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'Great Experience,' says Dane Nailed on Cross

Cross
SAN FERNANDO - A Danish man joined eight Filipinos in re-enacting the death of Jesus Christ Friday by being nailed to crosses in a bloody annual Easter spectacle in the Philippines before thousands of surprised onlookers.

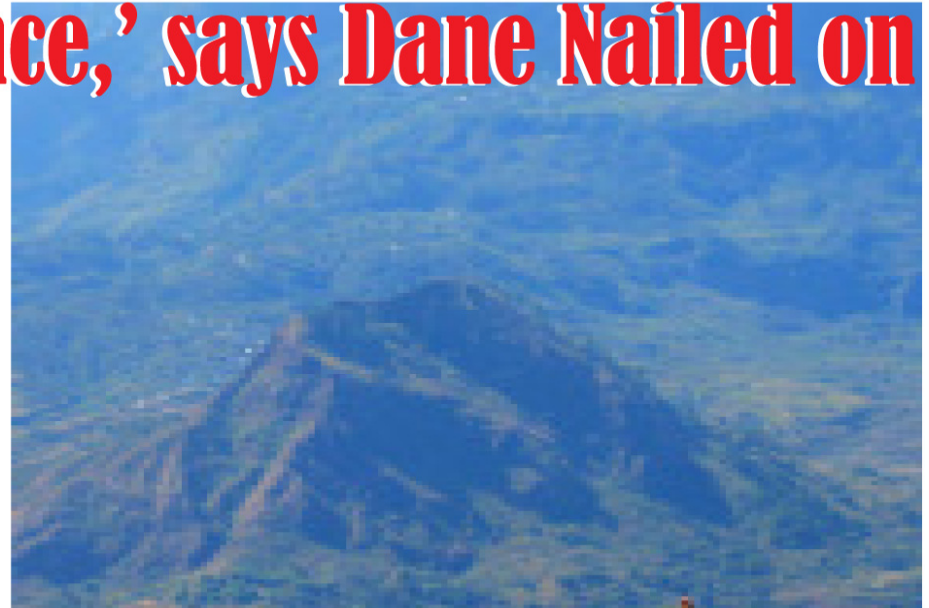
The crucifixion ritual — held every year on Good Friday in Asia's bastion of Catholicism — has been marked for decades in farming districts in the city of San Fernando, 65 kilometers (40 miles) north of Manila, becoming a major tourist draw despite official disapproval from Church leaders.

But local residents were surprised to see the Dane, identified by a local tourism officer as 48-year-old filmmaker Lasse Spang Olsen, participate in an act restricted to Philippine citizens after a series of embarrassing incidents involving foreigners in the past.

On separate occasions a Japanese man and an Australian national underwent crucifixions in the same region, with the former later revealing that footage of the ritual was used in a pornographic movie while the Australian man was subsequently exposed as a TV comedian.

Olsen, wearing a small video camera to record the

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Mount Mogao, also known as Mount Clitoris (name was based on its shape), towers serenely over Barangay Cagubatan in the municipality of Tadian, Mountain Province. It is one of the tourist destinations in Sunnyside area launched by the municipal government of Tadian during its recent Ayyoweng Festival./ Juliet Saley-PIA Mountain Province

Hay Naku! Napakaraming mga korap na opisyaales na dapat magpa pako sa krus, hindi lamang sa panahon ng semana santa .

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Senator to BIR: Huwag OA, Huwag KSP!

No shame campaign vs. Pacquiao please

While Filipinos here and abroad are unanimous in hailing Manny Pacquiao in his most recent victory, the BIR here seems to be more eager in publicly flashing his tax scorecards.

Hindi naman po yata tamang i-demonize natin si Manny na walang ginawa kung hindi maghatid ng karangalan at kasiyahan sa ating bansa at sa lahat ng Pilipino sa buong mundo.

I understand the BIR's role and mission. Although tax collection is unpopular, it is necessary. But don't destroy the very few things that make Filipinos unite and make us forget the calamities, problems and harshness of life, even if just for a few hours or a day.

Let the legal process take its course in the case of Manny Pacquiao, not in the media. Don't give him special treatment, but don't crucify him in public every opportunity you get. Don't be overacting (OA), or Kulang sa Pansin (KSP).

Malacañang should not be so quick in defending its appointees. A reprimand is in order. Being interviewed or asked by the media is not an excuse. The commissioner could have said "no comment," and reminded Manny privately of his obligations.

Collect taxes. Do your job. But do it with respect and with dignity. That is the Filipino way. Even in collecting taxes. /Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Housing Concerns in Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet

BAGUIO CITY—Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Monday Executive-Legislative meeting last week requested Councilor Leandro Yangot, Jr., to look closely into problems of the joint Baguio-Benguet housing project at Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet.

There have been complaints that some of the relocation's housing units are not being occupied, or that residents are less than responsible as to cleanliness of the area.

The attached housing units were constructed for those who displaced and homeless

after Typhoon Ondoy and Pepeng in 2009. The housing consist of partially furnished attached units, with basic city services such as water, electricity and garbage collection, and an 8-classroom elementary school is being constructed for the 400-unit community, it was known.

In a forum with the allocatees last Tuesday at the city multi-purpose hall, Councilor Yangot, Jr., asked that those uninterested and unqualified admit such and surrender their units. The councilor who made a surprise visit to the housing community observed that some units were locked, and probably

Market Issues Addressed

BAGUIO CITY – Passageways in the market should always be free from itinerant vendors and other obstructions, Mayor Mauricio Domogan reiterated during a meeting with the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) last week.

Night market vendors should also follow regulations earlier agreed on, it was known, as with businesspeople occupying the Mines View Park building.

The pronouncement was made after complaints were heard from the concerned vendors that they were at the losing end, due to loss of market goers.

The market stall holders and nightmarket vendors in Harrison road said clients prefer to buy from those in the frontlines only. Suggestions were given that they rotate positions, which was denied, as this would cause disorder between and among them.

As to the Mines View Park building occupants, some would want to give up stalls at the second floor due to loss of clients. Some stalls are now either being used as stock rooms, or used clothing stores or "wagwagan." Clients usually go to the first floor stalls only, or other selling areas in Mines View, it was known.

A request however was given that an access stairs be built for clients, which the mayor acceded to. Plans shall be prepared accordingly, the mayor said.

Present during the meeting were representatives from the Market, Baguio City Police, City Administrator, Treasurer's, City Environment and Parks Management, Legal, Engineer's and Building and Architecture, and Accounting Offices.

Parking areas fees in the Slaughterhouse for buses, vans, freight trucks and public utility vehicles, were also looked into, as with rates in the bunkhouses. The City Treasurer shall post the latest agreed-upon fees./juliegfianza

abandoned. As reported by neighbors, some of the units are not being used, while some are allegedly being offered for sale.

He however said the evaluation and screening committee with him, the National Housing Authority (NHA), the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), and other concerned agencies shall be strict in implementing the rules in the continuing award of units.

Allocatees, not only being Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng victims should also belong to the

"poorest of the poor," it was known. They also have to comply with other requirements, the councilor said.

Returned units would be awarded to other qualified applicants, the councilor said, though as of last count, 223 were for Baguio residents, while the rest are occupied by Benguet residents.

The councilor also made it clear that the units are not free, though additional improvements are expected from the residents. An expansion is also expected with enough open spaces. Transportation however is needed, the residents collectively said, as the community is quite a distance from the main road.

Betty Fangasan, head of the CSWDO also urged the Tadiangan relocation site residents to organize themselves to give them more voice in asking for more projects. She also promised service and livelihood

Priest Urges "Busy" People to Visit on Line Reflections

BAGUIO CITY - A priest is urging the Catholics to dwell on the reflections of the Catholic Church thru the internet which is now being used by the church to reach out to the people particularly those who are so busy.

Father Victor Munar, Parish Priest of the Saint Paul Parish in Tuba, Benguet, is encouraging the Catholic believers particularly those who have no time to go to church to look into the on line reflections of their local priests and churches.

Munar explained that some of the priests in the city of Baguio and the province of Benguet are now "techie" or updated with the use of the internet and the social media and they are using this technology in spreading the Word of God.

Thru the social media particularly the facebook, priest are now posting their reflections, sermons and other spiritual and religious inspirations to their personal accounts and let the public dwell on it.

"Our regular posting and updating of status with the reflections and other inspirations are being liked, shared and spread with the use of the internet," he said adding that more and more people are being reached only in the city but also outside Baguio City and Benguet and even Catholics living abroad.

The idea of posting reflections on the social media is for the Overseas Filipino Workers particularly those who are living in non-Christian nations for them to have reflections and at the same time update their community here.

He said that people are giving positive feedbacks that keep the priests encouraged to post and update their status on line.

Fr. Munar informed that during the Holy Week, the priests will be posting daily reflections and will be having on line Visita Iglesia as well.

According to him, the on line approach is being encouraged by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines for their bishops and priests to reach out and spread the word of God.

Diocese Baguio-Benguet Bishop Carlito Cenzon, however, still encourages the public to physically go to church together with their families and make it a regular habit as Catholic believers./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR

trainings to those interested. Capacity building trainings may also be provided, she said.

Tuba Mayor Florencio Bentez who spoke for his community asked that the residents be cooperative and respect the place. He admitted that hosting a relocation site is difficult with socio-economic problems incurred, including provision of basic services. He envisioned that Tuba would someday be capable of providing such services.

Goodwill and cooperation between and among neighbors, both in the housing community and inter-municipalities are important, such

as that of Tuba and Baguio City, Mayor Bentez emphasized. He bemoaned the presence of illegal settlers, and ill doers, which he hope would be controlled with community effort.

Councilor Yangot, Jr., later confirmed the presence of each applicant, and answered queries from attendees. He heads the council committee on urban planning, lands and housing.

The councilor also had a meeting with settlers of the Buyog watershed in Pinsao, Wednesday morning to thresh out legal issues of land ownership./juliegfianza



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Inanglupa Sets Roadmap for 2020 Philippine Agriculture

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Inanglupa, a social movement working for a science-based climate-smart and competitive Philippine agriculture for social and economic empowerment of smallholder farmers, has outlined five development outcomes for Philippine agriculture by the year 2020, which shall serve as a roadmap to set the wheels of change in motion.

The movement is headed by Dr. William D. Dar, Director-General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) based in India. Dar served as Presidential Adviser for Rural Development and for a while as acting secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

Dar, in an interview during his book launching at the Benguet State University (BSU) here recently, explained that the roadmap envisions a new Philippine agriculture that shall have a major role in reducing poverty, achieving food and nutrition security, economic prosperity and environmental sustainability and upholding human dignity.

Food sufficiency is first on the list which aims to increase the supply of key staple foods that will buffer communities against price increases and volatility, making food affordable for millions of poor people.

Ensuring nutritional security is second. It emphasizes on improved crop varieties and diversified production systems that will provide nutrients often lacking from the diets of poor people particularly women and children.

Increasing per capita income is third. Through improved productivity and better developed markets ensure agricultural growth and in which the rural poor participate.

Climate-smart communities is fourth where poor farmers benefit from healthy ecosystems and sustained high-level agriculture productivity, particularly in the light of climate change. The fifth is social development which will put people at the center of development.

These development outcomes seal the movement's commitment to a development process that will truly benefit the people particularly the poor, and recognizes the importance of participation among groups and communities and the norms that facilitate such interaction.

Dar launched his book entitled 'WDD, Hinirang Na Anak Ng Inang-Lupa' at the BSU where he was a former faculty./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

City Firm on School Site Inside John Hay

The city will stand pat on the construction of an elementary school building on the original site agreed with the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) despite a change of heart on the part of the government firm on top of developments within

the sprawling former United States military rest and recreation center.

This was made clear by city mayor Mauricio Domogan in a meeting Wednesday afternoon with representatives of JHMC, the city schools and barangay officials of Country Club Village who

YES-C Participants Benefit from Eco-Walk Program

Fifty three adolescents of the Youth Empowerment for Stronger Communities (YES-C) were brought closer to nature through the city's Eco-walk program last April 13 at the Busol Watershed. Their immersion into the experiential environmental learning process for kids is in line with their "Caring for the Environment" workshop.

Jennifer Lobchoy, a mentor of YES-C, said they chose to have an Eco-walk as part of their "Caring for the Environment" workshop to let the participants have a first-hand experience with nature.

YES-C is a project of the Child and Family Service Philippines, Inc. (CSFPI) in partnership with the United States Embassy, to promote relationships among ethnic groups in Baguio.

Students from Baguio City National High School, Pines City National High School, Baguio Patriotic High School and Irisan National High school, together with out-of-school youth and children in conflict with the law participated in the YES-C program.

Journalists Ramon Dacawi and Art Tibaldo, pioneers of the Eco-walk program, facilitated the process, using the watershed as an open laboratory to validate classroom learning. They led the adolescents around the watershed and introduced them to the different species of plants found in Busol.

"Maganda, nakaka-enjoy makita (ang forest). Araw-araw gusto kong bumalik," Abdulwahid Saber, a YES-C participant, remarked.

As their first step in caring for the environment, the participants began establishing a fire lane to protect young trees from the threat of wildfires this summer. While doing so, they searched for the smallest and biggest pine cones and the longest pine needle, with the winners receiving ball pens and identification card laces from the U.S. Embassy.

After the clean-up, television journalist Dhubie de Guzman, head of the non government organization *Berdeng Karunungan*, awarded the prizes - ball pens and identification card laces from the U.S. Embassy - to the winners. Berdeng Karunungan coordinated the "Caring for the Environment" workshop.

In keeping with a tradition under the Eco-walk program, Dacawi asked the participants to keep the pine needles and cones they gathered to remind them of their exploration of the watershed and their obligation to the environment.

Despite the success of the Eco-walk which has gained international recognition, Tibaldo fears the future of the said program. He said that though they have volunteers, these are on-call members whose time of service is limited.

"We wish this program would continue beyond our active years," Tibaldo expressed./Elmalayne Dulnuan and Darleene Lapid

sought the dialogue on the heels of JHMC's position to transfer the school site to the barangay basketball court.

The mayor noted that the basketball court lot would be too small for a complete elementary school serving kids from kindergarten to sixth grade, adding that the alternative

site abutting a road would pose safety problems for the pupils.

"It's dangerous to children as it's near the road and the basketball court would be destroyed," he said.

He stressed that identification of the city's lot needs within the John Hay Reser-

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Mountain fire - Thick smoke hovers as fire burns portion of this mountain in Bontoc, Mountain Province. Forest fire is now a common scene in this mountainous province thus local officials are asking the public to help prevent fires to save the remaining forests. (ABD-PIA CAR, Mt. Province)

Bangsamoro Pact Should Inspire Cordillerans to Pursue Autonomy, Apayao Gov says

LUNA, Apayao - Apayao Governor Elias Bulut Jr. said that Cordillerans should take advantage of the recent signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) and the support of President Benigno Aquino III to pursue the Cordillera Regional Autonomy which is being pushed anew.

During the Cordillera Regional Autonomy Pre-Summit Consultation and Kapehan held in this capital town last week, Bulut said that the CAB signing between the Philippine Government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front last March 27, should be an encouragement for the people of the Cordillera to be serious in pushing for autonomy and development in the region.

Bulut said that the Bangsamoro signing is a step in the achievement of the genuine autonomous region for Muslim Mindanao which was envisioned by then President Corazon Aquino.

The CAB ch marks the culmination of the 17 years of peace negotiations between the government and MILF. It is the basis for the crafting of the Bangsamoro Basic Law Bill that will pave the way for a Bangsamoro autonomous political entity to replace the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

Bulut said that the signing of the Bangsamoro agreement shows the support of the President in pursuing autonomy in Mindanao. This should awaken the people of the Cordillera to really pursue for an autonomous region as well.

"The President showed support to the Bangsamoro after making sure that the people in the South are one and united in pursuing genuine autonomy and so the Cordillerans should also be united and have one voice in pursuing the needed and the long overdue autonomy," the Governor said.

Bulut called on the people of Apayao and also the Cordillera region to understand well the concept of regional autonomy and take a stand for the betterment of the region and the Cordillerans.

Meanwhile, the Governor together with Congresswoman Eleanor Begtang lead the signing of the Manifesto of Support for the approval of a bill for the Cordillera Autonomy. The manifesto also urges President Aquino to certify the Cordillera Autonomy Bill as an urgent bill.

On April 30, a regional summit on Cordillera Autonomy is set in Baguio City. Outputs gathered during the pre-summit activities held by the provinces and other groups will be presented and this will be the basis for new autonomy bill to be crafted by the Cordillera congressmen.

The creation of autonomous region in the Cordillera region is provided under the 1987 Constitution ./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

Express lane

Multiple "historical firsts" explain why all roads lead to Rome on April 27—where all hotels have been booked solid. Institutions like Pontificio Collegio Filipino on Via Aurelia are similarly crammed. Pope Francis will declare on that day Popes John XXIII and John Paul II saints.

It will be the first double papal canonization in two millennia. Rites have been simplified. "Sobriety is the order of the day," Italian daily La Stampa reported. There'll be a prayer vigil in 11 Rome churches the night before. The tapestries to be used are from the prior beatifications. "The low-frills style of Pope Francis is having an effect," notes the Associated Press.

Only 250,000 can cram into Piazza di San Pietro and Via della Conciliazione. Thus, giant screens have been set up in Rome and provision has been made for the world press. The two women, whose healing is attributed to John Paul II's intercession, will be present.

Will Pope emeritus Benedict XVI attend the rites? He became the first pontiff to resign since 1415 AD when Pope Gregory stood down to avoid schism. If he does, two living and two deceased popes will figure in one historic ceremony.

Francis splices, in one ceremony, two schools of thought on what a pope should be. A simple parish priest figure, like Angelo Roncalli of Italy and a globe-trotting superstar like Karol Wojtyla of Poland. It's "a masterstroke that's already stirred dissent," Agence France Presse reports.

"Reform the church?" asked then Archbishop Roncalli. "Is such a thing possible?" He was the son of Italian sharecroppers who couldn't afford the bus fare to his ordination. But in 1958, the nearly 77-year-old Roncalli was elected by wary cardinals who pegged him a transition pope.

EDITORIAL Humor has always been the handmaid of sanctity. "Anybody can be pope," Roncalli joshed. "The proof is I've become one." Asked how many people worked in the Vatican, he deadpanned, "About half of them." In his

Hospital of the Holy Spirit visit, the flustered mother superior introduced herself. "Holy Father," she said, "I'm the superior of the Holy Spirit." "You're very lucky," was the reply. "I'm only the vicar of Christ."

As John XXIII, Roncalli, stunned many by calling out: *Apertura a sinistra*. "Open the windows and let the fresh air in." Few foresaw that the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II), which he convened, would jolt a sclerotic Church to its founding fervor.

John XXIII died in 1963 before Vatican II ended. What emerged recast the Church as the "People of God, with full participation of all the baptized, yet always in need of reform." Council adviser Fr. Joseph Ratzinger defined this as *perennis reformatio*. He repeated that theme as Benedict XVI.

Vatican II reached out to other faiths and built bridges to a world hurtling into a digital age. It asserted its "prophetic role," smudged by cozy accommodation with assorted dictators.

"I have the bishops by their balls," Ferdinand Marcos scoffed before Pope John Paul II came to the Philippines in January 1981. Marcos touted a cosmetic lifting of martial law. Imelda decked out the Coconut Palace for the Pontiff. But John Paul politely declined and lodged instead at the sparse nunciature in Pasay City.

"Even in exceptional conditions... the state cannot claim to serve the common good when human rights are not safeguarded," John Paul II told a poker-faced Marcos and cronies in his Jan. 17, 1981, speech at Malacañang Palace.

Then, he went to Luneta where he beatified now St. Lorenzo Ruiz, then flew to Bacolod. There, he pressed for an end to the exploitation of *sacadas*. "This is war," fumed a Negros sugar planter.

John Paul II returned in 1995 to preside over World Youth Day where over four million people flooded Luneta to attend the closing Mass. That's the current world record for the "largest papal gathering in Catholic history."

On entering St. Peter's Square in May 1981, John Paul II was shot four times by Mehmet Ali Agca who was sentenced to life. The Pope forgave Agca. At John Paul's request, Agca was pardoned by Italian president Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, and was deported to Turkey in June 2000.

The rule books say five years must pass after a person's death before even a beatification process can begin. It took 341 years for Pedro Calungsod of the Visayas to be canonized and 28 years for St. Therese of Lisieux, France.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was beatified in October 2003—less than six years after her death. John Paul II allowed the immediate opening of her canonization cause. Seen in this context, the April 27 rites for John XXIII and John Paul II are on express lane.

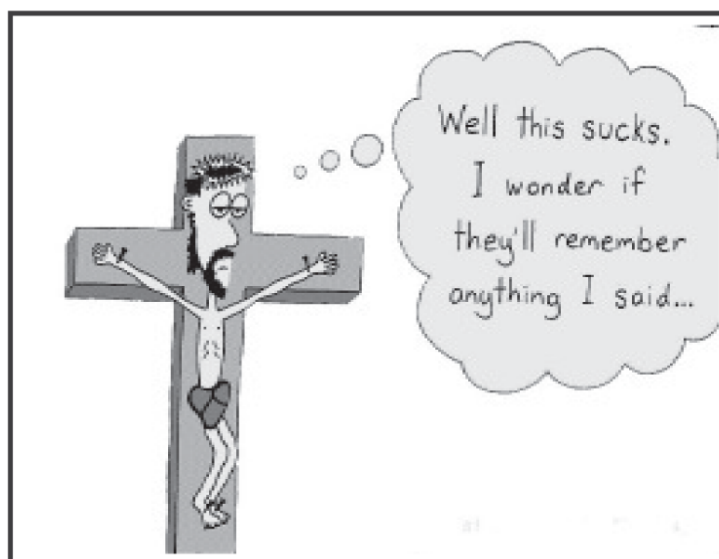
This February, the Archdiocese of Cebu submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, in the Vatican, the conclusion of a

3-year study into the life of Bishop Teofilo Camomot. The late prelate was known to hock even his pectoral cross to help the poor.

Msgr. Dennis Villarojo has been named as postulator for the beatification process. At the end of John Paul's funeral Mass in 2005, throngs chanted "*Santo Subito!*" What were they really saying in the demand for "Saint Now"? asked Chicago Tribune's Kenneth Woodward. "They were crying out that in Karol Wojtyla, they saw someone who lived with God and lived with us."

Fr. Thomas Rosica, in a September 2013 article, said this of John Paul II: In over 27 years, as the 263rd successor to Peter the Fisherman, John Paul II "traveled the world, bringing to men and women the gospel... beyond all geographical boundaries.... he also

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MY LENTEN STORY & ACCIDENT

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I have a Lenten story to tell.

When I was a small boy in barrio Guihing in Davao del Sur, Lent or "mahal nga adlaw" by tradition was observed in the strictest way as passed on by our traditions in the family that originally came from Guimbal, Iloilo in the Visayas. For example, on "Biernes Santo", no one should laugh, nor even talk if we could help it. We had to stay indoors as much as possible "kay patay ang guinoo" (god is dead). We had to refrain from doing anything except to do "pamalandong" or quiet meditation — although the quietude was more because of fear of "gaba" or heaven's wrath. And yes, we observed fasting and abstinence — although this was no big deal as not eating meat or not having a full hearty meal was an ordinary occurrence in the house. Funny, but I recall not feeding our backyard pigs that we raised specially intended for June school opening expenses not because of "fasting" but I thought it would be a good excuse to spare myself of that tedious daily chore. Pity the pigs!

EARLY ECUMENISM —Then we had to wait by the roadside to kiss the image of "Baby Jesus" as it passed by, cradled by sweating volunteers in "soutana", ringing a bell (similar to that of our favorite ice cream vendor) who went the rounds, house to house. The face of Jesus Christ in images in the house altar had to be covered with velvet and to be removed only on Easter Sunday. By the way, the altar with all the "stampitas" occupied a central place in every Catholic house I knew. Early in my childhood, I also got a taste of what "ecumenism" was all about. Our nextdoor neighbors were Protestants, in fact, the father was a pastor and their house served as their church where they held services. During "mahal nga adlaw" and while we Catholics observed fasting and all, nextdoor our friends would butcher their prized pigs for a "fiesta-like" celebration. And we devout Catholics were not bothered at all and understood perfectly that they were as devout in their own way as we Catholics were.

TOTAL STOP — When the "sinakulo" or the re-enactment of the Crucifixion was eventually aired over the radio, we stayed glued to our Philips transistor the whole day to listen and imbibe the reenactment of the Crucifixion. On Good Fridays, the world I knew just literally stopped. No vehicles were moving. All roads were empty. My father who was seldom in the house being a regular passenger bus driver, would be home by then and we children would enjoy take turns in massaging him by walking barefoot all over his tired body. Even plane flights were suspended for the day, I recall. Later in life, I moved to Davao City. And things changed. The Lenten days became "vacation" time for many.

'BIERNES SANTO' ACCIDENT —I have an unforgettable story. I was already a lawyer and was with my family on a Lenten "vacation" in Guihing in our farm. I can't remember now the year but I know President Marcos was at Malacanang then. For one reason or another, I did the unthinkable on that "Biernes Santo". I just bought a new handgun and I thought I'd try it out, shooting at empty tin cans on the ground. Of course, I shattered the quiet stillness amidst swaying coconut trees. I could hear my wife Beth calling from the house telling me to stop. Yes, I did but not until I emptied all my re-loads. Then, I mounted "Mulach", my trained thoroughbred horse and galloped away. I knew Beth would be angry again

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Mar Roxas' 2016 run doomed

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them..." (Jesus, our God and Savior, in Matthew 15:16-18, the Holy Bible).

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SINNING AFTER KNOWING THE TRUTH IN JESUS: Here's a part of the Bible that could cleanse man of sin: "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

"If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God... For we know him who said, 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' and again, 'The Lord will judge his people.' It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God..."

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MAR ROXAS' 2016 RUN DOOMED: Now that Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Mandaluyong City is investigating reports that Local Government Secretary Mar Roxas cursed and cursed after he refused to pay the proper fees for his guest who wanted to play golf in Wack Wack last April 6, 2014, his future as the Liberal Party's presidential standard bearer in 2016—and his future as president as well—appear all the more doomed.

The investigation—and the media coverage in its aftermath—will surely destroy him some more, because they will focus on claims by Wack Wack employees that Roxas, despite his high status in life, have no qualms uttering invectives in public, and can even refuse to pay required fees for his guest, while blurting out "for me, the president does not matter" at the same time. I am sure there will be great interest on who he was referring to as "the president" that did not matter to him.

But whoever president Roxas referred to in his outburst, made in the presence of his wife, broadcaster Korina Sanchez, his reported ill-mannered conduct, publicized in media now, constitutes some sort of a political madness because it will make his supporters shirk from making him their presidential candidate in 2016. Indeed, who would want to field a hot-tempered and cursing candidate, especially for the highest position in the country yet?

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"WHOM THE GODS WISH TO DESTROY": As I am writing this, I am reminded of what the famed American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote in his poem "The Masque of Pandora". Longfellow, through Prometheus, one of the characters in the poem, said: "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad". Whether Roxas admits it or not, it was madness not to pay the required fees for playing golf, as it was madness as well to make an outburst in public.

No matter how Roxas may apologize for the inci-

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FAIR AND SQUARE

Reasons Why I Am For Legalization Of Irregular Franchises

BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



To the various individuals and sectors including members of the City Council who are questioning and doubting my motive for pushing the legalization of irregular franchises when through the years from 1997, they allege, I have been a consistent oppositor to the grant of new Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) in BLIST, here is my explanation in brief.

I don't find contradictions between my being a perennial oppositor against new applications for franchises or grant of CPCs thereof and my advocacy to legalize irregularly-issued franchises. Thus, I will remain oppose to the grant of new CPCs as I have been so from the beginning because I believe in the object and rationale of the moratorium and that I consider CPCs issued in violation of the moratorium as illegal (if we go by the pronouncement of then RTC Judge Ruben Ayson in one Mandamus case denying the registration of Tip-Top jeepneys with franchises issued under the moratorium.)

However, in the case of CPCs already issued, albeit irregularly, there is nothing I can do better anyone except to work for their legalization after all my previous efforts opposing them to forestall their irregular issuance failed. Unless, other than legalization which the Board en banc allowed anyway before, I would opt for their revocation or cancellation since they are illegal or agree to maintain their status quo whereby the LTFRB-CAR is allowing the extension of validity and sale of irregular CPCs that only perpetrate their illegalities.

Revocation and cancellation, aside from being unfair to the buyers in good faith who have invested their hard-earned monies and savings on franchises they thought were legal because they were issued by Regional Directors, will be a very tedious process because each of the thousands of irregular CPC holders will be given a hearing or "a day on court," so to speak, as required by due process. In the hands of hardhearted lawyers who will defend their clients at all cost, the process to revoke / cancel the irregular CPCs will take the lifetime of the Board to consummate.

On the other hand, maintaining the status quo of franchises as presently being done by the LTFRB-CAR will not cure the illegality of the irregular franchises. Worse, because the Regional Director signs and approves the renewal and sale of CPCs although they are void and ineffective, it causes taxi franchise to be priced scandalously and unconscionably at more than half a million pesos per CPC.

Whereas, administrative legalization of irregular CPCs, just like the one allowed in 2000 by the Board en banc under Memorandum Circular No. 2000-019 wherein hundreds of illegal taxi units were legalized, the process of simultaneous hearing and approval of individual petition for legalization would only take a year or two to legitimize all CPCs and completely cleanse the dockets of the LTFRB-CAR.

These, in brief, are the reasons why I am for the administrative legalization of irregularly-issued franchises. Unfortunately, I miserably failed to get the support and cooperation of the City Council in the proposed resolution I caused to be filed in the Council through Councilor Richard Cariño to favorably endorse legalization to the LTFRB. I hope the City Council will change its mind while there is still time before the Board en banc which has already conducted an audit of irregularly-issued franchises will decide to cancel these illegal franchises issued in violation of moratorium. For, if sweepingly done and the Chairman is very capable of doing so, these cancellations of thousands of franchises will surely cause transport

NGCP Assures Enough and Stable Power Supply this Summer

LAGAWE, Ifugao - The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) has assured enough power supply particularly this summer.

In a radio interview over Radyo Kipodan, 99.1 mhz FM, Lilibeth P. Gaydown, North Luzon Regional Corporate Communications and Public Affairs Officer, said that the country's power transmission service provider has stable power supply to meet the demands of electric consumers efficiently.

Gaydown disclosed that even though demands of power in Luzon has increased, consumers need not worry as the NGCP is transmitting power supply from all available sources.

"In Luzon the forecasted demand of power has increased, however, we are utilizing various sources of power to maintain the capacity that would meet the needs of consumers and address the problem of power outage," she said.

Meanwhile, Gaydown asked the public to observe safety precautions when dealing with the power firm's transmission structure to avoid accidents.

"Do not build a fire near or build houses under the transmission structures since fire could cause power interruptions in your area. Report to NGCP any incident of leaning and damaged poles or towers and sagging power lines," she added.

Gaydown also reiterated the warning that kite-flying near transmission lines as well as climbing transmission structures may cause accidents and electrocution./JDP/MBL- PIA CAR, Ifugao

DOLE Awards Livelihood Grants to 4 Barangay Groups

BAGUIO CITY - Four city barangay associations mostly with women members now have a chance to expand their community livelihood undertakings through a livelihood grant from the Department of Labor and Employment.

Recipient of the livelihood grants are Purok 3 Gibraltar Livelihood Organization, Cabinet Hill-Teachers Camp Women's Club Inc., Andres Bonifacio Brgy. Women's Organization and Brgy. Sto. Niño Livelihood Entrepreneurs Association.

The fund grant, with a total amount of around P1.49 million, is under DOLE's Integrated Livelihood Pro-

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crises in the city. Hopefully, however, LTFRB will prefer legalization over cancellation and will detest maintaining the status quo that breeds corruption in the LTFRB-CAR.

In the latter incidentally, the Regional Director is facing the prospect of being charged administratively of grave abuse of discretion for approving the renewal and sale of illegal franchises!

UK Filipino Community Gives Back to Tineg School Children

TINEG, Abra - A year after the visit of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Juliano-Soliman to this remote town that inspired an international Filipino organization, the schoolchildren of one of the poorest municipalities in the country are going back to school this year with complete basic school materials.

The new school materials from the European Network of Filipino in Diaspora United Kingdom (ENFID-UK) group were delivered recently to benefit of more than 400 school children.

Through the ENFID-UK's One Love Abra charity concert in cooperation with Side Projects, The Filipino Channel Europe, and DSWD Cordillera held last June 22, 2013 at King's Cross, London, the organization raised 1,400 pounds for the children of Tineg with the help of the Filipino Community in the UK.

The money was used to purchase school materials for the children such as bags, papers, pens, notebooks, and others.

Every classroom in Caganayan Elementary School is also given learning posters, manila papers, reams of bond papers, calculators and other supplies.

The organization also donated sports equipment such as badminton sets, basketballs, footballs and also chess sets.

The donations were personally delivered by ENFID-UK representative Vanz Acosta Bio assisted by DSWD-CAR staff last March 31 at Caganayan Elem. School. They were turned over to Tineg Mayor Corinthia Crisologo and school teachers.

Crisologo expressed her gratitude to the Filipino Community in the UK for the help that they have extended to her municipality.

ENFID-UK is an ambitious movement to get all Filipino communities, associations or groups "connected", for greater exchange of good practices, heightened sense of oneness and concern for one another, more unified voice, thus creating greater political visibility to policy-making institutions, both in our country of origin and in the host country where these Filipinos reside at the moment./Jomel Anthony V. Gutierrez- DSWD CAR

Dads Approve P3M for Barangay Multi-Purpose Construction

The city council approved on Monday a P3-million budget for the construction of a multi-purpose hall at Lower Quirino Hill Barangay.

After some inquiries and recommendations from city councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Joey Alangsab, and Leandro Yangot Jr., majority decided to approve the resolution.

The barangay council earlier adopted a resolution that its fund allocation from the City Development Fund for 2013 in the amount of P3 million be for the construction of the barangay multipurpose hall.

The barangay council noted that the existing

barangay hall built in a 32-square-meter lot was not enough to accommodate the office and service needs of the community. With the limited area, "it is not a conducive venue to address various concerns of the constituents and the community as a whole", the resolution said.

The Barangay Captain said there's already land identification from the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO), the Committee on Public Works recommends the approval, and that the constituents are already informed of the 3-storey hall construction into 67 sq. meters area.

Tabanda said the place is supposedly identified for building a center for the senior citizens.

SP Passes Ordinance Exempting Birthing Mothers from Paying Fees in PLGU-Run Hospitals

BONTOC, Mountain Province - Birthing mothers who are not covered by Philhealth are exempted from paying all hospital services and fees while confined in any of the hospitals under the operation and management control of the provincial government.

This is provided under Provincial Ordinance No. 167 in line with the goal of the province to provide responsive health services to its people and to delist itself from the region's top province with the most maternal deaths.

It provides that all birthing mothers who are bona fide residents of the province and not covered by PhilHealth shall be exempted from the payment of all hospital services and fees for their first four deliveries and confinement in any of the hospitals/clinics under the operation and management control of the provincial government here.

For the fifth and succeeding deliveries, the birthing mother shall be required to pay 50 percent of her total hospital bills.

Entitled to the privilege provided in this ordinance, the birthing mother must comply with the following conditions: must have at least four pre-natal visits in any hospital or clinic during her entire pregnancy and completely noted in the "mother and child book" or other recognized and valid paper or document; must present said "mother and child book" or any other recognized and valid paper or document before confinement; and must commit to practice pure breastfeeding.

Privilege for birthing mothers provided under Provincial Ordinance No. 167 does not apply to birthing mothers who are holders of PhilHealth cards including the qualified beneficiaries of paying members; those covered by separate health insurance with similar designs and purpose given by other insurance providers; those who may be recipients or beneficiaries of any other form of maternal health care relative to child birth; and those who opt to be confined in private rooms and or "de luxe" rooms of the hospital during their period of confinement./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

Kalinga Coffee Farmer Groups Organize Prov'l Federation

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Coffee farmers associations in the province recently agreed to organize as a federation in order to strengthen their sector and participation in government development program.

Village chief Van Oliver Dicang explained that the second floor will be for the senior citizens, the first for nutrition, peace and order, and the third to serve as the barangay hall.

Councilor Yangot recommended a four-storey building to maximize use of the limited space./Dina Cardaño

According to Jeffrey Pasikan of the Department of Trade and Industry, Kalinga Bio-diversified Coffee Producers Federation was formed initially to be the 'owner of the Kalinga green beans which is to be registered as a Geographical Indications (GI) heritage product of the province.'

Pasikan said the name of the federation emphasizes on bio-diversified production as all the members agreed that one requirement to maintain the quality and reputation of the Kalinga green bean is to grow

Baguio Media Club Opens Holy Week Camp 2014 at Burnham Park

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio Correspondents Broadcasters Club (BCBC), the biggest and oldest media group in the Summer Capital, opened today its annual Holy Week Camp inside Burnham Park.

The summer camp dubbed as "Camp Peppot", named after the late media practitioner Peppot Ilagan who originated the event, is a venue to strengthen camaraderie among media and enjoy some fun activities together.

The BCBC in partnership with Philippine Mining Safety and Environmental Association (PMSEA), will co-sponsor on April 15 a journalism workshop on traditional and social media for media interns and Mass Communication students.

On Wednesday morning will be mass to be officiated by Baguio-Benguet Vicariate Bishop Carlito Cenzon. It will be followed by a 'Kapihan sa Baguio' with BCBC and Department of Tourism officials, to promote the club's programs/activities and other summer tourism events in Baguio and the rest of Cordillera.

Highlight of the Holy Week activities of the BCBC is the annual search for the Lucky Summer Visitor or LSV, wherein selected first-time Baguio visitors will be given a four-day red-carpet treatment including free hotel accommodations, tours of tourist spots in Baguio and nearby Benguet towns, and freebies. This is in partnership with the City Government of Baguio, Provincial Government of Benguet, LGU La Trinidad Benguet, barangay Twin Peaks, Tuba Benguet and other private individual, group and institutions.

BCBC hopes that this year's Lucky Summer Visitors would include those from Typhoon Haiyan-stricken areas of Leyte, Samar, or from the earthquake stricken areas in Bohol, differently-abled people or overseas Filipino workers.

For the LSV selection, BCBC officers/members, project partners and other volunteer groups, will motor down to Rosario, La Union on Thursday morning, to look for the first-time Baguio visitors from the passenger of Baguio - bound buses coming from different routes or different parts in the lowlands.

Other daily activities are lined up at Camp Peppot until Easter Sunday, April 20.

"This Media Camp is already a tradition for all media practitioners, so let us all participate and enjoy" BCBC President Franklin Cimat said./JDP/CCD and Kristal Castillo- PIA Intern

them naturally or organically.

The system he said would include the raising of livestock, vegetables farming, composting and other environmentally friendly farming approaches to maximize the usage of land, waste materials and other farm inputs.

As recalled the coffee stakeholders in the province through the Kalinga Provincial Coffee Council agreed to have the Kalinga coffee green bean registered as GI with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL).

In said event, IPOPHL Consultant Patrick Belisario said

the GI project intends to protect particular products unique to a certain place for their distinct quality derived from its territory such as a culture and practices on how these are grown or processed.

A GI certificate is encapsulated in a symbol placed on a commodity to manifest good quality that possesses characteristics, qualities, or a reputation essentially attributed to the product's geographical origin.

Last Thursday, consultants of the IPOPHL held an orientation for the group in preparation for the GI registration./JDP/GGD- PIA-CAR, Kalinga

DSWD-CAR Official Enjoins Staff for more Committed Service

BAGUIO CITY - Department of

Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Cordillera regional director Leonardo Reynoso is enjoining all the department's personnel in the region for a more committed service especially to the marginalized sector towards the realization of DSWD's strategic goal 2014 to 2016.

Reynoso, during DSWD-CAR's Regional General Assembly and 63rd anniversary program at the Baguio Convention Center Saturday, reported that the 2014 thrust and priorities gear towards the embedding of the "Matapat, Mahusay at Magiliw na Paglilingkod" (Loyal, excellent and sincere service) public service especially to the poor, vulnerable and marginalized sector.

Reynoso shared that DSWD's priority thrusts and strategies for this year up to 2016 are anchored on three goals which are: to raise the number of Pantawid Pamilya families with improved well-being; expanding the number of NHTS - PR (National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction) households covered by at least two Social Welfare and Development (SWD) programs; and increasing the number of provinces, municipalities and cities having a fully functional local SWD offices.

DSWD's social welfare and development programs for the poor is anchored on the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or 4Ps, in convergence with their KALAHI-CIDSS (Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan - Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services) and the Sustainable Livelihood Program.

Aside from these core SWD programs, DSWD will also continue the implementation of their programs on protective services, disaster risk reduction and management, recovery and reintegration of trafficked persons, supplementary feeding for day care students, and social pension for indigent senior citizens, among others.

Meantime, Reynoso, in an interview, disclosed that the 4Ps is set for expansion and extension.

"We are expanding the program to cover those with 15 to 18 years old children and for those Set 1 family beneficiaries who are supposed to graduate from the program this year, they will be set for extension, if they have children under the said age bracket", he stressed.

Reynoso also disclosed that another priority of the DSWD is the establishment of Crisis Intervention Unit in all the provinces in the region, which goal is expedite the delivery of services and financial assistance especially to those who need medical interventions.

"Our partners here are the local government units and the provincial arms of DSWD. Right now we are already in the preparatory stage, though we expect that within this month our Crisis Intervention Units will be all fully operational", Reynoso said./JDP/CCD with Yousef Abdelkhaleq- PIA CAR Intern

CDA-CAR Explains Gawad Parangal

BONTOC, Mountain Province -The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) is conducting information dissemination of its to cooperatives, local government units, partner organizations and cooperative leaders in recognition to their exemplary performance, best practices and good governance.

Martin Manodon of CDA-Cordillera explained that CDA Gawad Parangal aims to recognize cooperatives for their exemplary performance and in bringing responsive services to their members and the community; to local government units for their contribution as partner of the coops in the implementation of programs/projects relative to socio economic enterprise, and to individual/coop leaders for their contributions in making cooperatives a relevant socio-economic enterprise.

It also aims to search for models of cooperative best practices and good governance that will serve as start up point in establishing of benchmark standards of coop performance.

The gawad parangal award will be given to the most outstanding cooperative; most outstanding cooperative federation, most outstanding cooperative union, most outstanding local government unit-cooperative development office, and most outstanding cooperative leader.

Nominations must be submitted to the CDA extension Office where the cooperative is registered or where the LGU/institution/cooperative leader is based.

Manodon said awarding of the most outstanding cooperatives, partner organizations and individuals shall be done during the celebration of the Cooperative Month which is in the month of October. /JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

Benguet Dads Urge BENECO to look into Defective Streetlights

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The provincial board is urging the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) to look into the provincially- paid streetlights installed in some areas of the municipalities which continue to light up even during daytime.

Board Members Jack Dulnuan and Johnny Waguis introduced a resolution urging BENECO to put off streetlights during daytime to conserve energy and save from accruing bills being paid by the provincial government.

Waguis said the provincial government pay an aggregate amount of around P2 million yearly for the streetlight consumption. For the period January 28 to February 24, 2014, it already paid a total amount of P190,913.43.

Engr. Rocky Pallogan, BENECO Department Manager for Operations and Maintenance, explained that an automatic switch, a device which automatically puts on light when darkness sets in and shuts off when daylight breaks, is built in every provincially paid streetlight installed in some areas particularly Atok, Itogon, Tublay, Sablan.

Due to wear and tear however, Pallogan admitted these automatic devices are expected to malfunction through time.

From time to time BENECO crew and even meter readers in the course of the delivery of their services also monitor status of streetlights, according to Pallogan. These are replaced if found defective, he added.

He urged barangay officials and others concerned citizens to report defective street lights to the following mobile and landline numbers, 09088657202/09175921698 or 442-6663/442-2295./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

City Government Commemorates Heroism of War Veterans

BAGUIO CITY - The city government joined the nation in commemorating the heroism of war veterans during the Araw ng Kagitingan (Valour Day) on April 9, with the theme "Ang Beterano: Sigla at Inspirasyon Tungo sa Tuwid na Daan" (War Veterans: The strength and inspiration towards the straight path).

Congressman Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas spearheaded the celebration which was highlighted with wreath laying and a simple but meaningful program at the Veteran's Park along Harrison Road here.

The wreath laying was officiated by the Widows, Sons and Daughters Association Incorporation (SDAI).

Fariñas, in opening the program pointed out that what they have prepared for the commemoration may not be enough to honor our war veterans, though they hope that it will inspire others, to serve and defend the country, once needed as what the war veterans did.

"War is really painful, but without their valour and heroism, we will not be here anymore," Fariñas stressed.

Aliping, in a message, also gave recognition to the heroism of the war veterans. "We have to remember that the greatest love for one's country is the hardship and sacrifices shown by our veterans," he said.

The Baguio City National High School students also performed a reenactment of the Voice of Freedom Radio Broadcast, a transcript written by then Lt. Salvador Lopez and read by Lt. Norman Reyes over the Voice of Freedom Radio from the Malinta Tunnel, Corregidor on April 9, 1942 that tells about the epic struggle that Filipino and American soldiers put up in the vastness and along the rugged and gruelling fire of the enemy for more than three months

Aside from the city officials, the commemoration was graced by United States Armed Forces in the Philippines-Northern Luzon headed by Col. Napoleon G. Gojo and Vice Commander Alberto Butong; Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Willy Totanes; Fleet Reserve Pres. Arthur Gongon; Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Pres. Filipinas Ramones; Philippine Veteran's Bank Manager Danilo Romero and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office Head Cherrylyn Sabling./JDP/CCD/Jobelle Lustria - PIA Intern

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 7
BAGUIO CITY

PETITION FOR
VOLUNTARY
INSOLVENCY OF
THE SPOUSES
ANTHONY LIMPIN
AND
EVANGELINE
LIMPIN

SPS. ANTHONY
LIMPIN &
EVANGELINE
LIMPIN.

Petitioners,

SPL PROC. CASE
NO. 2291-R

ORDER

(Declaring Spouses
Anthony and
Evangeline Limpin
insolvent)

The petitioners
filed a verified peti-
tion praying that
upon filing of the pe-
tition, the Court de-
clare them insolvent
and to discharge
them from their debts
and liabilities.

In support of their
petition, the petiti-
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ers that they are resi-
dents of the 2nd Floor,
Lions Club Bldg., Gov.
Pack Rd., Baguio
City where they re-
sided for the last 6
months; that they in-
curred debts in the
total amount of
P4,995,435.54 from
several corporations
and individuals; that
they have a total as-
sets of approximately
P 1,667,600.00 only,
thus, their inability
to pay all their debts
in full; and that they
are willing to surren-
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efit of their creditors.
They attached to their
petition an inventory
of their assets and
schedule of their
debts.

finding the petition
to be in order, this
Court hereby de-
clares the petitioners
Spouses Anthony and
Evangeline Limpin
INSOLVENT. The City
Sheriff is therefore
directed to take pos-
session of, and safely
keep, until the ap-
pointment of a re-
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the deeds, vouchers,
books of accounts,
papers, notes, bonds,
bills, and securities of
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their real and per-
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cept such as may be
by law exempt from
execution. Upon the
appointment of a re-
ceiver or assignee the
City Sheriff shall de-
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the properties, assets
and belongings of the
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sion and he shall be
allowed and paid his
compensation for his
services the same ex-
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would by law be col-
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erty had been levied
upon and safely kept
under attachment.
Further, it is hereby
forbidden for any
debtor of the peti-
tioners to pay to them
any debts due them;
and the petitioners
are likewise forbid-
den to transfer any
of their properties.
All pending civil pro-
ceedings against the
insolvents are hereby
stayed.

Let this Order be
published at the ex-
pense of the petiti-
oners once a week for
two (2) consecutive
weeks in a newspaper
of general circulation
in the City of Baguio
and the whole Cor-
dillera Region, the
last publication of
which shall not be
later than the date of
meeting of the credi-
tors. Furnish a copy of
this order to all the
creditors listed in the
inventory of Assets
and Schedule of
Debts/ Creditors of
the petitioners; and
to the Office of the
Clerk of Court for
publication.

SO ORDERED.

WHEREFORE,

Great Experience...

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act, stoically endured having nails driven through his hands and feet and hung on the wooden cross for 10 minutes before being taken down.

He made no comments to the press afterwards but was overheard describing the event as a "great experience".

Onlookers were surprised to see him take part, with one saying: "It's a foreigner, a foreigner", while another man remarked: "He didn't cry out. He took it well."

Others were skeptical of Olsen's intentions. "He might be like that Japanese before," said one spectator, referring to the incident involving the Japan national in 1996.

Eight Filipinos were also nailed to wooden crosses, some of them having undergone the ordeal numerous times already as part of a religious vow.

Danilo Ramos, a 43-year-old pedicab driver, participated in the ritual for the 24th time on Friday, despite having collapsed earlier while carrying a heavy wooden cross under the scorching heat to the crucifixion site.

After getting some rest and water, Ramos underwent crucifixion, crying out loudly as the nails were driven into his palms.

"I hardly feel the pain anymore. I am used to it... I will continue this as long as I can for my family's health," Ramos said, adding that his wife and two children had all been in poor health.

The Good Friday tradition also included hundreds of hooded "penitents" flogging themselves with make-shift whips on the sidelines, sometimes accidentally splattering their blood onto onlookers.

Tourism officer Ching Pangilinan, who identified Olsen as a filmmaker, said village officials had allowed the Dane to participate after he presented a waiver of liability from the Danish embassy.

Foreigners have been banned from participating in the crucifixions after a British national backed out from the ritual at the last minute in 2006.

Asked why the ban was violated for Olsen, the district chairman in charge of the event, Zoilo Castro, declined to comment.

40,000-strong crowd

Police estimated that around 40,000 people attended the spectacle, about five percent of them foreigners, said Pangilinan.

Organizers changed the schedule this year to minimize overcrowding — instead of having all the crucifixions take place in one district at midday, they were staggered throughout the day in different parts of San Fernando.

Pangilinan said the spectacle has been a big revenue-earner for hotels and vendors hawking drinks, food and souvenirs, but denied that they were commercializing the event.

"It's not a money-making scheme for the city government. Although we are not promoting it as a tourist destination, we cannot stop the influx of people to this district during Holy Week," she told AFP.

Many foreign onlookers were baffled by the spectacle.

Dana Johnson, an American teacher in Bangkok, said she came due to an interest in other cultures.

"I wonder why they do this. At first it was a bit shocking. I still have a lot of questions about it. It is not a part of my culture so I can't fully understand it," the 37-year-old said.

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15 OWWA - CAR Scholars Finish College, 5 Graduate with Honors

BAGUIO CITY - Armed with college degrees through the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Scholarship programs, 15 children of Overseas Filipino Workers can now pursue their dreams for a better future.

Five of these scholars are graduating with honors at the Saint Louis University next week.

Ritchell Lamayo, graduating Summa Cum Laude in Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Physical Science, plans to pursue Masteral Arts and Doctorate Degree in Physics. Ritchell, daughter of Ricky Lamayo an OFW in Saudi Arabia, is an OWWA OFW Dependent Scholarship Program (ODSP) scholar.

Donna Selina Bravo, will graduate as Magna Cum Laude in Bachelor of Secondary Education, hopes to work as Quality Assurance Analyst in a pharmaceutical company. Donna, whose father, Jorge, works in United Arab Emirates, is an OWWA EDSP (Education for Scholarship Program) scholar.

Marc Klewin Pajela, graduating cum Laude in Bachelor in Science in Mechatronics, will pursue master's degree in Mechatronics in either Ateneo de Manila University or De La Salle University. Marc is also an EDSP scholar. His mother, Josephine Pajela, works in Brunei.

Another ODSP scholar, Shyla Dumapi, a graduating cum laude with the course on Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting, sees herself as an auditor in a prestigious auditing firm in the future. Her OFW mother, Esther Dumapi, works in Cyprus.

Gerome Ace Dado, an EDSP scholar who will graduate Bachelor of Science on Management Accounting, his second degree after finishing Bachelor of Science in Accountancy in 2013. He is Cum Laude in both courses.

The other OWWA - CAR scholars graduating this semester are: Llayd Asim - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from SLU under the EDSP, and ODSP scholars Jonah Flor - BS Agri-business from Benguet State University; Irene Kaye Babila - BS Hotel and Restaurant Management from Abra Valley College; Ma. Katrina Dioquino - BS Information technology from the University of Cordilleras; Dyna Frances Divina - BS Hospitality and Tourism Management from SLU; Ly-Ann Guieb - BS IT from DCCP, Baguio City; Scarlet Ildefonso, BS Nursing from Saint Mary's University; and Avelina Lagayan - BS Social Work from University of Cordilleras

The EDSP is a scholarship OWWA offers to qualified dependents of OWWA active member OFWs who intends to enrol in any 4 - 5 years baccalaureate course. Educational assistance under the program is P30,000 per semester.

The ODSP scholarship, on the other hand, is being offered to legal dependents of OFWs who are active OWWA members, whose salary does not exceed 400 US dollars. It provides a P20,000 per year or P10,000 per semester educational assistance./JDP/CCD with Lourdes Estocapio - OWWA CAR

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at me calling from the house. But I could not hear her as "Mulach" gracefully whizzed through the trees responding to my thug and pull of the reins. But something unusual happened. Suddenly, without my prompting, Mulach made a sharp turn to the left and stopped, literally throwing me in the air towards a coconut tree. Instinctively, I raised my left hand as I hit the tree. Dazed, I stood up and I saw my left arm limply dangling by my side. It was torn from its elbow socket. Were it not for my arm shielding my head, it could have been fatal. Injured and in extreme pain, Beth tied my almost detached arm with a stick and drove me to the city one hour away. But since it was Good Friday, no doctors were around so she brought me instead to a "manghihilot" who promptly returned my dislocated elbow in place, wrapped it with herbs and of course, with some murmured prayers and some "saliva" rituals.

ABROAD & DISABLED—I dreaded the thought of being hospitalized and having a doctor put me in a plaster cast as I had to go on a trip abroad in the next few days, so a "manghihilot" was fine with me. I was on a sling with my left hand totally immobilized (I am a "lefty" to make it worst) but the Monday after, I was on a plane winging to Geneva, Switzerland to participate in a lobbying campaign against pharmaceutical companies and "irrational drugs" and promote generic drugs during a World Health Organization annual assembly that I committed I would attend. I was so disabled I could not even fix a neck tie. When I returned home, still in a sling and my arm swelling, I still managed to personally send a written petition, in behalf of our Consumers' Movement of Davao ("Konsumo Dabaw") to then President Marcos asking for the adoption of a generics drugs law in the country. The rest is history. My arm took months to heal and even up to this day, some lingering pains of misplaced muscles still gently bring me back those memories.

And with Beth's constant reminders, (you bet wives never forget) I was back doing quiet "pamalandong" every Good Friday since. **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** Follow us at Twitter: **AMFI Mindanow** /Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/ Visit www.advocacymindanow.org

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crossed continents of the spirit, often far from one another and set against each other... to make room in the world for the peace of Christ. Truly he has been Pontifex, a builder of bridges in a world that too often erects walls and divisions." Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com

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dent now, the lasting impression he has created is that he is a lawbreaker who, for the measly amount of P5,100.00, could break and disregard established rules and procedures, if not for his own sake, for the sake of his friends.

He is now also pictured as someone who can abuse others, especially lower-ranked employees, when he is not given what he wants. Then again, the incident also portrayed his apparent ungratefulness to "the president"—who could be President Aquino, his political benefactor after 2010, or who could be the Wack Wack president. The question in the minds of many now is: can we afford a president who does these things?

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vation and the segregation of barangays within it were part of the conditions of the city which were agreed with the Bases Conversion Development Authority which has jurisdiction over the same.

The JHMC anchored its shift in stand to a recommendation by the Bureau of Mines and Geo-sciences that development of the original site for a nine-classroom building would require provisions for storm drainage canal and slope protection to prevent erosion.

City councilor Leandro Yangot Jr., who endorsed the original site when he was director of the JHMC, said the school site need not be relocated as the recommended safety provisions cited by the MGB can be included in the program of work.

Taking the cue, the mayor created a technical working group to study the inclusion of the MGB recommendation in the over-all design of the Country Club Elementary School building. He named architect Jojhny Degay, head of the city building and architecture office, as chair, and engineer Bobby Akia, land and asset development division manager of JHMC, as co-chair.

City councilor Peter Fianza, chair of the Sangguniang Panlungsod committee on education, confirmed that the JHMC had long agreed to have the school built on the original site.

"That's why the sectors involved in the project had built two temporary classrooms made of bamboo to accommodate the pupils pending the construction of a permanent structure," Fianza said.

Education officials headed by city superintendent of schools Francis Bringas said the department had set aside about P9 million for the project. The mayor and councilor Fianza added that the city is ready to provide a counterpart fund for the building and the drainage and slope protection features of the project.

With them in the meeting were Country Club Village officials led by village chief Gil Lomboy, Country Club Elementary School principal Manuel Agbunag and engineer Ferdinand Figuerres of the JHMC/ Ramon Dacawi.

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electrical appliances, as well as LPG gas tanks and the water are turned off, and do not leave tell-tale signs that you are not in your house such as signage for bill delivery or collectors that people are not around and they should come back. Also ask the neighbors or barangay officials to make some monitoring at their residences.

Those who have anti-burglary devices, alarms and closed circuit television cameras should activate their gadgets and if possible they should monitor their houses thru the use of their smart phones.

Meanwhile, Miranda bared that the police together with the city government and the volunteer groups are implanting a security plan to ensure that the peace and order situation of the city is maintained and the safety of tourists and residents would be secured this Holy Week and the rest of the summer. /JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

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Regional Disease Surveillance Report from January 1 to April 5, this year, 395 suspected dengue cases were recorded all over Cordillera. One death was also recorded involving a 57 year old male from Dagupan West, Tabuk City, Kalinga.

Though the 395 cases are lower compared to the 576 cases recorded during the same period last year, the same DOH report shows an increase in cases especially in the province of Benguet – from 51 cases in 2012 to 110 cases this year. Slight increase in cases was also noted in Abra (from 37 to 40) and Apayao (from 31 to 33). The rest of the Cordillera recorded a decrease.

Segundo stressed that cleaning of possible mosquito breeding sites and self-protection are still the best prevention and control against dengue, which still has no vaccine and specific medication.

Dengue is a viral disease transmitted to human by Aedes Aegypti mosquito that usually breeds in clean stagnant water. Said mosquito can also cause Chikungunya, which is similar to dengue but brings long time joint pains to its victim./JDP/CCD with Kwame Birituwum – PIA Intern

DOLE Awards...

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received P247,650 for meat processing livelihood program.

DOLE Regional Director Henry John Jalbuena, during the awarding program last April 7, encouraged the beneficiaries to ensure that the financial grant will boost their community livelihood undertakings.

"Show that you are capable to sustain and expand your livelihood projects through this grant that is in line with the poverty reduction and employment generation thrust of President Benigno Aquino III", Jalbuena stressed.

Other DOLE DILP – CED approved livelihood grants for the region for the first quarter of this year include two community enterprises in Manabo, Abra with a total worth of P770,000; three in Conner and Luna Apayao (P1.265M), 11 in Itogon,

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Case No: 2001-01-609

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 8th day of April 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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MICHAEL LOPEZ- Vendee

Applicant(s)

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Benguet (1.74 M) and Tabuk City and Tadian in Kalinga (P1.11M). /JDP/ CCD with Jhina Feliciano – PIA Intern

Police use Horses and Bikes to Patrol Tourist Spots in Itoyon

ITOYON, Benguet - Visitors to this mining town are assured of their safety and security by policemen in horses and bikes.

Police Chief Inspector Fernando Botangen said that the Itoyon police will be using their newly acquired horses and bicycles for the maintenance of peace and order and the safety particularly at the tourist areas in the municipality.

According to Botangen, the "tourist horses" were purchased this January by the municipal government. It is being used in patrolling around the municipality especially in the place where police cars and motorcycle cannot go.

The horses are stationed in Dalupirip barangay because there are tourist spots and the jump start area for climbers going to the different mountains in the area.

Aside from the horses used in patrolling, the municipal police will also be using two bicycles and three motorcycles in patrolling the different tourist destinations in the municipality.

Botangen said that the police personnel have been trained with the use of the horses, motor bikes and bicycles and these have been useful in the patrolling of the mountainous terrain of Itoyon.

Itoyon takes pride of Mount Ugo, the second highest peak in Benguet which is frequently being climbed by enthusiasts and the venue of the International Skyrunning Event or the Pilipinas Akyatlon.

Itoyon is also known for the different attractions such as the Balatoc Mines tour, the swimming pools at level 1300 and the Ave Maria Shrine./JDP/RMC & Kristal Castillo and Kwame Birituwum UC-PIA

BCPO Advises Public not to Post Vacation Plans on Social Media

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office is cautioning the public to refrain from posting unnecessary things or social plans like vacation in the social media that would endanger their safety and their properties.

BCPO OIC - acting director PSSupt. Rolando Miranda said that the public should not broadcast their vacation plans or update their social media accounts if ever they are leaving town to avoid the risk of their homes being victimized by criminals while away.

Miranda explained that criminal elements nowadays are getting smarter and are using the latest to gain advantage of their victims. They use the internet and the social media to look for possible victims, study them through their posts

and activities online and take the best opportunity to do their illegal activities.

"Be careful and be security conscious on posting things in your social media accounts to avoid giving criminals an idea or an opportunity to attack possible victims," he said.

If people would be posting, they could turn off their privacy settings so that only your friends could see them in the social media. Also the mobile applications on their phones including their cameras should turn off their location settings, he advised.

Among the tips when going away for vacation include: lock windows and doors and secure them very well when leaving their homes; make sure that household equipment including

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Holy Land - A new tourist attraction in Tuba, Benguet called "The Holy Land" is timely for devotees who go up to Baguio for the Holy Week./Balita.net.ph

DOH Reiterates Campaign to Fight Dengue

BAGUIO CITY - With the occasional rain being experienced over the past few days, the Department of Health reminds the public anew to clean their surroundings for possible mosquito breeding sites with Dengue s now a year - round concern.

DOH - CAR Entomologist II Ursula Segundo, in a Kapihan sa Baguio media forum, reiterates the practice of the 4 o'clock habit campaign to fight dengue. This is primarily focused on searching and destroying mosquitoes' breeding places by cleaning the surroundings, getting rid of open tin cans, covering open con-

tainers and getting rid of stagnant water from plants.

Segundo stressed that even a crown or tin cover of beverages such as soda or beer can be a breeding ground for mosquito if left to be filled by rainwater.

In the said media forum, Segundo reported that based on

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More than 6,000 Dogs and Cats Vaccinated with Anti-Rabies

BAGUIO CITY - The City Veterinary Office has vaccinated with anti-rabies a total of 6,698 dogs and cats during the first quarter this year.

City Veterinarian Dr. Brigitte Piok said this is part of their campaign towards a rabies-free city. Baguio has not recorded any case of rabies for seven years now.

According to Piok, they are aggressively continuing their information, education, and communication campaign along with anti-rabies vaccination.

Meanwhile, Piok reminded

the public that the Animal Welfare Act prohibits the killing and selling of dogs for food with minimum penalties set at P1,000 and not less than six months in prison.

The dog meat trade is primarily centered in the City of Baguio in the northern Luzon. Historically, it was associated with celebratory events and rituals of mourning and only affected a small number of dogs. However, over the past 25 years, the dog meat trade has rapidly increased for commercial rather than cultural reasons./JDP/IBZ-PIA CAR

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