

Cayetano to House: Restore Filipino People's Faith in Government - Pass **H**

Let us pass the FOI bill now! Para matakot ang mga kurakot!"

Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter "Companero" S. Cayetano strongly and respectfully urged his colleagues in the House of Representatives to follow the lead of the Senate and respond to the Filipino public's clamor for the immediate enactment into law of the Freedom of Information (FOI) bill.

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"The House, the Senate, and Malacanang should be partners in promoting transparency in the country. Enacting the FOI measure into law is a good first step in regaining the people's trust in the three branches of the government," Cayetano noted.

Cayetano said now that the Senate has passed FOI measure for the third time, the last two instances in less than a year, it is now up to the lower house Cont. on page 7

Ipapasa rin ng kasalukuyang administrasyong PNOY ang FOI Bill sa huling araw ng kanilang panunungkulan ng hindi magamit ang FOI para silipin ang mga pinaggagawa ni PNOY at ng kanyang mga Barkada!!!

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A member of the City's Bravest demonstrate

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and closing the bulbs from leaking gas, in a

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hall flag raising ceremony.



By Bong Cayabyab

THE JULLER TION Lawmaker Urges Political Parties to Sign **Pledge vs. Corrupt Members**

Alan Peter "Companero" S. Cavetano is urging all political parties to assure the Filipino people that they will prioritize justice over patronage politics by publicly pledging to expel members involved in corruption scandals.

Cayetano said his call is similar to what election watchdogs demand from candidates during elections, which is to refrain from engaging in fraud and violence. In this case, he is asking political parties to sign an anti-corruption covenant against corrupt partymates.

"Bakit hindi tavo pwedeng magkaroon ng pirmahan na kahit kapartido, hahabulin niyo kapag may anomalya. Kapag hindi katanggap- billion pork barrel scam or

Senate Majority Leader tanggap ang sagot nila, aalisin natin sa partido," the

> US, those involved in scandals either resign or are removed from the political party even before any declaration of guilt from the courts.

"Pero sa atin, hulinghuli na, pagtatakpan pa ng kasama. Kaya ang justice system natin, pag guilty ka, pagtatakpan ka. Kaya sa atin, ang last layer ng protection ay eleksyon. Pag nanalo kakampi mo, abswelto ka. Yun ang gusto kong alisin," he explained.

lenged Vice President Jejomar Binay to issue a strong statement against his allies implicated in the P10-

mission of reports from the

hospital on previous grants

and setting in place of an

endowment fund for the

BGHMC, PCSO officials

earlier explained in response

to a letter from city mayor

Mauricio Domogan on be-

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draws the most number of

dialysis patients among

health facilities hereabouts

including those coming

from Region 1, because it

charges the lowest rate of

P2,200 per treatment ses-

branch has been approving

an average of five applica-

tions for fund support a

day for BGHMC patients

since it resumed processing

our requests," noted Mary

"The PCSO-Baguio

In his letter, the mayor

BGHMC.

PCSO Restores Fund Assistance to **BGHMC** Patients

To the deep relief of kidney patients at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office here has resumed processing of applications for fund support from those undergoing treatment at the top regional health facility here.

The branch office staff headed by Dr. Ernieli Dancel worked out the resumption of the issuance of fund support, through guarantee letters, to BGHMC patients in coordination with the PCSO main office in Ouezon City, given the urgent need of close to 200 undergoing twice or thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment at the regional hospital.

Processing was suspended in the last quarter of last year pending subsenator said. Cayetano said in the

Cavetano again chal-

at least ask them to explain their innocence to the Filipino people.

"Kung private citizen ka, pwede mo sabihin na sa korte na lang magpapaliwanag. Pero kung ikaw ay public official, kailangan mong harapin ang sambayanan. Utang mo sa tao na sumagot ka sa tao. Kapag hindi ka sumagot, dapat kang parusahan ng partido mo," Cayetano said.

previous Binay's statements on the pork barrel probe of the Department of Justice (DOJ) have raised fears among state witnesses that if he wins in the 2016 elections, the case will not be pursued./ Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Grace Binay-an, a 23-yer old former Sangguniang Kabataan chair of Irisan Barangay here who has been on dialysis for five years now.

"It's a relief, specially so that it's now more difficult to access other means of support with the scrapping of the Priority Development Assistance Fund of members of Congress that included aid to indigent patients," stressed teacher Juliet Bagano, whose husband Edwin is on hemodialysis

PCSO chair Margarita Juico had the Baguio branch opened last year in response to a request from mayor Domogan and a resolution adopted by the city council last April for the setting of district offices in the Cordillera and in the autonomous region in Mindanao which had no PCSO field service outlets.

Juico recently wrote city vice-mayor Daniel Farinas, saying that aside



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Mayor Urges Mines View Vendors to Utilize Multi-Purpose Building

request of Mines View vendors occupying the multi purpose building to be allowed to go back and sell at the Mines View Park was denied by the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA). This was revealed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during his weekly forum last Wednesday.

NEWS

The city stands firm to

Vehicular Accident Victim **Seeks Help**

A victim of a vehicular accident has appealed for fund support from Samaritans to sustain his medication and settle what he owed that enabled him to pay his hospital bills amounting to about P500,000.

The appeal was made by Peter Manganip, a 35year old maintenance man at the Benguet State University who is still recuperating from injuries he sustained when the motorcycle he was driving was dragged by a passenger jeepney last Feb. 4 along Lower Magsaysay Avenue here.

In his report, police Supt. Evelio Degay, chief of the traffic management unit of the city police, said

from the PCSO branch established at the Post Office Loop here, another was also opened at the municipal hall in Bontoc, Mt. Province, "specifically to address the needs of patients from Baguio City and nearby areas and the Cordillera Administrative Region, respectively".

The Sanggunian resolution authored by city councilor Peter Fianza pointed out that as per the PCSO website, the Cordillera and the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao did not have a single district or regional office to serve patients within the said regions.

Following the decentralization of PCSO services, patients from the Cordillera who used to line up for fund support at the PCSO main office in Quezon City had to go down to the b ranch office in Urdaneta, Pangassinan which is basically for patients in Region 1./Ramon Dacawi.

BAGUIO CITY - The make use of the Mines View multi purpose building to serve its purpose for the vendors.

"We understand the apprehensions of the vendors of a declined profit, but I hope the vendors will cooperate with the city," said the mayor.

With regards the concern of the vendors of introducing repairs of the

Manganip was on his way to La Trinidad, Benguet when "the left side of the motorcycle allegedly hooked into the right rear railing of (a) jitney that dragged him, together with his motorcycle in a distance of more or less twenty feet ... ?

The jeepney driver, identified as Edward Cupido, 37, brought his vehicle to a halt when he noticed the workers of a tire shop shouting and pointing to the motorcycle behind being dragged, the police report said.

"When the jitney slowed down to stop, the motorcycle was detached from the said jitney then fell down infront of the rear right tire (of the jeepney)." As a result, the motorcycle rider's head was ran over by the jitney.

The jeepney driver and some passengers rushed the victim to the Pines City Doctors Hospital where he was con-

Women's Group: Stop **Blaming VAW Victims**

BAGUIO CITY - A recent report by the **Baguio City Police Office** Women and Children Protection unit shows an increase in the number of reported cases of violence against women in Baguio. From 2012's 363 recorded cases, the number rose to 403

Panelists at a recent press forum on the celebration of Women's Month agreed that the increase in the number of recorded cases hints at a raised awareness of women and their rights against violence and abuse.

But other than women raising their awareness for their rights, Save Our Women, Inc. Founder and

door of the multi purpose building, mayor Domogan directed the City Buildings and Architecture Office to immediately look into the possibility of changing the door in such a way that it should be exposed to the people at Mines View.

"We (city) have to help the vendors entice the public to utilize the multipurpose building," he added./Jho Arranz

fined and operated on. The diagnosis of the attending physician was "traumatic brain injury, epidural hemorrhage, temporarly with massive brain edema, neumocephalus, pneumothorax, multiple rib fracture, left posterior, with pulmonary contusion".

To be able to raise funds for his recovery, Manganip's wife, Karen, obtained a city permit to solicit support and asked that her appeal be published in the local papers so Samaritans can respond.

Manganip has been discharged from the hospital but does not recall when he was released from confinement.

People who can help may visit him at his residence at No. 44 Tricom Village, Pinsao Piulot Project, Baguio. They can contact him through cellphone numbers 09104665619 and 09461543674./Ramon Dacawi.

Executive Director Patricia Gallardo believes that men and women in general should also be aware of the stigma caused by victim blaming. Gallardo said there is a need to conduct forums which educate people about violence against women.

Victim blaming occurs when a victim of a crime or any wrongful act is held responsible for the wrong done against them and the trauma they feel because of it. It often occurs in cases of rape or domestic violence.

Gallardo cited rape victim being blamed where a woman in skimpy clothing is asking to be a Cont. on page 9

NEWS

CAAP Shoots Down Bid to Rehabilitate Loakan Airport

BAGUIO CITY - The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) under director-general William Hotchkiss III has turned down the city's proposal for the complete rehabilitation of the Loakan Airport saying it is no longer feasible to operate as a commercial airfield.

This was gathered from Councilor Elmer Datuin who joined the CAAP meeting on the airport held last Wednesday at the CAAP office in Manila also attended by Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr. and officials of key line agencies in the region.

Datuin said they were told that Loakan airport can not serve anymore as a commercial airport because it is no longer financially viable to operate

"Based on a pilot's point of view, it will be very hard to invite interested airline companies to include the airport in their regular flight routes as it will not be financially viable. The principal complaints in the airport are air safety due to the precarious terrain and the continued presence of clouds in the route to the city posing danger to commercial planes during inclement weather and late afternoons," Datuin related.

Another point to consider, according to Datuin, was the lack of airline franchise to operate routes from Manila as the slots have been filled. He said the franchises available cover the routes from Sangley Point in Cavite and Clark International Airport in Pampanga.

"So even if we proceed with the rehabilitation of the airport, it will still be the airline companies who will have the final say if it can be operated as a commercial airport but as they said it will be hard to convince one as they don't like to take the risk because of Baguio's air route conditions and they now have many choices in the routes to serve," Datuin said.

He said CAAP thinks the airport can better serve now as an aviation airfield hosting only ordinary aircrafts and emergency and military planes.

The city government and the Regional Development Council (RDC) last year appealed to the CAAP and the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) to modernize the airport facilities to boost the tourism industry in the region.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the estimated cost for the fencing and the establishment of an alternate route was P115 million and this was taken up recently with Senator Ramon Revilla Jr. who he said committed to convince the Senate committee in charge to help the city government raise the needed funds for the project.

Datuin said the airport needs a total of P375 million for the complete modernization including the upgrading of the navigational equipment and construction of a new terminal./A Refuerzo

Mayor to Nerez: What's Done is Done but Fulfill Your Promise

Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said he is counting on Police Regional Office Cordillera (PRO-COR) acting regional director Chief Supt. Isagani Nerez to fulfill his commitment to follow the legal procedure in the selection of the next full-fledged city police director.

"What's done is done. (City police director Jesus Jr.) Cambay has been replaced. In the end, we still have to support one another. To us, we can work with anybody and now the PRO-COR committed 101 percent support to our

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor city. I just hope that they will comply with their commitment to follow the rules in the selection of the next police chief," the mayor told his Ugnayang Panlungsod press briefing.

The mayor said he is counting on Nerez' commitment despite the improbability of completing the process in time for the lapse of the 30-day tenure given to police heads who assume their post in an acting capacity.

Sr. Supt. Rolando Miranda, who replaced former city police director



COMMITMENT AND LOVE TO SERVE - Utility worker Marylene Erot of the City General Services Office makes sure that the ladies restroom at City Hall is well cleaned and presentable. Erot personally buys plastic and fresh flowers aside from maintaining the sanitation where she is assigned./By Bong Cayabyab



Jesus Cambay Jr. assumed directorship of the city police in an acting capacity effective last March 5.

"They committed to follow the procedure particularly to submit a list of five nominees for us to choose from. The nominees will be screened from Camp Crame and I don't how when that can be done. I doubt they can do it within 30 days and that is now the problem," the mayor lamented.

Despite the issues, the mayor again welcomed Miranda during the department heads' meeting last Monday reiterating that his displease was not directed on Miranda's person but on the manner the turn-over of the police leadership was done.

Nerez appeared before the city council last Monday and explained Cambay's pullout despite the opposition from city government and other sectors.

He said Cambay's relief was purely management pre-Cont. on page 8

City to Pursue Demolition of Busol Illegal Structures

BAGUIO CITY – With the legal barriers cleared, the city government can now pursue the demolition of illegal structures at the Busol watershed.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said he will convene the City Antisquatting Committee and the Busol Forest Reservation Task Force to discuss the plan of action to pursue the dismantling of the illegal structures in the watershed.

"Our direction is to pursue the demolition and we will act in accordance with this direction now that we see no legal impediments in implementing this longdelayed program to clear out watershed of

Health Fair for Fair Health Conducted

BAGUIO CITY -The city government here spearheaded by the Health Services Office in partnership with Mines View and Pacdal Health Center conducted a health fair for a fair health at the St. Joseph Village barangay last March 12 and Outlook Drive barangay last March 14.

It is the aim of the city to reinforce proper sanitation and family health practices as basic means of primordial and primary prevention of disease occurrence in the identified depressed communities of St. Joseph Village and Outlook Drive.

This is also a venue to properly address peculiar factors that adversely affect the health of the communities through health promotion strategies, private public partnerships and community outreach.

During the said event, the constituents were able to learn the importance of sanitary pit privy, portable biogas digester and proper way to have a backyard garden. Also, they were informed on women's health and

told his Ugnayang Panlungsod media brief-

The mayor said the city in coordination with the Baguio Regreening Movement and the Busol task force will also pursue the fencing of the watershed perimeter to guard it against further intrusion.

The project was revived upon clearing of the court case that barred it in 2002 and upon the pledge of the Baguio Water District to put up P3-4 million for the fencing.

The mayor said a survey of the watershed perimeter is being conducted preparatory to the construction of the fence.

The mayor said that based on the monitoring squatters," the mayor and data gathered, no

> cancer awareness. Free anti-rabies

vaccination of dogs was also provided to the constituents. The health fair is one of the city's program

in promoting healthy lifestyle, environment and nutrition among depressed areas in the city of Baguio. barangays The

who took part on the said fair were from the Pacdal Health Center consist of M. Roxas, St. Joseph Village, Pacdal, Lualhati, South Drive and Country Club Village. Also, barangays from the Mines View Health Center consist of Gibraltar, Mines View, Pucsusan, Outlook Drive and Lucnab./Jho Arranz

additional structures have been built within the watershed.

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In 2009 during the administration of former mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr., the city anti-squatting team then headed by former city administrator (now councilor) Peter Fianza recorded around 900 illegal structures in the watershed, some of which are large houses reaching even three floors.

A total of 33 structures located in three sections of the watershed were set for demolition in July, 2009 but the operation was not totally carried out when National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Cordillera (NCIP-CAR) hearing officer Brain Masweng issued a temporary restraining order and the writ of preliminary injunction.

However in a Feb. 19, 2014 decision, the Supreme Courtr lifted Masweng's order and cited the hearing officer for contempt.

"Respondent's (Masweng's) willful disregard and defiance of this Court's ruling on a matter submitted for the second time before his office cannot be countenanced. By acting in opposition to this Court's authority and disregarding its final determination of the legal issue before him, respondent failed in his duty not to impede the due administration of justice and consistently adhere to existing laws and principles as interpreted in the decisions of the Court," the court said /A Refuerzo

20% Discount On **Senior Parking Pushed**

BAGUIO CITY - the ordinance requiring the grant of 20% discount on parking fees to senior citizens in this mountain resort is yet to see its full implementation.

This as the Legislative Tracking and Analysis Division of the Sangunian Panglungsod observed there are still business establishments in the city with pay parking who do not implement City Ordinance No. 8 series of 2013 or the grant of 20% discount to senior citizens availing of the same.

As per the ordinance, establishments who charge parking fees are required to grant senior citizens a 20% discount on parking fees. Cont. on page 8

OPINIONS

'Perfect storm'?

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"Filipinos share one common item in our everyday existence: rice," National Scientist Gelia Castillo wrote in her book on a cereal that makes or breaks presidents. "Rice In Our Life" reviewed three decades of studies into rice that was sown between 6,000 BC and 400 AD, in the Philippines-from Ifugao to Lucena.

Rice self-sufficiency has been an upward moving target, "always out of reach, even as we calculate we are only three percent short," she wrote. "Seared deep in the psyche of Filipino politicians are crises when we could not find rice, even if we had the money to buy it."

Unseasonal storms, meanwhile, ripped up the old rice calculus. Tropical Storm "Sendong" tore into Cagayan de Oro and Iligan in 2011, leaving 1,080 corpses. Typhoon "Pablo" later clobbered Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental.

This shattered the historical pattern of one typhoon cutting through Mindanao's breadbasket every 18 years. Then, the Bohol earthquake in October and Supertyphoon "Yolanda" in November last year savaged farms.

"Only 97 percent sufficiency was attainable for 2013," the Department of Agriculture conceded. National Food Authority opened the applications for imports-for use and as buffer stock. Ayaw magsaligan ring tiyan, sa ana't ibang taegsan, an Aklan proverb says. "Don't count on someone else's rice bin for what you eat." The immediate, however,

can blur the long-term I threats. The number of crop

species that now feed more people than half a century ago is shrinking. Rice, wheat, sugar and potatoes form a new "globalized diet.'

"Over the past 50 years, diets around the world have become more similar," notes Colombia-based International Center for Tropical Agriculture's Colin Khoury. Today's diet includes staples that were not important half a century ago, particularly oil crops like soybean.

Other crops however declined, including sweet potatoes, cassava, yams and millets. "This narrowing base raises concerns about the global food system's resilience."

Another danger is, "a more homogeneous global food basket makes agriculture more vulnerable to drought, insect pests and diseases," Luigi Guarino, from Global Crop Diversity, told BBC's environment reporter Mark Kinver. Diversity of cultivated crops, in fact, declined by 75% during the 20th century, UN Food and Agriculture Organization estimates. If this slide persists, "a third of today's diversity could disappear by 2050."

Seepage of crop diversity also jacks up the number of people exposed to harvest failures. And climate change compounds the risk.

"Warmer temperatures are causing malaria to spread to higher altitudes and once disease-free regions in Asia, South America and Africa," says the Science journal. "A one-degree Celsius rise in temperature could lead to an additional three million cases" in a year, cautions University of Michigan's Mercedes Pascual.

The Philippines targets nationwide malaria elimination by 2020. But it still lacks a long-term domestic program even as international funding dwindles.

"A perfect storm of growing populations, climate change and diminishing resources for food production" confronts the world, warns the new "Foresight Report on Food and Farming Futures." Commissioned by the U.K., the 2-year study involved 400 experts from 35 countries.

Do "we have 20 years to arguably deliver 40 percent more food; 30 percent more fresh water and double energy output?" asks UK's chief scientific adviser, Sir John Beddington. "The current system must be radically redesigned to produce more food sustainably. We can't wait ... "

"There is an urgency in taking what may be very difficult policy decisions," he adds. "The food system is working for the better-off... But those at risk of hunger have least influence on decision-making." The UK recommends that the most resource-intensive types of food be curbed. Waste in food production has to be radically curbed.

Yearly, the Philippines loses a million metric tons of alreadyharvested rice for various reasons-from slipshod processing to shabby storage. Cabbage spoilage mars a third of harvests, UP Los Baños studies found. Fish losses crest at 40 percent.

Consumers in rich countries junk as much food as sub-Saharan Africa produces. Wasting food is "stealing from the tables of the poor," Pope Francis told a UN World Environment Day audience, noting that a culture of waste is despicable when many suffer from hunger. "Our grandparents were very careful not to throw leftover food." Cont. on page 9

'Our so-called food surpluses are a mirage,"



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Controversy Over Healing Priest, FR. Suarez



BY: JESUS DUREZA

I was reading with interest the series of articles (at the Philippine Daily Inquirer) about the popular healing priest, Fr. Suarez. It seemed the spreading myth surrounding his healing powers, including raising the dead back to life, is now being questioned. This all came about because of the issue about money. San Miguel Corporation is already taking back the 33-hectare land donation in Cavite for a proposed Mother Mary shrine that, after 5-years, never got off the ground while millions allegedly had poured in to him and his foundation. He is even described now as a "changed man". There are unsavory reports about his "profligacy" as a man of God like joining big-time tournaments as a golfer. Nowadays, he is not known only as an avid tennis player. He was even touted as the big-time financial sponsor of a big Tennis Open recently.

In fairness to Fr. Suarez, his side must first be heard before we conclude against him. He is still abroad in a pilgrimage and it is best that we await his story. But he must not just wave away this negative story about him with nonchalance.

He should not only generally say that "truth and God are on my side". He must explain. Otherwise the stories will stick. And this could be the start of his public nose-dive just like the many others before him. His followers deserve hearing from him.

"Gifted" persons with some "extraordinary powers" like healing, specially those belonging to the religious sector are a special breed of sorts. Usually they are ostracized by the mainstream Church. Parish priests usually secretly view them unkindly, not so much because they tend to get more than the pittance the parish church alms box gets — which they definitely do. More so because they are unconventional or unorthodox and they somehow tend to promote, knowingly or unknowingly, hysteria, superstition, fanaticism and the like. The Church is not too keen to immediately recognize those "supernatural" occurences or "miracles" because it has very strict procedures for verifications and validations before it acknowledges them officially. That is not to say that the Church refuses to recognize them at all. In fact it rejoices at God's manifestations on humankind, especially on ordinary folks. It is just that it does not easily give its "imprimatur" unless certain church protocols are observed. Those so-called "gifted" persons must be careful, discerning and sensitive. If they belong to a religious order, like priests, they must observe the rules and not act as if they have a world of their own. Otherwise, they have to unsaddle from their religious congregations and go on their own way. As a matter of fact, this was precisely what happened to Fr. Suarez in his early years with a congregation in Canada. I was told he was expelled from his "order" while in Canada and came back home to the Philipines and set up his own congregation. He is still under the wings of the Catholic church because he was able to get away with it by getting himself a "protector bishop" to give him legitimacy under the church rules. (Should the church authorities also look into this aspect of being "protector bishop"?)

What is worrisome is that some bishops, who are known to be strict on their own clergy, somehow tolerate or at the least, are hesitant to make a big fuss about those "gifted" but non-compliant, "visiting" religious healers. Take the simple case of getting the local bishop's permission before holding a mass. Usually, these are not complied with. And bishops usually just remain quiet. My guess is that because those healers have generated tremendous following, a bishop is a bit careful to do a little squeak that may turn off fanatical parishioners. Also, a

discerning bishop may just be being careful lest he be unduly Cont. on page 7

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Spirituality, not gender or money, for **RP** president BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all ... " (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in Mark 10:43-44, the Holy Bible).

-000-**BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO ANY PRESIDENT:** No, Sen. Miriam Santiago, it is not gender nor money that will make the president of this country a great leader. And, too, no, Bayan Muna Party List Rep. Isagani Zarate and Gabriela Party List Rep. Luzviminda Ilagan, it is not human ability that will make a Philippine president great. It is spirituality, deep spirituality in fact, that will make a great president.

As I wrote on July 11, 2013: "In fact, the biggest challenge of any president who will serve the country for only a very brief period of six years is to discard grandiose illusions that he, by himself, can do something that will really benefit the nation as a whole, even if he happens to have come from so-called democracy icons, or from parents who are revered worldwide.

"Even if he is the president who has the vast powers of the government at his beck and call, he cannot do anything that will push the country and its people towards success and progress, as President Aquino maybe painfully finding out now. Only God can do something, and the best legacy that any president can ever leave is to bring his people to a better understanding and familiarity of God so they can start being righteous and spiritually revived.

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SOLOMON'S EXAMPLE IN LEADERSHIP: I also wrote: "Any president of this country who is aware of the six-year limitation of his term must strive to follow the example of the greatest human king of all, King Solomon ... When asked by God as to what he wanted, Solomon did not ask for wealth and riches, nor for the death of his enemies, but for knowledge to rule. God gave it to him, allowing him to become a king like no other ... '

"Here is that part of the Bible (1 Kings 3) which recounts the story of King Solomon: `At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, `Ask for whatever you want me to give you.' Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart...

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?'

"A WISE AND DISCERNING HEART": I then concluded: "`The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, 'Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked.

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"I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for-both wealth and honor-so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.'

OPINIONS MAGKASANGGATAYO

>Cudia - dapat lang na masibak! >Domogan kinukutya sa FB ng walang kabuluhan! >P/Sr. Supt. Jesus Cambayanong nangyari SIR??? **BY: NESTOR CASTRO**

Domogan kinukutya sa FB ng walang kabuluhan!-Ano ba naman itong mga ilang Facebook Commentators na ito na mukhang wala ng magawa sa kanilang buhay o baka kaya ay sobra-sobra sila sa oras kaya tuloy yun kasabihan na "an idle mind is the work shop of the devil" ay malamang na tutuo.

Isipin ninyo mga dear readers ayon sa reporter ng Sunstar sinabi daw ni Mayor Domogan sa isang press conference hinggil sa isyu ng revival ng Loakan Airport na ang Loakan daw ay dating pinagla-landingan ng 747 (ang 747 ay isang jumbo jet na nanga-ngailangan ng mahabahabang runway at hindi oobra ang Loakan runway)! Aba eh, dahil sa nasabi ni Mayor na ito (bagama't sabi ni Mayor na na mis-quote siya) aba eh ginawan na ng kung anu-anong pangungutya na walang kabuluhan ng mga perpektong nilalang na FB Commentators.

Linawin ko lang po mga dear readers. Hindi po ako tagapagtanggol ni Mayor Domogan, ngunit hindi naman mahalaga kesyo sinabi ni Mayor na 747, 737, 777 o airbus pa ang nag-lalanding nuong araw sapagkat ang katotohanan ay nag lalanding ang mga commercial jets ng PAL at iba pa sa Loakan Airport noong araw. Ang sa akin lang sana ay kung kukutyain o babatikusin ninyo ang Mayor, aba eh sana naman ay for more valid, legitimate and sensible reasons and not some flimsy, nonsense, worthless and useless nitpicking. Eh kung gawin ko kaya sa inyo yan, gusto nyo?!?!

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Cudia dapat lang na masibak sa PMA !- Talaga naman oo, ang daming sumawsaw sa isyu na ito lalong lalo na sa FB na akala mo kung sino silang mga experto sa kung ano anong kaalaman o spesialisasyon, pati na rin ang Commission on Human Rights pumapel na rin. Kung bakit maraming hindi maka-unawa na may mga patakaran, alituntunin at iba pa sa loob ng Philippine Military Academy (PMA) na dapat ay sundin to the letter without compromise of whatsoever. Ang isa rito ay ang honor system. Pag labas ng kadete sa academy kung ano ang gawin niya sa buhay niya o sa kayang pagkilos ay ibang usapan yan at walang kinalaman sa kasalukuyang isyu habang siya ay na sa loob ng academy.

Malinaw sa honor code that a cadet should not lie, cheat, steal . Eh ang problema ay nag sinungaling si Cudia so dapat lang na tanggapin niya kung ano ang katapat na consequences. It is as plain and simple as that because a cadet is fully aware and has agreed to these rules, regulations, guidelines and the honor code is one of those.

Likewise a cadet is fully aware that a violation of the honor code could have dire consequences should he or she violates it.

Maaring sa ating pananaw bilang sebilyan (civilians) ay na pakalupit o marahas ang kaparusahan ngunit ganoon talaga yun, hindi maliit na bagay ang pagsisinungaling ng isang kadete sa loob ng academy! Ano po ba ang mahirap unawain dun? Ang dapat pakatatandaan ng mga sebilian is that mayroon sariling mundo ang PMA at ito ay alam na alam ng mga kadete! ####

"Then Solomon awoke-and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court..." Perhaps, Sen. Santiago and Reps. Zarate and Ilagan can find a Filipino in whom the Spirit of God dwells so he can become president?

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REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0922 833 43 96. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com, melaniolazomauriciojr@outlook.com and mmauriciojr111@gmail.com.



P/Sr. Supt. Jesus Cambay- anong nangyari SIR??? -Para duon sa mga hindi nakakaalam itong si Col. Cambay ay miyembro ng PMA Class 1989 at ito naman ating kagalang-galang na PRO COR PNP Regional Director Isagani Nerez ay miyembro ng PMA Clas 1984 samakatwid ay upper class ni Col. Cambay at mas senior itong si Gen. Nerez kaysa sa kanya.

Hinggil sa kamakailan na pag-kakasibak este pagpropromote daw ni Nerez kay Cambay eto ngayon ang dalawang katanungan na pinatatanung sa akin ng ating mga kaibigan : 1-Ano ba daw ang nangyari at ipinasibak ni Nerez si Cambay? 2- Bakit o bakit at ano ang nangyari?

Ating aalamin sa mga darating na araw kung ano ba talaga ang inside story hinggil dito. Ngayon, kung ipapaalam ko sa inyo kung ano ang aking masagap, eh teka, sandali lang, aalamin ko muna at saka ko iisipin if it can be for public consumption ika nga. Otherwise, ay pang sarili ko nalang. Txt nyo ko at sabihin ko sa inyo. Hi ! Hi ! Hi !

BFP Plans Another Fire Sub-Station

BAGUIO CITY - the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Monday revealed plans of constructing another fire sub-station in this mountain resort.

This comes as a way for the BFP to shorten the response time for its personnel to respond in case of fire incidents.

F/Insp. Mary Grace Mang-osan said, "the BFP has plans of putting-up the third sub-station in the city which will be located at Barangay Gibraltar here."

The BFP currently has sub-stations located in Barangay Irisan and Aurora Hill and a main station located near City Hall.

With limited personnel, the BFP seeks to shorten the time element in responding to fires and minimize damage to property and loss of life.

The bureau presently has 79 personnel composed of 5 commissioned officers, 71 non-commissioned offic- ers./paul rillorta

CEPMO urges hog raisers to use alternative technology to prevent

water pollution BAGUIO CITY - The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) thru Wastewater, Waters and Ambient Air Management Division (WAMD) is encouraging adoption of alternative technology to protect the city's inland waterways.

One of the problems among residents in the City is the lack of discipline wherein they throw solid waste in the creeks. Some households along the waterways also connect sewage into the water bodies.

The waste water that converge at the city's water ways drains into the ers and 3 non-uniformed personnel (NUP).

According to Mangosan, at least 31 fire incidents have been acted upon in the first quarter of this year alone with 8 structural fires, 18 forest fires, 2 vehicular fires and 1 electrical fire and 2 other fires causing over P940K in damages.

The BFP has also intensified its campaign in advocating fire safety starting in residential homes and strengthened barangay and school based partnership thru fire safety trainings, seminars and first aid.

Other programs of the bureau include inspection of business establishments with 2,329 inspected, review of building plans and issuance of fire safety inspection certificates now reaching 2,378 with collections of P444,313.00 as fire code fees and two times a month flushing of the city public market among oth-

Balili River greatly affect-

ing the quality of water. In efforts to address

the problems of water pollution, City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana said they are promoting particularly to hog raisers in the city to apply vermicomposting and use portable biogas digester technology for pig manure.

The CEPMO through the help of the Baguio Vermi Growers, recently conducted actual demonstration of vermicomposting to the first batch of hog raisers this year at barangay Sanitary Camp.



La Trinidad Celebrates 2014 **Strawberry Festival** on March 18-31

LA TRINIDAD - - Want to see the biggest strawberry or have a taste of the sweetest strawberries and the various by products of the One-Town, One-Product (OTOP) of this capital town of Benguet?

Then come to Strawberry Festival from March 18 to 31.

On March 18 will be the main festival program with cultural presentations, and the opening of the OTOP Strawberry lane at the Municipal Park and the Agro - Fair at the La Trinidad Public Market.

The OTOP Strawberry Lane will

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storey parking edifices on both sides of the field.

It instantly drew opposition mainly through an on-line petition in a social network where petitioners said the project will destroy the ecological balance and will cause further air pollution in the area.

The petitioners also said the project is "not an important factor for the development" of the city and is contradictory to President Benigno S. Aquino III's program for the conservation of the city as heritage site.

The mayor said opposition to the project can not be prevented and it is welcome being part of democratic process

He however assured that the city will consider all the points being raised by the opposition in dealing with the project.

"If it will come out that it will really destroy the park and our environment, then why will we still pursue it? But as of now, we need to also look into the feasibility of the proposal because of the city's acute need for parking facility at present to ease the traffic problem especially during peak tourist season," the mayor said.

The proposal is currently being reviewed by the members of the technical working group created by the mayor.

The TWG during the second meeting on the project forwarded suggestions and concerns relative to the project particularly on the issues of environment, traffic, façade and the revenue aspect./A Refuerzo

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by the national government, through the Presidential Management Office. Then President Gloria Arroyo then assigned

the building to the city government and the adjoining forested meditation area of the Dominican priests to the Sandiganbayan.

By then, the building had been vandalized by souvenir and scrap material hunters. Guards employed by the city also reported diggings within the compound by treasure hunters. The local government has repaired what remains of the inside, making it available for conferences./ Ramon Dacawi.

showcase the varieties of strawberry by products such as cakes, pastries, bread, wine, shake, ice cream,

preserves, soap and cosmetics, among others. There will also be contest such as the search for biggest and the sweetest strawberry from 10:00a.m. to 12 noon of March 18, best/unique OTOP Product, best strawberry pastry and best strawberry cake, as well as festival demo and contest on flower arrangement and landscaping.

At the Agro – Fair will be the agricultural produce and cut-flowers of La Trinidad, as well as other food and nonfood product booths.

Both the strawberry lane and the agro fair will run until March 31.

Other scheduled activities include concerts at the park (every Friday, Saturday, Sunday - 6:00pm); Photo Gallery, Art and Painting events at the Lednicky Hall and municipal grounds; A fun Run and Breakfast at the Park (Duting tan Dukto) in the morning of March 22 which will feature 'camote', Arabica coffee and strawberry; Strawberry Boxing at the BSU closed gym on Mar. 22 (6 pm); Search for Mr. and Ms Strawberry at 6pm of March 29 at the Municipal Gym; and the Strawberry Shoot Fest - Mayor's Cup at Camp Dangwa on March 29 and 30.

There will also be a Jobs Fair on March 20 to 21 at the municipal gym; a Barangay Night on March 21 also at the municipal gym; and a Family Day on March 25 at the municipal park and gym.

Mayor Edna Tabanda led the other town officials in a kapihan media forum at the Municipal Park on Monday, in inviting the public to come and join them for Strawberry Festival 2014.

"Come and join us. It will be fun. Have a taste of our strawberries and its by products such as the strawberry wine, cakes and pastries", Tabanda stressed./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

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residing in the city for at least 10 years. A nominee should be more than 35

years old, possess integrity and unquestionable good moral character and demonstrate involvement and achievement in the sector where he is being nominated.

In addition, the nominee should have leadership qualities which have stirred the city forward and have performed important and worthy roles in both private and public sector.

They must also possess the determination and persistence to assert the common good of their constituents and must have a worthy sectoral contribution and participation in socio-economic, socio-cultural and educational undertakings.

Nominees should also demonstrate outstanding involvement and achievement in the accomplishment of the vision, mission and goals towards the development of the city as a whole.

Lastly, nominees who have been awarded as outstanding citizens in the past will no longer be included for this year's search. The submission of nominations will be announced on March 19 during the Press conference. /paul rillorta

"Walang Plastican sa Lamut" Program Gaining Public's Support

LAMUT - The "walang plastican sa Lamut" program of the municipal government through the Municipal Solid Waste Management Board (MSWMB) is gaining public support.

Lydia Buyawe of the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO) said that market vendors and business establishments are now selling and using paper bags, eco bags, and carton boxes.

When the "walang plastican" program was first implemented, there were positive and negative feedback's from the public but on the whole, the program made the public become more aware of their responsibilities on waste management, Buyawe stated.

The program also increased the awareness of the community about the implications on the use of plastic bags and styrofoam to the environment and enhanced their creativity and initiative as seen on the use of recycled materials being used as containers.

"Business minded people are encouraged to make use of this business opportunity to produce different kinds of packaging materials from recycled waste and indigenous materials,'

Buyawe said.

The "walang plastican" in Lamut was launched on November 1, 2013 in compliance to Municipal Ordinance no. 03-2012, otherwise known as the Comprehensive and Integrated Solid Waste Management Program.

It prohibits business establishments and/or individuals from using, selling and providing plastic bags to customers as packaging material for dry goods and as secondary packaging materials on wet goods and the use of styrofoam as containers.

The program targets to reduce the volume of plastic waste that is harmful to the environment. A violator is issued a citation ticket and is required to pay the corresponding penalty for his violation.

First offense is a fine not to exceed P500.00 and/or community service for four hours; second offense - P1,000.00 and/or community service for eight hours and for the third offense, fine of P1,500.00 or render community service of 36 hours along environmental concerns. For third offenses committed by industrial, commercial and agricultural establishments, the penalty shall be P3,000.00./JDP/MBL- PIA CAR, Ifugao

BCDA Tells CJHDEVCO: Pay Baguio City's Share of P850-M

The state-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) challenged the Sobrepeña-led Camp John Development Corporation Hay (CJHDevCo) to pay Baguio City its share of P850-M from the P3.4-B lease payment arrears CJHDevCo owes the BCDA.

"We challenge the CJHDevCo to pay Baguio City its long overdue share of P850-M so that the Baguio local government can use the money to improve its services to the people," BCDA President Arnel Paciano D. Casanova said.

Casanova said what is important is for the P850-M Baguio City share to be translated into improved services and more development for the people of Baguio.

"For every single day that CJHDevCo has not given the share of Baguio City, the people of Baguio are deprived of better classrooms, better roads, and better health services, and more," he said.

Casanova said that it is about time for the people of Baguio to realize the seriousness of what they are being deprived of by the Sobrepeña-led CJHDevCo.

Casanova's challenge came on the heels of the statement of CJHDevCo executive vice president and chief operating officer Alfredo Yñiguez challenging BCDA to account to the City all rental payments made for the lease of the former US recreation camp.

Said Casanova: "BCDA has nothing to hide. We can account for every centavo of Baguio City's share."

Casanova pointed out that

CJHDevCo is just meddling the real issue by coming up with petty stories to side track and divert the attention from the real issue.

Casanova said the real issue is that CJHDevCo has accumulated lease payment arrears to the tune of a staggering P3.4-B, of which, 25 percent or P850-M belongs to the people of Baguio "Perhaps it's CJHDevCo strategy to come up with petty issues to divert the attention on them but I don't think it will work as the truth will always prevail," he said.

He said Baguio City is very fortunate to have for the first time a champion in Baguio Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr. who has made it his personal crusade to collect the P850-M for the people of Baguio.

Casanova also urged the people of Baguio to join the BCDA in making the group of CJHDevCo Chairman and CEO Robert John Sobrepeña accountable and give what is due the people of Baguio. "It is about time that the people of Baguio rally behind Congressman Aliping and the BCDA in making CJHDevCo accountable and give Baguio City its P850-M share," he said.

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to do its part and pass the landmark bill that will empower the fight against graft and corruption.

"Aminin na natin na mahalaga na maibalik ang pagtitiwala ng mga tao sa gobyerno. Magagawa natin ito



kung maipapasa natin ang mahahalagang batas katulad ng FOI bill. Sana naman, maisabatas na ito para medaling makita kahit na ng ordinaryong mamamayan kung may anomalya sa gobyerno," the senator said.

The FOI bill was approved by the Senate in the 15th and 14th Congress, but it failed to hurdle deliberations in the House.

Cayetano said that at the time, he was optimistic that the Aquino administration has regained the trust of the people in government through its advocacy of a "tuwid na daan'

"But now reality has changed this optimism into exigency as numerous scandals already threaten to destroy the people's trust in government that the administration has been trying to rebuild," he said.

"In a time when our citizenry is already so sick of corruption, abuse of power, and deception, we need to pass a measure that would ensure our people of a government that is truly for the people," Cayetano stressed.

With an FOI law in place, Cayetano assured that every Filipino would have the capacity to be "a graftbuster, a reformist, and a crucial building block of an empowered citizenry united in aiming for national development."/Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

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and unfairly accused of just whining because local parishioners dig into their pockets only for loose change during Sunday mass collection time while they give bulging cash envelopes "pabaon" to those visiting healers.

Consider also those so-called "handlers." (They are derisively also called "dicers" for obvious reasons.) They are the close-in aides of the healer who generate donations by whispering to well-to-do followers about this or that project that needs support while the healer appears to remain coy. Of course, they are most often the culprits in short-circuiting local bishopry rules when they do "advance party" work. They are over solicitous and over protective of their "ward". Some are haughty, like that fly feeling big upon alighting on the carabao. They even provide the "human shield" and cordone off their "boss" from the crowd whenever necessary, to the consternation of the eager believer who just wants to touch or stay close hoping perhaps for some magical results.

In our day and age of problems, poverty and want, many of our people who are desperate, destitute, hopeless, seeking deliverance or waiting for miracles to happen or those who are just naive and gullible, usually end up being fascinated and awed at some supernatural "happenings" like healing of the sick. Rumors, especially about "miracles" move fast and we swallow them. But are we to blame?

One late afternoon in Davao City, my wife Beth and I squeezed ourselves with an overflowing crowd at Maa Church just to hear a healing mass with Fr. Suarez. Traffic in the diversion road was usually light but not that day. Hours before Fr. Suarez' convoy arrived with host Mayor Rody **NEWS**



When I was a young barrio boy in the south, I knew of certain healers ("mananambal" or "arbularyo") who allegedly cured almost any ailment - including painless extraction of a decayed tooth, dentists then being rare. They were known for refusing to receive money or cash to the adulation of all. Unable to control a fever, my mother one time brought me to a "hilot" who used coconut oil, with a little of his saliva to spike. I saw donations in kind were accepted on the ground floor and quickly hauled into a room. When I went to the "palengke" in the afternoon, I spotted the same bundles of rice or bagful of fish offerings, the live chicken and pig in the market stalls being sold for conversion to cash! I lost faith on my favorite "mananambal" after that.

Healers must be extra careful about money matters. It can cause their downfall. Let's all admit this. A grateful person of means who may have benefited from his healing powers will definitely hand over some cash or issue a check to support his project, unsolicited or not. I was told of a Davaoeno businessman who suddenly regained his lost ability to write and move his arms after a healing session with Fr. Suarez. And you guessed it. His first act to show that he could already write was to write a check payable to Fr. Suarez. I am not surprised to learn that aides or "handlers" would invariably mention to some avid believers and followers, especially the rich, about some projects of the priest that needed some help.

How much of that given amount is personal and how much of it goes to the foundation he represents must be reckoned internally by his group or foundation whose officials are usually noted names known for their integrity and circumspection. Of course we heard Cardinal Tagle saying that he left Fr. Suarez' foundation but he was not too clear about his reasons although there were nuancings about his not being happy with what was going on inside. How Fr. Suarez (and this must include all others similarly situated) handles those funds as donations for worthy projects must be dealt with accordingly with transparency or sensitivity. Otherwise, accusations about money matters that are now surfacing will be inevitable.

Fr. Suarez himself now needs some healing of his own. He needs to mend his ways and practices. Failing in this, it will be a sad day if he becomes the total opposite of how he is regarded today: from a well-loved healer to a pariah - an outcast or one despised. Let's all pray for him that he will overcome all this in God's own time. For all we know, he may indeed be God's gift to mankind.

In the meantime, I won't be surprised if some enterprising whistle-blower will also surface and denounce another PDAF anomaly called Priests' Diverted Alms Fund (PDAF). But the bishops must first devise their own witness protection program to make this happen. That will be the day! (joke. hahaha!)

AUTONOMY TO SECESSION — Crimea's autonomous government in Ukraine just announced it wanted to secede and join Russia. Crimea's legislative body already voted to secede. Russian troops are in place and capital city Kiev looks helpless. Those who are opposed to giving more autonomous powers in the negotiations with the MILF are now about to use this recent development in the Black Sea as a fair warning to all by asking: what will prevent the new Bangsamoro entity to do the same in the future in the exercise of its so-called right of self determination.? Interesting question.

FOR PRESIDENT? — I am intrigued that some barangay officials, who are under Mayor Duterte in the city are getting signatures to support the DUTERTE FOR PRESIDENT

movement. They claim they have about 800,000 campaign targets in the city and they plan to expand their area .This despite Mayor Rody Duterte's repeated stand that he is not interested and he is not qualified. Like saying "No way!" Well, at least he is not yet saying :"Over my dead body!"

POLITICAL CAULDRON - Vice President Jojo Binay is launching in June his own political party for his presidential bid. Expect an exodus knowing he is the person to beat in 2016. Senator Alan Cayetano has also announced: "I will not only run but I intend to win as president.'

Sen. Grace Poe is another "dark horse" in the wings. Then of course, there's administration bet Sec. Mar Roxas. The political cauldron is starting to simmer. It will boil within the next few months.

OFF TO BURMA — I will be in Yangon, Myanmar (formerly Burma) this week to attend an international media conference to represent the Philippine Press Institute. Myanmar is perceived as still repressive but we will discuss there issues on press freedom and human rights with about 250 journalists and media leaders from all over the world. I am a bit curious how the regime will handle this.

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Republic of the Philippines FIRST JUDICIAL REGION **REGIONAL TRIAL** this Court. COURT BR. 64 Any person who OFFICE OF THE **EXECUTIVE JUDGE** written IN RE: PETITION TO BE COMMIS-SIONED **ASNOTRAY** summary hearing. DONE this 10th day PUBLIC IN THE of March PROVINCE Abatan. OFBENGUET, Benguet. SPEC. PROCEEDby (SGD) AGAPITO INGS CASE NO. 14-NC-025 **Executive Judge Copy furnished:** ATTY. ARLENE B. 1. Atty. Arlene B. Aoas AOAS, LCMC Petitioner Paco, NOTICE OF Benguet HEARING (13-NC-024) (2 Sundays) NOTICE is hereby given that a RTC 64, summary hearing on Benguet/ MTC the Petition of ATTY.

ARLENE B. AOAS, to be commissioned as Notary Public in the Province of Benguet, particularly within the Municipalities of

Buguias, Mankayan and Bakun, shall be held on April 2,2014 at 9:00 in the morning, at the Session Hall of

has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the Petition may file a verified opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the

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K. LAOAGAN, JR.

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For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure Of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, As Amended

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by GM Bank of Luzon, Inc., an accredited Rural Bank, duly organized and existing in accordance with Philippine laws with head office located at Brgy. Dimasalang, Maharlika, Highway,

> Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISIN AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Baguio City VIRGINIĂ B. DEGAY Applicant(s) Case No: 07-CAR-29 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service with DROPPING AND SUBSTITUTION for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City to any point in the Cordillera Administrative Region with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 2, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/ s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 7th day of March 2014. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

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o'clock City. in the Ecija, morning or soon Philippines, thereafter in front of represented in this the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN its Assets and NG KATARUNGAN), Remedial Justice Hill. La Management Head, Trinidad, Benguet, to Alfredo F. Nagayo, the highest bidder herein after referred for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, MORTGAGEE, the following SPOUSES described real ARNOLD SABELA properties including MAY all the SABELA, of legal improvements Filipino thereon, to wit: and

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 016-2011001874

"A parcel of land (Lot 1- A. Psd-1-05554, being a portion of Lot 1 PSU-223719, L.R.C Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Bahong, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 1-C. Psd-105554; on the NE., & E., along lines 4-5-6 by Lot 1-I, Psd-1-05554; on the S., line 6-7 by along Antonio Luna; on the SW., along line 7-8 by Mateo Lomeros; and on the NW., along line 8-1 by lot 1-B Psd-1-05554. Beginning at point. XXXXX....containing an area of SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR **HUNDRED EIGHTY** SEVEN (7, 487)SQUARE METERS XXX"

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Transfer Certificate of Title No. 016-

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2012001796 " A parcel of land Lot 1- I.Psd-1-05554, being a portion of Lot 1, PSU-223719, L.R.C. No.), Rec. situated the in Barrio of Bahong, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2-3-4-5 by Lot I-H. Psd-1-05554; on the NE along line 5-6 by Mateo Lomeras; on the E., along lines 6-7 by Lot 2, Psu-223719: on the S., along line 7-8 bv Antonio Luna; on the W., along line 8-9-10 by Lot 1-A Psd-1-05554 and on the NW., along line 10-1 by Lot 1- G, Psd-1-05554. Beginning at point., XXXXX....containing an area of SEVEN THOUSAND SIXTY SEVEN (7,067)SQUARE METERS X XX"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless. in the public event the auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 29, 2014 at the same place and time without further notice.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the tittle

Mayor to Nerez ... from page 3

> rogative and based on valid reasons. He said it was also for Cambay's professional development.

He said Cambay's

of said properties and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation, on March 16, 23, and 30, 2014;

Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places. each in the one bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Benguet, Regional Trial Court-office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Capitol Provincial Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad Benguet. Philippines, this 14th day of March,2014

> FOR THE EX-OFFICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOHN MARIE O. OCASLA Sheriff IV **Publication dates:** March 15, 22 and 29, 2013

support to the city's peace and order programs and pledged to relief "was aimed to make the city a model promote harmony nationwide in terms of and instill discipline

peace and order. The mayor has maintained that Cambay performed well in his stint citing the improvement of the police visibility campaign in the city which was effective in crime prevention.

He also maintained that the claim on the increase in crime volume under his turf lacks justification as different formulas were used in measuring the crimes in the previous years.

Miranda for his part committed to implement reforms to improve the city's peace and order situation particularly the improvement of the barangay justice system. He however promised to sustain Cambay's programs which proved to be effective./A Refuerzo

20% Discount... from page 3

To avail of this discount however, the senior citizen should present proof of age, a valid senior citizen identification card and should be the one driving the motor vehicle.

Establishments who do not give who violate will be meted a fine of P500.00 for the first offense, P1,000.00 for the second offense and P1,500.00 for the third offense.

The ordinance is to strengthen the implementation of R.A. 9257 or an Act granting additional benefits and privileges to senior citizens as they play an important role in nation building.

As per reports, the ordinance needs

amendment to include the grant of 20% discount to seniors who avail of pay parking in government owned properties and those administered by the barangays.

It can be recalled that Mayor Domogan approved the implementation of A.O. No. 243 series of 2013 imposing fees on parking in government owned and managed parking areas as per recommendation by the City Market Authority for regulation and maintenance purposes.

The areas mentioned are Slaughter House Compound, City Public Market, Burnham Park, front of Orchidarium, area near the Baguio Police Women's Desk Office, Jose Abad Santos Drive and Lake Drive.

The report also states the ordinance lacks a provision requiring business establishments offering pay parking to its customers the installation of informative signs regarding the 20% discount.

The signages should also be placed in government and barangay managed pay parking areas./paul rillorta

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Baguio City JOHN DONTOGAN-Vendor **NESTOR DONTOGAN-Vendee** Applicant(s) LTFRB Case No: 99-01-2566

NOTICE OF HEARING This is an Application for the approval of petition for the

SALE AND TRANSFER of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio City-Alno Alapang and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the on April 2, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties inless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regiona Director this 7th day of March 2014

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Baquio City **Baguio City** VIRGINIA B. DEGAY Applicant(s) Case No: 89-01-826

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate

transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA-AURORA HILL & VICE VERSA with one (1) unit.

Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file

March 15-21, 2014

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Republic of the Philippines **REGIONAL TRIAL** COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION **OFFICE OF THE** CLERK OF COURT La Trinidad, Benguet

March 15-21, 2014

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HOME DEVELOP-MENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-ibig Fund) Petitioner-mortgager,

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EDGAR P. LOCLOC Respondent-Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 14-Exf-1764

FOR: EXTRA-JUDI-CIAL FORECLO-SURE OF REAL ESTATE MORT-GAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extrajudicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act. No. 3135 as amended filed by the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pagibig Fund), a government financial institution duly orga-

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Administrative Region Baguio City DANNY JORDAN MAGALGALIT Applicant(s) Case No: 98-BC-1455 NOTICE OF HEARING

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URBAN

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BALUGAN-SAGADA-BONTOC and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on March 26 2014 at 10:00 A M /PM at the LTERB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director, this 3rd of March 2014

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

FIRST JUDICIAL REGION Branch 4 FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO CITY IN THE MATTER

OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTATION OF MINOR THE CHILD HANNAH Т Е Κ А MANAGDAG-OCAMPO AND CHANGE OF HER NAME FROM HANNAH Κ А Т F MANAGDAG-ТО **OCAMPO** HANNAH MANAGDAG BLAKEMORE. SP. PROC. CASE

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Prospective bid-

erty regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 22, 2014 without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 28th day of February, 2014.

Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the Junction Newspaper, news paper of я general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks not later than March 23, 2014.

The petitioners are directed to make an appointment with the assigned Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case studies on the child Hannah Managdag Kate Ocampo and the adoptee. The Court Social Worker is required to submit to the Court the case study reports not April later than 11,2014.

Judicial The Affidavits \mathbf{of} the Petitioners and their witnesses together with their exhibits due for are submission not later than May 12, 2014.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the

> FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF **EX-OFFICIO OF** BENGUET

BY: (SGD) JOSELITO S. TUMBAGA Sheriff IV

Publication dates: March 1, 8 and 15, 2014

Hepublic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Baguio City **GL/LIZARDO TRANSPORTATION** CORP. - Applicant(s) Case No: 2007-CAR-0305 NOTICE OF HEARING

Republic of the Philippines

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: LA TRINIDAD (BENGUET) TABUK (KALINGA APAYAO) via TUGUEGARAO and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on March 26, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 7th day of March 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Hearing Officer

J WEEKEND Women's Group....

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victim of violence or that she is giving abusers and rapists an opportunity. She said that society needs to change its mindset regarding this. Instead of blaming the victim, a study on the background of the perpetrator must be done instead. "What was his background? Was he a battered child? Did people teach him to be like that? This is what we should be looking at, not at the victim who chose to wear a certain item of clothing.'

Gallardo also said a forum could help clarify misconceptions or idea people may have about how women should be portrayed in the media or advertisements or how women's organizations are not anti-men but instead advocate gender equality, among other things./JDP/Pryce Quintos-PIA CAR

Perfect Storm

from page 4 former FAO agricultural economist Ti Teow Choo stressed. "Increase purchasing power of today's poor even marginally. Then, those stockpiles would be bought out overnight by people who needed the food but could not afford it."

Government is trying to whittle down the poverty rate from 25 percent in 2012 to 16 percent by 2016. When President Aquino steps down, he hopes there'll be General, fuller rice bins. Solicitor the Office of the City What if Senators Prosecutor of Baguio, Enrile, Estrada, the Court Social and Revilla Worker of the Trial Regional Court in Baguio City, the Petitioners post-harvest rice and counsel. SO ORDERED. DONE IN THE vegetable CHAMBERS, this 10th spoilage? of March, 2014, at Baguio City, chose to sow the Philippines. NGOs. Ironically, (SGD) MIA JOY C. they don't have a OALLARESclue why they're CAWED

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March 15, 22 and 29, storm."/Juan L. Mercado 2013

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Administrative Region Baguio City VIRGINIA B. DEGAY Applicant(s) Case No: 2007-CAR-0028

NOTICE OF HEARING This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 2, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 7th day of March 2014. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

Attorney IV

Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Baguio City WILLY P. CROSBY Applicant(s) Case No: 288-01-1261 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate

of Public Convenience with change of engine to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA-MIDAS via KEYSTONE and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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NEWS

Preservation Forum to Mark 99 Years of Dominican Hill

The historic but long-neglected former monastery built by the Dominican Order on a promontory at the south-west end of Baguio will be 99 years old on May 23.

Reason enough for the Baguio Heritage Hill Committee to mark its inauguration with a forum tentatively set on March 28, to bring to the fore a study made by the architecture department of the University of the Cordillera on how to preserve the edifice that is a part of the city's history.

The committee headed by mayor Mauricio Domogan and former city architect Joseph Alabanza decided to have the UC study presented for the community to appreciate the significance and background of the building and to provide recommendations to enhance the restoration plans and work to be done by the city.

Inaugurated on May 23, 1915, the stone building was built under the supervision of Fr. Roque Ruano of the Dominican Order (Order of Preachers), a civil engineer from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

In his research towards the preservation of the edifice and its surroundings, Ruben Cervantes, deputy city environment and natural resources officer noted that Fr. Ruano based his plan on "Spanish Dominican baroque architecture and infused his knowledge in designing earthquake-proof buildings.

The design, Cervantes noted, considered the lack of water on top of what would become Dominican Hill and had the rooftop serving as a water-catchment facility, making the building the first earthquake-resistant structure and with rain-harvesting feature to be erected in Baguio.

The two-story concrete structure was built by local folks, Chinese and Japanese expatriates living in the then Mountain Province, Benguet

The historic but long-ne- and Baguio, Cervantes said.

"The massive stone an concrete walls still stand, a tribute to all the Ilocano and Pangasinan carters whose water buffaloes and oxen dragged on sleds each stone and bag of lime up that hill," wrote Baguio girl and anthropologist Patricia Afable in her book "Japanese Pioneers in the Northern Philippine highlands".

In 2003, Afable and her cousin, Kathleen Okubo, visited the monastery ion the hilltop the old Ibaloys called "Tuel", describing the experience as "a small pilgrimage to the highest and largest of the construction jobs on which our grandfather, Teruji Okubo, was chief carpenter"

Cervantes said that a month after its inauguration, the Dominican Order had the building used as a boarding house and college called "Colegio del Santissimo Rosaro".

With only six students in 1917, the edifice was reverted back to its original use as a vacation house for members of the Dominican Order or New Province, Cervantes said.

From 1940 to 1945, the Dominican Hill and house were converted into a refugee center for priests, nuns, active sisters, lay and secular members of the New Province from around the country, Cervantes added.

The Japanese forces then used the building and compound as a prison camp, with the roofdeck serving as a lookout tower. The building was damaged during the carpet bombing by the American forces on March 15 and 16, 1945 and in the battles fought towards the liberation of Baguio iin April that year.

Reconstructed in 1948, the building was restored as a vacation house of the New Province , according to Cervantes' research. In 1973, the New Province sold the property to the Diplomat Hotel, Inc. which operated it as a hotel.

It was eventually taken over **Cont. on page 6**

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Melvin Jones Parking Still Under Study – Mayor

BAGUIO CITY -

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said the city government is still determining the feasibility of the proposed off-street parking facility at Melvin Jones football grounds and that the city is prepared to forego with the project if the studies would show it will have detrimental effects on Burnham Park and the city's environment.

"What is being done is a feasibility study to determine the viability of the project. If the study

Search on for Outstanding Citizen

BAGUIO CITY – the annual search for the Outstanding Citizens of Baguio (SOCOB) is on the works in this mountain resort.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser said, "a Kapihan forum is scheduled on March 19 to formally launch the outstanding Baguio citizen search."

The Kapihan will start at exactly 10 am at the University of Baguio Centennial Hall and will be chaired by the Society of Outstanding Citizens of Baguio would show that the project will indeed destroy the aquifer and the park then we will not pursue it," the mayor told his weekly Ugnayan Panglungsod media briefing.

The mayor said the city received the proposal from an Australian developer to build a 2,000-vehicle parking structure consisting of an underground parking space covering the entire football field and two-**Cont. on page 6**

spearheaded by Dr. Priscilla Macasantos, Dr. Reynaldo Bautista Sr. and other individuals who will form part of the search.

A committee will also be formed to accept pre-screened nominees for the selection process.

Guidelines for the search have not been changed as of press time. In order to qualify

for the search, nominees should be Baguioborn or Baguio-based and **Cont. on page 6**





SUMMER VACATION 2014 is about to start or just have started which includes the closing of classes, celebaration of various occassions such as the Holy week, town fiestas, and other related activities. Many of you are thinking to go to other places using your motorvehicle or otherwise inviting your friends or relatives to go ever here in the summer capital of the Philippines might as well consider our friendly reminders\crime prevention tips:

>Plan your trip and make sure somebody you trust know is/are aware of your travel

>Bring mobile phone and keep numbers of the police

>Bring back-up cellphone and hide it in your clothes/ apparel

>Avoid using jewelries and carrying big amounts of money while travelling

>Avoid stopping for strangers and or taking them as passengers

>Avoid stopping in isolated place/s

>When your vehicle is bumped from behind or side do not alight immediately, instead jot down the plate number and description of the other motor vehicle and the description of the occupant/s and proceed to the nearest police station

>Do not stop when flagged down by men in police uniform but on board civilian vehicle/s. Instead proceed to the nearest police station.

So there. Happy Vacation!!!;)

