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Representing oneself to another person having a transaction or business with the government is punishable by law once Senator Chiz Escudero's proposed bill passes into law. Escudero, chairman of the senate committee on finance filed Senate Bill No. 118 (SBN 118) which shall also be known as the "Anti-Influence Peddling Act" which makes it unlawful for any person to engage in influence peddling.

SBN 118 defines influence peddling as the act of representing oneself, either orally or in writing, as being able, whether real or imagined, to influence, facilitate or assist another person having some business, transaction, application, request or contract with the government in which a public official or employee has to intervene.

The bill, which was also pushed by the Cont. on page 6

Suntok sa buwan na aprubahan ang panukalang batas na ito ni Senator Chiz Escudero. Napakaraming nagsasagawa ng influence peddling at lalong lalo ng napakahirap patunayan !!

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LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE - Mayor Mauricio Domogan shares his Baguio "Killer Earthquake" of July 16,1990 experience and other disasters and calamities during a two-day Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Summit held at Crown Prince Legacy./By Bong Cayabyab

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Dad Pursues 'Removal Policy' for Delinguent Stallholders

BAGUIO CITY - market stallholders who do not pay lease rentals to the city government risks being removed physically once amendments to the city's market code pushes through.

stalls in the city's public market which are being offered for occupancy to new applicants should first be vacated and cleared of any obstruction including physically removing the occupant.

This he said will make sure that the new awardees will not be prejudiced and would not suffer losses because of the refusal of the old occupant to leave the stall.

Fianza pushed the amendment specifically Section 148 and 157 due to delays in the removal of delinquent stall holders in the public market which has greatly affected the occupancy of new tenants

Section 2 of Section 148 of the Market Ordinance reads; "delinquency in the payment of rentals shall be sufficient cause of the cancellation of the award and lease contract for the occupancy of the corresponding stall or booth".

Fianza said, "a better policy is to have the delinquent stallholder removed first from the stall before the stall will be offered to new applicants.'

Councilor fianza said, "the new amendment should indicate that the delinquency in the payment of market rentals shall be sufficient cause for the Baguio City Market Authority to cancel the award and lease contract for the occupancy of the corresponding stall or booth, to have the same cleared and vacated by the delinquent stallholder and thereafter advertised or offered for occupancy".

Fianza noted, "new awardees for stalls in the market have complained because they are being deprived the use of the stalls which they have legally acquired due to the refusal of former leaseholders to move out."

"These should not be the case, we have to ensure that delinquent stall holders who do not settle their obligations to the city should be removed and new applicants who are willing to pay taxes should be prioritized, "he said./paul rillorta

Karateka Breaks Code for Ailing Fagcayang broke

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First dan blackbelt Carlito Fagcayang is steeped in the tradition of gentle toughness that is the mark of the Japan Karate Association. It's a vow he was soaked in under master Kunio Sasaki, the JKA pioneer instructor and permanent representative to the Philippines.

Last week, in the presence of his immediate teacher, fifth dan blackbelt Edgar Kapawen Sr.,

that code of fortitude, of enduring pain in silence pounded into him since he enrolled as a white belt 30 years ago at the YMCA gym here.

> 43-year old wife, Barbara (nee Sianen), badly needs help. She had just been released from the hospital after undergoing her first chemotherapy treatment for ovarian

cancer. She still has

five more chemo

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sessions to go.

The dreaded illness surfaced last year, prompting her to undergo surgery (total abdominal hysterectomy=bilateral Salpingooophorectomy) in June.

That same month, Carlito received his retrenchment notice as heavy equipment operator under Aboitiz, the power firm that bought, rehabilitated and Cont. on page 7

NEWS **Physical Integration of** Cordillera Remains a Concern; Govt Allots In a proposed ordinance introduced by Councilor Peter Fianza, More Funds for Road

BAGUIO CITY - With the rugged and **Projects** mountainous terrain of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), physical integration through completely paved road networks remains to be a concern 26 years after its creation.

As of November 2011, only 53.79 percent of the region's national roads is paved based on the road statistics report of the Department of Public Works and Highways(DPWH). CAR has the least paved road network in the Philippines.

DPWH Cordillera Regional Director Edilberto Carabbacan, during Unity Gong relay caravan in celebration of the 26th Cordillera Month earlier this month, reported that Cordillera Region is getting a big share for road infrastructure projects during the term of President Benigno Aquino III.

Carabbacan bared that after the completion of all the approved road infrastructure projects for fiscal year 2013, 70 percent of the national roads in the region will already be paved. This is in line with President's directive that all primary and secondary national roads to be paved by 2016.

Getting the biggest bulk of road infra projects for this year in Cordillera is Apayao with around P1.48 billion in approved funds. Apayao has the least paved roads in Cordillera

Upon completion of the 2013 projects, Apayao's 1st District Engineering Office (DEO) will have paved 52.145 kilometers of the 99.435 Kms. arterial roads in the area. For the 2nd DEO, 38.648 kms. of the 63.566 arterial road and 37.365 kms. of the 102.434 kms. secondary roads in the area will also be paved.

Mountain Province got a 2013 allocation of P673,810,000, which after completion of the projects will result to the paving of 109.328 kms. out of the 114.895 kms. arterial roads, as well as 114.411 kms. out of the 195.849 kms. secondary roads of the province.

In Kalinga, P650 million was approved for the paving of 173.428 kms. of the 224.021 kms. of arterial road in the province. For the remaining 67.862 kms. unpaved roads in Kalinga, these will be done by 2015 to 2016.

For Abra, P398.22 million is budgeted for national arterial roads and P106.903M is set for secondary roads for this year.

For Ifugao, DPWH allocated this year P709.223 million for secondary road paving projects in the province.

In Benguet, all arterial or primary roads are already paved. For this year, DPWH allocated P702,97M for concreting of secondary roads in the first and second DEOs in the province.

As for Baguio City, Carabbacan reported that all primary and secondary national roads are already paved and the allocated P380.655M budget goes to rehabilitation, traffic decongestion, bridges, flood control and drainage projects and tourism roads.

> Carabbacan also disclosed that the DPWH in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT), is also currently engaged in a convergence project on enhancing access to tourism gateways, service centers, development areas and sites, as mandated in the National Tourism Development Plan (MTDP).

> The DOT-DPWH convergence project's strategic directions include: development and marketing of competitive tourist products and destinations; improve market access, connectivity and destination infrastructure; and improve institutional governance and human resources.

Mayor Appeals for Cooperation on Programs

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday appealed for continued cooperation on the city's programs and asked colleagues in the city government to shun negative attitudes that he said hamper the achievement of development goals.

"I hope we can sustain our teamwork and cooperation so we can move forward in our goals. And to those with negative attitudes, I'm telling you that this is not the place for you," the mayor intoned during the flag-raising rites.

The mayor also appealed to his co-officials not to support illegal activities like illegal vending and gambling which he said have to be stopped now.

"We must be united and act as one (in ending all these illegal activities)," he said.

The mayor admitted that there are people who seek to destroy him and resort to various tactics to discredit him in the eyes of the people.

"These people are happy to see us fail but this will not stop us from pursuing our goals especially since these are for the benefit of the majority," the mayor said.

Earlier, the mayor warned politicians taking advantage of the clearing operations and the problematic situation at the city market to gain the vendors' favor for their own political ambitions.

"To those people taking advantage of the situation to make people indebted to them by appearing to take the cudgels for them, better watch out. It is very clear what your intention is and I'm sure the people are aware of your ulterior motive," he said./A Refuerzo

In 2012, under the said convergence project, Baguio City got an allocation of P24 M for the concreting of Leonard Wood road - M. Roxas Street and North Drive - Leonard Wood which are access to key tourist destinations such as the Botanical Garden, Wright Park and the Mansion, among others.

Benguet also got P197Mon for access roads projects leading to Mt. Pulag and other key tourist destinations in the province.

For this year, the DOT-DPWH Convergence Project has a total approved allocation of P1.015 billion for the different provinces and cities in Cordillera, according to Carabbacan.

For Abra, P20M was approved for a farm to market road leading to Borikibok Spring resort in Bucay, and for Apayao - P150M for a road project that will connect the towns of Calanasan and Kabugao to Claveria, Cagayan.

Baguio City got P40M for tourism road projects that include an access to Camp John Hay Gate 3 to Baguio Country Club.

Other provinces with approved allocation for tourism infrastructure projects this year include Benguet with P415M, Ifugao- P215 M and Mountain Province- P115M.

Each of the provinces in Cordillera is also continuously identifying other tourism sites and its needed infrastructures for submission of project proposals to the DOT-DPWH Convergence project that will continue until 2016.

With accessibility a key component in bringing in development, Carabbacan called for the cooperation and support of the local government units and the people for the region to be physically integrated. /JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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Baguio City Government Launches Bio Resource Center BAGUIO CITY, — The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO)

has turned a vacant space at the Baguio City Hall grounds into a Bio Resource Center which will showcase its efforts in addressing various environmental concerns.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan and the other city officials recently inaugurated the city hall's Bio Resource Center which was once a vacant space and was turned into a living space and a buffer garden.

Assistant City Environment and Parks Management Officer Ruben Cervantes said that their office aims to share with the officials and employees of the city government the programs and activities of the CEPMO and to get them interested and engaged in the continuing advocacy on keeping the environment clean and green.

Cervantes said the center will serve as a green bank to adopt, accept and revitalize plants. It is also a seed bank for those who donate fruit and plant seedlings.

He added that by maintaining its green canopy it will also shield the side of city hall (near the Baguio City Police Office) from smoke emission since the area was identified as the one of the most polluted areas based on monitoring by the CEPMO.

The bio-resource center which started accommodating students and teachers for enhanced information and education campaigns also uses organic fertilizers produced by the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines as well as fertilizer sludge produced by the sewerage treatment plant.



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He added that the facility houses a gutter cistern will proposed to be rehabilitated as a rain harvesting facility.

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Meanwhile, Domogan said the bio resource center will be an additional educational center and an added tourism destination for visitors of the city and the city hall specifically with all its components on the environmental management and the different environmental advocacies of the city.

He also stressed that the living garden will be a challenge for the city hall employees to take care of the environment and encourage them contribute in enhancing environmentalism./JDP/RMC & UB-PIA interns

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CITY HALL'S SEED BANK - A City Environment and Parks Management gardener tends and puts identification tags of various flowers and ornamental plant species at the first Bio Resource Center at City Hall./By Bong Cayabyab

Private Schools' Partners In Character

BAGUIO CITY - The Association of Private School Administra-Building tors (APSA), together with other equally involved organizations shall partner with the city in strengthening character education foundation and implementation within their respective academic settings.

As suggested among the educators, modules may be prepared, non-competitive academic and sports trainings with camaraderie as premier goal may be organized, strategies explored, and interactive endeavors are to be meticulously examined; with the final goal of inculcating time-tested positive values in the children.

A public-private schools student congress in the city was suggested, with focus on positive thinking and the appreciation of good practices and deeds, between and among the academic members, up to the family and the community.

This was the result of the brainstorming done with Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda last Tuesday at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan hall, City Hall.

Learning interaction should also include character education with the professional group, socio-civic, senior citizens, and the law-enforcing bodies.

The APSA members were briefed on the city's Character Council mission and vision, its affiliation to the international association of character cities; and the legal bases of its implementation in the city.

Character education foundation emphasizes on righteous governance; God-fearing, God-loving, family-oriented individuals; progressive city through productive business; clean, green, healthy and safe environment; and effective education, but not necessarily of academic excellence; it was known.

"You cannot teach character," one educator pointed out, "but as molders of the youth, activities and strategies may be worked out to emphasize that we need inner motivation for righteousness and action instead of being just plain watchers or 'fencesitters.'

The rewards to being a character-immersed person may just be bigger and beneficial to more than just a few, it was added.

The mayor and lady councilor urged the educators to continue looking for ways to educate and develop their students in character-building; and while at it, correlate and interrelate it with daily living, and the just-implemented K to 12 education program./juliegfianza

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Forgetting to weep

Scavengers sifting through garbage dumps of Manila's Payatas, "Smokey Mountain" of Cebu, and Mandurriao in Iloilo, are half a world away from Brazil. That's where over three million people gathered for World Youth Day.

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From Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis reached out to them. He asked that 35 Argentine landfill workers or cartoneros come up to the main altar. They're dubbed "catadores de materiais recicláveis" in Portuguese, which is spoken in Brazil.

Poverty and hunger slash their life expectancies. In Mexico City, the average lifespan for a cartonero is 39 years—three decades shorter than the national average. One out of three babies born to Egyptian garbage dump families dies before the age of one.

In Payatas here, scavengers cook papag from food scraps winnowed from dead cats, glass shards and, sometimes, human cadaver parts. "It tastes sour," a 13-yearold says. "It fills our stomach but doesn't last till evening."

"With crude rakes, it'd take 20 minutes to sort out from rotting litter

ʻrecyclables'," recalls Fr. Heinz Kulüke who lived among

160 families in squalid Cebu huts. Adults earn barely enough for rice. "There is no future," a 15-year-old scavenger told Father Kulüke who now heads the worldwide Society of the Divine Word.

"Reach out to the farthest, the most indifferent," Francis told the youngsters. As a World Youth Day spinoff, the Pope wants them to create "a mess in dioceses" and "people to go out... to defend ourselves against everything that is worldliness... comfortableness, that is clericalism, that is being shut-in on ourselves." Earlier in Rio's cathedral, BBC's Julia Carneiro reported, Pope Francis prodded bishops and priests to "leave the comfort of your churches and go to the favelas (shantytowns)... We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel."

"Pope Francis proved to be a pontiff of surprises," writes the Boston Globe's Lisa Wangsness. That can blur context. After all, the world first met Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio of Argentina as Francis only four months ago—sans ermine cloak and regalia. As the 265th successor to Peter, he now jolts an over 2,000-year-old institution not only by homespun word—but mainly by compelling example.

Don't tool around in fancy cars, the Pope told his priests. Francis dumped Vatican Mercedes-Benzes for a simple van. "Seeing the Argentinian pope riding in a Fiat Pinto, one of the least expensive of cars—his own choice—around the streets of Rio filled me with the deepest tenderness," Ilze Scamparini wrote in The Guardian. "A pope who dares to change a centuries-old mentality risks being taken for an exotic populist."

After election, Francis turned down sprawling pontifical apartments. "There's enough room here for 300," he said. Instead, he lodges in a no-frills Vatican hostel. In Buenos Aires, he turned over Villa Miseria to a religious order that operates it as a hospital. He lived in a two-room rented apartment and took the bus to work.

He wears sensible black shoes and gets his own coffee from a vending machine. "This is Jorge," he told his startled newspaper dealer in Brazil, to suspend delivery. On Holy Thursday rites he washed the feet of a Serbian woman prisoner.

"A simple gesture is not a simple gesture when it is the Pope's gesture," notes theologian Robert Dodaro. This sparked unease among traditionalists. Some grouse he "desacralizes" the papacy.

Eternal Word Television Network's Mitch Pacwa notes few complaints. "All the popes are against consumerism, but this guy brings the hay down to where the goats can get it." More people outside the Church sit up when Francis speaks.

"Sergio, how good you are here," Francis said, giving Jewish rabbi Sergio Bergman from Argentina a warm abrazo. "Did you sneak in?" Vatican protocol officers barred Bergman from a delegation of Jewish representatives at an interfaith meeting. Quietly, Francis sent word that Bergman was his coworker.

"Now that I am before Francis, I again embrace my Rabbi Bergoglio," Bergman recalls telling the Pope in an article in Argentina's La Nacion. "A Jewish tradition prescribes reciting a blessing when one is before a wise man and great teacher... I prayed in Hebrew the blessing. At the end, both of us said amen... I'm still overwhelmed at writing these lines."

After Rio, Francis will find more work cut out. That ranges from rooting alleged corruption within a change-resistant curia, bishops who lag in enforcing sex abuse protocols, surging secularization in the West, and pentacostalism that saps the Church in Latin America.

"This new protestantism drained followers even from Candomblé, the African religion brought by the slaves. In this religious democratization, 80 percent of babies were baptized, but church attendance fell to 57 percent," says a Datafolha survey.

Before Rio, Francis addressed papal nuncios from over 60 countries. They make recommendations for local bishop appointments. Give me names of priests who live in poverty and demonstrate concern for the poor, he asked.

Who will Francis appoint to replace Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state who resigned last month? "Then we'll have some sense of what this papacy is going to be about," foresees Fr. Mark Massa, dean of Boston College's School of Theology.

Francis is 76. An illness as a student left him with one lung. Time magazine's cover story says this pontiff would get people to heal "a society that has forgotten how to cry."/Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juan_mercado77@yahoo.com



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RICHEST MAN IN THE CEMETERY?

BY: JESUS DUREZA



BEFORE DEATH — I read somewhere, I think it was Microsoft Billionaire **BILL GATES**, who said: "*I do not want to be the richest person in the cemetery!* "Meaning, with all his massive fortunes, he wants to share them before he dies. A good reminder to all that you can't possibly bring to the grave all your wealth. It is also a grim reminder that death is the great EQUALIZER. We all die, whether rich or poor. So, share those blessings while you still can. And one need not be as rich as Mr. Gates to do this. If you have more than enough of what you need or want, go ahead and share to those who have less. Unless you want to be called the "*richest man*" in the cemetery!

READ AGAIN —I read also one passage from the book of **OPUS DEI** founder **SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA** entitled "THE WAY —FURROW THE FORGE" where he said: "*if you lose the supernatural meaning of your life, your charity will be philanthropy; your purity, decency; your mortification, stupidity; your discipline, a lash; and all your works, fruitless*". I suggest let's read the passage again and again until this sinks in.

DAVAO LIQUOR BAN — I was momentarily sad when I learned that an ordinance was passed by the **Davao City Council** banning the consumption and sale of alcoholic drinks **beyond 1 a.m. until 8 in the morning** in all establishments or public places. "*Killjoy*!"

But after my chat with some colleagues during a break in the regular Board of Trustees meeting of the **University of Mindanao** the other day, we found out that no, it's not that bad after all. In fact, it's more fun in Davao that way. And here are a few interesting instances.

At the strike of 1 a.m., all beer mugs and bottles, whisky, wine and champagne glasses WILL SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR and give way to coffee mugs and cups, tea pots and shaded or non-transparent water jugs. Never mind what's inside! Case in point: When I was in **Congress** during the late **Speaker Monching Mitra**'s time, hard liquor was off limits at the congressmen's lounge especially during session time. Well, the waiters became more creative and served drinks all in coffee mugs or teacups and from non-see-through decanters. Yes sir, you can drink brandy from a paper cup too! Yuck!

What about policemen who would go on patrol and check on violators? They must themselves test and take quaffs or a drink or two before they can make arrests. Then they would not pass the alcohol tests themselves after a few stops! Or is this a good excuse to get free drinks while on duty?

A suitor with a prim and proper date who agreed to have dinner with a few drinks only for the night can delay and drag the evening and then can also just suggest innocently to lady love: "It's 1 a.m. We can't finish our drinks here at the resto. Let's get a room and finish our drinks inside." Cool!

Don't forget we have non-alcoholic drinks too that taste like champagne or wine0 What is inside those bottles need not be examined and tasted each by the police, will they? Unless, again they just want to have a few free drinks on the sides!

And yes, will they arrest priests who drink wine like **Mompo**? (Or pricey French red wines ... who knows) during masses before 8 in the morning

What about the tuba gatherer ("*mananggiti*") who had to harvest tuba early dawn and taste the drink as a practice and ritual? Will he **Cont. on page 7**

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Faith Healer of Fake Healer [EXCLUSIVE EXPOSE] 1st part By: NESTOR CASTRO

Dito sa ating bansa may isang scam, swindling o panlilinlang na lantarang nagaganap, na ang kadalasan, ang natatamaan o nabibiktimahan ay ang foreigners na may malubhang na sakit o karamdaman. Eto ang scam o swindling ng Faith Healing o kung tutuusin ay FAKE HEAL-**ING**, bagama't hindi ko nilalahat at sinasabing fake ang lahat ng faith healers, sapagkat iba't ibang uri ng healing ang mayroon sa atin. May mga arbolaryo, manghihilot, pychic and prayer healers na gumagamit ng dasal, at yung sinasabing psychic surgeons na nakapag sasagawa daw sila ng isang pisikal na operasyon. Kahit sino sigurong doktor o medical professional physician ang inyong tanungin kung tutuo nga na ang isang healer ay kayang magsagawa ng isang pisikal na operasyon na gamit lamang ang kanilang mga kamay at wala ng iba ay pagtatawanan kayo ng medical practitioner at sasabihin na huwag kayong magpapaloko.

Eto ngayon ang masakit sa ginagawa ng mga ganitong klaseng fake healer na sa pamamagitan ng bilis na galaw ng kanilang kamay (slight of hand/switching) kung isa kang manonood ay posibleng akalain o paniwalaan mo na tunay nga silang nakapagsasagawa ng tutuong psychic surgery, ngunit sa totoo lang ay fake healing at fraudulent trickery lamang ang <u>kanilang ginagawa</u>.

Ngayon, ang sasabihin naman ng ibang magpapatunay na sila ay napagaling ng ganitong uri ng manggagamot (fake healer) ito ay simple lamang na maipaliwanag ng sinasabing placebo effect and/or belief in the almighty God. Ang ibig sabihin nito ay una sa lahat, hindi naman talaga sila malubha (bakit dokumentado ba ng espesialista ang kanilang karamdaman at siguradong hindi sila na misdiagnose?!?) at kung mayroon man silang karamdaman, yuon ay hindi malubha o yun sinasabing akala lang nila na mayroon silang karamdaman. Kaya pag nahawakan sila ng fake healer at pakunwaring na-operahan sila ay akala na nila ay okay na sila at napakitaan na sila na may nakuhang mga lamanlaman o mga litid -litid kunwari ngunit sa totoo lang yun ay laman at litid na mula sa mga hayop (kadalasan ay baboy o manok), at ang karamihan na healing na totoo naman ay yung healing through one's faith and belief in the almighty God at walang kinalaman ang kamay ng fake healer.

Ayon naman sa Bibliya, kapanahunan pa ni Kristo Jesus ay sumasagawa na si Kristo ng healing sa pamamagitan lang ng dasal at paniniwala, ngunit never ka makakabasa sa Bibliya na si Kristo ay nagsagawa ng isang psychic surgery kung saan si Kristo ay nagsagawa ng operasyon at kumuha ng mga laman loob.

Mabuti na lamang at ang karamihan ng ating mga kababayan ay hindi nagpapaniwala sa ganitong uri ng panloloko! Isang dahilan dito ay yung tindi rin ng singilan ng mga UNNGOY na fake healers na ito. Ang mga iba sa mga yan ay US\$100 o 100 Euros ang singil sa isang sesyon na tatagal ng ilang minuto lamang.

Sa loob-loob ng ating mga kababayan ay ano kayong mga fake healer kayo "Hilo", ano kayo Sinusuwerti at magbabayad ako ng \$100 or Euros (singko mil o limang, libong piso kada sesyon, eh iistirin pa nila na kailangan daw na hangang 10 sessions) para pakitaan mo lang ng laman loob at dugo ng baboy na kunwaring galing sa pasyente/ biktima!!!

Sa mga susunod na kolum ko ay ating tatalakayin ang mga sumusunod: [1] Kung ano ang ginagawa ng ating gobyerno hinggil dito, [2] Ano ang dapat gawin ng mga ahensya ng gobyerno, [3] Anong klaseng mga tao ang nagsasagawa nito (sinusuog na kaya ang kanilang kaluluwa habang buhay pa sila), [4] Ano ang dapat gawin ng mga foreign embassies in coordination with the DFA, DOT, DOJ, NBI., [5] Paano ginagawa ng fake healer ang ganitong raket, sino-sino ang kontak ng mga healer sa abroad, [6] Paano mapapatunayan na fake ang isang uri ng psychic surgery, [7] Bakit napapaniwala ang mga foreigner sa ganitong uri ng katarantaduhan at panloloko, etc.... Abangan!

OPINIONS KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Aquino gov't helpless vs. crime and criminality By: BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16, the Holy Bible).

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AQUINO GOV'T HELPLESS VS. CRIME & CRIMINALITY: Here are troubling headlines from a newspaper that claims it is the biggest in circulation nowadays: "Murder raps filed vs. 2 cops in rubout"; "De Lima to CIDG exec: Name NBI agent protecting drug lords"; "Killings tarnishing image of Apayao as a peaceful province"; "Man killed in Pasig"; "Man wounded in third San Juan shooting in a week"; and "Couple attacked on their way to church in Cebu".

Clearly, crime and criminals are having a field day in the Philippines, and, it would seem, there is nothing that the Aquino government can do about it. And those headlines involved only the crimes that were reported to the authorities, and published in media. There have been many other crimes that were not reported to the authorities and have not been published by the press.

On top of those reports, consider the other news stories that have been hugging the headlines lately: corruption involving billions of pesos in diverted pork barrel funds of congressmen and senators; smuggling at the Bureau of Customs going on unabated on account of the intervention of top government officials; and, on July 26, 2013, a disbursing officer was hurt in an ambush in Zamboanga del Norte which left her husband killed.

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TIMES ARE REALLY BAD IN RP: The times are indeed very bad. And yet, we cannot say we were not warned that this kind of surging and widespread criminality would one day happen. We were warned for sure, and in a very specific language yet.

Consider this: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—-having a form of godliness but denying its power..."

That is from the Holy Bible, particularly in its 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Now, why are these things happening? The Bible, in the book of 1 Timothy 4:1, tells us the reason why these things are happening: "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons..."

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DEMONIZED AND DEVILISH: And, from 2 Timothy 4: 3, there is likewise an explanation as to why some people will become demonized and devilish. It says, many will no longer listen to sound teachings, and would instead hear only the things they would want to hear, from preachers or teachers who will talk only about what these people will want to hear.

This part of the Bible says: "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths..."

And Romans 1 tells us exactly that because people are turning away from the truth, their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts became darkened, so that God gave them over to "wickedness, evil, greed... depravity... envy, murder, strife, deceit... malice... (becoming) gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arro-

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ITI laksid nga adda existing laws/ordinances a maipawil iti panagkoriente kadagiti lames, adu latta dagiti illegal fisherman. Isuna laeng ta kaaduanna a makalkaluban dagitoy kinukusit nga aramid babaen met laeng kadagiti protector a law enforcers ken kasta met kadagiti public officials (puera de los buenos). No apay a kastoy ti panangipapantayo? Maibatay met laeng iti pammaliiw babaen iti maysa a pagsasao: ADDA, AYA, ASUK NO AWAN TI APUY? Ania ti masaoyo, kakabsat nga agipatpatungpal kadagiti paglintegan?Saan koma a pitik iti pidit-pidityo daytoy a mai-PALSIIT kadakayo, ngem ketdi, padasen/aramidenyo man laeng daytoy a kas pangmurmuray kadakayo. Sapulenyo kadi, a, ti disso a pakaisaysayangkatan dagiti illegal fishing a kas iti panagkoriente kadagiti lames. No ngamin makoriente dagiti lames, babassit ken dadakkel, sangapada a biktimaen ti koriente. Kasla massacre met ti nakaamames a pannakadangran/pannakapapatay dagiti lames. Naim-imbag la koma no sigay ti maipakat a pagkalap ta mapili laeng ti kadadakkel dagiti maalana a lames, batay iti kadadakkel ti abut ti sigay. Daytoy maararamid nga illegal a panagkalap, ipasimudaagna ti kinagamrud, kinatulisan nga aramid.Saan nga ibibiang dagiti masalungasing a paglintegan.Kakabsat a violator iti illegal fishing, apay, dakayo la ketdin, aya, ti kayatna ti agbiag ken mairanud kadagiti taraon a masarakan iti uneg ti danum? Saanyo man laeng, aya, a masirmata ti kinapateg ti lames a mapadakkel a nasayaat santo kalaapen iti umno a ppanawen?

Ti makitatayo kadagitoy a mapaspasamak, mapatured dagiti kakabsat nga agkalap iti illegal gapu ta dagiti law enforcerstayo, managpabus-oyda. No saan, gapu ta maimasanda ti aglak-am iti pasuksok a kuarta ken kasta met ti lames a makalapan iti illegal, ay, awan ti agtagtagari lattan, a.

Malagiptayo man daydiay bambanti (scarecrow) a maipan iti pinagayan no umadanin nga agluom dagiti dawa ti pagay. Maaramat daytoy a bambanti (sinantao) tapno adda kabuteng dagiti billit-tuleng nga agduom kadagiti agluom a dawa ti pagay. No agangin, agsala ti bambanti. Ngem, ti agbisin a nabiag, kabuteng pay ngata, aya dagiti billit-tuleng ti bambanti? No nagapaston ti pagay, maikkatto metten ti bambanti. Di ngata nasaysayaat a ti pay laeng panagluom dagiti dawa, duomen aminen dagiti billit-tuleng tapno maisakbayen a maigibus ti akem ti bambanti? Ngem, saan, a. Nasaysayaat met laeng no maatipa ti panagduom dagiti billit-tuleng kadagiti dawa tapno addanto met laeng pakairanudan dagiti kakabsat a mannalon.

Kasla bambanti dagiti paglintegan a di met maipatpatungpal kadagiti aglabsing (violator). Kailala ti bambannog dagiti lawmakers a nangpampanday dagita a paglintegan a maipapaigid met gapu iti kasasaad dagitoy a kasla bambanti.

Law enforcers, sapay koma ta positive ti pannangawatyo dagiti pammaliiwtayo. Saan, aya, a gagemtayo amin a matuntonan ti kinapudno? Tapno agsayaat ken maidaydayawtayo amin.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: Between truth and the search for truth, I opt for the second. – BERNARD BERENSON.#

gant... boastful... invent(ing) ways of doing evil... disobey(ing) their parents... (with) no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy..." Depressing, but they are now in our midst, aren't they? -000-

REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918, 574 0193, 0922 833 43 96. Email: b a t a s m a u r i c i o @ y a h o o . c o m, mmauriciojr111@gmail.com.





REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

TUBAO CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC.,(TCCI), *Mortgagee*,

SPS. ELIAS AND GLORY JULITA PAUS, Mortgagors,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 13-EXF-1697

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORE-CLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act 3135 as amended filed by the **TUBAO CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE**, INC. (TCCI), duly organized and registered with the Bureau of Cooperatives under registration no. FF-030-RR in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 175, with principal office and place of business at Tubao, La Union and herein represented bv its manager, ROMOLUS F. LAYUG, against SPS. ELIAS AND GLORY JULITA PAUS, of legal ages, Filipino Citizens, and residents of Poblacion. Tuba . Benguet, in a real estate mortgage dated June 1, 2003. That as of June 4, 2013, the outstanding obligation amounted to FIVE HUNDRED **EIGHTEEN THOU-**SAND SEVEN HUN-DRED SEVENTY NINE PESOS and 60/100 (P 518,779.60) PESOS, Philippine Currency, inclusive of agreed interest, but excluding foreclosure expenses, attorney's fees and daily interests thereafter. That the undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on AUGUST 13, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all the improvements thereon to wit:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-001-04532

" xxx A parcel of situated land at Poblacion Pagna, Tuba. Benguet: bounded on the North xxx E: Adora Paus: on the SW: Oliver Paus; on the south by: Elias Paus, et al..., and on the N West by: Romeo Banisa; containing an area of .2932 ha more or less; with an assessed value of P 4,040.00: as per ARP No. 99-001-04582; in the name of Elias K. Paus; xxx"

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein-above described and the encumbrances thereon if any there be.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on September 10, 2013 at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, July 16, 2013.

FOR: THE PROVIN-CIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: JOHN MARIE O. OCASLA Sheriff IV

Publication dates at The Junction Newspaper: July 20, 27 and August 3, 2013 REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH 10 LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LINDA T. POLON

-versus-

Petitioner,

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OFLA T R I N I D A D BENGUET AND NSO *Respondents*,

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SP. PROC. CASE NO. 13-C-1782

FOR: CORRECTION OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR BRETOWEN TINAG POLON

X-----X ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on 09 July 2013 praying that after due notice, publication, and trial, judgment be issued directing the National Statistics Office to cause the correction of entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of minor Bretowen T. Polon as to his gender from FEMALE TO MALE registered with the Municipal Registrar of La

Trinidad, WHEREFORE. finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on September 4, 2013 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 2nd Floor Justice Hall, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner in The Junction Newspaper, a

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By:(SGD) ATTY.

LINDA G. MON-

TES-LOLOY

Clerk of Court VI

& Ex-Officio City

Sheriff

By:(SGD) BOBBY

D. GALANO

Sheriff IV

WARNING: it is

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on or before the

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the penalty of law.

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Newspaper, dates

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Baguio City, Phil-

Prospective bid-

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Subdivision

P 152,240.00"

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UNDER ASSESS-

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scribed as follows:

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Sheriff,

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Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of The Solicitor General. Makati City; the Administrator National Statistics Office; the **Provincial Prosecutor** of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Trinidad, La Benguet; The Junction Newspaper; the Petitioner and her Counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAM-BERS, this 16th day of July 2013 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

EDGARDO B. DIAZ DE RIVERA Jr., Presiding Judge

Publication dates : July 20, 27 and August 3, 2013 REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIP-PINES OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BAGUIO CITY

JOHN L. BAYAO,

-versus-

N A N C Y WANCHAKAN, Respondent-Mortgagor,

X———X

FOR CASE NO. 13-429-S

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act. 4148 filed by JOHN L. BAYAO, hereinafter referred to as MORT-GAGEE, executed on

A N C Y Make Influence...

of

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August 3 - 9, 2013

senator during his first term in the Senate, seeks to nip corruption even before its inception and prior to any damage inflicted upon the government coffers.

"So much misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance had been committed already with the practice of using one's real or imagined influence in the bureaucracy, but it is very difficult to prove and confirm if money or gifts indeed exchanged hands in sealing a corrupted deal. At present, no law categorically penalizes a person's mere act of influencing a public official to perform an act that does not constitute a crime. We want to fill this gap with this bill."

Escudero said the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act only penalizes persons who received a present, materials or any pecuniary advantage as well as those who, without official authority actually intervene, directly or indirectly in any transactions with the government.

SBN 118 punishes any person who engages in influence peddling or the mere act of representing oneself to another, of not more than six years or a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand pesos or both, and disqualification to hold public office.

"This should set up an effective deterrent to corruption. I have always espoused transparency in government. This bill puts a mandated mechanism that will transcend all department circulars that merely advises its employees not to accept gifts or dine-outs, especially those from revenue-generating agencies. If the transaction is legitimate, no need to inflict damage upon oneself and another party by circumventing the legal and correct procedures."

On Monday, Escudero filed a resolution calling for a senate probe on the alleged "padrino system" at the Customs Bureau which implicates members of Congress and other influential groups and persons./

OFFICIAL WEBSITE: http:// www.chizescudero.com/website/ OFFICIAL FACEBOOK P A G E : h t t p s : / / w w w . f a c e b o o k . c o m / senchizescudero/OFFICIAL TWITTER ACCOUNT: @saychiz

JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICES



HOME DEVELOP-MENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund), Mortgagee,

-versus-

GORDONE. GARIN, Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 13-432-S FOR

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REALESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended .

X-—Х SHERIFF'S NOTICE

OFAUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for foreclosure and sale extra-judicially under Act 3135, as amended, filed by HOME DEVELOP-MENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund) hereinafter referred the MORTto as GAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of GORDON E. GARIN, hereinafter referred to as the MORT-GAGOR, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 21, 2013 now amounts to ONE MIL-LION THREE HUN-DRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR and 36/100 (P 1,335,154.36) PE-SOS, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalties, but excluding other charges, attornev's fees, sheriff's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or any

duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on August 28, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the Justice Hall Building, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the property/properties together with all the improvements existing thereon, more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER **CERTIFICATE OF** TITLE NO. 018-2010001742

A parcel of land (Lot 1-5-A-8-D, Psd-CAR -015596_ being a portion of Lot 1-5-Psd-CAR-A-8. 014299; situated at rurban code 131102, Res. Sec. "D", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along lines 5-1-2 by Road Lot 1-5-A-9, Psd-CAR-014299;; on the NE., REN, along lines 2-3 and on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 1-5-A-8-1(Alley) of the Subdivision Plan; on the SW., along line 4-5 by Lot 1-5-A-8-C of the Subd. Plan . Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N. 69 deg. 39, W., 2283.96 m. from BLLM No. 1, called BAGUIO, to corner "1", THENCE: N. 30 deg. 07' E., 5.45 m. to point 2; S. 34 deg. 47'E ., 23.23 m. to point 3; S. 69 deg. 32' ., 22.13 m. to point 4: N. 25 deg.. 57' W., 18.92 m. to point 5; N. 68 deg. 39' E., 14.00 m. to point of beginning . Containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED (400)SOUARE **METERS** . More or less.....xxxxxxx. Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

Baguio City, Philippines, July 31, 2013.

By: (SGD) LINDA G. MONTES-LOLOY Clerk of Court VI/ **Es-Officio Sheriff**

By: (SGD) JOSELITO V. ITLIONG Sheriff IV

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parties. REPUBLIC OF THE

PHILIPPINES **REGIONAL TRIAL** COURT

> FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 6, **BAGUIO CITY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPROVE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE AQUILINA PAGUIO ALCANTARA AUGUSTO WAR-

Petitioner,

SPL. PROC. CASE NO. 1993-R X------X

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This Court, after having approved the designation of Atty. Renato Rondez as Administratix of the estate of the deceased Aquilina Paguio-Alcantara and he having taken his oath, gives NO-TICE to all persons having money claims against the decedent Aquilina Paguio arising Alcantara from contracts express or implied, whether the same is due, not due or contingent, including claims for funeral expenses for the last illness of the deceased, as well as claims arising from judgments for money against the same deceased, to file their claims thereto with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Justice Hall, Baguio City, within seven (7) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and at the same time serving a copy thereof to Administrator Atty. Renato Rondez at his address at 58 Guevarra Subd., Pacdal, Baguio City.

Publication dates: WITNESS the August 3, 10 and 17, HONORABLE

Advocacy Mindanao...

from page 5 postpone his daily task after 8 a.m. too? And the tuba storeowner who wants to make sure and takes a drink to know whether what is being delivered early in the morning is "dawat" (freshly gathered) or "bahal" (fermented for hours) or "suka" (vinegar)?

CECILIA CORAZON

S. DULAY-ARCHOG,

Judge of this Court,

this 8th day of July

By: (SGD) ATTY.

MYLENE MAY G.

ADUBE-CABUAG

Clerk of Court V

2013

Presiding

Acting

2013.

And hear this. A friend who has a resort in Samal Island (part of Davao del Norte) is celebrating. He knows that henceforth, his place will become the next favorite gimmick area for Davao City residents from dusk to dawn. With the 24-hour ferry service, the city's swinging crowd can cross over (just 7 minutes away) and swing it there, outside Davao City limits! (You can't blame our resort manager in the Seagull Mountain Resort, which is just outside Davao City, to feel jubilant, too!)

A party boat like what the Bangayans operate with its partying passengers can just sail or drop anchor at the Davao Gulf area nearer the Samal Island area and party till dawn. Or safely steam across to Samal Island when the police are coming.

Entertainment places are not the only ones to suffer the brunt. Funeral parlors too. Either drinking visitors go home early or wakes for the discriminating crowd of a dear departed drinker, instead of being in funeral parlors will be in private residences instead - well beyond the coverage of the ordinance.

Wives are jubilant too because dear hubbies will be home early. But they will have to start worrying coz husbands can bring the "barkada" home where even if they drink till kingdom come, the ordinance will not affect them since they are inside a private place - even if the drinking is at the patio or the yard for all the neighbors to see and hear - and of course, suffer!

Then, bars and hotels and drinking spots will have to move earlier their discounted " happy hour" time to start while office hours are still on. Or parties will have to start before the sun goes down to make up for lost time. C'mon let's all admit it: drinking is always a highlight in every gathering or partying. Shortening it will surely disrupt the usual timetables. Of course not to mention the loss of income not only for the establishments that usually stay open late. Remember the lose of income for the waiters, employees, the downstream crowd like taxi and jeep drivers, etc etc.

Tourists will not only raise quizzical eyebrows, they'll think twice whether it's worth their while to spend their holidays here0

But there's a flip side to all this, right? It's still fun - and yes, safe- to be in Davao, you bet!

CAGAYAN DE ORO BLAST - . I was attending the National Board Meeting of the Jaycee Senate in Iligan City, about one and a half hour land trip to Cagayan De Oro when CDO's



Deputy Chief of Police COL JHON MICHAEL DELOSO and I got together on the phone for some updating on the Friday night bombing in the heart of the "gimmick area" at LIMKETKAI, a favorite hangout of the residents and their guests0 Evidently, the bomb was intentionally to bring death and havoc to the max to the Friday night frolickers. The Philippine College of Chest Physicians (PCCP) Northern Mindanao Chapter was holding its 16th Midyear Convention at the time and some doctor-delegates with some med reps took time out for a fun night, clustering around a performing band when the improvised explosive device "IED" went offOClearly an act of terrorism! How tragic!/ADVOCACY MINDANoW FOUN-DATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twit-AMFI_Mindanow/Email ter us info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

Karateka Breaks...

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now operates the Ambuclao Dam in Bokod, Benguet.

Two months ago, Barbara's illness resurfaced. The couple and relatives pooled P32,000 for the initial chemo session at the SLU Hospital of the Sacred Heart here.

The second chemo will be set later this month, after her check-up on Aug, 6.

When Carlito lost his job with Aboitiz, after Barbara's surgery, the couple repaired back to their native village in Tocucan, Bontoc, Mt. Province. There, the couple turned to marginal farming and raised their son Abraham, now 6 and in the first grade.

"I have a very young son who, I hope I can nurture until he is of age together with my loving and supporting husband," Barbara said in a letter-appeal she wrote after she got out of the hospital last week.

"I guess there's no choice but to appeal for help as we have nowhere to turn to to sustain my wife's chemotherapy," Carlito admitted.

People reading this and can help may ring cellphone number 09353966655 up (Carlito's) or 09058821349 (Barbara's).

There are Samaritans out there. Among them is a businessman who requested anonymity as he contributed P3,000 the other week for whoever needs it most.

At the receiving end of such generosity is Jocelyn Singson, a 42-year year old kagawad of Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet needing twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure.

As kagawad, Singson receives P6,300 monthly honorarium. It's a pittance, as she needs almost P10,000 weekly to sustain her treatment scheduled every Tuesday and Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Cordillera Renal Center along at the Baguio Midland Courier Building along Kisad Rd., Baguio.

At the least, she needs P2,650 per session, an amount she and her husband Reynaldo, a plumber, can't sustain on their own.

The anonymous donor said he will try to provide regular support to indigent and seriously ill patients. "One at a time, as I am like many who have limited resources," he clarified.

Other Samaritans can call up Jocelyn (09467027565) or see her during her treatment at the renal center./ Ramon Dacawi.



ogy (DOST) has formally signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the operation of the State-of-the-art Water level Monitoring System (WLMS) installed at the City Camp Lagoon here.

The project is part of the continuing disaster mitigation efforts being undertaken by the DOST in partnership with the different local government units in the country through the installation of Automatic Rain Gauges (ARG's) and WLMS to gather essential data during the onslaught of typhoons.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and DOST–Cordillera Regional Director Julius Caesar Sicat signed the MOA Monday (July 29) during the projects inauguration at the City Camp Lagoon where runoff water coming from the nearby barangays is diverted.

Domogan said, "the equipment installed in the area will be a big help in alerting residents of possible flooding once the tunnel is clogged."

Metal screens have already been installed along the major tributaries leading to the City Camp Lagoon to trap garbage which could clog the main outlet of water thru funding from the national and city government.

The tunnel which serves as the main drainage and water catchment basin of the city has undergone appropriate development in the light of the recurrence of serious flooding.

"We again appeal to our residents not to throw their garbage in our tributaries and canals to prevent serious flooding once the mouth of the tunnel is blocked, "he said.

The mayor said the equipment will be more effective once cooperation from the residents from the adjoining barangays in preventing trash from going into the water tributaries is achieved.

The equipment which uses an ultrasonic sensor will determine the rate of the change in water level and warn of possible flooding.

It is designed to operate continuously getting its power from the sun and backed-up by an internal rechargeable battery which can withstand in the harshest environment.

DOST disclosed the agency will install similar water monitoring systems in Abra, Benguet, Ifugao and Kalinga along with landslide sensors in landslide prone areas of the Cordilleras.

They also revealed the data which is gathered by these stations will automatically be transmitted to a central computer database where it will be analyzed and relevant findings will be given to PAGASA, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Philvolcs) and the local government units (LGU's) thru the different City and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils (CDRRMC).

The project is part of the emergency distribution of hydro meteorological devices in hard-hit areas in the country through the effort of DOST in cooperation with the city government of Baguio, the Advance Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)./ paul rillorta

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illegal small scale mining activities in the different parts of the city, the city government and other concerned national government agencies prompted the closure of the same. However, some vigilant small scale mining operators are persistent in continuing the productive craft.

"There is a need to immediately organize a committee that will regulate and oversee the conduct of small scale mining activities in the different parts of the city so that operators will adhere to the stringent rules and regulations governing the same", said Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

Because of this, Mayor Domogan reconstituted the Baguio City Mining Regulatory Board (BCMRB) through Administrative Order No. 92 composed of the Regional Director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau-CAR as the chairperson and the city mayor or his duly authorized representative as the vice-chairperson. The members are representatives from the Large and Small Scale Mining; Non-government organization and Council Committee on Health and Sanitation, Ecology and Environmental Protection chairman, Councilor Fred Bagbagen.

The AO asserts that "local government units shall ensure and support among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to balance ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliance, scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals and enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

The BCMRB will evaluate, assess and study all filed applications fro small scale mining operations and other related permits; regulate and monitor approved small scale mining operations in relation to their strict compliance to existing environment, mining, labor rules and regulations among others. It is also their duty to formulate the appropriate rules and regulations in relation to mining operations within the jurisdiction of the city and to perform other related functions as may be mandated by related issuances by concerned government agencies and the local government./Jho Arranz

City Mulls Revival of Satellite Markets in

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BAGUIO CITY- The city government will revive the satellite markets in various barangays to complement the on-going clearing drive at the city market.

City officials during the department heads' meeting said the revival of the satellite trading areas will help decongest the city market.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said there are existing satellite market structures in Aurora Hill, Trancoville, Imelda Village, Pacdal and others which are either just partly used or totally not serving the purpose because said areas were already developed and converted into private properties.

He said he will form a task force to assess these structures and recommend ways to revive them.

The mayor stressed the importance of having satellite markets in the barangays for the convenience of both vendors and residents of the barangay. Having satellite markets right within the barangay will encourage constituents to patronize the same as well as help uplift the income of the barangays.

"It is just proper that the satellite markets will sustain and continue its operation for the constituents of the barangays," said mayor./Jho Arranz and Aileen Refuerzo



A CANE FOR SUCCESS- With the theme Putting Baston, "gabay sa patuloy na paglalakbay tungo sa maunlad at marangal na pamumuhay" Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan openly shared his words of encouragement to the persons with disabilities (PWD's) for them to become contributory citizens of Baguio City in terms of aspirations for employment despite their physical challenges. The 15th White Cane Safety Week was held at the Baguio City Multi-Purpose hall last August 1, 2013./ Jerry Manaois

