHealth subsidies to indigent families, allocations from the

Philippine Gaming and Amusement Corporation and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, PhilHealth membership contributions and sin taxes on alcohol and tobacco.

Cancer control

Another law enacted under the Duterte administration is the National Integrated Cancer Control (NICC) Act which institutionalizes a "national integrated" program to control cancer.

Signed by Duterte on February 14, the law aims to provide cancer patients quality health care without financial hardships.

With the NICC Act, the DOH has intensified the Philippine Cancer National Control program, which includes the establishment of 24/7 cancer centers in various DOH hospitals nationwide and continued provision of free medicines for breast, childhood and colorectal cancers.

Under the new law, the DOH is tasked to provide early and sufficient access to cancer medicines and "ensure highest possible chance of survival among people with cancer".

The law also created the cancer assistance fund, which will support the cancer medicine and assistance treatment program and mandated the PhilHealth to expand benefit packages for all types and stages of cancer. (PNA)

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Learning new skills make older people's brains 30 years younger

WASHINGTON — Learning new things can make older people's brains 30 years younger in just six weeks, according to a new research from University of California Riverside (UCR).

Scientists have discovered that taking up several new tasks at the same time boosts mental power and protects people against Alzheimer's disease.

These skills range from studying new languages, using an iPad, writing music to painting.

UCR psychologist Rachel Wu says one important way of staving off cognitive decline is learning new skills as a child would.

She encouraged older people to be a sponge, which means to seek new skills to learn, maintain motivation as fuel, rely on encouraging mentors to

guide you, thrive in an environment where the bar is set high.

Building on lifelong learning research, previous studies have demonstrated the cognitive gains of older people learning new skills. But these skills were learned one at a time, or sequentially.

For Wu's studies, the researchers asked adults aged 58-86 to simultaneously take three to five classes for three months, about 15 hours per week. The course workload is similar to an undergraduate's.

After just six weeks, participants increased their cognitive abilities to levels similar to those of middle-aged adults, 30 years younger. Control group members, who did not take classes, showed no change in their performance.

"The participants in the

intervention bridged a 30-year difference in cognitive abilities after just six weeks and maintained these abilities while learning multiple new skills," Wu said.

"The studies provide evidence that intense learning experiences akin to those faced by younger populations are possible in older populations, and may facilitate gains in cognitive abilities," she added.

Worldwide, around 50 million people have dementia, and Alzheimer's disease is the most common form that may contribute to 60 percent to 70 percent of the cases, according to the World Health Organization.

No treatment is currently available to cure dementia or to alter its progressive course. (Xinhua)

Alaska Aces upset top-ranked TNT, 108-72, to force sudden-death game

Alaska will live to fight another day.

The eighth-seeded Aces banked on a terrific start to stun shell-shocked top-ranked TNT KaTropa with a blowout 36-point rout, 108-72, and force a winner-take-all knockout in the quarterfinals of the 2019 Philippine Basketball Association Commissioner's Cup at the Smart Araneta Coliseum last night.

Six Aces scored in twin-digits led by Diamon Simpson's steady double-double with 15 points and 19 rebounds while Jeron Teng came off the bench to produce the same amount of points with 11 rebounds for his own double-double.

Alaska Aces, TNT KaTropa, PBA

Chris Banchemo and Simon Enciso had 14

markers each, Vic Manuel added 13 and Carl Bryan Cruz had 11.

As a result, the Tropang Texters, who came in with a twice-to-beat incentive, and the Aces will see each other again on Wednesday in a playoff to see who moves forward to the semifinals.

Eager to survive and continue its campaign, the Aces came out of the gates firing, showing a lot of urgency.

Alaska started out hot to carve a double-digit lead right away, 21-10, in the first eight minutes of play after Banchemo's pull-up jumper conversion at the 4:34 mark of the opening period.

That enabled Alaska to seize control while frustrating the Tropang Texters from the outset.

The Aces then

stretched their advantage to 15, 53-38, in the closing seconds of the second period, continuing their juggernaut.

There was no looking back from there.

The in-sync Aces continued their assault in the second half, putting the hammer down on TNT emphatically in the third period by increasing their lead to over 20 points for the most part.

The Texters did not know what hit them as they never stood a chance from start to finish.

Still, they have a chance to salvage their run in the knockout game on Wednesday.

Only Jayson Castro and Terrence Jones showed up for the Texters as they scored 23 and 19 points, respectively, without much help from their pals.

Pacman mulls future after title conquest

Las Vegas—Father Time may be undefeated, as the old boxing saying goes, but Manny Pacquiao is not going down without a fight.

Pacman mulls future after title conquest

The 40-year-old Filipino legend wrote another improbable chapter in his glittering career on Saturday, with an age-defying split decision victory over the hitherto unbeaten Keith Thurman.

Pacquiao, a full decade older than the 30-year-old Thurman, rolled back the years with a vintage performance that had a sold out crowd at the MGM Grand Garden Arena roaring in delight.

It was the Filipino's 62nd win of a 71-fight career that has spanned 24 years. Veterans at ringside described the performance as Pacquiao's best since his dazzling win over Antonio Margarito in 2010.

Thurman, who had returned to boxing in January after a 22-month layoff, admitted he had not been able to cope with Pacquiao's relentless energy.

Post-fight statistics told the story, with Pacquiao outpunching Thurman by 686 to 571.

A weary Thurman later said he had been chasing the fight from the moment he was sent crashing to the canvas by a stunning combination in the first round.

"He had a lot of momentum from that point," Thurman said. "I ended up paying attention to the number of rounds. By the time we got to the seventh I was like 'Damn, we're in the seventh already'."

"So many wars"

Pacquiao's experience and conditioning had proved crucial at key moments, Thurman added.

"He's been in so many wars, he just knows what to do at the right time," he said. "I had a good training camp but I felt like I needed a better output to go toe to toe with Manny Pacquiao."

Thurman wasted no time after the fight in requesting a rematch.

While fans would



This handout photograph taken and released by MP Promotions shows Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao (center) celebrating with members of his family after defeating US boxer Keith Thurman in their WBA super world welterweight title fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pacquiao won a 12-round split decision. AFP

happily line up for a sequel to what is a strong candidate for the fight of the year, Pacquiao's camp were more circumspect.

Pacquiao, who paid tribute to Thurman's "heavy hands" and punching power after the fight, pocketed an estimated \$20 million from Saturday's contest.

By recapturing a slice of the welterweight division in such dazzling style, he has thrust himself back into relevance.

Even more lucrative paydays are his for the asking if he chooses to pursue them.

A unification fight with Errol Spence Jr, the International Boxing Federation's welterweight champion, would sell itself.

The question of a rematch of his 2015 "Fight of the Century" against Floyd Mayweather also continues to linger.

Mayweather, who was at ringside to watch Pacquiao's masterclass on Saturday, remains firmly retired, and has not fought since his cross-combat spectacle with mixed martial arts star Conor McGregor nearly two years ago.

Long rest

Leonard Ellerbe, the chief executive of Mayweather Promotions and a close confidante, said last week Mayweather has "zero interest" in a second Pacquiao fight. Whether that interest could be piqued by the prospect of a gargantuan payday remains to be seen.

Pacquiao, whose departure from Las Vegas for the Philippines was delayed until 6pm (0100 GMT) on Sunday as a precaution, suggested he will not fight again this year.

Long-time trainer Freddie Roach, meanwhile, told AFP that Pacquiao's camp would take their time before choosing their next opponent.

"Someone just asked me 'What's next?'," Roach said. "Well, you know what? We don't need to think about what's next for a while."

"Manny can go away and rest and we'll think about it later on. We need to see what's out there."

Roach acknowledged however that he thinks a Mayweather sequel is unlikely to happen.

"I can't see it," Roach said. "Floyd's retired and his people say there is no interest. But there will be other options."

Roach, his usual calming presence in Pacquiao's corner, was left reflecting on his fighter's astounding energy levels.

"Manny never gets tired in the gym, but he got tired in the middle rounds tonight," Roach told AFP. "I was keeping a close eye on it. But Manny is so fit he got through it and finished strong."

"I think he showed tonight that there's plenty of boxing left in him, even if he is in his 40s."