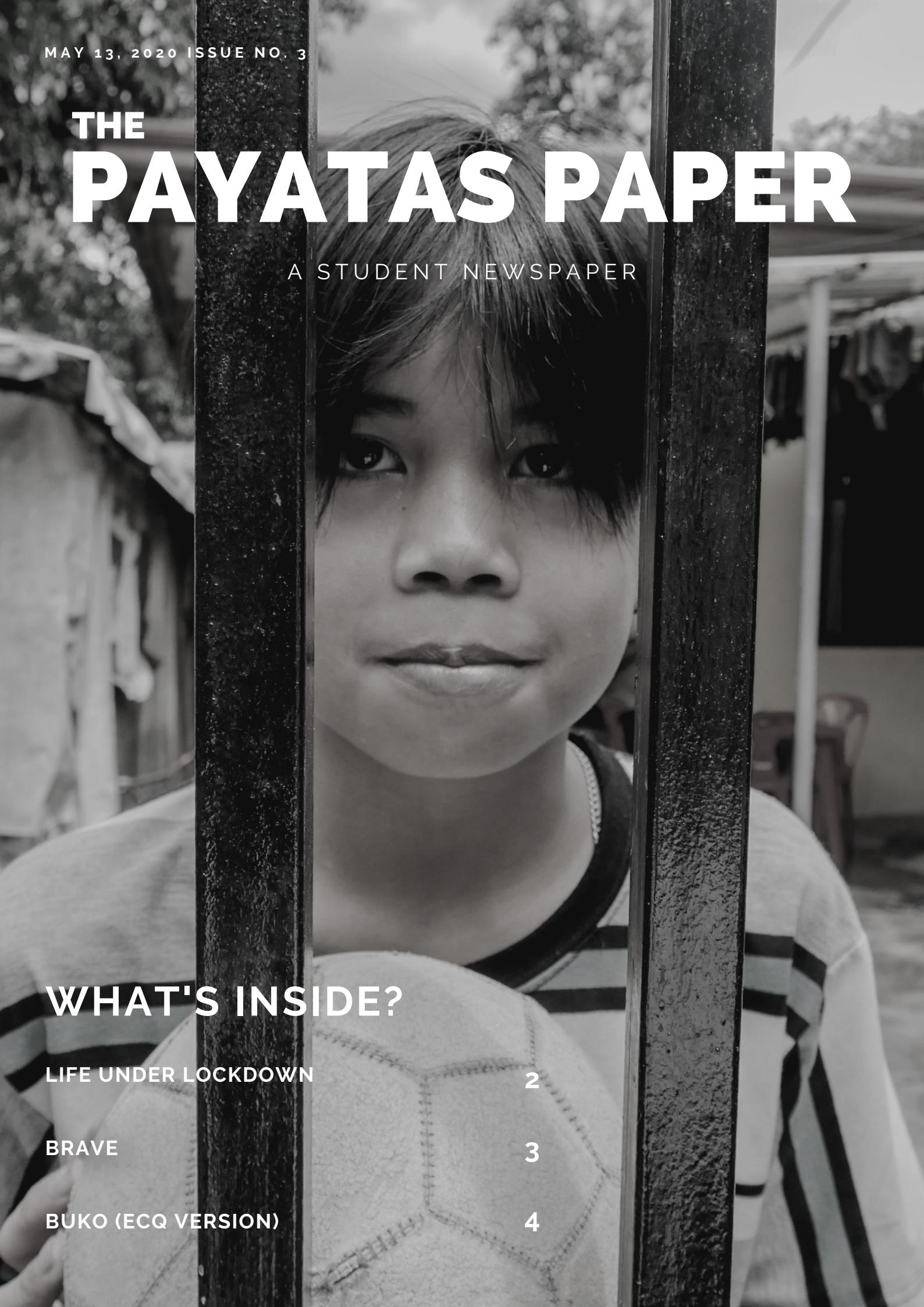


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Residents of Payatas wait in line for the distribution of cash aid from the government.

LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

AS TOLD BY MELANIE, 17

When the lockdown ensued because of Covid-19, many people's lives had to change. I am Melay and I want to tell you what my life was before the lockdown.

I usually have to wake up very early in the morning to go to school. I would first get breakfast before travelling to school. When classes end, I would often drop by my classmate's house to work on some school projects. By 2:30 pm, I will already start preparing for my coaching session at the Fairplay Sports Center where I teach futsal to younger kids in our team. The training usually ends around 5 pm or 6 pm. After my session, I go straight to my niece and spend some time with

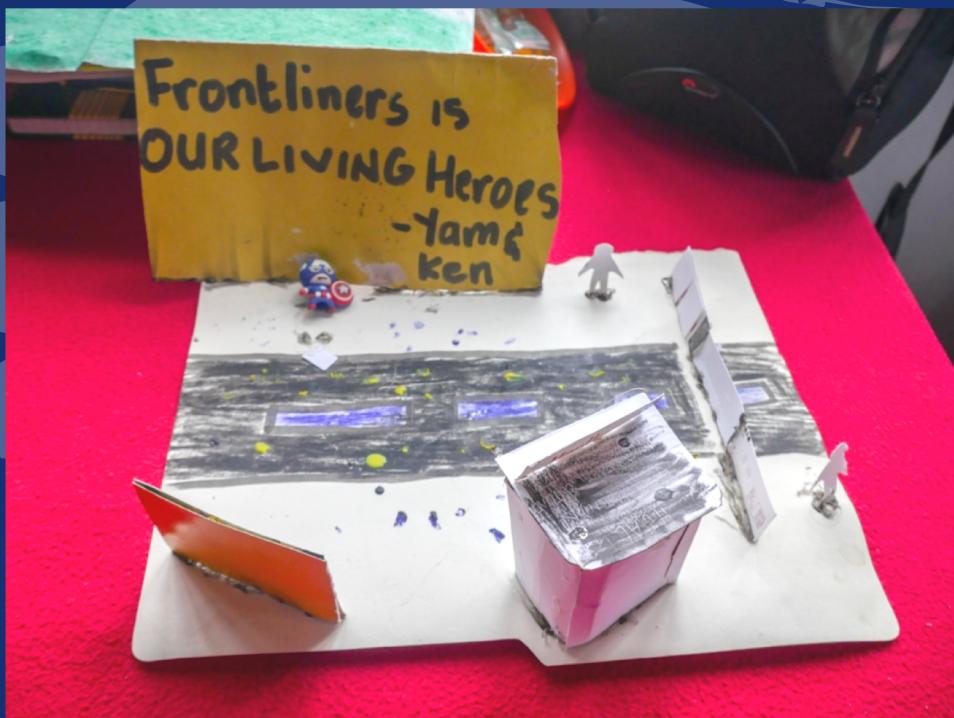
her. We would always play and cuddle when we're together. Then I can finally go back to my dorm and start working on my homeworks. My dormmates and I would usually hangout when we're all back from school. We'll get dinner together and also sleep at the same time. We end the day happy and with smiles on our faces. When Saturday comes, I train with my team to prepare for an upcoming football tournament set later in the year.

Now that there's a lockdown, I wake up much later in the day. I am not able to coach younger kids nor play football with my friends anymore. I barely get to see my niece too and I would often stay up at night thinking of what

tomorrow might hold for us. I also noticed that people in my community are more anxious, sometimes scared. What used to be smiles had hints of sadness and uncertainty.

However, although this is our current situation, I am still hopeful that this crisis will soon come to an end. I look up to our frontliners who continue to serve us during this time. I am also beyond grateful to everyone who came forward and who are currently supporting our families. We continue to hope and pray that through everyone's initiative and us working together, we can finally move past these difficult times.

ARTISTS' CORNER



BY YAMYAM, 14 AND KEN, 15

BRAVE

BY JUSTIN MICHEAL, 10

I am Justine Michael, 10 years old and a grade 3 student. I am fond of playing football and drawing figures.

When the lockdown started in Payatas, my parents had to stop working. Right now, we are able to get by because of the help we receive from other people. The barangay has been distributing groceries to us from time to time but most of the time it is insufficient because there are eight kids in my family. The

extra help really makes a difference for us.

I would like to say thank you to those who are continuously serving the community especially our frontliners who I look up to the most. Although you are in a tough situation, you didn't give up. You continue to give your all just so this virus doesn't spread any further.

We will stay in our houses and hope that through this small and

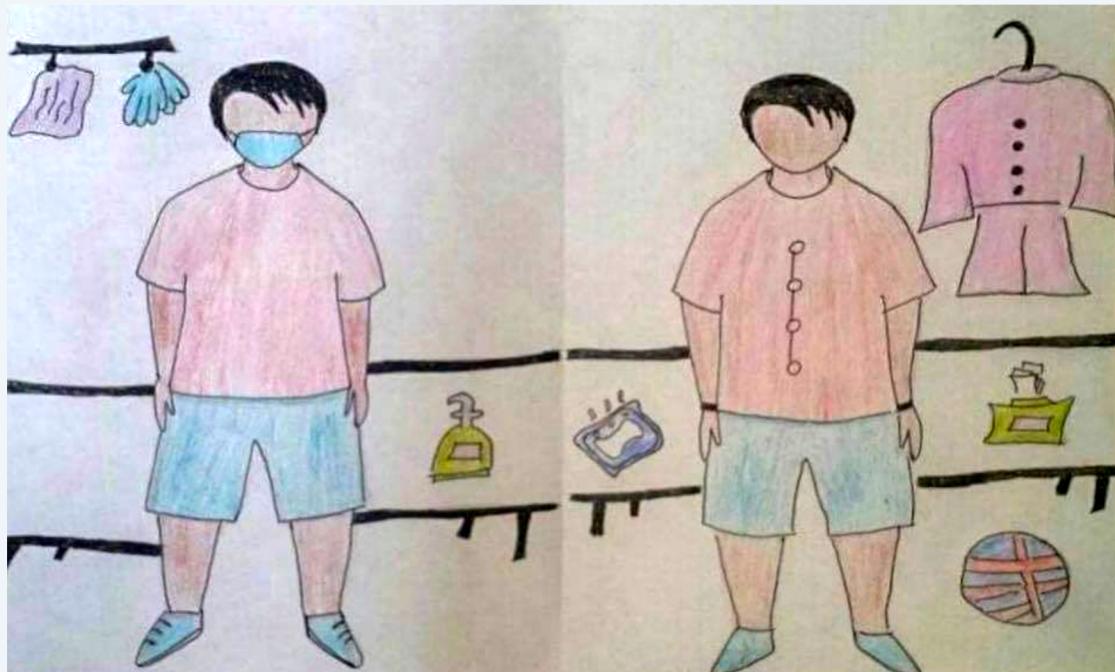
simple act, we are able to be of help. We will pray for your safety and that God will guide you away from harm.

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LET US OBSERVE
SOCIAL DISTANCING TO
PREVENT THE SPREAD
OF COVID-19.

CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?

BY THEA



BUKO (ECQ VERSION)

BY PIA, 20

Naalala mo pa nung wala
pang virus na kumakalat
Lalabas araw-gabi
Maglalaro maghapon magdamag
At ika'y susunduin
Inabot ng gabi sa kakalaro
Buo ang araw mo
Kasama mga kaibigan at mga kalaro
Kailan kaya ulit ito mararanasan
Kailan kaya ulit ito madarama

Hindi man makalabas ay safe naman
Kasama ang pamilya ko
Kung inaakala niyo
Virus ay hindi matatapos
Itatak niyo sa bato
Virus ay malulunasan din
Kahit na hirap-hirap talaga
Kahit na hindi alam gagawin
Tayo pa rin Ang magtutulungan.