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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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City Gears up for Holy Week Influx of Vacationers

BAGUIO CITY – The city is gearing up for the expected influx of visitors this Holy Week and the rest of the summer.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week said he tasked concerned offices to prepare contingency measures to tackle peace and order concerns and other necessities not only for the Lenten break but also for the entire summer when tourists flock to the city for the long vacation.

The mayor said the working committees under the "Summer Vacation (SUMVAC) in Baguio" have mapped out plans to properly handle the various concerns particularly the peace and order committee which handles traffic and criminality; utilities to ensure enough water supply and smooth solid waste collection; and the tourism sector to ensure readiness to cater to the accommodation and comfort needs of the vacationers.

The mayor said the city police under acting city director Sr. Supt. Rolando Miranda will enhance the anti-crime operations to safeguard the tourists.

He also directed the barangay leaders to assist the city police by beefing up their monitoring and security measures within their areas of responsibility.

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PEACE is everybody's concern and the involvement of the citizenry is crucial in maintaining it, says Councilor Bobby Ortega stressed this during a meeting with various line agencies, communication groups, NGOs, the academe and volunteer other groups who will provide assistance to tourists and vacationist this coming summer vacation (SUMVAC 2014). Also shown in photo are Councilor Joel Alangsab and City Police OIC Director Rolando Miranda. / By Bong Cayabyab

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60 Youth Watershed-Bound this Sunday Morning

Sixty adolescents belonging to Youth Empowerment for Stronger Communities (YES-C) will explore Baguio's Busol watershed this Sunday morning as part of their three-day "Caring for the Environment" workshop.

Child and Family Service Philippines, Inc. (CFSPI), sponsor of the YES-C program, has asked Ramon Dacawi, coordinator of the city's Eco-walk environmental program for children, to facilitate the youth group's experiential learning process.

YES-C was launched by the CFSPI in partnership with the United States Embassy. The project promotes peaceful co-existence of the different ethnic groups in the Philippines, particularly in Baguio. It aspires to link youth leaders with the community.

The participants are students, out-of-school youth and children in conflict with the law.

The Eco-walk program is an indigenous culture-based environmental learning process for children that allows them to relate to the environment they will eventually inherit and have to manage.

Conceptualized by Baguio journalists in 1992, Eco-walk is anchored on the indigenous knowledge systems of the Cordillera tribes such as the "muyong" forest management of the Ifugaos, the "lakun", "tayan" and "batangan" practices in Mt. Province and the "lapat" system of Abra and Apayao.

The children's program received the Global 500 Roll of Honour Award for Environmental Achievement bestowed by the United Nations Environment Programme in 2002 and won for the city the 1996 "Galing Pook" award as one of the country's most outstanding local governance programs.

The children's Eco-walk experience has been used as a case study by the Asian Institute of Management and the Swedish International Development Agency./Elmalayne Dulnuan and Darleene Lapid.

Three Women in Constant Search for Samaritans

Families of patients undergoing life-time hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure will always be in calvary. They'll find no long-lasting relief from the weight of the cross - financial and emotional.

Otherwise, the consequences would be dire.

Hemodialysis, done two to three times a week, is for a life-time. The alternative is an organ transplant, which would entail looking for the right donor and millions of pesos needed for the tissue

matching, the implant and the recovery, for both recipient and donor.

So, as the community braces itself for Lent, three women, brought together by their relatives' common affliction, came knocking on doors. They were in search of Samaritans who could provide them temporary respite from their endless search for funds for the next dialysis session, blood transfusion or hemoglobin-stabilizing injection for their ailing kin.

"Pagkatapos ng dialy-

Murder Charges filed vs. Massacre Suspect in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office filed five murder charges against the prime suspect in one of the heinous crimes that occurred in the city in recent years.

The BCPO has taken in custody of Philip Tolentino Avino, the suspect of the brutal killing of five individuals including three children at the fourth floor of Chan Building, 3rd Kayang Street in Barangay Kayang, Hilltop last April 6.

BCPO acting director Senior Superintendent Rolando Miranda said that on Thursday, five counts of murder charges have been filed in court against the suspect of the crime dubbed as the 'Kayang Massacre'.

At around 6:30 PM on Sunday last week, Vilma Nociete, mother of two of the victims, discovered the bodies of her children together with two of their playmates and their house helper when she got home at their rented apartment room.

The victims were identified as Jaqueline Kale Marquez Nociete, 19, who sustained 18 stab wounds; Joey Marquez Nociete Jr., nine, who sustained 14 stab wounds; Jonalyn Lozano, 32, the house helper, with 12 stab wounds; Dave John de Guzman, seven, with eight stab wounds and Raymond del Mundo, eight, who sustained five stab wound.

Police said the key witness "Samantha" positively identified the suspect based on pieces of bloodied clothing left in the crime scene. Police found out Avino was Samantha's former live in partner who was the main target of the suspect. However, during the time of the crime Samantha was tending the eatery of the Nociete family.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday ordered the police to solve one of the worst crimes in the city immediately and offered a P100,000 bounty to find the suspect.

Avino surrendered to Manila Vice Mayor Isko Moreno at around midnight of Tuesday through the facilitation of his half brother and aunt. The suspect was turned over to BCPO personnel who went down to Manila Wednesday morning.

Avino denied all accusations and said he surrendered to clear his name./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

sis, kailangang mag-isip ka na naman kung saan ka kukuha ng mga P2,200 pambayad sa susunod na pagsalang sa makinang naglilinis ng dugo (Immediately after dialysis, you got to think where to source at least P2,200 to pay for the next blood-cleansing session)," explained Bernadette Domingo, a 36-year old laundrywoman. Her plea for help is for her hus-

band, Rolando, 36, who has been on twice-a-week dialysis treatment since January, 2011.

The appeal of Benita Cadater Brioso, a 49-year old contractual utility worker from Dontogan, Baguio City, is for Victoria Cresencia, her 28-year old daughter, who was diagnosed for kidney failure in November, 2009.

That of Bernadette Carino, a 33-year old housewife from La Trinidad, Benguet, is on behalf of Rene Richmond, her 37-year old husband who also needs to undergo three times a week dialysis sessions to survive.

Rolando used to be the chief "tanod" (barangay police) of Lourdes Extension, Baguio but had to quit after he was hospitalized for two weeks following the diagnosis. In-between

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ERS Fertilizer Buy-Back Deal up as MOA Forged

BAGUIO CITY - The planned buy-back scheme for the fertilizer produced by the city's Environmental Recycling System (ERS) may now push through with the forging of a memorandum of agreement between the city government and a Pro Tech Machinery Corporation subsidiary.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Luis Arquiza Lu Jr. signed the agreement last March representing the city government and the Luis Lu, Jr. Holdings, Inc., respectively.

Under the accord, the city agrees to sell the organic fertilizer produced by the ERS to Lu's company at a pick-up price of P6 per kilogram less the cost of sacks or at a net price of P222 per 45-kilogram sack.

The city will however have to secure the necessary permits to manufacture and sell said fertilizers from appropriate government agency including the efficacy tests required.

Lu will provide the sacks upon the city's submission of a manufacturing and distributor license number from the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standard of the Dept. of Agriculture and the nutritional contents and applications as required by law.

rs produced should "conform to all the quality requirements of an organic fertilizer duly approved by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standard."

Lu will be given a 60-day payment term on each withdrawal of the fertilizers.

The MOA will remain in effect "for as long as there are fertilizers produced by the ERS machines and may be terminated only upon any violation of the provisions of (the) agreement."

The MOA will be submitted to the city council for confirmation.

In January, city officials agreed to pursue the fertilizer buy-back scheme which was among the additional obligations stipulated in the MOA between the city and ProTech for the purchase of the ERS machines signed on November 12, 2010.

"It is clear from the (provision of the 2010 MOA) that the obligation of (ProTech) to buy back the fertilizer arises only if and when the (city) opts to sell the fertilizer to (ProTech)," the new MOA reads.

"(Lu's company) has offered too buy all the fertilizers produced by said ERS machines from the (city) and the latter, with the consent and approval of (ProTech) has agreed to do so subject to the terms and conditions... set forth."

City general services officer Concio in January said the ERS fertilizers stockpiled at the Irian Central materials recovery facility measured 3,100 tons. He said around 72 tons were used by the city environment and parks management office (CEPMO) for the parks and given away to requesting schools and barangays.

In 2011, an analytical laboratory test conducted on the ERS compost fertilizer proved its high-grade quality.

The test conducted by the Sentro sa Pagsusuri, Pagsasanay at Pangangasiwang Pang-Agham at Teknolohiya Corp. (SentroTek) showed that the fertilizer contains ample amounts of essential nutrients particularly Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium or NPK and Zinc. Its organic matter content was also high at 91.7.

The test results showed it also contains Lead, Mercury and Cadmium in acceptable levels and zero amount of salmonella with negligible amount of E. coli.

A separate test conducted by the Bureau of Soil under the Dept. of Agriculture also showed the same NPK nutritional value of the compost./A Refuerzo



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Baguio Rod Assures no Registration of Unvalidated 211 Titles

BAGUIO CITY - Concurrent Land Registration Authority Cordillera (LRA-CAR) and Acting Baguio Register of Deeds (ROD) Guerrero Felipe on Monday assured that no unvalidated 211 land titles in the city will be registered in his office.

The so-called 211 titles are those issued under Civil Reservation Case No. 1 Record 211 and which were declared void by the Supreme Court because the court that issued the same had no jurisdiction. The said titles can be legalized only upon undergoing validation proceedings.

Mayor Maurico Domogan expressed elation over Felipe's assurance saying it gives the city some peace of mind amid the snowballing land issues it is currently facing.

"We are really thankful that Atty. Felipe made that assurance so that we can now put a stop to some unscrupulous people's practice of having these unvalidated 211 titles registered as what happened recently to the Busol lot measuring 7.8 hectares," the mayor said.

The said Busol lot covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 018-0-162 covers an area of 77,849 square meters and was subdivided into 22 lots with duly issued Transfer Certificates of Title (TCTs).

City assessor Nilda Navarro discovered the spurious titles upon review of applications for tax declaration covering the subdivided lots and noticed the lack of revalidation before its subdivision.

The lots are now the subject of a court case for reversion and dissolution of the registration.

Felipe who addressed the flag-raising ceremonies also reported that no new Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT) has so far been issued under his administration as no applicants have complied with the new requirements set under the new Land Registration Authority (LRA) circular issued on October 4, 2013.

As per the circular, the ROD will now require, in addition to the regular mandatory requisites, the presentation of a final order or resolution of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)'s regional hearing office or the Commission en banc to support their applications./A Refuerzo

SC Declares RH Law not Unconstitutional Except for 8 Provisions

BAGUIO CITY - The Supreme Court, in its summer session here today, declared Republic Act No. 10354 or the Reproductive Health Law as not unconstitutional, except for eight items in the law provisions and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Supreme Court spokesperson, Theodore Te, in a press conference, announced that the Supreme Court Justices, unanimously voted that that RA 10354 is not unconstitutional after a scrutiny of the various arguments and contentions of the parties in the foregoing consolidated cases consisting of 14 petitions challenging its constitutionality and two interventions to uphold its constitutionality.

The eight items that were declared unconstitutional are namely: Section 7 - (a) and (b); section 23 (a)(1), particularly section 5.24 thereof; Section 23 (a)(2)(i); section 23(a)(3); section 23(b) particularly section 5.24 thereof; and section 17; as well as Section 3.01 (a) and (j) of the RH - IRR; and section 23 (a)(2)(ii).

Section 7 (a) pertains to requiring private health facilities and non-maternity hospitals and hospitals owned and operated by a religious group to refer patients, not in emergency or life threatening case, as defined by Republic Act 8344, to another health facility which is conveniently

possible.

Sections 23(a)(1) refers to punishment to any health care provider who fails or refuses to disseminate information regarding programs and services on reproductive health regardless of his/her religious belief.

For Section 23(a)(2)(1), it allows a married individual, not in emergency or life threatening case, to undergo RH procedures without the consent of the spouse.

Section 23(a)(3) - section 5.24, pertains to punishment to any health care provider who fails and/or refuses to refer a patient not in emergency or life threatening case to another health care service provider within the same facility or one which is conveniently accessible regardless of his or

her religious belief.

Section 23(b) - section 5.24 pertains to punishment on any public officer who refuses to support RH programs or shall do any act that hinders the full implementation of a reproductive health program regardless of his or her religious belief.

Section 17 refers to rendering or pro-bono RH service, insofar as they affect the conscientious objector in securing PhilHealth accreditation.

Section 3.01 (a) and (j) of the RH - IRR, according to the SC, insofar as its uses the qualifier "primarily" for contravening sec. 4(a) of the RH Law and violating section 12, Article II of the Constitution.

Section 23 (a)(2)(ii) pertains to penalizing a health service provider

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DOST-CAR SUPPORT ON COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS - DOST-CAR Urban Science and Technology USTC- Baguio Director Dr Pepita Picpican and SP Committee on Employment, Livelihood, Cooperatibe and Persons With Disaibilities chairman Councilor Isabelo show off a sample of fabricaytd oven and mixers which will be handed over to the members of the Project e-Live-Irisan Cluster headed by marketing coordinator Jenelyn Semilla after the sighning of a Memorandum of Agreement. The DOST-CAR under regional director Julius Caesar Sicat is helping small scale livelihood programs by providing technical support and assistance to improve the economic status of barangay residents./ by Bong Cayabyab

Mayor to Barangay Officials : Help Prevent Informal Settlers

Baguio.

There were numerous reports on the proliferation of informal settlers and the sudden boom of alleged illegal construction activities in the different city, thus, Mayor Domogan directed the barangay officials to cause stoppage of all illegal construction activities in their areas of jurisdiction which are not covered by building permits by the city government.

"Make an inventory of the on-going illegal construction activities and those legitimate ones And submit in the office. This will be used as the basis of the Anti-Squatting Committee to issue appropriate notices to those who are found t have been doing illegal construction activities," said mayor Domogan.

"Help the city government sustain the city's campaign for the protection of legitimate land owners from professional land grabbers," added the mayor./Jho Arranz

Mayor Directs Barangay Officials to Conduct Inventory of Business Establishments

BAGUIO CITY - Reports have reached the city government of the increasing number of business establishments operating without business permits in the city amidst the lapse of the three-month grace period to renew and/or apply for permits and in support to the electronic business permit and licensing system (eBPLS) of the city government here.

Because of this, Mayor Maurico Domogan directed all the barangay officials to conduct inventory of business establishments in their respective barangays which are doing business with or without business permits.

Barangay officials are required to submit their tabulated reports at the permits and Licensing Division of the Mayor's Office for immediate in-

spection and validation and subsequently to compel said establishments to secure their respective permits to operate.

Mayor Domogan also ordered barangay officials to inform all owners of business establishments that are found to be operating without permits to immediately avail of the city's eBPLS.

"This is for us (city) to be able to determine the actual number of people doing business and to help the city in

ironing out its investment records which is a requirement for the local government to be considered as a qualifier for the competitive cities search under the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) among others," said the mayor.

Also, part of the income derived from the business establishments securing their licenses will accrue to their respective barangays as an added income, stressed Domogan./Jho Arranz

Breathing spell

Come June, "I hope we can toast together," Manila Water Consortium president Gerardo Ablaza Jr. said. Toast what?

Cheer the P1.1-billion Cebu Bulk Water Project when it will turn taps on. Then, 143 other cities will watch 35 million liters of surface water, from 40 kilometers away, start flowing daily into a metropolis parched into perennial crisis.

There's no substitute for water. "The threshold requirement to meet basic human needs is 20 liters per person daily," the United Nations' Human Development Report states. And six out of ten Filipinos lack clean water. "Ang taong malayo sa tubig ay huwag hanapan ng linis," a Filipino axiom says. He who is far from water should not be expected to be clean.

The Philippines ranks second in diarrhea-related deaths among children below five. Water can further whittle down 29 deaths per 100,000 births. Compare that to Thailand's 15. These preventable deaths fracture the right of a child to celebrate his first birthday.

Since 1993, UN member-nations have marked March 22 as World Water Day. Rites here range from the planting of 7,000 mangrove propagules in Bacoar Bay to a concert at Glorietta. A science forum unreels in Singapore, where rains petered out mid-January.

Contrary to myth, Asia does not have abundant freshwater assets. Filipinos have 6,332 cubic meters available yearly. Malaysians have four times that, Canadians 12. Saudi Arabians have only 118 cubic meters. But they swap oil for water.

Both cities and barangay lag in conservation. The Rainwater Catchment Law requires local governments to save rainwater. So why hasn't anyone built cisterns, as required by Republic Act No. 6716? Not a single centavo from the pork barrel of Jinggoy

EDITORIAL Estrada, Juan Ponce Enrile, Bong Revilla and other lawmakers went for cisterns.

Many local government units fixate on bagging internal revenue allotment slabs to boost personal allowances or craft "waiting shed" projects. To "compel government to implement a law stillborn from cynical indifference," Ramon Magsaysay Awardee Antonio Oposa asked the Supreme Court to issue its first writ of kalikasan ever.

Future summers will be hotter—and permanently so—as the equatorial "band of rain" shifts, University of Washington scientists caution. Early in March, farms in provinces like Maguindanao and Albay were scorched from lack of rain.

The promised June toast, for a Metro Cebu of 12 cities and towns, offers welcome contrast. Until today, nine out of ten cubic meters of water quaffed in Cebu had been siphoned from limestone underground reservoirs. Most were drawn by unregulated wells. Migration and industries quadrupled demand for water in half a century.

Overpumping allowed seawater to seep in "more than ten kilometers inland." If groundwater extraction continues, wells as far inland as Talamban will be irreversibly contaminated come 2025, the Japan International Cooperation Agency reported Thursday. About a fourth will be wrecked for good. It'd take five centuries to flush out tainted aquifers.

This contamination has wrecked the city's main source of water up to now. The Metropolitan Cebu Water District serves less than half of city households. A quarter of the projected new supply is about equal the volume of freshwater lost to consumers every day, MCWD's Ernie Delco said. It will take more just to stay put.

Rainfall that seeps into groundwater tables, especially in the key Maghaway Valley, cannot equal the extraction rate in a province scalped down to 2-percent forest cover. "The rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain," Eliza Doolittle sang in the 1964 Broadway play "My Fair Lady." Not so here. Most of the rain ends in the sea as runoff.

Yet, there has been no shortage of red flags. At the Water Resources Center of San Carlos University, Fr. Herman Van Engelen, SVD, warned City Hall in 1975: "Your children will never drink from those wells unless the intrusion of salt into aquifers is stopped—now."

The WRC tracked, over the next four decades, the saline edge advance from a seashore foothold to 12 kilometers inland, wrecking aquifers irreversibly.

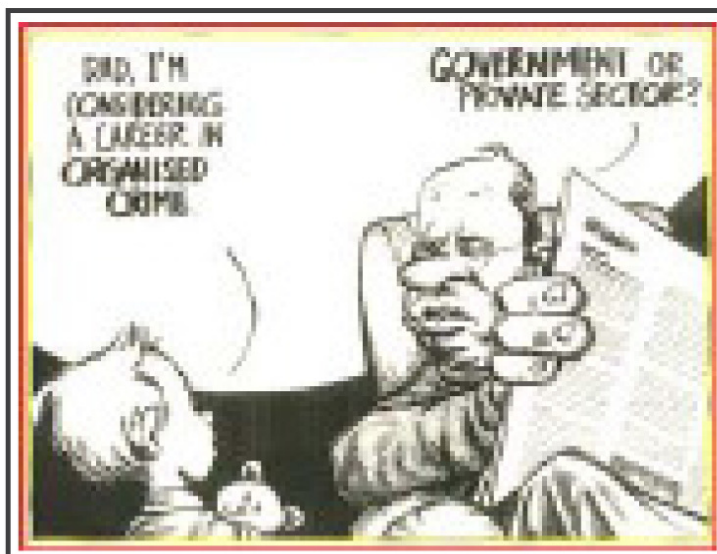
Tomas Osmeña's three terms as mayor offered a window of opportunity to start reversing Cebu's skid into ecological disaster. But he opted for denial. "What water shortage?" he'd dismiss warnings from such institutions as Asian Development Bank and Delft University.

Osmeña bridged multiplying needs by overpumping already depleted aquifers. He signaled ecological policy insolvency last year by hiring a water diviner. "Lola Choleng is 100-percent accurate," he told Cebu Daily News. "But voodoo didn't resolve a crisis which he insisted didn't exist," the paper said. He was thrashed in the last elections, barely scraping through in his barangay.

"We will not be trapped into similar inaction," then Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia vowed when she signed her province's first-ever surface bulk water agreement with Manila Water Consortium. In this "private-public partnership" project, the Capitol put money where its mouth is. It plunked down P49 out of every P100 for the project; the Ayala-led firm put in P51.

The mint-new governor, Hilario Davide Jr., inherited, willy-nilly, the first-ever breakaway from overreliance on wrecking aquifers and shifting to groundwater. Even when toasts are offered, come June "there'd still be a 15- to 40-percent shortfall in Cebu water supplies."

How well Davide handles this breathing spell will define his future. "History is a relentless master," John F. Kennedy warned. "It has no present, only the past rushing into the future. To try to hold fast is to be swept aside." Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

A "NEW" ILOILO REVISITED

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I had a quick overnight revisit of Iloilo City — my place of origin with Guimbal town as my birthplace — over the weekend to attend the national board meeting of the JCI Senate and the swearing in of Businessman Ramiro Galanto as Iloilo JCI senate president. I still have many close relatives there although our family migrated to Davao when I was about one year old.

The face of Iloilo City has considerably changed since I last visited several years ago. Its main boulevard, called the Diversion Road, has been widened (would you believe?) to 6 lanes on each side or a total of 12 lanes in all! I personally crossed the wide boulevard by the Smallville complex and counted myself, including a bicycle lane. All the way on the 25-kilometer strip from downtown to the modern international airport in Cabatuan, a massive road expansion project is on-going with houses and buildings being demolished on both sides of the road. I asked the taxi driver, in Ilonggo dialect of course, how come the authorities were able to convince the squatters

(now euphemistically called "informal settlers") to leave and give way to development. His answer: firm handling by the local government with relocation assistance. The whole area, formerly swampy with squatters, is spruced up and now sprouting with new plush buildings, malls, entertainment areas, hotels and offices.

Being a Saturday night, swarms of Ilonggos were on a massive "gimmick" mode in the area, even spilling into the streets and sidewalks while jazz bands were almost in all beerhouses, bars, fine dining restos — no, not the sleazy types — but wholesome nooks and cozy hideaways.

My colleague in the JCI senate board Bobby Castro from Puerto Princesa, Palawan brought me to see and walk through the riverbanks that was before a slum area. The slum dwellers were properly relocated and the whole area lining the river has been converted into a fashionable pathway lined with mangrove greeneries, tiled walkways made of bricks snaking about 2 kilometers long. The place is referred to by all now as the river "esplanade" (meaning, open space for public walks or strolls.) Hundreds of promenaders were just walking and strolling in the night. Bobby who owns the famous "Palawan" pawnshop/cash transfer business that has now about 1,000 outlets nationwide (and therefore has been to almost all nooks of the country) was so impressed about the area development of Iloilo that he volunteered to walk me to the place and see for myself the esplanade. I've been to many places but this one was something! A strategic development masterplan must have chartered the course of events that transformed Iloilo into what I saw.

Indeed, over dinner, Iloilo City's Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog, himself a JCI senator and chief architect of the city's transformation and spearheading preparations to host next year's ministerial meetings of the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), simply said in understatement: "Iloilo City is now under construction". In the former airport area that was vacated with the new international airport at Cabatuan, a multi billion business complex of Megaworld is starting to rise and take shape. The new city hall is considered a first in the country pioneering in "go green" technology. A modern hospital, a convention center, Marriott and Richmond Hotels are all in the making or in the planning board. The city mayor being an avid biker himself, it is no surprise that bicycle lanes everywhere are in the development plans — something already in integrated by advanced cities

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Right to abortion in
RH law struck down*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister..." (1 John 3:10, the Holy Bible).

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IS THIS THE WAY TO HONOR WWII HEROES?

There are many things that World War II veterans, Engr. Fernando Javier, 106 years old, and his younger brother, Dr. Jose P. Javier, 104 years old, both of Baguio City, should be thankful about.

First, their long-life and good health. Second, their relatively good life as World War II veterans amidst the continuing difficulties and sufferings of Filipino veterans at this point. Third, their having good memories, despite their age.

In all these blessings, they concede that they have no one but God to thank. And, no, they need not thank the government for their relatively good life at present, since they are receiving from it only the measly amount of P5,000.00 a month as pension benefits. Again I ask: is this the way to thank and honor the Filipinos who sacrificed virtually their all in the 1940s just so we can be free and peaceful today?

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THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE, ACCORDING TO

THE BIBLE: Indeed, having a long and healthy and productive life is a guaranteed dividend when one believes and have faith in, and truthfully obeys, God. In Proverbs 3:1-2, we are told: keep in mind and in our hearts the precepts and teachings of the Lord and these will add to the years of our lives, and will even give us everything that we need to become successful and victorious. Try God now and taste and see His goodness!!!

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STORM SURGE, TORNADO, ARE SURE TO

COME: "Cebu was warned of a possible storm surge Tuesday, but a tornado struck instead," wrote Cebu Sun Star reporter Linnette Ramos Cantalejo. The twister destroyed 38 houses, a barangay sports complex and several electric posts, when it tore through Barangays Tisa and Mambaling in Cebu City at around 2 p.m. on April 08, 2014, Cantalejo also reported.

Well, this is actually no longer news, as far as I am concerned. The truth is, we have been writing about the coming rains, floods, and strong wind in this column, quite repeatedly by now, as predicted by Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in Matthew 7:24-27. The death and destruction from these calamities are sure to come, Jesus said, unless we, as a people, will do something.

What is this something that we must do? We must listen to Jesus and obey Him. Let us hear from Jesus Himself, from Matthew 7:24-25: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock..."

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RIGHT TO ABORTION IN RH LAW STRUCK

DOWN BY SC: Like Malacanang, I am withholding any comment on the decision of the Supreme Court on the Reproductive Health Law, until after I shall have already read the complete ruling. As it is, the media accounts on the decision, issued in Baguio City on April 8, 2014, seem incomplete and unable to present what the Court's real ruling was.

That notwithstanding, I am glad that media reported that the provision on the law giving even minor girls the right to get an abortion, with or without their parent's

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FAIR AND SQUARE

*Reasons Why I Am For
Legalization Of Irregular
Franchises*

BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



To the various individuals and sectors including members of the City Council who are questioning and doubting my motive for pushing the legalization of irregular franchises when through the years from 1997, they allege, I have been a consistent oppositor to the grant of new Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) in BLIST, here is my explanation in brief.

I don't find contradictions between my being a perennial oppositor against new applications for franchises or grant of CPCs thereof and my advocacy to legalize irregularly-issued franchises. Thus, I will remain oppose to the grant of new CPCs as I have been so from the beginning because I believe in the object and rationale of the moratorium and that I consider CPCs issued in violation of the moratorium as illegal (if we go by the pronouncement of then RTC Judge Ruben Ayson in one Mandamus case denying the registration of Tip-Top jeepneys with franchises issued under the moratorium.)

However, in the case of CPCs already issued, albeit irregularly, there is nothing I can do better anymore except to work for their legalization after all my previous efforts opposing them to forestall their irregular issuance failed. Unless, other than legalization which the Board en banc allowed anyway before, I would opt for their revocation or cancellation since they are illegal or agree to maintain their status quo whereby the LTFRB-CAR is allowing the extension of validity and sale of irregular CPCs that only perpetrate their illegalities.

Revocation and cancellation, aside from being unfair to the buyers in good faith who have invested their hard-earned monies and savings on franchises they thought were legal because they were issued by Regional Directors, will be a very tedious process because each of the thousands of irregular CPC holders will be given a hearing or "a day on court," so to speak, as required by due process. In the hands of hardhearted lawyers who will defend their clients at all cost, the process to revoke / cancel the irregular CPCs will take the lifetime of the Board to consummate.

On the other hand, maintaining the status quo of franchises as presently being done by the LTFRB-CAR will not cure the illegality of the irregular franchises. Worse, because the Regional Director signs and approves the renewal and sale of CPCs although they are void and ineffective, It causes taxi franchise to be priced scandalously and unconscionably at more than half a million pesos per CPC.

Whereas, administrative legalization of irregular CPCs, just like the one allowed in 2000 by the Board en banc under Memorandum Circular No. 2000-019 wherein hundreds of illegal taxi units were legalized, the process of simultaneous hearing and approval of individual petition for legalization would only take a year or two to legitimize all CPCs and completely cleanse the dockets of the LTFRB-CAR.

These, in brief, are the reasons why I am for the administrative legalization of irregularly-issued franchises. Unfortunately, I miserably failed to get the support and cooperation of the City Council in the proposed resolution I caused to be filed in the Council through Councilor Richard Cariño to favorably endorse legalization to the LTFRB. I hope the City Council will change its mind while there is still time before the Board en banc which has already conducted an audit of irregularly-issued franchises will decide to cancel these illegal franchises issued in violation of moratorium. For, if sweepingly done and the Chairman is very capable of doing so, these cancellations of thousands of franchises will surely cause transport

15 OWWA - CAR Scholars Finish College, 5 Graduate with Honors

BAGUIO CITY - Armed with college degrees through the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Scholarship programs, 15 children of Overseas Filipino Workers can now pursue their dreams for a better future.

Five of these scholars are graduating with honors at the Saint Louis University next week.

Ritchell Lamayo, graduating Summa Cum Laude in Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Physical Science, plans to pursue Masteral Arts and Doctorate Degree in Physics. Ritchell, daughter of Ricky Lamayo an OFW in Saudi Arabia, is an OWWA OFW Dependent Scholarship Program (ODSP) scholar.

Donna Selina Bravo, will graduate as Magna Cum Laude in Bachelor of Secondary Education, hopes to work as Quality Assurance Analyst in a pharmaceutical company. Donna, whose father, Jorge, works in United Arab Emirates, is an OWWA EDSP (Education for Scholarship Program) scholar.

Marc Klevin Pajela, graduating cum Laude in Bachelor in Science in Mechatronics, will pursue master's degree in Mechatronics in either Ateneo de Manila University or De La Salle University. Marc is also an EDSP scholar. His mother, Josephine Pajela, works in Brunei.

Another ODSP scholar, Shyla Dumapi, a graduating cum laude with the course on Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting, sees herself as an auditor in a prestigious auditing firm in the future. Her OFW mother, Esther Dumapi, works in Cyprus.

Gerome Ace Dado, an EDSP scholar who will graduate Bachelor of Science on Management Accounting, his second degree after finishing Bachelor of Science in Accountancy in 2013. He is Cum Laude in both courses.

The other OWWA - CAR scholars graduating this semester are: Llayd Asim - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from SLU under the EDSP, and ODSP scholars Jonah Flor - BS Agri-business from Benguet State University; Irene Kaye Babila - BS Hotel and Restaurant Management from Abra Valley College; Ma. Katrina Dioquino - BS Information technology from the University of Cordilleras; Dyna Frances Divina - BS Hospitality and Tourism Management from SLU; Ly-Ann Guieb - BS IT from DCCP, Baguio City; Scarlet Ildefonso, BS Nursing from Saint Mary's University; and Avelina Lagayan - BS Social Work from University of Cordilleras

The EDSP is a scholarship OWWA offers to qualified dependents of OWWA active member OFWs who intends to enrol in any 4-5 years baccalaureate course. Educational assistance under the program is P30,000 per semester.

The ODSP scholarship, on the other hand, is being offered to legal dependents of OFWs who are active OWWA members, whose salary does not exceed 400 US dollars. It provides a P20,000 per year or P10,000 per semester educational assistance./JDP/CCD with Lourdes Estocapio - OWWA CAR

crises in the city. Hopefully, however, LTFRB will prefer legalization over cancellation and will detest maintaining the status quo that breeds corruption in the LTFRB-CAR.

In the latter incidentally, the Regional Director is facing the prospect of being charged administratively of grave abuse of discretion for approving the renewal and sale of illegal franchises!

DSWD-CAR Official Enjoins Staff for more Committed Service

BAGUIO CITY - Department of

Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Cordillera regional director Leonardo Reynoso is enjoining all the department's personnel in the region for a more committed service especially to the marginalized sector towards the realization of DSWD's strategic goal 2014 to 2016.

Reynoso, during DSWD -CAR's Regional General Assembly and 63rd anniversary program at the Baguio Convention Center Saturday, reported that the 2014 thrust and priorities gear towards the embedding of the "Matapat, Mahusay at Magiliw na Paglilingkod" (Loyal, excellent and sincere service) public service especially to the poor, vulnerable and marginalized sector.

Reynoso shared that DSWD's priority thrusts and strategies for this year up to 2016 are anchored on three goals which are: to raise the number of Pantawid Pamilya families with improved well-being; expanding the number of NHTS - PR (National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction) households covered by at least two Social Welfare and Development (SWD) programs; and increasing the number of provinces, municipalities and cities having a fully functional local SWD offices.

DSWD's social welfare and development programs for the poor is anchored on the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or 4Ps, in convergence with their KALAHÍ-CIDSS (Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan - Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services) and the Sustainable Livelihood Program.

Aside from these core SWD programs, DSWD will also continue the implementation of their programs on protective services, disaster risk reduction and management, recovery and reintegration of trafficked persons, supplementary feeding for day care students, and social pension for indigent senior citizens, among others.

Meantime, Reynoso, in an interview, disclosed that the 4Ps is set for expansion and extension.

"We are expanding the program to cover those with 15 to 18 years old children and for those Set 1 family beneficiaries who are supposed to graduate from the program this year, they will be set for extension, if they have children under the said age bracket", he stressed.

Reynoso also disclosed that another priority of the DSWD is the establishment of Crisis Intervention Unit in all the provinces in the region, which goal is expedite the delivery of services and financial assistance especially to those who need medical interventions.

"Our partners here are the local government units and the provincial arms of DSWD. Right now we are already in the preparatory stage, though we expect that within this month our Crisis Intervention Units will be all fully operational", Reynoso said./JDP/CCD with Yousef Abdelkhaleq- PIA CAR Intern

CDA-CAR Explains Gawad Parangal

BONTOC, Mountain Province -The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) is conducting information dissemination of its to cooperatives, local government units, partner organizations and cooperative leaders in recognition to their exemplary performance, best practices and good governance.

Martin Manodon of CDA-Cordillera explained that CDA Gawad Parangal aims to recognize cooperatives for their exemplary performance and in bringing responsive services to their members and the community; to local government units for their contribution as partner of the coops in the implementation of programs/projects relative to socio economic enterprise, and to individual/ coop leaders for their contributions in making cooperatives a relevant socio-economic enterprise.

It also aims to search for models of cooperative best practices and good governance that will serve as start up point in establishing of benchmark standards of coop performance.

The gawad parangal award will be given to the most outstanding cooperative; most outstanding cooperative federation, most outstanding cooperative union, most outstanding local government unit-cooperative development office, and most outstanding cooperative leader.

Nominations must be submitted to the CDA extension Office where the cooperative is registered or where the LGU/institution/cooperative leader is based.

Manodon said awarding of the most outstanding cooperatives, partner organizations and individuals shall be done during the celebration of the Cooperative Month which is in the month of October. /JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

Benguet Dads Urge BENECO to look into Defective Streetlights

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The provincial board is urging the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) to look into the provincially- paid streetlights installed in some areas of the municipalities which continue to light up even during daytime.

Board Members Jack Dulnuan and Johnny Waguís introduced a resolution urging BENECO to put off streetlights during daytime to conserve energy and save from accruing bills being paid by the provincial government.

Waguís said the provincial government pay an aggregate amount of around P2 million yearly for the streetlight consumption. For the period January 28 to February 24, 2014, it already paid a total amount of P190,913.43.

Engr. Rocky Pallogan, BENECO Department Manager for Operations and Maintenance, explained that an automatic switch, a device which automatically puts on light when darkness sets in and shuts off when daylight breaks, is built in every provincially paid streetlight installed in some areas particularly Atok, Itogon, Tublay, Sablan.

Due to wear and tear however, Pallogan admitted these automatic devices are expected to malfunction through time.

From time to time BENECO crew and even meter readers in the course of the delivery of their services also monitor status of streetlights, according to Pallogan. These are replaced if found defective, he added.

He urged barangay officials and others concerned citizens to report defective street lights to the following mobile and landline numbers, 09088657202/09175921698 or 442-6663/442-2295./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

City Government Commemorates Heroism of War Veterans

BAGUIO CITY - The city government joined the nation in commemorating the heroism of war veterans during the Araw ng Kagitingan (Valour Day) on April 9, with the theme "Ang Beterano: Sigla at Inspirasyon Tungo sa Tuwid na Daan" (War Veterans: The strength and inspiration towards the straight path).

Congressman Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas spearheaded the celebration which was highlighted with wreath laying and a simple but meaningful program at the Veteran's Park along Harrison Road here.

The wreath laying was officiated by the Widows, Sons and Daughters Association Incorporation (SDAI).

Fariñas, in opening the program pointed out that what they have prepared for the commemoration may not be enough to honor our war veterans, though they hope that it will inspire others, to serve and defend the country, once needed as what the war veterans did.

"War is really painful, but without their valour and heroism, we will not be here anymore," Fariñas stressed.

Aliping, in a message, also gave recognition to the heroism of the war veterans. "We have to remember that the greatest love for one's country is the hardship and sacrifices shown by our veterans," he said.

The Baguio City National High School students also performed a reenactment of the Voice of Freedom Radio Broadcast, a transcript written by then Lt. Salvador Lopez and read by Lt. Norman Reyes over the Voice of Freedom Radio from the Malinta Tunnel, Corregidor on April 9, 1942 that tells about the epic struggle that Filipino and American soldiers put up in the vastness and along the rugged and gruelling fire of the enemy for more than three months

Aside from the city officials, the commemoration was graced by United States Armed Forces in the Philippines-Northern Luzon headed by Col. Napoleon G. Gojo and Vice Commander Alberto Butong; Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Willy Totanes; Fleet Reserve Pres. Arthur Gongon; Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Pres. Filipinas Ramones; Philippine Veteran's Bank Manager Danilo Romero and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office Head Cherrylyn Sabling./JDP/CCD/Jobelle Lustria - PIA Intern

Decrease in Cases of Diseases in CAR Attributed to Continuous Advocacy Campaign

BAGUIO CITY - Out of the 23 diseases being monitored by the Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (RESU) of the Department of Health-Cordillera Office, 13 have decreased while 10 have either had no change or no recorded case from January 1-April 5, 2014.

DOH-CAR Office RESU Coordinator Elnoria Bugnosen believes that information dissemination and information education communication (IEC) campaigns are factors in this development.

"Our goal is to decrease the incidence of diseases, injuries, death," stated Bugnosen during DOH-CAR's monthly Kapihan forum for April.

Bugnosen attributed the following in the decrease of recorded cases of surveyed diseases: networking and coordination; continuous advocacy; commitment of health workers in the regional, provincial, and municipal level; public awareness; indigent people's enrollment in PhilHealth; and programs and projects of DOH such as the Doctors to the Barrios, Community Health Teams, and RN Heals.

The tri-media reportage in the region is also a factor, Bugnosen added. "The mere fact that some media practitioners are advocating health is a contributory factor." She cited radio stations and newspapers with reportage on health campaigns as an example.

Diseases being closely monitored such as dengue, malaria, and measles all show either a decrease or no change in recorded cases for January 1-April 5, 2014. The number went from 576 to 397 for dengue, no change for malaria, and 11 to 9 for measles./JDP/Pryce Quintos-PIA CAR

Improved Goat Raising Management Piloted In Itoyon Barangay

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Raising goat called "poor man's cattle" is an emerging trend as a low cost backyard source of income given the appropriate care and management.

According to the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD), there is high demand for goat and sheep meat which is expected to increase although there is currently low production.

Dr. Miriam Tiongan of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian said goat raising is being popularized due to the small size of the animal that even women and members of the family can venture on.

Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Ruben Cayad-an said goat raising and its rudiments is piloted in the province in barangay Dalupirip in Itoyon be-

fore it will be expanded to other areas.

The Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD) recently trained a group of 13 participants from Dalupirip and one from Tinongdan on Farmers Livestock School of Integrated Goat Management (FLS-IGM).

This rationale way of improved management of goat production adopting a farmers' field school method to boost their livelihood through hands on training was introduced by PCARRD, the International Livestock Research Institute, and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). This empowers farmers to intelligently choose production options.

These production options include options on feed resource

TESDA to Conduct Free Assessment for OFWs, Industry Workers, Instructors

BAGUIO CITY - The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is inviting Overseas Filipino Workers, industry workers and instructors to their National Technical - Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Competency Assessment and Certification (NATCAC) set on May 12 to 16.

TESDA's NATCAC is a national synchronized conduct of competency assessment and certification for free in identified demand. It aims to expand client's access to assessment and certification, and to strengthen the scale and popularity of the TESDA assessment and certification program through a purposive advocacy to raise people's awareness of the program.

TESDA Information Officer Anthony "Guy" Oria, in an interview over PIA Hour radio, announced that interested individuals may visit them at the TESDA Regional Office along Loakan Road here or the TESDA provincial offices in the region.

In 2013, Oria reported that 2,814 availed of NATCAC nationwide and 2,678 of them were successfully certified. They were TVET graduates in the sector of agribusiness and processed foods, automotive, construction, garments, health, social and other services; information and communication technology, land transport, metals and engineering, and tourism.

Oria also disclosed that aside from strengthening their TVET courses and curriculum, TESDA is set to bring-in higher level of education to its agenda such as level 3 (NC3), Level 4 (NC4) and Diploma courses (3 years duration), in line with the implementation of the K to 12 Basic Education Program of the Department of Education and in pushing the competitiveness of the Filipino workforce for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015.

Oria explained that TESDA's National Certification NC 1 is for apprentice while NC2 is for skilled workers that could help workers enter a job or be employed.

NC3 (supervisory level) and NC4 (managerial level) certifications as well as TVET diploma courses will boost the competitiveness of our workforce, he said./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

establishment; pen design, alternatives to traditional health management, traditional feeding management; alternatives to traditional grazing management; alternatives to traditional breeding management; waste management; and husbandry management.

After graduating from the training, the group organized into an association called Dalupirip Livestock Farmers Association (DALFA). Tiongan said they are on the process of working out their registration with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

Each will raise a minimum of five goats to be augmented by the office of the Con-

gressman and representation expenses as local government counterpart.

The Philex Mines Corporation will fund some materials for the livestock project as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility.

The Department of Agriculture funded FLS-IGM training gives opportunity to the association to make a community-based goat production enterprise which they may opt to such as goat raising as the main enterprise, buck for hire, manure commercialization, production and sale of feed supplements, and village-level technical, financial and market assistance, according to Tiongan./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

Cong. Romulo, Sec. Montejo to Grace BSU's 89th Commencement Exercises

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Pasig City Representative Roman T. Romulo and Department of Science and Technology Secretary Mario G. Montejo will serve as commencement exercise speakers to 1,335 students of the Benguet State University (BSU) when they graduate on April 12, 2014.

Romulo will be addressing graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Home Economics and Technology, College of Nursing and College of Teacher Education in the morning of April 12.

Romulo serves as the Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives, and is a member of the BSU Board of Regents.

In the afternoon will be Sec.. Montejo's turn to address the graduates from the College of Agriculture, College of Engineering and Applied Technology, Institute of Human Kinetics, Graduate School and Open University.

A day earlier will be the Students' Achievement and Recognition program with Dr. Mark Michael S. Palazo, BSU topnotcher in the Veterinary Medicine Licensure Examination in 2010, as Speaker.

All activities will be held in the University Gymnasium. The graduation rites will be video streamed in the Open Gym, so that guests and relatives who will not be accommodated in the respective venues will be able to view the coverage./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

ASEAN Integration, K-12 are Opportunities, not threat, says PACE

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - When several higher education institutes in the country and in the Cordillera (specifically in Baguio City) announced that they will be adopting a new academic calendar for the upcoming school year and when most basic education institutes adopted the K-12 system in 2012, these have drawn mixed reactions from the public.

For instance, protests and forums have been conducted in presenting mostly the cons of the August-July academic calendar, pointing out the gaps of such a system. Those opposing are apprehensive about the practicality of the system and the factor of internationalization, specifically the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integration by 2015, in the pursuit of the new academic calendar.

However, the Philippine Association of

Communication Educators or PACE, the oldest and biggest non-stock and non-profit organization of professionals engaged in communication education and media practice in the country, believes that the ASEAN Integration is more of opportunities for the country and not threat as opponents would believe.

Prof. Marco M. Polo, President of PACE, said during the kapihan forum on Wednesday that surveys show that there is a low public awareness when it comes to the ASEAN Integration, hence the opposition from some.

The ASEAN will begin integrating the economies of its member-countries by 2015. Among the different areas that will be integrated are human resources, development and capacity building, and recognition of professional qualifications. Through the integration,

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Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 7
BAGUIO CITY

PETITION FOR
VOLUNTARY
INSOLVENCY OF
THE SPOUSES
ANTHONY LIMPIN
AND
E V A N G E L I N E
LIMPIN

SPS. ANTHONY
LIMPIN &
E V A N G E L I N E
LIMPIN.

Petitioners,

SPL PROC. CASE
NO. 2291-R

ORDER

(Declaring Spouses
Anthony and
Evangeline Limpin
insolvent)

The petitioners
filed a verified peti-
tion praying that
upon filing of the pe-
tition, the Court de-
clare them insolvent
and to discharge
them from their debts
and liabilities.

In support of their
petition, the petiti-
oners state among oth-
ers that they are resi-
dents of the 2nd Floor,
Lions Club Bldg., Gov.
Pack Rd., Baguio
City where they re-
sided for the last 6
months; that they in-
curred debts in the
total amount of
P4,995,435.54 from
several corporations
and individuals; that
they have a total as-
sets of approximately
P 1,667,600.00 only,
thus, their inability
to pay all their debts
in full; and that they
are willing to surren-
der all their assets
not exempt from ex-
ecution for the ben-
efit of their creditors.
They attached to their
petition an inventory
of their assets and
schedule of their
debts.

finding the petition
to be in order, this
Court hereby de-
clares the petitioners
Spouses Anthony and
Evangeline Limpin
INSOLVENT. The City
Sheriff is therefore
directed to take pos-
session of, and safely
keep, until the ap-
pointment of a re-
ceiver or assignee, all
the deeds, vouchers,
books of accounts,
papers, notes, bonds,
bills, and securities of
the debtors, and all
their real and per-
sonal properties, es-
tate, and effects, ex-
cept such as may be
by law exempt from
execution. Upon the
appointment of a re-
ceiver or assignee the
City Sheriff shall de-
liver to the said re-
ceiver/assignee all
the properties, assets
and belongings of the
petitioners which
came to his posses-
sion and he shall be
allowed and paid his
compensation for his
services the same ex-
penses and fees as
would by law be col-
lectible if the prop-
erty had been levied
upon and safely kept
under attachment.
Further, it is hereby
forbidden for any
debtor of the peti-
tioners to pay to them
any debts due them;
and the petitioners
are likewise forbid-
den to transfer any
of their properties.
All pending civil pro-
ceedings against the
insolvents are hereby
stayed.

Let this Order be
published at the ex-
pense of the petiti-
oners once a week for
two (2) consecutive
weeks in a newspaper
of general circulation
in the City of Baguio
and the whole Cor-
dillera Region, the
last publication of
which shall not be
later than the date of
meeting of the credi-
tors. Furnish a copy of
this order to all the
creditors listed in the
inventory of Assets
and Schedule of
Debts/ Creditors of
the petitioners; and
to the Office of the
Clerk of Court for
publication.

SO ORDERED.

WHEREFORE,

Farinas Designates ...
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bers of the CWRB along with their func-
tions:

The city mayor to serve as head;
the chairmen of the city council com-
mittees on public utilities, transporta-
tion and traffic legislation; health and
sanitation, ecology and environment
protection; and public works who will
provide legislative support to the board;

The city health officer who
will undertake the water sampling, test-
ing and monitoring of bacteriological
content of drinking water and accredit
water laboratories for certification of
compliance with the Philippine National
Standards, assume responsibility for the
application of the health measure as per
Sanitation Code, receive and review no-
tarized Environmental Sanitation Clear-
ance application, conduct site inspec-
tion and recommend action, and issue
or revoke health certificate for person-
nel of water-related entities and sani-
tary permit for concerned project pro-
ponents;

The city buildings and architecture
officer who will issue building permit
and monitor compliance of proponents
with the National Building Code, Sani-
tation Code, Philippine Water Code and
other related national and local laws re-
lating to water facilities;

The city engineer to monitor the ef-
fects and impacts of proposed, new or
ongoing water and water-related projects
on public roads, bridges and other hori-
zontal infrastructure within the city;

The city environmental and parks
management officer to monitor opera-
tion and maintenance of water-related
projects, waste water disposal and
implement reforestation and regreening
activities in the city watershed and clear-
ing of river tributaries;

The city general services officer to
monitor and implement solid waste
management programs and activities;

The city planning and development
coordinator to perform planning activi-
ties, research and studies in connection
with water concerns including water re-
sources inventory and issue location or
zoning clearances; and

The city assessor who will include
in the assessment of real properties in-
formation on machinery particularly de-
scription and number of units of water-
related equipment such as water intake
structure, infiltration gallery, water
pumps, storage and treatment plants,
among others.

The board which was created by vir-
tue of section 73 of the Water Code of
the City or Ordinance No. 13 series of
2007 will perform the following func-

Issued this 4th day of
April, 2014 at
Baguio City,
Philippines.

By: (SGD) ASUNCION
F. MANDIA
Acting Presiding
Judge

Publication date
April 12 & 19, 2014

ter-related activities;

*Facilitate registration or accredita-
tion of proponents and issuance of clear-
ance of water supply system and sew-
erage system projects within the city;

*Accredit water distributors operat-
ing and distributing within the city;

*Issue clearances before the city wa-
ter permit is issued by the city mayor
to ensure compliance of water quality,
design and construction and environmen-
tal standards and locally legislated re-
quirement for business operation within
the City;

*Assist the city council in assess-
ing water-related projects for endorse-
ment and in regulating excavation and
drilling of the ground for the laying of
water, sewer and other pipes and the
construction, repair and mainte-
nance of public drains, sewers, cess-
pools, tunnels and similar structures; and

*Eventually assume from the
Dept. of Environment and Natural
Resources (DENR) the devolved au-
thority when it has to determined that
it is ready and technically cap-
able to administer some aspects of
water quality management and regu-
lation including but not limited to
permit issuance, monitoring and im-
position of administrative penalties./
A Refuerzo

BLISTT ...

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partner with each other as a family,
she said.

Mayor Ruben Paoad of Tublay
echoed this when he asked that good
and "interdependent" neighbors
share whatever is universally good.
BLISTT planners should sit down for
long-term macro-planning for all the
programs, as each municipality is af-
fected by actions in the neighboring
area. Funding is an impediment how-
ever to the implementation of projects,
as Local Government Units (LGUs) are
Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA)-de-
pendent, Paoad lamented. A measly
portion of the national budget is al-
lotted to us, which is not enough, he
said. Much better-off city or municipali-
ties should share resources, he added.

Mayor Arthur Baldo of Sablan
pointed out that his municipality has
started protecting water source and sys-
tems, which could be their advantage
in the BLISTT area. Urbanization
through interlinked road network could
not be prevented, thus should benefit
everybody; as with the Balili river clean-
up program. The said water tributary
passes through Tuba, Baguio, Sablan
and Tublay, it was known.

Baldo has seen other examples and
benefits of local government unit merg-
ing, thus his approval of the BLISTT.
He however bemoaned political pref-
erence of funding to LGUs with larger
area with a bigger voting popula-
tion.

Tuba Mayor Florencio Bontrez
spoke of BLISTT being given a
chance to prove that cooperation
serves as well as benefit. He shared that

the municipality of Tuba works for
poverty alleviation and disaster re-
duction, which he believes would
resolve a majority of their problems.
He also asked that BLISTT be
strengthened to thwart unlawful ac-
tivities, including illegal settlers,
specially in his area of responsibil-
ity. He expressed disappointment
over such experi-
ences.

Residents of La Trinidad
present during the forum expressed
optimism over the BLISTT program,
saying they expect improvements
in the next years, empowerment for
residents, and continuing growth
of the municipalities. Ideas of merg-
ing municipalities was also
brought, to better share re-
sources.

The city of Baguio is repre-
sented in the forum by Secretary
to the Mayor, Rafael Tallocoy, as
Mayor Domogan is currently out of
the country on official travel./
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ASEAN ...

from page 7

there will be free movement of
goods, services, investment,
skilled labor, and free flow of cap-
ital among the member countries.

In line with this, PACE
partnered up with the Department
of Development Communication
of Benguet State University to
hold its National Conference and
General Assembly from April 3
to 5 at the Agricultural Training
Institute at BSU. The theme for
the conference is "Communica-
tion and Media Education and
Practice: Issues and Challenges
on ASEAN Integration and K-12".

The three-day confab in-
cludes keynote messages and
panel discussions on topics such
as "Philippine Communication
Curriculum, ASEAN 2015, K-12:
Updates, Challenges, and Is-
sues" and "The ASEAN Work-
place: Competencies, Relation-
ships, Prospects, Challenges"
featuring university professors
and PACE members.

But other than efforts of
socio-civic groups in raising
awareness about the ASEAN In-
tegration and K-12, Polo encour-
aged the media to write, research,
and come up with stories about
the ASEAN Integration and how
it will affect the Cordillera be-
cause "[the] media is [the] most
potent force that can really con-
tribute to raising the level of
awareness of the general public
on what the ASEAN integration
is". He added, "we all have to
work together to bring about in-
formation and at the same time
help the public to become more
informed citizens on how this
ASEAN Integration is going to
impact us." /JDP/Pryce Quintos-
PIA CAR

Kakampi mo ang Batas... from page 5

knowledge and permission, was among those declared unconstitutional. I hope the report is accurate, because, truly, how can we even allow minor girls to decide whether the child in their womb should be killed or not? God bless the Supreme Court for this!

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City Gears ... from page 1

Acting mayor Daniel Farinas last Wednesday said that as in the previous years, the city will again tap the services of volunteers and civic action and communications groups to augment the police force in providing traffic, information and emergency assistance to commuters.

The SUMVAC committee spearheaded by the mayor and action officer Carlos Canilao has put together an array of religious, cultural, historical, environmental, sports and medical activities under the Summer in Baguio activities which began last March 1. Lenten activities will topbill the calendar this week with various religious services, Lenten presentations scheduled at the various churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

On April 17-20, the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC) will again roll out the red carpet for this year's Lucky Summer Visitors who will be chosen from the thousands of vacationers. The club headed by president Franklin Cimatu of the Baguio Chronicle will treat the lucky guests to free meals, accommodation, tour and other gifts throughout their stay./A Refuerzo

Advocacy Mindanow... from page 4

in the world in their infra masterplans.

I wish other chief executives of cities in Mindanao go visit and see for themselves what's happening there now in Iloilo City. I promised to myself to make my pilgrimage to my birthplace more often from now on!

Yes, we Ilonggos are jokingly called "tikalon" or overly boastful. But with what I saw, I don't mind being called such — for boasting about what Iloilo has truly become today. But, yes, the best is yet to come./jessdureza@gmail.com/**ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: AMFI_Mindanow /Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/ Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org**

Three Women... from page 2

working out medical support, Bernadette does laundry to be able to raise their two sons — Kyle, 12, who just finished sixth grade, and Kiro, 9, and due for the fifth grade this coming school year.

If it's any breather, they own the house they live in at 73 Lourdes Extension here. Still, there's no relief from figuring out how to come up with a minimum of P2,200 for the four hour hemodialysis session set every Wednesday and Saturday evening, on the 7-11 shift, at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

Victoria Cresencia, who was born in Lubuagan, Kalinga, is the elder of two children. She finished bachelor of science in secondary education in 2006 and was admitted the following year as contractual marketing specialist at the Department of Agriculture.

Her work contract expired in 2009. By then, she could not re-apply due to her health condition. Her brother Ruben Jr., their father and mother were willing to undergo tissue matching to find who could be a potential organ donor for a kidney transplant. The costs, however, are far more prohibitive than trying to maintain twice or thrice a week hemodialysis.

Aside from working out funding for her husband's thrice-a-week dialysis treatment, Bernadette Carino (nee Banggawan) looks after their three young sons: Izhaak Christian, 9, Chris Allen, 7, and Chris John, 5.

"We still haven't paid the remaining P8,000 in hospital bills when Rene was confined and diagnosed for kidney failure in February last year," Bernadette admitted.

People out there who can help may contact any of the three women's cellphone numbers: Bernadette Domingo — 09078814045, Benita Briosio — 09106277386, and Bernadette Carino — 09061276658./ Ramon Dacawi.

SC Declares... from page 3

vider who will require parental consent from the minor in not emergency or serious situations.

Purple Ribbon for RH Movement convenor Dr. Esperanza Cabral, in an interview, said the SC decision only shows that democracy rules in the country and the upholding the RH Law is a victory for all women and female young adults as the RH Law will provide them better health and free informed choice.

Risa Hontiveros of Akbayan, also stressed that it is a total victory for the RH Law advocates. For the items in the law that were declared unconstitutional, she said that they will study and look into correcting it based on the wisdom of the Supreme Court.

For Pro-Life Lito David, he said that the SC ruling also favors their cause as there are provisions that were declared unconstitutional.

Te, in closing the press conference, said that like in any court decision, a party can file a motion for reconsideration after 15 days./JDP/CCD — PIA CAR

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In addition, the council shall help the organization in making good governance a shared responsibility between the PNP and its stakeholders.

HIGHLY RESPECTABLE

·Responds to calls for police assistance with competence and initiative.

·Reliable partner in ensuring road safety and security

·Performs assigned task effectively and with utmost efficiency.

PROFESSIONAL

·Engage s in daily pursuit of duties with competence and dedication.

·Exhibiting a courteous, conscientious and generally acceptable manner in all places of work.

·Following a high standard of conduct (GMRC)

GOD — CENTERED

·Possesses Strong faith in God and religions orientation.

·Performing all duties and responsibilities in accordance with moral obligations and will of the Almighty.

·Having a reverent feeling toward God.

Baguio City ... from page 10

Holy Week to reflect, and visit the churches especially the Baguio Cathedral and attend other religious services and activities.

In line with this, Alhambra bared that in partnership with other offices and volunteer groups, they will give priority in ensuring the comfort, safety and security of the visitors.

"Through teamwork of different offices of the city government, we will strictly monitor, implement regulatory measures and conduct other activities that are within our authority and at the same time provide necessary support to the different agencies involved, in ensuring that city visitors will have a good and safe visit", he said.

For peace and order, the Baguio City Police Office headed by city director P/SSupt. Rolando Miranda, has already activated "Implan Summer Vacation", wherein 27 police assistant desk are strategically positioned in the most visited destinations in the city. 359 volunteers will also augment the BCPO regular personnel in maintaining peace and order and in traffic management./JDP/CCD/Marlita Obingque and Kwame Birituwum — PIA Interns

Fall of Bataan ... from page 10

The war heroes were represented by members of the 66th Infantry Regiment of the United States Armed Forces in the Philippines-Northern Luzon (USAFIP-NL) who, side by side with the American forces, liberated Baguio on April 27, 1945, members of the USAFIP=NL and other veterans' groups, and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars under the Armed Forces of the United States.

They were joined by students, city officials, members of the Women's Auxiliary of the 66th, widows, children and grand-children of the veterans in the annual gathering marked by wreath-laying and messages from Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr. and acting city mayor Daniel Farinas.

The messages were summed up by Sherilyn Sabling of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office who said the rites were observed "to remind us of the hardships and struggles (of the veterans) and for them to inspire the younger generations".

As in previous years, the Philippine Military Academy contingent set the tone for the occasion with the posting of colors, offering of the 21-gun salute, providing the ruffles, taps and flourishes and assisting in the floral offering.

So did the speech choir of the Baguio City National High School which, under the direction of teachers Ann Margaret Chumacog-Garcia and Julia Beligan, revived the classic broadcast piece on the Fall of Bataan which was written by then Lt. Salvador Lopez and read by then Lt. Norman Reyes over the Voice of Freedom radio evening of April 9, 1942 from inside the Malinta Tunnel in Corregidor.

Col. Napoleon Gojo and fellow veteran Alberto Malote Bugtong, commander and vice-commander, respectively, of the USAFIP-NL, Willy Totanes, Arthur Gongon and Filipinas Ramones of the VFW, did the offering of wreaths.

They were followed by children, boy and girl scouts, war widows and the heroes' descendants who laid flowers of all sizes and colors at the foot of the marble pylon in front of the Wall of Heroes.

The Veterans Park, built in 1991 under the direction of then Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos, was recently re-fenced and spruced up with a P2 million fund promised last year by city mayor Mauricio Domogan.

Rites at the park will take on a lighter tone with the celebration of the 69th anniversary liberation of Baguio on April 27, according to city councilor Peter Fianza, chair of the twin observances honoring the country's war heroes./Dina O. Cardano.

Baguio City Gears up for the Influx Summer Visitors

BAGUIO CITY - The Summer Capital is all set for the ex-

pected influx of visitors for the Holy Week and the rest of the summer season.

According to City Tourism Of-

ficer Benny Alhambra, it is during the month of April that the number of Baguio visitors start to

peak, either to spend their summer vacation or stay for a few days or weeks and enjoy the cool climate and visit the

tourist destinations.

Alhambra also affirmed that some people opt to come to the city during the

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'Fall of Bataan' Recalled

A handful of war veterans— about 21 of them — inched their way to their

park along Harrison Rd. last Wednesday morning for the annual observance

of "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor) marking the Fall of Bataan

to invading Japanese forces on April 9, 1942.

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Farinas Designates City Water Board Members

BAGUIO CITY - Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas last week designated the members of the City Water Resources Board (CWRB) to serve as the depu-

tized agent of the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) in the city.

The move was in line with the recent city council action to make the city gov-

ernment the "automatic forced intervenor" through the CWRB in all applications for water permits before the NWRB as a way of regulating the operation of privately owned deep wells

which affect the groundwater resources and water security of the city."

In his Administrative Order No. 39, the acting mayor named the following as mem-

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BLISTT Forum in La Trinidad

BAGUIO CITY - The top executives of Baguio's adjoining municipalities vowed support to the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) concept during the consultation at the La Trinidad municipality Lednický Hall last Thursday morn-

ing.

Environmental needs such as water, Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL), clean-up for the Balili river tributaries; social needs such as housing, road network; and tourism, government policies and fund sources were among those dis-

cussed during the forum.

Host for the meeting, La Trinidad Mayor Edna Tabanda talked about the beginnings of BLISTT as Metro Baguio and its revival through the European Union and Local Government Development

Foundation (LOGODEF). She said BLISTT programs encompasses all sectors, including socio-economic and political boundaries.

She however pointed out the importance of cooperation and coordination between and among the municipalities and Baguio City. Interconnected within an area, we should

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The JUNCTION Pahayagang Palaban!!!

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RHPU-COR Conference on PNP

P.A.T.R.O.L. Plan 2030 Compliance

As required in the initial implementation of the P.A.T.R.O.L. Plan 2030 enhanced by Chief, PNP's Strategic Focus "C.O.D.E.-P:2013 and Beyond" through Performance Governance System (PGS), newly composed Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR Police Strategy Management Unit had undertaken a whole day conference on April 9, 2014 at RHPUCOR Regional Office, Government Center, Baguio City.

This activity was conducted to enhance the unit's Value Chain to attain the desired objective and to provide a visible roadmap towards the realization of the RHPU COR Vision which is aligned to the PNP Vision as a Whole.

Part of their agenda is to organize a Regional Advisory Council, which will oversee, monitor, and support the successful implementation of the Philippine National Police P.A.T.R.O.L. Plan 2030 in the Cordillera Administrative Region and to give information guide to the media to help explain to the public the purpose of the PNP patrol plan.

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Photo shows PSSUPT JERONIMO TABUSO CARBA, Chief, RHPU-COR presented the P.A.T.R.O.L. Plan 2030 enhanced by Chief, PNP's Strategic Focus "C.O.D.E.-P:2013 and beyond" through Performance Governance System (PGS) to compose Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR Police Strategy Management Unit being undertaken at RHPUCOR Regional Office, Government Center, Baguio City.



P2MILLION LOAN ASSISTANCE TO BAGUIO'S FINEST - Baguio's Finest Credit Cooperative chairman Louis Canon receives the ceremonial check worth P2million from Land Bank of the Philippines executive vice president Cecilia Borromeo and Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas deputy governor Hon. Diwa C. Gunigondo and BSP deputy director Louella Leones during the ceremonial release of loan under the Credit Surety Fund Program (CSFP) with the assistance of Baguio- CSFP chaired by Tolentino Opiano and the City Government of Baguio represented by Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas held at Baguio Country Club April 11./By Bong Cayahyah

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