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MABUHAYANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LATRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Two Dialysis Patients Make a Wish for 120



FLAGS OF OUR FOREFATHERS - Baguio City National High School Special Program for the Art members perform an interpretative number essaying on how our heroes and forefathers fought and died for freedom and democracy during the observance of National Flags Day held at Aguinaldo Park May 28./By Bong Cayabyab

In a country where millions are poor, it's normal for legions to pursue dreams of instant financial relief. They queue up daily, hoping to make the audience cut and then to be chosen at random to play, dance or do whatever for cash rewards in those game and variety shows on television.

So last October, 31-year old Amor Orpilla an only-child from DPS Barangay here, inched her way in to "Will Time Big Time" over Channel 5. Hours before dawn that day, the Baguio girl arrived in Quezon City for that long queue of the sick and needy seeking fund support from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

As she was already in the Big City, it wouldn't hurt to take another line before taking the long bus ride for home. A patient suffering from kidney failure, she needs all the support she could get to sustain her twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment necessary for her to survive.

"Pumila at nakapasok ako at nagbakasali, ngunit 'di ako natawag ni Mr. Revillame (I lined up and was let in but I was not called by Mr. Revillame)," she recalled last week, referring to the TV show host.

Over lunch at the city hall canteen, she and fellow kidney patient, Mary Grace Binay-an, 23, of Irisan barangay, continued to day-dream. **Cont. on page 9**

Asan na ang mga Korap Na Opisyaless Ng Baguio, tumulong na lang kayo sa may mga sakit. Pakatatandaan ang inyong kayamanan ninakaw ay hindi ninyo madadala sa libingan!!!

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Mayor to BCDA: Honor City's 19 conditionalities on CJH

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday asked the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) to honor the city's 19 conditionalities for the development of Camp John Hay to maintain their good working relations with the city.

The mayor said recent actuations of the current heads of the two bodies manifested that they are not recognizing the conditionalities and the city's authority over John Hay and this might cause a strain in the parties'

relations.

He said BCDA and CJHDevCo are presently involved in an ugly word and legal conflict and engaging in another discord this time involving the city government would be onerous for all concerned.

"I hope these bodies will continue to respect our authority and recognize the conditions which were approved by the BCDA board and recognized by the previous BCDA officials," the mayor said.

The mayor said the two bodies' officials showed their disregard for the conditionalities when they recently

questioned the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO)'s authority to enforce the building and occupancy permit requirements on new constructions within the John Hay Special Economic Zone.

In an answer to BCDA president and chief executive officer Arnel Paciano Casanova dated June 5, city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes traced the statutory bases that led to the setting of the conditionalities on which the city's authority to issue the questioned permits was attached.

Rabanes said Resolutions No. 346 and 362 series of 1994 which contained

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Council Urged to Adopt Mines View Building Rates as Vendors Continue to Haggle

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday urged the city council to decide on the rental rates for the newly constructed Mines View Park Multipurpose Building here even as prospective lessees continue to haggle for lower fees.

The mayor said the city has considerably reduced its proposed rates in deference to the vendors' appeal and has given ample time to study what is reasonable

for both parties.

"We need to fast-track the approval of the rental rates for us to already make use of the building," the mayor said.

The city council committee on market, trade and commerce will present anew the proposal to the body after holding yet another consultation with the vendors last Wednesday.

Councilor Peter Fianza who took over from committee chair Councilor Perlita Rondez facilitated the hearing where

vendors reiterated their appeal to further reduce the rates saying the vending areas are relatively small and that the city should consider the five-month lean month period in the rental scheme.

They also questioned the city's bases in computing the return of investment (ROI) with the inclusion of government facilities like the barangay hall, day care center and health center in the building along with other items on security and maintenance.

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Irisan Mediates Cases Best

The city's biggest barangay again stood tall last week, besting 24 other finalists in the city's search for the most outstanding in terms of settling minor cases under the "Lupon ng Tagapamayapa" system.

Irisan barangay, with a population of 24,064 as of 2007 and an area of 669.62 hectares, led the field for the top prize of P30,000. As such, it will represent the city in the regional level of competitions of the annual awards program.

Punong barangay Thomas Dumalti, one of this year's outstanding village chiefs under the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio search for best-per-

forming leaders in the grassroots level, led the members of the Irisan "Lupon" at the awards rites in front of the city hall last Monday morning.

Imelda Barangay led by punong barangay Arturo Rapelo, also a Rotary honoree, received P20,000 for finishing second, while Middle Quezon Hill under punong barangay Edita Ibarra, received P15,000 as third-placer.

Lourdes Subdivision under punong barangay Benjamin Macadangdang was good for P10,000 cash prize as fourth placer while Loakan Proper led by punong barangay Jesusa Vizcaya,

took P7,000 as fifth-placer.

Rounding up the top 11, with each receiving P5,000, were Upper Rock quarry under Luis Badecao, Holy Ghost Proper led by James Mastinggal, City Camp Proper under Aurora Abellera, Fairview under Justina Andaya, Pinget led by Teresita de Guzman and Pacdal under Roberto Medina.

Also honored by city officials led by mayor Mauricio Domogan were finalists Kabayanihan, Dontogan, Middle Quirino Hill, Upper General Luna, Hillside, Sto. Nino, Puliwes, West Bayan Park, Upper Quirino-Magsaysay, South Drive, Alfonso Tabora, Pinsao

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Water Refillers Accent on Safety, Social Responsibility

The local water refillers group marked last week its seventh year with a review of its records in corporate social responsibility and partnership with government agencies to maintain clean, safe and affordable water to the community.

"Profit should be secondary (to safe quality), as unpurified water may mean fund drain (to consumers who would need medical care as a result)," newly installed president, Engr. Florencio Cardenas told members of the

Baguio Association of Puri-

fied and Mineral Water Refillers at their installation of officers last June 1.

City health officer, Dr. Florence Reyes who served as guest speaker attributed the BAPMWR's effectiveness in providing clean and affordable water to its being "one of the most organized water refillers associations in the Philippines".

"Our water stations are part of our clean barangays," she told the members also led by outgoing president,

lawyer Nellie Olarez who now serves as ex-officio member of the board after steering the group for the past seven years.

As reflected in Olarez's report, the refillers had, over the years, supported environmental and humanitarian causes such as the fund drives of the Baguio Regreening Movement and the Red Cross, aside from delivery of 25,000 bottles of drinking water for various editions of the "Panagbenga" flower festival.

Other beneficiaries of the social

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BCDA-CJHDEVCO Asked to Involve City in Resolving Rental Impasse

BAGUIO CITY – The city government wants involvement in resolution of the lease payment dispute between Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo).

In a letter to BCDA president and chief executive officer Arnel Paciano Casanova dated June 5, city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes upon instructions of Mayor Mauricio Domogan requested BCDA and John Hay Management Council (JHMC) “to involve the City Government of Baguio in resolving the current impasse between the BCDA/JHMC on one hand and the CJHDevCo on the other.”

“The City of Baguio has big stakes in all that happens at Camp John Hay. It is in this light that we (are making the request). After all, BCDA, JHMC, the City of Baguio and the developer, should all be partners in running the affairs of Camp John Hay,” Rabanes noted.

Domogan has time and again urged the parties to exercise diplomacy and settle the issue amicably.

However, the two parties’ conflict escalated resulting to a court and media battles.

Domogan said that despite the dispute, the city maintains its position for both parties “to exert extra effort to settle their legal differences amicably.”

Domogan said the two bodies can still “sit down to evaluate and determine the obligations that any of them failed to comply and its monetary value so that payments can be made at the soonest possible time.”

The mayor said the city as a stakeholder has been at the losing end of the conflict because of the continued delay in the payment of its share from the lease rental in question resulting to the delay in the implementation of priority programs./A Refuerzo

Brgrs Meet for Garbage Ordinance

BAGUIO CITY – For the next few weeks, barangay officials and constituents are expected to go over a proposed resolution and a resulting ordinance authored by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas and Councilor Peter Fianza for the implementation of a comprehensive solid waste management system in the grassroots.

Heeding the call from Mayor Mauricio Domogan that the barangays need to be involved in segregation, thus volume reduction at source, collection and storage, the proposed resolution reads. The barangays however, would have the option to collect fees in accordance to the garbage generated or as the barangay officials and recipients so decide.

The proposed resolution calls for the approval of a Barangay Ecological Solid Waste Management Ordinance, which would cover all institutions, public and private, involving waste generation or affecting public health and the environment.

This should cover reuse, recycling and resource recovery, and penalize acts to ensure compliance. Funds from the penalties may be used to sustain operation of the system, or encourage innovation or may be used as incentives to constituents, the proposal reads.

Provisions of the proposed ordinance states that garbage should be segregated, sorted and stored in containers, kept dry and not be exposed to the elements. Said wastes shall be collected and the place and time of collection as identified by the barangay, with no containers to be allowed along streets and alleys. Containers should be provided covers as protection against rain, animals, pest or scaBefore the implementation of the ordinance, actual demonstrations and information drives within the household or collection areas shall be undertaken. A public hearing should also be done. Sale of recyclable waste should be made in transparency, while those of residual wastes should be disposed through the system established by the city.

Improper disposal of wastes shall be penalized, as to the proposed ordinance, while public schools may be exempted from payment of fees, according to arrangements adopted.

If finally approved, the barangay should be responsible for garbage collection at the same time look over funds generated from penalties of violators and innovations for more effective disposal.

In the meeting, Councilor Fianza assured the punong barangays that he is willing to confer with them, queries as to the resolution and resulting ordinance./juliegfianza

Dads Eye Regulatory Guidelines to Keep Bingo sa Barangay in Line

BAGUIO CITY – City officials are mulling the imposition of guidelines to keep Bingo sa Barangay activities in line in face of the court’s recent ruling upholding the legality of bingo social activities.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and city council members under Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas maintained that despite the decision of the Court of Appeals, the city still has the authority to regulate Bingo sa Barangay activities to ensure that these do not go beyond what is sanctioned by the law.

They said specific regulations are still needed from the city’s end to keep them on track and to avoid abuse of the decision issued by the Court of Appeals.

The mayor said there are provisions under the Local Government Code that the city can use as basis to come up with the guidelines.

He said this includes the provision that bingo fund-raising activities should offer only bingo social games and that no other form of gambling should strictly be allowed.

He said the law also clearly provides that bingo activities should only be for a limited time and not a continuous undertaking.

He said another requirement is that bingo activities should also be covered by project proposal that should clearly indicate the beneficiaries of the proceeds.

The mayor also said it is not totally true that bingo activities do not need from the city government. He said if the venue for the activity is not a barangay property, then they will need to secure a special permit from the city mayor.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said the court’s decision on barangay bingo activities calls for an adjustment on the city’s official stand against any form of gambling but the fact remains that the city will not tolerate activities that are not sanctioned by laws.

As to the court decision, the mayor directed the city legal office to review the decision and study if there are grounds for appeal./A Refuerzo

John Hay Barangays Push for Segregation, Raise Security Concern

BAGUIO CITY – Heads of the 13 barangays on their earlier letter endorsing Hay reservation Mayor Mauricio Domogan’s request for favorable action on the approved technical survey of the barangays to work out the needed proclamation.

“(Our letter) dated 17 May 2012 was received by your good office on 22 May 2012. Up to this time, we did not receive any response..,” the punong barangays noted.

The barangay chiefs also asked Agbayani to stop their security guards from patrolling their barangays saying this has caused peace and order problems.

“We respectfully ask your good office to stop your security guards from patrolling or including our barangays as areas of jurisdiction. We assure you that as we had been doing, we will do our best to maintain peace and order in our own barangays, report illegal constructions and cutting of trees,” they said.

In their earlier letter, the punong barangays expressed total support to the mayor’s stand for the implementation of the segregation of the barangays from the reservation.

The mayor earlier wrote the JHMC submitting a copy of the approved survey with technical survey covering the areas of the 13 barangays to be segregated pursuant to the court decision.

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Toothpicks Now Available

“They will beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks,” proclaims a granite tablet fronting New York ’s 43rd street entrance to the UN. “Nation will not take up sword against nation”. These lines are from the prophet Isaiah.”

They’re reflected in a statue that dominates the UN park along East River. Sculpted by Evgeniy Vuchetich, it depicts a man shattering a bent sword with hammer. “Never again will they train for war”, the prophet Micah wrote.

Those hopes seemed elusive as ever this week. The Taliban-fanned war in Afganistan continues. North Korea and Iran forge ahead for a nuclear trigger.

EDITORIAL

South Sudan, which has oils wells, battles northern Sudan which straddles pipelines and refineries. Instead of becoming a glue, oil is a sputtering fuse, notes New York Times. In Syria, suicide bombers blew up 55 people, adding to a casualty list of 9,000 in over 14 months. “Has the Arab spring become a Balkan winter?”

The only conflict, not in this map, is the incoming Barrack Obama vs Mitt Romney ‘nuclear war’,” a late night show wisecrack says. Or tension between China and the Philippines over Scarborough shoals?

The name Scarborough comes from an 18th century tea trade ship that smashed into those reefs. Filipinos call them “Panatag Shoal” or “Bajo de Masinlóc”. Chinese name them “Huangyan Island”. Both claim ownership.

Beijing cites history, a Yuan dynasty 1279 map. Manila insists on geography. The reefs are about 123 miles (198 km) west of Subic Bay — and 350 miles from China

These are rich fishing grounds. Between 1998 to 2001, the Philippines arrested Chinese fishermen catching endangered and protected species using banned methods.

The shoals are well within the 200 exclusive economic zone that the 1982 UN Convention on Law of the Sea defines, the Philippines notes. Not valid, replies says Beijing whose claims abut into the EEZ of other ASEAN countries.

Vietnam bristled when China announced plans to develop tourist facilities in Paracel Islands. Forcibly taken over by Chinese troops in 1974, Vietnam continues to claim the Paracels. Chinese and Vietnamese hackers attacked each other websites last year, as Filipino and Chinese hackers did in 2012.

China jacked up the number of it’s ships, at the shoals, from 14 to 30. The Philippines keeps a Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources vessel plus a coast guard rescue ship.

Chinese foreign ministry, demanded it’s boats “be left alone to go about their normal activities”. But Philippine vessels must scram. Out of their own seas? No, said Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario. Manila would seek instead a rules-based approach to all disputes in accordance with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

In stark contrast “war talk, it seems, is all the rage in China, “British Broadcasting Corporation Damian Gramaticus notes “There are serious people in serious publications seriously advocating war” over those rocks.

China has “made all preparations to respond to any escalation, the Foreign Ministry warned, Controlled media clobber the Philippines “it is fair to believe all this coverage is officially approved”. Imports of Philippine bananas and travel of Chinese tourists are squeezed.

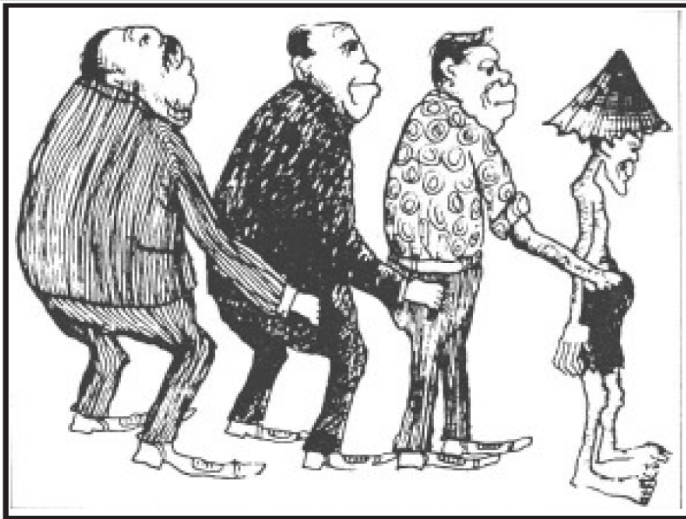
China reels from Bo Xilai scandal and it’s once-in-a-decade transition even as, the US , plunges into elections. “There will be two elephants in the same room”.

How the next US President “manages emergent China will have global repercussions, write Kenneth Lieberthal, Joshua Meltzer and Jonathan Pollack of the think tank Brookings Institute.

Asian countries view China ’s power ascendance with growing concern. All feel they can benefit from some level of U.S.-China competition. No one, however, wishes to face an “either-or” choice between Washington and Beijing.

The near-term possibilities for full cooperation with China seem doubtful. Nonetheless, the “need for China ’s active participation in building a more durable and stable regional order remains beyond dispute. The question is how to realize this fundamental objective”.

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**1st-APLUMA!**

Kabuhayan 101

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR



‘Ika nga ng isang paham sa politika, “Ask not what your country can do for you, rather, ask what you can do for your country.”

Hindi po sagutin ni Pangulong Noy ang ating kinabukasan.

Dahil d’yan, sa ganang atin mas mainam na ang mga mamamayan ng isang bansa na gaya ng Pilipinas ay matuto tayo na huwag umasa kung anong maibibigay na kabuhayan ng kanyang bansa sa kanya bagama’t ito’y isang “social contract” sa bawat pamunuan ang pangalagaan ang kanyang mamamayan.

Ito’y sa lahat ng bagay gaya ng edukasyon, kalusugan, kaligtasan, kabuhayan atbp.

Tayo’y magbanat ng buto sa pamamagitan ng walang puknat na pananaliksik o pag-iisip ng ating ikabubuhay sa pangaraw-araw.

Kung walang mapapasukang trabaho o kung may mapapasukan man ngunit hindi sapat ang pasuweldo, mas inam na siguro ang magtayo ng isang maliit na negosyo na kailangan lamang ng isang maliit na puhunan ngunit may tinatanaw na karampatang kita.

Isang magandang halimbawa nito ay nasaksihan ko mismo nitong nakalipas na summer.

Ang negosyong ito ay may posibilidad na lumago kapag sadyang pinag-ukulan ng debosyon ng namumuhunan at puwede ring palaguin sa madaling panahon.

Ito’y walang iba kundi ang tinatawag nating “assorted shakes & balls.”

Ang startup capitalization nito ay hindi hihigit sa P10,000.

Mga sangkap:

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4. 8 assorted shake flavors – P1,500
5. 6 assorted “balls” flavors – P650
6. Extension cable – P150
7. 1 foldable chair – P200
8. 2 x 3 printed tarpaulin – P500

Sa kapinganggat na puhunan nariyan na ang inyong sariling negosyo’t depende sa inyong napiling lugar ay tiyak na may minimum kayong P2,000 hanggang P3,000 na benta araw-araw.

Kung kayo’y bukas sa pagbebenta mula Lunes hanggang Sabado o anim (6) na araw sa isang linggo, ay may minimum kayong benta na P12,000 (2,000 x 6) every week at kung muli po natin itong imu-multiply sa apat (4) na linggo ay mayroon po kayong pinagsama-samang benta na P48,000 kada buwan.

Ipagpalagay po nating kalahati ay charge to expenses (salaries, water and electricity, etc.) mayroon po kayong neto o net income na P24,000 kada buwan.

Yan po ay sa minimum lamang po nating kinuha na computation.

Sa maximum na expected sales ninyo naman po ay mayroon po tayong total gross sales na P18,000 multiplied by four (4) weeks mayroon po kayong P72,000!

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Presidential Dangers

BY: JESUS DUREZA



My PAL flight to Manila last Friday was again delayed, not because of the airline's fault. We were instructed to circle and circle overhead because the Manila airport was clogged per announcement from the cockpit. After a long wait, the pilot came back on the public address system and said: "We are cleared for landing. Sorry for the delay. We were put on hold due to the President's movement". There were a few "wows" from some passengers, mesmerized perhaps that we were somehow within presidential range. But there were also some audible grumblings from others.

Evidently, President Aquino at that time was taking off from the Manila airport for somewhere and normal airport protocol came into play. As far as I know, all incoming or outgoing flights are usually put on hold, I think 30 minutes or so every time the presidential aircraft is coming or going. For presidential protection, I guess to avoid any wayward aircraft or flying projectile from harming the president. (Assuming of course this is still a practice today — since I am no longer privy nowadays.)

When we landed a few minutes later, I counted about ten (10) aircrafts cueing to take off at the side runway. I was sure there were also many planes overhead also circling, like us, waiting for their turn to land. Imagine the big waste of fuel and time, not to mention the safety factor involved for thousands of passengers just because presidential protocol requires such a practice.

I was complaining about this ever since President Ramos and President Arroyo's time when I worked for the palace. A busy, industrious president who flies often (by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft) can mess up airport schedules. This was totally unnecessary then — and now.

Why not just let a presidential aircraft have priority to land or take off but scrap that protocol-bound, unnecessary long holding time of other aircrafts? Don't worry about dangers of wayward airborne projectiles or flying objects endangering an airborne president. There are more risks on the ground from an accident or from a determined assassin. On a lighter note, there are more dangers if you are airborne over Capiz or in other known "aswang" areas. Those flying denizens don't follow airport protocols. (Oooops, no offense meant, to Capizenios, especially to my kumpadre, Sec Mar Roxas who is from Capiz in Negros.)

Since my suggestions during my palace days in the past went unheeded, I see a good chance this will be listened to and corrected during Pnoy's time. Maybe, he is not so aware of this so I am calling Your Excellency's attention now, if I may. If the President today stops at every red light and the security implication is obvious but he persists in doing so, then a change of those airport protocols is no sweat. He'll be doing a good turn to air travelers and the airline industry no doubt. Take note that even without presidential flights in the way, our runways in Manila are already clogged. So let's watch and see.

DANGERS — Talking about dangers to the president's life, I had the rare chance of seeing up close how much effort and resources were spent to protect a president from harm with my former bosses, Presidents FVR and GMA. More often than not, security considerations took precedence over and above everything — even for a stubborn head of state. When the presidential security group chief (PSG) firmly says, "no go", that's it!

One event stood out in my recollections. President GMA at one time flew to Cotabato to visit a Maguindanao evacuation area where fresh fighting just stopped between government forces and rebels and the place was not totally cleared. But she insisted on going. The PSG said it was unsafe for her. She still insisted because the president was worried for the safety of her close friend (that time, now no more?) DSWD Secretary Dinky Soliman who was already on site earlier. The PSG still courteously stood its ground. So the president sat at the Cotabato Awang airport waiting, refusing to budge until the PSG would relent. As the standoff was on going, several decoy helicopter flights were dispatched to the site. One GMA look-a-like PSG lady even took the decoy flights to draw enemy fire just to check. After hours of waiting, PSG said it was "relatively clear" but still there were reservations. Hearing this, GMA just stood up and briskly walked to the helicopter. And off we went. The evacuation center event went smoothly but quickly and off we went **Cont. on page 9**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

"Filipino Internet Revolutionaries"

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash'..." (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in Matthew 7:26-27, the Holy Bible).

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VENUS IN THE SUN: A SIGN? Was the crossing of Venus on the face of the sun Wednesday, June 6, 2012, a mere coincidence or a freak of nature? But then, can we consider it as one of the heavenly signs, similar to the annular eclipse that happened last May 21, 2012 and all the other celestial phenomena which seem to be occurring in great succession recently, foreboding of things to come, as Jesus, our God and Savior, proclaimed in Luke 21:25 of the Bible?

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"FILIPINO INTERNET REVOLUTIONARIES": If I am to gauge the propensity of Filipinos to put up Facebook and Internet groups assailing corruption and other immoralities in the country, I cannot help but believe that more and more of our countrymen are now showing signs of boldness in making known their grave discontent with how things are being done by our political leaders and officials.

Times are indeed coming where it would be unwise for any politician, or anyone aspiring for any elective office anywhere in the country, to ignore the complaints of these groups as inconsequential murmurings. We must not forget that the current US president, Barack Obama, was a virtual nobody before his election, but was propelled to the heights of political power largely via the Internet.

We must not also forget the big role played by Facebook and other social networking groups in the Internet in instigating, prosecuting, and finally winning many of the so-called "Spring Revolt" in the Middle East. Politicians have a surprise coming in the hands of "Filipino Internet Revolutionaries" in the days to come.

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FACEBOOK GROUP TO SCREEN SENATORIAL BLES: One of these Facebook-Internet groups is "Iboto ang Nararapat na Kandidato Para sa Senado" (loosely translated, "Vote for the Appropriate Candidate for the Senate"), which describes itself as a "group page run on a non-government and non-commercial basis by concerned Filipino Citizens".

Its purported aims: "to educate and help our *kababayans* (countrymen) to know their rights as responsible citizens, and our contribution in building a better nation; to help our *kababayans* to know more about our aspiring candidates and re-electionists for the next senatorial elections.

"To put the right candidate to the right position in our government and to do the right job; to promote awareness of social and political issues in our country; to eliminate or minimize *trapos* (traditional politicians), political dynasties, and traditional patronage in government..." May God be with this group, and with all other social networking groups whose aim is to make the Philippines a better country.

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SPIRITUALITY OF NATURAL DISASTERS: I hope Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo did not talk too much, too soon, about the supposed readiness of about 85% of the country's local government units to battle forthcoming natural disasters. Yes, the goods and other materials needed for disasters are already prepared and the action plans have been drawn up.

But then, heaven forbid, all these preparations are destined to go to waste because the element of spirituality in these disasters have not been taken up and the people have **Cont. on page 9**

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Ifugao GAD Focal Point Persons 6 Ifugao Towns Implement PAMANA Undergo Training on Gender Analysis Projects

LAGAWE, Ifugao —Thirty three Gender and Development (GAD) focal point persons of the different municipal local government units (MLGUs) and offices of the province underwent a three-day training on Gender Analysis held at Coconut Grove Beach Resort in Paringao, Bauang, La Union last May 21-23.

Ferdinand Dunuan, GAD Focal Point person of the Provincial Veterinary Office, who attended the training workshop entitled “Gender Analysis Workshop” related that the activity was sponsored by the Ifugao Provincial Government in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 7th Country Program.

Gender analysis is described as an examination of a problem or situation in order to identify gender issues within the problem or context of a project and the obstacles to the attainment of gender equality or similar goals.

The training aimed to strengthen the use of Gender Analysis Tools. It was also intended to orient the participants about the harmonized GAD guidelines for project development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation which was formulated by the National Economic Development Authority in collaboration with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women and the Official Development Assistance-GAD Network.

The guidelines will serve as a common instrument among implementing agencies and donor organizations for ensuring the gender responsiveness of programs and projects in their various stages. It seeks to promote the twin goals of gender equality and women empowerment and address the issues of inadequate sex-disaggregate data and statistics for development planning and programming.

Dunuan said that they were given lectures about gender concepts, gender issues and the role of social institutions, the different gender analysis tools and the application of the harmonized GAD guideline.

He said that he was able to learn many things during the workshop specially the key GAD concepts of access and control, benefits, gender analysis, gender discrimination, gender issues and gender needs and interests, which they will re-echo in their respective offices.

Dunuan added that the GAD approach is a necessity with the proclamation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) being made part of the law of our country by the government in recognition of the fact that any effort toward sustainable development requires the participation of women at all levels of policy making and decision implementation.(JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao)

Indoor Residual Spraying of Schools up in Tabuk City

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Anti dengue and malaria indoor residual spraying of schools is up in this city as part of the preparation efforts in time for the June 4 opening of classes for school year 2012-2013.

Tabuk is marked as dengue endemic area in the province with most cases involving school children, based on provincial health office record.

According to City Health Officer Henrietta Bagayao, who spearheads the project, indoor residual spraying is one of the major preventive measures against dengue and malaria implemented by Global Fund - Movement Against Malaria (GFMAM) based in the province. She said spraying of schools, both elementary and high school, is done simultaneously with the conduct of Brigade Eskwela.

Residual spraying involves spraying of a World Health Organization (WHO)-certified insecticide inside residences and buildings to eliminate mosquitoes as vector of dengue and malaria.

GFMAM Provincial Coordinator Mae Langbayan recommended indoor residual spraying over fogging since potency of the chemical against mosquitoes last for six months.

Langbayan, however, emphasized the need for clean surroundings free from discard containers that would serve as breeding sites for mosquitoes.

She said spraying of residences will follow, giving priority on identified dengue and malaria endemic barangays in Kalinga./JDP/LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga

LAGAWE, Ifugao - Six municipalities

of this province are implementing programs and projects under the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan or PAMANA Program of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

According to Eileen Salvador, Local Government Operations Officer VI of the DILG Office in Ifugao, the municipalities of Alfonso Lista, Asipulo, Aguinaldo, Hingyon, Banaue and Tinoc started implementing their projects for 2012 and 2013 under the PAMANA Fund or Republic Act 10155.

She said that Alfonso Lista is undertaking the construction of the Kiling-Maligaya Farm-to-market road (FMR), Hingyon with the Cababuyan-Ubuag FMR, Banaue with the improvement of the Amganad-Balawis FMR, Asipulo with the Namal-Amduntog FMR, Tinoc with the Danggo-Luhong FMR and Aguinaldo with the Mongayang-Pinto FMR.

The PAMANA program is embodied in the Philippine Development Plan for 2011-2016 and launched as a framework for intervention in conflict-affected vulnerable areas to complement the government’s peace negotiation effort in line with its commitment to address the causes of conflict and issues affecting the peace process.

The program was adopted in order to strengthen peace-building, reconstruction and development in conflict affected areas using a two-pronged approach involving negotiated political settlement of all armed conflict through peace negotiations and undertaking programs aimed at addressing the root causes of armed conflict through intervention on the ground.

It aims to contribute to lasting peace by reducing poverty and vulnerability to conflict-affected areas, improve governance and empower communities and strengthen their capacities to address issues of conflict and peace through activities that promote social cohesion.

The program endeavors to attain the objectives by bringing back government to PAMANA areas and ensuring that the communities benefit from improved delivery of basic services and are served by responsive, transparent and accountable local government units.

Salvador explained that the program adopts the approaches of convergence of delivery of basic services, good governance through responsive, transparent and accountable resource allocation and utilization, community empowerment to enhance local demand for services in conflict-affected barangays and assess reform to address age-old issues of agrarian unrest and encroachment and unimpeded exploitation of ancestral domain and natural resources./JDP/DBC-PIA CAR,Ifugao

Tabuk City’s Waste Management Program Spreads to Barangays

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – The city’s waste management program is fast spreading to more barangays after its launching early this month by officials of Poblacion Centro, the prime barangay of the city.

This time, Barangay Casigayan follows-suit by distributing information and education materials on waste segregation and composting to households to drum beat the campaign.

Casigayan Barangay Kagawad Rizal Sta Ines said a barangay waste management congress has been scheduled this week where residents meet with the city’s environment and natural resources authorities.

The move, according to Sta Ines, is in line with the city’s on-going campaign on waste-segregation that starts at the household level.

Waste segregation is a system of disposing waste, where bio-degradable items are segregated from non bio-degradable items that promotes bio-organic waste disposal.

Households are educated how to practice the system with the aim of achieving total segregated waste disposal in the city.

To push residences to practice segregation of wastes, the city government issued an order that only non-biodegradable items like plastic, bottles and cans are to be collected from houses, while degradable items are to be turned into compost. (LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga)

Ifugao Town Approves Ordinance Regulating Corn Buying Stations

ALFONSO LISTA, Ifugao - The municipal mayor here has approved an ordinance regulating the establishment of corn buying stations in the municipality for the general welfare of consumers and traders in the municipality.

Mayor Glenn Prudenciano said that the establishment of corn buying stations has generated tremendous economic gains for the farmers as they no longer go to Isabela province to sell their produce minimizing cost of transportation. Moreover, taxes are now paid to the municipal government.

“The municipal government added revenue to its coffers because of the taxes paid by these establishments and of course the buying stations have gained considerable profits with their business ventures in the municipality,” he stated.

However, Prudenciano explained that these establishments had generated also problems due to the large and long hauling vehicles parked causing traffic congestions along major roads in the municipality.

He emphasized that policies should be established to regulate the establishment of such business to maximize its economic potential yet minimizing the problems and hazards that may arise.

According to the ordinance, corn buying stations should be located in an area with sufficient space and not within the central business district or near institution such as schools, churches and hospitals.

Corn buying stations should have a warehouse that can hold a minimum of 1,000 standard sack of corns and with sufficient parking space that 1.5 meters away from the edge of any straight edge for its hauling vehicles.

Moreover, it should be the responsibility of the corn buying station to keep the road within their area of business free from traffic congestion and obstruction and also to maintain cleanliness and orderliness but most of all buying station owners/managers should avoid hoarding and keep the good quality of their corn to avoid foul that may spread and cause annoyance the residents.

To effectively impose the ordinance, a clearance issued from concerned barangay shall be a requisite prior to issuance of municipal business and other permits.

Any individual or group of individual found to be guilty of violating any provisions of the ordinance shall be fined with the following penalties: first offense = P1,000; second offense = P2,000 and warning for revocation of business permit and third offense is P2,500 and revocation of business permit./JDP/MBL- PIA CAR,Ifugao

Dialogues Set to Solve Boundary Disputes in Some Upland Communities in Abra

BANGUED, Abra - A series of consultation-dialogues between and among local officials and tribal elders of the municipalities of Tineg and Lacub are being undertaken to resolve their boundary disputes.

The series of consultation-dialogue between the leaders of the two municipalities started on May 12, 2012 at the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) at Victoria Park, Casamata Hills here. The leaders were led by Mayor Edwin Crisologo of Tineg and Mayor Estelita Bersamina of Lacub.

In an interview with the local media, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Ernesto M. Aton he expressed optimism that the boundary dispute between the two municipalities of Lacub and Tineg could be resolved sooner because of the willingness and openness of their leaders to communicate.

Aton said the contested area has a total land area of 6,000 hectares located within the sitios of Minori and Bawaw within barangays of Lapat Balantay in Tineg and Talampac in Lacub, which are

boundaries of the two adjacent towns.

Aton explained that the local government unit of Lacub would be very much affected should the total land area be declared in favor of Tineg. If the said area would be deducted from the existing 29,000 hectares as land area of Lacub, the share of LGU Lacub in the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) would be affected. Tineg has a total land area of 83,000 hectares.

One recommendation suggested by Aton is to delineate the political boundary from the ancestral domain of the two municipalities so that the share of

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Ifugao LGU creates Committee vs Squatters

LAGAWE, Ifugao - In an effort to protect the capital town against squatting syndicates and professional squatters and similar bodies, the local government unit (LGU) here created a committee in compliance to Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No.2012-04.

Mayor Ceasario Cabbigat, who serves as the Chairman of the committee, said that the functions of the group are the following: Adopt the necessary measures to identify and effectively curtail the activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, including the names of public officials and or private individuals of entities suspected of abetting or tolerating the commission of said acts.

He added that they will provide the housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) and the National Housing Authority (NHA) copies of the list of identified professional squatters and squatting syndicates in order to safeguard their inclusion in future government housing programs/projects and recommend their disqualifications in existing programs.

Cabbigat also disclosed that the committee will provide legal assistance to victims of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, giving priority to small property owners, and make available, through the Philippine National Police and the Department of Justice a consolidated list of the said syndicates and file or assist the complainant in filing the appropriate charges before the Prosecutor's Office adding that they will undertake investigation of cases of violation of laws or rules on eviction and demolition forwarded to it and recommend appropriate actions on the same to the concerned agencies.

“We will monitor eviction and demolition if any and submit reports to the HUDCC and to the Office of the President, copy furnished the concerned agencies involved in the implementation of Republic Act 7279,” Cabbigat said.

RA 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 provides that the LGUs in cooperation with the PNP, the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), and the PCUP-accredited urban poor organization in the area, shall adopt measures to identify and effectively curtail the nefarious and illegal activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates.

The other members of the committee are the PNP, PCUP, HUDCC, the president of the Liga ng mga Barangay of the municipality and a representative of the private sector. /VDB- PIA CAR,Ifugao

DSWD Assures Disaster Management Preparedness with the Onset of the Rainy Season

tioned in the different local

government units in the region.

Fernandez informed that that they have now included in the family packs veggie noodles made by the Benguet State University, which has a longer shelf life.

To avoid tampering packaging is made of custom-made plastic bags that bears the official logo of the department and marked not for sale.

“Regional Director Leonardo Reynoso is also now looking for ways on how to make the family pack packaging to be environment-friendly”, he added.

For other disaster management activities and programs of DSWD, Fernandez disclosed that the department has allocated P46.4 million under the Core Shelter Assistance Program (CSAP) for the construction of around 801 core shelter units for typhoon victims in Cordillera. Some 232 core shelter units were already completed and most have already been turned over to the beneficiaries, while 266 units are on-going construction and 303 more are set to be constructed.

Beneficiaries of the core shelter program are victims of disasters who have been living in hazardous

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Pantawid Program Lifts Standard Of Living Of Kalinga Beneficiaries

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in the province had positively transformed their standard of living since the program was launched in 2008.

Based on the Social Welfare Indicator (SWI) Assessment Survey conducted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on the 2,470 families covered by the program under Set 1, about 2,031 families (79.80%)were found out to have improved from survival or level 1 sta-

tus to subsistence or level 2 status. The discrepancy of 2.42% reflects families who transferred residences during the program implementation.

Bella Manuel of DSWD Kalinga Field Office said families who climbed to subsistence or level 2 are considered to have developed capabilities and skills to support their own existence compared to those under survival or level 1 who depend largely on government support.

Figures of the same survey showed there are 425 families or 16.70% under the Set 1 beneficiaries

who still fall under survival or level 1.

The Pantawid, which is government’s flagship program to address hunger and poverty, provides conditional cash aids to families identified as beneficiaries.

In the province, the four municipalities of Lubuagan, Pasil, Tanudan and Tinglayan are covered under Set 1 with the respective number of families – 567, 666, 530 and 707 or a total of 2,470 beneficiaries-families.

The five-year Pantawid program launched in 2008 will end in 2013 for the Set 1 group and may extend for the later

sets of beneficiaries.

In Kalinga, the municipalities of Balbalan and Pinukpuk are under Set 4, while Tabuk City and Rizal town are under Set 5.

Under the Pantawid program, mothers are provided monthly allowance of P500 and additional P300 per child up to three children who are enrolled.

As conditions, mothers must go for regular health check-ups at rural health units while their children enrolled must have at least 80% attendance in classes and have acquired the necessary immunizations. (LL-PIA CAR./Kalinga)

Cordillera HRMOs holds Conference in Apayao

CALANASAN, Apayao - The Civil Service Commission (CSC) Field Office here hosted recently a two-day regional conference for human resource practitioners in the Cordillera at the mountain resort of Sta. Felomina, Calanasan.

CSC Kalinga and Apayao Field Offices Director Ruben Wacas said 275 participants attended the annual conference of human resource management officers in the region to abreast the sector on new trends of human resource management.

He said the theme “Gawing Bayani ang Kalikasan ang Kalusugan ang Bawat Kawani ng Kordilyera” was adopted to instill in every CAR employee the importance of a healthy environment and wellness in the workplace.

Topics discussed were positive work habits, lifestyle management, and proper food intakes. Professors from the Benguet State University who talked on health concerns and the Office on Civil Defense discussed disaster risk reduction and climate change.

Ifugao Congressman and Dangal ng Bayan awardee Teddy Baguilat, who was the guest of honor, talked about the Cordillera Regional Autonomy and Development.

Why Sta. Felomina was chosen as a venue even if is far is because of its natural sceneries conducive and helpful in achieving the objectives of the May 9-10 conference, Wacas said. /PAB/PIA-CAR/Kalinga

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 22nd day of May 2012 (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Walter William’s Journalist’s Creed

This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world’s first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.

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- I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.
- I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.
- I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one’s own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another’s instructions or another’s dividends.
- I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.
- I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today’s world. /http://www.nationalpress.org.ph

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Two Dialysis Patients Make a Wish for 120.....from page 1

They had hiked to the city’s main building to work out free use of two vans for 20 patients going to the PCSO on June 13, a day after Independence Day.

“Sulatan kaya namin ang “Wish Ko Lang” Amor wondered aloud, referring to the Saturday show over GMA 7 that turns wishes of some of the poor into reality.

The two women’s wish is a long shot. Amor estimates 120 patients have their blood-cleansing sessions at the renal room of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center. At P2,200 per patient per session, the wish would require P264,000.

The only child of Moreno Orpilla, a 70-year old widower and retiree now also on maintenance medication for heart ailment, Amor has been on dialysis since January, 2010. Father and child are jobless, yet defy reality by struggling to survive on his P3,000 monthly SSS pension.

“We have another wish,” confessed Mary Grace. “Amor and I now and then entertain thoughts of landing a job, particularly to do light office work or take-home clerical tasks in-between our Wednesday and Saturday dialysis schedule.”

Both both that, like day-dreaming, working and earning a little between scrounging for funds for dialysis would be therapeutic. Both swore they are still fit but understand employers would hesitate to hire them because of their afflictions. Still, Mary Grace handed a hand-written resume outline while Amor turned over a report on her case prepared by social welfare officer Florecita Tul-an.

The ninth and last child of Patricio Binay-an Sr., a 68-year old barangay aide at Irisan Barangay, Mary Grace was an honor student since elementary and an academic scholar until her senior year at the Benguet State University.

A multi-awarded Sangguniang Kabataan chair of Irisan, she had worked under the Special Program of Students (SPES) and under Branch 1 of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities. With just a semester to go for a degree in education, she dropped out due to financial and health constraints.

She began her life-time hemodialysis treatment in October, 2009. She has gone this far with a long list of people to thank. They include her former teachers and classmates, barangay officials and residents of Irisan and former SK city federation chair Ysabel de Vera.

“I can still do light work, but who will hire a dialysis patient in any establishment?,” she asked. “My life is now simple. I use most of my time searching for funds of politicians, NGOs and political parties to finance my treatment because my family can’t support me.”

In-between the endless search for fund support for the next blood-cleansing session, she still serves Irisan as barangay tourism officer.

Amor lost her mother in 2004, after a long battle against cancer that left the family indebted, noted social officer Tul-an. Her mother’s death forced her to look for a job to be able to fend for herself.

“She is now dependent on her father, a senior citizen receiving a monthly limited SSS pension,” Tul-an said in her report. “His pension, however, is not adequate for both of them because he is also on medica-

tion for hypertension.”

In her search for Samaritans, Amor would bring along her father’s medical prescriptions, hoping donors would extend their understanding and also reach out to him. It’s a wish that she extends to all her fellow dialysis patients at the BGHMC - if only “Wish Ko Lang” would eventually respond to her wish.

Until last week, however, she couldn’t still write and had to thumb-print her permission to have her story written, “with the hope that readers would be able to know of my plight and extend their support to help me sustain my lifetime treatment”.

Her hands remains swollen from the introduction of “arteriovenous” fistula on her forearm, wrist, upper arm and even on the edge of her neck or wherever an artery and vein is found for access to the blood-stream needed during dialysis.

Soon, her doctors said, she has to have an “arteriovenous graft” (AVG), or the insertion of a plastic tube required of “people whose veins can not tolerate a fistula”.

The implant is not so urgent, she said. Otherwise, she would be at a loss on how to produce P15,000 for the procedure.

Bound by a common ailment, Amor and Mary Grace last week knocked on doors together, on behalf of the rest, especially those on their Wednesday-Saturday dialysis schedule. Together with their own papers, they submitted the documents of 18 others who will take the cue with them at the PCSO before dawn on June 14.

One of the 20 won’t be going, the two said last Monday. They just heard news a fellow patient had just passed on. Last Thursday morning, Amor texted that another had also died.

Make that still 20, Amor said. “May kapalit na pupunta yong dalawang nawala. Ang problema baka hindi kakasya yong dalawang van.”

If so, then two or four of relatives representing patients who couldn’t travel would have to ride the bus.

Samaritans out there can ring up Amor (09214193776) and Mary Grace (09282179154)./Ramon Dacawi.

Advocacy Mindanow.....

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again with Sec. Dinky safely on board with us. The PSG thought it was unnecessary for the president to join the “pull out ops” for Sec. Dinky but I guess presidents always had the last say.

No doubt the PSG (just like boastful husbands like many of us) still insisted they had the “last say”. In that case, it was “YES MA’AM”! Hahaha!

PNOY’S DANGERS — Since I am no longer a palace insider, I am getting through some reports from friends from inside Malacanang about the way President Noynoy makes his PSG agonize (like every president does, I guess). Occasionally, he drives off in his Porsche sports car and the poor PSG had to scramble to catch up with him. I think it’s perfectly alright if the PSG acquires a fleet of fast soaped-up cars to do their job properly. (Can I apply?)

Another case in point. President Aquino is an avid sports shooter and a good one at that (I was told he is a “man against man” category champion). Hence, there are also obvious dangers whenever he visits a shooting range where everyone sports a holstered gun. Although guns, by standard

range regulations, are without magazines while holstered, what would prevent a determined do-or-die assassin to chamber-load an ammo, register as a competitor properly attired and geared up and strike within fatal distance? I think the PSG does not require everyone in the range to “show clear” (sliding open the gun’s chamber to show no ammo is loaded) nor require shooters to unbuckle their holsters or leave their guns by the gate. To security officers, this can be a nightmare! But they have to keep pace with a racing and an expert shooting bachelor ward under their care.

I wonder how much chance President Noynoy succeeds in eluding his close-in security to enjoy some blissful moments of peace, privacy and intimacy with a chosen someone. Honestly, I don’t envy him for this! I know he cannot invoke presidential powers to shoo away those ever-present security men. They have duties to perform and they take personal responsibility not only to the president but also to the nation if something bad happens to the head of state, for whatever reason.

FATE — Indeed, these are normal dangers that presidents, with their own ways of doing things, have to face. Unlike lesser mortals like you and I, all presidents do not usually worry or care about those dangers anymore. Those tasked to protect presidents as a matter of national security take care of this business.

I guess the bottom line is that those presidential dangers “come with the territory” and for them who have reached that pinnacle in their lives, these concerns no longer bother them. Fate must have put them there. So they leave the rest to Fate and, may I hurriedly add, to their assigned bodyguards who have a duty to perform - not only to him, the President but to the nation as well.

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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not been taught about the spiritual dimension of natural disasters—of rains, floods and strong winds. Robredo must be told to seek first what God is saying about these disasters, so his preparations will be more effective.

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WITNESS the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 26th day of March 2012.

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

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Divided by two (2) that would be P36,000 na takits po para sa inyo in simple mathematics.

At kung mayroon po kayong sampung sangay o branches, that would mean nothing but a whooping P360,000 na expected maximum income kada buwan.

Sobra-sobra na po para kayo’y mamuhay ng medyo maranggya.

At kung mayroon po kayong karampatang BIR license, puwedeng-puwede napo kayong mag-loan ng isang Toyota Fortuner o alin mang SUV na matagal-tagal n’yo na pong pinapanagimpan.

Simpleng hanap-buhay na galing sa P10,000 na puhunan at simpleng pamumuhay ngunit hayayay.

Good luck po sa inyo!

Para sa inyo pong mga katanungan sumulat lamang po sa ating email address esns03@yahoo.com o sa atin pong hotline mobile 0915-5517486.

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Both Republican and Democrat parties center America’s relations with the Asia-Pacific region in their foreign policy priorities “(But) there will be more posturing than thoughtful analysis during the campaign. And these could exacerbate tensions.”

Chinese foreign policy has proved prickly, especially on regional issues. Obama sought to advance presumed common (or at least complementary) interests, as resolution of Korea’s nuclear ambitions or “contested maritime domains in the South China Sea”.

“Long-term investments in military modernization, ratchet prospect of Beijing’s being able to “restrict U.S. ability to conduct uncontested operations in waters and air space contiguous to Chinese territory.” These “enhance the possibility of misunderstanding and miscalculation that neither state seeks” Defense officials of both countries meanwhile are “engaged in a dialogue of the deaf”.

China’s gains, during global financial turmoil, ignited gripes about unfair trade practices, like feet-dragging on appreciation of the yuan, large-scale subsidies for state-owned industries, and roadblocks for access to China ’s domestic market. Obama skewered Beijing’s skewed trade suprluses”.

For years the only commodity I couldn’t find in Chicago was the good old toothpick,” my friend and retired colonel Julian Ares emailed. Lo and behold, they’re now available. Made in China.”/Juan L. Mercado

Irisan Mediates

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Proper, Loakan Apugan and New Lucban Barangays.

Assistant city prosecutor Edwin Brian Sagsago, lawyer Elnora Tabdi of the Baguio City Police Office, Juliet Gumangan of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Nerissa Bayan of the Association of Barangay Councils and AlbertoTomas of the Special Services Division (SSD) of the city mayor’s office served as board of judges.

The SSD headed by Noel Mabutas served as the secretariat of the annual contest./ Ramon Dacawi.

Mayor to BCDA

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the city’s approval of the John Hay development plan with conditionalities “are among the fundamental guidelines that spelled the harmonious relations of the City and the BCDA through the years on matters pertaining to the (zone).”

Rabanes said from the inception of the constructions within the zone, the CJHDevCo including the locators, the BCDA and the John Hay Management Council have always secured building and construction permits from the city building official pursuant to condition number 1 of Resolution No. 362-94.

He said that this including the fact that the complete plans and specifications of the master development plan necessitated the city building officials’ approval were the reasons by the city maintains its stand that building permits for constructions within John Hay should be secured from the city.

He said the same position applies to business permits for establishments conducting business within the zone.

“The police power and authority to control, supervise and regulate all businesses, occupations or callings and other undertakings conducted within the territory of the city of Baguio (the zone) included is lodged with the local government itself. No one else,” Rabanes said.

He said that the court recognized this when it dismissed the petition filed by BCDA and JHMC questioning the city’s authority to issue business permits.

The court said the case “lacks merit” as taxes and duties for which businesses within the special economic zones are granted incentives do no cover business permits and fees.

The court also said that BCDA and JHMC have no police power and thus are subject to “powers possessed by the local government units... to require business permits and exact regulatory fees...”

“Indeed, the City Government of Baguio cannot surrender its powers and authority granted by its Charter and the clear provisions of the Local Government... to govern and regulate business establishments within its territorial jurisdiction, Camp John Hay included, to protect and promote the general welfare,” Rabanes told Casanova./A Refuerzo

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LORIE LALUAN VENTURA - Vendor
SPS. ONOFRE AND ARLENE B. MOLINA -
Vendee
Applicants
Case No:95CAR-19/2012-CAR-450

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an for application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 22nd day of May 2012(SGD)Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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Water Refillers

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fund, including pass-the-hat collection s from members, include the Bombo Radyo bloodletting program, Cancer Volunteer Group, Northern Luzon Association for the Blind, members of the association and their kin for hospitalization and death benefits.

“Her imprint would be hard to duplicate,” Cardenas said of the leadership of Olairez who also initiated activities to ensure the safety and purity of water being processed by refilling stations of BAPMWR members.

Among the quality standard activities institutionalized by the group are annual inspection of all water refilling stations in coordination with the Baguio Health Department and publication of the results and annual water operator’s course conducted by the B HD’s sanitation division so refilling station owners could comply with provisions of the Sanitation Code of the Philippines.

The group has been a year-ender nominee of the Baguio Midland Courier in 2009 as advocate of safe and clean water.

Other officers inducted by Engr. Candido de los Santos, head of the Sanitation Division of the BHD, were city councilor Nicasio Aliping – vice-president, Mila Obillo – secretary, Leonila Endrano – assistant secretary, Molses Co – treasurer, Teresita Estacio – asst. treasurer, Purita Jucutan – auditor, David Abad – public relations officer, Alejandro Agpes and Jose Dipasupil – business managers.

The board of trustees is composed of lawyer Zosimo Abratique, Estrella de Ayre, Luzviminda Onia and Peter Saguiot./Ramon Dacawi.

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ant to condition number 14 of Resolution No. 362 series of 1994.

“It is now clear that contrary to what had been told us that there is no approved survey, is not true. We likewise noted that in the letter of the City Mayor, he made it clear that the said condition of the segregation does not require identification of individuals occupying the areas to be segregated, neither did it require that only those occupied will be the only area to be segregated,” the barangay captains wrote.

The mayor, in his letter, reiterated his request for BCDA and the JHMC to stop questioning the Certificate of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) or Certificate of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADTs) that had been issued by the NCIP in portions of the said areas in any of the 13 barangays.

The barangay captain also expressed support to the mayor’s position.

The barangays captains are Michael Lawana of Lower Dagsian, Martin Anglog of Loakan Apugan, Jesusa Viscaya of Loakan Proper, Lolita Salcedo of Lucnab, Magdalena Lambac of Greenwater, Constancio Danao of Camp 7, Emmanuel Luis Bacungan Jr. of Scout Barrio, Maria Clarence Lingwayon of Upper Dagsian, Rosalina Martin of Loakan Liwanag, Dencio ALmag of Country Club Village, Soriano Palunan of Happy Hollow, Thelma Pasag of Sta. Escolastica and Ferdinand Bucad of Hillside./A Refuerzo

Council Urged

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nance which they felt were unnecessary and which they said were included as basis in computing the rental rates.

Supervising administrative officer Severina De Leon of the city budget office said the city used the standard bases in the computations of the ROI and the rental schedule.

De Leon clarified that the government facilities were excluded in the computation of the value of the building and the rental rates. She said items being questioned on security, maintenance and operations were not included based on whim but on management requirements deemed appropriate by the city government for such a commercial venture.

City budget officer Leticia Clemente said the vendors should understand that the building is owned by the city government and as such, the city has the prerogative to set the terms for its operations.

While the city has been charitable enough to absorb the vendors in the venture and help them maintain their livelihood to the point of heeding their pleas and reducing the fees, the city should maintain it as a business venture to recoup its investment and generate revenue for its operations, she added.

As a compromise, Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda suggested that the vendors agree a one-year trial period using the latest reduced rates where after a year that the rates indeed proved exorbitant then they can propose for another reduction.

A provision for lean-month rates will also be considered, as suggested during the hearing.

Fianza is expected to present the concerns raised during the hearing before the city council soon.

The body's attempt to adopt the rates ended in a stalemate recently leaving committee chair Councilor Perlita Rondez exasperated. Rondez steered the negotiations holding a series of public hearings with the vendors and came up with a schedule of rates lower by almost 40 percent than the original rates pegged by the Local Finance Committee. The rates were approved on second reading by the city council only to be questioned again when they were presented for approval on third reading.

The proposed monthly rental fees range from P1,550 to P3,500 after two rounds of reduction.

As per the proposed guidelines in stall allocation, the city will give priority to the 73 legitimate members of the Mines View Open Market Vendors Association while the remaining stalls will be awarded to other legitimate stallholders listed in the Memorandum of Agreement between the city and the vendors.

The building which cost P50 million was conceived to solve the vending problem that hounded the Mines View Park and put back order in the area in the hope of reclaiming its status as a park and favorite tourist hub./A Refuerzo

Soldiers Complete

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barangay electrification, and the repair/rehabilitation of the farm-to-market roads in the barangays of Lamao, Labaan and Ducligan.

In barangay Cabaruyan in Daguioman, projects included a two-classroom building, health station, water system and a farm-to-market road.

The KBP projects started in 2005 as a counter-insurgency program of the Armed Forces of the Philippines with funding support from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process. These are specifically implemented in insurgency-affected communities as a strategy to neutralize the left-wing forces by bringing the government closer to the people through the provision of basic infrastructure and social services.

Mayor Gody Cardenas of Bucloc and Mayor Salma Padilla of Daguioman expressed their grateful appreciation to the Philippine Army for their all-out support to their local communities through the KBP projects. The projects really are a great help to the school children and the local populace in general, he said.

Cardenas also thanked Governor Estaquio Bersamin and Congresswoman Ma. Jocelyn Bernos for their support in all his programs and projects in his municipality, and the community people for their cooperation and participation in the project implementation.

Padilla, on the other hand, not only thanked the Philippine Army for the projects implemented in her municipality, but also with the soldiers' immersion in the communities wherein the youth had the rare opportunity to learn various sports as they played together during their free time.

Soldiers of the 503rd Infantry Brigade of the Philippine Army under Col. Eliseo C. Posadas, provided security to the Engineering Battalion during the implementation of the projects in the communities. (JDP/MTBB-PIA CAR,Abra)

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CLAUDIO I. CALUGAN - Vendor
RYAN T. TAGABAN - Vendee
Applicants
Case No:2008-CAR-0075/2012-CAR-488
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an for application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO CITY LA TRINIDAD and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.
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Attorney IV

Dialogues Set to Solve

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the LGUs in the annual IRA would not be affected especially that of Lacub.

Aton further explained that if both parties would agree to declare Sitio Minori to be integrated in the political boundary of Lacub but remains part of the Ancestral Domain of the Adasen Tribe of Tineg, it would be beneficial to Lacub in terms of its share in the IRA. The agreement, however, would have to be documented for future reference of both parties to avoid possible disputes again among the succeeding generations to insure peace and order in the tribal relationships between and among the Adasen and Binongan tribes, he said.

At present, the other municipalities that have existing boundary disputes are Boliney and Tubo; Boliney and Manabo; Tubo and Luba with San Emilio, Ilocos Sur; as well as Luba against Villaviciosa. These disputes are delaying cadastral survey in some upland communities in Abra.

The DENR is trying its best to address these concerns with President Benigno Aquino III directing the DENR to resolve all boundary disputes throughout the country before the end of 2014./JDP/MTBB -PIA CAR,Abra

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areas and have been recommended by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau for relocation. Per province distribution, Apayao has 81 CSAP beneficiaries, Benguet – 51, Ifugao – 47, Kalinga 115 and Mt. Province – 507.

DSWD-CAR also provides Emergency Shelter Assistance for typhoon victims. According to Fernandez, for typhoon Juan victims in Pinukpuk, Kalinga alone, a total of P1.855 million was given to 635 program beneficiaries for the purchase of construction materials used to repair damages of their houses.

As for DSWD's Cash for Work Program, Fernandez also reported that for the first quarter of 2012, they have provided over P1.72 million in funds for 885 program beneficiaries, which disaster-related work activities include clearing and leveling of farm to market roads, cleaning of canals, construction of core shelter units and sanitary toilets. (CCD/PIA CAR)

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WILLIE I. BINAY-AN - Vendor
REX P. PALILENG - Vendee
Applicants
Case No:2002-BC-548/2012-CAR-449
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CHR Encourages Media Practitioners to do Human Rights – Based News Reporting

BAGUIO CITY - In recognition of the tri-media as a powerful tool in promoting awareness and in upholding human rights (HR) practices in the country, the Commission on Human Rights-Cordillera (CHR-CAR) encourages media practitioners to practice HR-based news reporting.

CHR-CAR, in coordination with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA-CAR) conducted last Friday a lecture for local media practitioners, dubbed as 'Human Rights and the Media', in celebration of its 25th Foundation anniversary and in commemoration of the death anniversary of Jose 'Ka Pepe' Wright Diokno, who is considered as the father of HR in the country.

CHR-CAR Atty. IV Lyndon Morales, in his lecture, outlined the important role media play as they act as a mirror of society, in which through their reports the people can see the real situation in the country, especially on the awareness and upholding of human rights.

Morales also stressed that the tri-media also serve as a check-and-balance for the government on how effectively they perform their obligations in as far as protecting and upholding the basic human right of the Filipino people especially their social, economic and cultural rights.

According to Morales, there is no specific guidelines or norms to follow as far as HR-based news reporting is concerned, so each media practitioners must work to spot the related or specific human rights that is involved in their news story and categorically state it in their report to lead the audience to the issue, as many citizens are unaware of even the most fundamental rights and what they mean.

He also stressed that the human rights angle should also be linked to standards such as international conventions and other governing national laws and policies.

He also provided pointers or information on doing news report involving the topics of poverty, education, peace and security and of the vulnerable sectors such as women, children, person with disability and victims of crime.

Morales informed that the lecture, is only the first of a series of lecture on human rights that they will be doing around the region for this year. He said they have decided to start with the media sector in recognition of their importance to be a partner in promoting and upholding human rights in the country./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Soldiers Complete Kalayaan ng Barangay Projects in Abra Communities

BANGUED, Abra - The Philippine Army here continues to sustain the renewed Internal Peace and Security Program (IPSP) through the implementation of the Kalayaan ng Barangay Projects (KBP) in the remote places in the province.

The 54th Engineering Brigade of the Philippine Army under the command of Col. Demosthenes C. Santillan turned over the different infrastructure projects undertaken through the KBP in the municipalities of Bucloc and Daguioman last May 16.

The implementation of the KBP infrastructure projects in the said municipalities was carried out by the 548th Engineering Battalion headed by Lt.Col. Armand Bulatao, one of the battalions under the 54th Engineering Brigade.

In Bucloc, the following projects were accomplished: construction of one-classroom building, one health center,

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CITY'S OUTSTANDING BARANGAYS - ABC president and Councilor Joel Alangab presents the City's Ten Outstanding Punong Barangays namely Justina Andaya of Fairview barangay, PB Martin Anglog of Loakan Apugan, Ferdy Bayasen of Central Guisad, Ferdinand Bucad of Hillside, Sotero Dulaycan of Pinsao Pilot Project, Thomas Dumalti of Irisan, Lilian Somera of Victoria Village, Roy Tao-ey of Gibraltar, Jesusa Viscaya of Loakan Proper and Horacio Willy of Pisao Proper. The Hall of Famer are PB Aurora Abellera of City camp Proper, Gloria dalisay of Quezon Hill Proper, Michael Karl Flores of Kabayanihan and Arturo Rapelo of Imelda Village Barangay. The 19th Awarding Ceremonies for the Ten Most Outstanding Punong Barangay of Baguio City for the Year 2011 was held at Supreme Hotel last May 22 graced by mayor Mauricio Domogan is an annual project of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio./ By Bong Cayabyab

COMELEC-Ifugao Registers 95,850 Voters for First Quarter of 2012

LAGAWE, Ifugao -The Commission on Elections has registered a total of 95,850 voters from the 11 municipalities here, as of April 16, 2012.

Provincial Election Supervisor, Lawyer Ricardo Bolintao during the recent Election Registration Board(ERB) hearing said that out of the total number of voters, Alfonso Lita registered the highest with 14,153 followed by Lamut with 11,861.

Banaue ranked number three with 11,665 voters and Lagawe, the capital town, with 9,782 voters. Kiangnan has 8,694 and Aguinaldo has 8,409 voters.

Hingyon town also has a total number of registered voters with 6,818; Mayoyao has 6,485; Tinoc-6,363; Asipulo-6,192 and Hungduan has the least number of 5,428.

Bolintao further disclosed that there are 723 total number of established precincts all over the province wherein Alfonso Lista has 106 with 20 total number of barangays followed by Lamut with 99 precincts in 18 barangays.

Banaue has 79 precincts with 18 barangays; Lagawe has 70 and 20 barangays; Aguinaldo-67 precincts and 16 barangays; Kiangnan-58 with 14 barangays; Mayoyao-57 and 27 barangays; Hingyon-52 and 12 barangays; Asipulo-48 and 9 barangays; Hungduan-44 and 9 barangays; Tinoc-43 and 12 barangays.

Glory Ngayawon of COMELEC Asipulo said the ERB hearing is held quarterly to evaluate the new registrants as registration is on going until October 2012 in preparation for the 2013 midterm elections. The group convenes every quarter she informed adding that that the next meeting will be in July 2012 for the second quarter assessment of additional registrants.

The ERB is composed of the Election Officer of the municipality, the Department of Education representative of the District Office and the Local Civil Registrar of the Local Government Unit./JDP/VDB- PIA CAR,Ifugao

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