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COMELEC Clarifies use of Online Election Propaganda for May Election

BAGUIO CITY – The use of online election propaganda for campaign purposes are allowed for political candidates as long as it is within the guidelines provided under Commission on Election (COMELEC) Resolution 9615 or the rules and regulation implementing Republic Act No. 9006, otherwise known as the “Fair Election Act”.

Regional Director Jose Nick Mendros of COMELEC - Cordillera clarified in an interview that candidates for the May 2013 election can utilize social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter as these are private online accounts that are for private use and which COMELEC has no jurisdiction of.

For online election propaganda, however, Mendros said there are guidelines or restrictions under Res. 9615. He cited that Section 9, Item C provides the maximum size for every kind of online propaganda that a candidate can utilize. There is also a restriction that online campaign propaganda or advertisement, whether procured by purchase or given free of charge, shall not be published

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NO MORE SIDEWALKS – Whoever are the Genius Dumb Asses who thought of taking out the sidewalks along Leonard Wood Road are really something. Cong. Bernardo Vergara, surely you are aware of this. But perhaps, providing free parking along the streets are a better alternative when sidewalks are done with. Or could it be that since your financial budget is just too much, therefore whatever project including taking out sidewalks at the expense of the safety of pedestrians just has to be done. Truly it's more fun in the Philippines or should we say it's more fun in Baguio./Photos by The Junction Research Staff

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ATTENTION MAYOR MAURICIO DOMOGAN and P/SR. SUPT JESUS CAMBAY JR. – For your easy reading, no need to look into the inside pages of this paper, the Jueteng results for the period of January 26 – February 8, 2013. To all other suckers who tolerate and patronize Jueteng happy betting in the more fund Jueteng City of Baguio, courtesy of the concerned Baguio Officials.

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NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Rules Sought on Care for Trees Affected By Constructions

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Peter Fianza has sought the issuance of guidelines for the protection and maintenance of pine and other species affected by public and private road and infrastructure projects in the city.

In a proposed resolution, Fianza suggested the formulation of the guidelines by the Forest Management Services of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the city environment and parks management office (CEPMO).

The rules should cover all tree species affected by road and sidewalk construction and repair, subdivision and building constructions and earth-moving projects.

“Trees are now and then being affected by infrastructure or earth-moving projects, r

esulting in their eventual death, either deliberately inadvertently due to ignorance on the nature and sensitivity of specific species,” Fianza noted.

He said that among the most affected is the native pine tree which he said “withers and dies slowly after its base or natural root collar has been covered by soil or concrete due to concreting, landscaping and earth-moving activities.”

“Project developers and property owners trying to save trees in their project sites or lots end up killing these because of their lack of knowledge of the nature of these species and the proper way or nurturing their growth as part of the project landscape or by earth-balling and replanting them,” Fianza said.

He said the guidelines to be formulated by the DENR and CEPMO should be adopted by the city through an ordinance. /A Refuerzo

Dads Spell out Rules in Providing Medical Services to Senior Citizens

BAGUIO CITY – The city council laid down the procedures to provide regular medical examinations and other medical services to senior citizens here.

The body approved Ordinance No. 7 series of 2013 amending section 2 of Ordinance No. 14 series of 1999 providing said services to the elderly, for said purpose.

Ordinance No. 14-1999 was passed “in recognition of the need to provide regular medical and health services to the senior citizens to monitor their health conditions

and take immediate and appropriate measures to safeguard their well-being.”

The City Government of Baguio cares for its elderly and formulates programs and health care services that are accessible through the District Health Centers established around the

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City Supports Cooperatives

BAGUIO CITY - In response to the call of many cooperatives that they be empowered so that management of cooperatives will be professionalized, the city government allotted Php500,000.00 fund through the Special Services Division for the cooperative movement in the city of Baguio in the formulation and implementation of the city's program on cooperative development said Secretary to the Mayor Rafael Tallocoy. The programs implemented by the SSD were anchored on the city's development policy to ensure the viability and growth of cooperatives in the city towards social justice, equity, self reliance, economic development and people empower-

ing. The Baguio City Cooperative Development Council (BCCDC) in coordination with the Department of Finance Cooperative Development Authority-CAR held their general assembly last Feb. 5 at the City Hall Multi-Purpose Hall, Baguio City. Mr. Tallocoy acknowledged the leaders of cooperatives for their strong determination in uplifting the economic condition of the city and the country as a whole. He stressed that it is of paramount importance that the stakeholders of cooperative movement has gathered together to share experiences, know-how, techniques and advocacies in order to build up the economic growth of the residents of Baguio.

The City of Baguio realized/recognized the important role of co-

operatives in alleviating and improving the lives of the residents of Baguio. “You can be heroes in the eyes of the people” said Mr. Tallocoy.

Different volunteer chore groups of the BCCDC were given certificates of appreciation during the event for their exemplary service rendered and continuing effort in introducing innovative programs

OIC Regional Director Atty. Franco Bawang, Cooperative Development Authority-CAR oriented the cooperative leaders on the 2011 – 2016 Philippine Medium Term Development Plan. He stressed that said development plan is anchored on the realization of the collective vision and mission of the cooperative sectors which is “an integrated and transformative cooperative system

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Preparations on for Anti-Graffiti Drive

BAGUIO CITY – Preparations are underway for the graffiti obliteration campaign to be led by the National Service Training Program (NSTP) stu-

dents from the various colleges and universities here on Feb. 16-17. Mayor Mauricio Domogan who co-chairs the Anti-Graffiti Task Force

with Charles Neiderstadt Sr. of Stop Tagging Other People's Property Inc. (STOPP) which is coordinating the activity said the group began last Feb. 4 the inventory of vandalized

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Mayor: BCDA-CJHDEVCO Conflict Affecting City Tourism, Employees

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday expressed concern that the on-going tussle between the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA)/ John Hay Management Council (JHMC) and the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) has been hurting not only the city's tourism industry but the plight of the Camp John Hay Special Economic Zone workforce as well

“Camp John Hay is no doubt one of our best tourism come-ons and the conflict between the parties definitely affects the operation of the center and also affects the welfare of the employees working in the zone,” the mayor lamented.

He thus appealed anew to the parties to exercise diplomacy in resolving their conflict to avoid causing further harm.

“I hope the parties will deal with the matter with tact and diplomacy. The court has issued (orders relative to the legal dispute) and I hope they will respect those (court orders) to avoid creating confusion and avoid adverse effects on the tourism business and on the livelihood of their own employees,” the

mayor said.

Last Feb. 5, CJH Leisure Inc. locators which include The Manor, The Forest Lodge, CAP John Hay Trade and Cultural Center complained of LHMC's alleged “act of obstructing” their operations after the JHMC allegedly prevented them from bringing in goods and business implements into the zone purportedly due their lack of permit to operate from the JHMC.

In a letter to the mayor, CJH Leisure managing director Heinrich Maulbecker said the JHMC ignored their permit issued by the city government, an act that

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Food Stalls Under Tighter Watch After Increase in Diarrhea Cases

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday assured that the city health office further tightened its watch over food stalls and handlers all over the city to ensure cleanliness

and safety of consumers in the wake of the sudden increase in diarrhea cases in the city for the first five weeks of the year.

“I'm sure our health department is on top of the situation and are prepared with contingency measures to address the situation and safeguard the safety of our constituents especially now that we are expecting many tourists for the upcoming Panagbenga events this month,” the mayor said on Wednesday.

The Dept. of Health Center for Health Development in a press

briefing bared an 11-fold increase in acute bloody diarrhea cases from 19 cases in 2012 to 232 cases this year.

DOH-CAR assistant regional director Amelita Pangilinan attributed the increase to “unsanitary food handling of street food vendors and poor water quality.” The food poisoning incident at the recent scout jamboree held at the Ating Tahanan also contributed to the increase.

Dr. Donnabel Tuvera, chief of the City Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (CESU) said the sanitation division of the department has instituted

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DepEd-CAR gives Recognition to Alternative Learning System Partners

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Education - Cordillera (DepEd CAR)

recognized its outstanding partner agencies, public and private organizations and individuals in addressing the needs of the out-of-school-youth (OSY) and adults, through the department's Alternative Learning System (ALS) last Thursday.

DepEd regional director Ellen Donato spearheaded the giving of recognition to various local chief executives; school division superintendents and assistant superintendents; regional and division ALS Education program supervisors and support staff; officials of national government agencies; Regional Literacy Coordinating council members and ALS district coordinators and mobile teachers in the six province and two cities in the Cordillera.

For private partners, given recognition were Philex Mining Corporation and the Indigenous Host Communities Association Philex Outlying Sities, Inc.

DepEd-ALS regional head Dr. Gloria Felipe, in an interview, said that the regional ALS awarding was in grateful recognition for the unwavering commitment, undaunted support and lasting contribution for the successful implementation of the programs and projects of ALS, thereby improving the quality of life of the OSYs and adults in the region.

Felipe disclosed that in 2012, there were around 15,000 ALS learners of which 5,530 took the December ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Exam, elementary and secondary level. A&E passers will have an elementary or secondary diploma, equal to that of those who finished formal basic education, which is signed by the Education Secretary.

In 2011, Felipe reported that 2,022 OSYs and undergraduate adults have passed the ALS A&E examination. Aside from providing informal mode of

DOLE-CAR Lauds Congress for Pushing for the Institutionalization of SENA Program

BAGUIO CITY - Department of Labor and Employment - Cordillera (DOLE-CAR) Regional Director Henry John Jalbuena lauds both Houses of Congress for pushing a bill that seeks to strengthen DOLE's Single Entry Approach (SENA) program, a voluntary mode of conciliation-mediation or dispute settlement for labor-related cases.

The SENA under Department Order No. 107-10, series of 2010 provides a 30-day mandatory conciliation-mediation to all cases

falling under the administrative and quasi-judicial functions of all DOLE offices and attached agencies including the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC).

Last month, the Congress' Bicameral Conference Committee Report approved the ratification of House Bill 6686 and Senate Bill 2918, which both seek to institutionalize conciliation mediation as a mode for voluntary labor dispute settlements.

Jalbuena, in a statement, expressed confidence that with the passage of the bill, both employers and their employ-

ees would be further benefitted by SENA because it provides a speedy, impartial, inexpensive and accessible settlement for unresolved complaints and issues.

He disclosed that DOLE-CAR SENA has been effective in resolving labor related disputes in the region in 2012 with 81% or 404 of the 501 cases they handled settled within the prescribed period.

Under SENA, an 82-year old female caretaker and her family was awarded with a P500,000 retirement pay for keeping a rest house in this Summer Capital.

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Norway Copyright Execs Visit Philippine Visual Arts Group

The Norwegian Copyright Development Association (Norcode) Board Member Hans-Petter Fuglerud and Managing Director Frode Løvik recently met with officials of the Filipino Visual Arts and Design Rights Organization (FILVADRO) to discuss plans of the Philippine group.

FILVADRO, a collective management organization (CMO), engages in partnerships and cooperation in education, registry and policy advocacy for copyright in the Philippine visual arts and design sector. Norcode aims to build on the cultural infrastructure of developing countries to contribute to their national identities and promote human rights.

The CMO officials presented the results of the seven-month survey and analyses which conclude Phase 1 of the research billed Foundation and Butil (Seed), a guide for the group's three-year plan anchored on the survey results. Butil is likewise based on the consultation meetings with the organization's Board members through the Strategic Planning Workshop held in the last quarter of 2012 and a Board committee meeting in January 2013.

"Our short-term plan will set the new phase and direction of FILVADRO particularly in the areas of financial management toward self-sustainability, and developmental programs in line with our vision to be cham-

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More Classrooms Expected to be Constructed in CAR under PPP School Infra Project Phase II

BAGUIO CITY - A total of 635 classrooms in 395 school sites were initially identified across the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) region for inclusion to the Public Private Partnership for School Infrastructure Project (PSIP) Phase II project to address the need for additional classrooms.

The PSIP

seeks to supplement the current initiatives and program of the Department of Education (DepEd) on classroom construction nationwide equipped with toilets and furniture. It is intended to expand the supply of classrooms the soonest through a build-lease-and-transfer (BLT) scheme in all public school system.

Recipients to PSIP Phase I project were Regions I, 3 and 4-A, and the DepEd intends to replicate the project in other regions to include the CAR for the second phase.

Recently, the Regional Social Development Sectoral Committee (RSDC) of the Cordillera Regional Development Council adopted

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City Ok's Amnesty for Water and Electric Connections

BAGUIO CITY - the city government has approved an ordinance granting amnesty to applicants for electric and water connections here.

City mayor Mauricio Domogan approved City Ordinance Number 6, series of 2013 which grants amnesty to owners of buildings and structures without building permits to have water and electric connections from the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) and the Baguio Water District (BWD).

Domogan said, 'amnesty for water and electric connections does not mean condonation for applicants but for humanitarian considerations, the City Building and Architecture office (CBAO) shall not be prevented from demolishing their

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This is to inform the public that Odell P. Aquino and Mildred Quinto (also known as Mildred Dacoron) have been expelled from this organization for due cause regarding the Robbery Extortion charge Entrapment (downgraded to Threatening to Publish Libel) now pending at the MTC Branch 4 Baguio City.

By: Linis Gobyerno LG Board of Directors



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City to Institutionalize Rules on Tourist Lake

BAGUIO CITY - the city government is ironing out rules and regulations governing the maintenance and upkeep of the premier tourist come-on in this mountain resort.

Considered the only Lake right in the heart of the city, the Burnham Lake has catered to Tourist and residents over the years.

Recently though, it has un-

dergone major rehabilitation making the Lake cleaner but dangerously deep specially to boat concessionaires.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday said rules and regulations governing the Burnham Lake is now being drafted to address major concerns such as safety,

maintenance and upkeep.

Domogan said, 'important factors which should have been practiced long ago will now be strictly enforced once the finalization of the Administrative order governing the Lakes is done.'

Domogan said, full control, supervision and jurisdiction will be with the City government over the Burnham Lake operations which

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(From left) FILVADRO President Karen Ocampo Flores and Executive Director Betty Uy-Regala discuss plans with Norcode Managing Director Frode Løvik and Board Member Hans-Petter Fuglerud.

Law Of The Stomach

"It is honored by tradition," Senator Edgardo Angara stressed. He meant Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile's "Christmas gifts" of P1.6 million each to 18 "friendly" senators", including Angara. At year's end, Enrile ladled "maintenance and other operating expenditures" (MOOE) savings". Why did it ignite today's brawl?

Tradition is a guide, not a jailer" Somerset Maugham cautions. So, what is this customary practice that all-too-willing legislators swear by yet left some fuming? Enrile doled P250,000 of our tax money as "Christmas "cash gift", for Senators Miriam Santiago, Antonio Trillanes, Pia and Alan Cayetano. They protested "uneven" distribution of the cash", Angara claims. Would everyone zipper lips if traditional equal slabs were sliced?

"Tradition teaches one how to act, pray and work, sings Teyve in the 1964 Broadway play "Fiddler on the Roof." And where did tradition come from? I will tell you....Ah, ah, ah. I don't know. But it's a tradition. And without tradition, our lives are as shaky as a fiddler on the roof."

Between 1981 to 1987, Angara was senate president. Did he ring in new year, by fiddling, MOOE at quarter of midnight in the old year? "I must have," he allows. "But I don't recall." He wasn't aware his office received a gift-wrapped P1.6 million MOOE.

EDITORIAL

Really? "MOOE is used for day-to-day expenses, like office supplies,

rentals, electricity — and "coffee for guests."

Is Senate coffee like Pagcor brew? President Benigno Aquino, revealed that Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corp. billed taxpayers P1,007,408,908, for brewing 10 million cups of coffee. The number of ill-fed underweight children, in that period, increased to 3.3 million "I like my coffee strong, not lethal!" cracks the army doctor's Ring Lardner's satirical movie "MASH".

In a Radyo Inquirer interview, Sen. Santiago revealed she lobbed the check back to Enrile She skewered parceling additional MOOE in December. "All official transactions of the Senate are completed by then." Was it "tradition" to scrimp during the year, then splurge at year end?, TV's Karen Davila persisted.

"That's my point!", snapped the senator who busted an eye blood vessel. "On Christmas you give... savings to keep them quiet? Discretionary funds be spent for public purposes... You give a senator a cash gift of (P1.6) million. That senator will produce a paper saying the money was for public purpose but actually pocketed it... This 'racket' is practiced in the Senate". Other agencies, not allowed by law to realign savings", mimic legislators.

"The less there is justify a traditional custom, the harder to get rid of it," Mark Twain notes. The gap of doles, between those who curtsy to Enrile and those who refuse, stinks. Ordinary employees, in contrast, are dunned for getting bonuses in excess of the P10,000 maximum allowable.

But the core scandal festers at a deeper level. Thru budget law provisions they crafted, legislators authorize themselves to realign and feather their nests. Metro Manila Waterwork officials gave themselves bonuses equivalent to 26 months salary. That's theft. When senators gorge on MOOE, that's "tradition"?

When Ferdinand Marcos entered Malacanang, there were 37 government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs). This ballooned to 303, before People Power toppled the Marcos dictatorship. GOCC profligacy burned, 28 out of every tax peso. Most operated as fiefdoms. Social Security System officials feathered their nests with stock options.

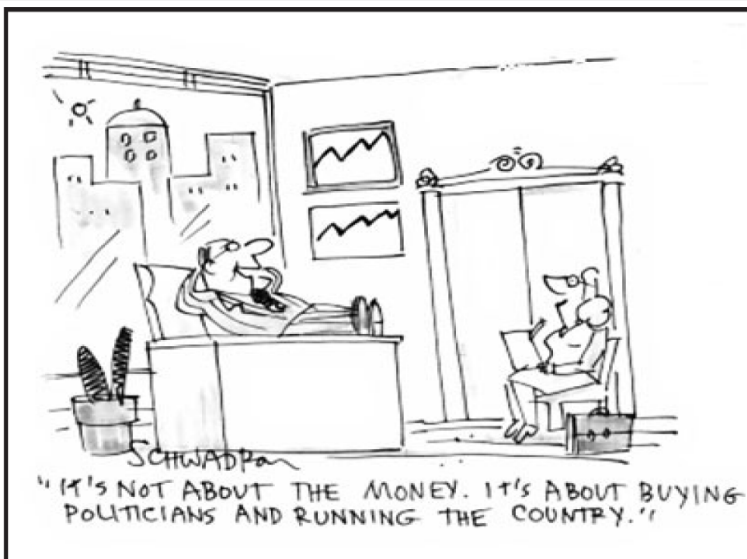
President Corazon Aquino pruned GOCCs back to 157. Cory Aquino's son took the second step to curb corporate plunder. On 6 June 2011, President Benigno Aquino signed the GOCC Governance Act. Senator Franklin Drilon shepherded Senate Bill 2640 into RA10149. The new law creates in effect a Securities and Exchange Commission for GOCCs.

Today, five commissioners oversee GOCCs worth P5 trillion —more than double the P2.87 trillion for rest of government. Their subsidies from ballooned P9.064 billion in 2000 to P53.705 billion in 2011. That straddles President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's tenure. Gloria who?

"There has been a paradigm shift," notes former Philippine Stock Exchange president Francis Lim. The GOCC Act is the first best thing that happened to our GOCC system under the current administration... The next best thing is... the President chose the right persons as commissioners. In the first 200 days, the commission documented reforms from operating manuals for GOCCs to rulings on nearly 60 bids for per diem entitlements.

"There's one very big rub" Inquirer' Conrado de Quiros notes. Immoral, unjust, obscene midnight realignments are also perfectly legal. Legislators wrote into the law that they may distribute amounts to their people as they please from their savings. "Someone like Enrile decides to play Santa Claus with your money, you can't fight it legally, short of fighting to amend, or scrap, the law itself."

Massive corruption is sanctioned by self serving law. Embedded by long practice, it calcified into tradition. Fraud sanctified by tradition remains fraud. Our parents had an apt word for such edicts: Ley del estomago. "Law of the stomach" results in 45 percent of kids dying before reaching age 5. Taxpayers must stomp on Congress' structured plunder. "Tradition without intelligence is not worth having", TS Eliot writes./Juan L. Mercado



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Year of the Snake: Year of optimism, but be prepared for Twists

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Kung hei fat choy!

This is the year of the water snake in the Chinese lunar calendar. Years in the Chinese lunar calendar are counted based on the new moons. In Chinese astrology, the water snake supposedly symbolizes not settling for mediocrity. Chinese astrology believes that we are to see something significant to emerge in the area of science and technology. Research is believed to flourish within this year. Water snakes are supposedly lucky with finances.

However, the water snake is also believed to bring many challenges and disasters. It is also a year of obstacles. The specifics of prediction may vary from person to person, depending on what year a person is associated in the Chinese calendar.

Unfortunately, I do not believe in these things but I respect those who do. What concerns me now is how our country could sustain the economic growth that it has earned in the last few years. The growth is actually nothing to be proud about. It is extremely modest, to be euphemistic about it. The economic growth is so puny that probably nobody ever believed that there was such an economic growth. However, when taken into the perspective that so many countries have not grown at all and quite a number even suffered negative growth, the significance of Philippine growth can be appreciated better.

Puny or so little may be our growth, that economic growth is enabling our society to survive the current difficulties of the world economy. Things can much worse but fortunately the puny growth enabled many families to keep themselves intact and enabled many families to maintain their incomes. In many countries, many people are not so lucky. Some have been forced out of work and some have been thrown into bankruptcy.

We are also so fortunate that by the way things look, it seems we will enjoy greater peace this year (of course, there will some election violence as we approach May 2013). For one, our country has made good progress in the peace talks with secessionists in the South. Perhaps more importantly, it seems that we will have no serious skirmish with China this year. The Philippine notification for China to engage the Philippines in arbitration probably did it. Last December 2012, China declared that she will intensify her sea patrols this January 2013 but seems that this is not pushing true, at least for this year, because China appeared to have decided to intensify her sea patrols in 2014 not in 2013. It appears that the Philippine notification for China to engage the Philippines in arbitration did work.

The Philippine notification to China for China to engage the Philippines in an arbitration case to settle the dispute basically asserted that both China and the Philippines settle the dispute through peaceful means as provided for under the relevant sections of the United Nations and United Nation Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) Charter. The Philippines basically correctly pointed out that under both Charters, the Philippines and China are obligated to settle the disputes between them peacefully. By forwarding the notification, the Philippines actually placed China in a box. If China persists in using the canon diplomacy it has used in the past, China will be risking isolation because it will CLEARLY show that China ignored the obligation enshrined in both the United Nations and UNCLOS Charters that member countries have the obligation to settle disputes between them peacefully. China will have problems asserting her canon diplomacy to be legitimate if she persist with the canon diplomacy. Basically, the Philippines has compelled China to posture that she is for the peaceful resolution of the dispute. Of course, China is probably not of the type who would allow herself to be restrained by both the UN and the UNCLOS documents. But neither is she of the type that would not attempt to create an illusion or a myth that her actions are legitimate. In effect, the Philippine notification provided the condition for China to pretend or posture that she is for a **Cont. on page 8**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Oil Spill In Calapan City...
and No One Is Moving?*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent...'" (John 6:29, the Holy Bible).

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GOV'T MUST COME UP WITH MORE WORK FOR PINOYS: Now that the Philippine economy is greatly improving, at least according to the claims of the Aquino government, our officials must strive to create more meaningful and economically-fulfilling jobs for our people, to prevent them from suffering the fate of more and more overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who are either being killed or injured in the course of their employment abroad.

In fact, the killing of a Filipino crewmember of a chemical tanker and the taking as hostages of 23 other OFWs in the same vessel just last February 04, 2013 in Nigeria, and the violent death of eight OFWs in another gory hostage-taking incident in Algeria days ago, are not going to be the last of such tragic incidents involving OFWs.

As long as there will be Filipinos who find it necessary to go abroad just to find gainful work that would generate the revenues needed to support their families, there will be Filipinos who will be killed, hostaged, or abused while working. By going abroad, our countrymen continue opening themselves up to the possibility of being killed, maimed or injured in their work. This is something that was predicted to happen by the Bible, in Deuteronomy 28:15, 32.

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OIL SPILL IN CALAPAN CITY, AND NOBODY IS MOVING? It's been over a week since M/V Balino 168 of the Besta Shipping Lines tilted over and capsized at the pier of Calapan City in Oriental Mindoro and yet the ill-fated inter-island ferry, traveling between Calapan City and Batangas City on a daily basis, remains half-submerged and literally untouched and unattended to.

The sight is awesome, but it is equally horrendous and is giving the creeps to a lot of Calapan City residents, as well as to thousands of travelers along the country's nautical highway, principally because when M/V Balino capsized, it brought down with it a number of cars, jeeps and even trucks which, as of this moment, are still submerged and under water.

The problem with this, I was told while I was at the Calapan City pier last Thursday, February 07, 2013 waiting for a ferry-ride back to Manila, was that there is now an ongoing oil and gasoline spill which is inevitably polluting the waters around the pier, causing death to the fishes and other marine resources in the area. Residents are wondering why the Philippine Ports Authority, the Philippine Coast Guard, the City Government and Besta Shipping Lines are not doing anything about this.

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CALAPAN CITY PIER, PROOF OF SUCCESSFUL PPP: But that oil-spill problem aside, I couldn't help but be simply amazed at the improvements introduced in the pier by the Nautical Port Management and Services Incorporated, the private concessionaire that was given the contract to operate it and its counterpart pier in Roxas, Oriental, Mindoro, four years ago.

When I started going to Oriental Mindoro in the early 1990s as a lawyer handling a variety of cases for several clients in the island, I saw that the pier then was a typical port with its squalid surroundings, no defined waiting areas, quirky toilets, children swimming alongside docked ships asking for coins to be tossed to them, and hold-up men and thieves masquerading as porters or pier hands, among others.

Not only are these sights gone. Standing in the pier now is a spick and span and fully air-conditioned passenger lounge and waiting area, complete with flat TV screens showing local and international programs **Cont. on page 8**

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Early Campaigning!

BY: JESUS DUREZA



EARLY BIRDS — I seldom watch TV but lately, I caught several "senatoriables" endorsing this or that product. Or simply making motherhood statements for some advocacies that always sound good to hear. If you ask me, those are pure and simple premature campaigning — whichever way you look at them. And they are flagrantly circumventing the law which fixes the period within which campaigning is allowed. Moreover those expensive TV ads or commercials are not included in the required submission of "campaign" expenses simply because the campaign period has not simply started. Weird!

That's the reason why I welcome the announcement of **Sen. Miriam Santiago** putting order to this. If we cannot do this, we might as well remove those prohibitions! Failing in all this, someone was suggesting that we remember those early birds when we go to the polling booth to cast our vote. That makes sense!

REALITY — But for someone who had been there (in the political arena) for a while, I cannot blame the senate aspirants. Due to the gap in the law, those who really want to win are compelled to take advantage of the loophole, never mind if those are against the spirit and the intent of the law. The election "at large" with the whole country voting for senators is daunting as it is. Not to mention the horrible expenses!

If only senators are elected by region, some radical but meaningful changes can take place in this. Not only in the campaign issue. But more importantly, in the quality of governance and representation.

SOME CHANGES — We have always "shouted to the winds" (meaning, they're carried away and lost just as fast) that some systemic changes must come if we really want to put things in order. And one area is the political portion in the Constitution.

I hear some noise about amending the so-called "economic provisions" in the charter. Well and good. But then they immediately make clear, ONLY in the economic provisions but NOT in the other provisions. C'mon guys, we are skirting the real issue. In this country, everything is politics.

Bottom line: we are stuck with the present political system unless there are systemic changes.

So, who's afraid of constitutional amendments? Definitely NOT ME! But again, that's shouting to the winds! Friday, 26 October 2012

Group Formed to Address Adolescent & Youth Health

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health Center for Health Development in the Cordillera Administrative Region (DOH-CHD-CAR) has organized the Adolescent and Youth Health - Regional Technical Working Group (AYH-TWG) to assist in the implementation Adolescent Health (AH) strategy and its operating policies.

Dr. Virginia Narciso of DOH-CHD-CAR informed that the creation of the AYH-TWG is in pursuant to Administrative Order No. 34-A series of 2000 which aims to develop a health program to address the needs of the adolescents and youth who currently constitute 40 percent of the entire population.

Narciso explained that adolescents and youth are the priority target groups of the program since this stage is a time of experimentation and uncertainty that may place them at risk of health related problems which may have lifelong effects.

As defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), adolescents are those belonging to ages 10-19 while youth covers the period 15-24 years.

The group planned to focus its activities on the prevention of health risk and promotion of healthy activities

MAGKASANGGATAYO

Pahayagang Palaban Handang Lumaban!!! Mga Media na Inutil!!! Odell "Unano" Bombito" pamangkin daw ni Ka "Bomba" Bert???

NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Pahayagang Palaban Handang Lumaban!!! Itong lingong nakaraang mga dear readers ay marami tayong natanggap na mga tawag at text kung saan ako ay tinatanong kung kanino tayo kakampi o papanig sa darating na halalan at ang parati kong sagot ay kakampi at papanig tayo sa the lesser evil. Ang ibig kong sabihin ay kakampi tayo sa hindi masyadong demonyo, ngunit demonyo rin lahat. Bakit mga dear readers mayroon bang makapagsasabi sa mga kasalukuyan kandidato na sila ay tunay na malinis at hindi sila magnanakaw at magiging korap kung sila ay manalo ay nasa poder na? Sa mga kasalukuyan kandidato para Mayor, babangitin ko lang yun tutuon tumatakbo at huwag na yun mga nuisance o yun mga saling pusa at pangulo lamang. Para Mayor dalawa lang at isang Battle Royal between Mauricio Domogan at Jose "Joemol" Molintas, siuro ay alam naman na ninyo kung sino ang lesser of two (2) evils? Para tongresman este Congressman, laban ng dalawang mabibigat between Mark "Chekwa" Go and Bernie "Sobrang Galing" Vergara at yun trying hard at sabit na Nicasio "Protektor ng Squatter" Aliping, sa tatlong tumatakbo na ito malinaw naman siguro kung sino sa kanila ang lesser evil. Kaya abangan niyo mga dear readers sa mga darating na issue ng pahayagang ito at ating ibubulgar ang lahat ng baho ng mga **POLPOLITIKONGITO, SAPAGKAT HANDANG HANDA NANG LUMABAN ANG PAHAYAGANG PALABAN.**

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Mga Media na Inutil!!! - Abangan nyo rin mga dear readers ang gating serya hingil sa mga inutil na mga Medyas este kawani ng Media na wala naman silbi kung hindi mag puri at magsulat at mag announce ng puros good news at kasinungalingan hingil sa mga kandidato. Eto kasing mga medyas na ito ay mga desperado at takot na mawalan ng kanilang pang meryenda mula sa mga polpolitiko. **HOY KAYONG MGA MEDYAS SA JARYO AT RADYO- I AM WATCHING YOU, MONITORED KO KAYO. INGAT KAYO, KILALAKO KAYO!!!!**

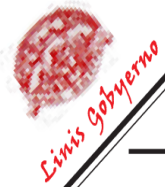
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Odell "Unano" Bombito" pamangkin daw ni Ka "Bomba" Bert???? - Sabi nila na isa raw krimen ng libelo ang pasamain ang imahe ng taong buhay at pati na rin ang taong patay. Sa pagkakataong ito ay nais ko lang linawin sa mga nagtatanong sa akin once and for all na **WALANG RELASYON ITONG SI UNANO ODELL "Bombito" AQUINO kay the Good and KA "BERT" BOMBAAQUINO.** Ok malinaw na po ito mga dear readers. Ang bansag na bombito ay ibininyag ng aming Impakto este Defacto Publisher kay Odell "Unano" Aquino, ngunit sa mga nagdaan pagkakataon ay tunay na nakakahiyang ihambing ang Bombito kay Bert "Bomba" Aquino. Sisiguraduhin ko sa inyo na kung buhay pa si Ka Bert ay una siyang magsasampa ng libelo sa mga taong magsasabing may relasyon siya sa isang kutong lupang (KL) na katulad ni Odell "Unano" Aquino.

which include information and services that will improve their reproductive health, nutrition, immunity from common illness, psychosocial health, oral health, sexual health and environmental safety, Narciso said.

Other planned activities are the establishment of peer centers in Baguio City and in Abra, Training of Trainors on Adolescent Job Aid (AJA) manual, development of IEC materials, and strengthening of Public Private Partnership.

With the DOH-CHD spearheading the AYH-TWG, other members include the Department of Education, Commission on Population, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Department of Interior and Local Government, Benguet State University, National Nutrition Council, Department of Agriculture, Department of Budget and Management, National Youth Commission, Baguio Center for Young Adults, Baguio Health Department and Philippine Information Agency/JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR



Silipin natin ang mga Medical Kits na pinondohan ni Vergara

**Attention: Congressman Bernardo M. Vergara
and Mrs. Esmeralda Dee, Proprietor of ESM Learning Enterprises**

Part 1

MGA MEDICAL FIRST AID KITS MULA SA PONDO NI CONG. BERNARDO VERGARA NA NAG KAKAHALAGA DAW NG SAMPONG LIBONG PISO (P 10,000.00) BAWAT ISA NA PINAMIGAY SA 128 BARANGAYS. SA KABUUANG HALAGA NA ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS (P1,228,000.00) . TAMA BA ANG HALAGANG ITO? KAPANI-PANIWALA BA O MAY HALONG OVERPRICING AT KORAPSYON??? ITO'Y AMING ISINASAPUBLIKO KASAMA NA MAY PANALANGIN NA ITONG SUPPLIER NG MGA MEDICAL SUPPLIES (MRS. DEE) AT PATI NA RIN SI KAGALANG -GALANG NA CONGRESSMAN AY MAGING TRANSPARENT AT IPAALAM SA MADLA ANG BUONG KATOTOHANAN. SA AMING PANINIWALA, KUNG WALANG KORAPSYON ANG NASABING TRANSAKSYON AY WALANG DAPAT ITAGO O IPAGKAILA!!!



Hon. Bernardo M. Vergara

**Ang photo release na ito ay lumabas noong
December 29, 2012**



Ready for Emergency- An allotment of Php 1,280,000 was allotted by Cong. Bbernardo M. Vergara's PDAF to purchase 128 emergency medical kits which were recently handed over to the 128 barangay captains of Baguio City. Each kit contains first aid supplies and equipment consisting of an oxygen tank, Blood pressure apparatus, basic surgical instruments, bandages, medicines and other medical supplies that may come in handy in case of emergencies and calamities./Photo by Ezer D. Owindo

Kami ay nagtataka kung bakit hanggang sa ngayon, mula pa noong January 5, 2013 at January 21, 2013 (follow-up letter) nu'ng sumulat kami sa masuwerteng supplier ni Cong. Vergara na si Esmeralda Dee, ang Proprietor ng ESM Learning Enterprises na matatagpuan sa G14 Annex, Porta Vaga Bldg., Session Road, Baguio City, ngunit wala pa rin silang kasagutan ni anuman, at mismong ang tanggapan ni Congressman Vergara ay wala ring ibinibigay na anumang impormasyon hinggil sa transaksyon na ito (bakit kaya???). Inyong mababasa ang dalawang liham na ating pinadala sa ESM Learning Enterprises kung saan copy furnished ang tanggapan ni Cong. Vergara.

Sa puntong ito ay nais muna namin kayong iwanan ng ilang mga napaka simpleng katanungan at komentaryo - **For And In Behalf Of The Public Interest. Karapatan ni Juan Dela Cruz na Malaman Ang Katotohanan!!!**

1. Nagkaroon ba ng tamang proseso (competitive bidding from qualified bidders/suppliers) o isang moro-moro lang ang pagpili ng nasabing supplier at pagpili ng particular na mga medical supplies (brand and make)?

2. Para sa mga hindi nakakaalam at maaring nagtataka at nagiisip na maaring tama ang halaga ng mga items, ang katotohanan ay sa industriya ng medical supplies, napakaraming suppliers/sources ng mga ito, at kung mga US made o European made ay maaring mapamahala ang mga supplies ngunit. Kung mga made in China at locally made (made in Ph) ay hindi rin katakata na malayu-layo rin ang mararating ng halagang P10,000.00 for one (1) kit na medical supplies!!!

3. Kami sa LG ay nakapagsagawa na ng aming detailed canvass and estimate based from several suppliers, at sa puntong ito ay natatawa na kami sa resulta ng aming canvass!!!



Letter to Esmeralda Dee, Proprietor of ESM Learning Enterprises, dated January 5, 2013 , supplier of the medical kits. Note that the office of Congressman Vergara is also copy furnished



Follow-up letter to Esmeralda Dee, Proprietor of ESM Learning Enterprises, dated January 21, 2013 , supplier of the medical kits. Note that the office of Congressman Vergara is also copy furnished

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| 1. 1 unit - 5 lbs. Oxygen Tank with Regulator Mask | 23. 1 pc. Micropore |
| 2. 1 unit- BP Apparatus/Stethoscope | 24. 2 pcs. Sterile Eye Pad |
| 3. 1 pc. Digital Thermometer | 25. 1 pair Sterile Gloves |
| 4. 1 pair Bandage Scissor | 26. 1 pc. Sterile Tongue Depressor |
| 5. 1 pair Kelly Forceps | 27. 1 pc. Surgical face Mask |
| 6. 1 pair Operating Scissors | Surgical Tape |
| 7. 1 pair Splints | 28. 1 pc. 1 inch |
| 8. 1 pair Thumb Forceps | 29. 1 pc. One half inch |
| 9. 1 pc. Hot Water Bag (1L) | 30. 1 set Tourniquet |
| 10. 1 pc. Ice Bag # 6 Cannula Catheter | 31. 1 pc. Triangular Bandage (cravat) |
| 11. Gauge 18 | 32. 1 pack cotton, 90 grams |
| 12. Gauge 22 | 33. 1 tube Burn Ointment, 30 grams |
| 13. Gauge 24 | 34. Calamine solution, 120 ml |
| 14. 1 Bag Dextrose (DSLRS) | 35. 1 bottle eye drops/eye wash , 7.5 ml |
| 15. 1 pc. Ann Sling Elastic Bandage | 36. 1 bottle Hydrogen Peroxide, 120 ml |
| 16. 1 pc. 2 inches | 37. 1 bottle petroleum jelly, 25 mg. |
| 17. 1 pc. 4 inches | 38. 1 bottle spirit of ammonia, 15 ml |
| 18. 1 pc. 6 inches Gauze Pad | 39. 1 bottle betadine, 250 ml |
| 19. 1 pc. 4 X 4 | 40. 1 bottle alcohol 70%, 250 ml |
| 20. 1 pc. 2 X 2 | 41. 50 tablets anti diarrhea |
| 21. 1 pc. 4 X 10 | 42. 1 tube Anti Histamine Cream, 5 mg. |
| Plaster | 43. 25 sachets - Oresol (hydrite) |
| 22. 1 pc. Transpore | 44. 50 tablets- paracetamol, 500 mg. |
| | 45. 1 pc. Medical first aid kit bag |

Photo of itemized contents of medical supplies kit



Items contained in one kit costing an amount of P 10,000.00/ per kit. Sige nga mga LG Komentaryo readers and followers, kayo ang magsagawa ng canvass!!!

Abangan sa susunod na isyu ng LG Komentaryo ang hinggil sa mga Mountain Bikes at VHF Radios na pinamigay ni Cong. Vergara sa mga barangays. Ating ibubulgar at ilalantad kung may anomalya o wala !?!!



Congressman Bernardo M. Vergara recently distributed a total of 214 units of VHF Radio Tranceceivers (Kenwood TH 255A) to 107 Barangays (2 units per barangay) and 42 mountain bikes for 21 barangays (2 bikes per barangay). / Photo by Glenn S. Pat-ogan

Fire Fighters, Volunteers Respond to Four Fire Incidents in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio Fire Department responded to four fire incidents that simultaneously occurred in the different parts of the city on Tuesday morning.

Fire department chief Joe Fernand Bangyod said that the firemen and volunteers first responded to a structural fire that occurred along Leonila Hill at around 7:35 AM followed by the another structural fire in Purok 4 West in Barangay Gibraltar and grass fires along Chapiz Compound in Marcos Highway and in front of the Tepeyac Hotel along Leonard Wood Road.

Despite the simultaneous fire incidents, the fire department, with the help of the different volunteer fire brigades, medical and rescue groups, private water deliveries and other groups responded quickly to the four fire incidents and stopped the fire and prevent it from making more damages.

The fire department reported that the incident in Gibraltar was the largest with an estimated damage of more than P5 million. Four houses were totally razed with one partially damaged house and four others which were radiated.

At least six families were left homeless but the Department of Social Welfare and Development immediately responded to the needs of the affected families.

Initial investigations revealed that the fire started at the kitchen of the Soriano family where an LPG tank believed to have exploded and quickly spread to adjacent houses within the compound.

Bangyod said the houses were made of combustible materials that easily caught fire. Another house also contained stored flammable chemicals.

Parked vehicles near the burning houses also caused delays during firefighting operations, he added.

Meanwhile, the other structural fire incident was reported to have P10,000 damages while the grass fire in Marcos Highway has an estimated damage amount of more than P300,000.

Bangyod asked the public to always put off stoves and their LPGs to before leaving houses to prevent such incidents. He also advised the people to clean their surroundings as dry leaves and forested areas that are parched with less rains now easily ignite by disposed lighted cigarettes./RC/PIA-CAR

Baguio City Launches Inland Waterway Protection Program

BAGUIO CITY - The city government formally launches today initiatives to protect the inland waterway in the city which was initiated three years ago.

Dubbed "Salaknib ti Waig" meaning guardians or protectors of the rivers/waterways, this is the inland waterway protection program of the city government engaging the commitment of barangays along waterways, according to Chief of the City Environment and Parks

Management Office Cordelia Lacamana.

Lacamana said efforts in cleaning up waterways and other complementary activities took place three years ago involving a total of 28 barangays. Each of the barangays prepared action plan to serve as their guide in undertaking activities.

The waterway and river protection program stretches a span of 17.3 kilometers covering the Sagudin River, the headwaters of the

Balili River system.

The program has leveled up and drew support from 10 corporate institutions which include schools, private organizations and business establishments.

Lacamana added. Apart from regular waterway clean up, other components of the program include technology transfer such as vermiculture and biogas methane capture, synchronized regular river water quality monitoring sampling with the Department of Environ-

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Baguio Boy is new MMA Featherweight Champ

BAGUIO CITY - Team Lakay's Honorio Banario is now the One Fighting Championship (ONE FC) featherweight champion after beating fellow Baguio boy athlete Erick Kelly in their recent bout in Malaysia.

Banario defeated Kelly via a technical knockout in the fourth round of their scheduled fifth round encounter that headlined the One Fighting Championship dubbed Return of Warriors at the sold out Stadium Putra in Malaysia last weekend.

The two Filipino warriors went back and forth in a striking duel. The finish came in the fourth round as Banario won the striking battle with a punch that staggered Kelly.

In the co-main event of the night, Shinichi Kojima defeated Team Lakay's Rey Docyogen via submission.

The Japanese veteran showed toughness in defeating his Filipino opponent, who was largely winning the standup battle but Kojima showed his experience by pulling off a guillotine choke in the clinch and pulled guard to finish the fight.

It will be Docyogen's first defeat after winning ten straight fights, all of them inside the Philippine-based MMA promotion, the Universal Reality Combat Championship.

Meanwhile, Team Lakay Head Coach Mark Sangiao said that Banario is scheduled to defend his title in May whose opponent has yet to be named.

Initial reports from mix martial arts website said Korean Bae Young Kwon, who handed Banario's first loss in 2012, is being eyed as the challenger.

The Team Lakay at the moment is now gearing up for the upcoming mix martial arts events in Manila with some of the new athletes to try their luck in the MMA world./RC/PIA CAR

Cash for Training Program Launched

BAGUIO CITY - The Cash for Training Program (C4TP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for three hundred (300) qualified students was launched at the Multi-Purpose Hall, City Hall last Wednesday afternoon.

The city's program is part of the P1.3B allocated in a national attempt to provide training for out-of-school-youth and qualified individuals.

Last week's program was participated in by students who availed of slots for technical education including courses in welding, automotive, housekeeping, commercial cooking, computer hardware services and heavy equipment operator.

Each student is allotted Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000) from which training cost, assessment fees, traveling allowance and toolkits are funded. The allowance is given in two parts; during the middle and end of the training period.

The program is a part of the city's long term water vision which is water security through water care, efficient access and integrated management and governance. It has also paved the way for the designation of the Balili River system as Water Quality Management Area which

aims to upgrade its classification, said Lacamana.

"Salaknib ti Waig" is also a part of the activities in support to the harmonization efforts in the rehabilitation of the Balili river system of the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition (BRSRC) of which the city is a member./JDP/SCA-PIACAR

DOST Beefs up OL Trap Roll out in Schools

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) will beef up the roll out program on mosquito Ovicidal Larvicidal (OL) Trap in schools from March until the coming school year in a bid to reduce the incidence of dengue virus.

Dr. Arnold Inumpa, DOST - Cordillera regional focal person on OL traps and currently the Science and Technology provincial head of Benguet, said resumption of the program from March until February next year is a directive from DOST national office.

The DOST OL trap roll out program started in June until December last year. Each classroom was supposed to be allotted four OL trap units.

The OL Trap is one of DOST's research and development strategies to counter the fatal dengue disease carried and spread by Aedes Aegypti mosquito.

DOST's roll out program with the Department of Education intends to introduce the technology and demonstrate to show and prove to the public that there is a technology that works in the reduction of dengue vector said Inumpa. He said they are hopeful that local government units will facilitate the adaption of the technology if they see the impact of the project.

The vector or dengue carrying mosquitoes like to dwell in crowded areas which is the reason schools are selected as recipients of OL traps, Inumpa said. The OL traps also serve as surveillance measures in determining the presence of mosquitoes whether disease carrier or not.

Almost all the schools in the provinces of Abra, Ifugao and Kalinga while some in Mountain Province were observed to have positively trapped mosquito larvae while there were zero trapping incidence in some schools in Baguio and Benguet according to Inumpa.

Each mosquito lays an average of 200 eggs which develop into larvae and if these are destroyed, the number is already big enough, he added.

DOST uses the OL trap as an index in declaring if the area is safe from dengue transmission. The number of OL units that entrap mosquito larvae should not go beyond 10 percent, otherwise the locality will be declared not safe, according to Inumpa.

Aside from OL traps, other dengue prevention measures include cleaning of surroundings, fogging or utilization of treated mosquito nets and curtains distributed by the Department of Health./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

ing program, as it is expected to end May 2013.

The DSWD identifies the beneficiaries while TESDA takes care of coordination, implementation of skills and training activities, the program being a joint undertaking.

TESDA aims to provide training either for wage-employment (trabaho) or self-employment (hanap-buhay) most specially for Out-of-School-youth (OSYs).

To insure that all those qualified could be reached, there are school, center and community-based trainings. Enterprise-based trainings may be done through apprenticeship for 4-6 months; learnership which could be a 3-month training program; dual training where school and partner company could be implemented up to one-and-a-half to 2-year training. The said training programs cuts cost as it reduces recruitment and training expenses, production, maintenance and administrative cost; with more exposure to the latest technology. Student-trainees gain exposure to the latest technology and would acquire work knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Corporate partners are properly accredited, it was stated in the guidelines.

There is a need to fill in some selected training programs, and interested individuals may apply at the TESDA offices.-juliegfianza

The launching program was graced by City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan; TESDA-CAR Director Yolanda Olano; DSWD Director Leonardo Reynoso; and Secretary to the mayor Rafael Talloco representing Mayor Mauricio Domogan./juliegfianza

COMELEC Clarifies...**from page 1**

more than three times a week per website during the campaign period. , which for national candidates starts on February 12 and for local candidates on March 29.

For this purpose, the exhibition or display of the online advertisement for any length of time, regardless of frequency, within a 24 hour period, shall be construed as one instance of publication.

In addition, website owner or administrator are also required to submit to the COMELEC certified true copy of its broadcast logs, certificates of performance or other analogous record, including certificates of acceptance, for the review and verification of the frequency, date, time and duration of advertisements aired for any candidate.

Campaign period for national candidates starts on February 12 and local candidates on March 29./JDP/CCD and Eizzel Bangal/PIA Intern

Kakampi mo ang Batas**from page 5**

provided by cable operators, wi-fi services, and uniformed personnel all attentive to the needs of their patrons. Indeed, if there is any proof of the success of a public-private partnership, the Calapan City pier is one of them. Congratulations.

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

City Supports....**from page 2**

with a mission to build integrated businesses imbued with cooperative values for the improvement of the quality of life".

New sets of the BCCDC officers were elected during the assembly and took their oath before Mr. Tallocoy. They are Dr. Amparo Rimas (BBCCC) as the Chairperson, Atty. Marie Fulgencio (DTI-Baguio) as the Vice Chairperson, Dr. Placido Abuan (BMC) as the Secretary, Brenda Navalta (BPESCCO) as the Treasurer, and Joseph Del Rosario (TLMC) as the Auditor.

"We look forward to better things and better times at the BCCDC", said the new chairperson, Dr. Rimas./Jho Arranz/PIO-Baguio

Mayor: BCDA - CJHDEVCO...**from page 2**

Maulbecker said "constitutes open defiance of the sovereignty and police power of the Local Government of Baguio City."

Maulbecker recalled a regional trial court decision which sided with the city on the permit issue. The said court decision is however currently on appeal before the higher court.

Maulbecker asked the city government to enforce its authority in issuing said permits and to provide them police assistance to bring in the goods to the zone but city police director Jesus Cambay however denied the request saying the matter involves a "controversy that is purely civil in nature" and which is not under the ambit of the police.

"While such enforcement of the Permit to Engage in Business may have a legal implication on the pending case between (CJHDevCo) and (BCDA), we note that an Injunction Order has been issued. Hence, any request for the implementation/enforcement thereof should comply with the requirements of our Police Operational Procedures which provides... (that police assistance) shall be granted only upon written request of the Sheriff and accompanied by a valid order issued by a competent court..."

The court recently issued an injunction order preventing a JHMC takeover of the Camp John Hay thus maintaining a status quo for CJHDevCo to continue operating in the zone./A Refuerzo

Preparations...**...from page 2**

walls and structures within the central business district and other areas in the ten barangay districts preparatory to the two-day painting drive.

The inventory will be the basis of the city government through the city engineer's office to determine the materials and implements needed for the campaign which will be jointly funded by the task force, the city government and private groups.

The city district engineering office of the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) will take charge of the national roads and structures while civic organizations will contribute by painting their own assigned areas.

The mayor said the task force through NSTP coordinator Vladimir Cayabas also des-

igned the area assignments for each of the schools that will field in NSTP students and volunteers for the drive.

The Saint Louis University (SLU) students will take on the whole stretch from Rimando Road to Aurora Hill including the Y-shaped overpass going to the old DZWT building and Center Mall until the Assembly Church of God.

University of the Cordilleras will cover Harrison Road and the road going to the Baguio City National High School, University of the Philippines and Baguio General Hospital while the University of Baguio will work on streets of General Luna and Session going up to the post office.

Baguio School of Business and Technology (BSBT) will take on nearby streets within city limits en route to La Trinidad; Data Center will take charge of the streets from Assembly Church of God going to Rex Bookstore; Systems Technology Institute (STI) will tackle New Lucban, T. Alonzo and Caguioa areas; Baguio College of Technology - Harrison and Bokawan roads; Philippine Women's University - Assumption and Abanao; Baguio College Academy - Trancoville and Tabora including private roads; and Pines City Colleges - Happy Homes, Camdas to Police Station 2.

The activity aims to rid the city of unsightly writings by painting vandalized walls and structures as part of the clean-up and beautification drive preparatory to the conduct of the 18th Baguio Flower Festival later this month.

The mayor said the activity also involves the barangays led by Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) president Councilor Joel Alangsab.

After the clean-up, the city intends to sustain the program through intensive information-education campaign and strict imposition of the anti-graffiti ordinance./ A Refuerzo

DepEd - CAR...**...from page 3**

learning to the ALS learners, DepEd with its various partners also provide them with livelihood skills training.

Meanwhile, in line with the national government's goal of "Education for All", DepED has now included the data banking of all out-of-school children and youth including those person with disabilities (PWDs) in its early registration program in order to provide them with the necessary education assistance or interventions to ensure that all Filipino children will finish basic primary and secondary education./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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Food Stalls...**from page 2**

control and preventive measures to avert further incidents.

"Our sanitation division is quite strict on the grant of sanitation permits and health certificates such that even those operating only for a short time will have to undergo inspections and secure permits," Tuvera said.

She said sanitation teams are expected to intensify monitoring of the food stalls and sustain the rigid training and health certificate requirements for food handlers to ensure that no more diarrhea cases will occur.

She said the Ating Tahanan immediately closed the water pipe suspected to have triggered the contamination even as investigation on the case continued to ascertain the true cause of the food poisoning incident./A Refuerzo

DOLE - CAR...**from page 3**

tal in its prime condition from 1972 until 2012.

DOLE records showed that on May 17, 2012 Querobina Suba sought help from DOLE as decided to spend the rest of her life at her own home. DOLE responded with SenA Desk Officer Gled More Gonzales immediately giving attention to her claim with the presence of the representative of the owner of the house. The settlement was agreed upon in just a matter of few hours./CCD/PIA CAR with report from Aldrin Apolonio/DOLE-CAR

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET)
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION OF
RATHIMEL PUCAY
RAVI WITH PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME OF
RATHIMEL
PUCAY RAVI TO
RATHIMEL PUCAY
PAGNAS,
ALVARO PAWAD
PAGNAS,

Petitioner,

-versus -

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,

Respondent,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 13-A-1001

X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner Alvaro Pawad Pagnas, through counsel, filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption, RATHIMEL PUCAY RAVI be declared to be free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural father and that she be declared for all legal intents for all legal intents and purpose as the adopted child of the Alvaro Pawad Pagnas with Norma Pucay and change of her name to RATHIMEL PUCAY PAGNAS. She will acquire rights and obligations arising from parent-child relationship and direct the City Civil Register of Baguio City to effect said adoption in the Certificate of Live

Birth.

The Court Social worker is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study Report and said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing of the petition set on April, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

WHEREFORE, petitioners are directed to meet with the Court Social Worker Ms. Jacqueline Dontogan for the conduct of the Child and Home study.

The Social Worker is hereby directed to submit her report, incorporating therein her recommendation and submit the same to the court, furnishing a copy there of the trial prosecutor deputized to represent the State.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than February 10, 2013. All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Court Social Worker; the Junction Newspaper; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 5th day of February 2013 at La Trinidad, Benguet

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIWAT
Presiding Judge

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2013

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE
NOTARY PUBLIC
La Trinidad, Benguet

ALFONICK BAY-O
BUMAKIL,

Mortgagee,

-versus -

JASSON G. AWISAN,
Mortgagor.

X-----X

Foreclosure Case
No. 13-EXF-1677

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE SALE

ATTY. AMADEO B. DEGAY, a Notary Public for the Province of Benguet, will sell to the highest bidder and for CASH at public auction at 9:00 o'clock in the morning of February 20, 2013 or soon thereafter, at the lobby of the Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet the real property including all improvements erected thereon, consisting of TWO HUNDRED NINETY (290) square meters, located at Takian, La Trinidad, Benguet, and embraced in Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-70548 issued by the Registry of Deeds of Benguet, belonging to JASSON G. AWISAN, formerly single and now married to Brigitte Awisan, both of legal age, residents of No. 109-A New Lucban Extension, Baguio City, to satisfy their mortgage debt which as of January

Dads Spell...

city. However, these District Health Centers render services to the general public and attends to the needs of all its patients only during the scheduled clinic day," Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda who authored the amendatory ordinance said.

To realize the thrust of the ordinance, the procedure has to be specified.

As per the approved measure, the following mechanics will be followed:

*The District Health Centers, in coordination with the respective Barangay Council and the Barangay Senior Citizen Association shall make a registry of all senior citizens residing within the area of jurisdiction;

15, 2013 amounts to TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND (P240,000.00) PESOS Philippine currency, excluding past due interest and penalty, filing fees, publication and attorney's fees equivalent to 10% of the collectible amount and all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure sale. The said real property is more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-70548

"A parcel of land (Lot 2-A-6, Psd-CAR-009730) being a portion of Lot 2-A, Psd-131110-001625, situated at rurban code 131110, Barangay Minac, Takian, Mun. of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 2-A-7 of the subd. plan, on the NE., along line 2-3-4 by Lot 2-A-17 (Alley) of the sub. plan, on the SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 2-A-18 (Road Lot) of the subd. plan, on the SW., along line 5-6 by the subd. plan, on the SW., along line 6-1 by Lot 2-A-4 of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" xxx to point 1; containing an area of TWO HUNDRED NINETY (290) SQ. METERS, more or less."

Interested parties are enjoined to investigate the property and their other encumbrances, if any.

AMADEO B. DEGAY
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siding within the area of jurisdiction;

*The City Health Services Office, through the District Health Centers, shall issue a health card to the registered senior citizens. No fee shall be charged for the health card;

*The City Government of Baguio, through the City Health Officer, shall designate one day in a month in each of the District Health Centers to attend to the medical and other health needs of the senior citizens. A medical officer, duly licensed to issue prescriptions, shall likewise be stationed during the consultation day. The senior citizens may also avail of the two days a week consultation, together with the other clients of the Health Centers;

*Medical conditions that may require further assessment, treatment and/or management, and other laboratory referrals shall be directed to the Main Health Center and/or to the government hospital, if the need arises;

*The senior citizens are also entitled to an annual medical checkup at their respective District Health Center or at the Main Health Center. Prior scheduling shall be arranged by the District Health Center with the Public Laboratory for laboratory services;

*The mandatory 20 percent discount shall apply for the medicines dispensed by the District or Main Health Center; and

*Indigent senior citizens certified by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and other government agencies are entitled to avail of the free medicines and services.

The City Health Services Office will be tasked to lead agency responsible for the implementation of said ordinance.

Fianza's proposed measure was referred to the council committee on environment for study and recommendation./A Refuerzo

Norway Copyright...

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pions of copyright with education for our community and its partners as our top priority," Karen Ocampo Flores, FILVADRO President, said.

Apart from Ocampo Flores, the other Board of Trustees of the group consists of Egai Talusan Fernandez (Vice President), Imelda Cajipe-Endaya (Secretary), Noel Soler Cuizon (Treasurer), Jef Carnay (Assistant Treasurer), Virgilio Aviado, Marika B. Constantino, Grace Dimaranan and Noell EL Farol. The Board has been elected by its members in the First General Assembly on July 28, 2012.

The Foundation research is a landmark study that provided demographical data on the visual artists and designers in the country and the various awareness levels of the sector in relation to specific copyright topics. The Foundation research forms part of the Education Program of FILVADRO. Close to 200 visual artists and designers across all art forms had been surveyed from the National Capital Region (NCR) to the Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon (CALABARZON) Region. Data gathered from the accomplished membership forms of the organization were also included in the demographics section of the study.

Key programs of FILVADRO which stem from the three-year plan will be launched beginning February in time for the National Arts Month./For more information on this article or to arrange for interviews, please contact Denise L. Manalo at 550-1388 or send an email to filvadro@gmail.com.

City to Institutionalize...

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means that all activities and facilities will pass through regulation and licensing.'

'Boat operators will have to secure certificate of registration, license and business permit before they are allowed to operate which will be valid for one year,' he said.

Domogan also added, 'the construction, introduction of structures, park furnitures, additional appurtenances and features in leased areas will also be prohibited without securing a clearance from CEPMO.

On customer's safety, the mayor said, 'boat operators will have to provide life saving devices for their customers at all times.'

Domogan also said, boat operators would be responsible for the maintenance of cleanliness, sanitation and beautification of their immediate environs and should always strive to improve operational services and amenities.'

'Sleeping within the environ of the lake will not be allowed, even for boat operators and workers,' he said.

The mayor also said identification cards will have to be worn by boat operators and workers including wearing a uniform to differentiate them from the public.

'As a general policy, drunk customers will not be allowed to ride the boat, littering is strictly prohibited, smoking, gambling, urinating, bathing, washing is definitely prohibited,' domogan said.

The guidelines will be approved anytime soon./paul rillorta

More Classrooms...

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and endorsed through a resolution the PSIP Phase II school building program.

According to the National Economic Development Authority - CAR, the project will be bidded out in several regional packages to attract more bidders with one contract per region. The winning bidder is required to construct and turnover the completed classrooms in one year.

Accordingly, the shortage and poor quality of classrooms are major setback in the region and seen to worsen if not addressed, with the implementation of the 'K to 12' and the 'Education for All' programs with the expected significant increase in enrollment

The project is expected to address 49 percent of the projected need for classroom for 2013-2014 in the region.

It was likewise recommended for DepEd to look into the strict implementation of the standards for school buildings and site development guided by the Educational Facilities Manual.

Latest findings of the Cordillera Regional Project Monitoring Committee reveal that some schools were built in areas susceptible to erosion and landslide, and subsidence areas with no mitigating measures put in place. The standard design should consider terrain, access, topography, climate and nuances of the identified sites.

The RSDC also moved for adoption of another resolution requesting national government to provide funds for the remaining gaps for more classrooms totaling to 616 in both elementary and secondary level for early consideration and inclusion./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR

Indigent Youths in Benguet Towns Undergo Free Tech-Voc Skills Training

BAGUIO CITY - Indigent youths from the Benguet towns of Tuba and Bokod are undergoing free technical-vocational (tech-voc) training program which aims to provide them adequate skills that would help them get a decent job or start a livelihood.

They are beneficiaries of the Cash for Training Program (C4TP) program, a joint project of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in support to the national government's thrust to provide a sustainable intervention to improve the condition of the youth and empower them through skills training and assistance towards gainful employment and entrepreneurial activities.

TESDA Baguio-Benguet C4TP Focal Person Glenda Marquez, in an interview, disclosed that under the said joint program, DSWD identifies the beneficiaries with the skills they want to learn while TESDA implements the training. Each beneficiary is allocated with P20,000 assistance which covers for training vouchers, training assessment and allowance.

For the province of Benguet, Marquez reported that 737 C4TP slots are allotted wherein 437 are community based training and 300 are in-school training.

The C4TP in the province was launched in the municipality of Tuba last January 22 and 55 indigent youth beneficiaries are already undergoing their community-based training of which 16 are taking up commercial cooking, 13 on consumer electronics servicing and 26 on automotive servicing.

For the municipality of Bokod, the program was launched last January 28 wherein for the free tech-voc training program, 31 are taking-up driving with automotive servicing, 18 on dressmaking and tailoring and six are taking up consumer electronic servicing.

According to Marquez, the launching and start of training in the 11 towns of Benguet are being scheduled.

For Baguio City which is allotted 300 C4TP slots, TESDA Baguio-Benguet headed by Provincial Director Angela Gabriel is also finalizing the training schedules targeted to start this February./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

The Peace Combatant ...from page 4

peaceful settlement of the dispute.

Other factors probably contributed as to why China appears to be inclined to pursue her patrols in 2014 and not this

2013. One of such factors is that a US warship (mine-sweeper) is trapped in Tubataha Reef. It would really be awkward for China to intensify a patrol knowing that US ships would probably be around to conduct salvage operations. We were informed that the salvage operations would continue until April. May, however, is usually the start of an early rainy

season and an intensified sea patrol during a rainy season would not

have a significant impact. We are fortunate this 2013 and

hopefully we can do something this year to make 2014 a relatively peaceful

Benguet Co-Op Council Advocates Conversion of Jeepney Associations to Co-Op

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Benguet Provincial Cooperative Development Council (BPCDC) is encouraging jeepney associations in the province to convert into cooperatives citing the gains of being such.

The BPCDC is modeling the Benguet Operators and Drivers Associations Multipurpose Cooperative (BODAMPC) which expanded its services, increased its assets and membership through the years.

The BPCDC passed a resolution and plan to write and recommend to existing jeepney associations to form into cooperatives.

There are currently around 40 jeepney associations existing across the province, according to BODAMPC President Miguel Luma-ang who is the chair of the BPCDC.

To date, there were only three which converted aside from the BODAMPC, the Baguio Tomay MPC in this town and Drivers, Operators, Employees and Residents MPC (DOERSMPC) in Tublay.

The gains in joining the co-op movement based on experience as stock cooperative is being able to run a legitimate business, it is tax exempt, it issues dividends to members, and it could serve the needs and services of its members.

The co-op is guided by policies the reason there are minimal problems encountered unlike groups or organizations, said Luma-ang. It is also regulated by the Cooperative Development Authority, he added.

Luma-ang personally attests the gains of converting into co-op. Their group, formerly the Buyagan Operators and Drivers Association, was run as a mere organization, then they decided to transform their group into cooperative. It was difficult at first, there were pains, he said but through hard work, the co-op's initial asset amounting to P126,000.00 back 1996 increased tremendously to more than P23 million now.

BODAMPC entrepreneurial services used to be auto supply only but has expanded with its own gasoline station and now also into lending services. In its micro-financing loan service, members can acquire loan even without collateral, said Luma-ang.

From 36 members composed of drivers and operators

only, its membership increased to more than 500 to now include the community.

In his advocacy for co-op conversion, Luma-ang said there were jeepney associations inclined for conversion but nobody from among the group would like to initiate and lead./ JDP/SCA-PIA CAR,Benguet

can be contacted through atgic200@dm.com, 0927-536-8431, and Facebook)

Baguio Vicariate Cites Importance of Mass Media In Shaping Values of Young People

BAGUIO CITY - The Catholic Vicariate of Baguio outlined the importance of mass media nowadays in shaping up the values, thinking and lifestyle of the young people.

Fr. Andy Cosalan, in his homily during the inauguration mass of Mountain Province Broadcasting Corporation's (MPBC) local radio station DZWT - Radyo Totoo new building, Wednesday, said that mass media, may it be broadcast, print or online/internet-based, has become the language of the world, which aside from being a source of information and a new way of communicating, has a great influence to people especially to the young ones.

He said DZWT radio station is part of the church's commitment to the people, in bringing up the blessing of an apostolate of mass media.

He reminded all the radio station's personnel and the other people mass media of their great responsibility, in shaping up the right values for young people and in sharing up the mission of Jesus Christ.

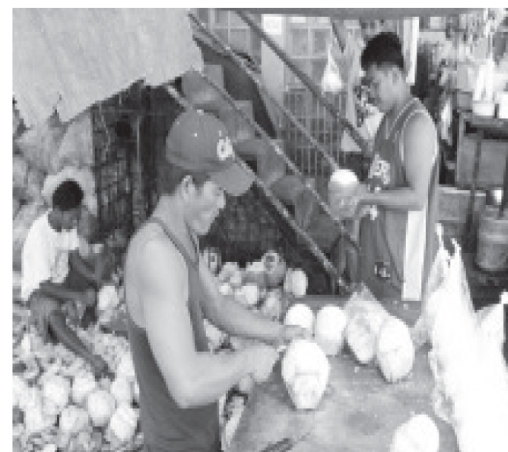
Established by the CICM (Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariee) in 1966, under Fr. Hugo del Bare, radio station DZWT has the mission to evangelize, spread the gospel and to communicate the good news through radio before its management was transferred to the Baguio Vicariate a few years ago. Its studio was located along Bonifacio Street near the Saint Louis University.

After the mass, Fr. Cosalan led the blessing of the station, which was followed by a press briefing by Bishop Carlito Cenzon, DZWT Station Manager Fr. Juvelarde Cabading, Fr. Paul Basilio and Fr. Lorenzo Abela Jr.

In the said press briefing, local media were presented with a brief history of the station. The DZWT officials also give recognition to all the people and group who in one way or another have helped in the construction of the new DZWT building and the realization of the transfer of the station to its new home along Fr. Carlu St., Bishop's House Compound near the Baguio Cathedral.

With DZWT's transfer to the heart of the city, the radio station is now more accessible to its partners and clients.

DZWT is the carrying station Cordillera Association of Regional Executives' weekly 'Kapihan sa Baguio' forum, which aims to deliver efficient, timely and relevant information from the national government, regional line agencies and developmental partner institutions. (CCD/Mikyla Samantha Isleta and Aileen Chelsea Irving/PIA CAR interns)



THE COCONUT NUT - As the temperature rises for the incoming Summer Season coconut meat and its juice are fast sellers for thirst quenchers including its medicinal value./By bong Cayabyab

City OK's....**from page 3**

structures based on lawful grounds.'

'Water and electricity are basic needs of people, we will not deprive them of that,' Domogan said.

The amnesty came as several residents clamored for the suspension of City ordinance No. 67 series of 2009 which set the guidelines and policies in allowing owners of buildings and structures without the necessary building permits to have electric and water connections.

Ordinance 67 created the committee to oversee and screen applicants for electric and water connections within the city without the necessary building permits which comprises the City Mayor as Chairman with members from Beneco, BWD, the barangay captain who has jurisdiction of the subject property and the Institute of Integrated electrical Engineers of the Philippines-Baguio-Benguet Chapter.

It also sets the guidelines for screening of applicants which includes; securing a certification from duly certified or duly licensed electrical engineer or electrical practitioner accredited by Beneco, the City Electrical Engineer attesting to the safety of the electric service connection; a plan or certification regarding the water connection certified by the BWD in case of water connection.

Presentation of proof of ownership (Updated Tax Declaration and Real property Assessment of the building), if the land where the building was constructed is not tilted but covered by a Tax Declaration, the applicant will have to secure a notarized authority from the proper government agency under whose name the land was declared for taxation purposes.

In cases where the building owner is not the owner of the land, a duly notarized authority from the registered landowner is required.

Filing of applications must be done personally, applications through a representative is not allowed.

The applicants are also mandated to secure a certification from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Clerks of Court and the City legal Officer certifying that subject lot where the building was constructed is not a subject of a pending land dispute or any protest.

Excluded are structures within government reservations, school areas, national and forest reservations, duly identified watershed areas, road right-of-ways and structures on dangerous areas as identified by the proper government agency.

The privilege is applicable to the bonafide residents (not transient squatters) of the City of Baguio whose identities have been duly certified by the Punong Barangay.

Ordinance 67 shall apply to existing buildings constructed on public lands covered under tax Declaration or where an Order of award was issued by the DENR.

Any new building constructed shall on a land after August 10, 2009 will not be granted electrical and water connections except those applicants who are recipients of an order of award issued by the DENR.

Water and Electric connection applicants said the process is a big burden in their application and is taking them months to fin-

ish thereby depriving them of their basic needs.

Councilor Nicasio Aliping who introduced the measure said, granting an amnesty will help the growing needs of residents for electric and water supply.'

He however pointed out that the amnesty will apply only for a period of three months counted from the time the ordinance is approved.

the City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) is the sole agency in receiving applications for amnesty./paul rillorta

Salaknib..**from page 12**

with Camdas, Private Road, Tabora and Trancoville barangay, Baguio City Academy Colleges with Tabora barangay and University of the Philippines-Baguio with Brookside barangay.

Other partners of the 'Salaknib ti Waig' Program are BENECO, Baguio Regreening Movement, Baguio Heritage Foundation, Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) and BRSRC.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan however stressed, 'the officials of the barangays should also do their share in spearheading the cleanliness and maintenance of their rivers to make the program sustainable.'/paul rillorta

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one way or another contributed to the development of the institution.'

The mayor also congratulated past and present employees for their efforts and collaborative teamwork to sustain what have been started, 'continue to further improve them,' he said.

'While you are improving your skill and talent pursuant to recent technologies and developments in the global village, sickness is also evolving,' he stressed.

'It gives us the continuing challenge to continue to work together and find out what are those developments and recent discoveries pursuant to technology to address the complicated diseases confronting our own people,' Domogan said.

The Mayor also challenged the people to look at what they can still contribute to further improve the services that the hospital is rendering to the people who are in need of health services.

'We all know that health is wealth hence, it is always a very important priority in our individual as well as collective effort that tells us the importance of this celebration,' He said.

Once called the 'Baguio Sanatorium' during the American occupation, it was established as a 15 bed capacity hospital for recuperation of government officials, employees and American soldiers in 1902 located at the former site of the Pines hotel.

In 1907, Its was renamed 'Baguio Hospital' and the construction of the nurse's home and cottages for Tuberculosis patients started.

It was in 1937 when the name of the hospital was changed to 'Baguio General Hospital' which it carries today.

Presently, BGHMC is the only 500 bed capacity tertiary and training hospital North of Manila which was awarded 'Mother and

Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative' by the United Nations Children's Fund, National Wellness Award of Excellence by the Department of Health (DOH) and Gawad Pagasa by the Civil Service Commission (CSC)./paul rillorta

Panagbenga 2013...**from page 12**

Pamilya Baguio on Sunday, Feb. 10 shall be for the Baguio community, according to the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, Inc. (BFFFI) officers hotelier Anthony de Leon and Freddie Alquiros. This is to celebrate eighteen years of the fiesta atmosphere of Panagbenga brought about by the unity and friendliness of Baguioites, the two officials said during an earlier press conference.

At 8 AM this Sunday, simple ceremonies and a ribbon cutting launches the Bloom, Baguio Bloom: a landscaping exhibit including flower and plant arrangements at the Baguio Orchidarium; at 8:30, the Let A Thousand Flowers Bloom family painting activity shall be conducted at Melvin Jones Grandstand; at 10 AM to 3 PM, a family kite-flying contest shall be done within the grounds; while a regatta or fluvial parade shall be done at the newly-refurbished Burnham lake under the supervision of the Baguio Cultural Society.

The whole day shall be devoted to concerts in the park participated in by popular local and school bands, while a sky lantern release is being planned for the evening along the lake.

Feb. 10 is also scheduled for the Chinese New Year celebration at the Bell Church along the city limits, Magsaysay Avenue, Km. 3. A grand parade down Session road up to Melvin Jones Grandstand was also scheduled Monday, Feb. 6 at 3 PM, followed by a dinner and awards night.

Other Panagbenga 2013 activities for the coming week are: Feb. 11; RMN Pop Fiesta at Session road; and Feb. 17, PhilHealth's National run for mother and child protection along Lake Drive, Burnham Park.

Last week's opening parade featured children from elementary schools dancing from Panagbenga Park up to Athletic Bowl, with Aguinaldo Elem. School, Lucban, Mabini, Baguio Central Elementary School, and Fort Del Pilar winning five slots to represent their schools during the grand street dancing parade on Feb. 23-24.

A giant landscape in consonance with this year's theme: "A Blooming Odyssey" was also unveiled at the Athletic Bowl during the program. The creation stays at the venue until the March 3 closing ceremonies.

The grand street dancing parade shall be on Feb. 23, the float parade on the 24th, from the Panagbenga park with the exhibitors day on the same weekend at the Athletic Bowl.

The Session road in Bloom starts Feb. 25 up to closing and awarding day, March 3. Pony boys' day shall be on March 2 at the Athletic Bowl.

Inquiries as to the activities may be done with the Panagbenga Secretariat, tel. no. 074-442-43-15, at the Philippine Tourism Authority bldg, Abad Santos Drive, Burnham Park, email address: panagbenga.secretariat@gmail.com./juliegfianza

Sports: Philhealth...**from page 12**

each.

Philhealth-Cordillera public relations officer Maggie del Rosario said 1,870 had registered for the run as of last Thursday, representing 37.67 percent of the target of 3,000 runners for the Baguio leg.

"We are optimistic of reaching the 3,000 mark as participants would like to sign up a few days before the run," del Rosario said.

Registration fees are pegged at P250 for the three-kilometer fun run, P300 for the 5K, P350 for the 10K and P450 for the 18K that will fire off simultaneously in Baguio, Dagupan, Tuguegarao, Clark, Malolos, Manila, Laguna, Batangas, Legazpi, Iloilo, Tacloban, Cebu, Zamboanga, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Koronadal, Marawi and Butuan.

The top three finishers in both the male and female divisions will receive cash prizes of P3,000-P2,000-P1,000 in both the student and adult categories of the 3K, aside from a P10,000 group prize; P5,000-P3,000-P2,000 in the 5K; P8,000-P4,000-P3,000 in the 10K; and P10,000-P6,000-P4,000 in the 18K.

The humanitarian dimension of the mass run has also triggered support in kind and services from Z-Radio (spot buys), Laser (brown envelopes), Ink Line (certificates), Copylandia (ribbon), Ronstar (tarpaulin), Mountain King (bottled water), Tarilja (safety pin), Department of Budget and Management-Cordillera (1,500 pcs. brown envelope), Filpower Group, ECV (tarpaulin), MCKleen (5 dozens balloons), Department of Social Welfare and Development - Cordillera (bottled water), Tionsgan Harrison, Dr. Occidental (DVD player), Department of Health-Cordillera (100 pcs. bags), SM (registration booth, etc.), CenterMall, Noel (P2,000) and Baguio Midland Courier (publicity space).

Runners may download the registration form at <https://run2013.philhealth.gov.ph> or obtain and submit the same at the Philhealth Regional Office, 4th floor SSS Building, Harrison Rd., Baguio City.

Sponsors in cash and in kind may ring up Philhealth's numbers - (074) 444-8361 and 444-5345./Ramon Dacawi.

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and Teachers Association of the city's oldest public high school.

Tickets, pegged at P20, are available at the school and at the concert gate during the performances.

Binhi is also set to sign up for a reunion concert this summer with pioneer Baguio folkhouse performers the likes of lawyer Jose "Bubut" Olarte, March Fianza and Conrad Marzan.

Marzan, who moved to Northern California in 2006, together with fellow expat folksingers Richard Arandia, Bob and Joel Aliping and Felix Tayaotao, are expected to come home soon for the reunion performance.

Singapore-based Mhia Tibunsay, Marzan's fellow lead soloist with the Foggy Mountain Band, hopes to also make it to the home-coming concert, also for a cause./RDacawi.

Suspension of Baguio City Number Coding Scheme from Feb. 11 to Mar 1, 2013

BAGUIO CITY - With the one month long celebration of the 18th edition of Panagbenga or the Baguio Flower Festival which already started last Feb. 1, Mayor Mauricio Domogan issued Administrative Order No. 022, series of 2013 suspending the implementation of the Baguio City Coding Scheme for private vehicles from Feb. 11 to Mar 1, 2013.

Since there are numerous government-supported and community-led activities lined up in the one month long celebration of Panagbenga 2013 with the "A Blooming Odyssey", the city will be expecting the influx of thousands of both domestic and foreign visitors to witness the Baguio Flower Festival.

Said suspension is intended to provide the visitors as well as the local residents to freely visit the different tourist spots around the city and enjoy the various activities of one of the tourist attraction in this mountain resort, thus the suspension of the implementation of the Baguio City number coding scheme is needed. /Jho Arranz/PIO-Baguio

Salaknib Program Launched for Clean Rivers

BAGUIO CITY - the city government launched Monday (Feb. 4) the 'Salaknib ti Waig Program' which is a pet project of the City Environment and Parks management Office (CEPMO) here.

The program translated as 'Guardians or Protectors of the River' aims to sustain waterway protection initiatives by the different stakeholders which include barangays, government organizations, non-government organizations and volunteers.

The main focus of the program is the adoption of rivers and streams within the city by organizations who are willing to be partners in its upkeep and maintenance.

The program covered 28 barangays within the Balili River Basin wherein 331 indigent beneficiaries participated for the cash-for-work program.

City High Sets Concert for School-Based Rescuers

Folk and country will blend with theatrical music in an environmental concert on Feb. 15 and 16 at the Baguio City National High School gym, proceeds of which will help tool the school's Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council.

Binhi, the folk band of lead vocalist Andy Villamor, lead guitarist Bobby Go, drummer Glen Villamor and percussionist Bing Villamor, will

City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana reported, 'almost 1,857 sacks of mixed solid waste or approximately 37 tons of waste have been fished-out of the major tributaries along the Sagudin-Balili river in 2012 alone.'

'We have involved 969 people which cleaned a span of 17.75 km of the Sagudin-Balili river and 3 km. of the Bued river,' she said.

The program also adopted and partnered with Holy ghost Proper and Upper General Luna barangays.

The Rotary Club of Baguio adopted and partnered with Imelda Village and M. Roxas Teachers Camp barangay.

Pines City Colleges partnered with Happy Homes, North Sanitary Camp and Soth Sanitary Camp barangays.

Other adopters are MJ Corporation partnering with ABCR barangay, NIIT

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BGH Celebrates 111th Foundation Day

BAGUIO CITY - the first premier hospital in this mountain resort is celebrating its 111th Foundation Day this year since opening its doors in 1902.

The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) spearheaded by Director Manuel Factora opted for a special program under the trees in its garden last February 4.

Factora said, 'celebrating the institutions Foundation Day in the garden is being one with the environment which is also in line with the Panagbenga Festival.'

Panagbenga 2013, on Second Week of Activities

BAGUIO CITY - Burnham park shall be the main venue of activities for the second week-

activities of the city.'

'This garden is also a place where we can see the Public Private Partnership that is ongoing between the people of Baguio and the hospital,' He said.

The Center Chief also stressed the importance of the people behind the success of the institution and expressed heartfelt thanks for all the help they have given.

Factora assured the people of Baguio that BGHMC will continue giving quality healthcare.

Among the groups cited during the program are BGHMC Advisory Board, the past directors, the different partners of the institution including the different universities of the

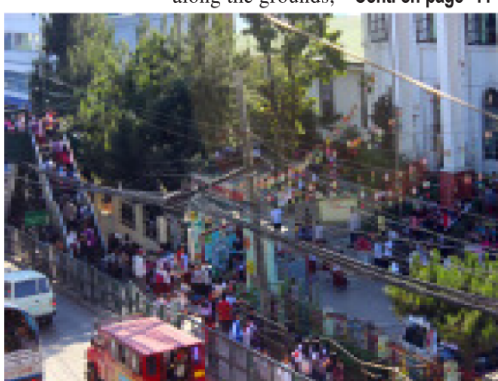
city and members of the Mission of Canada who, for past five years, have been sending its doctors to the city.

BGHMC also thanked the city government for continuously supporting the hospital with a Plaque of Recognition handed to City Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

In his message, the mayor thanked the Lord for helping sustain the only tertiary government hospital in the city which he said caters not only to the people of Baguio but the entire Cordillera Administrative Region including Regions 1, 2 and 3.

Domogan said, 'This is also the occasion for us to say thank you to all who in

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Let A Thousand Flowers Bloom at Melvin Jones, and Fluvial Parade at the Burnham Lake.

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