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Congressman's Foundation Raises Level of Service

BAGUIO CITY - It is usually the small things that matter.

Even though Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. considers that a congressman's job is to make relevant laws that will make life better for Filipinos everywhere but he also believes that it is just as important to be make an impact on individuals' lives as much as possible.

Which is the reason why he has made educational assistance either higher or technical education a priority in his congressional work as well as the small help he can provide through the Baguio Congressman's Social Responsibility Foundation Inc. (BCSRFI).

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STUFAP INCENTIVES: Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. (second from right) signs the memorandum of understanding with Commission on Higher Education-Cordillera Regional Director Romulo Malvar (second from left) and Congressman's Student Financial Assistance Program (StuFAP) point person lawyer Ron Perez (left) formalizing the incentive package for StuFAP grantees who were endorsed by Rep. Aliping to the program. The incentive package will grant each StuFAP grantee who graduates from his or her chosen course cum laude will receive P10,000; magna cum laude P15,000; and summa cum laude with P20,000./Mar Leyretana Photo

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Lawmaker Says DFA Handled Canada Toxic Waste Issue with Kid Gloves

Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero chided the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) for not taking a stronger stance when it asked Canada to take back the toxic waste it has been dumping in the Philippines since 2013.

Escudero, who chairs the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, said the Philippine government should exhaust all measures to ensure that the waste goes back to Canada.

"Dapat ibalik ang basura sa pinanggalingan nito. Hindi tapunan ng basura ang Pilipinas," Escudero said, referring to the 103 container vans with Canadian waste that ended on Philippine shores.

Presiding over today's committee hearing on the country's waste disposal and management system, Escudero expressed disgust at how Canada's waste has caused the Philippines so much trouble.

"Hindi ba nakakabalik ng sikmura na tayo na ang pinadalan ng basura, tayo pa ang sumasakit ang ulo at tayo pa ngayon ang nagbabayad o gumagastos para ma-dispose ito?" Escudero said.

When reports of Canada's dumping of toxic waste in the Philippines broke, an inter-agency committee composed of the DFA, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) was formed to address the issue.

The DFA sent a diplomatic note to Canada on the matter, but far from expressing the strong

public sentiment against the dumping of waste, the foreign affairs department only sought the Canadian government's assistance in the "expeditious return of containers to the port of origin at no cost to the government."

"Canada was treated with kid gloves. Dapat mas matindi at mas mabigat ang posisyon natin laban dito. Hindi nung sinabi ng Canada na wala kaming batas na pwedeng gamitin para utusan ang aming local exporter na ibalik ang mga yan, hindi na rin natin ipinilit," Escudero said.

Canada is a signatory to the Basel Convention, an international treaty that bans the export of waste.

The first batch of 50 container vans, incorrectly labeled "recyclable plastic materials," arrived in Philippine ports in June 2013. Another batch came a few months after. The vans were found to carry household wastes.

In June, 26 containers of the rotting garbage were dumped at a sanitary landfill in Tarlac.

Environmentalists fiercely protested against the dumping, saying the garbage being shipped here contained "toxic, hazardous garbage." The DENR, however, told the Senate committee that the materials inside the disputed container vans are "neither toxic nor hazardous."

In today's hearing, Escudero asked the inter-agency task committee to provide a conclusive sampling of the waste to determine whether it is toxic or not. He said the



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DENR, DFA and BOC should present a more comprehensive report so that the government can make relevant recommendations "to strengthen our stance in this toxic issue."

"This is a matter of national shame and pride. A shame on Canada for dumping their garbage on someone else's backyard, our pride as a nation of peoples, not of garbage cans. We must stand up and clean our backyard of this Canadian waste," Escudero said. - www.chizescudero.com/FB: [senchizescudero](https://www.facebook.com/senchizescudero) TWITTER: @saychiz @chiznewsalert

SC suspends Baguio lawyer for one year

BAGUIO CITY – The 2nd Division of the Supreme Court (SC) ordered the suspension of a Baguio-based lawyer from the practice of law for one year after finding him guilty of engaging in unlawful, dishonest, immoral and deceitful conduct in violation of the Lawyer's Code of Professional Responsibility.

In a 5-page resolution signed by Division Chairperson Antonio T. Carpio and members Associate Justices Arturo D. Brion, Mariano C. del Castillo, Jose C. Mendoza and Marvic Leonen, the SC warned lawyer Rodrigo Cera that a repetition of the same or similar act shall be dealt with more severely.

The SC sustained the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Board of Governors' findings of administrative liability, as well as its recommended

penalty of one year suspension from the practice of law of Cera.

When a lawyer takes a case, the SC cited he covenants that he will exercise due diligence in protecting his client's rights and failure to exercise that degree of vigilance and attention expected of a good father of a family makes the lawyer unworthy of the trust reposed by his client, and makes him answerable not just to his client but also to the legal profession, the courts and society.

"It is apparent that Cera did not exert any effort on his client's case and completely reneged on the obligations due his client. The respondent lied to the complainant that he had made the necessary application and payment with the NSO for the issuance of the birth certificates of the complainant's children. Despite the

complainant's repeated requests, the respondent failed to comply with their agreement to provide a psychologist to administer the necessary psychological test, thus, causing further delay in the proceedings of the complainant's annulment case," the SC resolution added.

Clearly, the SC pointed out these actions showed Cera's negligence and lack of zeal in handling the complainant's case for which he should be made administratively liable. He violated not only Rule 18.03 of Canon 18 of the same code, which provides that 'a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to him, and his negligence in connection therewith shall render him liable.'

Moreover, the SC cited Cera failed to live up to his duties as a lawyer when he unlawfully withheld the complainant's money and the money given to him was never used for its intended purposes, as could be gleaned from the NSO's non-issuance of birth certificates of the complainant's children and by the non-administration of psychological test on the complainant and her children. His omissions confirm that the respondent misappropriated the funds of his client, in violation of Canon 16

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Woman tops men in police course

BAGUIO CITY – a woman is ahead of her class in the Police National Training Institute (PNTI), Philippine Public Safety College, Public Safety Field Training Course (PPSC-PSFTC) here.

PO1 Glory Anne Annayo Bacani who garnered 92.54 topped the graduating thirty four (34) strong Police Officer 1 (PO1) of the Philippine Public Safety College, Cordillera Administrative Region Training Center (PPSC-CARTC) who successfully completed the prescribed Program of Instruction (POI) and earned

1,920 credits.

The 34 strong CARTC 'Magasat' Class of 2014-02, all from Baguio City are the latest batch to graduate from the PPSC National Police Training Institute under the Public Safety Field Training Program (PS-FTP) headed by CARTC Regional Training Director P/Insp. Pergentino Malabed Jr., Asst. Regional Training Director PC/Insp. Ruel Tagel and Chief of Academic Affairs Division Ma. Regina Loreta Catral.

Included in the top ten graduates are PO1 Jasper Jon Saltin Ducay (91.46), PO1 Dennis Imoliap Dulnuan (91.36), PO1 Gerald Millare Montorio (91.27), PO1 Zalde Facharan Sabaway (91.10), PO1 Adelson Dave Bumay-et ((90.99), PO1 Kevin Rose Paeng Palmares (90.81), PO1 Larry Manghi Puguon (90.79), PO1 Joemar Kililit Sumacbay (90.44), PO1 Abraham Jr. Maga-ao Domino (90.27) and PO1 Laurence Attiw Lucio (90.27).

The program cov-

ers the period September 17, 2014 to September 9, 2015 and is designed to equip PNP recruits with the knowledge, skills, attitude and discipline required in the performance of their duties as public safety officers.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who was the guest of honor and speaker during the commencement exercises challenged the graduates to be the light that will illuminate the dark portions of society.

"I know that your training here in this institution will help you accomplish the task assigned to you, to serve and protect the people," he said.

"I hope that you will not be involved in any bad vices in the course of your work," Domogan stressed. Domogan said, "the graduates should instead strive to be model police officers that the public can look up to and their families can be proud of."

The PPSC was established as per Republic Act 6975 or the Department of Interior and Local Gov-

ernment Act of 1990 to be a premier educational institution for training, human resource development and continuing education of all personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

Its core value SERVICE (Servanthood, Excellence, Responsibility and Accountability, Valuing People and Respect for Human Rights, Integrity, Courage, Empowerment) is instilled in every cadet as their inner strength and has become their guiding principle as they perform their bounded duties in the interest of public service./

Paul Rillorta



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401 hired-on-the spot on Baguio Day Jobs Fair

BAGUIO CITY – the Charter Day jobs fair in this mountain resort is a roaring success after it recorded a high number of applicants 'hired on the spot' here.

At least 388 applicants for local employment and 13 for overseas employment were hired on the spot during the Baguio Charter Day jobs fair last September 9 at the Baguio Convention Center.

The jobs fair was sponsored by the City government and spearheaded by the Public Employment and Services Division (PESO) of the City Mayor's Office under PESO manager Jose Atanacio in cooperation with 22 local companies and 12 overseas recruitment agencies participating in the single day event.

The jobs fair registered a total of 2014 ap-

plicants for local employment and 1211 applicants for overseas employment with a total of 3225 job applicants however, only 2301 applicants were qualified.

The registered vacancies locally is 2055 while 6202 is available for overseas or a total of 8257.

Job applicants who did not meet qualification standards were referred to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for the commensurate skills training and others were referred for livelihood assistance.

The records show a 17.43% placement rate.

Among the positions filled up during the 1-day jobs fair for local employment are engineers, technicians, marketing officer, sales clerk, promodizer, HR assistants, office staff, welder, IT specialist, sales

assistant, waiter, IT sales specialist, technicians, warehouse man, computer technicians, stockman, visual merchandiser, store supervisor, mechanical engineer, store managers, bartender, bakeshop assistants and many more.

For overseas employment, vacancies are from nurses, optometrists, caregivers, sewer cutters, architects, interior designers, kitchen equipment technicians, marble setters, stone setters, plumbers, furniture carpenters, nursing aides, health care attendants, occupational therapists, teachers, drivers and more.

Jobseekers who were not hired immediately need not worry as there are other job vacancies offered locally and overseas posted online at Phil-JobNet, the governments job matching and labor market information portal.

Applicants can also



BAGUIO'S CIVIL SERVICE UPDATES - Mayor Mauricio Domogan discusses the good passing rate of Baguio for the Anti-Red Tape report card survey during a presscon marking the 115th Philippine Civil Service Commission celebration held at Fortune Hotel and Restaurant September 7. Also present during the presscon are Vice Mayor Edison Bilog, CSC Baguio field office director Nerissa Canguillan and CSC-CAR regional director Marlyn Taldo./By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor awaits feasibility of bulk water project

BAGUIO CITY – with the growing demand for water in this mountain resort, the city government is banking on the positive

check the kiosks provided by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) containing information on local and overseas job vacancies, lists of licensed local and overseas recruitment agencies, and job orders accredited by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

The machines are capable of displaying information on employment opportunities and services for both local and overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

It can also guide job applicants on the procedures in applying for local and overseas jobs and benefits from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration for OFWs who are bound for deployment abroad.

Returning OFWs and their families may also access information on available reintegration services through the kiosks and jobseekers may register with the Phil-Jobnet to facilitate their search for jobs.

The kiosks also contain jobs fair schedules and lists of skills registered in the Phil-Jobnet and workers certified by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Applicants can also inquire from the PESO, City Hall on available vacancies for both local and overseas./Paul Rillorta

outcome of the feasibility study for a bulk water project here.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the weekly ugnayan presser stressed the bulk water supply project can be a long term solution to address water shortages in the future if demand for water continue to increase.

Presently, the city needs more or less 60,000 cubic meters of water daily while the Baguio Water District (BWD) can only distribute 40,000 cubic meters daily so the need

for rationing and scheduling.

BWD is serving 122 barangays for its water needs while Barangays Kias and Fort Del Pilar having their own water system, Scout Barrio is being supplied by Camp John Hay and barangays Apugan-Loakan, Atok Trail, Lucnab and Happy Hollow deriving their water supply from spring sources and private delivery trucks.

As per records, BWD has 65 Pumping

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Better living conditions for students sought

BAGUIO CITY- For safety and better facilities of students studying in this mountain resort, an alderman sought to amend an ordinance regulating the management of lodging establishments.

Councilor Joel Alangsab, city council committee chair on public utilities, transportation and traffic legislation, said that the ordinance needs to be updated to cope up with changing times and needs of the students.

For safety, Alangsab proposed that owners of business establishments should install closed circuit television (CCTV) for monitoring of suspicious individuals.

Fire exists and proper ventilation rooms as well as Wi-Fi connection are a must in dormitories or boarding houses so that the students can study and learn better, he said.

Uninterrupted water supply should be considered in a dormitory or boarding houses, he added.

The city government issued permits to 3,590 boarding houses and four dormitories this year.

Because of its cool climate and high caliber universities, Baguio which is considered the educational center of the entire Northern Luzon, is hosting thousands enrollees every year./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

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IMF exposes the lie in PH poverty reduction

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THERE'S a quiet but real debate going on between the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Aquino government about the real poverty situation in the country.

At one end, there is President Aquino and NEDA director-general Arsenio Balisacan, who claim that the government has succeeded in reducing poverty incidence through its policy of inclusive growth.

At the other end, there is the IMF and its country representative here, who believe that the government's poverty reduction boast is at best a case of fudging the numbers, by employing a change of formula in computing poverty figures.

EDITORIAL

Trial hearings of defendants accused of the massacre of 58 people in the

In his 2014 State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Aquino made the extravagant claim that three million Filipinos were taken out of extreme poverty in one year. He cited data showing that the poverty rate had been reduced from 27.9 percent in 2012 to 24.9 percent in 2013.

The magical anti-poverty solution, it turns out, is an official change in the computation of income data from the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) conducted every three years to the Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS).

Economists say that data from these different formulas can't be compared, because it would be like comparing apples and oranges.

Comparing figures using two different formulas resulted in an instant three million reduction in the number of poverty-stricken Filipinos.

The IMF, in its country assessment report of the Philippines, contends that, contrary to government claims, there has been little inclusive growth in the country and little poverty reduction.

The report says that, with the new formula in use, between 2013 and 2014, poverty rose again by around one percentage point.

The IMF believes that the jobs situation lies at the bottom of Philippine poverty.

"More than a third of the country's jobs are in the low wage and low skill services sector," it said.

"The overall lack of more and better jobs is the result of relatively slow economic growth and the country's incomplete structural transformation, characterized by stunted agriculture and manufacturing, two sectors which typically create substantial number of jobs, in particular for the poor and less-skilled."

The IMF said the stagnation in real wages in the country has made it difficult for the poor to take advantage of their most valuable asset, their labor, as a means to get out of poverty.

"As a result, out of the 1.15 million annual labor market entrants, as many as 200,000 find a job overseas," it added.

The IMF report, however, indicated that if the current



trend of high growth and poverty reduction continues, the government's poverty target of 18 percent to 20 percent by 2016 would be attainable and poverty could be eradicated within one generation. "In the Philippine Development Plan (Midterm Update), the [Aquino] government seeks to reduce official poverty incidence to 18 percent to 20 percent by the time its term ends in 2016," it said.

The IMF was kind enough to say that while Aquino's target is ambitious, it is not unrealistic.

The IMF noted an encouraging momentum on poverty reduction saying that in 2013, corresponding to the significant decrease in poverty, the bottom 20 percent of the population saw a larger increase in their income, compared to the rest of the population.

"Part of what explains this is the massive growth of the domestic transfers component (which includes conditional cash transfer program) of their total income, which increased by almost 30 percent, compared to only four percent for the rest of the population," it said.

The IMF said achieving the poverty targets by 2016 would require sustained economic growth at above six percent, while further scaling up and improving poverty-focused programs.

All this goes to show that the Aquino government really has only two weapons thus far in the fight against poverty:

First, the conditional cash transfers (CCT) that are administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and have reached stratospheric levels under Aquino after being introduced by then president Arroyo.

Second, the use of a formula shift in computing poverty figures.

In the first, direct government dole outs are used to help families inch out of poverty.

In the second, the government directly massages the numbers so they become more respectable and more manageable.

A great deal more needs to be done to wrestle down the poverty problem. The IMF country assessment report should be must reading for everyone running for president in the 2016 election.

Who knows, they might find there the poverty-reduction program that is absent in their policy agendas today./
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Traffic woes unsolvable under PNoy

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons..." (1 Timothy 4:1, the Holy Bible).

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A PERSONAL TASTE OF UNMOVING TRAFFIC IN METRO: I was always of the thought that Metro Manila's claims of grave traffic problems were exaggerated, and aimed only at discrediting the already-discredited Aquino government, until Thursday, September 10, 2015, when I myself got a personal taste of what it meant to be stuck in unmoving traffic for about two and half hours straight.

At about 11 a.m. on that day, I left my free legal aid office in Diliman, Quezon City, to attend to the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Intramuros in Manila, which is usually held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on any given Thursday. I figured that in one hour's time, I'd be in Intramuros already, the heavy traffic notwithstanding.

To make my travel faster, I decided to pass through North Bay Boulevard in Malabon City, after cutting through North Avenue and EDSA, Quezon City, and through the Bonifacio Monument in Caloocan City. I usually take this route in going to Intramuros, Manila, because of the relatively lesser vehicles using the route.

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CRAWLING AND CLAWING, FIGHTING FOR SPACE: When I reached North Bay Boulevard, however, I got the shock of my life, because there were very many trucks and cars and other vehicles lining up the road towards the piers in Tondo, Manila.

It was about 11:30 a.m., and the sight that greeted me---vehicles standing side by side with their bumpers literally kissing one another, and positioned ahead of one another as if they were neatly parked---immediately gave me an inkling I wouldn't be able to make it to Intramuros at 12 noon.

Indeed, for the next two and a half hours, or until 2 p.m., I found myself literally crawling and clawing, and virtually jumping into whatever open spot there was on the road leading to Luneta, in a mad scramble to be ahead of everybody else. The other vehicles were hopelessly crawling and clawing, too, with many drivers---including my own driver---getting out of vehicles several times just to urinate and relieve themselves.

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TRAFFIC WOES UNSOLVABLE UNDER PNOY? So, okay, what really is happening to our country now? How come nobody seems able anymore to come up with effective solutions to the problems hounding us in our day-to-day lives, a situation which is very much unlike those we have seen in earlier times when, at a click of a finger or with the batting of an eyelash, solutions would come galloping from nowhere?

Why is it that, under the Aquino government, it would seem that we can no longer rise above our problems, and most often find ourselves trapped in poverty, in failures in everything we do or in the problems we try to solve, and in endless wrangling and dissensions, not just among our politicians from the administration and the opposition, but even among family members as well?

I can only agree that, because we no longer listen to God (by not reading and meditating on His Bible anymore) and because we no longer obey Him sincerely and truthfully, the 58 curses He promised to those who have turned their backs on him in the Bible's Book of Curses, are now afflicting us, not stopping until we all perish, including our inability to solve the problem of heavy traffic. Really sad, don't you think so?

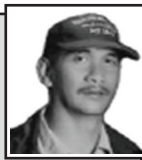
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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

HENRY LAO - Huli sa akto!!! Cong Aliping: You cannot put a good man down!!!

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



HENRY LAO-huli sa akto - Bakit kaya ganito itong babaeng ito este lalakeng ito? Dati ng sikat itong si Mr. Henry Lao ng Tionsan Department Store and big boss ng Tionsan Mabini, Tionsan Magsaysay, at Tionsan La Trinidad. Noong araw ay ibinalita mismo ng Midland Courier na itong si Henry Lao ay nahuli daw sa Burnham Park na ewan ko na nga ba kung ano na nga ba yung kinasangkutan nya nun? Tumatanda na talaga ako at nagiging makakalimutin na ako. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Bagama't parating nakikita natin ang mga iba't-ibang uri ng mga mamahaling sasakyan na nagkakahalaga ng milyun-milyong piso katulad ng Lamborghini, Porsche, Ferrari at iba pa na pag mamay-ari nitong si Boss Henry na nakaparada sa kaniyang hotel sa may Legarda Road, maliban dito ay nakikita rin natin siya madalas na ginagamit ang mga sasakyan na ito at siya mismo ang nagmamaneho (no tint, bukas lahat ang bintana at top down pa minsan) with matching blaring loud speakers, kaya ng minsan ay akala ko may karo ng patay na dumarating eh yun pala ay dumarating lang pala si Boss Henry. What a grand entrance ika nga!

Matagal na rin naichismis ang istilo nitong si Boss Henry pagdating sa kanyang double standard daw na pagtrato sa kanyang mga empleyado na iba daw ang trato niya sa mga babae at iba naman daw sa mga lalake lalo na kung macho at gwapo. Hi Hi Hi Ano kaya ang ibig sabihin nga mga chismoso na magka-iba ang trato ni Boss Henry sa mga chika-babes at iba naman daw sa mga lalakwe? What o what do they mean?

Anyway, itong latest na huli sa akto si Boss Henry na inyong mapapanood at napakaraming mga shares sa FB ay ang kanyang pang-bibintang, pambabastos, pag-hahawak ng hindi maganda (kanyang bahagyang kinaladkad) ang isang customer niya na diumano daw ay ninanakawan o dinadaya siya. Sa akin, ok naman na magalit itong si Boss Henry. Kaya lang, yun kanyang pinakitang pang-aapi at iskandalosong pag-aasta ay tunay na katawa-tawa at maling-mali.

Panoorin po ninyo ang video at kayo na ang mag-husga.

Ang akin lang ay Boss Henry, payong kaibigan lang, mag-ingat ka one of these days ay may makakatapat ka rin at baka pasabugin yang bunganga mo. Lintik lang ang walang &%%\$#** (U).

Mabuti na lang at ang aking kaibigan na kapatid ni Boss Henry na si Mr. Alfonso Lao ay siyang isang tunay na magiting at maayos na negosyante and civic leader, hindi tulad ni Boss Henry na ganun-ganon na lang kung umasta.

Sa kawawang babaeng biktima ni Boss Henry, handang-handa ang kolumnistang ito na tulungan ka para makamit mo ang hustisya. Kumontak ka lang.

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Cong Aliping: - You cannot put a good man down-Tumitindi na muli ang mga panira kay Apo Congressman Aliping. Marami ng mga kwento na kesyo ganito o ganyan ang mga pinaggagawa ni Cong. Aliping at kesyo daw no chance nang lalabas uli si Cong. Aliping dahil isa siyang naninira ng kalikasan etc. At ang matinding gigiba daw kay Cong. Aliping ay si Go Go Go Go Go at kung malas-malasin daw si Go Go Go Go ay anjan naman na sesegunda itong si lakay Bernie. Hi! Hi! Hi! Kung sabagay nakikita naman natin ang mga

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ICT Bill: A Breakthrough to Advocate in the Philippine Curriculum

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There can be infinite uses of the computer and of new age technology, but if teachers themselves are not able to bring it into the classroom and make it work, then it fails. - Nancy Kassebaum

Philippine education's curricula developers from colleges and universities constantly update courses which are offered to Filipino students through the sustenance of law related- directives where the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Education (Dep Ed) are in conjunction for strict implementation. Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago, who sometime in 2013, authored a Republic Act on Computer Literacy which connects this with another bill aims for (Information and Communication Technology) ICT enhancement in the country's educational sector called Free ICT College Education.

Through this ICT recognition in the Philippine curriculum, it revolutionizes the country's educational standard to be at par with global curricula which are offered by colleges and universities around the world; a trend dictated by the breakthroughs of technology. This could possibly be acquired through a bill which she perceives as one of the relevant factors to raise dominant graduate attributes for local and global competitiveness. This bill too according to the senator is a bill that seeks to enhance Filipino's contemporary college education through ICT know-how. Being an active member of the Philippine senate, she utilizes her universal awareness to serve the public by recognizing the need of today's changing society. She points out that through education, ICT knowledge widespread regulates Philippine educational contents into superior standards.

According to the press release issued in her website, the Free ICT College Education is in conjunction to the National Information and Communications Technology (ICT) month last held last June. Senator Santiago's filed bill also focuses on equipping the poor but deserving students in the educational systems to obtain knowledge and skills in the competitive ICT field.

As an author of the proposed Magna Carta of Internet Freedom, she called once again the public to support this Senate Bill No. 2839. If this will be sanctioned, it will mandate state colleges and universities to develop two-year ICT courses of which these deserving students are going to avail of. It is also suggested that these courses shall be offered for free to selected graduates of public high schools "subject to the limitation of funding and facilities. The proposed law also seeks to penalize school authorities who refuse to acknowledge qualified beneficiaries"

She further highlights that ICT creates advantages to Philippine economy through the skills of graduates who have the proper knowledge and training in ICT catering to the fast-changing technologically challenging labor markets.

Under the Free ICT College Education Act, beneficiaries are given the right to choose the state colleges or universities they wanted to track their ICT courses.

Aside from this, it is remarkable to recognize that Santiago in 2013 filed S.B. No. 1696 or the Education for the 21st Century Act for increasing computer literacy programs for students through the teacher training as a continuing form of professional development on the latest computer software with the Secretary of Education's directives to award grants for teacher training in technology.

With the support of dedicated members of the senate, educational curricula are being revolutionized to synchronize with the trending country's educational breakthroughs where teaching methodologies now-

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provided immediate assistance for Baguio residents needing dialysis as well as donated eyeglasses to 775 persons from the barangays of the city. Another 126 more are now being made and will be ready for delivery to their intended beneficiaries soon.

The foundation also partnered with the Rotary Club of Baguio in the latter's Limbs for less Limbs project and provided seven artificial limbs to their recipients.

"These are small ways the foundation has helped the less fortunate in our society and we will continue to search for better ways to serve our constituents as much as we can and as many as we can," Rep. Aliping said as he explained that the foundation relies on donations and charity events to generate funds for its various missions.

One very demanding and costly is the provision of vehicular assistance to transport the sick or elderly and the deceased from Baguio to their home towns in the Cordillera or elsewhere in Luzon.

Transporting the deceased to their hometowns may appear to be very an ordinary service which should not require any help from anyone but when you take into consideration the amount of money funeral homes ask for this and you may understand why it is one of the more sought after service of the foundation.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help the foundation through their donations or for joining the charity events organized to generate funds for the various services of the foundation. Again thank you the people of Baguio thank you." Aliping added./Carl C. Taawan

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that holds a lawyer in trust of all moneys and properties of his client that may come into his possession.

The resolution cited Cera, likewise, violated Rule 16.03 of Canon 16 which provides that 'a lawyer shall deliver the funds and property of his client when due or upon demand' when he failed to return the complainant's money. Cera's restitution cannot serve to mitigate his administrative liability as he returned the complainant's money not voluntarily but for fear of possible criminal liability.

The case stemmed from a complaint filed by Celine F. Andrada against Cera for allegedly engaging in unlawful, dishonest, immoral and deceitful conduct in violation of the Lawyer's Code of Professional Responsibility.

She reportedly gave Cera the total amount of P13,000 for the processing of the NSO birth certificates of her children and advance payment for the lawyer's professional fees but Cera reportedly did not do what was asked for him prior to the filing of her annulment case.

Because of the refusal of Cera to return the aforesaid amount to her, the complainant then filed an administrative complaint against him before the IBP.

She alleged that Cera's irresponsible, deceitful and unprofessional conduct in handling her case, his failure to file the necessary application with the NSO for the issuance of her children's birth certificates, and to provide for a psychologist to administer psychological test on herself and her children, as well as his tardiness or absence during hearings resulted in the unwarranted delay of her case and forced her to file a new annulment case against her husband.

It was only on April 2012 that Cera returned to the complainant the amount of P17,280 pursuant to a compromise agreement that the parties entered into in exchange for the dismissal of a criminal case for estafa filed by her./By Dexter See/Herald Express

Baguio media mounting photographs to help ailing senior colleague

"His brilliant mind and caring heart make him stand out among us," thus says Dhubie de Guzman of ABS-CBN about Baguio about elder journalist Ramon Dacawi, for whom press photographers are mounting an exhibit to help him cope with his life-time expenses due to kidney ailment.

Dacawi almost did not make it back to the daily grind after attacks of complications induced by diabetes. A patron and benefactor for countless indigent patients, Dacawi dedicated his talents, resources and influence to give hope to the ailing, mostly those undergoing life-time dialysis for kidney failure.

Ironically, he fell prey to the same illness.

Doctors told him in August last year that his kidneys had failed and that he would have to undergo thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for a lifetime, alongside the patients he had been helping.

Records from the Baguio City Mayor's Office where he works as information officer reveal a string of awards bestowed on him by national and international institutions and organizations. Among these were the Lingkod Bayan National Award by the Civil Service Commission as

Outstanding Public Servant in 2001; Outstanding Citizen of Baguio in 2002 in the field of journalism; DENR Regional Environmental Award in 1997; and the Oscar Florendo Award given by the Local Government Academy.

The Eco-Walk, a kids' environmental program which he founded in 1991, in response to the devastation wrought by the killer-earthquake on the Cordillera the previous year, won for the city the 1996 "Galing Pook" Award bestowed by the Asian Institute of Management and the Department of the Interior and Local Government. This children's environmental immersion into the vital role of forests in sustaining life was made a model throughout the world. Its effectiveness was cited by the United Nations Environmental Programme which bestowed on the children's project its 2002 Global 500 Award.

Forced by his illness, Dacawi accepted last year a second nomination for the Lingkod Bayan Award, this time for linking up indigent patients to Samaritans who would respond upon reading his articles on the plight of the afflicted who have no one to turn to for support.

Dacawi nursed a glimmer of hope that the contest would pave a way for an encounter with President Benigno Aquino III, for him to ask His Excellency's endorsement of a request for fund support from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes office so he could under kidney transplant at the National Kidney Transplant Institute in Quezon City. Alas, he fell short of the president's signature during the finals and had to contend being a regional winner. The National Lingkod Bayan Award would have entitled him the much-needed P200,000.00 cash prize and an audience with the President.

On his 65th birthday tomorrow, September 14, 2015, the Baguio Correspondents and Broad-

casters Club (BCBC) is launching a photo exhibit to raise funds for the newsman who spent years writing stories linking patients to Samaritans.

"This is our way of recognizing an icon who, for decades, had been giving light where others dare not," said de Guzman, the current president of the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club.

The photo-exhibit will run until October 1, 2015 at the new Town Plaza Hotel, at #43 C.M. Recto St. (former Navy Base Road), corner Leonard Wood Road across the Baguio Botanical Garden.

The organizers invite everybody to the exhibit that showcases the beauty of the Cordilleras and the unique images of its culture and people. The images linger in the mind for a long time especially if one actually went to see them.

The journalists' effort had been prompted by Dacawi's admission to different hospitals here the previous weeks, draining his meager resources.

"I stayed a week at the Baguio General Hospital (BGH). They then rushed me to the Notre Dame Hospital for another week, but then again to the SLU Hospital of the Sacred Heart for a week more. I was taken back to BGH where it took a month this time for doctors to release me. The medical staff was as baffled as I was about my condition. I resolved to slowly collect my faculties so that when I was released, I had three 'mumbaki' (Ifugao priests) perform a culture-based ritual for my recovery," he said with a chuckle. "When we cannot explain things, we resort and cling to culture for an explanation."

Last July, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte of Davao City visited Baguio for an encounter with media on his proposal to run for President. In one of the lighter moments at the Baguio Country Club, former North Cotabato Gov. Manny Pinol, now Mayor Duterte's personal assistant, joked about the

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business permits of illegal investment companies, for Department of Justice to fast track resolutions of filed cases and continuous publication of advisory on illegal investment.

The task force is composed of the following: the Securities and Exchange Commission and the NCLCI-DU as the lead agencies with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Bureau of Immigration, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry, National Bureau of Investigation, NICA, Police Regional Office-Cordillera and RIU-14 as members. /PIA

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days are metamorphosing into the utmost need to use varied forms of technology and media which aspires to lift economy through the production of technologically-equipped graduates who can satisfy manpower needs; a promising sign that the mission, vision and objectives of the state's education are heading towards a prolific 21st century.

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stations, 57 deepwells and 5 spring sources while it has 36,949 active connections as of April, 2014.

It can be recalled that 3 private firms proposed bulk water project namely Maynilad Water Services, Incorporated (Maynilad), Ayala-led Manila Water Company, and Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation.

Domogan said, "he remains positive that the bulk water project can be achieved citing its benefits not only for the city but for the BLISTT area."

"We are very willing to extend assistance in identifying bulk water supply sources to those who are willing to pursue the bulk water project and I hope that they already have the results of the feasibility study for our appreciation," he said.

"We have to re-evaluate and revisit the bulk water supply project, this is very important to secure our source of water for the future," he stressed.

With the increasing population of the city, it is estimated that by 2022, the water demand can reach 77,804 cubic meter per day with a 379,293 projected population./Paul Rillorta

FEATURE

Citizenship by Convenience

What kind of country have we become, when we have to debate the fine legal issues of whether Senator Grace Poe-Llamanzares remains a US citizen or how long she has lived in the country to be qualified to run for President or Vice President?

For chrissakes, she renounced being Filipino when she became a US citizen, and she doesn't even care to tell us when.

To become one, she declared under oath, to use the words of the US Oath of Allegiance, that she "absolutely and entirely renounces and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to the Philippines." In that oath, she even vowed to "bear arms" on behalf of the US.

And you want somebody who solemnly renounced — the meaning of "abjure" — the Philippines to be our leader?

Aaarggh.

We are not talking here of a case like that of her adoptive father, Fernando Poe, who had no choice but to be American, as he could not have chosen his parents.

We are talking here of somebody who had a Filipino citizenship but who decided in her adult life to be an American citizen, who even probably, I dare speculate, risked being an illegal alien — "TNT" is how they are

persecution? No.

She comes from a family that was among the Philippines' rich elite. She studied in the most expensive schools here (high school, Assumption College San Lorenzo) and abroad (Boston College). She had famous and very rich step-parents. Her father was even rumored to be the most powerful Filipino ever, Ferdinand Marcos.

Yet, she decided to renounce her being Filipino, and swore allegiance to the US.

For what? For the convenience of shopping at Saks Fifth Avenue or Tiffany's or maybe even Walmart, and touring Disneyland and Hollywood anytime she wanted? What does that tell us of her character and deepest values?

C'mon guys. Do you think somebody in Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, or the Republic of Timbuktu would dare to run for any public office there after having renounced his or her citizenship in those countries? Then reassumed the citizenship in order to win a high office?

By becoming senator and now lusting after the highest office of the land, Mrs. Llamanzares is insulting our notions of country and nationalism. I was expecting her to say that she renounced her US citizenship when she realized that she wanted to serve the country of her birth and of her parents, whoever they were.

But instead, she matter-of-factly said she had to do that since her appointment as head of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board "required it."

Her husband still a US citizen?

Has her husband renounced his US citizenship? Or are they keeping their options open, one foot on each of their two countries, and decide where they'll stay when doing so becomes convenient and profitable for them?

If she lost in the senatorial election, would she have applied for citizenship — since renouncing one's US citizenship is irrevocable — in Canada instead, or like that noisy over-the-hump singer, in Australia?

I'm afraid I may have gotten old without realizing

called by Filipinos in the US — for a time.

Was she poor that she just wanted her family to escape poverty from her unwanted country? No. Was she escaping political

it, but I cannot understand that the next generation of Filipinos, that of Llamanzares, has taken citizenship as a trivial matter, and one of convenience.

There are probably 5 million Filipinos who have immigrated to the US, Canada, and Australia to become citizens of those countries. Half of my high school class at the Ateneo and probably half of my relatives, including in-laws, are in North America.

That is their choice which I respect, especially since most of them had children whom they thought would have a better life in the most developed countries in the world.

But I cannot respect people who take advantage of our depraved celebrity-politics, and who, like Llamanzares, think — just because her name-recall commands stupid votes — she can lead the country and change citizenships like a jacket one has gone tired of wearing.

Citizenship for Llamanzares is obviously one of convenience. Did she ever show any interest in social issues even in the US, and more so in

the huge problems of our country, to think she can lead us as President? Did she study political science or public administration that led her to want to contribute her expertise to the development of her country?

Nations are really fraternities, an organization of which you are a member, and to which you have allegiance. Imagine if a member of Alpha Sigma

denounces it for some vague reason and joins Sigma Rho.

Years later he decides to leave Sigma Rho, to rejoin Alpha Sigma. Would that fraternity accept him back and allow him to be Grand Chancellor or whatever?

I am sure this is the only country in Asia, and even in the world, where somebody who has renounced her or his citizenship still gets to be elected senator (or Parliament member) and even arrogantly intends to seek the highest post of the land. I don't think such really foolish issues arise in other civilized societies.

The US could be an exception, with one president and several would-be presidents having been accused of being born not in the US, and therefore not natural-born, as alleged in the recent cases of George Romney, who was born in Mexico and John McCain, in Panama.

Of course, there were questions over US President Obama's citizenship, but these obviously were merely raised by bigoted American whites who rejected the idea of having an African-American as president.

Seriously, do you think Obama would have even become Illinois State senator if at any time of his life, he had renounced his US citizenship, as Llamanzares did of her Filipino citizenship?

Mamasapano report

I admired Llamanzares for her courage in leading the Senate committee's investigation that concluded it was a case of command responsibility over the Mamasapano massacre of 44 of our elite troops by Muslim rebels. But she stopped there, a one or two days' moment of independence. She has done nothing to make Aquino, his bosom friend Gen. Allan Purisima and army generals who refused to rescue our commandos accountable for the crime.

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pag-iikot ni Apo Mark Go sa mga iba't ibang mga barangay kung saan siya ay naiimbitahan bilang panauhin at bwisita este bisita.

Eto ngayon ang matindi kay Apo Cong. Aliping. Kahit na siya ay isang neophyte congressman este congressman ay matitindi ang kanyang mga accomplishments at ang kanyang mga natutulungan. Kaya dahil dito ang aking lamang masasabi ay — YOU CANNOT PUT A GOOD MAN DOWN.

Anyway, mayroon tayong kasabihan sa pol-politika na nagmula kay dating US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger na sinabi na "America has no permanent friends or enemies only interests," at ganoon din naman sa lokal na pol-politika walang permanenteng kaibigan or kalaban kung hindi permanenteng pan-sariling interer lamang. Mabuhay po tayong lahat! At parating pakatatandaan its mor pan in d pilipins

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of AURELIO ABAD who died on March 8, 1997 and AQUILINA C. ABAD who died on September 17, 2011 both in Baguio City was estrajudicially settled by the heirs on September 4, 2015 as evidenced by Doc. No. 58; Page No. 13; Book No. I; Series of 2015 of the Notary Public Nestor G. Atitiw.

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failure of Ramon to seek an audience with President Aquino for the kidney transplant assistance. Mayor Duterte retorted, "Anong gusto mo, kidney ng rapist, ng magnanakaw o ng smuggler? Bibigyan kita pero ikaw ang pupunta sa Davao."

Pinol believed Duterte was not joking in proposing he would help look for a donor. *Vicenter Saguian*



Background: Poe's US passport. She denounced her country to try to be an American. Now she wants to be our leader?

Baguio gears up for 2nd fun run support to kidney patients

Baguio is again recalling its centennial theme of "Fostering A Culture of Caring" by launching the second edition of "Straight into Baguio's Heart", a fun run on September 26 to build a support fund for the growing number of kidney patients in the city and Benguet.

Launched last year by city mayor Mauricio Domogan to keep alive the city's theme when it marked its 100 years in 2009, the three-brack-

et (3K, 5K and 10K) footrace initially raised P312,000 that went to supporting 27 patients in their change of fistula, 45 who were hospitalized and five severe cases, according to an expenditure report released by the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Dialysis Patients and Partners Association.

The amount was raised through registration fees, solicitations and personal fund donations from

mayor Domogan, city officials and business establishments.

In an administrative order for the Baguio charter anniversary run, the mayor noted that the city should flesh out its centennial theme of "caring" with a humanitarian feature of its anniversary celebration that reaches out to those in need.

Earlier, the mayor and the city council called on Philhealth, the country's medical insurance, to increase the treatment benefits of dialysis patients 30 sessions, saying those suffering from kidney failure have to under two or three times dialysis a week in order to survive.

A city council resolution authored by councilor Peter Fianza and endorsed by the mayor and Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr. also resulted in the establishment of medical support branches of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes here in Baguio and in Bontoc, Mt. Province.

Previously, kidney patients from Baguio and the Cordillera would have to travel to the PCSO office in Metro-Manila and their line up to submit their applications for financial support to sustain their lifetime maintenance treatment. For these monthly trips, the city, the Benguet Electric Cooperative, the municipal government of La Trinidad, Benguet and the provincial government of Benguet had to provide vans for the patients and their relatives.

"These initiatives had to be done considering the increasing number of patients undergoing hemodialysis," the mayor said.

Only last Monday, the city council invited Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center chief, Dr. Emmanuel Acluba, to shed light into the problems posed by the increasing number of kidney patients being treated here, including those coming from other regions which do not have dialysis facilities.

The annual fun-run for patients is designed

DOLE holds family welfare summit

BAGUIO CITY - Promoting the welfare and their families as key to workplace productivity and improved worker-management relations, the Department of Labor and Employment-Cordillera Administrative Region (DOLE-CAR) conducted a regional summit on Family Welfare last August 27-28 gathering management and employees sector representatives from 25 companies in the region.

"Having a Family Welfare program would create harmonious relationship between the manager and employee. The management will have to look not only on the profit of the company but also on the ten dimensions of the program which will serve as a guide to both labor and management in the implementation of programs and projects with focus on the following: reproductive health/responsible parenthood; education/gender equality; spirituality and values formation; income generation/ livelihood/ cooperative; medical health

care; nutrition; environment protection; hygiene and sanitation; sports and leisure and housing and transportation."

Regional Director Henry John S. Jalbuena stressed this to participants from the hotel and restaurants, educational institutions, retail and wholesale, management services, electric cooperatives, manufacturing, medical services, and agriculture industries in the region.

The Family Welfare Program (FWP) is one of the agency's strategies of fulfilling the goal of decent work for Filipino workers laid down in President Benigno Aquino III's Labor and Employment Agenda and the Labor and Employment Plan 2011-2016. It aims to help both management and employees to realize better working relationship by fulfilling the needs of the family of workers and to promote a healthy workplace as a key to business through better quality of the worker's family.

The FWP is man-



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datory in establishments employing more than 200 workers. Establishments with less than 200 workers are encouraged to establish or organize a Family Welfare Committee and implement a FWP.

The ten dimensions of FWP contribute to the promotion of plant-level initiatives towards the attainment of the goals of the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP); instill family planning/ family welfare consciousness among labor and management as a key in promoting workplace productivity and improved worker-management relations.

During the summit, topics discussed were Family Planning and Reproductive Health and

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Or was it all simply her way to catapult herself to the name-recall level for the presidency, or even to nudge Aquino, "make me your candidate, or else." The kindest assessment of Llamanzares is to revise that adage to read: "In the kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed lady is Queen." In this Senate crop of mediocre-minded senators and Aquino lackeys, anybody who can just demonstrate a modicum of integrity and courage gets front-page praises, to be queen of the blind.

But she demonstrated a lack of delicadeza when she signed the resolutions of the committees of Aquino lackeys Antonio Trillanes 4th and Aquilino Pimentel 3rd recommending plunder charges against somebody who obviously was her biggest obstacle to the presidency.

There is a pragmatic reason why we are worried over Llamanzares' past. It is well known that not a few Filipinos of adult age, in their desperation to become US citizens, had risked being illegal aliens for a time and stay in the US even after their tourist visas expired, until they could get expensive lawyers to win for them a court decision allowing them citizenship.

Unless, Llamanzares provides us with all the details and documents of how she became a US citizen — such as how and when she entered the US — we can't be sure that some CIA operative (or even an investigative reporter) would unearth that she was using fake documents for a time or worked without a work permit until she became a citizen.

Do we want to risk a scenario in which the US blackmails the Philippine President to force her to comply with all its interests, even provide any information it requires? Do we risk a scenario where the nation is humiliated, with an American investigative journalist writing a banner article headlined: "Philippine President once an illegal alien in the US?"

What kind of a country have we become when a senator carrying the name of one of our great nationalists, Claro M. Recto, trivializes the citizenship of our Republic?

I am referring to Ralph Recto, who took the effort to issue a press statement he thought was cute: "If they pursue that line of inquisition against Grace, she might end up being adopted by the whole nation. Baka ampunin pa siya ng bayan."

It's not a line of inquisition, but a serious, valid concern that the masses, which the elite have deprived of access to accurate information, elect a US citizen. Recto's is inane thinking. Llamanzares had been adopted by rich and famous Filipinos, Fernando Poe Jr. and Susan Roces. But she chose to be adopted by the US. Now Recto thinks Filipinos would not only adopt her, but make her their leader? tigrlao.manilatimes@gmail.com/FB: Bobi Tiglao

Perseverance, faith and gov't program help 4Ps' youths pursue their dreams

LA TRINIDAD Benguet -- Perseverance, faith and government program help pursue the dreams of the poor for a better life.

BSU students Jenny, Claudia, Bernard and Jimmy shared this message to their fellow Pangawid Pamiliyang Pilipino Program scholars under the Expanded Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGPPA) during the to allow an avenue for citizens of Baguio, Benguet and other parts of the Cordillera to extend their support to the growing number of patients afflicted with renal disease.

People who want to join this year's run may register at the public information division at the city hall, the city sports office, the city swimming pool at the Burnham Park, the BGHMC and at the public market in La Trinidad, Benguet./Ramon Dacawi.

Civil Society Organizations- led forumk on 4Ps program at BSU.

Jenny Remiendo of Bakun graduated last April with a BEED degree major in pre-school education, and is set to take the teachers' board later this month.

"This government scholarship program is a very big help for me to pursue my dream, I wish to teach young children as I believe that whatever knowledge and values I will teach them, they will carry till they grow old. At the same time having work will also be a big help for our family", Jenny stressed.

Jimmy Carbonilla of Tayum, Abra and Claudia Daligisig of Tabuk City, are both in their third year in BSEd major in Biology.

"Poverty is not a hindrance to reach out dream," Jimmy said as he advised his fellow scholars not to waste the oppor-

tunity given to them by the government and to use their talent guided by faith in God, so that they can reach their dream and also help their families.

Claudia, in expressing her gratitude for the scholarship program, also calls for the government and public's support for the youth like her. "We need your prayers and support for us to reach our dream," she said.

Bernard Dayawen of Sabangan, a BS Applied Statistics student, also advised his fellow scholars to grab the opportunity and work hard to graduate from their course so that eventually they can help their family.

There are currently 1,279 ESGPPA scholars enrolled in various courses in the different state universities and colleges in the Cordillera region. This program is in partnership with CHED, DOLE, and DBM./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

PCSO turns-over 11 ambulances to Ifugao

LAGAWE, Ifugao -- The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office turned-over to the province of Ifugao 11 ambulances for the effective and efficient delivery of health services in the community.

Donna Jay Zeller of the Governor's Office reported that recipients of these ambulances are the local government units

of Lagawe, Mayoyao, Hungduan, Aguineldo, Tinoc, Lamut and Asipulo, Ifugao General Hospital, Provincial Health office and the district hospitals of Mayoyao and Hungduan.

These vehicles are part of the 21 units of ambulances given to the Cordillera Administrative Region by the PCSO.

Governor Denis Habawel made the request for the said ambulances to the PCSO in 2013.

PCSO Assistant General Manager for Gaming Products Development and Marketing Sector Conrado Zaballa was instrumental in facilitating Habawel's request./JDP/MBL, PIA CAR, Ifugao

Task force created to monitor Chico River irrigation rehab

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Governor Jocel Baac has issued an executive order creating a task force to evaluate, supervise and monitor the completion of the on-going rehabilitation of the Upper Chico River Irrigation System canal (UCRIS).

This is the result of a joint meeting of provincial mandated bodies, the National Irrigation Administration-Kalinga Irrigation Management Office (NIA-KIMO) and contractor Markbilt Construction/RD Policarpio and Co. Inc. with irrigators associations affected by the delayed rehab project.

The task force is chaired by the governor. Its members include Tabuk City Mayor Ferdinand Tubban, KBC Pres. Andres Ngao-i, DILG

head Francisco Gamate-ro, Col. Roy Devesa, Fr. Roman Macaiba, Basilio Baluyan of DZRK, Peter Balocnit of the Philippine Information Agency, and representatives from various sectors -Michael Lumas-i (irrigators group), Jaime Almora (farmers), Harry Tibangay (agrarian communities), Patsy Abibico (women) and Tabuk City Association of Barangay Chairman president Henry Tubban Jr.

The task force has the duty to evaluate, supervise and monitor the completion of the on-going rehabilitation of the UCRIS.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan earlier passed Resolution No. 2015-097 supporting the moves of the Upper Chico River Irrigation System Federation of Irrigators'

Associations and the Tabuk City Cooperative Development Council for the rescission of contract due to the poor performance of the contractor incurring more than 50 percent negative slippage as of July.

The rehab work of the UCRIS funded under the P425M loan from the World Bank started two years ago and targeted to be completed this September.

As contained in the EO, the contractor is allowed to continue implementing the P425 million World Bank loan project for practical reasons as it is barely three months left before the term of the contract ends. However, the agreement is without prejudice of any legal action that the NIA might take against said contractor, the EO provides./PIA

DOH-CAR forms Guiding Coalition for better health system

TUBLAY, Benguet - The Department of Health Cordillera Administrative Region (DOH-CAR) has formed the Health Leadership Governance Program (HLGP) Guiding Coalition to guide in institutionalizing health programs in the region.

Dubbed as "Karamay sa CAR-lusugan" Guiding Coalition, it envisions an improved health status of the Cordillera with a mission of promoting excellence in local governance towards better health.

Bong Villamor of Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFF) said that creating guiding coalition is put-

ting together a group with enough power to lead the change, with enough key players on board so that those left out cannot block progress, with all relevant points of view represented so that intelligent decisions can be made, visible and respected so that the group's pronouncements will be taken seriously and with enough proven leaders to be able to drive the change process.

Members of coalition include Department of Interior and Local Government, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippine Information Agency,

Benguet State University, Luzon Health and ZFF.

The Department of Health conducted last September 3-4 at the Winaca Eco-Cultural Village in Tublay, Benguet. The workshop aims to build and strengthen DOH-CAR Guiding Coalition to drive change in health by providing members with bridging leadership and change management concepts and skills and helping the members recognize and align from their own experiences the effective use of ownership, co-ownership, and co-creation.

The participants were also taught how to craft their own Public



BAGUIO DAY JOB FAIR - More than 3,200 job seekers applied for local and overseas employment during a Job fair at the Baguio Convention Center. A total of 388 applicants were hired on the spot for local employment while six males and seven females were hired on the spot for overseas employment during the job fair./By Bong Cayabyab

Empty pesticide containers off for recycling

TUBLAY, Benguet - More than two metric tons of empty pesticide containers collected by the pesticide industry from Benguet farmers were recently brought to Manila for proper recycling and disposal at Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-accredited facilities.

Environmentally-committed Provincial Board member Florence Tingbagen, chairman of Benguet Provincial Board's Committee on Agriculture, was on hand to witness the send-off from this vegetable producing town.

Only a little more than half of the 4.2 metric tons of the collected triple-washed pesticide containers could be accommodated in the gigantic DENR accredited ten-wheeled transporter from the Joechem Environmental Corp engaged by the industry-led sponsors.

A second trip for the remaining empties is planned in the next few weeks.

Narrative which is the art of translating values into action through stories.

"From stories we learn how to manage ourselves, how to face difficult choices, unfamiliar situations, and uncertain outcomes because each of us is the protagonist in our own life story, facing everyday challenges, authoring our own choices, and learning from the outcomes", Dr. Sherwin Pontanilla, ZFF facilitator, said./JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR

The more than 100,000 individual empty containers that would have ended up spoiling the Benguet countryside were collected from farmers during the two raffle promos conducted by the local pesticide industry in the province: "Mag-Triple Rinse at Manalo!" and its current "Tulong sa Pagsasaka, Tulong sa Kapaligiran!" where Benguet farmers exchange their triple-rinsed empties for tickets to the raffles.

Recyclable materials from the empties will be refashioned into new materials that will have very limited contact with humans, as entered into agreement with the facilities based in Metro Manila.

The Triple-Rinse program is pursuant to the Provincial Ordinance 11-

150 of Benguet, known as the "Empty Pesticide Container Management Ordinance". This encourages rinsing of empty pesticide bottles for three times and using the water as a spray for agricultural produce again.

This also provides that distributors, dealers and agrochemical companies should lead the collection of these empty fertilizer and pesticide bottles to ensure proper disposal.

The crop science industry livens up again its empty container collection even more with its Clean Up Day Drive slated from September 11 and 18, in cooperation with the local government units and the Cordillera Agriculturist Research Extension Organization./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

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HIV/ AIDS in the workplace, Employees Benefits and Rights, National Nutrition Program and Nutrition Friendly Workplaces, Republic Act 9165 also known as the "Dangerous Drugs Act" and Drug Abuse in the Workplace, Sexual Harassment in the workplace, and Violence Against Women and their Children.

The event concluded with the oath taking of newly elected officers of Family Welfare Federation of the Cordillera Region. The new set officers are: Ms. Mj La Madrid of Camp John Hay- Manor as President, Mr. Kenneth Balinggan of Hedcor as Vice President, Ms. Aileen Alafag of BENECO as Secretary, Ms. Elsa Pangilinan as Treasurer, an auditor post will be represented by Mainstream (SM Baguio) and Ms. Eloisa Segarra of Benguet Corporation as Public Relations Officer. The Board of Directors are: Ms. Maricris Padoan of Benguet Laboratories, Ms. Ann Kimberley Towana of Baguio Country Club, Ms. Lorelie S. Malit of Baguio Central University, Ms. Beverlie Sebes of Tionsgan Harrison Department Store and Supermarket- Harrison, Ms. Judith Adina of University of the Cordilleras, and Mr. Bonifacio Lacea of King Louise farms/ Puyat Farms./DOLE CAR

Develop rural areas, provinces to solve traffic woes in Metro

"The solution to Metro Manila traffic problem is not to build more infrastructure INSIDE NCR, but to build more OUTSIDE the city."

This is Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano's proposition amid the looming congestion problem affecting millions of residents, motorists and commuters in the metropolis daily.

Cayetano contends that the best way to relieve traffic jams in Metro Manila is to start allocating more funds that will kick start the development of local economies in provinces outside the National Capital Region (NCR).

He says he is set to file a bill seeking to establish a Philippine Decentralization Committee (PDC), which will study and determine specific programs aimed at enhancing the delivery of goods and services in the countryside, including the relocation of several agencies to other regions.



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For instance, Cayetano suggested that the Department of Labor and Employment be transferred to the Ilocos Region (Region I), which had the second highest unemployment rate in 2015, and the Tourism department to tourist haven Cebu in Central Visayas (Region VII). While the Department of Energy, he envisions, can be relocated to the CARAGA Region (Region XIII), known for its abundant

10 Cordillera SAF 'Mamasapano' survivors promoted

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Ten Cordillerans belonging to the Philippine National Police -Special Action Force who survived the infamous "Mamasapano" operation last January were among the 29 personnel who were promoted recently to a rank higher.

The National Police Commission had confirmed the meritorious promotion of the 29 SAF personnel, for "demonstrating acts of conspicuous courage and gallantry in action at the risk of their lives over and beyond the call of duty during an armed encounter on January 25, 2015 at Brgy. Tukanlipao, Mamasapano, Maguindanao."

Promoted to the next higher rank are PO3 Juanito Yogyog, PO2 Solomon Agayso, PO2 Adolfo Andradra, PO2 Carlos Bocaig, PO2 Ard Dulnuan, PO2 Christopher Lalan, PO2 Dominick Likingan, PO2 Jose Mana-Ar, Jr., PO2 Anson Posot, and PO1 Clifford Agayyong.

Lalan is the lone survivor of the 55th Special Action Company, the "blocking force" of the Ma-

masapano operation where 44 SAF commandos including 14 Cordillerans were killed in an encounter with members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and other armed groups.

Mana-ar Jr., a member of the 84th Seaborne Company, thanked everyone for the recognizing their courage, and success in the operation in Mamasapano, which lead to the death of Zulkifli bin Hir, also known as "Marwan", a Malaysian member of the al Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah militant group behind numerous bombing attacks in the Philippines.

He is thankful for the promotion because he applied and waited long before the Mamasapano operation./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

Lawmaker:

53 "Investment" Companies Being Monitored in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - Some 53 investment companies believed to be involved in illegal investment scams are being monitored by the Task Force Anti-Illegal Investment and Scam in the region.

During the 2nd Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (RLECC) -CAR meeting, PSupt. Virgilio Laya said that they are closely monitoring 31 firms in Benguet, and 22 in Baguio City.

The task force was created by the RLECC last April to protect the public against schemes that defraud them of their money.

To date, as to cases filed against illegal investment companies, Laya reported that a total of 323 cases have been filed against 57 suspects. Total amount of money divested reached Php124,451,252.00, Laya reported.

He is also advocating the establishment of a reliable and efficient Luzon-wide transportation system, which will pave the way for the construction of an integrated railway system, high-standard highways, and strategically-located airports, seaports, and land transport stations in provinces all over Luzon.

"I pushed for a long-term and a more feasible solution and that is to create alternative corridors of development outside NCR. This will not only resolve traffic jams in the already overcrowded capital, but will also extend growth throughout the rest of the country," the senator said.

In an effort to manage the heavy traffic situation in Manila, President Benigno Aquino III has recently designated the Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) to lead the enforcement of traffic rules and ease the congestion in six "choke points" along the Epifanio Delos Santos Ave./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Laya also reported that at least five personalities involved in investment scam were recently arrested. They are Alfredo Bukiki Tao-ing who was arrested last August 20 at Baguio City by a tracker team of the Hingyon Municipal Police Station by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by Judge Romeo U Habbiling of Regional Trial Court, Branch 14, Lagawe, Ifugao.

Jericho Estrella aka Mohammed Jaffar Estrella of Cubao, Quezon City - Manager of AD-SHUB.Com Ventures Inc. and Violette Grace Molina from Zamboanga, Sibugay were arrested on July 9, 2015 at Quezon City by detectives of CIDG Benguet by virtue of a Warrant of Arrest issued by Judge Grace P Humiding, Presiding Judge, RTC Br 63, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Also arrested were Eleil Pacumbaba Morales, the manager of Stiforp Trading, who has been charged with 11 counts of estafa cases, and Herminia Pagaduan of Three Angels, a resident of Ambiong, La Trinidad, also charged for estafa.

Tao-ing, Estrella, and Molina are charged for syndicated estafa with no bail recommended.

To help prevent illegal investment activities, members of the Task Force Illegal Investment and Scams recommended for the cancellation of

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