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MABUHAYANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

And why should Aquino go to the wake of Jennifer Laude? Who's she?

TOTOO naman. Bakit nga naman inaasahan nating pumunta sa Pangulong Aquino sa lamay ni Jennifer Laude?

Sino ba si Jennifer Laude? Hindi naman siya kamag-anak ng mga Aquino. Hindi naman siya haciendera katulad ng mga Cojuangco-Aquino. Hindi naman siya sundalo. Hindi naman siya miyembro ng Liberal Party. Hindi naman siya nanay o asawa ng miyembro ng Liberal Party.

Asked last Wednesday by Raul Dancel of The Singapore Straits Times during a forum with the Foreign Correspondents Association if he was going to the wake of Laude, the transgender who was murdered by a member of the United States Marines Corps last Oct. 11, Aquino said he doesn't go to wakes of people he doesn't know.

His complete answer: "You know, in general, I don't attend wakes of people I don't know. I find it—and I'm speaking for myself—I'm uncomfortable in trying to condole with people who don't know me and... Parang how can I say that I really sympathize with their loss and have some relevant discussion with them on trying to assuage, 'di ba, their loss at that point in time? If I know

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BUGKALOT DANCE - An elder from Bugkalot tribe performs a ritual dance joining some 20 cultural communities from all over Luzon in a street dance at Session Road marking the two-day Dayaw Indigenous Peoples Festival initiated by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in coordination with the city government of Baguio. - By Bong Cayabyab

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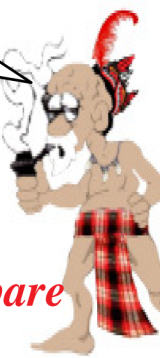
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On four U.S. Marines as Witnesses to Jennifer Laude Murder Case

The Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Justice should immediately and without delay get in touch with their counterparts and demand the attendance of the four witnesses.

Such demand is covered by the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) which calls not only for Respect for Law but the obligation to make available the US personnel for investigative or judicial proceedings. As worded in Article V, "US military authorities shall, upon formal notification by the Philippine authorities and without delay, make such personnel available to those authorities in time for any investigative or judicial proceedings."

The VFA clearly states that the Philippines has criminal jurisdiction over US soldiers involved in a crime in the country, and it is a matter of invoking it with speed and conviction. The VFA, undoubtedly, is one sided and as such we must always insist and be vigilant with what is accorded us as a matter of sovereign right in that

treaty.

This is incident calls for the Philippine authorities' and the Filipinos' righteous indignation to fight for custody of the suspect and demand for the physical availability of the four American witnesses. We cannot just sit idly by and watch while our laws are being subverted. If we cannot defend, protect nor assist our fellow Filipino right here in our own soil, what chilling message do we get out there to our people and especially to those who are outside Philippine soils?

We cannot begrudge the US for acting to protect the interests of its nationals and its interests. Our own officials should also, with the same fervor, do the same.

This is why I continue my call for the review of the VFA for clearer, stronger and stricter stipulations which are mutually beneficial to both parties in every step of the way. / Office of Senator Chiz Escudero / **OFFICIAL WEBSITE:** <http://chizescudero.com/OFFICIAL> **FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/senchizescudero/OFFICIAL> **TWITTER ACCOUNT:** @saychiz

Bontoc Donor's Identity Puzzles Recipients of Kindness

Whoever he or she is, this generous soul from Mt. Province apparently had kept tabs on pleas for help indigent patients had coursed through the weekly regional papers.

After doing that for at least a month, he or she inserted P3,000 into each

of six letter envelopes, sealed these and then addressed these to six patients undergoing life-time hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure at the renal center of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

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Mayor Assures no Open Waste in ESL Site

BAGUIO CITY – The fifty hectare area within the one hundred thirty nine hectare city property in Santo Tomas eyed to house the city's first Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS) has been identified.

This was revealed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday where the city is now undertaking to take the planning stage.

Domogan said, "the 50-hectare area is free from congestion and a single house is within its vicinity."

The city is planning to develop the ISWMS incorporating modern technology to address waste concerns.

The ISWMS will be patterned with the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) of Hesperia City, California which city officials visited this year.

The technology incorporates waste recovery thru segregation, recycling and conversion to electricity.

It can be recalled that the Santo Tomas area has been approved as the site for a sanitary landfill for the city way back in 2009 by City Resolution Number 78.

The area was part of five possible sites for an engineered sanitary landfill evaluated and recommended by a monitoring committee.

Domogan however stressed, "there would be no open dumping of waste at the site as it in contrary to Republic Act 9003 or the Solid Waste Management Act."

"We have to change our perception of waste disposal, there are more advanced, environmentally friendly and cleaner ways to address our garbage," he said.

Domogan said, "the waste facility will have the capability of separating biodegradable from non-biodegradable waste, recyclables, wet and dry and other forms of wastes."

A separate technology will also be added to address hospital wastes.

The city government and local barangay officials in the community has agreed to open the lines of communication and conduct series of consultations especially in areas which may be affected by the project.

Modern technologies being eyed as component of the solid waste facility are a central materials recovery facility (MRF); environmental recycling system (ERS) facility; engineered sanitary landfill

City to Hold Mass Consultation on Tax Increase

BAGUIO CITY – A mass consultation on the proposed tax increase will be held in the city soon to explain to and get the sentiment of the various sectors on the proposed adjustments in the business and real property taxes.

The city council on Monday decided to do away with the pocket public hearings currently being conducted by the city council committee on ways and means cluster B headed by Vice Mayor Edison Bilog and instead conduct a single but all-encompassing public hearing to save time and resources.

Bilog said the hearings were mostly on personal invitation to him but some councilors and city treasurer Alicia Onoza and city assessor Nilda Navarro were able to join him as resource persons. He said they have so far covered 20 barangays and a number of associations and plan to continue with the consultation by sector until the first part of 2015.

But the aldermen led by Councilors Richard Carino, Elaine Sembrano and Betty Lourdes Tabanda and including cluster B committee members Councilors Peter Fianza and Faustino Olowan opted for a common hearing to also ensure that complete facts will be presented to avoid confusion and misconceptions especially since the updated schedule of fair market values of real properties cannot be presented yet as it is still being reviewed by the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF).

They tasked Bilog's committee to set the date for the mass hearing.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan expressed hopes for a speedy consultation to according to him "strike an agreement on what is reasonable to both the city and the taxpayers."

The city, he said, is now obliged to implement the increase after years of stalling to make the antiquated rates attuned with the times and with the requirements of the law.

The city is eyeing a 10 percent increase in business taxes under Tax Ordinance No. 2000-01 including city market rental and fees and garbage charges which were last adjusted in 2001 or 13 years ago.

The mayor said the rates are now outdated and must be revised to keep up with the prevailing charges now being levied by nearby cities like Urdaneta and Dagupan in Pangasinan and San Fernando City in La Union which impose business taxes higher by as much as 500 percent than the city.

For instance the city charges P15 for certifications and clearances while other areas collect as much as P100. For stall rentals at the fish section, the city charges P20 a month but other cities collect P78 a day.

The city also needs to update its schedule of fair market values of real properties which remained unchanged since 1996 making the city non-compliant with the New Local Government Code or the Republic Act No. 7160 provision mandating local government units to undertake a general revision of real property tax valuation every three years.

It was assured that a minimal assessment level will be recommended to temper the expected huge increase in the market value as a result of the city's passing up on several revision terms since 1996.

At present, the city's assessment levels are pegged at 12 percent for residential and 35 percent for commercial properties. /By: A Refuerzo



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Presently, an evaluation will be conducted by a composite team to know how much would be the cost of site development including the widening and concreting of its road network and if there are other locations which can be developed with lower costs. /By: Paul Rillorta

Anti-Smoking Campaign Intensified

BAGUIO CITY – The city government intensified the anti-smoking campaign with the conduct of surprise inspection of business establishments to ensure that they are complying with the provisions of Republic Act 9211 or the “Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003” and City Ordinance No. 8 series of 2008.

Combined elements from the Alay sa Kalinisan Inc. (ASKI) last week rounded up more than 20 establishments along Ses-

sion Road and General Luna Road which were found violating the anti-smoking laws by allowing smokers and even minors to smoke within their premises.

The team was headed by city health office under officer-in-charge Dr. Rowena Galpo and city epidemiology and surveillance unit head Dr. Donnabel Tubera and the city mayor's office public order and safety division under Policarpo Cambod.

The establishments were issued a stern warn-

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Mayor Forms Task Force to Prepare Skating Rink Master Plan

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week created the technical working group to prepare the master development plan for the Burnham Park skating rink.

Urban planner and former city architect Joseph Alabanza of the Baguio Heritage Committee and city building and architecture officer-in-charge Johnny Degay will co-chair the group with the city environment and parks management officer, representative of the United Architects of the Philippines Baguio chapters and the deans of the colleges of engineering and architecture of the University of Cordilleras, University of Baguio and St. Louis University as members.

The master plan will serve as basis in the drafting of the terms of reference in the bidding of the operation of the skating rink after the expiration of the city's contract with the present concessionaire Quirante's Fun Rides/ Skates Rentals and Recreation Center set on November 2.

The drafting of the plan was agreed on between the mayor and the petitioners advocating to open the Burnham Park skating rink for free use by the public in a meeting recently.

During the meeting, both parties also agreed

that the lease contract with Quirante firm will not be renewed by the city and the operation of the facility will instead be bid out based on terms that are beneficial to both the city government and the public.

After hearing the mayor's justifications, the petitioners led by Alabanza, Bishop Carlito Cenzon of the Burnham Park Fencing Committee and former punong barangay Ferdy Bayasen acknowledged that the city cannot allow the absolute free use of the skating rink being one of the few income generators where the city source out funds for the maintenance of the park.

At present, the city earns only P15 million from the various park concessionaires which is way below the fund requirement of P37 million to pay for manpower, water, fertilizer and other maintenance needs of the park, according to the mayor.

As to the petitioners' call for the removal of other business enterprises not in line with the area's intended use, the mayor said this is consistent with the city's stand that these operations which include bump cars and arcade games must not be allowed inside the facility meant only for a skating rink and including a refreshment canteen and coffee shop.

Crackdown on E-Casino Joints

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan ordered the city police headed by Sr. Supt. Rolando Miranda to round up electronic casino (e-casino) joints operating in the city following confirmation by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) chairman and chief executive officer Cristino Naguiat Jr. that there was no permit issued for any electronic game like e-casino and e-bingo in the city.

“I asked our city police to check on these e-game establishments, find out what authority they have to operate and to close them if they have no permit,” the mayor said on Wednesday.

Baguio Apostolic Vicar Bishop Carlito Cenzon earlier called the mayor's attention on the existence of e-casino operation in one shopping mall in the city.

The mayor who said he has not signed any permit to allow said operation authorized the bishop to conduct a study and submit a report to serve as basis for the chief executive's action.

Naguiat reportedly assured that PAGCOR will not approve any application for e-games in the city unless the city allows it.

The city has standing resolutions opposing the establishment of casino or any form of gambling.

Domogan during his term as congressman of the city was among those who proposed the amendment of the PAGCOR charter to give local government units a say on allowing PAGCOR games to operate in their locality.

At present, PAGCOR requires applicants for license to operate games to secure a Letter of No Objection from the local government units.

Naguiat also reportedly said that the city's refusal to allow casino and other PAGCOR games would not mean forfeiture of its privilege to secure assistance from the PAGCOR.

PAGCOR recently agreed to fund the construction of a 32-classroom structure on the lot allotted for the Baguio City National High School in Irisan barangay and a 20-classroom building at the Pines City National High School in preparation for the senior high school program to start in 2016. By: A Refuerzo

Bayasen said the petition entitled, “A People's Initiative and Manifesto: ‘Return the Skating Rink at Burnham Park to the Public’” which gathered a total of 17,065 street and 1,119 on-line signatures aimed to get the pulse of the residents on how they want the skating rink managed.

He said that the common sentiment was that the facility be restored to its olden day status as an open facility.

Alabanza who broached the drafting of the proposed master plan said they will consider the suggestion in the drafting of the plan. He committed to complete the master plan within two weeks. By: A Refuerzo



A HABIT TO EMULATE - Mayor Mauricio Domogan picks up a trash paper at the city hall grounds before the flag raising ceremonies living up to his tag as the janitor of the city. - By Bong Cayabyab

From Waste to Energy for Free and with Profit, Why Not!

I'm not stupid enough to commit the same mistake.

This as Mayor Tabanda clarified a proposal of a waste to energy facility of a company from Australia.

The G20 of Australia with an office in Singapore and is operating internationally has proposed a waste to energy facility to be installed in Alno, La Trinidad. It has with it a dryer and a conveyor for segregating garbage that are being collected within the municipality.

“This is not like the Black Hole as some constituents in the council presumed. The engineered sanitary landfill in Alno, under the law, should not have been utilized with a mixed garbage instead it should have been utilized with residual waste under R.A. 9001 or the recycle, reduce, reuse law to minimize the waste collected but the landfill was not used to what it should have been,” said Mayor Tabanda.

The Asian Development Bank has piloted La Trinidad, Benguet in solid waste management from training, management, and facility. “Earlier, the Black Hole in Alno, La Trinidad was not sustained. Garbage that were put in the Black Hole were not segregated that it has caused the machine to collapsed and bugged down. They even borrowed money to buy the machine that did not pass the testing of the Department of Science and Technology. Now, the Benguet Bank has sued the municipal office for the non-payment of the money borrowed and a case is now in court. The Black Hole is just standing there as a scrap metal,” said Mayor Tabanda.

Mayor Tabanda said that seven conditions were set by the Asian Development Bank that the municipality has to comply with. “There are cracks at the dumpsite

so that we have to haul our garbage out of the site so as not for Sablan and Tublay would eventually experience a trash slide and then them suing as to court,” she added.

The Asian Development Bank with the investors of the waste to energy, the G20, introduced and presented schemes on the waste to energy proposal in the municipality.

“The financial is the company's. There will be no cashing out from the municipality's funds. Profits will be shared between the company and the municipality while it sells the energy produced by the facility to BENECO and to the grid corporation,” explained Mayor Tabanda.

The G20's prototype machine is now in Santa Cruz, Bulacan that is being tested by the Department of Energy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Department of Science and Technology. “We went to Bulacan for three times already together with the technical committee, the Benguet State University, barangay officials, and some media,” said Mayor Tabanda.

The project is a public private partnership the company shoulders the finances. The municipal council is just waiting for the final report to be handed over by Mr. David Coupland of the company.

“It's okay. It is just that some media and members of the council did not understand much of the proposal prior and before. But councilors Botiwey and Quintos who are in charge of environmental matters were able to digest it when we talked of it over. Still, some media organizations were misquoting the council as against and are denial of the proposal but were just actually not. Instead, they just wanted clarifications of the company's Security and Exchange Commission's documents and reg-

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Beyond the stutters

Listen beyond Vice President Jejomar Binay's flustered stutters whenever a sensitive question is lobbed.

The queries range from the P15.6-million Redwood-type, three-bedroom unit of The Woodlands at Tagaytay Highlands to overpriced beds at the Ospital ng Makati to the whereabouts of top aides, like Gerry Limlingan, who have dodged below the radar screen.

That takes some doing. Front pages, end-to-end Senate hearing coverage plus evening broadcasts or talk shows are plastered with his denials. "Vice President Binay categorically denies the malicious and baseless accusation that he owns a three-bedroom log cabin," says Joey Salgado, Binay's spokesperson. Thus, the Vice President's statement of assets, liabilities and net worth didn't jot the cabin down. Naturally.

Eight out of 10 Filipinos, however, want the Vice President to face the Senate blue ribbon subcommittee probe, reports pollster Social Weather Stations (SWS).

In a nationwide survey, conducted from Sept. 26 to 29, 79 percent of the 1,200 respondents said Binay should personally refute graft charges. Only 11 percent wavered. And 10 percent thumbed the idea down flat.

SWS notes that the clamor for Binay to attend the Senate probe spreads

EDITORIAL across all social classes. Four

out of five who were satisfied with Binay's performance still wanted him to appear in the Senate.

That has fallen on deaf ears. His spokespersons reiterate that the Vice President won't amble into what he sees is a booby-trapped proceeding. The absent, however, are always wrong.

Witness former vice mayor Ernesto Mercado has filled the vacuum and told a Senate blue ribbon subcommittee hearing: The wife of the Vice President, Dr. Elenita Binay, and his daughter, Sen. Nancy Binay, signed billing statements and receipts for the Tagaytay Highlands mansion. These included membership in the International Golf Club in Tagaytay Highlands.

More documents have surfaced since. One is an official receipt dated Sept. 2, 1997, showing Limlingan bought a P546,000 manager's check. It bore the address 8514 Caong St., San Antonio Village, Makati City—a known address of the Vice President.

The Inquirer, however published a document, dated Jan. 31, 1997, addressed to Binay, then mayor of Makati City stating, "You have been allocated a Redwood-type, three-bedroom unit of The Woodlands at Tagaytay Highlands," it asserted. "The purchase price... is P15.6 million."

Another document dated May 9, 1997, said that a 10-percent discount, amounting to P1.56 million, slashed the net price to P14.04 million. The terms of payment were extended to 20 months. "TO: M1 [code for Binay] Your copy on the price and schedule of payments. Gerry."

Asked about the property, a spokesperson from the SM group said in a text message: "We have no records" [of the alleged transaction]. The Sys of SM group became majority owners of Belle Corp. in 2010.

Look beyond the interlocking scams into the equally pressing national concerns.

Four out of every 10 Filipinos today are homeless, notes John F. Lagman in the study titled "Anatomy of the National Housing Problem." It is a problem that has been compounding, over the years, from a stew of population growth, poverty, armed conflict in some places to policy gaps.

In the early part of the postwar period in 1950, just a little more than five million or about one-fourth (27 percent) of Filipinos clustered in urban areas, mostly Metro Manila. Four decades later, the country's urban population surged to well over 29 million. That was or almost one-half (48 percent to be precise) of the country's total population then.

By 2005, the urban population totaled more than 53 million or over 60 percent of the country's population. Add to that the 300,000 displaced by conflict, as in Mindanao.

And come 2050, some 117 million or 84 percent of Filipinos will be urban dwellers. Few could afford a Redwood-type, three-bedroom unit of The Woodlands at Tagaytay Highlands.

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**The Great Debate or The Great Circus Debate !/
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ADVOCACY MINDANAW

ILIGAN CITY & BANGSAMORO

BY: JESUS DUREZA



It was not planned. But I unexpectedly walked into a consultation forum on the proposed **Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL)** in a downtown hotel in **Iligan City** a few days ago. I had really wished earlier to attend any one of the on-going BBL consultations to get a feel of how the stakeholders themselves view (or fear?) the **MILF** Peace Agreement. Or how the peace panels deal with those concerns. Was I glad I unexpectedly walked into one!

Coming from **Davao City**, it took only 45 minutes via **Cebu Pacific** to new **Laguindingan Airport**, about 35 kilometers at the outskirts of **Cagayan de Oro**. (I gathered the lacking navigational lights will be operational soon. In the meantime, far-away Lumbia airport tower assists. No wonder there are no night flights in such a modern hub.) It took only about one hour of drive from the new airport to Iligan City. I would have really preferred the Davao-CDO land trip that would have given me the joy and luxury of stopping over along the way at our **Seagull Mountain Resort** high up in the clouds at 4,000 feet closer to the sky. But a long 7-hour land trip could be at another time.

POWER PLANT — I was to meet up in Iligan City with international investment "whizman" **ALOYSIUS "Nonoy" COLAYCO** and his partner **VICENTE "Vic" CENIZA** (both *Jardin Davis* veterans) to look into plans of **POWER SOURCE, PHIL. INC.** (where I now serve as senior advisor) to set up a power plant there for the **LAFARGE** cement factory. It was during our call on both Iligan City Mayor **CELSO REGENCIA** and **VICE MAYOR RUDERIC MARZO** where I learned that a forum that morning was underway on the BBL at Caledon Pension House downtown. Mayor CELS, a former police director, had to rush to go. I dropped everything and proceeded to the venue.

JAMPACKED — Proceedings were already on-going when I discreetly walked into a jam-packed function room and got seated at the back hoping I would come unnoticed. But no sooner had I settled down when **CONG. VICENTE "Varf" BELMONTE, Jr.** spotted me and came to my seat to welcome me. He offered a place up front but I politely declined. (Many just don't know how good it is to be just in the audience — a liberating feeling after years of being "up front".) Cong. "Varf" ably skippered the forum all throughout making known to all that inputs gathered during the day he would submit to **Congress** which is now working on the proposed law. I had earlier planned on sneaking out also unnoticed to catch up with my **LAFARGE** meeting but with the announcement about my presence and requesting that I also give some remarks later in the day, my early exit plan was no longer possible. But that was propitious. And yes, I was glad I sat through.

INFORMATIVE — I found the forum informative and refreshing. All those who had something to ask or say got their chance on the microphone. The crowd was multi-sectoral. Judges, lawyers, businessmen, IPs, barangay reps, plain residents — even kibitzers were all there. I thought the whole town was there through their reps. The resource panel, headed by no less than **GPH Panel Chair MIRIAM "Iye" CORONEL-FERRER** fielded the questions, clarified and quieted some apprehensions. They were simply engaging, adept and down-to-earth. The forum somehow exorcised some lurking phantoms that many **ILIGANONS** were fearful about. Nonetheless, you can't blame them for their angst. They are in the immediate

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Is there "SOP" for poll automation contract?

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near..." (Isaiah 55:6, the Holy Bible).

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HOW MUCH DOES RP NEED TO AUTOMATE ELECTIONS IN 2016? Gus Lagman, the former commissioner of the Commission on Elections, is echoing a question coming from the TransparentElections.org.ph, which Chairman Sixto Brillantes Jr. and its other present commissioners must answer.

The question: why is the Commission desirous of paying some P18 billion for an automated election system that is dependent on the already-discredited precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines to be used for 2016 when there is a similar system, or which maybe even much better, for the price of only P5 billion?

And while we are on the issue of asking questions about the use of PCOS for the 2016 presidential elections, I might as well repeat here another query from Lagman: why is the Comelec hurrying to approve the P18 billion PCOS 2016 contract before Brillantes and Commissioners Lucenito Tagle and Elias Yusoph will retire on February 02, 2015?

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IS THERE "SOP" IN POLL AUTOMATION CONTRACT? We can guess as much as we want on the probable correct answers to these questions, and maybe Brillantes and his gang would not even care to explain, since they are entitled not to explain. But then, people are now starting to make irrepressible deductions or predictions about profits which unrighteous men and women could possibly make with a contract which fetches the price of about P18 billion.

Surely, Filipinos are aware, and have been talking about it, that for any government contract to be awarded to private businessmen in times past, there had always been what was known as the "SOP" which had to be given to the heads and other officers of agencies which will award the contract. In olden times, "SOP" meant "standard operating procedure", but in our country, it simply meant grease money.

Formerly, the amount given as "SOP" was pegged at 10% of the contract price. But, as the Philippines moved on in its history as a nation, there have been reports that government contracts now carry as much as 40% "SOP". I am not saying that there is an "SOP" for the Comelec P18 billion contract now, but certainly, if there is, the amount could range between P1.8 billion to P7.2 billion, which is big enough even for a presidential campaign.

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IT GROUP CAN AUTOMATE ELECTIONS FOR ONLY P3B? Lagman gave to Comelec the letter from TransparentElections.org.ph raising the group's question about Comelec wanting to spend P18 billion for an automated election system which could be had for only P5 billion. In that letter, the group also wondered aloud why it was barred from presenting the P5 billion system which would do away with the supposed cheating with PCOS machines.

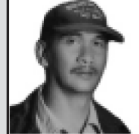
The group asked: "Why does the Comelec want to spend P18 billion on PCOS which only shortens the election process by half-a-day, yet removes the transparency in precinct-counting and seriously impairs the protest process? Certainly, the Comelec knows that it is the automation of canvassing that shortens the process by some five weeks or so."

For whatever it is worth, I would like to put on record that I also know of a group which can be tapped to put up an automated election system that would ensure an honest, open, and transparent election, which can cost only as much as P3 billion. If Comelec is interested, I can ask that group to make its own presentation. But then, Comelec has already made a decision on this, isn't it so,

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Trillanes at Binay- PAG UMPUGIN KO ULO NINYONG DALAWA- GINAGAGO NINYONG ANG SAMBAYANAN !!!

BY: NESTOR CASTRO



Mga dear readers, mga mahal kong mga tanga este taga Baguio, huwag kayong magtaka kung bakit ko nasabi na pag uumpugin ko ang ulo ng dalawang opisyal na ito at kung bakit nila ginagago tayong mga Pilipino. Aba eh, simple lamang po mga dear readers, unahin natin itong si Binay alias benepisaryo ng operation Nognog. Ikaw Binay dapat sana kung hindi ka ganoon ka-korap ay gagawin mo ang lahat para ipakita sa madlang pipol na wala kang tinatago maging sa Makati 2.2 billion building mo at pati na rin sa iyong hasyenda Binay sa Batangas. Eh hindi ganoon ang nangyayari, ang dami mo pang mga **PALUSOT** at kung ano ano pang mga pangangatwiran samantalang ang isang inosenteng tao ay gagawin ang lahat para ipagtangaol ang kanyang dignidad at imahe, pero ikaw at iyong agkan (**MAYOR JUN JUN, CONGRESSMAN BINAY AT SENADORA BINAY**) ay walang malinaw at matibay na pruwera na ma-ipakita na walang na ganap na matinding korapsyon sa 2.2 billion Makati building at lalong lalo na sa hasyenda Binay kung saan ang isang mistisong bangus (Antonio Tiu) na intsik ang humarap sa senado na wala naman dala kung hindi ang kanya lamang bayag at ni isang titulo o ano pa man ligal na matibay tibay na dokumento ang dala, eh di **DUMMY** nga siya ni p. Oh mga Binay -Puro naman naman kayo. Kaya kung ako ang iyong tatanungin ay hindi kita iboboto sapagkat **MALINAW SA AKING ISIPAN NA ISA KANG MALUPIT AT MATINDING KORAP NA OPISYALES.**

Ikaw naman **MR. X-MILITARY MUTINEER MAGDALO REBEL** na nagmamalinis, konting panahon na lang para makita na rin ng sambayanan Pilipino ang tunay na kulay mo, yes Guawpo ka nga at matikas ka nga ngunit mukhang isa kang ruthless **GUN FOR HIRE** na nagmamalinis. Bakit ka ninyo, hindi pa nababaon sa limo sa sambayanan Pilipino ang iyong back channeling sa bansang **CHINA** kung saan mismong ang kasalukuyan Ambassador ng panahon nay un at ang DFA at pati na rin ang **SECRETARY OF DFA** ang mismong kumontra sayo, ang tanong ngayon ay hudus ka nga kaya sa sambayanan Pilipino, Yes or No, **MISTER MAGDALO !!!!** Sa aking palagay ay sayang ang pagka PMA mo ng Class 1994. Ngayon ang isang hindi magandang ginagawa mo bilang miyembro ng blue ribbon committee ay ang patuloy na grand standing mo at malinaw na demolition job ang lakad mo laban sa mga Binay, bakit kan ninyo? Eh hindi ba ang mga imbestigasyon sa senado at maging sa blue ribbon committee are all done in aid of legislation, eh ano ba ginagawa mo eh puros pag-papapogi lamang at pagpapabida sa media. **ANG DATAP MONG GAWINAT GINAWANUON PAAY SABIHANANG OMBADSMAN ESTE OMBUDSMAN AT ANG DOJ NA IMBESTIGAHAN NG AGARAN SIBINAY AT AGARAN DINISAMPAANG REKLAMOKUNG MAY SAPAT NA BASEHAN** at itigil mo na ang pag-papapogi para sa libreng medyas este media mileage. Bakit Mr. Senator Trillanes, ano ba ang pangunahin trabaho mo imbestigador ka ba o legislator??? **AGAAMO TAYON ***NEGATIB KAYO PAREHO SAAKINAT DAPAT LANG KAYONG PAREHONG IBASURA!!!!**

DIMENSIONAL ROAD

Priming Filipino Specializations for Global Competitiveness

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



The English language when comprehensively absorbed is a sturdy tool that cultivates the intellectual capacity of Filipino graduate professionals to penetrate and take part towards successful international interactive endeavors even how complex a corporate world is.

As early as the last decade of the 20th century, world labor gave opportunities for Filipino professionals with English language specialization to endeavor overseas as educators to other nationalities. English teachers of the English language go global that implies Filipino graduates are at parity with graduates abroad. But as the 20th century moves to the 21st century, qualifications become standardized due to the influence of Western educators who come from varied universities and colleges around the world. These teachers' popular destinations are in Asia influencing countries' education authorities and administrators to revamp their hiring criteria as well as aligned their curriculum to the concepts of Western education introduced by native speakers as catalysts for pedagogical evolutions outwitting Asian English language lecturers known to possess impressive academic performance abroad and in their countries of origin.

In the Middle East to be specific, great numbers of native speakers continuously flocked educational institutions causing Western-oriented administrators to raise their hiring standards. For Asians like us, to be of equivalence to these native speakers, the need to transform our higher education curricula is crucial. Graduating the Bachelor's degree doesn't guarantee satisfactory qualifications for candidates to teach the English language where colleges universities, institutes, technical-vocational centers, elementary and secondary schools are publicly operated. Let's examine common requirements which were raised due to the influx of foreign language educators. Graduates in the Bachelor's degree with English should have a teaching experience for a minimum of two years after graduation. The candidate should be a licensed teacher with a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) or TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages) certificate from any internationally recognized institution and should be able to display his fluency in written and oral English. For graduates of the Master's degree in English or other allied courses, it follows the requirements of the Bachelors' degree applicants and must have (2) two to (3) three years teaching experience after obtaining his masters. TEFL or TESOL certificate is an edge although some public education institutions strictly require the said certificate regardless of a candidate's master's degree. For a doctorate in English, it follows the requirements in the master's degree and the candidate should have a minimum of (2) two to -(3) three years teaching experience after obtaining a doctorate degree where TEFL or TESOL is an edge from other applicants. However, some universities necessarily require the said additional English language credential. The candidates' field of specializations from bachelors to doctorate should be aligned.

Why is there a need for these extra certificates in English? It is due to the fact that TESOL or TEFL programs signify a highly practical method to English language teaching. The curriculum of this certificate reflects careful study of current theory and its practical application in teaching methodology. It has been designed to provide teachers with the firm background in teaching students who speak differ-

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In public service, if public servants who are in power from the legislative to the executive to the local government units are giving back their true responsibility to their constituents, the Philippines would not be like this.

This is the stance of the Commission on Population-CAR Director Rose Fortaleza who believes that public service is for the public if you are in the government by returning to the people what is expected from you. "Nobody is perfect," she said. Unfortunately some but not most public servants do their best, but even so, still some of these public servants are carried away by the system gradually, their views change so that the public should also do their share to change the system if it goes crooked. It's the heart that is given and not the vote. Be a model for others, she added.

Ms. Rose Fortaleza has been with POP COM-CAR for three years now who was previously assigned at Region 3 and Region 5. She is from San Jose del Monte, Bulacan. She is a teacher by profession majoring in English and Mathematics from Christ the King College in Calbayog, Samar. She has a Masters in Rural Development Population Studies. She is currently taking her Doctor's in Leadership in Management at Saints Dominic University in Quezon City.

An educator by profession, she taught for three years in a high school right after graduating form College. She applied and was hired at POP COM as a research assistant in 1978. Then as a research assignment. Here, she has done research regarding family planning and directly submitted them to the office of the Chief Division who handles clinic services on family planning method and gave directions on target such as achieving population growth and what kind of components do they have. She also looked into implications of the researches and partnered with research institutions. One of her research but was not pushed through was the herbal method such as the use of gumamela and hair of corn indigenously with the University of the Philippines Manila as family planning method. Although the herbal method was on the process and was tested that they have contraceptive effects and that fertility was declined, it did not push through because of lack of funds.

Before becoming the director for POP COM CAR, Ms. Fortaleza served as a planning officer in CAR from 1994-1997. In mid 1997 she served as a technical division of population CAR. She also worked as an Administrative Officer 5 at the Central office in Manila after which she served in the information division for two years and finally as a Regional Director for POP COM-CAR.

For a short period of time, she worked in a private environment in PRISM, a private company under the US administration in Bulacan as a coordinator for four months but she preferred to go back and worked in the government sector. "Your environment is wider and you are not pressured that much to achieve targets and commitment at the end of the year. You have leeway. In a private company, you have to give back the hours that you are being paid. You have to do everything that you may lose your love of work.

In the Service of the Philippine Population

As a Regional Director, Ms. Fortaleza is mandating PD 79 which contains the overall coordinating planning policy making and agency monitoring on population. She coordinates the program with other agencies such as policy's researching, analyzing, and directing of the plan. The PD 79 is the Bible of population program. It

we just went to rationalization last year so we are fortunate to have hired new people new blood and as far as the office is concerned, we have the right people both the old and neophytes are smart in the way they think and plan. We train for local government assistance and advocacy materials. It's happy working in the Cor-



Commission on Population-CAR Director Rose Fortaleza in one of her personal efforts in extending sound family planning and management advice to couples.

contains the six year plan term that is incorporated in the Philippine's medium term plan as part of the government's programs. This policy changes as Presidents also are being changed. She also coordinates programs on advocacy, data, and information management resource.

"I Love working at POP COM. I love the challenges in terms of personal administration and the human aspect of the organization. It is motivating and leads me to achieve more. I introduce innovations and go outside of the box even if there are directions coming from the top; I have the freedom to make changes not affecting our targets for the region. According to my staff, she always tells them that there are many ways to do things and its up to them to know those best that could be brought out by thinking more. Every day is a challenge because you have to do more than you have performed the past week," said Ms. Fortaleza.

As far as working rapport with her colleagues is concerned, they are nice to work with. They like their job and they blend with each other well. "We're glad

dillars. I love working with them since I was assigned here before. My second child graduated at the Saint Louis University in Baguio City.

For 35 years of working with the Commission on Population, Ms. Fortaleza has accumulated experiences in terms of

"We adhere to human rights; reproductive rights; and constitutional rights of couples responsibilities. We respect the church on family planning method. The services of the government on contraceptives have no controversy since all contraceptives are scrupulously studied by the BFAD and the DOH and that everything is ok with no effects."

program operation which she sees as an advantage. There are ins and outs of the organization because she works as a technical person and an administrator overseeing people and logistics and these do not change. She works with different people and sees their differences and manages them. In an organization, it has its ups and downs but Ms. Fortaleza was able to build up analytical systems on how to face problems both in the or-

ganization and her staff." I love studying because I want to keep my mind working. You go to school; you are with young people and a different environment. Regardless of age, acquiring more knowledge is letting your mind function and it's a part of life. It gives flavor to existing knowledge thus adding know hows on handling things.

Ms Fortaleza has been a recipient of

studies abroad on a one year scholarship in India on a population studies. Here she studied the country's conservative culture and their religion. She got with her learning of what other countries are doing that we can't do do. She was also sent to East-West Center, in Hawaii, in Thailand, in Malaysia and all the regions in the Philippines where she used the knowledge obtained from these countries to her job. She also worked at the central office that was funded by a foreign agency named UNFPA where she was assigned as the director of the project of program on population development in twenty provinces in the Philippines. Here, she met different people from the influential to the grassroots and their communities and the consultants form the national and international level. She learned how to be a consultant for them.

Ms. Fortaleza loves to sing over the karaoke after office as a stress reliever. She loves dancing ballroom, read books on love stories and novels by Sheldon of investigative and romantic novels and she loves series such as CSI, Face Book and Google for information. She loves food with gata or coconut milk chocolates, and small fishes. "I have to buy every time I see small fishes," she said. She also joins aerobics at Burnham Park.

The commission on Population is an important agency to learn about population. It is an international commitment and is a signatory which installs agreement that each country should have a population program. As of July 2014, the Philippines' has approximately one million populations." The projection was computed using the 2010 census population and the growth rate from 2002-2010. The statistical formula is used by demographers and the national statistics office and it is scientifically accurate. The project is held between five and ten years before a census is made.

"There are two things to be considered in the study of population, they are the population size and population growth rate," said Ms Fortaleza. In this, the church and the state has an informed choice of family planning since we do not coerce. We don't enforce methods since everything still depends on the couples but we want them to have access of the services through right information and government responsibility. We do not endorse abortion since it's illegal in the Philippines. We adhere to human rights; reproductive rights; and constitutional rights of couples responsibilities. We respect the church on family planning method. The services of the government on contraceptives have no controversy since all contraceptives are scrupulously studied by the BFAD and the DOH and that everything is ok with no side effects. We work with interfaith," explained Ms. Fortaleza.

The approval of the Reproductive Health is done by the government and the DOH. These are to strengthen the implementation with availability of services with specific allocations; education components for different clients and agencies; and the implementation of existing programs. The stand of the government is to manage population from a rational point of view since the resources' of the country

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NOTE: PART 6 OF THE LG KOMENTARYO ON DOTC REGIONAL DIRECTOR CELINA CLAVER'S INEFFICIENCY WILL CONTINUE ON THE NEXT ISSUE.



From Waste...

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istration.

The G20 Company is requesting the Sangguniang Bayan for a pre-memorandum of understanding for them to process the papers pursuant to renewable energy and the SEC's requirement since G20 company cannot go into preliminaries without a MOA that acts as a binder of the agreement.

"We like the proposal because aside from it having no cash out from the municipality, the risk of the facility malfunctioning and bugging down is the company's," said Mayor Tabanda. The facility with its test going on under the aforementioned government agencies is not like the Black Hole that have not undergone test and was hidden from the public's eye for the cost of thirty million pesos and was only utilized for six months. The amount that was supposed to be used as payment to the bank was gotten by former Mayor Abalos and did not go to the office neither the money having a receipt.

The G20 company's facility have no negatives from DOST and BENECO. "We will not spend huge amount of money in hauling for our garbage. Once the MOA will be accepted, terms and conditions concerning public private partnership will be established. We will wait for the final test result from Bulacan and its profile," said Mayor Tabanda.

The ADB invited the company not only as internationally operating but cost benefitting of its mission to operate and sell energy produced by the facility. "We want to expedite the talks and the process but for now, we have to fast track the hauling of our garbage," said Mayor Tabanda.

The project is expected to commence this November or so once everything is settled. / Ezequiel Banas-e/The Junction News

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE RESIDENTIAL HOUSE

NOT ICE is hereby given that the estate of the late YOLANDA LEYVA, who died intestate on December 27, 2012 at Crystal Cave, Baguio City, consisting of Residential House covered by ARP No. 2013-05-008-136746 was extra judicially settled by their heirs on October 9, 2014 is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Residential House as per Doc. No. 370; Page No. 74; Book No. 220; Series of 2014 of the Notarial Book of Atty. Leoncio L. Alangde of Baguio City.

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Johan Teope and N4th Enterprises headed by Maria Rhodora Flores with adopted barangay Happy Hollow headed by PB Soriano Palunan and Happy Hollow Elementary School headed by Ellen Grande.

Asin-Galiano River adoptors include Chowking (Lower and Upper Session, Centermall, SM, Abanao and Burnham) and Canitalk Academy headed by Lee Dong Geon with adopted barangays Upper Q.M. and City Camp Central headed by PB Andres Remorque, Jr. and PB Jessie Bandiola, respectively.

Department of Agriculture Employers Association and Baguio City National High School Annex also took part in the signing the MOA.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan stressed the importance of teamwork in achieving our goal in bringing back the cleanliness of our environment for the benefit of our children and our children's children. /By: Jho Arranz

Honest Cabbie...

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straight home."

"I was feeling different that day so I decided to go home, when I was cleaning the cab I noticed that a bag was left inside the taxi so I decided to open it and see if there is an address of the owner," he said.

Upon opening the bag, he was surprised to see a handful of cash amounting to P120,000.00, an Ipad, sunglasses and documents.

Peralta immediately searched for a number or address of the owner in order to return the bag and its contents.

"Nag-text ako sa number na nakita ko sa envelope, kaya lang hindi sumasagot kasi kala ko two yung last number yun pala seven," he said.

His son Jhoven Barlaan Peralta helped him figure-out the number written in the envelope and they managed to contact the owner Franc Eduard Castro Hidalgo, a student.

Meantime, Hidalgo who can't remember the plate number of the taxi where he left his bag was already feeling nervous and worried that he might not be able to recover his belongings.

"I really thought that my belongings especially the money to pay for my car is gone and it was a surprise for me to get a message from Peralta to meet him so he can return my bag," he said.

The following day October 9, Peralta and Hidalgo personally met where the latter handed the bag to its owner, all intact and even hesitated to accept a reward in return.

Peralta is one of the many honest residents of this city who make ends meet, eking a living through hard work yet exemplify a character worthy of respect.

The honesty of Peralta will be highlighted in a program of the city where a Resolution honouring his good deed and selfless act will be presented to him by the city government. /By: Paul Rillorta

Oplan Kaluluwa...

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CBD shall take San Roque rd, turn right to Dominican road to Queen of Apostles or Queen of Peace road to their terminal. Passengers from CBD intending to go to the cemetery shall be unloaded at the back of Station 1, in front of Recoletos Seminary.

Dominican PUJs going to the CBD shall take Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles road. Unloading of passengers shall be at the road space before the junction of Quirino Highway-Dominican Intersection.

Quezon Hill PUJs going to the CBD may take Fairview road to Ferguson road towards Buhagan road, or take the 2nd road to Quirino Highway, turn left towards Dominican road, then to Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles road. Unloading of passengers shall be at the road space before the junction of Quirino Highway-Dominican Intersection.

Guisad, Fairview and other PUJs taking Ferguson road towards the

CBD shall take Sepic road to Buhagan road towards their terminal.

Starting 5AM of Nov. 1, until the activity is over, parking is prohibited at the following areas: inside the Baguio Cemetery, Buhagan road junction to Ferguson road junction; Ferguson road junction to 2nd road Quezon Hill; 2nd road Quezon hill junction to San Luis rd., junction; Sofia de Veyra st.; Queen of Apostles road; from Station 1 to the entrance of Baguio Cemetery; from Baguio Cemetery entrance to San Carlos Heights junction.

There shall be no loading or unloading at the Baguio Cemetery entrance, while loading and unloading is allowed at the road space before the 2nd road of Quezon Hill; in front of Recoletos Seminary; road space after the entrance of BMC; road space before the 1st road of San Carlos Hts.; Road space before the entrance of Shangrila subdivision.

The recommended parking areas are: pay parking area inside Cooyesan Plaza; inside Shangrila subdivision; inside the Recoletos compound; whole stretch of Ponce street along Quezon hill, left side facing the 1st road; road side parking along Sofia de Veyra, left side descending; road shoulder of Quirino Highway after the loading/unloading zone from the BMC entrance until the main gate of Bermuda subdivision, for light vehicles only. /By: Julie G. Fianza

Greetings from:

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO) that the 34th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) will be held on December 06, 2014 (Saturday) at the Municipal Covered Court, Kapangan, Benguet.

Any member-consumer who wishes to include any agenda to be acted upon by the Assembly must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Directors not later than November 07, 2014 at the BENECO Office, Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Every member is encouraged to attend this annual activity.

MANAGEMENT

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REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES
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COURT
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La Trinidad,
Benguet

MYRNA P.
CHANFING
Mortgagee,

-versus-

RENDA B.
MANUEL
Mortgagor,

CASE NO. 14-
EXF-1796

NOTICE OF
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
STATE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by MYRNA P. CHANFING, married, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Km. 4, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, against RENDA B. MANUEL, single, of legal age, Filipino Citizen, and with residence and postal address at Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 5, 2014 amounted to THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 360,000) ONLY, Philippine Currency, including interest, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on November 18, 2014, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real properties including all the improvements there on, to wit:

DECLARATION
OF REAL PROP-

ERTY ARP No. 2010-03-06-00154 (together with any existing improvements there on) Present possessor and Owner: RENDA B. MANUEL, Location: Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet

Boundaries:
North: Lot 240 East: Lot 091 & 092
South: Ass. Lot 149
West: Ass Lot 242;
Kind: Vegetable Land
Area: 151 square meters;
Market Value: P1,070.00
Assessed Value: P5,360.00

**DECLARATION
OF REAL PROPERTY
ARP No. 2010-03-06-00155** (together with any existing improvements there on) Present Possessor and Owner: RENDA B. MANUEL Location: Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet

Boundaries:
North: Lot 240 & 244 East: Ass Lot 241 & 240 South: Ass. Lot 149 & 241
West: Ass Lot 243 & 149;
Kind: Vegetable Land
Area: 300 square meters;
Market Value: P2,130.00
Assessed Value: P10,650.00

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 9, 2014 at the same place and time without further notice.

Interested bidder/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said properties and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation, on October 26, 2014 and November 2

Bontoc...

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Last October 10, the anonymous Samaritan handed the six envelopes to the conductor of a GL bus with body number 919 in Bontoc, Mt. Province, saying the recipients, or their representatives, would claim these at the company station here in Baguio.

He or she then texted the recipients or their relatives for the pick-up, using the cellphone numbers indicated in the news items as the contact numbers for those who would like to respond to the pleas.

"I saw the names scribbled on the other envelopes and was quite sure they were written by only one person," swore Maribel Cruz, a 55-year old mother from Pacdal here who claimed an envelope for her son, 35-year old dialysis patient Roel.

"The support was pure relief. Immediately after receipt, I texted the sender my son's gratitude, hoping to receive a response that would somehow give us a clue on who she or he is," Maribel said.

But not one of the five other recipients or their relatives also had any inkling on the identity of the Samaritan who just texted them back his or her hope for their mustering courage to endure the challenge of sustaining the patients' life-time dialysis treatment.

"He/she didn't want to give his/her name; all we know is that he or she is from Mt. Province as the envelopes were sent through the GL bus company's station in Bontoc town," disclosed Annie

Aplasen-Yadno, who had issued the appeal for help on behalf of her brother, Abe Aplasen, a 36-year old patient from Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet.

& 9, 2014;

Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in the three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Benguet, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 24th day of October, 2014

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

JOHN MARIE O.
OCASLA
Sheriff IV

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ber 1 and 8, 2014

As he or she refused to be identified, it was not known whether the donor was the same Samaritan who earlier sent through the bus courier another set of envelopes containing equal amounts, also for dialysis patients at the BGHMC.

Aside from the support from Bontoc, Annie said her brother also received P1,000 from a certain Eugene from Ifugao and P2,000 from one who identified herself as Esther Fianza.

Last week, two more kidney patients aired pleas for help through their relatives.

Guigeon Falingchan Tuminge, a 37-year old forestry graduate from Tocucan, Bontoc, Mt. Province, through his wife, Vanessa, 37, said the family could hardly cope with the twice-a-week blood-cleansing sessions he has been undergoing since Christmas of 2011.

"I made an appeal through the papers last year and I'm into it again as we are at a loss on where to turn to," admitted Vanessa (nee Balingway), mother to 15-year old daughter Shydel and 13-year old son Eduard Shem.

Would-be donors can call Vanessa's number - 09099692481.

Making a similar appeal is 27-year old Liezle Binwag-Kinakin who suffered a miscarriage last November and was diagnosed for kidney failure last February.

Her husband, Rafael Kinakin, a 33-year old small-scale mine laborer in

Ucab, Itogon, Benguet, said help can be coursed through the BGHMC dialysis room staff or when Liezle is on treatment every Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. Donors may also ring up Rafael's cellphone - 09364474987/By: Ramon Dacawi

Anti-Smoking...

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ing with anti-smoking signs posted inside the premises. They will be monitored regularly and succeeding violations will mean hefty fines and charges in court.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who heads the ASKI said the campaign will be a continuing program to ensure that establishments will observe the anti-smoking regulations.

The city police under Sr. Supt. Rolando Miranda regularly report the number of apprehension of violators of the smoking ordinance to the ASKI.

Tubera pushed for the conduct of inspections of the establishment to boost the campaign.

The city government intends to strengthen its anti-smoking law by amending Ordinance No. 8 series of 2008 or the Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance of Baguio City and its Implementing Rules and Regulations to clarify the definition of public places where smoking is supposed to be banned. They also plan to impose stiffer penalties for violators.

The proposed amendment is pending before the city council. A Refuerzo



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Food Safety Forum

BAGUIO CITY - A whole-day Philippine Food Safety Forum will be held here in the city on Oct. 27, at the Crown Legacy Hotel, Legarda road.

This is the content of the letter to Mayor Mauricio Domogan from director Henry Palaca who said topics to be discussed are: Food Safety Preparedness of the Philippines, Philippine Food Safety Act Implementation updates, Trends and Solutions in Combatting Food Fraud, Food Technologies to Extend Shelf Life, and Food Safety Standardization Certification.

Other topics to be tackled are: Sustainable Agriculture Perspective on Food Safety, and Best Practices and Current Trends in Managing Food Safety in the Food Service Industry.

The forum is a nationwide advocacy, campaign and commitment to food safety. Conference kits will be given to attendees, with corresponding rates for students and professionals, Palaca said in his letter.

On its third consecutive year, the theme of the event is "Strengthening Food Safety of the Philippine Food Supply Chain, Palaca also stated in his letter.

A consulting company, the PFSF groups boasts of offices in Quezon City, Cavite and Baguio City./By: Julie G. Fianza

Editorial

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Increased population concentration in Metro Manila and other cities jacks up rent and cost of land among people with stagnating incomes, note Dr. Anna Marie Karaos and John Nicolas of the John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues. Lots can range from P3,000 to P42,000 per square meter. That's petty cash for Tagaytay Highlands owners. But that prices out the poor.

Such valid concerns are relegated to the backdrop as charges and countercharges fly.

The Vice President said he'd appear before the Senate if the invitation would come from the mother committee. Sen. Teofisto Guingona III, blue ribbon committee chair, said he was accepting this challenge of Binay, which was made in a TV interview.

Guingona appeared for the first time in the subcommittee hearing to say the Vice President would be given the opportunity to explain and would be given respect.

But has the Vice President started to hedge? "Binay would consider the invitation," his spokesperson stressed. Among the bookies, the odds favor those who say Binay will backpedal pronto.

Something will have to give soon. Makati's "Camelot days" of "happily ever after" is over for the Binays and their die-hard followers. The only question is when. "The strategy of evasion may work for some time," Sun Star's Bong Wenceslao notes. "But it won't work in the 2016 presidential election."

As the late star Mickey Rooney said: "Once upon a time, I lived happily ever after."/Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com

Trees Survival, Tree Cutting

BAGUIO CITY - Busol watershed, Botanical gardens, residential, commercial and institutional areas have been planted with 22, 331 assorted tree seedlings, as to reports from the City Environment Parks Management Office during the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meeting last week.

For the botanical garden along Leonard Wood road, there are 9,721 Benguet Pine seedlings planted; followed by coffee at 220 seedlings; citrus, 20; cypress, 156; guava, agoho and bamboo, 1 each.

At the Busol watershed, 9,050 Benguet pine tree seedlings were planted.

In both parks, the trees were planted by religious groups, the local government of Baguio, the barangays, national line agencies, non-Government Organizations, private groups and companies and private individuals.

A portion of Forbes Park along South Drive, has also been planted with 1,400 Benguet Pine tree seedlings with Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) directors Ferdie Bayasen and Virgilio Orca as sponsors.

As to city ordinance mandating the planting of trees, fruit trees and ornamentals in vacant areas within the barangays, rooftops, and commercial areas, as of end of September 2014, there have been 886 ornamentals, 177 various tree species and 698 fruit trees planted in 1194 residential areas, 364 commercial places, and 203 institutions; for a total of 1,761 planted.

According to CEPMO forester Walter Aguirre, the survival rate is determined six months after the planting season; thus the need for planters to care for, water and clean the surroundings of the seedlings. As to earlier reports, tree survival has been pegged at 87%.

As to tree cutting permits issued, from August 21 up to September 18, there had been 16 tree-cutting permits approved by the city authorities, with 30 trees cut; 8 live trees, 20 dead, and 2 trees for trimming. Permits are issued if the trees are deemed a threat to persons and property.

This was culled from the report of Beatriz Gajete, head of the Forestry Division of the CEPMO. Eight (8) of the trees are in Road-Right of Ways or government lots, while 22 are in private occupied lots.

Meanwhile, there are 1,693 dead trees; 1,378 in residential areas while 315 are in parks, RROW and government lots./By: Julie G. Fianza

Oplan Kaluluwa Traffic Scheme

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office has released

the traffic advisory, which takes effect 5AM to midnight of Nov. 1, All Souls Day commemoration; for the general public and motorists alike.

The advisory is part of the meeting of Oplan Kaluluwa for the general public's annual trek to the city's public and private cemeteries.

Private vehicles EXCEPT trucks and buses, are allowed to pass through Quirino Highway. Motorists from the central business district may load/unload passengers at the cemetery but have to make a U-turn at 1st road, San Carlos Heights to their destination. Exit will be through Dominican road towards Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles road to destination.

One-way roads include: Quirino highway, from Buhagan road junction to Dominican road; Dominican road, from Quirino Highway junction to Queen of Peace road; San Luis road from Quirino highway junction to San Luis/San Roque

Oplan Kaluluwa Guidelines out

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) through Oplan Kaluluwa for Nov. 1 and 2, All Souls and All Saints' day commemoration, has given out crime prevention and safety tips for motorists and the general public alike.

For public safety at the Baguio Public Cemetery; firearms, deadly weapons or any pointed objects, gambling paraphernalia and noise makers are not allowed. Intoxicating drinks and the selling of merchandise inside the cemetery are strictly prohibited, it was known.

Cemetery-goers are cautioned to bring just enough food, water and materials and be watchful of their belongings, and of their kin, specially children. To prevent fires, lighted candles on tombs should be supervised, or put out before leaving. Trash should be taken care of by visitors, or disposed at proper receptacles to be made available at the site.

Cemetery-goers should also know where the Police assistance booth or first aid station are, for any emergency or medical need.

Before leaving their residences, house owners should make sure that door and windows are properly locked, and activate burglar alarms, if any. Electrical appliances are to be unplugged, or stoves and water should be checked; clothes on the clothesline should also be kept.

Motorists should make sure that their vehicles are properly mechanic-checked before travel. Those using public vehicles are also cautioned to travel light and bring only essentials; arrive at the bus station or airport early, to avoid undue rush. All suspicious packages are to be treated with care, or reported to the police. Alertness is a must, as there could be bag or baggage snatchers within the area, the police warned.

For those going to cemeteries to honor their dead, 150 flower and candle stalls are open at the Ganza parking area, Burnham, Park from Oct. 26 to Nov. 1. There are also flower stalls along the side of Harrison road.

For motorists, same as in the past years, trucks and buses are NOT allowed along Quirino highway (Munoz st up to Buhagan road) going to Baguio City from 4AM to 12 Midnight of Nov. 1. Alternate routes are Marcos highway or Sta. Lucia circumferential or Lamtang-Longlong road to the central business district (CBD) or La Trinidad, Benguet.

Oplan Kaluluwa is a city program to assist cemetery-goers for the annual trek to the city's public and private cemeteries./By: Julie G. Fianza

junction; San Roque st.; Sofia de Veyra st., 1st road Quezon Hill, from Quirino highway junction to Ponce street; Sepic road, from Ferguson road junction to Buhagan rd., junction.

Motorists from the central business district may load/unload passengers at the cemetery, but will have to make a U-turn at 1st road, San Carlos Heights before proceeding to destination. Exit to the CBD will be through Dominican road towards Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles road to destination.

Taxi units shall load/unload at the back of Station 1, in front of Recoletos Seminary, take the San Luis/San Roque road for exit; take Dominican road towards Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles road in going back to the CBD.

Irisan, San Carlos Heights, NPC and Quirino Highway bound PUJs, will use Dominican road and take Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles to their terminal at the CBD. Passengers from the CBD intending to go to the cemetery shall be unloaded along the junction of 1st road, San Carlos Heights.

San Luis, San Roque, Asin, Nangalisan and other PUJs along Asin road to the

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peripheries of the proposed Bangsamoro territory (*adjoining Marawi and Lanao del Sur*) and they had previous bad experiences with the MILF. Former **SECRETARY SENEN BACANI**, a panel member who had served former Philippine presidents and doing ground work principally in agriculture Mindanao, was a moderating, experienced voice with his clarity and distinctive competent demeanor. Add to this were the curt and succinct repartees and explanations of lady chair "IYE" FERRER whose voice came through as re-assuring (*and alluring!*)

WHY DIVIDE? — I was particularly struck by an eloquent **ATTY ZARAGOSA** who bewailed the "divisiveness" that the setting up of a Bangsamoro would inflict on a nation that ought to be united. He drew from the contemporary dividing lessons of the Berlin Wall of the East-West Germany; the North-South Vietnam, North-South Korea divides; the Gaza Wall, etc. He was asking "why should the Bangsamoro be specially allowed to have their own separate world distinct from other Filipinos when all of us Boholanos, Cebuanos, non-Muslims, Ilocanos and specially those in Mindanao suffered the same experience of exclusion and poverty that Muslims complain about". He claimed that we were all common victims of history when foreign colonizers divided us all as a people. Interesting points indeed.

SOVEREIGN CHOICE — What provinces or areas will ultimately comprise the Bangsamoro territory was thoroughly explained with emphasis on the sovereign prerogative of inhabitants to either "opt in or opt out" of the Bangsamoro territory during the plebiscite. The bottom line is: at the minimum, at least two (2) provinces must vote "yes" otherwise the Bangsamoro may end up like the Cordillera's "autonomous region that never was" because only one province opted "in". Although Iligan City is definitely "out" and not "in" as part of the proposed Bangsamoro, the common expressed concern was about the 6 Muslim-dominated barangays with a total area of about 20,000 hectares that may be "detached" from the city if (yes, if) the residents will "opt in" during the plebiscite. Some distinguished legal minds, notably some judges, raised legal points to question such eventuality.

RESOURCES — The sensitive issue on inland waters and the use of natural resources by the Bangsamoro was expectedly raised. They worried on how non-Bangsamoro consumers could avail of those resources since the Bangsamoro would take over these natural jewels. Suggestions on how implementing gaps could be bridged were also submitted. Even the rumors about some "fast operators" cashing in on the proposed Bangsamoro setup "selling" positions in the proposed bureaucracy, including police slots were quashed. Why "Bangsamoro" is now the new buzzword to replace "Muslim Mindanao" was explained. Indeed, if non-Muslims like Lumads or IPs or even Christians can be

inhabitants within the new autonomous territory, to refer to it as "Muslim Mindanao" will not fit.

LUMADS — The **Indigenous Peoples (IPs)** also aired their own angsts, apprehensions and yes, hopes too. With around 35 tribal groups in Mindanao whose ancestral domain areas also overlap or are within the Bangsamoro, the tribes were evidently in clear search for clarifications and assurances of mutual respect and recognition of their own exercise of the right to self-determination. Re-assuring words from the Moro and IP members of the **Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC)** present were helpful in clearing some misapprehensions. MILF Panel Member **DATU ANTONIO KINOC**, BTC members **SAID SHEIK**, **TIMUAY MELANO ULAMA** and **TALIB ABDULHAMID BENITO** took turns in dealing ably with raised issues. Even one questioner who at the outset declared an emphatic "NO to Bangsamoro" appeared assuaged and enlightened after a response from the panel. Former **MAYOR FRANKLIN QUIJANO** whom I have not seen for ages, came forward and gave his own pitch urging everyone to help contribute to bring clarity to the discourse.

"WHAT IF?" — One significant information volunteered by one of the BTC members was about MILF's resolve and steadfastness in not abandoning the peace track whatever is the outcome from the Congress (on the final BBL) or from the **Supreme Court** (if constitutional issues will be raised). One panel/BTC panelist announced: "To the credit of the MILF, it significantly downscaled its claim for their right to self-determination to the barest minimum by abandoning cessationist intentions and resolving to submit to the final decision of the Philippine sovereign authority." This declaration alone is re-assuring enough given the "what if questions" lurking in many minds apprehensive on what the MILF will do if some provisions of the comprehensive agreement will be substantially altered in Congress or in the Supreme Court. Then we were informed about the first stage of the decommissioning (or disarming) of the MILF with the "warehousing and padlocking" of their crew-served weapons for starters. Examples of crew-served weapons are the shoulder-fired rocket propelled grenades (RPGs) and armaments that are considered offensive weaponry that usually require more than one person (or a crew) to handle or operate. Then there was mention of the on-going feverish pace in organizing MILF's political arm called the Bangsamoro Justice Party that will compete with other mainstream political parties in the plebiscite and the elections. This, hopefully, will be the start MILF's political coming of age — transforming and transitioning from an armed revolutionary group into a political party that seeks reforms through democratic ways by participating in mainstream politics.

"STAY THE COURSE" — When, towards the end, I was called to say a few words, I took the microphone and indeed stuck only to a few words knowing that this forum was to be for Iliganons and

I was only an observer. Describing the whole exercise as "inspiring and enlightening", I expressed what everyone in the hall, I surmised, was sharing silently in common: that we should give peace a chance, that whatever the challenges are up ahead or how bumpy the road ahead may be, especially when the more difficult stage of implementation starts, that we all must "stay the course". Otherwise we will squander this rare opportunity of coming close to what every Mindanaoan has long dreamt of. We may never have this same historic opportunity at another time.... Ever/**ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC.** (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: /AMFI_Mindanow/Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

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try and its population has its own responsibilities and that the two are given of with equal opportunities. The resources are usually difficult to reach the marginalized and underprivileged people because the poor families have usually the most number of children. And health centers are scarce and family planning is poorly relayed to term. Even if the country is populous but if poverty is rampant then quality of life for all Filipinos are not sustained and the effects to the environment is heavy. "We want to make every Filipino a steward of the environment. With the population ballooning, carrying capacity of a place and saturation point is heavy and is above the rehired population. Consequences are that traffics, squatters, garbage, floods and housing problems among others mushroom," said Ms Fortaleza.

As of 2014 the accomplishments of the Commission on Population-CAR under the component programs of the Philippine Population management Program on Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program are as follows:

Launching and roll out of the 101XSS: 101 Ways to become an Empowered youth is an interactive social movement campaign aimed at bringing in commitments and messages of the youth for themselves in the fight against risky sexual and non-sexual behaviors. With an active online presence with its own website 101xss.com and on social media platforms like facebook and youtube. The campaign has also developed digital advocacy materials like its teenage pregnancy animated infomercial and Sureteen Teenage fertility tracking mobile application. Both materials are to be officially launched by the coming year.

The national U4U teen Trail initiative also put under the 101XSS campaign has reached 1081 youth, one of the highest outputs in the country. Teen trails have been conducted in Baguio City, Ifugao, Mountain Province and Benguet with target activities to be done in Abra and Kalinga before the end of the year.

Together with provincial launches of the 101XSS campaign the teen trail has also trained more than a hundred teen facilitators who were equipped with proper knowledge on addressing concerns for adolescent reproductive health, sexuality and youth development.

Improved partnerships with both private and public institutions like UNFPA, Center for Health Services Innovation, LuzonHealth

and LGUs is mobilizing joint resources for bringing Adolescent Health services to grassroots areas.

1. Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning Program (RP-FP)

Complete staff work in field monitoring and data collection on unmet need for Family Planning covering all provinces and cities in the region.

In-house Development of offline database systems for reporting and profiling of couples in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program and the Responsible Parenthood Movement.

Training of more than 200 Barangay Population Volunteers for Ifugao Province to assist in profiling of families and conduct of RP-FP classes.

Development of a localized campaign called Men Tako to increase Male involvement on Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning. Considering Indigenous cultures in the region concerned with family values and issues of Cordilleran men.

Around 7000 couples reached and profiled in terms of unmet needs for family planning and participated in FDS and RP-FP Classes. All profiles are encoded on the National RP-FP Database of PopCom and accessible for partners and LGUs.

2. Population and Development
Training of teachers from both private and public schools in the provinces of Apayao and Benguet of the new PopDevEd modules. In partnership with Philippine Center for Population and Development, LuzonHealth, DepEd and local government units of Kabugao, Conner, Luna, Pudtol, Sta Marcela, Flora all in Apayao and Mankayan in Benguet. Trained 170 elementary and secondary teachers on Population and Development modules to be integrated into the new k-12 curriculum.

PPMP and POPDEV Orientations. The RPO, in partnership with the City Population Offices of Baguio City and La Trinidad conducted a one-day orientation on the PPMP and POPDEV Integration with more than 300 barangay officials attended. This was funded by the LGU and the RPO provided technical assistance.

Continued provision of technical assistance (as trainers, facilitators, resource persons) to LGU-initiated activities in the areas of data and information management, gender and development, peer education, POPDEV integration, responsible parenthood and family planning, etc.

The Regional Director has been assigned as the National Director for Gender and Development, in charge at overseeing all aspects of GAD implementation across all component programs of PopCom.

The Commission on Population caters to every Filipino regardless of religion, culture, beliefs including those of the Muslims, indigenous peoples, age specific population, teenagers, and adults. It has programs on gender and development and gender issues involving women and men on their working environment. It addresses trainings, gender analysis and gender responsiveness.

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ent languages other than English to be able to exhibit their skill to apply what they have learned to real teaching contexts as conceptualized primarily from western education system as adapted by overseas curriculum designers.

To prepare for these qualifications overseas, it is recommended that CHED (Commission on Higher Education) recognized institutions should revolutionize the curriculum of graduates to ensure global competitiveness in directing them in search of livelihood when teaching job opportunities in the Philippines deteriorates. It is essential that universities and colleges in the Philippines should establish an affiliation from other recognized colleges, universities and other legitimate educational institutions that offer TEFL or TESOL like Canada, USA, Ireland, UK, South Africa and Australia whose people are recognize as native speakers of the English language to offer these certificates in consortium which shall pave the way of establishing Filipino graduates' credential credibility to teach. Other than establishing the said affiliations abroad, the British Council based in our country could provide support towards the achievements of teaching credentials since they are agents of empowering the English language as an international medium of communication especially to aspiring English teachers around the world through the English certificate awards like TKT (Teaching Knowledge Test) which is an examination that documents your English teaching ability through the awarded certificate if you passed. For the English courses that they offer, these are the CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching for Adults) and the DELTA (Diploma in English Language Teaching for Adults) especially to non-English specialization graduates. The world-wide recognized English certificate awards and the courses are designed and bestowed by the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom to deserving individuals. The British Council is a non-profit but charitable organization that disseminates the role of the English language towards international opportunities. Their main function is merely on educational extensions and supports for the public and private organizations as well as private individuals who are interested in their services. In our country, the British council's office is in Ortigas, Manila. With this kind of career paths' preparation, it would ensure qualified graduates to land a teaching job and to intensify the credible image of Filipinos towards worldwide professional interfaces in language teaching.

It is also significant that Philippine colleges and universities impose admission policies of teachers majoring in the English language in the graduate schools to follow the same alignment of specializations when taking masters and doctorate degrees. Repetitious engagement of expertise gives effective outputs because the field is reinforced and further conditioned. One drawback that finds Filipino's failures during inter-

view is the fact that their baccalaureate courses have more of literature subjects than language studies thereby grammatical structures are neglected that should have been fundamental to language teaching. This has been wearily manifested among other applicants' interviews from overseas public educational institutions that employ native speakers as interviewers when they come to the Philippines. Native speakers as interviewers meticulously deal with the candidates on the level of how they speak their native language by asking questions which are very theoretical that might haven't been elaborated in the Philippines' college English language programs causing prospectively active applicants to fail during the manpower selection process. Expository writing, phonological and morphological structures of the English language, English for specific purposes, technical writing, and communication research rudiments are some of the course contents being profusely asked to applicants overshadowing the latter's other linguistic competencies.

Meanwhile, the Philippine curriculum developers in public schools have responsibilities in scrutinizing the English curriculum of the elementary and secondary education despite its transformation to K-12. It is crucial that grammar studies should have the greatest bulk of coverage over literary studies. Nor should the literary studies outwit the numbers of grammar courses, then literature should serve as springboards of language learning and teaching. If we are to figure out deeply into the contents of the English program offered in the public schools, there are evident changes of the learning contents which were signs of educators' attempts to replace traditional learning to contemporary instructions but as they do academic adjustments, some components of the grammar are neglected which include: perfect tenses, subject-verb agreement, continuous tenses, intensive studies of the parts of the sentences, clause and phrase construction rules among others which should be incorporated in the learning systems. If they are stipulated in the curricular blue prints, departmental heads and supervisors should have close monitoring for these components' execution by classroom teachers and if these components are missing in the language program, they must be incorporated for these are the foundations which students may carry-out and manipulate to absorb higher education.

Failures to academically condition majority of these students in their foundation levels don't rest the flaws against higher education educators but rebound to the secondary and elementary authorities who should have been responsible enough in the inculcation of students' language basic education that are expected to be refined or applied while they acquire knowledge in the tertiary levels which will soon elevate their language proficiency when enhanced to be at par with candidates in the international labor markets.

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the person somehow or the person is close to me... For instance, I went to the wake of the mother of Governor (Alfonso) Umali recently. The mother of Governor Umali had entertained me in her house in the years previous and Governor Umali is very close friend. In Leyte, I went to the unanticipated demise of the wife of Congressman Boying Cari, and I had a chance to talk also to his children—the eldest is 23 and the youngest is Grade Six. As a general rule, I attend wakes wherein there are some connections, so that 'yung I don't want to be a burden but rather I want to help them at their time of grief."

No one can accuse Aquino of not being transparent. He does not bother masking his arrogance.

Really, why would Aquino go to Jennifer Laude's wake? Who is she? She is not a relative. She is not in his class. She is not a member of the Liberal party like Oriental Mindoro Governor Alfonso Umali, treasurer of the LP and Rep. Jose Carlos Cari of Leyte's 5th district.

I asked Fr. Eliseo Mercado for his reaction. He pointed out three things:

First, "PNoy is the President and he is known to almost all Filipinos."

Second, "All the while he keeps mouthing the Filipino people are his bosses. Jennifer belonged to the people – his bosses. Or this is purely for sound bytes?"

Third, "Jennifer was murdered brutally, that is, beating and drowning in a toilet bowl by US Marine – part of VFA (Visiting Forces Agreement). Since he likes the VFA, at least he should sympathize with victim of VFA."

Anne de Bretagne commented in Facebook: "To be perfectly honest, I don't think the president should be expected to attend the wake of Jennifer – the deceased was not a member of his political family nor was a serving member of the military but if interviewed or challenged to attend the wake, he should mouth a less callous answer and show a bit of empathy, something expected of the president of the republic no less!"

I commented that being tactless seems to be an Aquino trait. The President's sister is dubbed as "taklesa."

This is not the first time that Aquino has made insensitive comments. Last year, in a post-Yolanda community meeting in Tacloban, a businessman complained about the breakdown of law and order in the typhoon-devastated city. Aquino snapped at him: "But you did not die, right?"

Movie Director Joey Reyes in a Facebook comment underscored two points: "First, some people mistake tactlessness with brutal honesty, insensitivity for frankness or even wit. Second, empathy is a quality that defines integrity in leadership and sincerity in the responsibilities that come with the position. Enough said."

Being honest is being truthful.

Being tactless is being rude and inconsiderate.

It is a mark of a person's maturity to

be honest and truthful and still be considerate and mindful of somebody's feelings.

Going around social media are pictures of the funeral marches of President Aquino's parents: Benigno Aquino, Jr in 1983 and Cory Aquino in 2009.

The thousands of people who paid their last respects to his parents didn't know them personally. But they lined up and marched. It said a lot of the Filipino people.

In the same way, Aquino's statement why he is not going to Jennifer Laude's wake says a lot about his person and his quality as a leader. *By Ellen Tordesillas | VERA Files – Fri, Oct 24, 2014*

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JOCELYN A. PANAYO
Applicant

Case no. 2011-CAR-869
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 5, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, 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.

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

This application shall be acted upon 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. CLAVER - Regional Director this 13th day of October 2014.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late CRISTINA MAT-AN WILLY, who died intestate on January 31, 2008 at Baguio City consisting of registered parcels of land covered by Under ARP Nos. 99-001-02817, 99-001-00897, 99-001-04255, 99-001-00971 and 99-001-00970 was extra judicially settled by her heirs on June 18, 2014 are the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver as per Doc. No. 143; Page No. 29; Book No. 218; Series of 2014 of the notarial Book of Atty. Leoncio L. Alangdeo of Baguio City.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS DEED OF SALE OF PORTION OF UNREGISTERED LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late PUCAY MAT-AN who died intestate on September 1, 2006 at Asin, Tuba, Benguet Province and ELIZABETH A. MAT-AN, who died on March 11, 2008 at Asin Tuba, Benguet Province, consisting of unregistered parcel of land covered by TAX DEC. NO. 2010-04-11-00626 was extra judicially settled by their heirs on September 8, 2014 is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Deed of Sale of Portion of Unregistered Land as per Doc. No. 106; Page No. 22; Book No. 220; Series of 2014 of the notarial Book of Atty. Leoncio L. Alangdeo of Baguio City.

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UNDAS UPDATES - City Administrator and Oplan Kaluluwa co-chairman Carlos Canilao assures the flower and candle vendors who were allowed to sell at the former Jewell parking area at the back of Ganza Restaurant will be given equal treatment in the award of stalls and issuance of special permit. The public is advised to be guided by the advisory on traffic and peace and order to ensure peaceful observance of the All Souls and All Saints Days in the city. - By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor Clarifies Selection Process in the City

BAGUIO CITY - During his weekly conference last Wednesday, Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified the recruitment and selection process of the city government of Baguio.

All vacant positions in the city are open to all qualified applicants who meet the minimum qualification standards. Covering the qualification standard includes education, eligibility, experience and training, stressed the mayor.

Domogan emphasized that all documents attached to the application letters submitted will be evaluated by the personnel of the City Human Resource Management Office. During the selection process, the Personnel Section Board will convene to review the merits of each applicant based on the comparative evaluation form.

"However, there are instances where the points/merits of every applicant for a certain vacant position being applied for is more or less equal, seniority is being given consideration," said the mayor.

While it is true that the appointing authority has the widest latitude in selecting/appointing an individual for a certain position, I am basing my selection on the applicant's merits in order to fair to all applicants, he added.

Mayor Domogan expressed his predicament in filing up vacant positions pointing out that for just one vacant position, there are numerous applicants.

"Sa isang bakanteng posisyon, may 72 na aplikante. Isa lang ang matutuwa at 71 ang malulungkot kaya mahirap ang ganitong trabaho ng appointing authority," said mayor.

The CHRMO recently conducted an orientation to new applicants at the Baguio City Hall multi-purpose hall. Said orientation aims to educate applicants on the recruitment and selection process of the city government here./By: Jho Arranz

PAGCOR Commits 32 Classrooms

BAGUIO CITY - Baguio City School Superintendent Francis Bringas disclosed during the weekly executive-legislative meeting at the Baguio City Hall multi-purpose hall last Monday that the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) has committed to finance a 32 classroom senior school building project for the Baguio City National High School.

This project is in preparation to the first batch of senior high school students this coming 2016, being part of the changes brought about by the K + 12 basic education program.

The Department of Education has proposed

to expand the project to 62 classrooms, expecting that the public school would be serving 5,000 of the projected 7,000 students who would be qualified as high school seniors this coming 2016, stressed Bringas.

A four storey school building with 20 classrooms will be constructed at the Pines City National High School at Irisan.

Accordingly, PAGCOR will put up the building that is pursuant to the city plan.

As other option, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said to coordinate with other top universities for possible vacant classrooms that can be used for the senior high school program./By: Jho Arranz

Honest Cabbie

Returns P120T Cash

BAGUIO CITY - the city government will honor another taxi driver for honesty in returning a bag left behind by a passenger in his cab containing P120,000.00 in cash, an Ipad, sunglasses and important documents.

Vice Mayor Edison Bilog personally met with the honest cabbie on Tuesday identified as Venancio Bulatao Peralta to personally thank him for doing a good deed and proving that many taxi drivers in

this mountain resort still possess integrity beyond question.

Peralta was driving a Taxi Cab with Plate Number AYS 730 last October 8 when, unknowingly a male passenger left a bag inside his cab.

Peralta said, "after ferrying a passenger last October 8 in the afternoon, he decided to call it a day and headed

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City Holds Dialogue on Water Program

BAGUIO CITY - The government here spearheaded by the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) headed by Cordelia Lacsamana conducted a dialogue in the city's water program last Wednesday at the Baguio City Hall multi-purpose hall.

"Salaknib ti Waig" is a continuing water program of the city government together with partner agencies, school institutions, private establishments and barangays concerned in building up and sustaining the city's thrust on green governance and environmental management.

Seventeen adoptors of inland waterways renewed and signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the city government in support to the continuing program of Salaknib ti Waig.

Along the Balili River, the adoptors who took part in the signing of the MOA were University of the Cordilleras headed by Dr. Ramon Cercada with adopted barangay Saint Joseph (Navy Base) headed by punong barangay Conchita Rillera. Easter College headed by Dr. Briggitt Santiago with Guisad Central headed by PB Albert Fackayan, Pinsao Pilot Project headed by PB Sotero Duclayan and Pinsao Proper headed by PB Raymond Laxamana. Department of Environment and Natural Resources headed by Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno with adopted barangay Gibraltar headed by PB Edward Aclophen.

Bued River adoptors include Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA-BCEZ) headed by Atty. Rene Joey Mipa and Engr. Mario de Vera and Texan Instruments Philippines, Inc. with adopted barangays Loakan Proper headed by PB Jesusa Viscaya and Loakan Apugan headed by PB Martin Anglog.

The adoptors of Agno-Ambalanga River were Tiong San Harrison headed by Imelda Lao and Garth Gajes, Baguio Centermall headed by

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