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pushes for the approval Aliping National ID system

The National ID card will help speed up government and other official transactions.

This is what Baguio Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. is hoping once House Bill (HB) 5060seeking to implement a national identification systemis enacted into law.

HB 5060 to be known as the "Filipino Identification System Act" was co-authored by Aliping and was approved by the committees on revision of laws and on appropriations. Aliping is a member of

The bill will "institutionalize a national information card for all Filipinos that would ensure facilitation and streamline government transactions, and help promote a progressive society through an efficient delivery of basic services," Aliping said.

Aliping noted that our current IDs like the Tax Identification

Number (TIN) are sometimes not honoured for official transactions. Western Union can only release a maximum of P3,000.00 when TIN ID is presented. Those who have no other official IDs will have a

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acts to the report of the Baguio's finest headed by Police City Director Rolando Miranda on the monstrous traffic jam caused by the influx of tourists. Over a million visitors came up in this mountain resort city to spend their Christmas vacation./By Bong Cayabyab

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LUCKY BALIKBAYANS - Silahis ng Pasko Executive Chairman Nars Padilla (left sitting) in cooperation with City Social Welfare and Development Office choose some lucky balikbayans from different countries and later receive sash, certificate of commendation and token (key to the city) and gather for picnic (Pinikpikan Food Festival) held at Sunshine Park last December

27./Rj Cayabyab photo

CIA Admits its Spy Planes Behind Half of all UFO Sightings during 1950s-60s

Melbourne, Jan. 01 (ANI): The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has recently taken responsibility for at least half of all UFO sightings between 1950s-60s, it has been reported.

A previously confidential CIA document has revealed that most of the sightings were actually U-2 spy planes, News.com.au reported.

The report, 'The CIA and the U-2 Program, 1954-1974', written by Gregory Pedlow and Donald Welzenbach, outlines the CIA's involvement in the development of the U-2 spy plane. It explains how the testing of the planes led to a massive increase in UFO reports.

The sensational 272-page document reveals how the agency tested U-2 spy planes at altitudes of 60,000ft above countries such as the Soviet Union.

At that time, most people were not aware manned flights were possible at these heights so many, including several pilots, reported sightings as UFOs.

In the mid-1950s, most commercial airliners flew between 10,000 and 20,000 feet, while military aircraft such as B-47s and B57s flew below 40,000 feet.

The document goes on to reveal that the CIA cross-referenced UFO sightings to U-2 flight logs and this enabled the investigators to eliminate the majority of the UFO reports although they could not reveal to the letter writers the true cause of the UFO sightings./ANI

Employees Realize Importance of Personality Development

BAGUIO CITY - The city government here spearheaded by the City Human Resource Management Office conducted a s two-day seminar on employprivileges, rewards and personality development at the Chalet Hotel last week. The training aims to promote teamwork among their co-employees, learn to stay calm and composed even at stressful situations, improve work

relations and productivity, be more confident and motivated in doing their daily tasks, and to sharpen interpersonal and social skills.

"Personality development plays an imperative role in the workplace as it decides the way an individual interacts with his fellow workers and responds to various situations. Exuding confidence and positive attitude in the workplace pays best," said City

Human Resource Management Officer Estrella

'Said training is designed for the city government of Baguio employees to be aware of privileges/rewards that they may have and for them to develop a positive working attitude, making them better and efficient resources of the organization," added Bisquera.

In his inspirational message, mayor Mauricio Domogan stressed that emotional intelligence and personality go hand in hand that is why personal-

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AO for City Employees

BAGUIO CITY Through an administrative order issued last week, Mayor Mauricio Domogan warned city hall employees that only those directly involved in the processing of business permits may be allowed to handle same in their respective offices.

This was stated in administrative order 179, s. of 2014; as application for renewal or

processing of business permits for 2015 starts Jan. 2, while payment of real property taxes with corresponding discounts and giveaways for early taxpayers is ongoing.
"No employee in-

cluding their relatives within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity, including bilas, inso and balae (RA 6713 section 3, k) shall intercede and/or hand carry in behalf of any applicant/ permittee for issuance of new, or renewal of business permits," the AO states.

Employees who violate the order would be meted reprimand for the first offense, suspension for one to thirty days for the second offense, and dismissal for the third offense.

There are some taxpayers who engage the services of several city government employees in the processing/re-

Congress mulls naming Road for Bado Dangwa

LOCAL World War II hero will further be honored when Congress approves a proposal renaming a major artery of Benguet into the Gov. Bado Dangwa Road.

According to authors Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. (Baguio City), Ronald Cosalan (Benguet), Ma. Jocelyn Bernos (Abra), Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang (Apayao), Teddy Brawner Baguilat (Ifugao), Manuel Agyao (Kalinga), and Maximo Dalog (Mt. Province) the naming of the Acop -Tublay-Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun-Sinipsip, Buguias road in honor of Dangwa is long overdue not only because of his business prowess, military exploits, and political acumen but more so because of the way the former governor has contributed to the improvement of the lives of the people of the Cor-

Dangwa was a successful businessman who was able to establish the first bus line of the region.

His military career started during the second world war when he allowed his buses to become war carriages for the retreating American forces. Later, he was appointed first lieutenant and eventually became a major leading the 66th Infantry Division which fought a guerilla war against the invading Japanese Imperial Army.

After the war, he continued and expanded his Dangwa Transport business even expanding the bus line's operations.

He was twice appointed as governor of the old Mt. Province by Presidents Elpidio Quirino in 1953 and President Ramon Magsaysay in 1954. His political calling was solidified when he was resoundingly voted into office of Mt. Province from January 1956 to December 1959 and January 1960 to December 1963.

During his terms, the authors said, Dangwa was "a pillar of influence and an instrument of development for the Province of Benguet.'

Recently, the town of Kapangan declared Dangwa as a hero and commemorating his date of birth as a local holiday. He was born in Kapangan on May 5, 1905.

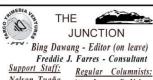
The authors added that the renaming the road in his honor is appropriate since it "crisscrosses several municipalities of Benguet which provide access of thousands of people in going and transporting their produce to the city of Baguio and other areas in the lowlands."/Carl C. Taawan

newal of business permits, as to observation from the past years, thus the AO.

The AO was also issued in order to avoid favoritism and ensure fairness, due to acquaintance and familiarity and/ or influence of employees with concerned offices that "create undue advantage over those taxpayers who do not have connections.'

Payment of realty taxes is accepted at the city treasurer's one-stopshop. Realty payments for the whole month of January is given 20% discount; on February, 15%; and March, 10%. Payment for business taxes are scheduled; for taxpayers with surnames starting A to H will be accepted for the month of January; from I to P, February; and Q to Z, March 2015. A 10% discount on garbage and sewerage fees will also be given if paid on or before the 20th of the month.

Instant prizes will be given to the first 6,000 taxpayers; it was announced; while in the raffle draw, a sala set, 2door refrigerator, and fourburner gas range, await fully paid taxpayers to be drawn on April next year. In case of a taxpayer's name drawn twice, the winner shall chose preferred prize and the prize is not convertible to cash, it was known./Julie G. Fianza



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Baguio Boy Starts Fund Campaign for Ailing Baguio

In a country where even those employed can hardly cope with the costs of medical care and surgery, Quakelyn Lisayen, a 23-year old Baguio girl suffering from kidney failure, believes in miracles. So last year, in-between her thrice=a-week hemodialysis treatment, the former volunteer rescue worker traveled several times to the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Quezon City.

She is determined to work out her chances for an organ transplant.

Before the end of 2014, she got from the NKTI a charity package estimate: P430,000 for the transplant. It covers the organ recipient's work-up, kidney donor work-up, transplant operation and donor nephrectomy.

She has yet to ask how many times over that amount would be needed for her life-time maintenance, particularly to prevent rejection of the kidney she hopes her brother Jericson, now 20, would be qualified to give. That worry would come later, lest her faith in chances would diminish, paralyzing her resolve.

So last Sunday, the Baguio papers featured her belief in miracles, so Samaritans out there to read and respond.

Sharing her belief, a Baguio boy rang up her cellphone last Dec. 31.He asked if they could meet at SM-Baguio so he could turn in his contribution and set into motion a fund drive Cont. on page 7

OWWA-CAR shares

Christmas Spirit to OFW, Balik-

manggagawa families

BAGUIO CITY - The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration- Cordillera regional welfare office (OWWA - CAR) shares the blessing to overseas workers and returnees, and their families the blessings of Christmas.

OWWA – CAR headed by regional Director Manuela Peña hosted the annual OFW Family Day at the Baguio City National High School gym here last Saturday wherein around 700 OFWs and family members were treated for a day of fun, raffles and entertainment

OWWA also distributed livelihood starter kits to 20 OFW returnees who have undergone Dimsum preparation skills training. The P10, 000 worth starter kit includes steamer, frying pan and assorted cooking utensils.

The training and starter kits assistance is under OWWA's "Balik Pinas, Balik Hanapbuhay" program that aims to help OFW returnees start a livelihood so that they can earn extra income for their families as they stay in the country.

More than 100 OFW dependents were also awarded scholarship certificates for school year 2014 – 15 during the program. Six are under the Education for Development Scholarship Program (EDSP), 16 under the Congressional Migrant Workers Cont. on page 7

Supplemental
Budget is
Beneficial for
Cordillera –
Aliping

Baguio Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. said the P22-Billion supplemental budget is a necessity in implementing overdue programs that include obligated projects in Cordillera.

Aliping, a member of the Committee on Appropriations, co-authored House Bill (HB) 5237 otherwise known as "An Act Appropriating the Sum of Twenty Two Billion Four Hundred Sixty Seven Million Six Hundred Eight Thousand Pesos as Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 and for Other Purposes."

Voting 183-12 with no abstentions, the Lower House approved the measure on December 15, 2014.

Likewise, the Senate also passed its own version of the bill on third and final reading on December 16, 2014. Both houses have also ratified the bicameral conference committee report on the proposed P2.606-trillion national budget for 2015.

In his manifestation, Aliping said "the bulk of the supplemental budget will be spent to pay for projects financed through the disallowed Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) and the Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP)."

Aliping said that "Due to the impact of the Supreme Court ruling declaring the PDAF as unconstitutional, to this date, projects that were commenced or completed prior to said decision have remained unpaid and outstanding and are all valid obligations incurred by the government."

"Also, upon declaration as unconstitutional of certain acts and practices under the DAP, approved priority projects have only been partially implemented or not implemented at all. These projects are still deemed necessary and important to be continued," said Aliping.

"Similarly, urgent infrastructure, socio-economic, rehabilitation and reconstruction projects which are not funded in any existing appropriation laws need to be funded and commenced at the earliest possible time."

"Legislative appropriation is the legal solution to resolve the funding



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MERRY MAKING - Children enjoy parlor games and gift-giving from "Santa Claus" during Christmas season when parties and family reunions are usually held./By Bong Cavabvab

China Pledges \$11.5 Billion to Mekong Region Countries: Xinhua

China will provide more than \$11.5 billion in loans and aid to neighbouring Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, mostly for infrastructure and industrial capacity building, state media said Saturday.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang pledged \$1 billion in funding for infrastructure, \$490 million aid for poverty reduction, and \$10 billion in "special loans", the official Xinhua news agency said

Li announced the loans in Bangkok at a summit of countries along the Mekong river, a day after he vowed to help construct a railway through Thailand which Xinhua said will cost \$10.6 billion.

Few details were given on projects to be funded, but Xinhua said China will export production capacity in industries such as electricity, telecommunication, steel and cement.

China also promised to invest \$16.4 million to dredge waterways along the Mekong River and prevent natural disasters, Xinhua cited Li as saying.

Beijing has previously come under fire from environmentalists for building dams along the upper-reaches of the Mekong in southwestern China, which have been blamed for flooding along the river.

Dams and hydro-electric power schemes were expected to be high on the agenda of the Greater Mekong Summit, despite mounting concerns over environmental and social impacts.

China has in recent months devoted diplomatic energy as well as huge sums of money to wooing Southeast Asia, where its reputation as a regional powerhouse is blighted by sea disputes and fears over its long-term intentions.

In November, Beijing pledged \$20 billion in soft loans and for infrastructure projects to the 10-members of the Association of Southeast Asian nations during a summit in Myanmar.

Experts say Beijing is determined to outmanoeuvre the US, which has embarked on a security "pivot" towards Asia, as well bolster its trade routes — and access to resources — as China's rapid economic growth continues./AFP News

of these obligated government programs, which our legislators acted upon," Aliping said.

"The measure is now awaiting the signature of President Benigno Aquino III," he said./Carl C. Taawan

Writing '-30-'

"You're a fool," our fellow journalist snapped at us. "Don't you realize that there are thousands scrambling to migrate to the United States—or anywhere else?"

Upon retiring from the United Nations, which posted us in Thailand and Italy for 19 years, the wife and I chose to return to the Philippines. Then we gave up our permanent-residence status in the United States, which had earlier given us sanctuary, as it did to previous generations of refugees.

We broke loose from martial-law detention and two years of city arrest under the Marcos dictatorship. For that, we stacked up IOUs that can never be paid.

"Just write anything [in your petition to the President to scram]," counseled then Press Secretary Jacobo Clave, a former colleague in the Evening News. So we scribbled, pledging to obey the laws of the republic. Clave got the signature that was the only law then. Human rights lawyer Joker Arroyo monitored every step of our way to get out and kept the International Press Institute informed.

On the receiving end in UN Thailand, Dioscoro Umali, then regional representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization and subsequent Philippine National Scientist, gave us a temporary job.

Philippine National Scientist, gave us a temporary job.

"This contract is for three months," the FAO's Corazon Uy said. We stayed 17 years, as regular FAO officer. But that's another story.

EDITORIAL

Exit from the unlamented

"New Society" opened alternate doors for our five children. They chose to become US citizens in the interim. The wife and I chose ithe road less traveledi—and, as it turned out, a return to journalism.

Shortly thereafter, then Inquirer publisher Isagani Yambot and then Opinion editor Jorge Aruta asked now Presidential Assistant Manuel Quezon III and us to each do a twice-a-week column.

It has been over nine years now since we started crafting Viewpoint columns for the Inquirer. The first column, titled "Trade in orphan tears," appeared on Feb. 5, 2004.

There is a time for every affair under the sun, Ecclesiastes tells us. And now, it is time to write "-30-," as reporters over 50 used to do.

So why did journalists then end their stories that way? Journalism is full of funny phrases and traditions, and writing "-30-" is one of them.

The use of the symbol was once so prevalent that it made its way into Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. It means "a sign of completion."

"I don't know the origin," wrote the Philadelphia Bulletin's Peter Binzen. He ended his 56-year newspaper career with a farewell column that concluded with—what else?—"-30-."

Some say the mark began during a time when stories were submitted via telegraph, with "-30-" denoting "the end" in Morse code.

"I'm not sure that it's any more of a mystery than a lot of other things," observed Linda Steiner, who teaches journalism at the University of Maryland. "Journalists have always liked to create odd or weird names for things that they do or conventions that they have."

In her final New York Times column, "Stepping Aside," Anna Quindlen points out: "Youngsters today account for about a quarter of the population. And so, inevitably, they have created a kind of bottleneck in the work world, including newsrooms. 'You guys just won't go,' said my well-mannered and thoughtful son."

Previously, there was an orderliness to how one generation moved aside and another stepped up to primacy. Life expectancy has stretched. "Even when I was the same age as my children are now, there was a natural transition from one generation to another."

Every year, a small group of reporters would leave the newsroom, to be replaced by younger ones. "With the harsh insensitivity of youth, I thought this was perfectly fine. But this makes for a simple equation: fewer opportunities for the young to move in or move up."

"But many of us of a certain age have had a great deal of difficulty with the concept of getting older. And that means staying front and center professionally. The unspoken synonym for 'emeritus' is' 'old.' And 'old' is a modern obscenity."

Changes in news technology have seen the young invent room for themselves. There is nothing quite as tedious, or as useless, as ritual recitations of the good old days, which most often weren't.

Throughout the world there seems to be an understanding that this is and ought to be a time of reinvention, in the economy, in education, in the office—and in the newsrooms.

But no one seems eager to reinvent on an individual level. Yet never has there been a time when fresh perspective and new ideas were more necessary.

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

VISITING COUNTRY'S FIRST COAL DOME



BY: JESUS DUREZA

Last Saturday, while our GESTUVEO family clan was having its annual reunion at the Seagull Beach in Davao City, I had to quietly sneak out for a few hours so as not to miss a planned visit by our group (called the NANDING BOYS) to see for the first time the first ever COAL DOME in the country. When I was asked by BETH where I was going (no, she never suspects whenever I occasionally get "lost"..) I pointed to a dome structure glistening across the waters from our resort house at PUNTA DUMALAG. The THERMA SOUTH INC. (TSI) of the giant power ABOITIZ conglomerate is making its finishing touches to a power plant at Binugao, Toril in the southern boundary of Davao City about 25 kilometers away from downtown. From my resort house balcony, across clear waters on a clear day, a 300 MW coal-fired plant is fast rising and will soon be commissioned early 2015 or in a few months from now. Frankly, although Beth and I were hosting a rare annual family event, I did not want to miss the opportunity to take a peek at what's inside that huge dome. I had studied — and visited— other coal-fired plants and I was curious with that dome that I had been watching from a distance taking shape over the past 2 years along the shores of Davao Gulf.

NANDING BOYS — The so-called "Nanding Boys" doing this "outing" is actually composed of a small group of close friends of Archbishop Emeritus Fernando "Nanding" Capalla who clustered around, welded by common friendship and high esteem for the recently retired Davao Archbishop "Nanding". The power plant visit was made possible because Aboitiz top executive MANUEL "BOBBY" ORIG is one of the Nanding Boys (but of course!) Joining us aside from Archbishop NANDING and BOBBY were Aboitiz' Davao Light Vice President ART MILAN Businessman NILO CLAUDIO; KarAsia's ALBARRETO and Gawad Kalinga's RENE RIETA.

FIRST DOME — At the briefing room, JASON MAGNAYE, who had a long and distinguished career in both the private and public sectors, is a prized recruit of TSI who now skippers the company division that handles the sensitive job of community relations (COMREL). He said the dome is the first and only coal dome in the whole country as of today. During our drive-through inside the huge dome, I learned for the first why the dome is a welcome and latest addition to a coal-fired plant. It is where "dirty" coal is securely stored, pulverized, and then fed to the boiler furnace that produces steam which in turn runs the generators that eventually produces power.

NO LONGER "DIRTY"— For those of us who still remember watching those old western movies with coal-fed train engines, what stuck in our minds were the dirty-faced workers who continuously shoveled black coal to a furnace to keep the train engines running and the heavy black smoke coming out of the train smokestack. Well, basically this is the same principle, except that today, new technology has been developed to clean up the "dirty" coal and minimize the effect on the environment and comply with acceptable and allowable international standards of harmful sulphur

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Inspirational messages for New Year 2015



BY: BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant'..." (Mary, the mother of Jesus, in Luke 1:46-48, the Holy Bible).

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NEW YEAR MESSAGES OF WEALTH, POWER AND STRENGTH: A repost from 30 December 2011: "As 2011 ends and 2012 dawns upon us, many messages will circulate in an attempt to inspire everyone of us. As for me, I would like to share several powerful messages of wealth, strength, power and blessings from God which can make the difference in overcoming the uncertainties and the difficulties in the coming year and in the days ahead.

This is the first message, from Deuteronomy 28:1-14 of the Holy Bible: 'If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.

'All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock-the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

" 'Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

" 'The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him.

"Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.

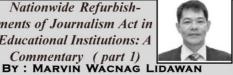
"The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them...

READ THE BIBLE, BECOME RICH: The second and third messages, from Joshua 1:8, says: "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosper-ous and successful." Matthew 6:33, quoting Jesus, says: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as

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DIMENSIONAL ROAD

Nationwide Refurbishments of Journalism Act in **Educational Institutions: A**



"In the spider-web of facts, many a truth is strangled." \sim Paul Eldridge

Campus press freedom is indeed, a student empowerment and an instructive awakening for educators in the name of the academe's restoration for quality education. For an educational institution to function as it is expected, one of its essential components is a dedicated employment of a publication for the exercise of responsible journalism applicable in all the levels of learning in private or in public. Many vigilant students are disappointed for being aware that some educational institutions disregard law- promulgated guidelines mandated by the country's authorities. This is a main concern which should not be overlooked by all educational administrators in their jurisdictions, from the city to the boondocks nationwide. I may not be a pundit in the field but this is what the law says which is too

crucial to reiterate.

Campus Journalism Act, to be specific, had been initially mandated during the time of the late former President Corazon C. Aquino on July 5, 1991 which provides the development and promotion of cam-

journalism and for other related purposes. In section 2 of this Republic Act No.7079, it states that "it is the declared policy of the state to uphold and protect the freedom of the press even at the campus level and to promote the development and growth of campus journalism as a means of strengthening ethical values, encouraging critical and creative thinking, and developing moral character and personal discipline of the Filipino youth. In furtherance of this policy, the state shall undertake various programs and projects aimed at improving the journalistic skills of students, concerned and promoting responsible and free journalism."

Despite the existence of this, many institutions do not recognize its enactment prodding concern students to realize the need to revamp this law pushed by the fact that lots of damages have been incurred and left unsolved against students because the Republic Act's ambiguous provisions that fail to preserve press freedom and unable to guarantee the security and welfare of campus writers. These forms of bias are attested by the College Editors Guild of the Philippines (CEGP) that chronicled many violations against students who strove in the name of campus press freedom since Campus Journalism Act was ratified in 1991.

The said Republic Act contains flaws which doesn't support students' campus press freedom. Some of these pointed flaws were: "voluntary publication fee, optional establishment of publications among schools, colleges and universities, unspecified exemption of students' journalists from any forms of intimidation of suspension or expulsion when they voice out sentiments and the absence of specific penalties for school administrators committing related offenses on campus free-

As a consequence, Campus Journalism under the Republic Act of 1991 has been replaced by Campus Press Freedom Act or House Bill (HB) No. 1493 through Kabataan Party List (KPL) Representative with the effort of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE) of the House of Representatives for its expected approval and deliberation process held on October 2014. This house bill is an act

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FAIR AND SQUARE

DOTC / LTFRB-CAR: It's Show Cause Order

BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



Recently this December, the DOTC / LTFRB-CAR has been issuing Show Cause Orders to holders of franchises or Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) allegedly included in the Inventory of Irregularly Issued franchises. As sent to the respondent operators, the form and wordings of the Order is as follows:

"SHOW CAUSE ORDER

"Verification of records would show that the Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) under the above mentioned case number has been issued in violation of the DOTC and LTFRB Rules and Regulations, thus, it is included in the inventory of irregularly issued franchises.

"In view hereof, respondent is hereby ordered to submit a formal written explanation within ten (10) days from receipt hereof and to show cause why the CPC under Case No. should not be cancelled and/or stricken off from the records of the Board(s).

"Respondent is further ordered to appear before this Board at its Office, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, Pacdal, Baguio City on at 9:00 a.m.

"FAIL NOT UNDER PENALTY OF LAW. "SO ORDERED...

Outright, it can be gleaned clearly that the Show Cause Order fails to specify what particular violation of DOTC and LTFRB rules has been committed by the CPC holder. Thus, quite surely the CPC holder or operator concerned will be hard put to explain as ordered why his CPC should not be cancelled or stricken off from the records of the Board

Come to think of it, It is doubtful whether the Board en banc in Quezon City has knowledge of these Show Cause Orders being issued by the DOTC / LTFRB-CAR since the former has not issued a resolution on the Petition for Legalization filed by CPC holders of irregularly issued franchises still pending before the Board en banc.

In the event the Board en banc will allow the legalization of irregular franchises in CAR, as prayed for in the petition, these Show Cause Order proceedings or investigations will run in conflict with the legalization as approved by the Board.

Besides, it is believed the Regional Director is prevented by estoppel from hearing and deciding the Show Cause Orders since she herself has granted thousands of CPCs for renewal and sale or transfer of irregularly issued franchises in which the Director may also be said to be "without clean hands.'

In lieu of a show cause investigation, it will probably do good for the Regional Director to formally and seriously endorse the approval of the legalization of all irregularly issued franchises granted during the period of moratorium from 1996 to the present.

For, to revoke or cancel all franchises issued during the moratorium which comprise about half of all active franchises and units operating in the city will no doubt results in a transport crisis in

If it happens, will the Regional Director be willing to assume that responsibility?

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amounts so the cost of the procedure can be raised, as they did when we made an appeal about this time last year," she added.

Indeed, there are gentle souls. One of them, a building contractor, handed to this writer P2,000 before Christmas Day, saying it be given to any patient badly in need. The amount will help pay the costs of Leonard's confinement.

Other Samaritans may visit Leonard at the fourth floor of the Flavier Building of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center or at the BGHMC dialysis center during his treatment sessions set at 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

They can contact Ofelia through cellphone number 09084672238.

Meanwhile, a 22-year old girl's protracted fight against cancer got a boost from two Samaritans who pooled P11,200 fopf her chemotherapy against metastatic melanocarcinoma.

"A UB (University of Baguio) instructor named Geraldine gave P5,000 yesterday coming from her batch (while) an anonymous donor also gave P6,200," the patient, Jorieta Pa-ayen of Gibraltar Barangay here, texted last Thursday.

Jorieta, an accountancy graduate of the University of the Cordillera, was reviewing last November for her board examinations when she noticed two lumps on her body, one on her shoulder.

Doctors removed the lumps through surgery and recommended her for six cycles of chemotherapy distanced every 21 days and costing P16,000 per session.

Through representations made by punong barangay Edward Aclopen, she earlier received a P10,000 support from the Benguet Electric Cooperative./

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as cash counterpart for the program. For Tublay, they are to deliver 10% of the Local Development Fund (LDF).

"We value this kind of project. Rest assured that we are interested to implement KALAHI [CIDSS-NCDDP). In fact we already deposited the municipality's counterpart," Mayor Paoad said. He also reiterated to the Barangay Officials that the program should not be used as their avenue for political campaign, "Ito ay programa na pangungunahan ng ating mga barangay residents, pero ipakita natin na tayo ay narito para hindi tumulong, impluwensiyahan ng kanilang mga desisyon o pamamaraan ng pagpapatakbo nitong programa. (This program will be lead by the community, but we should show them that we are here to help and support, and not to influence them on their decisions and program implementation.)", he added

On the other hand, residents in the said municipality have expressed their support for the Program. "In behalf of the Association of Barangay Captains, we are willing to accept and support the project. Let's do our work together for the people," Brgy. Tuel Barangay Captain Gabriel L. Toribio said

"As a community volunteer, kaya kong hikayatin ang ibang tao para sa tulung-tulong na trabaho. Pag mas marami, mas maganda ang output. Kung mag-isa ka lang na gagalaw, hindi mo ma-aachieve ang goal mo. As a barangay treasurer naman, kaya kong i-promote ang accountability sa mga magagamit na finances, bantayan ang tamang paggamit ng pondo para sa proyekto, at i-share ang kaalaman tungkol sa proseso ng maayos na paggamit ng pondo. ("As a community volunteer, I can encourage other people to work together. If there is more, the output is better. If you work alone, you cannot achieve your goal. As a barangay treasurer, I can promote accountability in the use of finances, keep watch on the right use of funds for the project, and share my knowledge on the right process of using funds),"Barangay Basil Treasurer Jenilyn W. Fianza shares her commitment to the program.

The municipality of Tublay is set to proceed to the Community Planning and Proposal Preparation and Approval stage of the Program where the community will be assisted by the in the planning and proposal making based on their identified community needs. This is the 2nd stage of the Community Empowerment Activity Cycle (CEAC) being followed by the KALAHI CIDSS- NCDDP. CEAC is a 5-stage cycle which involves the community in local planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring of the program./DSWD-CAR, SOCIAL MARKETING UNIT, STRELLE C. QUEJADO

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"upholding and promoting campus journalism and campus press freedom, repealing the Republic Act No.7079, entitled: 'an act providing for the development and promotion of campus journalism penalizing'

violations against campus press freedom and for other purposes.'

Through the effort of KPL Representative Terry Ridon, the bill has arrived into the specifications of overlooked provisions under the Republic Act No.7079 which include: "mandatory establishment of students' publication in all edu-

students' publication in all educational institutions, publication as an autonomous entity, mandatory publication fee, exemption of students' journalists from suspension, expulsion or punishment,

sponsoring of press conferences, and training seminars, and the penalty for school administrations for violating campus freedom and legal assistance of students journalists.'

The new Republic Act that aims to safeguard campus journalism under House Bill 1493 or known as Campus Press Freedom Act of 2013 has finally emerged to give justice on students' rights for free

expressions nationwide. Some of the following significant sections were assembled with the writer's attempt to provide straightforward commentaries based from previous observations and experiences:

Section 3 stipulates that "the Editor-in-chief shall be the primary editor chosen through competitive but fair selection process. The process of selecting the Editor- in - chief shall be determined by the

student body.'

This section attempts to eliminate the practice of school administration and faculty to automatically select students as campus writers without following the protocols of selection: an

evident method that surfaces the absence of violation in acknowledgment to students' press freedom rights. This will pave institutional measures to come up with reasonable guidelines in the selection process. School departments related with technology, language, communication and journalism from all schools should have anticipated these responsibilities of arriving at standardized assessment as instruments to be employed during the empowerment of campus writers.

Section 4 declares that "all educational institutions in the elementary, secondary and tertiary levels, public or private shall be mandated to establish a student publication. Every School shall have at least one (1) student publication without prejudice to other publications established within the campus. A student publication shall be published by the student body through an editorial board and publication staff composed of students selected through fair and competitive examinations. All student publications whose operations ceased upon the directives of the school administration shall be revived and allowed to operate again. Once the publication is established or reopened, the editorial board shall freely determine its editorial policies and manage the publication's funds."

There were probably some educational institutions that were inactive in terms of school paper management even during the conception of the original Republic Act in Journalism in 1991 which education supervisory bodies failed to regularly monitor. If there were, this is the moment to compensate such fiascoes before being caught without notice or before monitoring bodies demand for

retroactive copies to prove legitimate operations. Schools' failure to implement publications due to

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oxide emission. A dust capturing device called an "electrostatic precipitator" does the job. Even the unloading of imported coal (possibly from Kalimantan, Indonesia) from the vessels docked at the private jetty will be using enclosed conveyors to the storage dome where after being crushed, the coal will be moved to the silos and fed to the furnace by gravity.

CAPTURING ASHES - Other existing coal plants in the country store their coal supply in sheds like our favorite barangay "covered courts". The TSI- Aboitiz plant at Binugao, Toril has adopted the latest technology of a dome coal storage plant to bring to the highest next level mitigating measures to protect the environment. The ashes are captured before they are released into the air and will be stored in a sealed 5-hectare ash land fill. We drove through the area that was being constructed and saw the ongoing matting to prevent leaks to our waterways. An early rehabilitation plan and protocols are already in the drawing boards for the "disturbed" area just to secure the future beyond the "plant life" period.

MARINE — Even the limited volume of sea water that will be used to cool the plant will be returned back to the sea after passing through a cooling pond to maintain the normal temperature of the sea to protect marine life in the immediate vicinity of the plant, not to mention the possible enhancements that TSI will introduce to improve the marine conditions in the area.

BENEFITS — It will be interesting to

know that the some of the gathered "fly ash" will be used as raw materials for cement making and even hollowblock making for the livelihood program of the host communities surrounding the plant in the barangays of Binugao and Inawayan and other outlying areas. There will be close and sustainable engagement with the host barangays when the power plant gets operational. Benefits to the local residents and communities are assured forthcoming with the SOCIAL reglamentary DEVEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT (SDMP) that will go full blast upon full operation. Although the plant will only need highly technical people of less than 200 to operate the hi-tech hub, the social corporate responsibility (CSR) thrust that is markedly already a trademark of the ABOITIZ business empire will benefit the bigger community beyond its immediate environs.

VIGILANCE — Although the new plant has a total capacity of 300MW, there is already approval of an additional 300MW more generating capacity that will be set up in the same site. This augers well for us Mindanao knowing that we are still badly lacking in power. A power plant that is "em-

bedded" right here in our neighborhood will ensure sustainable development. But as we welcome this new facility, our advocacy for environment protection and well-being must continue without let-up. Vigilant citizen action is needed to see to it that power including plants government agencies comply with our stringent environment regulations to protect us and Mother Earth from harm.

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hard time to withdraw bigger amounts sent by relatives.

"The National ID system will be the official ID card a Filipino must have and government and private establishments shall be mandated to be honoured." said Aliping.

The bill "shall gradually consolidate all existing government initiated identification system into one integrated and efficient identification system," he said.

Under the measure, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Department of Foreign Affairs are the implementing agencies of the program tasked to create and maintain a Filipino Citizen Registry.

"Section 4 of HB 5060 states that every Filipino, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad is mandated to register personal information required by the ID system and upon application shall be issued a non-transferable Filipino ID card with an ID number that shall be valid for life,"Aliping said./Carl C. Taawan

Editorial

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"The torch has been passed to a new generation," John F. Kennedy once said. But torches don't really get passed very much because people love to hold on to them.

But between the lines I read another message, delivered without rancor or contempt, the same one I once heard from my own son: It's our turn. Step aside. And now I will.

We are doing likewise.

And on stepping aside, may we thank the Inquirer, especially Opinion editor Chato Garcellano, Christine Ang, and staff for bearing with a more than onerous dose of our flaws.

We'll take pleasure in reading the young ones take on a world where print and the Internet merge in unforeseen combinations.

So, how do we title this thank-youand so-long column? How else but by 'Writing '-30-'"?/Juan L. Mercaqdo/Email: juanlmercado@gmail.com

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ity development holds a vital role in an employee's ability to succeed.

He added that one of the methods in motivating employees to change work habits and key behaviors for the benefit of the organization is through giving rewards and recognitions. /Jho Arranz

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towards supporting her bid for a new lease on life.

Quakelyn, however, was indisposed, feeling weak and nauseated, a condition experienced now and then by dialysis patients before, during and after their dialysis sessions. She asked if he could hand his support to a friend of hers who then met the Samaritan infront of a barbershop at the ground floor of the

Whoever he is, the bespectacled donor declined to identify himself, except to say he is also from Baguio. After the introductory handshake, the donor handed a red money envelope and then walked away towards the escalator rising to the level of the mall entrance. From behind, Quakelyn's friend saw hair loss on the stranger's pate, looking more natural than shaved like a priest's ton-

The envelope, similar to those distributed by the members of the Chinese community to friends and loved ones for good luck, contained P15,000 in P500 bills. This week, the amount will be deposited in a trust account by three Baguio women who have agreed to help raise the transplant cost and to serve as bank signatories.

Quakelyn had worked for two years on a "job order" paid on a daily basis as base operator and rescuer at the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. After she was hospitalized and diagnosed for kidney failure, she lost her job Before that, she was, for three long years, an unpaid volunteer of the CDRRMC.

Despite her too limited givens that practically goes to her three times weekly dialysis, her struggle towards medical deliverance was boosted by Baguio Congressional Rep Nicasio Aliping Jr. who set aside P100,000 from his official allocations as seed fund for the transplant.

The eldest of four children. Quakelyn lost her father, construction worker Fabian, to kidney disease in 1997. She was named Quakelyn for the fact that she was

born five days after the July 16, 1990 killer quake, inside their house at San Carlos Heights, as Baguio's hospital facilities then were in disarray due to the temblor.

Like many a girl in her condition, she struggled towards a college education by working as a bar cashier and as a teacher in an Englishas-a-second-language class. From May, 2007 to December, 2010, she served as a volunteer telephone operator and first aider with the CDRRMC. In Feb., 2011, she was hired as a job order but her contract was not renewed last year due to her health condition, social welfare officer Jeterda Junio noted in a report.

She had seen miracles during those years of volunteer rescue work, enough to believe that they will continue to come, now that the shoe is on the other foot.

Those who share her belief can ring up her cellphone number (0939-355-9927). They can course their support through chief nurse Carmne Bumatnong of the BGHMC dialysis center (09175153649) or call up this writer (09167778103)./Ramon Dacawi.

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Scholarship Program (CMWSP) and 92 under the OFW Dependent Scholarship Program (ODSP).

The EDSP and CMWSP are regular OWWA scholarship for deserving and qualified OFW dependents, while the ODSP is a scholarship for dependents of OFW who are earning abroad \$400 and below.

Six OFWs who want to upgrade their skills were also awarded with technical vocational training scholarship under OWWA's Skills-for-Employment Scholarship Program or SESP.

In the spirit of Christmas, OWWA also awarded Pamaskong Handog sa Pamilyang OFW, a P3,000 Christmas gift to 13 OFW families, one each from the 13 Benguet town which the local chief executives themselves nominated.

This awarding in Benguet is the culmination activity for OWWA's Pamaskong Handog sa Pamilyang OFW, wherein in partnership with the different LGUs in Cordillera we are giving P3,000 to special OFW families that they can spent for their Christmas salosalo or Noche Buena", Peña said.

OWWA personnel went around the region to award the Pamaskong Handog to five families in Apayao, nine in Abra, 12 in Ifugao, eight in Kalinga, and seven in Mountain Province./JDP/ CCD-PIA CAR



CITY'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015: City Budget Officer Atty. Leticia Clemente answers queries from city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan on the proposed P1.5 billion budget for this coming year and the status of casual employees of the city government during the executive legislative meeting./By Bong Cayabyab

Ailing Carpenter's Family Faces Bleak New Year

For 32-year old kidney patient Leonard Nalos, it has been ordeal enough for his family to learn that he could no longer work, yet must undergo - for a lifetime - expensive thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment so he would see Ira, his now two year old daughter, grow up.

As a result, his family now and then financially depends on his father- and mother-in-law for its daily needs and even his treatment.

His in-laws - Roberto and Corazon Boldoken - are both visually blind yet worked as masseurs to ably raise their four children: Ofelia, 28 and Leonard's wife; Roderick, 21; Trebor, 18; and Rene, 14. The couple was never blind to Leonard's pain over having to stop work as a carpenter after the diagnosis in mid-February, 2013.

So when Leonard had to be hospitalized last Dec. 20 for low blood pressure, chest pain and difficulty in breathing, Corazon skipped work to take care of granddaughter

"We had to spend Christmas New Y ear's Day in the spital as his blood pressure hasn't' stabilized," Ofelia hospital as his blood pressure hasn't' stabilized, said last Thursday morning when she took time to narrate how bleak this new year would be unless her family could be linked to Samaritans.

Nephrologists told her last November that Leonard's heart has weakened may not be able to stand the pressure of his thrice-a-week blood-cleansing treatment through hemodialysis. The doctors recommended a shift to peritoneal dialysis, which would require surgery for the placement in the abdomen of a catheter through which liquid body waste could pass.

Before that can be done, he has to undergo angiogram (a surgical procedure of imaging the inside of blood vessels to determine blockades)," Ofelia said. "We're already at a loss on how to maintain his hemodialysis treatment and here comes this needed procedure that, I was told, costs about P55,000 to P70,000."

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Tublay to Implement Php project community development

Tublay, Benguet - A total of Php 7.2M worth of community development projects will be implemented here as the municipality has formally accepted the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services - National Community Driven Development Program (KALAHI CIDSS-NCDDP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Tublay is among the fifty (50) target municipalities that will implement the said program in the Cordillera Administrative Region. KALAHI CIDSS - NCDDP is one of the core poverty alleviation programs of the Government and the expansion of community-driven development (CDD) strategy into a national

"I am happy to be able to benefit from this project. Since I took the sit as a Mayor of this municipality, I have been taking steps in implementing CDD, but of course our financial resources are not enough. I am happy that my municipality will be helped with the same vision that I have," Municipal Mayor Ruben E. Paoad said.

Being one of the 5th class municipalities in the province of Benguet and a poverty index of 30.43% based from 2009 Poverty Incidence data, the municipality is entitled to a Municipal Grant Allocation of P400.00 per head. A total of P6, 622,000.00 Municipal Grant Allocation for the whole municipality of Tublay will be allotted for their implementation of Sub-Projects for one cycle.

Aside from the grant, the LGU of Tublay will be providing its local cash counterpart amounting to Php 600,000.00. For 2015, the KALAHI CIDSS- NCDDP will follow the Grassroots Participatory Budgeting Process (GPBP) Policy Guidelines or the DBM-DILG-DSWD-NAPC Joint Memorandum Circular No.4. which states that "LGUs [implementing the KALAHI CIDSS- NCDDP] must provide a percentage of their Local Development Fund

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City to

Commemorate 118th Dr. Jose Rizal Dav

The whole nation will be commemorating the 118th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal with the theme "Rizal 2014: Dunong at Pusong Pilipino to which the city government here will be having a simple ceremony.

On Dec. 30, the city will observe the death anniversary of our great national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal which will be highlighted by the raising of the Philippine flag by the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) with the Baguio City National High School band leading the pambansang

The twenty one gun salute will be led by the Philippine National Police Cordillera (PROCOR) and BCPO and subsequently, the taps and ruffle.

The wreath laying ceremony will be led by the city officials headed by mayor Mauricio

BAGUIO CITY - Domogan together with the Rizal Monument barangay officials, Masons, Knights of Rizal, Kababaihang Rizalista, among others. Congressman N icasio Aliping, Jr. will be giving his opening message.

The Baguio City National High School Special Program in the Arts will be presenting an intermission number.

Mayor Domogan will also be giving his inspirational message in the said simple rites.

"This is the city's one way of showing and giving honor to the heroism of Dr. Rizal. It is very timely to arouse the nationalistic fervor of the people and join hand in hand in the celebration of Rizal's martyrdom. Also, the reason the city celebrates Rizal Day is to bring Filipinos together as they immortalize Dr. Jose Rizal and his importance in contemporary times," stressed the mayor./Jho Arranz



