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BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) is now stepping up its peace and order campaign with the expected influx of visitors in the city during the consecutive long weekends due to the declared holidays on October 26 (Eidul Adha), November 1 (All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day).

Last Saturday at the City Hall grounds, BCPO Director Police Sr. Supt. Jesus Cambay Jr., enjoined all station commanders and police personnel/unit for operation's briefing and demonstration which included proper checkpoint set-up and implementation.

Cambay, in an interview, disclosed that the event is part of their regular activity of checking the readiness of the city's police force to respond to any exigency and for better delivery of peace and order services to the people of Baguio.

"What we are having here are demonstration of some actual scenarios or situations that could happen on the ground during checkpoint operations to make our Cont. on page 10

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Tallest Christmas Tree in the Making – Acting Mayor Farinas

BAGUIO CITY – Preparations for December activities, including the design and construction of the tallest Christmas tree atop Session road, in lieu of the lighted Norfolk Pine at the foot of the main thoroughfare is ongoing, Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas informed the public during the media Ugnayan last week.

The tallest Baguio Christmas tree is original, to be made with indigenous materials, designed and to be constructed by the City Building and Architecture Office with indigenous materials, the acting mayor added.

Earlier, it was known that the Norfolk Pine tree at the foot of Session road will not be lighted for the holidays this year, as recommended by the Christmas in Baguio executive committee. This shall be done to revive the tree as wires and electrical connections for the lights may have caused damage on the tree, it was also known.

Acting vice mayor Farinas also mulled over on the proposed city centralized pyrotechnique show, in lieu of fireworks being sold in as common area. There should be guidelines for this, he said, if not nationwide control over firecrackers being sold.

Safety precautions should be in place for pyrotechniques, the vice mayor said, as we wish for a safe celebration for Christmas and New Year/juliegfianza

Flowers and Candles Selling on, Traffic Advisory for Undas 2012 Out

BAGUIO CITY – Flowers and candles are available for this year's commemoration of All Saints and All Souls Day, at the parking lot near Ganza restaurant, Burnham Park from Oct. 26 up to Nov. 1.

As to records at the Permits and Licensing Division, City Treasurer's Office, 162 flower and 18 candles stalls are in the area for the period, with no other products to be sold.

During the past few years, the stalls were given spaces along Harrison road, and last year at Juan Luna drive along Burnham Park.

Earlier, the side of Melvin Jones was about to be designated as selling area, but a better space was seen at the vacant parking lot.

Guidelines for the activity states that cleanliness of the area should be maintained, no cooking, no gambling, and no swapping of stalls is allowed. Violation of the given rules shall deem

disqualification of the stallholder from applying for the next three years, the guidelines further state.

During the media Ugnayan last Wednesday, with Acting mayor Daniel Farinas present, Baguio City Police Office Director Jesus Cambay issued the traffic advisory for the general public as to re-routing, parking and no-parking, loading and no-loading places and one-way roads.

The traffic measures shall

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Korean Sister City to Exhibit Culture Through Art

BAGUIO CITY – Sister city of Baguio, Taeback, City of Korea

through the Taeback City Art Association shall be exhibiting several art masterpieces at the Baguio Convention Center on Oct. 27 and 28 and at the city hall lobby on Oct. 29.

This is towards "establishing rich interaction with the local artists of Baguio City, as they impart their knowledge or art and learn..." and shall "in turn realize the noble gesture of affinity through the enrichment of cultural fertility," City Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda as co-chair of the Philippine International Sisterhood and Twinning Association (PHISTA-BCC) said.

The exhibit is open to the public for appreciation, thus everyone is invited to take part of the journey inside the Korean Culture through art, Councilor Tabanda added.

The exhibit is part of the visit of the Taeback City Art Association from Oct. 26 to 30, "in an effort to impart techniques and methods involved in Korean Art."

According to Councilor Tabanda, the sisterhood of Baguio and Taeback dates back to Oct. 27, 2005 where it was agreed that exchange as to tourism, environment, governance, education, culture and trade will be pursued by both cities. This is evident in the increase of Korean students in the city in pursuit of academic excellence.

Mutual benefits including enrichment of knowledge, and challenges for emulation of best practices have also been seen in both cities, Councilor Tabanda affirmed./juliegfianza

Ibaloi Day to be Institutionalized

Following the declaration by the City, thru resolution numbered 395 series of 2009, of February 23 of every year as Ibaloi Day City councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. has filed with the august body a proposed ordinance to institutionalize the said event and make it a regular activity of the City government of Baguio.

Entitled "An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Ibaloi Day and making it a Regular Activity of the City Government of Baguio", the proposed legislative measure if ap-

proved, according to councilor Cosalan, would give life to the declaration of the Philippine Constitution in Section 22, Article II thereof which states that, "The State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development", and Section 17 Article XIV of the same law which provides that, "The State shall recognize, respect and protect the right of the indigenous cultural communi-

ties to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions". Most of all, "in due recognition of the original and indigenous inhabitants of the city, it is but proper for the city government to be one with the Ibaloi tribe in this momentous occasion commemorating one of the most important events in their history and culture", Cosalan said.

It can be recalled that in September 28, of 2009 the City Council passed resolution numbered 395 declaring February 23

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Children participation in parades to be regulated

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last week approved on

first reading and referred to the appropriate committee the proposed ordinance of Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda as to regulation of children participation during parades.

The lady councilor maintained that though children are always a delight during parades, it may be that they would be exposed to elements "that endanger their health and well-being." "Their developing bodies cannot endure the physical strain," Councilor Tabanda said.

She thus said that children should participate in parades only when necessary; children below 7 years of age should always be accompanied by adults, from assembly time up to finish; and that they should assemble not earlier than 6:30 in the morning. Also, the children should not be allowed to participate in a parade that extends beyond 6:30 in the evening.

Precautionary measures should also be taken during the activity, thus, security and medical personnel should always be on hand.

The children should go first in the parade, so as not to keep them waiting.

"As much as practicable, the distance to be covered by children must be shorted than the rest of the participants," Councilor Tabanda added.

Penalties for organizers/sponsors would be first offense: fine of P1,500; second offense, fine of P3,000; third and succeeding offenses, fine of P5,000 and perpetual disqualification to organize/sponsor any event in the city.

After thorough study, the proposed ordinance is expected to be back at the council for deliberation./juliegfianza

Ancestral Domain of Happy Hallow Barangay Mulled as Ecological-Heritage Zone

passed in 2009 which adopted the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP) of Happy Hallow Barangay and incorporating the same in the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), Councilor Cosalan pointed out in his proposed ordinance that the Sustainable Development and Protection Plan formulated by the tribal clans of Happy Hallow through the technical assistance of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and other concerned government agencies represent a direct and collective vision of the Indigenous peoples of Happy Hallow to preserve and protect their domain and cultural heritage as one and distinct people.

Citing City Council Resolution numbered 399

"The ancestral domain of Happy Hallow, can be enhanced as an open museum of living Ibaloi and kankanaey culture and traditions where people can learn about the history and culture of the original settlers and tillers of the City", he said, adding further that ecologically, traditional practices are the most effective alternatives in espousing environmental protection and protection endeavors, in consonance with existing environmental laws and policies, as well ADSDPP provides for a community based sustainable tourism activity as a medium to "promote indigenous knowledge skills and practices, strengthen the capability of the community in protecting the environment primarily

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'Baklas Plaka' Needed says Acting Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Acting City Mayor Daniel Farinas during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser appealed to motorists here to strictly follow the 'no parking' rule on city streets.

Farinas said, 'efforts of the Traffic Management Branch of the Baguio City Police Office to implement the 'Operation Baklas Plaka' is commendable despite negative feedbacks from some motorists.

Farinas said, 'its strict implementation in the city is needed not to put pressure on motorists but to instill discipline'.

BCPO Chief Jesus Cambay, Jr. added, 'personnel from his office is not selective in implementing the said law and insists the same is needed'.

'We have to implement and sustain the 'baklas plaka operation' in order to clear the streets of traffic congestion specially during rush hours, He said.

Cambay also said, 'parked cars on city streets and barangays impede the quick response of the city fire trucks during emergency situations'.

'This is also true with business establishments who allot parking spaces for their customers on national roads or city roads', Farinas said.

'Issuance of business permits to these establishments does not mean it is a license for them to park their cars in their frontage which is part of the road', He said.

'I do hope that if ever we allow parking, it is in a first come first serve basis and there is no reservations', Farinas added./paul rillorta

Baguio Jail to Launch E-Dalaw for Inmates Without Visitors

Change and reform come from within and, in this case, literally from behind prison walls.

Inmates of the Baguio city jail hardly visited by friends and kin because of the distance between their cells and home will soon be able to communicate with each other, thanks to "e-dalaw", a program launched last week in observance of "National Correctional Consciousness Week".

The Baguio city jail last week observed "National Correctional Consciousness Week" by launching "e-dalaw", a program that will allow inmates without visitors to communicate with friends and relatives through the internet.

"There are about 30 wards here who do not have any record of visitors through-

out the year, aside from several others who receive guests only once in a blue moon, which is about one or twice a year," revealed an inmate now on his seventh year inside.

Reason enough for warden, Chief Inspector Wilson Banasen, to discuss with the guards and representatives of the prisoners the installation of internet connections for the "e-wagwagan" program.

Banasen, adjudged by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology as its "Provincial Jail Administrator" this year for his work in Benguet Province, was recently reassigned as city warden.

"We are trying to source out a couple of computers specifically for the 'e-

Basen said at the launching of the activities marking National Correctional Consciousness Week. City councilor Edison Bilog, chair of the local legislature's committee on human rights, justice, public protection and safety, disclosed the internet connection plan in last Tuesday's "Kapihan sa Piitan" at the city jail chapel.

Bilog said he will recommend to the city the acquisition of computers that the inmates can also use for their journalism training and resumption of "The Baguio Insider", their in-house newsletter that ceased publication after the maiden issue the other year due to fund lack.

Chief Inspector Mary Anne Tresmanio, the wardress of the fe-

wagwagan' program,"

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City Council Endorses plea of Taxi Operators vs. Additional Tax

The city council Monday joined taxi operators in asking the Bureau of Internal Revenue to forego imposition of a three percent tax on gross earnings of units based on the receipts coming out of their meters.

The local legislature adopted the recommendation of its committee on public utilities, transportation and traffic legislations headed by councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. to endorse the plea of the Samahan ng Taksi sa Cordillera Administrative Region (STCAR) headed by Melanio Panayo.

In a petition to BIR commissioner Kim Henares, Panayo said the implementation of the three percent tax also known as Common Carrier Tax under Republic Act 9337 would add to the burdens of a transport industry already saddled by escalating cost of operations.

Panayo said that while taxi operators in Baguio were already apprised of the BIR plan to impose the three percent tax on gross receipts, inquiries from taxi operators in Metro-Manila and other major cities in the country revealed they have not been informed of such plan.

"Imposing the CCT to the local taxi operators while the same is not yet being enforced on taxi operators in Metro-Manila and other major cities in the country will not be a fair and equal proposition," Panayo said in his letter to Henares, through revenue district officer Fely Simon.

He explained that majority of local operators have only one or two units (who) "bear the brunt of operating below break-even because the continuous hikes in the costs of transport operation could not be controlled by government".

Panayo added that the taxi rates in Baguio are lower than those pegged for Metro-Manila and other cities despite its mountainous terrain that results in bigger fuel consumption and more frequent replacement of auto parts.

These were precisely the reasons, Panayo said, why the Cordillera used to be a grantee of higher fare rates in the 1980s and 1990s on recommendation of the the Committee on the Revision of Public Service Law of the University of the Philippines Law Center.

"But even this was forgotten by the (Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board) after a few years of implementation, to the prejudice of taxi operations in Baguio City and (the Cordillera)," he said.

The BIR is set to implement this month the registration of all taxi meters issuing receipt pursuant to Revenue Memorandum Order No. 12-2012, Panayo told the city council./Ramon Dacawi.

HRAB Helps Re-Tool Baguio Police Through Training

The police are only as good as the community they serve.

Fleshing out this reflection, the private sector, particularly the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB), teamed up last Monday with the Baguio City Police Office in conducting a two-day personality development seminar for 42 senior and front-line officers at the posh Baguio Country Club (BCC).

"After all

those inputs and outputs from the training, expect your police officers to be smiling more and exuding a positive outlook when they deal with the public and the community we vowed to serve," city police director, Sr. Supt. Jesus Cambay Jr. said after the seminar initiated with the HRAB headed by Anthony de Leon.

De Leon, also the manager of BCC, led his staff and other volunteers in serving as resource speakers by handling the

er ship. Other facilitators included Michelle Carambas on "Temperament Test", Jasmine Prado on "Performance, Motivation and Effective Discipline" and "Goal-setting", and Evangeline Payno on "Customer Service Strategy" as an effective tool towards police service excellence.

Even as he distributed the trainees' certificates, regional police director, Chief Supt. Benjamin Magalong called

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STOP SCHOOL BULLYING! - Serving as "Trusted Manong and Manang", SP03 Ronald Trinidad and PO2 Mercedes Bucaten of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) Sub-Station 7 give pieces of advice to school pupil bullies at Josefa Carino Elementary School to stop bullying their classmates and stay away from committing crimes within the school campus during a "heart to heart talk and pledge to reform" last October 2012./By Bong Cayabyab

City Council Moves for Restoration of "Blue Lanes"

Elderly pedestrians and persons with disabilities risking accidents and arrest for traffic violation just to cross Magsaysay Avenue may soon find relief as the city council last week asked the city engineer's office to restore the so-called "blue lanes" providing them access without having to climb up the pedestrian overpasses.

The local legislature, through its committee on public works headed by city councilor Nicasio Palagana, adopted a resolution passed recently by Senior Citizens Officials-for-a-Day who served as city councilors under an annual program of the city.

The clamor

for the restoration of the "blue lanes" in the city has become a recurrent theme of the SCOFAD, with several resolutions on the same proposed by those who served as city councilors for a day since the participatory governance program was adopted by the city in 2009 in observance of Elderly Filipino Week.

The need for equal access was also raised by differently-abled persons and the elderly who attended a recent forum on the city's legislative agenda sponsored by the local chapter of the Philippine Councilors League.

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Adopted by the city council last week was SCOFAD Resolution 28-12 authored by senior citizen Joseph Clemente "directing the Baguio City engineering office to regularly paint blue lanes under the city's overpasses for the exclusive use of senior citizens and persons with disabilities".

Members of the city's traffic and transport management group, however, recommended that the blue lanes be situated away from the overpasses to improve the safety of pedestrians. They claim the overpasses may give drivers the wrong impression that their way is clear of crossings for the elderly and PWDs or differently abled persons.

Legislative support to access of

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Donors Prop up Kidney Patients

Reading this portion of the weekly papers has been quite costly for some readers.

Among them is Leonard Licanio, an engineer who recently rang the cellphone numbers of several seriously ill patients, asking to meet them so he

could hand them fund support for their twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment sessions for kidney failure.

The latest beneficiary of Engr. Licanio's kindness is Marilou Matias, a 25-year old

mother of a five-year old girl from Villasis, Pangasinan who goes for dialysis sessions every Monday and Thursday at the Baguio General Hospital and medical Center.

"As he did for others, Engr. Licanio gave P1,200 for my

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Burnt Rice Anyone?

Walang tutong sa taong nagugutom, a Pilipino proverb says. "There's no burnt rice to a hungry person."

Hunger anchors World Food Day (WFD) marked October 16. The Philippines and Food and Agriculture Organization member-countries established WFD in 1979. Today, 150 countries observe WFD.

WFD came after Henry Kissinger told the 1974 World Food Conference: "Within 10 years, no child would go to bed hungry." Today, one out of every eight – 12 percent of the world's population — are food short.

Political static drowns WFD's message here. European Union, UN to Organization of Islamic Conference welcomed agreement, by government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, "to turn swords into ploughshares". But aging MNLF and communist commissars threaten mayhem. So do rebels like Umbra Kato and gang.

Senator Ralph Recto gutted a P60 billion "sin tax" proposal to a pittance of P15 billion. He now twists in a whirlwind of criticism. Did coddled tobacco firms, in a hush-hush meeting, provide Recto's mask of injured innocence?

Social Weather Station's October report says: 4.3 million households were hard put to get even burnt rice. Over the past three months, 21 percent "experienced involuntary hunger, at least once."

"Moderate hunger" — "having nothing to eat only once or a few times — surged. In

EDITORIAL crammed in Metro Manila, overall hunger rose 10 percent. It inched up in

Mindanao. Decades of conflict castrated it's potential as the nation's breadbasket.

Weather pattern distortions, continued post harvest losses and growing populations interlocked with shrinking farm lands. These morphed into the "new geopolitics of food scarcity," Earth Policy Institute Lester Brown notes.

Between 2007 and 2008, grain prices doubled. FAO reported prices bolted by a further 1.4 percent in September. "That left more people hungry than any time in history...An era of filled granaries had come to an end".

The rich rearranged their menus. But the poor spend 50-70 percent of skimpy incomes on food. They've long consumed the last scrap of tutong. They skip meals.

In India, 24 percent of families now go through foodless days, a "Save the Children" survey found. More than half the people of Haiti are undernourished. The Global Hunger Index of 2012 identifies 20 countries saddled by "alarming" levels of hunger. These include East Timor, Bangladesh, Eritrea and Burundi to Madagascar, Niger, Djibouti and Nepal.

World food reserves dwindled from 107 days of consumption to only 74 days in 2008. This triggered a "land rush". Some Gulf states, China, South Korea, Libya, even Sweden, bought or leased land where they can grow food for themselves.

Over 30 million hectares have now been contracted for. International Food Policy Research Institute estimates nearly \$20 to \$30 billion a year is spent by better-off countries on land. Most are in Africa.

Saudi Arabia, whose aquifers ran dry last year, bought half a million hectares in Tanzania. South Korea signed a 99-year lease for 1.3 million hectares of agricultural land in Madagascar.

Other major destinations for land hunters are Ethiopia and the two Sudans. Millions in these countries are sustained with U.N. World Food Programme donations.

Here, 21 out of every 100 infants have low weight at birth. Wasting and stunting (32 percent) result when kids are nursed by wizened, chronically malnourished mothers. Out of every 1,000 births here, 29 never make it to age 5.

Today, the country is almost on par with the Dominican Republic in infant mortality rates. It lags behind Malaysia's 6. In an overall ranking of 193 countries, we're wedged at slot 80.

Worse, these dry-as-sawdust statistics infect many of us with Mego syndrome. "Mine eyes glaze over." We're blind to the pain. We do not see Lazarus at the gate."

President Aquino's Conditional Cash Transfer program eased some of hunger's raw pain. CCT provides families monthly grants of P1,400 — provided they keep children in school, have them vaccinated and enroll in health programs. There are 3.08 million household-beneficiaries.

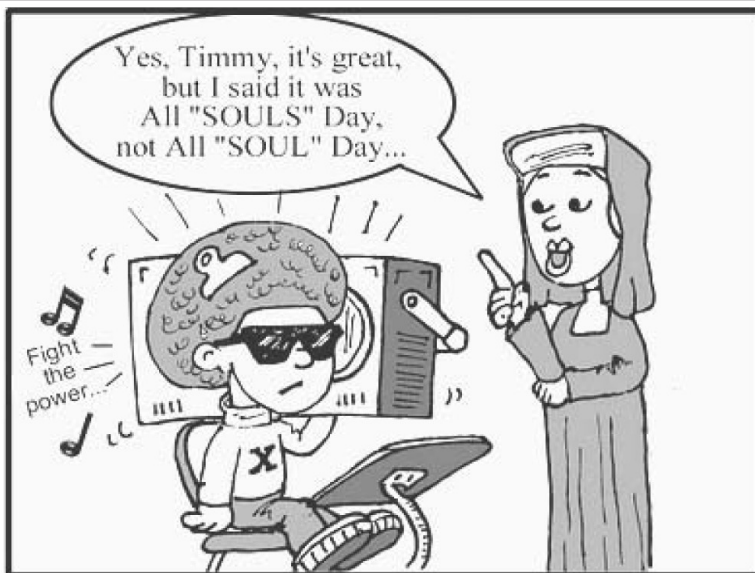
World Bank, Australian Agency for International Development and Asian Development Bank are providing additional support until 2015. That when this program phases out.

Will we see then that the frail men and women, who till slivers of land or fish depleted waters, for what they are? Only they can provide a permanent solution to hunger.

Ironically, they're locked into subsistence treadmills by elite political dynasties. They're denied access to tools for production, but above all, a just share from their work. As a result, their lives are truncated by disease, lack of schooling and limited hope. It is obscene that those who produce food are often the ones who go hungry.

"Critics say our crafting of policies often confused the problem of hunger with that of it's cause: social injustice," the late National Scientist Dioscoro Umali wrote. "They insist our flawed strategies did not stem from poor judgement. At rock bottom, it was a simple case of old-fashioned greed. Avarice rationalized betrayal of the weak".

"I pray this assessment is wrong," the Dean added. "(Otherwise) we will have much to answer for from those whose lives and hopes were blighted by hunger."/Juan L. Mercado



THE PEACE COMBATANT

Defense against libel

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Our anti-libel laws are double-bladed. They may protect a moneyed individual against defamation but they also constitute a serious assault on press freedom.

How can a legal defense against malice be crafted by media persons and social reform advocates? The question is relevant as the current cybercrime law included the "crime" of libel as among those that can be prosecuted under the current cybercrime law that is now only suspended but not rescinded.

As pointed out by our earlier discussion and by Technograph (a blog site in the internet, citing the website of Abogadomo.com), on one hand a person accused of libel can invoke that "in every criminal prosecution for libel, the truth may be given in evidence to the court and if it appears that the matter charged as libelous is true, and, moreover, that it was published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the defendants shall be acquitted." This therefore constitutes one angle in which a legal defense against libel can be constructed.

On the other hand, as pointed out by Technograph, legal prosecution of libel can succeed because "every defamatory imputation is presumed to be malicious, even if it be true; if no good intention for making it is shown." The last sentence in quotation marks is found in Article 354 of the Revised Penal Code. The legal provision actually present a strong point for the defense for persons accused of libel, especially media persons or social advocates even if the intention of Technograph was to present a point in which persons accused of libel can be successfully prosecuted.

Citing the point of Ramon Aquino based on the case People v. de los Reyes, Jr., under the case documented as 47 OG 3569, Abogadomo.com pointed out that "in order to constitute malice, ill will must be must be personal." Thus, Abogadomo.com continued that "so if the ill will is engendered by one's person's sense of justice or other legitimate or plausible motive, such feeling negatives actual malice." Abogadomo.com premised its point based on the same case or the one documented as 47 OG 3569 in the case of People v. de los Reyes, Jr.

Abodado.com added, "in every criminal prosecution for libel, the truth may be given in evidence to the court and if it appears that the matter charged as libelous is true, and, moreover, that it was published with good motives and justifiable ends, the defendants shall be acquitted." It follows, therefore, that the media's and the social reform advocates' best defense against libel is to see to it that his or her accusations are truthful and, secondly, that the accusations were made in good faith or good motives like social reform.

Thus, the media person who lost to Corazon Aquino on his accusation several years ago that Corazon Aquino hid under the bed during the coup attempts against her probably lost his case because he was unable to prove the improbable: that Corazon Aquino hid under the bed. It was probably a figure of speech, of course, but that sort of defense probably did not find support from the judiciary. This should be a nice tip for media persons and social reformist: make sure that your allegations are provable other than being defensible for having good intentions. According to the Abogadomo.com, "...every defamatory imputation is presumed to be malicious, even if it is true—if not good intention and justifiable motive for making it is shown." The Abodadomo.com pointed out, "if the defendant proves the truth of the imputations made by him, he shall be acquitted."

For details, one must consult his or lawyer, of course, as this discussion intended to be a guide and did not intend to be an exhaustive resource. In closing **The Peace Combatant** would like to emphasize that this column did not intend for **Cont. on page 10**

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Kagi Murad Spotted Kris

BY: JESUS DUREZA



SIDELIGHTS — There's an avalanche of reports by now about this Framework Agreement with the MILF. So I'll skip the serious part and write about some sidelights in **Malacanang** during the signing last Monday.

It was a reunion of sorts for (3) former **GRP Chairmen Usec. Rafael "Paeng" Seguis, Gen. Rudy Garcia** and I together with former **Sec. Boy Pangandaman** (now **Lanao Sur Congressman**) posed for a "reunion" photo. It was taken by someone who removed the sticker on his cell phone camera lens that the gatekeepers downstairs insisted on disabling cameras at the entrance door. I was looking around for another former **Chair Silvestre "Yong" Afable** but I could not see him. In fact, when I had a chance to chat with **Malaysian facilitator Tengku Gaafar** at the Palace gate, he was also looking for "Yong". Tengku was the original facilitator during my time but was later replaced by **Facilitator Othman**. Then he came back and presided over the forging of this agreement.

"FORMERS" — There were familiar faces among the protocol officers inside the palace who were there during the Arroyo days who warmly greeted me as I walked towards the main hall. In fact, I and Paeng were immediately conducted to the front row of seats but when I checked, the chair had a sticker "cabinet secretaries". I whispered to "Paeng" that there is no word "former" so we better move to the next row. We did and sat in the cluster of some Mindanao governors. I spotted **Gov. Dolfo del Rosario of Davao del Norte, Gov. Khalid Dimaporo of Lanao del Norte** and **Gov. Lala Talinio Mendoza of North Cotabato** (the latter two provinces, by the way, losing several towns to the new **"BANGSAMORO"**.)

NEVER LET GO — **Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak** was both eloquent and down to earth during his remarks. He committed his country's continuing support and concluded by saying that we should now "clasp with both hands and never let go". I did not get the chance to personally meet him. The last time I met him was when I joined former **Sec Bert Gonzales** calling on him in **Kuala Lumpur** discussing concerns at that time needing the PM's attention. But that was about 4 years ago

DREAMING — **President Aquino**, to whose credit this milestone is achieved, was brief. He was dreaming of a day when "a child in **LAMITAN (Basilan)** can have the same education as a child in **QUEZON CITY**, a sick in **PATIKUL (Sulu)** will gain access to healthcare as those in **PASIG**, tourists visiting **BORACAY** will also have **SULU** in their itineraries, and businessmen earn profit whether he sets up shop in **MARIKINA** or **MARAWI**." **OPAPP Sec Ging Deles** voice cracked when she turned emotional talking about the dawn of a new life for the victims of conflict.

MORE SILVERLY — I met with the members of the **MILF Panel** who were there in full force while waiting for the start of the ceremonies. Although I have met some of them individually at various events, the last time I was with them as a panel was when I was **GRP Panel Chair** from 2001 to 2003. (Wow, 10 years ago!) No wonder, **MILF's Atty. Mike Mastura** who was a colleague in **Congress**, looked spritely with more "silvery" hair now. **Retired General "Deng" Ferrer** who worked closely with me in my **Mindanao** work before was in barong. He's now doing work with **Tagamito Mines** in Northern Mindanao.

"BRAT PACK" — Of course the fun part was meeting again the so-called "brat pack" in the Palace media group. I had been working closely with them for about 8 months (yes, I counted the days). **Secretary Ricky Carandang** who was with **ABS-CBN** until he was "borrowed" by the Palace was the emcee and from what I gathered, he's doing well in his job. I know the rigors. Whether he is also counting his days at the Palace, I could only guess. Our **Mindanao media guru Carol Arquillas** was not letting the **Cont. on page 10**

PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Liberal Party Sa Baguio Nagkakagulo !!! Judge-Huwes-Mahistrado Na Magaling Maglutas ng mga Kaso

BY: ODELL P. AQUINO



Bakit kaya nagkakaganito ang Liberal Party sa Baguio. Ayon sa inormasyon ating nakalap ay nag resign na raw ang kanilang Mayoral Candidate na si Businessman Freddie Gonzales kung saan ang dapat na magsusubstitute sa kanya ay si kagalang-galang na Judge Edilberto Claravall, so paano na kaya ang scenario kay udege Claravall siya ba ay matutuloy na magiging standard bearer ng LP o hindi na? Tunay na nakatataka naman talaga o o, malinaw na maraming mga malalakas na mga taga bulong itong si **Pangulong "Mr. Macho" Penoy** kung saan ang mga sinaunang mga LP na katulad ni JPDC Director Leandro Yangot at Atty. Jose "Joemol" Molintas ay mga na etchapwera na ang dalawang ito para sa mga matataas na posisyon (Tongresman at Yorme) at itong si Kagalang-galang na Leandro Yangot ay pang Tongsehal este Konsehal na lamang at si Kagalang-galang na Atty. Joemol ay lumipat na sa partido ng NPC, vhhakkiiiiittt o vhhaaakiiiiittt kaya ganito **Pangulong "Mr. Macho" Penoy** ??? Kung sabagay, Oks na Oks ang NPC sapagkat ito ay partido ng uncle ni **Pangulong "Mr. Macho" Penoy** na si Don Danding Cojuangco at kung makuha mo ang isang tunay na bendisyon ni Don Cojuangco ay solve ka na !!! Ang buhay sa politiko nga naman kung hindi matibay ang iyong sikmura at halos halang na ang iyong bituka ay huwag mo nang pasukan at mangarap ka na lang ng gising katulad ng 90% na mga kasalukuyan tumatakbong ibat-ibang posisyon sa Baguio ay puros mga na-ngangarap ng gising !!! Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Katulad ng parati kong sinasabi-LIBRE ANG MANAGINIPNG GISING !!!

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Domogan-Vergara tandem is still the team to beat at ayon sa aking (IK) Intelligence Konti ito raw si Atorni and Councilor Nicasio "Rambo" Aliping ay gumagalaw ng matindi para maka raise ng pondo para sa panaginip niyang maging isang Tongressman at ayon naman sa mga malilikot ang utak ay babakupan daw ni The One and The Only, The Great Mauricio Domogan si Konsehal Aliping a kanyang ilalaglag ang kanyang political partner for life na si Manong "Boss" Bernie Vergara, itong scenario na ito ay kuro-kuro ng mga maiiksi ang utak. Isang kuro-kuro ng mga munting isipan ng mga hindi nakakaalam sa lalim ng pinagsamahan ni The One The Only The Great Mauricio Domogan at Manong "Boss" Bernie, tunay na **NANANAGINIP NG GISING** itong si Atorni Konsehal Nicasio "Rambo" Aliping kung sa palagay niya na siya ay babakupan ni The One and The Only, The Great (future CAR Governor-sa panaginip laman) Mauricio Domogan !!! Ikaw naman kasi Atorni Konsehal Aliping, kung sana nag pa survey ka muna ng nagkaroon ka ng kahit na konting guidance ng malalaman mo kung mayroon posibilidad na makalusot ka as Tongressman este Congressman. Ngunit sisiguraduhin ko sayo Atorni Rambo Aliping na with or without a survey kung tatakbo ka as Punong Barangay or Kagawat este Kagawad ay malaki ang tiyansa mo na manalo, itataya ko bayag ko lulusot ka as Punong Barangay or Kagawad basta sa isang maliit na Barangay na ang botante ay huwag lalampas ng mga 300 voters. Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Another Jobless Politician in the making after May 2013.

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At sino naman itong Kagalang -galang na Judge-Huwes-Mahistrado na ito na dapat ay parangalan para sa kanyang kagalingan maglutas ng mga major at heinous crime cases? Konting blind item muna po tayo mga dear readers ng hindi naman ako maakusahan na isang dakilang sep-sep kay jads. Actually, kamakailan lamang ay mayroon isang impormante na dumulong sa aming tangapan ay nagbigay ng isang dossier hingil sa Judge na ito na ayon sa impormante na ito ay tunay nadapat lang nam parangalan ang Judge na ito for his very diligent, efficient and effective methods of dispensation of Justice, marahil ay panahon na para sa Mahistrado-Judge-Huwes na ito na ma-promote na sa Court Of Appeals (CA) o masmaganda ay ma-nominate na siya sa Korte Suprema/Supreme Court. Mabuhay ka Judge !!! **Cont. on page 10**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Filipino cardinal set to become Pope

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light..." (1 Peter 2:9, the Holy Bible).

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FILIPINO CARDINAL SET TO BECOME CATHOLIC POPE: On November 24, 2012, God willing, the Philippines incher closer to its rendezvous with Roman Catholic Church history when Manila Archbishop Luis Tagle is installed as a Cardinal. With that new rank, Tagle becomes eminently eligible to become the Pope once the reign of Pope Benedict XVI ends. The vision given to me is that Tagle is going to become the Pope.

This was what we wrote here exactly a year ago, on October 24, 2011, in a column entitled "Next Catholic Pope is a Filipino?": "Filipinos who would like to see a Filipino pope of the Roman Catholic Church someday could very well start praying hard and aspiring to be holy and rabid followers of the Bible to make this dream come true, especially because there seems to be a movement now to project one Filipino priest to the plum Catholic post."

"The priest, Imus, Cavite Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle, is still waiting to be installed, on orders of Pope Benedict XVI, as the next Manila archbishop, replacing Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, but the influential CNN (or Cable News Network) is already rooting for him to become Pope, perhaps after Benedict XVI."

"If this happens, this is not only history for Filipino Catholics but for the entire Filipino nation as well. It is also a proof that Filipinos have a special niche in propagating the Word of God. It would also confirm my belief that Filipinos, in reality, form part of the 12 tribes of Israel, God's chosen people..."

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NOT A MATTER OF ACCIDENT: With Tagle becoming Cardinal and San Pedro Calungsod becoming a second Filipino saint in the mold of the first Filipino saint, San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, the way is certainly being prepared for a Filipino Pope in the coming days. And I believe that this is not a matter of accident, but of divine will.

News accounts indicate that Tagle holds a special place in the heart and mind of Pope Benedict XVI, because they worked together at the International Theological Commission of the Roman Catholic Church while it was chaired by Benedict XVI when he was yet Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

This association with the Pope saw Tagle being given sensitive positions in the Catholic Church—as a theologian of at least two ordinary synods at the Vatican, and apostolic visitor of seminaries in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. These positions somehow are meant to clear the way for Tagle to the top position in the Church.

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FILIPINOS AS PART OF ISRAEL: What is God telling us in all these? Let me repeat another column here which I wrote on October 21, 2012, for the canonization of San Pedro Calungsod: "And this is **Cont. on page 10**

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IP Rep Says Child Labor is not a Problem in CAR

BAGUIO CITY— Child labor in the Cordillera is not seen as a problem by a private sector representing the indigenous peoples in the Cordillera Regional Development Council.

Dr. Peter Cosalan said that the child labor cases being reported by the government will not 'fade' away as it is in the culture of the Cordillera people.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development – Cordillera reported recently that there are 70,000 child labor cases in the Cordillera region and most of them belong to the agricultural sector in the provinces.

Cosalan said that Cordillera families are basically surviving on farming. Most families do not have the money to hire and pay other laborers to work in their farmlands.

He explained that in the culture of the Cordillerans, the parents have to train their children to survive, and that survival is based on the resources they have which are their farmlands.

It has been a practice for parents to let their children do chores by helping them work in their farmlands. This way, the children are being trained and become apprentices in the farming system.

He added that the children are not forced into labor but they are practicing what their ancestors have been doing through the years.

The farming skills also being taught to the children will in turn be used by them when they will be handling the farmlands when their parents retire from farming, added Cosalan./RC-PIA-CAR

OWWA-CAR Provides Assistance to an Electrocuted OFW from Ilocos Sur

BAGUIO CITY - An Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) from Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, a victim of an electrocution accident last April 28 while at work in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), was recently granted assistance by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA).

Christopher Malamion, 24, received a P50,000 disability assistance from OWWA-Cordillera Regional Director Manuela Peña and witnessed by OWWA Region I OIC Esperanza Cobarrubias at the OWWA regional office here last October 23.

OWWA-CAR Communication Officer Lulu Estocapio disclosed that Malamion has just returned to KSA last April 22 from his annual vacation when the accident happened. While

working at the King Faisal Hospital, as accident from a medium voltage electricity line happened causing injuries to four individuals – two Filipino, one Indian and one Pakistani national.

Malamion suffered the most damage with third degree burns on his face, anterior trunk and two upper limbs. He was comatose for five days and was hospitalized for two months. When he returned to the Philippines, he immediately underwent medication at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) and his subsequent regular checkup in a hospital in the city. He sought the assistance of OWWA through the Cordillera Regional Welfare Office (OWWA-CAR).

Peña immediately referred his case to their head office and after

evaluations there, the disability benefit was released through OWWA-CAR. On the other hand, the Baguio-Benguet Federation of OFW, Returnees and Dependents (BBFORD) extended financial assistance to Malamion by pooling contributions from its members.

Cobarrubias also offered Malamion and his dependents access to the other reintegration programs of OWWA.

Malamion, in a statement, expressed his gratitude to the OWWA for its assistance and the BBFORD's contribution as it would be a big help on his continuing monthly check-up at the Notre Dame de Chatres Hospital here. He also

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DPWH-CAR all Geared for all Saints' Day

With the directive of DPWH Secretary Rogelio L. Singson and in line with the department's thrust of assisting all motorists in the forthcoming observance of All Saints' day on November 1, 2012, DPWH-CAR is all geared for the holiday, activating the "lakbay alalay program" of the Regional and District Offices involving DPWH personnel and mechanics to respond to road emergency situations and aide the traveling public on strategic locations within their jurisdiction.

The program dubbed as "Lakbay-Alalay" will start at 5:00PM on October 29, 2012 until 12:00noon of November 5, 2012.

DPWH-CAR Regional Director Edilberto P. Carabacan has instructed the Chief of the Maintenance Division in the Regional Office and the District Engineers of the 10 District Engineering Offices of this Region to organize their composite teams to monitor that all roads are well maintained and kept in good shape for safer travel.

This is to ensure that all national roads specially road sections leading to all cemeteries, both public and private are free from potholes and obstructions. Routine maintenance activities for roadway, bridge, shoulder, drainage, and traffic services shall also be conducted. Informative/regulatory warning signs and traffic advisories shall be provided.

This is to further assure the continuous flow of traffic. The Lakbay Alalay Program shall be coordinated with the Local PNP and LGU's and the LTO in the District level in their respective provinces. /PIA CAR

OFW Dependents Train on Starting Small Business

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) is conducting today a seminar for dependents of overseas Filipino workers at the city hall here to guide them on how to engage in small business to gain employment and augment their family income.

Department of Labor and Employment

Participants were invited from dependents of both active OFWs and OFW returnees.

"OFWs who choose not to return will instead put up small businesses and continue to earn," Manganip said adding active OFWs will also be given the opportunity to engage in the

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Ifugao Coffee Processors, DTI sign MOA for Operation of Coffee Equipment

ALFONSO LISTA, Ifugao - The Ifugao Ground Coffee Processors (IGCP) recently signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for the protection of the coffee roaster and grinder acquired by the group.

The MOA was signed by Fr. Valentin Dimoc representing the IGCP

as cooperator and DTI-Ifugao provincial director Valentin Baguidudol in the presence of Governor Eugene Balitang and presidents of the six farmers organization composing the IGCP.

Under the MOA, both parties agreed to work together to ensure the safety and productive operation of the P750,000-worth coffee roasting and grinding equipment provided by the DTI to the group funded

by the Office of the Congressman Teodoro Baguilat, Jr. to boost the coffee production in the province.

DTI shall monitor regularly the operation of the project and ascertain that the equipments are maintained, functional and utilized productively. When proven non-pro-

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Agencies Conduct Contests to Raise Awareness on Population Issues

BONTOC, Mt. Province — The Provincial Population Office (PPO) and the National Statistics Office (NSO), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), jointly conducted the provincial population quiz and poster making contest among students and pupils on "Save the Earth, Invest for the Future" in observance of Population and Development Week and National Statistics Month.

These activities aim to convey population and development concepts or messages to students and pupils such as responsible parenthood, poverty, adolescent reproductive health, gender, population, environment, resources and sustainable development; raise awareness on sexually transmitted infection (STI) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) among high school students in the Philippines; and promote values supportive of population and development education among in-school youth.

Mary Louise Bondad from Namatec National High School in the municipality of Sabangan won in the population quiz besting 44 high school students representing the different secondary schools in the province. She will represent the province in the regional population quiz.

Second placer was Apryll Dangkwi from Sagada National High School and third was Jessamine Timario from Data National High School in Sabangan.

In the poster-making contest, it is participated by 22 elementary pupils. It is categorized into two: category I is composed of Grades 3 and 4 elementary pupils and this is participated by 11 pupils.

Merry Rose Liclican from Kayan East Elementary School in the municipality of Tadian got the first prize, Renze Dominick Carlos from Madepdeppas Elementary School in Sabangan ranked second, and third place is Kimberly Labiang from Bangaan Elementary school in Sagada.

For category II which is composed of Grades 5 and 6 pupils, Regine de los Reyes from Madepdeppas Elem. School in Sabangan was adjudged as the winner, Jordan Maguiwe of Lagawa Elementary School and Ramsy Pakipac from Paitil Elementary School, both in the municipality of Bauko ranked second and third, respectively./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

DCW Told to Observe Tact in Dealing with Pupils

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Women and Children Point Person Gretchen Curameng of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) urged Day Care Workers (DCW) in the province to be always careful and perceptive in their actions and behavior while with their pupils.

During the training on the 'Revised Manual for Day Care Workers (DCW) with Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Checklist', Curameng reminded that DCWs must understand their

said, adding that this is where the DCW should be able to provide the right direction and guidance for their pupils to know the positive and negative values.

During the three-day training conducted from October 23-25, around 25 DCW in the province underwent the eight module course required for every newly hired DCW.

Topics include Self-Awareness/ Making the Most of Yourself as Day Care Worker; Understanding Children's Development and Learning; Creating Profiles for Children; Planning and Developing the

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Ifugao University Issues Guidelines in Choosing Student Achievers

LAMUT, Ifugao - The Ifugao State University (IFSU) has recently issued the general guidelines for a sound and objective selection student achievers or awardees of the institution.

The guidelines which were approved by school officials led by university president, Dr. Serafin Ngohayon, indicate that evaluation must be based on the totality of accomplishments by the candidates.

The awards to be bestowed to student achievers include leadership, athlete and cadet of the year, student organization of the year, dean's list, Journalism and institute award.

The general guidelines stated that a graduating student who will take the highest rating based in the specific criteria is the one to be awarded.

A student candidate should also have obtained a general weighted average of at least 89% or higher with regular load and no grade lower than 85% in the previous semesters.

The college dean and the core faculty members in the college will compose the selection committee for the college award, the sports director and faculty for the athletic award, the National Service Training Program (NSTP) director and the commandant of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) for the cadet of the year.

For the leadership award and student organization of the year, the selection committee is composed of the college dean, guidance counselor, registrar and other concerned employees.

The journalism award, on the other hand, will be given to graduating and non-graduating members of the various students' school paper who have shown exemplary performance as a journalist.

Forms for the selection of student achievers shall be accomplished by a student or candidate recommended by the college dean/director/organization adviser one week before the scheduled evaluation.

The guidelines will apply in all IFSU campuses located in the municipalities of Alfonso Lista, Lagawe, Lamut and Tinoc./JDP/MBL-PIA CAR, Ifugao

4Ps Beneficiaries in Mt. Province Receive Cash Assistance from DSWD

BONTOC, Mt. Province - The Department of Social Welfare and Development is releasing the cash assistance of the Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries in the municipalities of Bontoc, Sabangan and Sagada have already received their cash assistance last week over the counter through

Land Bank of the Philippines, Bontoc Branch.

To effectively and efficiently deliver cash grants to 4Ps beneficiaries where Landbank branches and ATMs are not available, the DSWD partnered with the Philippine Postal Corporation which will distribute cash grants of Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries from remote areas.

The Philippine Postal Corporation is in charge of the distribution of cash assistance for 4Ps in the municipalities of Paracelis, Natonin, Barlig, and some 4Ps beneficiaries of Sadanga and

Besao who were not issued cash cards. PhilPost representative distributed cash assistance to 4Ps beneficiaries in Paracelis last October 22, in Natonin on October 24, in Barlig and Besao on October 25, and Sadanga on October 26.

Beneficiaries from Bauko are scheduled to receive their cash assistance from the Rural Bank of Buguias, Bauko Branch on October 29-30, 2012 and beneficiaries from Tadian on October 31 from the Rural Bank of Buguias, Tadian

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Awareness on Cordillera's Pursuit For Regional Autonomy Increasing, Survey Shows

BAGUIO CITY - Awareness on the pursuit for Cordillera autonomy is gradually increasing, based on the latest pulse survey of the Regional Development Council (RDC).

Dr. Virgilio Bautista, RDC co-chair, said in a kapihan media forum Friday that based on the result of the recent pulse survey that the RDC conducted from July to September this year, 46.9 percent of the 5,558 respondents from the two cities and six provinces of Cordillera are now aware of regional autonomy being pursued by the RDC.

This is an improvement from the baseline survey conducted by the RDC in 2007, where 64 percent of the respondents said they are unaware on the constitutional provision for the creation of an autonomous region in the Cordillera.

The study also showed that of the total respondents interviewed, 27.3 percent answered full support to the pursuit of regional autonomy and another 21.4 percent indicated willingness to support it depending on the content of the proposed house bill and the set-up of the proposed autonomous regional government, 22.8 percent remains undecided and 28.4 percent against.

The same survey shows that if a plebiscite for House Bill 5595 or the Act for the establishment of Cordillera Autonomous Region now pending in Congress, is held today, 33.7 percent of the respondents would answer yes; 48.8 percent undecided and 17.5 percent would say no.

The likely "yes" vote is an improvement by 14.8 percent compared to 2007 survey where 18.9 percent gave the same answer.

With the result of the said survey, Bautista also pointed out that the region's pursuit for regional autonomy is getting higher chances.

From the previous 45 percent, the data jump to 79 percent for those who understand, willing to support and can be convinced to support through the continuing information, education campaign that the RDC is spearheading.

Bautista said the IEC campaign for autonomy can gain more grounds as the region has ample time with HB 5595 is still up for deliberation at the House of Representatives' Committee on Appropriations.

Through the IEC fund downloaded to local government units in the region, the RDC hopes to bring the campaign down to the barangay level, he added.

The RDC, through its Advisory Committee has informed the Cordillera congressmen of the result of the survey and other developments and plans for the pursuit of regional autonomy and development.

In addition to the IEC campaign being spearheaded by the RDC, in partnership with the different LGUs in the region, various government agencies are also involved in the campaign through their respective area of operations.

The Philippine Information Agency - Cordillera spearheads the autonomy IEC for the general public through tri-media region-wide.

The establishment of an autonomous region in the Cordillera is provided for under the Philippine Constitution./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Election Officers Evaluate COCs to Determine Nuisance Candidates

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The Commission on Elections (Comelec) ordered municipal election officers to evaluate certificates of candidacy (COC) of prospective candidates to determine nuisance candidates.

OIC Provincial Election Supervisor Rogelio Bagtang said they are required within three days upon receipt of the order to submit to Comelec law department report of their evaluation

on who are considered nuisance on the basis of Section 69 of the Omnibus Election Code.

He said Sec. 69 of the law provides that Comelec may upon a verified petition of an interested

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Ifugao Celebrates Children's Month

LAMUT, Ifugao - Guided by the theme "Bright Child Ay Siguraduhin: Responsableng Pamamahayag Ay Palaganapin," children delegates from the eleven municipalities of this province converged at the municipal gymnasium here to celebrate October as Children's Month.

The celebration aims to enhance the awareness of the children in recognizing their participation rights through their contested activities and increase involvement of the community in establishing a child friendly society.

The occasion started with a parade around the town participated by children from the different day care centers followed by the opening program graced by Governor Eugene Balitang who commended the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) headed by Joseline Niwane for spearheading the celebration.

He also congratulated the participation of all the municipalities and told them that the provincial government is always ready and ever supportive of the programs and projects concerning the welfare and development of the children and will continue to do so to ensure that their rights and interest are protected being the hope of the fatherland.

In fact, the Provincial Children's Welfare Code has already been enacted and approved last year as an indication of the commitment of the provincial and municipal officials of Ifugao to work for the best interest of our children and will serve as a guide for child welfare organizations to follow in implementing their programs, Balitang added.

The day care children of the different municipal delegations had also contest in native dances and drawing, interpretative dance, solo singing and draw and tell. (DBC/PIA-Ifugao)

Ifugao School Coaches Undergo Sports Clinic and Accreditation

LAGAWE, Ifugao - Dressed in their Physical Education attires, about 250 coaches and officiating officials from the different elementary and secondary schools of this province attended the five-day Sports Clinic and Accreditation held at the Lagawe Central School here this week in preparation for the 2012 Provincial Athletic Meet scheduled on December 5-8.

The participants represent the various sports discipline of their respective school that include arnis, boxing/taekwondo, volleyball, swimming, soccer, lawn tennis, basketball, baseball/softball, sipa/sepak takraw, chess, gymnastics, badminton and table tennis.

The coaches and officiating officials were given lectures and trainings by a team of 15 trainers from the Department of Education Central Office who are expert in their own fields on the update of officiating and new rules of the different sport events.

Fernando Flores, the team leader of the core of trainers, said that the main theme of the 5-day sports clinic is "Makabagong Kaalaman at mga Patakaran sa Paglalaro ng iba't ibang Laro".

Alternative Learning System Provincial Coordinator Arsenio Yongoyong, who acted as the facilitator of the training, said that the participants were also oriented on the general technical guidelines, point system, qualification standards, number of athletes, coaches and chaperons and the documents to be submitted on events to be contested during the Provincial Meet to be hosted by the municipality of Lagawe and the DepEd./DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao

DOH Reminds Public to Continue Cleaning Possible Dengue Mosquito Breeding Site

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health (DOH) reminds the public to remain vigilant and

continue to seek and clean possible dengue mosquito breeding sites even with the absence of rain.

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Segundo, entomologist at the DOH-Cordillera, in an interview, disclosed that even with no rain, dengue remains a threat especially

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, JOHN L. BAYAO, of legal age, married to

GRACE M. BAYAO, Filipino and resident of JE-120 Central Pico, La Trinidad, obligation of respondent-mortgagor, WILLIAM MIGUEL, of legal age, married to Judith Juan, Filipino and with residence and postal address at Bridal Camp 1, Tuba, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagor, in order to satisfy his obligation to the mortgagee which as of 11 May 2005, is in the principal amount of FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P 50,000.00) PESOS., Philippine Currency, which amount has been due and which amount stated excludes the interest thereon, attorneys fees, publication costs, sheriff's commission and other necessary fees and incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings. The undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on 7 November 2012 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, one (1) parcel of registered land, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

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Let the foregoing be published at THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive weeks before the date of the auction sale. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 10th day of October, 2012.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) HENRY B. LONGAY, JR., Sheriff IV

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Kalinga Prov'l. Coop Office is Most Outstanding Coop in Cordillera

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Kalinga is recognized for another achievement as the Provincial Cooperative Development Office is adjudged as Most Outstanding Provincial Cooperative Development Office - Local Government Unit Level in the Cordillera Region. The award was

handed during the recently concluded 11th National Cooperative Summit in Cagayan de Oro City.

Being the regional winner, the province is the region's nominee to the 2012 National Gawad Parangal.

Provincial Cooperative Development Officer Rob-

ert Salabao, who received the award, said the office bested other entries from the region because of its significant contribution in uplifting the economic conditions of village people in Kalinga.

Through the auspices of the office, government projects coursed

through people's organized groups like cooperatives have been properly implemented in the province, Salabao said.

Among the client groups of the office include farmers-irrigators cooperatives, women, micro food processors and small entrepreneurs.

There is still long effort to strengthen and develop small cooperatives in Kalinga especially that government assistance is now granted through partnership scheme, mostly to organized beneficiaries, Salabao said./LL-PIA CAR, Kalinga

Depression, an Emerging Health Concern among Younger age Bracket

BAGUIO CITY - Depression is now an emerging health concern not only here in the country but worldwide.

D r . Gwendolyn Cayad, a psychiatrist at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), disclosed that data all over the world are consistent that around 15 to 20 percent

of the population suffers, or at certain point of their life, had suffered from depression. Depression is also more common among women with statistics going as high as 25 percent of the population, due to the vulnerability of the female hormones and cul-

tural expectations on their roles as mothers or women.

At the BGHMC, Cayad disclosed that clinical depression is among the top causes of mental health disorder consultations that they are receiving along with schizophrenia (chronic, severe, and disabling brain disorder) and bi-polar disorder (psychiatric diagnosis for a mood disorder).

She reported that in 2011 alone, they have 1,316 recorded cases of depression wherein most patients are aged 15 to 44 years old.

Cayad explained that the word depression is commonly used word for being sad, but for depression as a clinical disorder, it is equated with disturbance in inter-personal func-

tioning and work, disturbed sleep, loss of appetite and concentration which cause a depressed person to lose weight.

She stressed that depression is a multi-factor disorder that is usually triggered by a stressful or traumatic experience and can be influenced by friends, groups or attraction to opposite sex.

According to Cayad, depression can lead to suicide. Thoughts of death and committing suicide are among the major symptoms of the said disorder, she said.

It is important that a depressed person seek professional health care or consultation, and the support of family members especially in coping with the social stigma of having

this disorder. Fear for being exposed of suffering from depression also causes a person not to seek professional help, she pointed out.

There is an Acute Psychiatric Unit at the BGHMC where depressed person could visit for a consultation. "We do not admit all patients that come. We provide screening first and in cases of mental illnesses, confinement is a temporary thing. If not

severe, patients can take their medication at home but it is important that they come for continuous check-up", Cayad stressed.

Cayad was guest in the Department of Health (DOH)-led kapihan media forum last week in line with the country's observance of Mental Health Month which focuses on the theme, "Depression: A Global Crisis"/JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Ifugao

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ductive, the DTI has the right to retrieve the equipments and has the option also to transfer to other project area.

The DTI has also the right to revoke the conditional grant should the cooperator violate any specific terms and conditions and to impose other appropriate and reasonable sanctions should the be necessary.

For the part of the IGCP, it is their responsibility to take charge the over-all supervision of the equipment including the operation and maintenance and see to it that these are kept in good operating conditions at all times.

Furthermore, the cooperator has no right to sell, re-design, fabricate any part of the machine or undertake any changes the original project plan unless approved by the DTI.

It is also provided in the MOA that the maintenance cost of the equipments shall be the responsible of the cooperator and other costs that maybe incurred on the operation of the project, such costs shall be a part of the equity of said business enterprise to the project," the MOA stated./JDP/MBL-PIA CAR, Ifugao

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- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno www.linisgobyerno.org

Donors

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wife's treatment," said Simplicio Pescador, Marilou's common-law husband.

Some of Marilou's other benefactors were also repeat donors, among them an anonymous soul who contributed P5,000 and the owner of a restaurant along Session Road who contributed P1,500. A certain Moises Ursais handed P2,000 while Shoshin, a small foundation based in southern Germany, bankrolled two treatment sessions worth P4,400.

"Please allot also two dialysis sessions for Dinton Basta," advised Shoshin founder Julian Chees, a former world champion in shotokan karate who earned the distinction of being the only non-German by birth to have been drafted into the German national karate team.

Basta, a 25-year old former carrot washer at the La Trinidad Trading Post in Benguet, also earlier received P1,200 from Engr. Lecanio, P1,000 from Rogel Atiwag and P5,000 from the same anonymous donor who supported Matias.

Shoshin likewise provided two dialysis sessions for 27-year Sharon Valdez Dalida, whose parents now spend their waking hours knocking on doors to sustain her blood-cleansing treatment on the Monday-Wednesday-Saturday schedule at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

The foundation last Tuesday handed P2,000 to 45-year old widow Wilma Tomas who is suffering from heart ailment, goiter and complications of diabetes. Unlike previous amounts given her, the sum was not for her medications.

"I badly need so I can reach San Juan Hospital (in Metro-Manila) where my daughter Suzanne is confined," Wilma said.

Suzanne, a "tiangege" store helper in San Juan receiving P150 a day had a bad fall early in the week and had to be hospitalized, Wilma was told.

As this was being written, Gloria Tiyad, sister of dialysis patient John m ark Tiyad, texted that a certain Edna met her at the SM Baguio with a P3,000 support to her ailing brother.

Likewise, Mary Adian, a farmer-housewife originally from Nueva Vizcaya, texted that an anonymous donor met her last Monday in front of the Red Cross building along Harrison Road, Baguio and gave her P6,000.

The amount was for her husband Sabino, a diabetic who was blinded by the disease and is also undergoing twice-a-week dialysis treatment at the BGHMC.

Another donor who declined to be identified also offered P2,000 last Oct. 10 at the La Trinidad Trading Post.

Other Samaritans may want to reach out to Adon is Togana, a 45-year old former public school teacher who is into his fourth year fighting skin and tissue cancer.

"It's a difficult and protracted battle but it's more difficult to give up," he said upon his return to Baguio recently from flap surgery, radiotherapy and skin grafting sessions in various hospitals in Metro-Manila.

Adonis lost his wife, a fellow teacher, and their baby, during in 2005, leaving him to raise their two other kids, Trojan and Jezrelle.

Samaritans may ring him up at ce3llphone number 09291577446./Ramon Dacawi.

4Ps

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Branch.

Data of the SWAD Team office here showed that the DSWD distributed last August a total amount of P6,539,300.00 to some 4,759 4Ps beneficiaries in the province covering the months of May and June 2012.

Of the total beneficiaries who received their cash grant for the months of May and June, 2012, the municipality of Bauko has the highest number of 1,117 beneficiaries followed by the municipality of Paracelis with 882 beneficiaries. The municipalities of Tadian has 723 beneficiaries, Natonin has 532, Bontoc - 329, Sadanga - 300, Sabangan - 282, Sagada - 216, Besao - 199, and Barlig - 179.

Merriam Becyagen of the SWAD team office here said there were some 319 beneficiaries who were not paid. Reasons for the unpaid beneficiaries include the change of grantees which the original grantees have applied for and that have to be processed at the Central Office causing the delay in the release of cash grants until the change of grantees shall have been approved; and the non-compliance on other requirements needed like updating of record of their children who are in school./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR - Mt. Province

DCW

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Curriculum, Designing the Curriculum Theme; Designing Creative Activities for the Children; Guiding Children's Behavior; and Working with Parents, Families and the Community.

Said activity aims to provide the new DCW the basic knowledge, attitudes, and skills to efficiently carry out their daily day care sessions to help prepare their pupils in facing the challenges of formal education.

The activity culminated the Children's Month observation in the province this October with the theme "Bright Child Siguraduhin, Responsableng Pamamahayag ay Palaganapin!"

According to Curameng, instead of the usual activities for children, the provincial government through the PSWDO headed by Digna Dalutag opted to give more focus on the development of the service providers especially the newly hired DCWs. Activities involving the social development of day care children were all conducted in the municipal level. /JDP/GGD-PIA CAR, Kalinga

Election

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party refuse to give due course to or cancel a certificate of candidacy if it is shown that said certificate has been filed to put the election process in mockery.

"Candidates may also be disqualified if they disrepute or cause confusion among the voters by the similarity of names of the registered candidates or by other circumstances or acts which clearly demonstrate that the candidates have no fine intention to run," Bagtang explained.

Comelec will set a date of hearing to determine the sufficiency and legitimacy of COCs./PAB/PIA-CAR/Kalinga

DO H.....

to children.

Segundo reported that from January up to October 13, the DOH-CAR dengue reporting unit has recorded 4,487 cases and 12 dengue death region wide, which shows a one percent increase compared to the 4,441 recorded during the same period last year. The data include around 500 dengue cases in the last month (30 days period).

Per province, Kalinga posted the highest cases with 1,326, followed by Benguet - 771, Ifugao - 697, Baguio City 538, Mountain Province - 376, Abra - 337, and Apayao 244. There were also 198 dengue cases from outside Cordillera but sought treatment in hospitals in the region.

Segundo also disclosed that increase in cases were noted in Apayao (85 percent), Baguio City (13%), Benguet (43 %) and Kalinga (1 %), while decrease in cases were noted in Abra (12%), Ifugao (33 %) and Mt. Province (37%).

Segundo reminded the public not to be complacent and continuously practice the 4S campaign against Dengue, especially the Seek and Destroy (possible dengue breeding sites), as she stressed that even without the rain, dengue mosquito can still breed on stagnant water and in surrounding that are left uncleaned.

Aside from the 4S campaign, the Health Department is also advocating the ABKD or the Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue - a regular community clean-up drive against dengue down at the barangay level.

She also disclosed that as nine of the dengue death cases in the region involved 18 years old and below, the DOH in partnership

with the Department of Education also now bringing the dengue-free campaign to the various public elementary and secondary schools in the region./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

OWWA-CAR

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pointed out the importance of being an OWWA member that paved the way for assistance given to him.

Malamion expressed his optimism of returning to work abroad as his employer already gave him an assurance that he can return to work anytime he is ready. He first worked in Qatar in 2008 to 2009 before he was hired as an electrical foreman at Al-Bawani Co. at the KSA in 2010./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Pinupuna at Pinapansin

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Nais ko nga po palang batiin mga dear readers ang ating mga kaibigan diyan sa may Benguet Feetxology na sina Madam Faye Lovely at Mark. At kung kayo po ay naghahanap nang murang mag pa SPA magsadya lamang po kayo sa kaniang clinic na matatagpuan sa No. 27- A Sofia De Vera St., Road 3 Quezon Hill Bgauio City And Feel the Touch of Excellence.

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Kudos po sa inyo apo Police Sr. Supt. Jesus Cambay Jr City Director Baguio City Police Office sa napakagandang layunin ninyo na lalong mapalawak ang pagkakaroon ng isang Peace In Order Security Effort for the long Week End dito sa ating lungsod ng Baguio na mapanatiling payapa at maayos sa nalalapit na pagunita sa ating mga mahal sa buhay nitong pagsapit ng Undas Mabuhay po kayo at sa inyong mga kapulisan.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO) that the 32nd Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) will be held on December 01, 2012 (Saturday) at the Covered Court, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet.

Any member-consumer who wishes to include any agenda to be acted upon by the Assembly must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Directors not later than November 09, 2012 at the BENECO Office, DPS Compound, Baguio City.

Every member is encouraged to attend this annual activity.

BCPO Steps up Peace and Security Efforts for Long Weekends.....from page 1

personnel more alert and ready to respond more effectively", Cambay stressed.

Aside from the conduct of check points, the BCPO, he said, is on alert 24/7 (24 hours a day, seven days a week) and intensifying police visibility through foot and mobile patrol system.

The BCPO is also observing a crime clock which aims to minimize the occurrence of various crimes during a specific time of day or night, and is strengthening ties with the various city barangays for such effort.

Cambay also bared that he has directed each station commanders to be in charge of assessing the peace and order situations in his respective area of responsibility and in coming up with appropriate course of actions and recommendation./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Advocacy Mindanow

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occasion pass without throwing a few questions for a story like : "What's its like 20 years hence?". **Fr. Albert Alejo, SJ** who's helping the **GPH** as Consultant was doing the rounds. He was with us in our previous negotiations work not only giving valuable inputs but celebrating the **Holy Mass** during our foreign trips. He was very upbeat.

MISS KRIS — But the best unexpected part was when **MILF Chairman Kagi Murad** started his remarks, acknowledged the VIPs and at some point, paused, smiled and then said : "...and **Kris Aquino**". There was audible buzzing and giggling when he mentioned the presidential sister. He smiled contentedly. And continued with his speech marking the dawning of peace in the Bangsamoro.

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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as it should be. My reading of the Bible tells me that, somehow, there is a part of the Filipino nation that directly descended from the Israelites of the Bible, which explains why many Filipinos are so good at having started their own religious groups and nurtured them to greatness even beyond the country's territorial boundaries.

"In the Book of Genesis, there is a chapter which talks about God promising that the children of Jacob, one of the two sons of Isaac who would later become Israel, would go to all four corners of the globe, and would bless all races and nations.

"Then, in the Book of Kings and of the Chronicles, there are verses which disclose that when Solomon was building the temple of God, he ordered Israelites to travel to a group of islands in the east, which islands were known as Ophir, to get first class gold for the temple. As of now, there are accounts which say that the islands of Ophir are actually the islands of the Philippines..."

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REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0922 833 43 96. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

The Peace Combatant

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media persons and social reformists to be less courageous in doing their role in society. Neither is it the intention of the **Peace Combatant** for media persons and social reformists to be less responsible in their write-ups. The **Peace Combatant** stands shoulder-to-shoulder with its mother, **The Weekly Junction**, and with the rest of the media community in the fight for freedom, truth and justice!

(The author can be contacted through artboquieren2040@yahoo.com, 0927-536-8431, and Facebook)

Flowers.....

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start at 5 AM, Nov. 1, until the activity is over.

Motorists are thus informed that Naguilian road, from the junction of Bokawkan road up to Dominican road; Dominican road from the junction of Naguilian road up to Queen of Apostles road; San Luis road, from Naguilian road to San Luis/San Roque junction; San Roque road; Sofia de Veyra st; first road Quezon Hill, from junction of Naguilian road up to Ponce st. are strictly one-way roads.

As in the past years also, all private vehicles, except trucks and buses, shall pass through Naguilian Rd. with motorists coming from the Central Business District area to load or unload passengers at the Baguio Cemetery gate. They shall turn at the 1st Road., San Carlos Heights before proceeding to the designated parking areas at Recoletos Seminary, Coyeesan Pay Parking area and Shangrila Village. Private Vehicles intending to stay at the Quezon Hill Parking area will take the alternate route from San Carlos Hts. to Quezon Hill. In going back to the CBD, vehicles shall exit through Dominican Road towards Queen of Peace Road or Rock Quarry Road to their destination.

Taxicabs shall load or unload their passengers at the back of Police Station 1, in front of the Recoletos Seminary and take the San Luis/San Roque Road as exit route, right turn to Dominican Road towards Queen of Peace or Lourdes Road going back to the Central Business District.

Irisan, San Carlos Hts, NPC, and other Naguilian PUJ Association, in going towards Central Business District area shall take Naguilian Road, turn right to Dominican Rd going down to either Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles Rd. to their designated loading terminal at CBD. They shall take their usual route in going back to their point of origin. Passengers from the CBD going to the cemetery shall be unloaded along the junction of 1st Rd. of San Carlos Heights. San Luis, San Roque, Asin, Nangalisan and other PUJs Association using Asin Rd in going to the central business district shall take San Roque Rd, turn right to Dominican Rd, go down Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles Rd to their terminal. They take their usual route in going back to point of origin. Passengers from CBD going to the cemetery shall be un-

loaded at the back of Station 1, in front of Recoletos Seminary.

Dominican PUJs going to CBD shall take Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles Rd to their designated loading/unloading terminal and use their usual route going back to their point of origin. Passengers shall be unloaded along the junction of Naguilian/Dominican Intersection, before the arch.

Quezon Hill PUJs in going to the CBD may take Fairview Rd, down to Ferguson Rd going up Sepic to Bokawkan Rd towards the CBD or may take 2nd Rd. towards Naguilian Rd, turn left to Dominican Rd going down to Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles to the designated loading/ unloading terminal. They shall take their usual route in going back to point of origin. Unloading of passengers intending to go to the cemetery shall be nine (9) meters away from the Naguilian Rd./2nd Rd./Quezon Hill Junction.

Guisad, Fairview and other PUJs Association taking Ferguson Rd, in going to the CBD

shall take Sepic Rd. or Gaerlan Rd. to Bokawkan Rd. towards the designated loading terminal. They shall use the same route in going back to point of origin.

Motorists coming from the direction of the lowlands (Naguilian) are requested to take the

Circumferential Road in going towards the CBD.

Trucks and buses shall be banned along Quirino Highway from Sepic Street/ Naguilian

Rd. junction up to its junction of San Carlos Hts. They shall use Marcos Highway or Lamtang, Longlong, Tam-awan road from 5:00 AM of November 1, up to 12:00 midnight.

During the same period, only water delivery, ambulance and police vehicles are allowed

inside the Baguio Cemetery for use in case of emergency.

Public Utility Vehicles not affected by the temporary traffic re-routing scheme shall go

on with their usual routes.

There shall be no parking during the same period Inside the Baguio Cemetery, Bokawkan Junction to Ferguson Junction, Ferguson Junction to 2nd Road Quezon Hill, 2nd Road Quezon Hill Junction to San Luis Junction, Sofia De Veyra St., Queen of Apostles Road, from Station 1 to Entrance of Baguio Cemetery, and from the entrance of Baguio Cemetery to San Carlos heights junction.

There should be no loading or unloading at the cemetery entrance, but shall be allowed in front of the Recoletos Seminary, just after the entrance of Baguio Memorial Cemetery left side going down, and San Carlos Heights Junction.

Parking areas are available inside the Shangrila Subdivision, inside the Recoletos compound, the whole stretch of Ponce st. along Quezon Hill, the right side of 2nd road San Carlos heights going down and the Pay Parking area inside the Cooyesan Plaza. - juliegfianza with reports from the Baguio City Police Office.

Ibaloi

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of every year as Ibaloi Day in the City of Baguio. Citing the significance of February 23 as the date when the US Supreme Court in 1909 rendered its final decision granting native title in favor of Mateo Cariño over his pastured lands located at Ypit and Lubas which the American colonial government had grabbed and converted into what is now more popularly known as Camp John hay. It can also be recalled that the said land registration case filed by Mateo Cariño dragged on for six years before the US Supreme Court finally affirmed the ownership of the former over the said parcels of land. This being the case, the declaration by the City of February 23 as Ibaloi Day is to commemorate the date when the US Supreme Court recognized the legitimacy of Mateo Cariño's struggle for native title and to give due recognition to the original indigenous inhabitants of the City.

The proposed ordinance of Councilor Cosalan institutionalizing Ibaloi Day will include the creation of a committee to coordinate the various activities related to the celebration and will be spearheaded by the Ibalois through their duly constituted representative/s or duly accredited Indigenous Peoples Organization. The committee shall be composed of the City Mayor as chairperson, a representative from the Ibaloi Tribe as Vice Chairperson and the Chairman of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Tourism and special Events, the City Tourism Officer, and an Indigenous Peoples Organization Representative as members.

The proposed ordinance likewise mandates that all activities in relation to the celebration of the Ibaloi Day shall be included in the calendar of activities of the City.

The proposed legislative measure is currently referred to the appropriate committee in the City Council for study and recommendation.

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the elderly and PWDs to spaces and street crossings within Baguio's urban landscape is provided under Ordinance 108-2008 and Ordinance 32=2009.

The second ordinance, authored by vice-mayor Daniel Farinas, specifically authorized the installation of additional blue lanes or pedestrian crossings for the elderly and differently abled at Abanao Street, Session Rolad, Harrison Road, City Hall area, Magtaysay Avenue to the Baguio city public market and other areas near commercial establishments.

Instead of additional access, some blue lanes were closed by concrete walls or fences dividing the vehicle lanes along the city's main streets.

The reduction of blue lanes and even pedestrian crossings for the smoother flow of vehicle traffic has increased the number of elderly and differently-abled residents risking limb and arrest for jaywalking by crossing streets anywhere there is a passageway, notwithstanding the presence of "No Jaywalking" signs.

"After all, a city should be made for people, not for cars," a senior citizen quipped, borrowing from former mayor Enrique Penaloza of Bogota, Colombia, now a fellow on urban planning of New York University/Ramon Dacawi.

Ancestral

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focusing on the people's continuing participation in the preservation and conservation including protection of natural resources.

Should the proposed ordinance find approval with the City Council the ancestral domain of Happy Hallow Barangay with an area of more or less 146.4 hectares will be declared by the City as a historical, heritage and ecological site including the appropriation of funds for its protection and development and being included in the list of the National Historical Commission's (NHC) sites for conservation, protection and restoration.

Likewise, the proposed ordinance also provides for the creation of an inter-agency committee to assist in the determination, formulation, implementation, and monitoring of appropriate programs for the enhancement and conservation of the declared ecological-heritage zone. The said committee will be chaired by the City Mayor with the president of the Happy Hallow indigenous peoples organization as vice chairman and the Punong Barangay of Happy Hallow, HLURB representative, NCIP representative, NHCP representative, DOT representative, and NGO representative as members. The City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) shall serve as the secretariat for the said inter-agency committee.

The other tasks and functions of the said proposed committee is to secure the favorable endorsement and approval of the NHC of the Philippines for the declaration of the ancestral domain of Happy Hallow Barangay as a national historical, heritage and ecological site under the administration of the City Government of Baguio, the review and recommendation of the approval or denial of proposed development activities in the proposed Eco-Heritage Zone in accordance with the ADSDPP, the CLUP and other applicable laws, and to seek the support of government and non-government institutions through the proper tripartite MOA between and among the City Government, the domain title holders and the donor/supporter, for certain programs, projects and activities not contrary to approved policies and development plans.

Finally, all committee actions or recommendations shall be submitted to the CPDO and a copy of the same shall be furnished the City Council for its appropriate information.

Baguio.....

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male dorm, said "e-dalaw" was first launched by the BJMP and the Department of Justice in Quezon City. She explained it will take time for it to be adopted here due to the need for funds to install and run the same.

Institutions and individuals who can donate any of the gadgets needed may call up the city jail at 442-8531.

Meanwhile, the inmates are gearing up for the installation by the Rotary Club of Baguio Summer Capital of an oven to enable them to produce their morning bread and learn the baker's trade that would open up livelihood opportunity when they are released from detention.

A representative of the female's dorm broached the idea of an oven donation when the Rotarians entered the jail last July to deliver three sacks of sandals donated by visit-

ing Rotarian Stanley Tokigawa of Ala Moana District in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In response to the female inmate's plea, Tokigawa asked his local counterparts the cost of an honest-to-goodness oven and then sent the amount for the purchase.

Taking the cue, realtor and lawyer Alex Bangsoy of Goshenland offered to conduct a basic entrepreneurship seminar for the inmates in preparation for their expanding the bread-production project into a livelihood program.

This will be aside from a basic training in baking to be conducted by Goshenland's corporate social responsibility chief, Annabelle Bangsoy, in coordination with the Technical Skills Development Authority./ Ramon Dacawi.

HRAB

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on the trainees to echo the lessons learned to their fellow officers in their respective units, in pursuit of the seminar theme "Unity, Solidarity and Team Work".

"Leadership," de Leon said in his opening message, "is the ability to transform vision into reality".

The vision was laid out by Cambay through an 11-point code of conduct he composed and titled as "simple things the Baguio Police shall do for the City" the moment he learned he was due to take over as city director early last month.

Among these things, members of Baguio's Finest vowed "to observe traffic rules and regulations, to promptly respond to all emergency cases, to do their best to fight all kinds of crimes, to be neat and to keep their offices and patrol cars clean".

Likewise, members of the Baguio force vowed to respect senior citizens, women, children and persons with disabilities; to enforce anti-littering and waste management ordinances. They also committed not to do cellphone texting or to put their hands in their pockets while doing their beats.

In response, various sectors of the community led by the transport group also listed down "simple things I (as citizen) can do to help the Baguio City Police Office".

Members of the jeepney group headed by Junie Itliong promised to "respect the police, soldiers, jail officers, firemen and persons in authority; obey traffic rules and regulations; obey the anti-littering and waste management laws and ordinances; help disseminate emergency contact numbers of the police" and to report crimes, including violations of ordinances on waste management and traffic".

For de Leon and members of the hotel and restaurant industry sector, working out with Cambay a workshop for officers on personality, management and leadership development was a most logical step.

Supt. Ramil Saculles, the city office's deputy director for administration, said the seminar helped provide them tools in problem solving and decision-making, and in dealing with their fellow officers and with the members of the community they serve.

"It was designed for members of your police force to enhance customer service," he added./ Ramon Dacawi.

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Serrano, in an interview, disclosed that they have adequate personnel to handle correctional services to all inmates in the region. He assured that the BJMP regional office is always ready to bring in the needed support in terms of logistics and personnel to BJMP-Baguio which has the most number of inmates in the region.

The Baguio City Jail currently houses half or 517 inmates including 76 females, out of the total 1,045 inmates all over the region. The BJMP-Baguio is under the leadership of Warden Wilson Banasen and Wardress Mary Ann Tresmanio.

BJMP-CAR Administrative Division chief, Jail Sr. Inspector April Rose Ayangwa also assured assures that inmates' rights are being protected. They can enjoy recreational activities and are provided with rehabilitation programs such as counseling, spiritual guidance and livelihood assistance.

Ayangwa also disclosed that under their Inmate Welfare Development Program, the BJMP also has after community engagement program wherein they focuses on the welfare of the inmates during their community immersion or after they get out of prison. /JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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velop and upgrade the skills of local investment promotion officers and conduct feedback surveys and other opinion surveys.

A project or executive director will be appointed as overseer to ensure efficient coordination and implementation, Pablo added.

The RCC shall compose of 50% public and 50% private sector representative and the academe. The proposed composition include the regional directors of the Department of Trade and Industry, National Economic and Development Authority, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Education, Bureau of Local Government and Finance, Department of Energy, National Statistical Coordination Board, two representatives each from the academe and the private sector, and a representative from the National Competitiveness Council.

According to Pablo as of August 2012, there are already 11 Regional Competitiveness Committees in the country in charge of implementing competitiveness and productivity programs./JDP/MC-PIA-CAR

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ings on the latest DOLE issuances, including their Single Entry Approach (SEnA), Child Labor, and Incentivizing compliance programs.

The said seminar, the seventh regional advocacy campaign of ECC this 2012, is pursuant to Labor Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz's directive to strengthen linkages between DOLE and its attached agencies for harmonious and synchronized implementation of labor and employment programs and projects as well as for the accessibility of social protection and safe work through intensified information campaign./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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(BEmONC), and capacity building for DOH-organized Community Health Teams. It also includes a collaborative effort between JICA, DOH and various Cordillera Local Government Units (LGUs) for facility, equipment, human resource, drugs/supplies upgrading of local health facilities.

Based on 2010 DOH data, the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in the region is estimated at 75 (death per 100,000 live births) while Infant Mortality Rate is estimated at 20 (death per 100,000 live birth).

The JICA-DOH partnership project aims to further strengthen the local maternal and child health (MCH) services, in line with overall goal of attaining the country's commitment to the Millenium Development Goal to bring down maternal and child mortality ratio to 52 and 17 (per 100,000 live births), respectively.

In a kapihan forum held Wednesday at the DOH Regional Training Center here, JICA-SSS project advisor Dr. Makoto Tobe, deputy chief advisor Ms. Fude Takayoshi and project Maternal and Child Health Specialist Roland Eric Macanas, Abra field consultant Manuela Munar and Zenaida Patal-e, DOH-CAR Maternal and Neonatal Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) Program Coordinator, gave briefing and updates on the project which started implementation this 2012.

Dr. Tobe pointed out the importance of the advocacy on facility-based delivery as well as pre-natal and post-partum care in strengthening the local health system in the region towards the delivery of effective and efficient MCH services.

He stressed that all pregnancies should be considered at risk since complications could happen during or after delivery that could endanger the life of the mother or her baby or both. Only a fully equipped health facilities and trained health professionals can avert such situation through Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC), he said.

Tobe calls for a change in mindset among pregnant women to avoid home deliveries (giving birth at home) and instead go for facility-based delivery. He cited that home delivery is a long gone practice in Japan where maternal mortality ratio now stands at 6 (per 100,000 live births).

Patal-e supported Tobe's call as she affirmed that home deliveries remain to be a practice in the Cordillera. She reported that this year alone, 14 maternal mortality cases were recorded in the region./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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some enterprises. She said they can also organize themselves into workers association for bigger assistance and business opportunities. "DOLE and OWWA can provide bigger assistance if they are organized," Manganiap said.

If they desire for livelihood projects, they can submit proposals and DOLE is ready to provide machine, material or tool assistance in the form of grant, she added. DOLE, she said, will also assist them technically and facilitate their registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission./PAB/PIA-CAR/Kalinga

Baguio Celebrates 'Good Citizenry Day'

BAGUIO CITY - This summer capital celebrates "Good Citizenry Day" yesterday with a dancing parade, family picnic and a friendly fishing competition, and other fun and entertainment at Burnham Park, here.

Administrative Order 138 recently signed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan declared October 21 as Baguio City Good Citizenry Day, in line with the City's thrust of "Fostering the Culture of Caring" through youth and family development.

In his administrative order, Domogan stated that strengthening the city government's ties with family and friends, renewing friendship with long lost friends and acquaintance, as well as fostering a culture of caring and offering or giving forgiveness to one another, "is the very core of our society's well-being, which in turn significantly contributes to the city's social development in pursuit of effective community participation and involvement in governance and citywide development aspects".

It also outlined the importance of governance to also focus on the aspect of society, especially this season where suitable circumstances dictate the harmonious integration and inculcation of moral values such as love, generosity and most especially unity.

In celebration of said day, the citizenry composed of families, students, senior citizens, organizations, companies and other civic society groups joined in a parade through the city's main thoroughfares where they performed a single choreographed dance movement to the tune of "Gangnam style".

Singing and dancing performance were also offered at the Melvin Jones Grandstand for the Baguio folks and visitors. A friendly fishing competition was also held at the Burnham Lake which was open for anybody wanted to join. People also had a picnic along Burnham Park.

Other activities lined up for the observance of Good Citizenry Day are barangay clean-up drives and free film showing of wholesome family oriented films./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Econ Group Bats for Establishment of a Cordillera Regional Competitiveness Committee

BAGUIO CITY - The Regional Development Council Sectoral Committee on Economic Development (RDC-Econ Secom) is set to endorse to the RDC the establishment of a special committee on competitiveness to be in charge of raising the region's level of competitiveness.

Department of Trade and Industry regional director and Econ Secom chairperson Myrna P. Pablo informed during the 4th quarter meeting Tuesday that the proposed Cordillera Regional Competitiveness Committee (RCC) shall be a separate committee under the RDC which shall be in charge of data collection on competitiveness indicators, monitoring and evaluation, capability building and training.

The RCC will also integrate data collection in the course curriculum of RDC-CAR partner universities and colleges, improve "ease of doing business" by streamlining local business processes, permits and licenses, de-

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Health official reminds public vs lifestyle diseases this coming Christmas

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - A health officer here makes early reminders against lifestyle diseases this coming Christmas season urging the public to watch on their food intakes in order to maintain good health while enjoying the holidays.

Bernadette Andaya, Team Head of the Center for Health Development here made this early warning so that people will be kept guarded against lifestyle disease cause by too much fat and sweet, the common food preparations among Filipinos during Christmas.

She said high blood, stroke, diabetes are among the diseases developed from too much cholesterol and sweet. "These diseases also belong to the top rank causes of mortality in the country today," Andaya said.

Andaya also advanced a reminder for people to refrain from using firecrackers or pyrotechnics which are dangerous on health and hazardous to the environment in celebrating Christmas and New Year.

She reminded the national health policy banning explosive firecrackers which cause injuries and even death especially among children.

She also recommends for the enactment of local government units of stricter local ordinances against the use of explosives this Christmas and New Year, and to assign a common area for fireworks/firecrackers./PAB/PIA-CAR/Kalinga

ECC Conducts Employees Compensation Program Advocacy in Baguio City

BAGUIO CITY - The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment-Cordillera (DOLE-CAR) conducted here today an Employees' Compensation Program and Livelihood and Skills Seminar for human resource officers of companies in the city and nearby areas.

The ultimate purpose of the EC program is to give benefits to our workforce, both in the public and private sector who suffer a work-related or work connected injury, sickness or death", Villasoto stressed.

Under the EC program wherein workers' membership is being paid by their respective employers, whether private or government, members can claim or reimburse medical expenses, and can claim benefits for temporary-total disability, permanent-partial disability, permanent-total disability and

death.

For the claimants, those in the private sector can file their claim at the Social Security System while those in the government can file their claim with the GSIS.

Villasoto explained that the ECC is an appellate body for EC claims that are denied by either SSS or GSIS, and its decision is final and executory that both SSS and GSIS must comply.

Around 150 participants attended the event where they were presented the Employees' Compensation Program in terms of prevention, compensation and rehabilitation and brief-

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CITY JAIL UPDATE - City Jail Warden J/Insp. Wilson Banasen speaks before city officials and employees on the City Jail's various programs and activities for the inmates as part of BJMP's reformation program to bring them back to the fold of the law and be re-integrated to the society during City Hall's Flag raising ceremonies./By Bong Cayabyab

Baguio City Joins Observance of National Correctional Consciousness Week

BAGUIO CITY - Ensuring the welfare and upholding the rights of inmates and bringing in rehabilitation and community immersion programs are the focus of the observance of National Correctional Consciousness Week this year from October 22 to 28 with the theme, "Tao ma'y Nakaapiit, Pagpapala'y Makakamit".

To launch the Bureau of Jail and Management Penology (BJMP) officials and offi-

cials from the city government of Baguio, Regional Parole and Probation's Board, Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), Public Attorney's Office, City Prosecutor's Office and a private/community organization partner, in presenting their programs and activities in the country's correctional system.

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DOH, JICA Consultant Push for Facility-Based Delivery In Improving Maternal and Child Health

BAGUIO CITY - The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), through the System Science Consultant

Inc. (SSC), in partnership with Department of Health - Cordillera (DOH-CAR) is currently implementing a five-year project to further improve the health status of the people in the region particularly women and children. Entitled "Cor-

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