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**ZERO CASUALTY** - Combined elements from Benguet Electric Cooperative, City Disaster Risk Management Council, various radio communication and rescue groups, other volunteers and men in uniform work hand-in-hand to save lives and properties leading to "Zero Casualty" in the city at the height of typhoon Gener. Photo shows **BENECO** linemen and volunteers jointly cut a pine tree about to fall endangering a building and electrical wires.— **B Bong Cayabyab**

## Monsoon Rains Batter City

**BAGUIO CITY** - Torrential rains triggered by typhoon "Gener" last week caused landslides and floods that sent 95 families to evacuation centers but no casualties.

The city remained on a red alert status as of last Friday as monsoon rains continued to pour intermittently.

The City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (CDRRMC) chaired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and action officer city administrator Carlos Canilao said 65 families from City Camp Proper and Lower Quarry barangays and 25 families from Lourdes Proper Barangay were moved to evacuation centers at the height of the monsoon rains that caused risen waters at the flood-prone City Camp basin.

The CDRRMC recorded ten flooding incidents, eight landslides including those along Quirino Highway, Irisan and Camp 7; nine soil erosions or eroded riprap; 32 fallen trees; 12 electrical problems; one

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## Lawmaker Pushes for Continuance of 2004 and 2007 Poll Fraud Senate Inquiry

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano called for the continuance of the Senate inquiry into the alleged 2004 and 2007 poll fraud in response to the granting of the bail petition of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in relation to the electoral sabotage raps she is currently facing.

He pointed out that while the Senate's main function is not to prosecute cases, its investigations do tend to produce facts that can be used for prosecution that will help move the wheels of justice in the country.

"Look at the plunder case against the former President filed in the Sandiganbayan. Almost all the evidence used to mount that case was taken from the Senate investigation. We produce results," he said.

The senator said that he has informally talked to Senator Aquilino Pimentel III asking him to continue the Senate inquiry into the alleged poll fraud.

"Our job is to find the truth in aid of legislation. We need to get the facts. We cannot change, amend or strengthen the law if we don't know what really happened. Based on that, we can make recommendations," he said.

The minority leader lamented the fact that the joint panel's investigation into the issue has yet to yield results saying he was "a bit dissatisfied with the results of their investigation".

"Remember, the result we want here is not to point fingers at who cheated or not. If no one cheated, then let's be honest with ourselves to say that no one cheated. But if someone did, we should determine who they are and how they did it," he said.

Cayetano stressed that with the 2013 midterm elections looming on the horizon, the Senate's inquiry is more urgently needed.

"The automation in 2010 was so important because it made it hard for election operators to sell their trade. This is why we have to make sure now that the PCOS machines will not be tampered with. But that's only safeguarding the election itself. Cheating happens before, during and after the elections," he said.

"Our role in the Senate is to keep exposing and re-exposing, to keep at them regarding this issue. If those who cheat see that this government means business and that it will put those who cheat behind bars, you'll have less people cheating in 2013. If not, it will be business as usual for election operators," he added. /Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

## New Dialysis Patient knows not where to turn to for help

As one of the latest additions to the growing number of patients with total kidney failure, 57-year old Milgaros Tait of Scout Barrio here confessed last Friday morning she didn't know who or where to turn to for her next hemodialysis session set later in the afternoon.

"Five hundred lang pera ko; 'yan lang nautang ko (I have only P500; that's what I was Cont. on page 9

## Baguio, BLISTT areas Finally Ink Cluster Development Approach

You're sure it's a government project if it takes too long to get off the ground and be implemented.

That ribbing on the Great Walls of China - which took centuries to build - may apply to some of the on-going road projects. Some urban planners say it also applies to the BLISTT concept of cluster development for Baguio and the adjoining towns of Benguet: La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay.

It took 18 years for these neighboring local government units to formally agree to pursue cluster planning. It's been a long way since 1994, the year when the European Community (EC) submitted an "Urban BLIST Master Plan", which formulation it funded, to guide the neighbor-LGUs (excluding Tublay then) to chart a joint development similar to that of Metro-Manila.

Regional economic and development planning chief, Director Leonardo Quito Jr. and Dr.

Virgilio Bautista, co-chair of the Regional Development Council, just couldn't care less about that length of time it took the mayors to ink the agreement.

Of the moment is the agreement that initially creates a "BLISTT Development Council" composed of the mayors themselves and to serve as "an initial structure for meetings and coordination until an acceptable BLISTT governance mechanism shall have evolved". Over those 18 years, the EU master plan became an on-and-off discussion item, with officials and planners of the five original LGUs supported by the EC to a study-tour of various parts of Europe, hopefully to inspire adoption and implementation of the concept.

The snag was partly due to the lingering feeling of the towns that their land and other resources would only be used for the benefit of Baguio, specially so that the cluster plan was initially dubbed "Metro-Baguio".

ment meeting last month, city mayor Mauricio Domogan again dispelled the fear, saying Baguio is already overcrowded and it will be the towns which will benefit from the cluster development approach.

In that meeting, Carmel Chamag of the National Economic and Development Authority noted the unbalanced development in the pre-BLSTT area, with rapid growth and congestion in Baguio and La Trinidad, compared to relatively low level infrastructure facilities and services, together with limited sources of local revenue in Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay.

Yet the expansion of population and congestion will eventually spill into these four adjoining towns, necessitating cluster planning with Baguio and La Trinidad. If "left uncontrolled and without concrete urgent intervention (such expansion) may adversely affect the natural resources of the LIUSTT areas," the agreement noted.

With structure or form in place

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## Sandal Donation Keys more Costly Humanitarian Service for Rotarians

Something's cooked up for the city jail, something as sweet as freshly baked bread. The ingredients got stirred when members of Rotary, the international service organization, visited while typhoon Genar was pouring last Thursday morning.

all from the Baguio Summer Capital chapter, had escorted to prison visiting Rotarian Stanley Tokigawa of Ala Moana District

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## Mayor Seeks Cooperation from Vendors

BAGUIO CITY – The city government here have opened up selected spaces in the city's public market for sidewalk vendors to sell their wares.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the weekly Ugnayan presser Wednesday said 25 stalls at Block 3 have been made available to accommodate vendors who wish to avail of the same.

Domogan however warned sidewalk vendors occupying congested streets and pedestrian pathways to cease and desist from illegal vending activities and cooperate with authorities to minimize inconvenience to the public.

"We appeal to vendors not to occupy places where they are not allowed to sell," Domogan said.

"I have ordered the inventory of Block 3 so other vendors can still be accommodated and we will also open stalls which are not being used," he said.

"It is not our intent to go out and arrest them but we want to make sure that vendors understand our city ordinances," Domogan said.

"We have to clear our sidewalks in order for it to be used as passage of people and not as vending areas," Domogan stressed.

"We have no choice but to implement our ordinances against peddling, don't blame us if we confiscate your goods," he said.

The Anti-Peddling Task Force will continue with saturation drives to rid the city from illegal vendors primarily in areas with high concentration of people.

The mayor said Block 4 is nearing completion and can accommodate more vendors.

The city government opened an alternative site for street vendors which designated Harrison Road as a 'night market vending area' from 9 in the evening to 4 in the morning, however due to inclement weather, vendors are unable to sell./paul rillorta

## DFA: Shorter Application Period for E-Passport Starts August

BAGUIO CITY - Good news for travelers and migrant workers. There will now be shorter period for passport application with Department of Foreign Affairs fully implementing the e-passport next month.

DFA Baguio Consular Office Regional Director Edgar Canta, in an interview over PIA Hour Radio Program Thursday, disclosed that starting August 6, the waiting period for the processing of regular application of e-passport will be shortened from the usual 30 working days (six weeks) to 20 working days or four weeks.

For the rush or expedite application, from the usual 20 working days waiting period for the processing of e-passport, it will now be shortened to 10 working days or two weeks.

At the DFA Consular Office in Manila and the DFA extension office at the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), from the usual seven working days for the expedite processing of e-passport, it will also be shortened to three to four working days.

The fee will remain at P950 for the regular application and P1,200 for the rush/expedite application and this will be implemented in all regional consular offices nationwide, Canta said.

Meantime, Canta informed that DFA is continuously working hard to improve it service and bring it closer to the people. He disclosed that DFA signed a Memorandum of Agreement with various malls all over the country in what they call 'mallization' or the transfer of their regional consular offices to a mall in their area.

For Baguio RCO, Canta announced that they are set to transfer to SM City Baguio by September. He hopes that by then, their request for augmentation, both personnel and equipment, will be approved.

According to Canta, at present, there are only seven personnel assisting him and two data capturing machines for the bio-metrics. They have a quota of 200 application a day but it actually reaches around 250 a day as they also accommodate special clients such as senior citizens, infants, pregnant mothers, person with disabilities and those clients that fall under assistance to nationals or ATN.

With the limited personnel and equipment, Carta reiterates his appeal to the public to bear with them, as they are doing their best and even extending beyond the usual work time just to accommodate all their clients in each day./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

**HEROES' HERO - City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Council volunteer Fernan Ballado of the City Administrator's Office, braves the stong wind and heavy rain as he cuts down a pine tree endangering a cottage and its occupants along Teachers Camp at the height of typhoon Gener. Ballada earned the respect of his peers in risking his own life for**



**singlehandedly saving five persons, extracting two dead bodies and constructing coffins at the height of typhoon "Pedring" two years ago. Ballada is also well known by his peers as "Dare Devil and Jack Of All Trades"./ By Bong Cayabyab**

## Amended Terms for Led Technology Studied

BAGUIOCITY – The city council is considering the amendments on the approved the terms of reference (TOR) for the streetlight replacement and management venture using the Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology.

The body in December last year approved Resolution No. 446 series of 2011 providing the TOR for the streetlight management deal with a qualified company but a refinement was sought by the Special Bids and Awards Committee formed by the mayor to jumpstart the bidding procedures.

The city at present incurs P42.32 million electric bill per year for a total of 8,200 lighting fixtures lighting streets, alleys, parks, overpasses and flyovers plus P24.08 million for the lighting of government offices and schools.

Under the venture, the city hopes to cut down its power costs through a cost-saving share scheme with a qualified company.

The said firm is expected to undertake replacement at no expense to the city within six months upon signing of the contract and to take charge of the repair and maintenance of all installed LED lighting equipment for a period of 12 years.

The proposed new terms are as follows:

\*The Service Provider must strictly adhere with the technical specifications as indicated in the Purchase Request and lay-out;

\*a. One hundred percent of the LED lights, excluding the fixtures to be supplied, must be assembled or manufactured in the Philippines. This is in line with the Filipino-first policy of

the State...

b. The Supplier/Service provider shall submit a certification that the assembler or manufacturer of all the LED lights excluding the fixtures to be supplied, must be ISO 9001:2008 certified for 'Design and Manufacturing of Electronic transformers, Electronic Ballasts, LED Lighting Applications and General Lighting Systems;'

c. The Service Provider shall submit a certification that the assembler or manufacturer 100 percent of the LED lights excluding fixtures to be supplied must be currently operating and must have at least 15 years of continuous experience in designing and manufacturing of any electronic equipment or device in the Philippines;

\*Random sampling shall be conducted by the service provider to measure the actual watt-

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## City Officials Insist Segregation Must Cover Entire Area of 13 Barangays

BAGUIOCITY – The segregation of the 13 barangays from the Camp John Hay reservation

should apply to the entire land area covered by the barangays and not just the occupied

portions.

City officials stressed this to the Bases Conversion Cont. on page 11

## Piece Meal Justice

"If we are to keep democracy, there must be a commandment: Thou shalt not ration justice," US federal judge Learned Hand wrote before his death in 1961.

Here, "21% of trials take 2 to 5 years to finish, and 13% take more than 5 years," acting Supreme Court chief justice Antonio Carpio told a Central Luzon convention of the Integrated Bar, "There has to be a sea change... Judicial reform is simply too important to fail".

Carpio pitched his address to an audience beyond IBP: a nation scrambling, to close the gap, left by impeachment of its 23rd chief justice. The Senate fired Renato Corona by a 20-to-3 vote. It nailed the "Capo" for stashing unreported dollars while fiddling with Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The unsaid context was decisions, by the Corona court, that rationed justice. Crammed with justices, handpicked by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, the Corona majority served as bouncers for GMA's interests, claim critics. They include President Benigno Aquino III.

## EDITORIAL

The Arroyo-majority stitched a legal fig leaf for

"midnight appointment" of Corona, papered over Rep. Dato Arroyo's jerry-mandering in Camarines, then rammed thru a temporary restraining order that'd have allow Arroyo to flee. Now in hospital detention, GMA denies charges of plunder and election sabotage.

Serial skewed decisions, by the Arroyo justices eroded the Court's moral high ground. Among others, these included repeated flip-flopping of 16 towns into cities, paralysis on the PAL flight attendants and stewards case to murmuring amen as Eduardo Cojuangco pocketed 16.2 million in San Miguel Corp. shares, funded by coco farmers levies. "The biggest joke to hit the century", snapped then Justice Carpio Morales.

Carpio's program jump starts the stalled Judiciary Reform program initiated by Chief Justice Hilario Davide. These include (a) case decongestion, (b) integrity and independence of judges, (c) compensation of judges, court administration, and training. (d) Transparency and accountability. "Clean-house" measures, instituted day after impeachment, underpin this road map for the future.

"Sunlight is the best disinfectant," counseled Justice William O. Douglas, who served longest (almost 37 years) in the US Supreme Court. On his first day as acting chief justice, Carpio prodded once reluctant justices to direct judges: Disclose SALNs "as mandated by the Constitution and the law."

It helped that Carpio opened his SALN long before the Corona conviction. "The Supreme Court has done this as part of the lessons learned from the recent impeachment trial", he said. "Leaders of the Judiciary must lead by example".

Post on the Court's website, what were once kept hush-hush, Carpio directed. At the click of a computer mouse, you can surf today what former Senator Rene Saguisag and researchers were repeatedly denied access to: reports on the Judiciary Development Fund and Special Allowance for Judges, plus those by Commission on Audit.

"This is really a no brainer since all these are public documents," Carpio explained. "This is part of the new transparency and accountability policy".

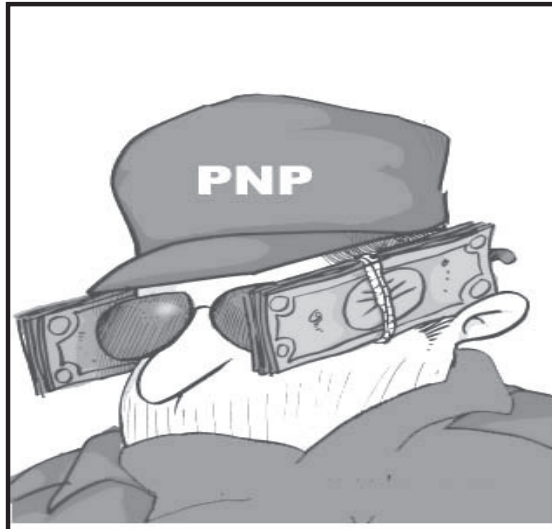
Quit shilly-shallying. Move decisively into the digital age. Adopt a computerized case management system, as demonstrated by the Court of Appeals "widely acknowledged worldwide as a success". By end of 2012, Presiding Justice Andres Reyes foresees the CMS system will ensure that all cases are decided 12 months from end of trial.

If the CA can do it, why not the Supreme Court? In fact, CMS for trial courts is being pilot tested in all Quezon City trial courts. If successful, the trial court CMS will be deployed nationwide in 2013.

Simplify, simplify, simplify. Streamline trial procedures, patterned after four existing special rules in corporate controversies, environmental issue and intellectual property rights.

"Internet connection for all courthouses is now a necessity. Access to the Supreme Court's ELibrary will put at the fingertips of all judges nationwide all the jurisprudence and laws they need in writing decisions. Every judge and justice will be provided with a USB 3G wireless thumb drive...

Filter cases through mediation. "Out of 209,165 civil cases mediated as of May 2012, the success rate was 64%. And out of 23,979 civil cases placed under judicial dispute resolution as of May 2012, the success rate was 40%. Judicial dispute resolution is a second sieve. It sifted 78% of all civil **Cont. on page 11**



## ADVOCACY MINDANAW

*Pnoy Hits Kabayan Noli*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



TV Patrol's anchor Kabayan Noli de Castro was the target of presidential tongue lashing the other night during the ABS-CBN's big party bash. President Noynoy intentionally went ballistic and accused the TV network of negative reporting in the very party of the network where he was invited as guest of honor. I must say it was a calculated move. Malacanang must have figured out that hitting ABS-CBN right there in its own turf will deliver effectively and pointedly the message.

Let's watch how ABS CBN handles this. It can do either of two things: fires Noli from his job. Or ignores it. Noli can also either stop his "snide side comments" when delivering the news (which is trademark "Kabayan") or merrily continues his style of reporting unmindful of the presidential rebuke. From what I heard, TV Patrol later in the evening commented on the incident by someone saying: "Wag pikon". (Don't be short tempered.) evidently directed at the President.

No doubt, the president had the right to say what he had to say. Media also enjoyed the same freedom. So, no big deal!

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PGMA -- A few days ago, I was in the farm and out of reach when former President GMA was released from detention. I learned about it later in the evening as I watched the news on TV. I had mixed feelings. I felt glad and relieved watching her leave her detention area. Now, the wheels of justice are turning. But then a rush of melancholy feeling swept through me as I watched the coverage. She is in a unenviable situation. Her legal ordeal is worsened by her health conditions. As one who had served the country as its highest official, she deserves to be treated with dignity as a former president of the republic, considering that at this stage, she still has every citizen's right to be presumed innocent. Like any other ordinary citizen, she also deserves a fair and impartial trial. What will happen next to her in her legal ordeal is left to the courts and the justice system to determine. As for her health and her future, I think she will opt to leave it all to God's own divine plan.

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GENSAN -- I visited General Santos City last Tuesday. The downtown traffic was already bothering commuters. But it was a good sign. That meant the place was active and bubbling with activities. Newly built SM Gensan, a behemoth of a structure in the heart of downtown is slated to open next month, August. It will become the biggest hub in this southwest corner of Mindanao.

I left Gensan heading for Davao about 7 pm and by 8 pm or about an hour later, I got word that an explosion took place somewhere near one of the main streets destroying a parked vehicle. Only a tricycle driver was injured as he was near the site of the explosion. It was intended to scare someone rather than terrorize people. As what I have consistently stressed, violent incidents like these should not deter us or slow us down. All the more that we should work together and not allow such events to disrupt normalcy. We should not allow the bad guys to think they are dominating our lives. **Cont. on page 9**

**KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS**

*Drug-Crazed Frat Masters;  
Reason for Rains*

**BY: BATAS MAURICIO**



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... when you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you..." (Deuteronomy 30:2-3, the Holy Bible).

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**MARCOS FRAT MASTERS DRUG-CRAZED?** One item the National Bureau of Investigation should look into in its investigation on the fatal fraternity hazing of San Beda law student Mark Andrei Marcos is a report circulating in Ramos, Tarlac that those who beat him to death were all drug-crazed at the time of the initiation. The San Beda fraternity masters, the report is saying, imbibe drugs regularly during initiation rites, to intentionally turn themselves into mean beaters.

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**ALARM: MORE RAINS, FLOODS, WINDS COMING:** The severe rains and floods and strong winds that are wreaking death and destruction in our country more regularly now are happening, in more or less the same severity, in many other countries likewise. The headline news bear witness to the fact that rains, floods and strong winds, with their resulting fatalities and wastage of property, are here to stay, and there is no need to be surprised anymore that they are even happening with regularity.

Once again, I sound the alarm: there will be more of these rains, floods and strong winds to come. More will die, and more will suffer financial losses because of them. This is a matter that had been foretold a long time ago, by Jesus Christ our God and Savior. In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus said the rains, floods and strong winds will come, and only those who care to believe and obey will be spared.

Jesus said: "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.

"But 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..."

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**REASON WHY WE HAVE RAINS, FLOODS, WINDS:** Many of us may find it hard to believe that the rains, floods and strong winds we are experiencing right now are all happening simply because Jesus Christ said they are going to happen in Matthew 7:24-27. Many will in fact say that these rains, floods and strong winds are occurring because of global warming and climate change and other environmental problems, and they will of course be correct.

But then, what cannot be denied here is the fact that even global warming and climate change and the other environmental problems plaguing the world right now were all similarly predicted and foretold, and were already warned about, to happen, by the Bible, particularly in its Deuteronomy 28:15, 22-23.

Indeed, even if we do not believe in Jesus, or even if we say there is no God, we can at least believe that the admonitions and predictions of the Bible, in the passages that we have cited here, are all happening in the manner that they were foretold to happen. This is important in our efforts to either find a solution to the rains, floods and strong winds, or in sparing ourselves from the death and destruction in their aftermath, on top of whatever the world is trying to do now.

The real cure now is, we must return to God, whatever we conceive Him to be, start listening to Him **Cont. on page 9**

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*ATTENTION : Mga Medyas  
atbp.. Extortion - 2K lang  
PIYANSA!!! Part 2*

**BY: ODELL P. AQUINO**

**KONTING COMMONSENSE LANG !!!**

Sa dakong ito ay mejo pag isipan natin at bigyan ng pansin yun salitang commonsense. Ayon sa sinumpaang salaysay ni Mr. Robert Merene ( single ) 50K na raw ang kanyang naibigay na nila ng kanyang business partner na si Jasmine Egdan ( married ) na wala daw silang iligal na pasugalan sa nasabing lugar . Ang ibig sabihin ng common sense mga dear readers ay ito ba ay isang kagagal na kontra sa pangkaraniwan at lohikal na pangangatwiran so bakit naman nila ako bibigyan ng isang napakalaking halaga na singkwenta mil o fifty thousand kung walang pasugalan sa may lugar ng Kayang St. O hindi ba kapitan Rene Biagtan at Mga Kagalang Galang na mga Kagawad at kayong mga Magagaling at Matatalinong mga pulis sa Intelligence Unit, ito kayang salaysay ni Robert merene (single) ay siyang kapanipaniwala kaya at kung ito ay mejo napalaki ang kanyang isinasabing ibinigay sa akin ay bakit naman siya magbibigay sa akin ng kahit na singkwenta pesos ( P50) kung wala naman silang isinasagawnag iligal. ALAM NINYO MGA PULIS NG STATION 7 at INTELLIGENCE UNIT ang hiling ko lang sa inyo ay huwag na ninyong payagan ang siyang nagaganap na pasugalan sa nasabing lugar at nagmumukha na kayong masyadong matatalino dala ng inyong mga cover up !!! Please lang mga kagalang galang na concerned members ng PNP please lang , this is my final request and warning sa inyo, kung hindi ninyo sila ipapatigil sigisiguraduhin ko na mayroon ibang kaukulan ahensiya na hindi nakapatong sa kanila ang siyang mag papatigil ng pasugalan sa nasabing lugar at kung ganun ang mangyayari ay hindi magandang tignan, please lang mga APO !!! And please lang, huwag na ninyong ipanglandakan na isang Barangay Bingo Socials ang siyang nagaganap at ito ay mayroon Barangay Resolution for Fund Raising, ibang klase rin ano mahigit apat na buwan na yan barangay fund raising na yan. Bat di na lang ninyo gawin forever fund raising habang naka upong kupitan este kapitan si Biagtan!?! Alam natin na pwede ang barangay bingo socials for fund raising at hindi mga ibang uri ng pasugalan katulad ng Color Games, Drop Ball etc..., Kaya kayong mga PULIS tigilan na rin ninyo ang pag sasagot sa amin mga liham na ang naka litrato ay ang bingo tables sapagkat hindi naman tayo pareparehong bulag kung saan mayroon din mga ibang lamesahan na pang Color Games at Drop Ball, so once again ang ibig sabihin ng commonsense kung ating unawain at iaaply sa kasalukuiyan sitwasyon ay bakit mayroon Color Games at Drop Ball table sa isang lugar kung walang nagaganap na pasugalan. O baka pang display lamang ang mga lamesahan na yun!?! Yun mga nakapatong na MEDYAS, PNP at iba pa, pabala ko sa inyo hindi ako magaatubili na iexpose ang mga iba pa ninyong katarantaduhan (damay-damay na) kung ipagpapatuloy ninyo ang cover-up nila Mr. Single at Mrs. Married.

## Kalinga Town Opens Landfill Facility

BALBALAN, Kalinga – This fast developing municipality has opened a public landfill facility as part of its waste management program.

According to Mayor Kenneth Dale Mangaoang, it is imperative to develop the facility as early as now before it will be too late to identify where to dump the town's wastes.

The municipal government had obtained a two-hectare landfill in Barangay Balantoy, several kilometers from residential areas.

Mangaoang said the municipal government is now constructing a road leading to the naturally formed bowl, very ideal for the purpose. The facility is seen for long use where garbage from the entire municipality could be deposited, Mangaoang said.

Meanwhile, residents of Balbalan are taught on backyard compost system as way to eliminate biodegradable waste products and are encouraged to practice waste segregation where recyclable wastes are collected./LL-PIA CAR, Kalinga

## Cases of Diabetes Increasing; Obesity and Sedentary Lifestyle Primary Risk Factors, Expert says

**BAGUIO CITY** - Around seven percent or six million Filipinos are diabetic and the World Health Organization (WHO) has projected that cases will continue to rise and will reach 7.8 million by 2030, which will put the Philippines in the top ten countries with the highest prevalence of diabetes worldwide.

Dr. Francis Pizarro of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) Diabetes Clinic stressed this during the Department of Health (DOH-CAR) led kapihan media forum here last Wednesday.

According to Pizarro, for BGHMC alone, there is a noted increase in diabetic cases. From the less than 50 new cases a year when they started screening in 1988, it increased to about 150 to 200 a year by 2000. The increasing trend continued over the years and present data indicates about 250 to 300 new cases a year.

He also disclosed that though diabetes is mostly prevalent among adults, there is a noted trend now that diabetes patients are getting younger and even becoming prevalent among teenagers, mostly due to obesity and sedentary lifestyle.

In which Pizarro reminded that as the nation observes National Diabetes Awareness Week from July 25 - 29, 'let us also be wary and work together for the prevention of diabetes, which though a non-communicable disease, is also a dreadful disease.'

Diabetes, he explained, is also more of a hereditary disease thus he is advising the close relatives of a diagnosed diabetic that as a preventive measure, they should visit a diabetes clinic and have their blood sugar screened.

Pizarro is also reminding the public to have a healthy lifestyle and diet as well as to regularly watch their weight.

"Drink plenty of water and eat more fruits. Avoid food with high fat, high sugar and high salt content. Reduce intake of desert food and eating fast food. Stop smoking and avoid intoxicating drinks. Enjoy your life by balancing work, leisure and family activities", Pizarro advises./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## Ifugao Solon says PNOY's Third SONA is the Best

**LAGAWE, Ifugao** - The third State of the Nation Address (SONA) of President Benigno S. Aquino III yesterday before the joint session of the 15th Congress, is the best so far since his accomplishments which he presented can be validated in Ifugao.

This is the assessment of Ifugao Congressman Teddy Baguilat Jr adding that some of PNoy's accomplishments which were implemented in the province are the paving of national roads and energization of sitios.

He also said that most of the applauded moment was the president's pitch on the Reproductive Health which he and his colleagues must now take as a signal that the president wants RH passed now. Baguilat is one of the authors of the said bill.

"I am also happy that he pushed for the passage of a new mining law," Baguilat said adding that this could be a signal for congress to prioritize the passage of the bill which they authored that would establish more no mining zones and raise royalties for the indigenous peoples and more government share in revenue.

Moreover, Baguilat commended the President on his education goals and also finds the rice production and tourism arrivals projection worthy to pursue adding that he is ready to support programs he finds meritorious through the budget.

He also said that the president's spiel against illegal logging is great sound byte. 'I really hope it would deserve equal force in sustained action', Baguilat said.

However, Baguilat lamented that the President did not mention his administration's vision for the indigenous peoples' or the push for Cordillera Autonomy. This he said means that all concerned in the region have long way to go to educate and convince Malacanang of a program to protect IPs laws as well supporting Cordi's right to self determination thru autonomy.

Baguilat also mentioned the non inclusion of the Freedom Of Information ((FOI) considering that the SONA touched on the continuing fight against corruption and Baguilat opined that FOI is an anti-corruption measure.

## Ifugao PNP Partners with Private, Public Groups for Responsive Governance System

**LAGAWE, Ifugao** - Consistent with the government's thrust of raising the country's governance standards, the Philippine National Police here partners with other stakeholders from the government and private sector for an effective, sustainable and responsive governance system.

PNP Provincial Director PSSUPT. Laurence Mombael, in his letter to the Philippine Information Agency inviting it as a member a Multi-Sectoral Governance Council (MSGC)- Provincial Advisory Council (PAC), said that this will promote good governance as a means to fight corruption, sustain economic growth, uphold the rule of law and maintain political stability.

The Performance Governance System (PGS) is a management system that efficiently and methodically institutionalizes good governance and encourages organizations to adopt a framework that delivers breakthrough results. Through a carefully designed and tailor-made support service, the PGS contributes in raising governance standards by institutionalizing an operating system that links strategy with execution, focusing on the attainment of a long-term vision and strengthening private public partnership.

The PGS, Mombael explained, further requires that the MSGC-PAC is composed of sectoral leaders or individuals known for their integrity, probity and leadership be established to support the PNP in the successful implementation and monitoring of their strategic transformation roadmap.

The MSGC-PAC shall also serve as an advisory body of the PNP and shall significantly contribute to the implementation of the PNP's Integral Transformation Program- Performance Governance System.

The PNP believes that the institutionalization of the PGS in the PNP is an important undertaking of their organization as they enhance their role in promoting the country's global competitiveness, primarily through their work in the field of peace, order and security. "Through this process of actively involving the MSGC-PAC, we can make good governance a shared responsibility between the PNP and our stakeholders," Mombael said.

PSI Ayson Tenenan, who is in charge of the said program, said that aside from the PIA, the other sectors which will form part of the MSGC are senior citizens, academe, Vice governor's office, youth, transport and business sector./VDB PIA-CAR/IFUGAO

## Gaang Pocket Miners Gear Towards Mercury-Free Mining Practice

**BALBALAN, Kalinga** - Pocket mining in this upland town in Kalinga gears towards mercury-free after Ban Toxics, a global advocate of non-toxics, started its advocacy in the province against use of mercury in mining.

The local government of this town has allowed pocket mining in Barangay Gaang but is under close watch and regulation.

Ban Toxics has convinced pocket miners here to shift from the use of mercury in their operation to other non-hazard agents.

Mercury, a highly toxic element, is commonly used by miners who practice crude gold panning method to collect raw gold dust. Unmindful of its effects, they just drain the mercury into water ways bringing great hazards to health and the environment. The traces of mercury found in the waters of the Chico River has been attributed to this practice.

Balbalan Mayor Kenneth Dale Mangaoang reported that Gaang miners have heeded the advice of Ban Toxics and are slowly adopting a new system that is mercury-free.

Among the guidelines imposed by the municipal government in the Gaang pocket mining operations include no mine worker below 14 years old, no pregnant women and that every worker must be physically fit as shown by a medical certificate./LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga

Meanwhile, Governor Eugene Balitang said that the president's SONA is a very sincere statement of facts on what was accomplished in his two years in office. "His sincerity in devoting himself to public service through "matuwid na daan" can be felt," Balitang said.

On the other hand, Mayor Mario Buyuccan of Hingyon said that the SONA is good especially the programs of the government such as the Philhealth which is very helpful to the people especially the indigents./VDB PIA-CAR/IFUGAO

## Dredging of Chico River Starts this 2012

TABUK CITY, Kalinga — The city government has earmarked P13.5 million fund for to dredging this year of the silted Chico River this year.

To undertake the project, Mayor Ferdinand B. Tubban informed the city government has organized the Chico River Dredging Task Force, a composite body from the city government, Provincial Engineering Office, Department of Public Works and Highways, National Irrigation Administration, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and District Office of the Congressman.

The project is set for implementation immediately after the group has threshed out the guidelines on the project, Tubban said. He also bared that a certain portion of the fund shall be used also for the dredging of Baligatan Creek.

Explaining that dredging of the Chico is not just a one-time activity, Tubban said the city government has prepared a continuing program of work for the project starting this 2012. He admitted that the entire work entails higher appropriation but the initial release to is just to start the project going.

Farmers in the area have long clamored and expressed fear that their lands would be totally consumed by raging waters from the river if the problem on over siltation is unattended. Many hectares of rice lands in down-stream Tabuk and at the west bank of the Chico River have been carried off by flood waters every time the river is swollen from typhoons.

The work starts at specific points where silt deposits are high in order to maximize result from the initial funding of the project, particularly in Barangays Suyang, Calanan, Laya West and Cabaruan./JDP/LL-PIA CAR, Kalinga

## DOST, MIRDC Strengthens Metals/Engineering Industry of Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Metal Industry Research Development Center (MIRDC) spearheaded yesterday the launching of a technical training project which aims to boost the competitiveness of the metals and engineering industry in the Cordillera region.

The technical training is part of the capacity building project for the "Clustering of Regional Enterprise for Agro-industrial Machinery and Parts Manufacturing" (CREAMM) for Capacity Building program initiated by the Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR).

Mercedita Abutal, Chief Planning and Management Division of MIRDC, in presenting the project, stressed that the program is in line with President Benigno Aquino III's countryside development directive to use science and technology (S & T) for capacity building to boost the employability of the country's workforce.

The training program includes Blueprint Reading and Basic Machine Shop Operations such as Benchwork and Deburring, she said.

To further boost the competitiveness of the metal/engineering industry of Cordillera, private partners will also come in such as Moog Controls Corp., who will provide in-plant training for the program beneficiaries, Abutal informed.

According to Moog Control Corp. Human Resource Manager Efren Alberto, the metal and engineering industry has a large market. For Moog alone, it is presently in need of 206,000 hours of benchwork and 318,000 hours of machining, which is why it is important to provide capacity building training to our region's workforce so that we can accommodate such captured market here, he stressed.

Meantime, RDC Co-chair Dr. Virgilio Bautista also stressed the importance of strengthening the metal and engineering workforce and enterprises in the region as it will bring in economic development and will help in poverty alleviation through creation of employment.

Citing the Moog Controls Corp. as an example, Bautista stressed that it has already a captured market, especially in the aerospace industry abroad, which is why it is also its goal to increase from 30 percent to 70 percent, the locally manufactured components or parts that Moog is supplying to its market. This can be done, he said, through capacity building and strengthening of the metal/engineering industry in the region.

Other partners for such endeavor are the Metalworking Industries Association of the Philippines (MIAP), Cordillera Aerospace and Industrial Manufacturing Technologies Corporation (CAIMTEC).

Also inaugurated during the launching were the new equip-

## Cordillera RDC Official Expresses Support to P-Noy's Programs, Projects

BAGUIO CITY - Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) Co-chair Dr. Virgilio Bautista attested the country's development and the achievements of the government under President Benigno S. Aquino III's 25 months in office.

According to Bautista, the President's State of the Nation Address (SONA) yesterday was comprehensive with credible statistics and also gave a good idea of more developments to come as far as his vision of good governance of 'Tuwid na daan' is concerned.

Bautista said that the country's development and 'Tuwid na Daan' governance is also being felt in the region. "To cite some example, I am happy to report that the Department of Public Works and Highways Regional Office got a P3.3 billion budget for this year for road infrastructure projects here in Cordillera and for 2013 it will double to P6.6 Billion. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR) also gets a bigger share as far as regional allocation is concerned," Bautista stressed.

He also lauded the President's goal of concreting all primary and secondary national roads all over the country by 2016, which this would surely bring in economic development to the region. At present, only about 50 percent of the region's national roads is paved.

On education, Bautista said the President's goal of addressing the classroom and textbook shortage as well as increasing allocation of budget for the education sector, particularly the Department of Education and the state colleges and universities (SUCs) is a welcome development for the region, an educational center in the North.

Bautista reiterated Aquino's call for continuing thrust and support for the government's programs as he stressed that through the people's support and cooperation, all the visions, dreams and projections of the President for the nation are achievable.

"Not all of us voted for the president, but I believe that if we continue to support his programs all the goals and projections he stressed are achievable. We have a good saying in management that good plans fail if the people do not support it but even not so good plans could succeed if we all work together and make it work", Bautista stressed.

Bautista joined the NIIT-Baguio students, members of the local media and some community folk, in the public viewing of the President's 2012

SONA at the at the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Regional Office, Monday.

President Aquino, in his third SONA, reported the country's growth and development in his 25 months in office, which included improved economic stability as the international community foresees it, great improvement in terms of good governance, poverty alleviation, universal health care – especially financial risk protection for the poor, infrastructure development, rural electrification, peace and order as well as reforms on the educational, agriculture, employment; and human development especially to the special sector of society, the old and person with disabilities, among others.

He cited indomitable and positive spirit of Filipinos as his inspiration in his accomplishments in the last two years which he said were collectively accomplishments of the the Filipino people who put their thrust in his 'Tuwid na Daan' governance.

He also called for the people's continuous thrust and cooperation so all together we can bring our country to greater heights./ CCD/PIA CAR

ment and training center for the program at the TESDA Regional Training Center (RTC) in Loakan Road, Baguio City.

TESDA RTC Administrator Engr. John Adawey, in an interview, disclosed that the 35 initial beneficiaries of this the program will undergo a 20-day training and about 10 days in –plant training inside Moog. This aims to provide the trainees adequate skills for them to have a high-level of employability. In addition, all of the products that the trainees will make under the program will also be sold-out to Moog Control Corporations.

Other launching program guests include MIRDC Executive Director Arthur Lucas Cruz and DOST Assistant Regional Director Dr. Nancy Bantog, Engr. Edward Frenzel Yapayapan of MIAP and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Benguet Provincial Director Angela Gabriel.

The MIRDC is an attached agency of the DOST directly supporting the metals and engineering industry with services designed to enhance its competitive advantage./ JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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**VIVIAN A. NEPOMUCENO**  
Applicants  
Case No:2007-CAR-0018  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 22, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant 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 and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon by 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. CLAVIER-Regional Director this 26th day of July 2012.

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

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**VIVIAN A. NEPOMUCENO**  
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Baguio City

**WASHINGTON PARAN**  
Applicants  
Case No:93-CAR-178  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA - BALENBEN - IRISAN and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 15, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER-Regional Director this 19th day of July 2012.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
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**ELMER D. BADOL**  
Applicants  
Case No:2011-CAR-69  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA - GREEN VALLEY (Brgy. Dontoagan) and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER-Regional Director this 30th day of July 2012.

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**DENNIS O. MANUYAG**  
Applicants  
Case No:2003-CAR-593  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA - SCOUT BARRIO and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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Attorney IV

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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.

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't treat animals as if they are important than humans. Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals - not to mention superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as behaving better than they do, and not worse, let's start treating even the animals as we would like to be treated ourselves.

cept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals" it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. on human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin to believe that humans are one as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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**Monsoon Rains Batter City.....from page 1**

totally damaged house and two partially damaged others as of Friday morning.

A taxi driver identified as Bernardo Teano was reportedly injured when a fallen electric post pinned his driven taxi cab on August 1 along upper Session Road. He was treated at the Baguio General Hospital and medical Center (BGHMC) sustaining only slight injuries.

There was minimal power outage and the three main access roads, Kennon Road, Marcos Highway and Naguilian Road, remained passable.

No estimate of amount for damages was released as investigations of the damaged infrastructures are still being undertaken by the city engineer's office under Leo Bernardez and the city buildings and architecture office under Oscar Flores.

Mayor Domogan has ensured prompt daily announcements of suspension of classes since July 31. Classes in pre-school and elementary level remained suspended as of Friday.

The mayor reminded the public that requests for assistance during calamities may be coursed through the CDCC which maintains the following phone numbers: 442-1901 to 442-1905./ Paul Rillorta and Aileen Refuerzo

**Advocacy Mindanow.....**

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**BAD GUYS --** We who have lived in Mindanao and have gone through rough times have learned that we should not allow the bad guys to win or control our lives. I recall President FVR always teaching us:" continue with the normal activities as you deal with those incidents. To allow violent incidents to strike fear in our hearts will mean victory for them." I applied this to several incidents in the past.

When armed men ambushed and killed about 20 mine workers in Canatuan, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte many years ago as a pressure tactic to drive away the company, the first tendency was for the company to suspend operations. But no, to do so would give victory to those who wanted to terrorize people. The company stayed the course and over the years, the community turned around and realized that the company deserved support for the benefits it provided to them. To this day, the mining company enjoys the support of the IPs, the community and the locals.

When Siocon town itself was attacked again later by rebels killing some policemen and civilians at the height of its fiesta celebration, President GMA herself went to the town, rallied the people to stay the course. The action paid off.

In the end the bad guys don't win!  
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**COL MIRANDA --** A straight-talking Army officer who has spent considerable time in the south is Col. Dobie Miranda, commanding officer of the 1002nd Philippine Army brigade based in the Sarangani province. I dropped by and visited him for a few updates at his brigade headquarters at Malandag along the Davao-Gensan highway a few days ago.

His officers and men are balancing the operational imperatives of dealing with security threats and the more sustainable peace and development framework through the PDOP (Peace and Development

Outreach Program) that wins the hearts and minds of the community. The effort is gaining ground.

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**PEACE EDUCATION ---** In Sarangani province, peace education will soon be integrated in the school curriculum under the leadership of Gov. Migs Dominguez. Some school principals are undergoing training for the purpose. There's no substitute to getting our young students oriented on peace building and the culture of peace. Multi-ethnic population needs social cohesion for sustainable peace.

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**MILF AS VOTERS ---** In Mamasapano and Shariff Aguak towns in Maguindanao, some rebels were observed as having registered as voters. According to sources, this is a good indication that there is confidence among some MILF rebels that negotiated peace is soon to come. MILF institutionally as a rebel organization ,by the way, does not participate in elections.

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**LAWYER-TO-BE ---** I met former North Cotabato Governor Manny Pinol at the airport. He told me he is now enrolled as first year law student at the Cor Jesu College in Digos City in the south. He explained: " Now I am 58 years old. I will be 62 years old four years from now. But if I take up law now, four years from now I will still be 62 years old AND A LAWYER.!" Never too old for that new career, Manny!

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**MELTDOWN --** Scientists said the melting of the ice sheets in Greenland is now faster than before due to global warming and climate change. If Greenland glaciers all melt, the sea level will rise by about 7 meters or about 23 feet! Many places on earth will just disappear from the map! Let's all practice swimming!

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**BOBOT SEBASTIAN --** Our friend, Bobot Sebastian was laid to rest yesterday Sunday. He lived a full life. He served the country as former President FVR's agriculture secretary. In his private capacity, he also enhanced the agriculture landscape through his farms and pioneering business ventures. Although originally from Luzon, he was a true Mindanao leader. Our condolences to Melba and the family.

**Kakampi mo ang Batas**

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once again, and commit ourselves to fully obey His commands and decrees once more. Then, as the Biblical passage at the opening of this column says, "then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes".

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**REACTIONS?** Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193 or 0922 833 43 96. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).

**EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

That an Extra Judicial Settlement Of Estate was entered into on July 18, 2012 by the heirs of ALFONSO S. FLORES who died on April 29, 2011 in Baguio City without any will. At the time of his death the deceased left his Conjugal Property in the parcel of land situated at Sanitary Camp, Baguio City covered by TCT No. T-64532. This settlement was entered into the Notarial Registry of Atty. Esteban A. Somngi , under Doc No. 130 ; Page No. 26 ; Book no. XXI ; Series of 2012 .

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**New Dialysis**

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able to borrow)," she texted.

She had, and will have enough reason to be panicky, given the diagnosis last February: chronic kidney disease stage V secondary to diabetic nephropathy, anemia, hypertension.

To survive, she has to undergo twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for life. It's four hours at a time, in her case the last of three shifts, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., to cleanse the blood of waste through filtering by the dialysis machine.

She needs P2,200 per session, scheduled every Tuesday and Friday at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center. Add to that the cost of maintenance medications to control diabetes, hypertension, anemia and other complications, aside from the occasional blood transfusions.

The social case study on her situation prepared by social welfare officer Janine Dalos reflects how expensive it is to be poor.

"(Milagros) is totally dependent (on) her son Christopher George (an electric sub-station tender). His income could have been enough for the needs of the family but the expensive medical treatment of the client exhausted their financial resources."

Mila and her husband, George, a native of Mt. Province, are both unemployed. Their son Christopher and daughter Melani are both married.

She made it to the dialysis room last Friday afternoon, thanks to emergency support from Shoshin, a small foundation that Julian Chees, a Baguio boy and former world shotokan karate champion, established with his martial arts students in southern Germany.

She was told to return the P500 she borrowed which the lender advised would be payable on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month.

But the medical treadmill she's tied to keeps on rolling, in danger of spinning out of control once she misses a dialysis session or two. As many others in her predicament – financially and medically – now and then try to do – sometimes with dire consequences.

With the ballooning number of kidney patients, it's a grim competition, this continuous search for the next Samaritan to shoulder the cost of the next dialysis session. Figure out the stress in relation to the fact that as of last week, the renal patient count at the BGHMC alone rose to 147, according to one of them.

Shoshin itself can only do so much, spreading its meager resources, pooled by martial arts students, to patients of all afflictions since Julian founded it in 2004.

"What we raise, originally intended for sick children, is never enough, and there will always be a patient in need," Julian said. "We help within our givens."

Other Samaritans out there may ring up Milagros' cellphone number (09085335999) before her next dialysis session on Tuesday afternoon./ Ramon Dacawi.

## Sandal Donation

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5000 in Honolulu and Prof. David McQuitty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary based in Fort Worth, Texas.

Tokigawa and McQuitty brought three boxes of rubber sandals they wanted the prisoners to try on. The two arrived here in stormy weather Wednesday night, from Alaminos, Pangasinan where they delivered a container van of medical supplies for the town, courtesy of Tokigawa's Shiraki Memorial Foundation and the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation.

They were received at the city jail chapel by 65 female inmates and several coordinators of the male cells, all dressed in yellow T-shirts and ready with a program they interspersed with hymns and folksongs. After the turn-over and the messages, a female inmate aired a collective plea.

Later, over lunch at the Venus Park Hotel with former Rotary District 3790 Governor Rolando Villanueva, the service club members began figuring out how to install an oven inside the jail, so the prisoners can bake their own morning bread.

Tokigawa and McQuitty themselves reopened the topic, asking if Villanueva, a businessman, had any idea what it would take to purchase an oven and baking paraphernalia.

A resident of women's section of the jail had mentioned the need for the oven in her response during the turn-over program, before female warden, Chief Insp. Mary Anne Fresmanio, could deliver her closing remarks.

The suggestion fired the imagination of the Rotarians led by Summer Capital co-founder and charter president Virgilio Bautista, incumbent president Joris Karl Dacawi and incoming president Edward Dogui-es.

"With them baking their own bread, inmates could afford to have four instead of two pieces of 'pandesal' for breakfast," club member and investment counselor club past president Eric Picart agreed. With him were past president Albert Atiwag, Rommel Alcidi, Paul Fajardo, Perfecto Lopez Darius Ramos and Manuel Solis Jr.

Wards of the jail used to bake their own bread in the 1970s, after the inmates organized their dramatic guild and presented three one-act plays directed by the late Baguio journalist Frederic Mayo.

The plays, also staged at the University of the Philippines here, helped the city jail earn the title as the best urban detention center in the country.

Part of the prize was a bread oven that the prisoners used in baking pandesal they sold to health buffs dropping by on their way home from their early morning jogs at the Burnham Park.

The prisoners' appeal for help to be able to bake again hardly reflects a one-way process. Over the years, they have been reaching out to the community at large with their own service and humanitarian projects – within their givens.

On Mother's Day last year, they submitted to warden, Chief Insp. Severino Khita P4,000 they raised for two months. The following morning, Khita had the amount coursed through the account of the Philippine Red Cross as the inmates' contribution to the drive for the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan.

In June, 2009, they pooled P360 for Trinalyn Mangisel, a 21-month old baby who was born with a hole in her heart. Their support, and that of Aira and Rhea Estepa, then five-year old twins who broke their piggy bank to have their dad deliver P476.25 in coins to the toddler, inspired other Samaritans of all walks. Trinalyn eventually went under the knife, thanks to Swiss expatriate Peter Ernst who bankrolled the cost of surgery at the Philippine Heart Center.

In March that year, the inmates joined the rest of the world in marking "Earth Hour", and since then had gone to as long as three hours in observing the annual energy switch-off that underscores the need to lower carbon footprint as a means of addressing climate change.

Since then, they have been observing Earth Day and World Environment Day, events they tried to record in the maiden and only issue so far of their in-house newsletter, "The Baguio Insider"./Ramon Dacawi.

## Baguio, BLISTT

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through the forging of the agreement, the six LGUs will now flesh out the substance. This means, Quito said, harmonizing their individual land-use plans in accordance with "a BLISTT Strategic Development Framework featuring convergence of issues and development opportunities and covering both urban and rural areas".

Affixing their signatures were mayors Domogan, Gregorio Abalos Jr. of La Trinidad, Oscar Camantiles of Itogon, Arthur Baldo of Sablan, Florencio Bentrez of Tuba and Ruben Paoad of Tublay, together with Bautista, Quito, local government regional director John Castaneda and Edmund Tayao, executive director of the Local Government Development Foundation (LOGODEF).

Benguet Gov. Nestor Fongwan was expected to also sign the agreement he already endorsed with the congressmen, mayors and vice-mayors of the BLISTT area in a meeting on June 10, 2010.

Giving teeth to its adoption of the cluster development thrust as a flagship project, the Regional Development Council has appropriated P2 million to help jumpstart the same.

To strengthen the mayors' faith in such partnership, Quito earlier presented the Metro-Naga cluster of development established in 1991 by Naga City and 14 surrounding towns in Camarines Sur.

Considered a "best practice" in local governance partnership, the Metro-Naga Development Council was initially formed to address the oil crisis that year, through the initiative of then Naga mayor Jesse Robredo, now the secretary of local government./Ramon Dacawi.

## Amended Terms.....

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age consumption and illumination of each type of lighting equipment to be installed. The number of samples to be tested shall be determined by the authorized representatives of the City Engineer's Office and City Buildings and Architecture Office and shall be conducted in their presence. In the case of unmetered streetlights, energy consumption measurement shall be done in the presence of a BENECON representative;

\*LED lightings shall have the same

luminance of existing lightings to be replaced using daylight LED bulb;

\*LED lightings shall have a life of not less than 50,000 burning hours;

\*The service provider shall make an actual inventory of the building, street, alley, park, overpass and flyover lights with the corresponding wattages before and after the replacement. For streetlights, post numbers and sticker numbers shall also be recorded;

\*The service provider shall have a local office or a local partner to provide after sales services within the stipulated period at no cost to the City Government. Qualified personnel must be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the duration of the contract for the maintenance and replacement of any defective LED equipments.

\*The service provider shall replace or repair any reported defective or lost LED lighting and fixture within 24 hours from receipt of report. In case of failure (to do such), the cost of electric consumption for every day of delay plus the equivalent savings realized shall be deducted from the share of the service provider and shall accrue to the City Government. (An LED lighting fixture is considered defective if the luminance is lower than 70 percent of its original output);

\*The service provider shall provide all maintenance and replacement supplies, materials and equipments;

\*The CEO and CBAO shall have the authority and the responsibility to monitor and evaluate the installation and maintenance of LED lightings and fixtures in streets, alleys, flyovers, overpasses and buildings. The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) shall be responsible in the monitoring of defective LED lights in parks and to report the same to the CEO;

\*To guarantee the faithful performance of the project, the service provider shall deposit with the City Government a cash bond equivalent to five percent of the project cost as submitted by the service provider. The cash bond may be substituted by other forms of a performance security provided under section 39 of RA 9184;

\*The service provider shall be compensated for the performance of this project based on an agreed shaving sharing scheme where savings shall mean the positive difference of the base consumption and the current consumption. To guarantee funds for this purpose, the City Government and the School Board shall include in their annual budget an amount sufficient to pay its electric bills and share of the service provider for the duration of the agreement. In the event where actual consumption (before and after change) has not yet been determined even after 100 percent of lighting fixtures have already been replaced with LED fixtures, savings shall mean the difference of the total actual monthly electric bills after change and P5.53 million which is the average monthly consumption for the period June 2011 to May 2012;

\*The service provider shall turn over to the City Government through the City General Services Office all replaced lighting fixtures and bulbs for proper inventory and disposition; and

\*After the expiration of the agreement, the City Government has the options to renew the contract.

The bids committee is chaired by city administrator Carlos Canilao and city budget officer Leticia Clemente./A Refuerzo

**City Officials**

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Development Authority (BCDA) and the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) in line with their plan to exclude the open or unoccupied spaces in the barangays from the segregation process.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday bemoaned the said plan saying there was no such provision to exclude the open areas in the conditionalities set by the city government under Resolution No. 362 series of 1994 in the development plan for the former military reservation and thus is a violation of the same.

He said the mere use of the word "exclusion" of the affected barangays in the condition no. 14 would prove the intention to segregate the whole land area covered by the 13 villages and not just selected portions.

He said it would be nonsensical to allow portions to be segregated while open areas will continue to remain as part of the reservation.

The city council last Monday approved a resolution authored by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. urging the BCDA through the JHMC to honor condition no. 14.

The body said condition no. 14 is specific that the affected barangays will be excluded from the reservation.

"The move to conduct a survey to identify occupied and unoccupied portions of the affected 13 barangays is making qualification or condition to the specific provision of condition no. 14 (and) the segregation must be done without (such) qualification and/or condition," the body said.

The city villages being eyed for segregation are Camp 7, Country Club Village, Greenwater, Happy Hollow, Hillside, Loakan-Apugan, Loakan-Liwanag, Loakan Proper, Lower Dagsian, Lucnab, Military Cut-Off, Sta. Escolastica Village and Upper Dagsian.

The mayor said the barangay segregation is just one of the conditions being disregarded by the BCDA and the JHMC.

The others involve the city government's authority to issue building and occupancy permits and business licenses among the locators operating within the Camp John Hay economic zones which the BCDA and JHMC have been contesting.

The JHMC, according to the mayor, has declared that it is not honoring the building permits being issued by the city government and JHMC president and chief executive officer Dr. Jamie Eloise Agbayani in a recent letter affirmed their refusal to pay the business taxes.

He said the BCDA and JHMC must reconsider their stand which he said has been honored by previous administrations.

The mayor however expressed hope that the bodies' acquiescence to a continuing dialogue with the city government would help reverse the situation./A Refuerzo

**Search**

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wit, intellect and of good moral character".

The winners will receive P50,000 cash for "Ms. Baguio", P30,000 for the first runner-up and P20,000 for the second runner-up, aside from gift certificates and gift packages./Ramon Dacawi.

**Editorial**

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cases filed with first and second level courts.

Criminal cases account for four out of every five pending cases. There is a severe lack of prosecutors and public defenders. About 26% of courts here lack judges. Ideally, the vacancy rate should be less than 5% (In the U.S., vacancy in federal district courts is 10%. "And they're already talking of a judicial crisis".)

In Manila, the average caseload is 242 cases per judge. In next door Taguig, it is 1,161 cases per judge. "Clearly, there is a need to re-engineer the distribution of courts in relation to population. This needs legislation."

The attentive reader will find it worthwhile going through the full text of Carpio's address. Surf the Net for "sc.judiciary.gov.ph/jcarpio.php. This column's 5,700-character—space cap can only skim highlights:

Liberty is best ensured by ending the rationing of justice. "The spirit of liberty lies in the hearts of men and women;" Justice Learned Hand said in a 1944 Central Park address. "When it dies there, no constitu-

**Mayor Designates**

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the city mayor on improvements and recommend appropriate policy and relevant measures.

Both consultants will extend such services for free, according to the mayor.

In Bumanglag's case, the mayor said the existing local government structure does not provide appropriate staffing for peace and security and traffic concerns due to resource constraints thus the city needed to "outsource expert consultant to assist the city" on said concerns.

For Manaois, he said her continued expert advice is needed to provide guidance in the implementation of the remaining activities she initiated herself and to allow for the smooth transition of activities in the pipeline including enhancing the capabilities of the employees through her mentoring.

Manaois retired from government service just last July 23 after almost 40 years of service where she steered the city treasury department to a better performance.

When she assumed in 1999, the city's annual budget was P425 million and this consistently increased to P1.168 billion through her "proper direction and guidance coupled by the unrelenting work attitudes of my staff (that) helped me make a big turnaround in the city treasury service elevating its performance to greater heights, a place where it rightfully belongs."

The mayor who literally sang Manaois' praises through a poetic farewell speech during the retirement program has since called for the sustenance of Manaois' fiscal policies to maintain the office performance.

"Our consolidated words of gratitude cannot fully compensate (for) the invaluable service that you have rendered the people of Baguio over the past four decades, thus, we are happy that you will be able to enjoy private life and sad at the same time because we will be missing a cheerful, dynamic and compassionate leader," the mayor wrote Manaois. — A Refuerzo

**DOLE**

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disclosed that in line with the anti-child labor convergence program, that DOLE, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), is intensifying the educational campaign down to the community level. They also give school supplies for the children at risk and livelihood assistance to their parents.

"As part of the campaign, DOLE Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz is set to visit Sagada, Mountain Province on first week of August to personally bring-in the program and to forge partnership with the local communities and other stakeholders", Mendoza shared.

Meantime, Mendoza enjoined the regional child labor committee members to help in the educational campaign and for the master listing of child laborers in the region. The DOLE aims to develop a nationwide database of child laborers through a systematic collection, analysis and evaluation of data on working children, which is essential in formulating plans and policies that would address such concern./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 15, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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.

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WITNESS the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 19th day of July 2012.

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## Cayetano: LP-NP Coalition 'Done Deal' but Minority Leader will Still Remain critical

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano said the issue of the Liberal Party – Nacionalista Party – Nationalist People's Coalition (LP-NP-NPC) coalition is a 'done deal' in principle.

"Our party president Senator Villar, the President of the Republic, and the president of the LP have met. They've outlined common points about the coalition," he said.

He explained that the finer points of the coalition are still being discussed citing the local party members as an example.

"There is an arbitration committee being worked out on wherein they will discuss areas that can have common candidates or where it can be considered as *zona libre* or whatever arrangement would be acceptable to the three parties," he said.

However, the senator gave his assurance that he will continue to serve as the Senate Minority Leader, remaining critical yet constructive in the process.

"I will continue to serve as the minority leader. Even if I wasn't minority leader anyway, I would still be critical yet friendly because I believe in what the President is doing. But I think it is helpful if there will be someone who will tell him what can be improved from good to better," he said.

The minority leader also dismissed claims that this new coalition could lead to a shakeup in the Senate leadership.

"Any single moment, change can happen. But what I'm saying is, the coalition will not be the one to cause or trigger this because there have been no talks of that whatsoever. To my knowledge, the Senate President enjoys the confidence of a vast majority of senators so the coalition shouldn't affect that," he said.

Cayetano supported his statement by noting that the actions of NP and LP senators must not be tied to their decision to coalesce for the 2013 elections since some of the LP senators also have existing ties with senators who are members of the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA).

Cayetano is set to deliver the traditional Contra-SONA speech of the Minority Leader at the Senate session hall on Monday./ Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano



A car was wrecked by an eroded riprap along Ambuklao Road. A van was also slightly damaged on the said area.

## Search is on for "Ms. Baguio"

The search for "Miss Baguio 2012" is on as the city's committee in charge of the beauty pageant voted last Thursday to award its management this year to Sonny T. Productions, a Baguio-based outfit that had handled similar contests.

"We are happy to inform you that your production outfit was selected by this Ms. Baguio 2012 search committee to handle this year's Ms. Baguio pageant," city administrator Carlos Canilao, co-chair of the event, wrote Sonny Ticwala.

Ticwala bested two other bidders, as per the committee's evaluation based on time element, cash bond, production design, compliance with the ordinance institutionalizing the search, track record and manpower capability.

Ticwala said applicants have until August 8 to submit their accomplished forms, copies of which may be obtained by calling his number

(09499214285/09178377488) or from the office of city councilor and committee member Joel Alangsab (ring up 446-9103 and ask for Neris) at city hall.

Other members of the committee are city councilor Elmer Datuin and Jose Atanacio of the city mayor's office.

Per the event poster, candidates should be residents of Baguio for one year, single, at least five feet and two inches in height, between 16 to 25 years old, "possess beauty, poise, personality,

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## Mayor Designates Former Police, Treasury Chiefs as City Gov't Consultants

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week designated a former city police chief and a recently retired city treasurer as consultants of the city government on peace and order and financial resource management, respectively.

In Administrative Order No. 95, the mayor appointed Retired Police Chief Supt. Villamor Bumanglag as adviser on "peace and order, traffic and transport management and related po-

lice and security concerns of the city considering his expertise and wide range of management skill... by virtue of his track record while in government service.

Bumanglag will review existing policies and mechanisms in place and recommend amendments, coordinate with concerned executive departments, attend meetings of related technical committees as adviser and resource persons and regularly update the city mayor on developments on

the said concerns. In Administrative Order No. 94, the mayor also designated former city treasurer Thelma Manaois as consultant on financial resource management including financial policy reforms "owing to her acumen of financial management skills that resulted to the city's sound financial standing."

As such, Manaois will mentor key personnel of the Office of the City Treasurer on financial systems and treasury operations, attend meetings of various financial committees as an external adviser and regularly update

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## DOLE Intensifies Education Campaign on Children at Risk of Child Labor

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is intensifying campaign against child labor following findings that even those attending school remains at risk of child labor in their own homes, farmlands and communities.

Mildred Mendoza, DOLE-CAR Anti-child labor program focal person, in a meeting with the Regional Committee on Child Labor

members at the DOLE Regional Office, here pointed out that most parents are unaware that exposing children, even after school classes, on heavy work in the farmlands, or family business or ventures or to earn extra-income for the family, is a form of child labor or what they call 'children at risk' of child labor.

Mendoza shared that the DOLE is currently spearheading a nationwide convergence program on pushing for child labor-free barangays,

wherein Baguio City and some areas in Benguet, Kalinga and Mountain Province are included among their target areas.

"For Baguio City, we have here the 'comboy' or those carrying vegetables/market products for a fee and the taxi-fetching boys that are visible in some known groceries in the city. In the other provinces, there are children who are working in vegetable farms and on small scale mining", she said

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