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Pnoy to Get 3rd Endorsed Impeachment Complaint

A third impeachment complaint against President Aquino is set to be filed today, Thursday, July 24.

Act Teachers' Party-list Representative Antonio Tinio says the impeachment complaint will center on government's Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement with the United States.

Tinio and Gabriela Women's Party-list Representative Emmy de Jesus will endorse the complaint which will be filed by activists Carol Araullo and former congressman Teddy Casiño.

"For impeachment, it is not necessary to wait for Supreme Court's decision. We've impeached President before without benefit of Supreme Court decision. It's a clear cut case-clear that EDCA is new military base agreement, bypassed the Senate and Congress and violated constitution," Tinio says.

Earlier this week, two impeachment complaints were filed against the President.

The **first** was endorsed by Bayan Muna and Anakpawis law-
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Body Formed to Set Rules in Hiring of Job Order Employees in City

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week formed a committee to formulate policy guidelines on the hiring of job order employees in the city government.

This is to resolve questions on the lack of well-defined policy guidelines on the recruitment of personnel through job orders which was raised by the Commission on Audit Cordillera (COA-CAR) through the audit team leader and supervising auditor in the city.

The said observation was contained in the audit memorandum dated March 31, 2014 addressed to Domogan, city human resource management officer Estrella Bisquera, city accountant Antonio Tabin and budget officer Leticia Clemente.

The mayor said the COA officers themselves recommended the creation of the committee to formulate said guidelines which was considered by the local finance committee, Bisquera and the department heads in their meeting last May 23.

Clemente will chair the committee with Bisquera, Tabin and the department heads with job order employees as members.

They were given two months to formulate the guidelines which the mayor said should be in consonance with the provisions of section 77 of the Local Government Code of 1991 and existing Civil Service Commission laws./ A Refuerzo

Indemnify the Victims! Never Again to Martial Law!

"In the early morning of May 6, 1983, we were awakened by the sounds of firearms being fired in our community. We thought that it was a dream. But it was never a dream. Members of the dreaded Civilian Home Defense Force attacked our village. All of us were rounded up and forced to the front of our church. There, we witnessed and suffered different forms of physical abuse. In front of our church, we also witnessed the burning of our nearby village.

When the sun was up, we went to check our nearby village and what we saw is beyond words to describe. Three bodies of our relatives and village mates were tattered with bullets and burned. Their

faces were beyond recognition. The victims were a seven-month pregnant mother and her four-year old daughter, and a barangay official.

Because of this, we were forced to leave our village for two months. When we went back to our village, our animals were gone. Our houses were ransacked. Our rice was burned. We had nothing to eat. Our families struggled to make both ends meet. These are our memories of Martial Law that even today, we tremble by the mere thought of it.

I am here today to file my claims as a victim and survivor. I do not expect monetary compensation in return but my action today is big step for me and my

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Lawmaker Presses for Equal Allotment of Govt Resources Across the Regions

Every Filipino family should get VIP treatment

Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter S. Cayetano is pushing for the equitable distribution of government resources in all regions across the country, as he cited data that the lion's share of the government's budget for infrastructure is focused in the National Capital Region (NCR).

"Why are we so Metro Manila-centric? Bakit ang mundo ng Pilipino ay napapaloob sa Metro Manila? From 2001 to 2010, some 70 percent of all projects nasa Metro Manila. Thirty percent or the rest, sa buong Pilipinas," Cayetano said.

"Every Filipino family should feel like a VIP. It is high time the government gives the families in the provinces the support they need."

Cayetano cited that in 2013 alone, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) approved P184.2 billion worth of 10 major infrastructure projects, eight of which are located in the National Capital Region (NCR). The two other projects are the Bulacan Bulk Water Supply Project worth P24.4 billion and Mactan Cebu International Airport Expansion at P17.5 billion.

He said many Filipino families are robbed of opportunities because the biggest chunk of the national budget pie is allocated to NCR. Under the 2014 General Appropriations Act (GAA), 13.07 percent of the total P2.265-trillion national budget will be spent on the capital region.

"Sabi ide-decongest daw ang Metro Manila dahil masikip na pero dinadagdagan ng skyway at highways para lumuwag ang mga kalsada sa dami ng sasakyan. Pero sa mga probinsya at ibang rehiyon, sira-sira ang mga kalsada. Kaya tuloy ang mga investors at big businesses, pinipili talaga ang NCR compared to other regions," he said.

"Bakit nga ba nasa Metro Manila lahat ng pondo? Kasi, ang presidente, nasaan? Nasa Metro Manila. Nasaan ang Kongreso at Senado? Nasa Metro Manila. Nasaan lahat ng departamento? Metro Manila. Nasaan ang mga embassy? Metro Manila," Cayetano added.

Cayetano challenged the government to deliver on its promise of rapid inclusive growth by exploiting the potential of other regions, and implementing projects that will benefit each and every Filipino family through employment, health care services, and accessible infrastructure and public transportation.

He said the national government should partner

with local government units (LGUs) and officials to improve the delivery of services across the country.

Cayetano likewise urged Filipinos, especially the youth, to use social media to demand from government leaders the services they need and deserve./ Office Of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Farmer's Wife in Search of Samaritans

Developments for the worse – medically and financially – have been too fast for Marco Joseph Ogas, a 51-year old vegetable farmer and father to four from Alapang Proper, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Last May 19, he was brought to the Benguet General Hospital after he threw up blood and was experiencing severe stomach and back pains. The following day, he was at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center to begin his life-time hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure, spaced at three times a week.

Last month, Delia, his 49-year old wife and fellow farmer, with the help of friends, sought media publication of Marco's plight. Like the spouses or close relatives of many other dialysis patients, she had no recourse but to make a public appeal for help to sustain the blood-cleansing treatment that is one of two options for those suffering from total kidney failure.

The other option is a kidney transplant. It's only for those who have relatives willing and physically able to donate an organ which can pass the tissue matching, and have at least P2 million for the procedure and the healing.

The couple's three sons and daughter may be too young to serve as organ donors. Neston, the eldest at 23, finished high school and works as a helper earning P300 a day. Jason, 21, finished elementary education and has no work, being a person with disability. Daughter Kris Cyril, 19, is in fourth year college while Nico Jim, 17, is a high school graduate and now out of school.

In her report, social welfare officer Melanie Sahoy said Delia told her Marco had been taking maintenance medicines for hypertension for almost 10 years. After their marriage in 1991, the couple settled in Alapang.

"They were able to build their own house in 2006 from the savings of (Delia) who worked as a domestic help in Kuwait," Sahoy noted.

Marco is at the dialysis room of the BGHMC at 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for his treatment. Otherwise, he's at their house at BC 66, Alapang Proper, La Trinidad.

Donors may contact Delia at cellphone number 09484470319.

Meanwhile three Samaritans pooled support totaling P24,600 for 43-year old Nancy Bugnay, another dialysis patient and mother of five from Pongayan, Kapangan, Benguet.

The biggest donor, who regularly reaches out to patients whose plights he reads from the local weeklies, coursed P15,000 through Nancy's son, Edward.

A woman who also declined to be identified wrote a check for P6,600 (good for three treatment sessions) which she left with the nurses at the BGHMC renal treatment room.

Another gentle soul from Bontoc, Mt. Province sent P3,000 through a GL bus plying the route to Baguio. He or she must have been the same kind stranger who earlier sent P3,000 each for patient April Sakiwat and his nephew, Robert Tomas.

"We don't know how to address the donor to thank him or her, as he or she declined to be identified," Divina, mother of Robert, said. "He or she just texted that we go get the cash support from the conducted of a GL bus with body number 928."

From southern Germany, Shoshin Kinderhilfe, the small foundation established by Bontoc native and Shotokan karate teacher Julian Chees, recently provided school fee support to two girls trying to pursue college courses.

Sharmaine Boquiren, whose mother, Rhoda, sorts out garbage and a third year commerce student at the King's College in La Trinidad, received tuition fee support totaling P2,746, while Cherry Anne Realina, freshman information technology student at Data Center, got P4,130 fund assistance./Ramon Dacawi.



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City Mulls on Roving Vending

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed during his weekly forum last week on allowing roving vending in the city of Baguio subject to guidelines, rules and regulations to be set by the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA).

The BCMA agreed to allow roving vending in the city to give way and opportunity to individuals earn a living.

Among the rules and regulations to be set by the city are as follows: must be a resident of Baguio City, applicants will undergo the screening process subsequently be given an identification card and a special permit defining the specific place/area where they will be allowed to vend, stationary selling of their products is prohibited otherwise their identification cards will be confiscated and will no longer be allowed to vend, they are not allowed to sell products that are found in the surrounding area assigned to do vending in a roving style, and cleanliness must be maintained and sustained.

Domogan stressed that the screening committee team will be tasked to evaluate and screen interested applicants pursuant to the criteria set by the city.

A number of interested individuals were already submitted to the BCMA for screening and evaluation, added the mayor./Jho Arranz

Waste Board Asked to Look into Increase in Volume of Garbage

BAGUIO CITY - The city council on Monday tasked the City Solid Waste Management Board (CSWMB) to look into the alarming increase in the volume of city wastes being hauled out to the landfill facility in Urdaneta City.

The body approved the resolution proposed by Councilor Peter Fianza who said the board should check and investigate the drastic hike in the volume of wastes from a daily average of 127 tons in 2013 to 155 tons during the first half of the current year representing an increase of 22 percent.

City general services officer Romeo Concio said he will check on the accuracy of the reported amount of increase albeit he affirmed that the city normally experiences a significant rise in the volume of wastes usually at 15 percent during peak tourist months, opening of classes and the rainy season.

He said this is caused by the slackening of collection operations for recyclable wastes due to the rainy season and the added weight of the wet refuse.

Fianza said the increase was deduced from the record of payment of hauling services to Urdaneta waste facility for the period January 1 to June 30 this year amounting to P24,318,986.35.

"Unless remedial measures are immediately instituted, the city may have to supplement the budget allocation for the current year for hauling services of garbage that will include tipping fees with an additional amount of P20,000,000," Fianza noted.

He said it should be "encouraging to interpret that the payment of hauling services for the month of December 2013 with a low of 100 tons per day will suggest possible and attainable increase of waste diversion targets as mandated under section 20 of Republic Act 9003."

He said the solid waste board should be on hand to look into this being tasked to monitor and oversee the implementation of the city's solid waste management plan and to adopt measures to promote and ensure the viability and implementation of waste programs in the component barangays./A Refuerzo

P-Noy Asked to Release Funds for City's Priority Projects

BAGUIO CITY - City officials appealed to President Benigno S. Aquino III through Budget Secretary Florencio Abad to release the funding for the priority projects of the city.

The city council last Monday approved a resolution conveying said request to the President noting that the priority projects are "necessary and shall promote the social, cultural and environmental enhancement for the good and enjoyment of Baguio constituency."

"Although the city has a sound fiscal standing, it does not have enough resources to fund all the projects that are needed," the body said.

The body expressed confidence that the request will be approved on account of the national government's supportive stance on all endeavors of local government units that bring progress and social justice to all.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan made the same call in June.

The 13 projects which are included in the city's Annual Investment Plan for the year were identified after a consultation with stakeholders in the city and have a total fund requirement of P796,277,758.

These are the improvement of Mines View Park with a total amount of P25 million; Bayan Park, P25 million; expansion of the Baguio cemetery, P50 million; development of Burnham Park picnic ground, P25 million; proposed Wright Park Stall Cluster at Lualhati barangay, P50 million; City Hall extension (legislative building), P60 million; proposed engineered sanitary landfill at Sto. Tomas barangay, P300,000; improvement or rehabilitation of Heritage Hill buildings, P30 million; Botanical Park walk-through Botanical Garden, P25 million; construction of General Services Office building, P100 million; rehabilitation of Baguio Convention Center, P70 million; concreting of road going to the Philippine Science High School Cordillera, P6,277,758; and one-stop shop for souvenir and livelihood center, P30 million./A Refuerzo

RITMT Passers Increase

BAGUIO CITY - From 356 diesel and gas-fed vehicles tested by the Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) under the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) for smoke-belching in several locations in city streets, 233 passed; which

pegged a more than 65% of the vehicles passing the inspection.

Monitoring was done at Buhagan rd, Magsaysay Avenue, Bonifacio Street, UP Drive and Naguilian rd for diesel; and Kennon road, Session road extension and Leonard Wood road for gas and LPG-fed vehicles.

As to the reports done at the



JOB WELL DONE - City Officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog congratulate Cong. Nicasio Aliping Jr. after delivering a message on his accomplishments during city hall's flag raising ceremony July 21. - By Bong Cayabyab

Youth Tapped on Campaign Against Smoking

BAGUIO CITY - the city government here thru the Health Services Office has tapped the youth to help educate their peers in the dangers of smoking.

City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit head Dr. Donna Tubera presented Wednesday (July 23) during the public consultation on the new Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance of Baguio City the result of the survey on tobacco use by adults and youth.

The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) for the city revealed 36.4% of adults are smokers in this mountain resort translating to 105,947 adults of the current population.

Six out of ten current smokers plan on quitting and 83.7% believe smoking causes serious illness.

At least 3,857 adults also shifted to the use of smokeless tobacco and 6 out of 10 smokers plan to quit smoking.

For the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), 43.20% of students have tried smoking, 28.13% are currently smoking and 10.39% are currently using other forms of tobacco.

It was also revealed in the survey that first time smokers start at the early age of 12 and 13.

This also reveals that 63.89% of the youth can openly buy cigarettes in any store while 28.15% who buy cigarettes are not refused purchase because of their age.

The data shows provisions of Republic Act 9211 or the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003 is being violated due to lack of enforcement.

Tubera said, "there are still a lot of minors who can easily buy tobacco products in stores."

Currently, the City Health Office (CHO) has strengthened its monitoring on business establishments in the city.

The Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance prohibits the sale and distribution of tobacco products within 100 meters from the perimeter of any school, church, or building frequented by the public in general.

Authorities say the best way is to quit smoking or don't smoke in areas not allowed under the ordinance or in the places frequented the public especially minors./paul rillorta

Alay Sa Kalinisan meeting, 290 vehicles using diesel were tested where 102 or 35%, failed and 188 or 65% passed; while 45 or 68% of the 66 Gas/LPG-fed vehicles passed. 21 or 32% failed.

Of the vehicles that failed the inspection, there were

public utility vehicles, private, taxis, and a government vehicle.

"Wala kaming pinalampas," one of the RITMT team said, which emphasized that even red plates are not exempt from testing.

From the apprehensions done, a collection of

P128,200 was paid to the City Treasurer's Office. Random testings are done in the roads where owners of vehicles which failed are requested for properly maintenance.

The program is part of the ambient air management
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A university official, RONNIE AMORADO (from Davao City) posted:
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FASTRACK

Why I embrace social media.

BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES



(Published at The Business World Newspaper, July 15, 2014)

By: Rafael Alunan III [To Take A Stand]

You might ask me, "Why are you active in social media?" I actually have many reasons to be active in social media, particularly Facebook.

It hones my writing skills. I've been writing this column for over 25 years. It began with Business Day before it became Business World shortly after Ninoy Aquino was murdered. I'm also in the process of writing a book. It helps me to try finding new ways to keep it brief and interesting.

It allows me to be myself. On some days, I function as a deejay posting music videos from YouTube. These range from retro songs dating back to the '60s and '70s, to my family's favorite songs, to current hits.

On other days, I want to make people laugh with humorous stories, jokes and funny videos. At other times, I go on a poster binge that I find on other walls that give food for thought and calm the soul.

A favorite is Gandhi, like this one:

We live in a world we've created where there is: Wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principles.

It allows me to share experiences and exchange views on various topics. I've always considered media, where knowledge and information circulate freely, as the public's teacher. I gain new perspective and insights from such exchanges as much as I hope others do from the content that I share or provide.

Through social and mass media, I'm able to contribute to institutional knowledge by sharing my experiences during the terms of Presidents Cory Aquino and Fidel Ramos.

People are hungry for the truth and good information, but one has to be discerning about the garbage that freely circulates in social media from the ignorant, the mentally impaired and those with hidden agendas.

It helps me connect – with new virtual "friends" and reconnect with old and real friends, here and abroad. I've been able to develop a network of real and virtual friends in various parts of the world.

The unbelievable reach that one obtains from the integration of social media sites inspired me to create a YouTube channel to expand my communication too kit. Entitled "Thinking Out Loud," my first uploaded opinion piece focused on China's nine-dash line fairy tale that I then linked to Facebook, Twitter and my personal blog.

I will soon upload the documentary Tagaligtas that I produced in collaboration with former President Fidel V. Ramos, founder of the Special Action Force (SAF). What SAF did before and during the time when I stood witness to its performance has significant educational and historical value that the public ought to know.

It's an effective advocacy platform and mobilization tool. I used Facebook to co-convene the West Philippine Sea coalition to protest China's incorrigible imperialist conduct before the Chinese Consulate in Makati on July 24 last year; and the press conferences and rallies that followed in coordination with Filipino groups here and overseas.

Because of it, many Facebook communities have sprung up relating to the defense of the West Philippine Sea. One site has even resorted to using an app where maritime locations of Chinese vessels moving about the West Philippine Sea are posted to help the authorities.

Facebook and Twitter were also very effective in mobilizing enraged citizens over the Priority Develop-

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"PNoy, a cancer that must be removed"

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...I will make mere youths their officials; children will rule over them..." (Isaiah 3:4, the Holy Bible).

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"PNOY, A CANCER IN OUR MIDST WHICH MUST BE REMOVED": From Facebook, a post by Ado Paglinawan: "What happens when the insane runs the asylum? BS Aquino must go now before he destroys our Constitutional democracy. As we speak, he has become a bull in a china shop. Impeachment? Remove this cancer from our midst, by whatever means possible."

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PNOY BEING CHILDISH, AND BIBLE'S WARNINGS: Sen. Sergio Osmena III is right: President Aquino is "disrespectful and childish" in his rants against the Supreme Court, confirming the charge of former Sen. Joker Arroyo that Aquino's government is a "student council" government—or a government of mere children.

But, did not God, in Isaiah 3:4, warn us that He will make mere children and the youth a country's leaders if the people are sinful, and are no longer listening to, nor obeying, His Word?

We must be warned indeed: Isaiah 1 to 3 speak not only about children being made officials of government, but also of God depriving people who have turned their backs on Him with food, water, and all supply—a deprivation that is happening to the Filipino nation, even now! We must all wake up, while there is time!!!

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DID RP BENEFIT FROM TESDA'S P1.6 B DAP?

In celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Apolinario Mabini in Tanauan City, Batangas on July 23, 2014, President Aquino said there were three projects that benefited from his "disbursement acceleration program" or DAP, portions of which the Supreme Court recently declared as unconstitutional.

The first of these projects were the P1.6 billion given to the Technical Education Skills Development Authority or TESDA to train some 223,615 students. But has the President heard the reports that, before any school is to be accredited for this training, it has to agree to shell out some P20,000.00 per student first? Multiplying 223,615 by P20,000.00, this results to a whopping P4.4 billion going to someplace else, right?

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PROJECT NOAH, A FAILURE: The second project which Aquino said benefited from his DAP was the Project NOAH, or the Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards. This project aims to spare Filipinos from death and destruction from impending typhoons and other natural calamities. But, did the nation really benefit from Project NOAH, especially if we take into account Typhoons Yolanda and Glenda?

In Glenda alone, some 100 Filipinos died, despite the "zero-casualty program" of the Aquino government, some 55,000 homes were destroyed, and about P8 billion crop-damage was sustained by farmers in the affected areas. Surely, with death and destruction from Glenda as grave as these, can we really say that DAP benefitted the country? Indeed, Project NOAH is one big failure!

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GO TO EL NIDO & CORON, MR. PRESIDENT:

Then, the President also boasted that DAP funded the construction of some 66 roads leading to tourist destinations in the Philippines. I really do not know whether this claim is true or not, but then, DAP did not benefit the long stretch of the highway between San Vicente, Palawan and El Nido, Palawan, which remains to be a dirt road. This is also true for various parts of the road from the Busuanga Airport to the town proper of Coron, which continues to be dilapidated.

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Public Statement sa Midland sino nag bayad si G o si V!?!?

BY: NESTOR CASTRO



This is a Re-Print of last week's Column

Bago natin talakayin ang ilan mga punto hingil sa one sided na pagbabtikos kay Tongressman este Congressman Aliping, isang magandang joke po muna mga dear readers.

ISRAELI DOCTOR: "In Israel, the medicine is so advanced, we cut off a man's testicles, put them on another man & in 6 weeks, he is looking for work."

GERMAN DOCTOR: "In Germany, we take part of a brain from one man, put it in another man & in 4 weeks time, he is looking for work."

FILIPINO DOCTOR: "You all are way behind us. Last 2010, we took a man with no brains & no balls & made him President. Now, the whole country is looking for work!"

Public Statement sa Midland sino nag bayad, si Mr. G o Mr. V !?!?

Ano ba naman ang mga taong ito na pumirma ng isang public statement sa Midland at siya rin ikinalat sa internet na ang heading ay "A Public Statement-Mt.Sto. Tomas Under Siege", bakit under siege, sino ang kumokupkop? Bakit naman kaya nag si pirmahan ang mga tao na yun na supposed to be ay mayroon silang mga pinag-aralan at hindi sila basta-basta ma li-linlang o madadala ng propaganda sa internet medias este media o basta basta sa mga sulat sulat o reporting ng isang lokal na balita sa TV? Bakit mismong si Bishop Carlito Cenzon ang na una pa sa pag pirma na kung ako ang tatanungin ay isang libelous na public statement at isang statement ng pagkondena ng isang tao na hindi pa binigyan ng pagkakataon na lumabas o ma-antay ang resulta ng mga isinasagawang opisyal na imbestigasyon. Tsk! Tsk! Tsk, kayo talagang supposed to be ay mga learned people. Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Sa mga pumirma na ito ilan kaya sa kanila ang mismong umakyat at nagsiyasat ng maayos sa Mt. Cabuyao? Ilan kaya sa kanila ang mismong nag-imbestiga at inalam ng malalim ang tunay na mga nangyayari sa Mt. Cabuyao? Talaga naman sa lungsod na ito, napakadaling gumawa ng kuwento at manira ng tao (at parang mga unggoy na nagtatalunan agad ang iba sa atin), hindi mahalaga kung isa kang tongressman este congressman at mas magandang target ka pa. Kung sabagay hindi nila na kayanan na sirain ang SM na kahit na puros ligal ang katayuan ng SM ay pilit nilang sinubukan pasamain and all done for business and fund raising reasons, siyempre alam naman natin na kung sino sinong mga negosyante ang na-apektohan ng pagbubukas ng SM. Anjan ang Porta Vaga na pag mamayari ng simbahan katolika, anjan rin si Tiongsan at iba pa na mga negosyante (bwwiiisssssit na SM yan), kaya ng naka silip sila ng butas sa pag e-earth ball at puputulin na puno ng SM ayun sapol na sapol bumuo swila ng grupo na Save 182, dapt ngayong bumuo naman kayo ng grupo na Save 700 ++. Ngunit wala rin nangyari sa kanila sapagkat hindi naman sila lahat ay may mga tunay na concern sa ating environment o kalikasan at mayroon mga iba sa kanila na mga kwestionableng mga motibo at hangarin. Ngayon sa kasalukuyan sitwasyon ni tong este cong Aliping, ganun din ang sitwasyon, ang unang motibo at hangarin ng mga nasa likod ng **DEMOLISYON LABAN KAY ALIPING** ay pa-momolitiko, pangalawa ay bengansa at sour graping ng mga talunan, pangatlong dahilan ay para sa international fund raising purposes. Mga pakunwaring conservation trust at ibat ibang NGO etc..., aba parang mga totoong concerned sa environment at mayroon pang pa tanim-tanim kunwari duon mismo sa gitna ng kalsada nuong Cordillera day! Ano ba kayo mga tsiong nag papatawa ba kayo at nag tatanim kayo sa gitna ng isang ginagawang kalsada na pag-mamayari ng mga ancestral land claimants ang

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In the interest of fair play, given that the Baguio Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr. had recently been subjected to various forms of black propaganda and negative (unspeakable/un-printable) attacks by certain persons whose intent and purpose appear to be politically motivated, we have opted to print in its entirety the speech delivered by the Honorable Aliping containing his 1st Year accomplishments. Some of us have perhaps forgotten that in a vibrant democracy as ours, we are all presumed to be innocent until proven guilty! You be the judge and see for yourself if your Representative is not doing enough!!!- The Junction Acting OIC (part 3)



Construction of multi-purpose building (grandstand) at the Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park in the amount of P14.7 Million which will soon be implemented.

Aside from these projects, six road construction projects in the amount of P2 Million each under the budget of the Department of Agriculture for farm-to-market roads were approved for

implementation by the DPWH this year. Beneficiaries are the following Barangays: Baguio Country Club Village, San Luis Extension, Dontogan, Loakan Apugan, Kias, and Ambiong.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Only enough beneficiaries can be accommodated in government-funded projects and programs. I therefore took it upon myself as my social responsibility to provide assistance from personal resources for meritorious requests that otherwise fail to meet requirements.

I donated P60,000.00, equivalent to one month salary, each as follows: on-going reconstruction of the church building of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Burnham-Legarda Barangay; improvements of the covered court at Mil-an National High School, Loakan Proper Barangay; on-going construction of Saint Michael Church in Banao, Bauko, Mountain Province; improvement of the barangay road at Purok 26 in Irisan Barangay; activities of Angels Behind the Shield (ABTS) Baguio-Benguet Chapter;

P100,000.00 was donated to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Dialysis Patients and Partners Association, Inc.;

P30,000.00 to the Cooperative Union of Baguio; and various amounts donated to other cultural, institutional, sports and civic organizations.

I provided transportation assistance by allowing the use of our vehicles for a variety of purposes which started since I was a councilor, as my commitment to public service:

- to youth/student groups in attending educational and cultural events;
- to barangay officials in attending human development seminars and workshops; and
- to families in attending burial services for their departed and transportation of remains in various places;

The vehicles were also utilized to help in the evacuation of residents during the flooding of the City Camp Lagoon; to the medical/feeding mission, and construction materials as well, in aid of the victims of *Typhoon Yolanda* in the Visayas including the donation of P100,000.00 to Medical Outreach Missions Foundation Inc. (MOMFI) thru Dr. Romeo Abiog.

Desktop computers were provided to the following offices:

- Association of Barangay Councils office;
- Police Substation 9 at Irisan Barangay;

- Office of the Clerk of Court (RTC);
- Office of the Clerk of Court (MTC);
- Office of City Social Welfare and Development Officer (OCSWDO); and
- CIDG-CAR.

Representations were also made with administration officials of the University of the Cordilleras who graciously accepted ten students as full scholars.

The Congressman's Social Responsibility Foundation, Inc. (CSRFI) is now operating after its registration with the SEC has been approved. Limited as its resources are in the meantime, I, being the adviser, employ the foundation as one more avenue to provide assistance to constituents in need.

So far, medical/dental and Legal missions were conducted by the CSRFI in partnership with the Baguio-Benguet Medical Society and the Emergency Medical Services group at:

- Irisan Dumpsite, Irisan Barangay with 500 beneficiaries on 27 October 2013;
- Baguio Convention Center with 1,094 beneficiaries on 01 March 2014;
- Operation tuli was conducted on 26 April 2014 that benefitted 200 boys in Bakakeng Central and Bakakeng Norte Barangay
- Cabuyao Elementary School with 80 beneficiaries on 27 April 2014;
- Itogon, Benguet in partnership with Itogon Municipal Health Office with 150 beneficiaries on 16 May 2014;
- abaan Sur, Tuba, Benguet in partnership with Baguio City Emergency Medical Services (BCEMS) with 81 beneficiaries on 31 May 2014;

The CSRFI provided additional transport services to the medical and dental team that carried out a mission to help victims of *Typhoon Yolanda*. The foundation donated one desktop computer each to Sto. Rosario Barangay and Phil-Am Compound Barangay and gave financial and burial assistance to the families of the victims of the recent stabbing case at Kayang-Hilltop. Assistance, in one form or another, which are no longer mentioned in this report have likewise been given.

As an advocate of Good Governance, I have humbly presented my First Year Accomplishment in adherence to Transparency, Integrity, Accountability and Honesty.

Rest assured, that as your congressman I will continue to discharge my social responsibilities and fulfil my constituency obligations even as I dutifully perform my mandated legislative functions for the lone district of Baguio City.

As your humble public servant, your Alipinng Bayan, I remain.

Thank you and God bless!

NICASIO M. ALIPING, JR.

DTI

units of standard weighing scales for the six provinces and the city of Baguio at the identified 38 market places in the region. Some of the units have already been turned over to the respective LGUs and some are now installed.

For Baguio City, two Timbangan ng Bayan and Bantay Presyo billboards were installed at the vegetable-rice and sari-sari section and near the Police COMPAC in front of the meat and fish section. DTI and the local officials are planning to place additional units in the dif-

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ferent areas in the market.

Gawisan said that the Timbangan ng Bayan are installed at areas where the buying public has easy access. Beside it is the Bantay Presyo billboard or the updated pricelist of basic grocery items from the DTI and the basic vegetable and meat prices from the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Baguio local price monitoring council.

The DTI is encouraging consumers to use the public weigh-

ing scales particularly when in doubt of the weight of items bought at the market. Moreover, to make use of the billboard for the updated prices of the basic commodities, other grocery items, vegetable, meat and other items sold at the public market.

For the part of the city government, Sembrano said that they are tasked to make sure that the weighing scale would be taken cared of with the help of the Market Task Force and the stall owners and vendors. /JDP/RMC-PIA CAR



Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
First Judicial Region
BRANCH 61
Baguio City

M E R L I N D A
FERNANDEZ,

Plaintiff,

-versus-

V I O L E T A
NATIVIDAD
ANG ROGELIO
COSALI,

Defendants.

X———X

CIVIL CASE NO.
7394-R

NOTICE OF SALE
ON EXECUTION OF
REAL PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, by the virtue of the Writ of Execution issued by the Honorable Antonio C. Reyes, Presiding Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 61, Baguio City, in connection with the above-entitled case for the satisfaction of the judgment in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (P 187,500.00) PESOS ONLY, in Philippine Currency, which the plaintiff Merlinda Fernandez, recovered in the above-entitled case, in accordance with the aforesaid decision, LEVY was made upon the real property of the respondent together with all the improvements existing thereon described as follows:

DECLARATION OF
REAL PROPERTY
(LAND)
ARP NO.
PROPERTY INDEX
NO.
OWNER
LOCATION
NORTH
SOUTH
EAST
WEST
AREA
01-06013-39672
02-06-013-05-L045
CITY OF BAGUIO
USER:
ROGELIO COSALI

100M FR. LUCNAB
RD.
LUCNAB BRGY.,
LOAKAN
ASS LOT NO. 038
ASS LOT NO. 040
ASS LOT NO. 046
ASS NOT NO. 044
100.00 SQ METERS
more or less

DECLARATION OF
REAL PROPERTY
(BUILDING)
ARP NO.
PROPERTY INDEX
NO.
OWNER
LOCATION
01-0601-010720
102-06-013-05-L045-
N001
COSALI ROGELIO
100M FR. LUCNAB
RD.

LUCNAB BRGY.,
LOAKAN
NOW THERE-
FORE, by virtue of
said Writ of Execution
dated March 18, 2013,
and in accordance
with Rule 39, Section
18, of the Rules of
Court, the City Sher-
iff of Baguio City,
thru the undersigned
deputy, will sell at
public auction to the
highest bidder, for
CASH and in Philip-
pine Currency, on
AUGUST 6, 2014, at
10:00 o'clock in the
morning or soon
thereafter at the Lobby
(fronting the main
entrance) of the Jus-
tice Hall Bldg, Baguio
City, the above-de-
scribed real properties
and all improve-
ments, for the satis-
faction of the said
Writ of Execution, to-
gether with the costs
and other lawful ex-
penses of the execu-
tion sale. HOWEVER,
If for any reason/s the
auction sale on AU-
GUST 6, 2014 will not
push through, then
notice is hereby given
that the auction sale
will proceed on AU-
GUST 20, 2014, also at
10:00 in the morning
in the same place as
indicated above with-
out need of a separate
notice.

Interested buyers
are hereby enjoined
to investigate for
themselves the said
real property and the
encumbrance
thereon, if any there
be.

Baguio City,
Philippines, July 10,
2014.

FOR THE EX-
OFFICIO SHERIFF
BAGUIO CITY
By: (SGD)
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Sheriff IV
NOTED BY:
By: (SGD) ATTY.
LINDA M. LOLOY
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and Ex-Officio
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Trillanes Assures Support to Cordillera's Renewed Pursuit of Regional Autonomy

BANGUED Abra - - Cordillera's renewed pursuit for regional autonomy got another boost with Senator Antonio Trillanes IV assuring support in his keynote speech at the 27th Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) month program held at the Abra Sports Complex Gymnasium here last July 15.

"I pledge my support to the move of Cordillera provinces for regional autonomy; you just tell me what we need to do and I will lead the march (for autonomy) in the Senate," Trillanes said.

He reminded the people of Cordillera that as they have been an epitome of showcasing unity amidst cultural diversity, there is a need to raise this (united) voice so that it can be heard at the national level for the regional concerns to be acted upon.

"There is so much the national government can do for you but you must raise your voice so you will be heard. There are many programs, issues and concerns that the government faces, so there is a need for the local chief executives and (congressional and sectoral) representatives to work together as the central coordination body to the national government", Trillanes said.

He also called on Cordillera's local chief executives and congressional representatives to rally the cause of the region, as they are the ones who know the situation down to the grassroots level.

Newly appointed Regional Development Council chair Governor Estaquio Bersamin, in an interview, lauded Trillanes' statement of support as he stressed that it will surely be a big boost for the region's renewed pursuit for regional autonomy and development.

Meantime, the 27th foundation day event was festive with contingents from all Cordillera provinces and cities showcasing their respective cultural dances. Cordillera leaders also renewed their support for the pursuit of regional autonomy and development.

Leading the provincial/city delegates were Abra Governor Estaquio Bersamin, Apayao Governor Elias Bulut Jr., Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, Ifugao governor Denis Habawel, Kalinga Governor Jocel Baac and Baguio City Mayor Muricio Domogan, as well as Ifugao Congressman Teddy Baguilat and Baguio City Congressman Nicasio Aliping Jr.

CAR was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 220 signed by President Corazon Aquino on July 15, 1987, bringing in together the provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mountain Province into one region in preparation for autonomy.

After two failed attempts, the Cordillera Regional Development Council renewed pursuit of regional autonomy as the over-arching goal of bringing in the needed development and growth in the Cordillera./ JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Prisoners Bid Goodbye to Volunteer Catechist

Even in death, prison catechist Cristina Dicang had to be in the Baguio city jail where she spent her last 43 years, quietly ministering to a congregation of sorts.

Last Sunday morning, three days after she passed on at 74, her immediate family acceded to a written request of the inmates, done through their Catholic Community, to bring the wake to the city jail so the detainees and their guards could also "offer our last respect to her and pay tribute for everything she has done for us".

"Both the female and male inmates will be enormously grateful if they will be able to see their beloved sister Dicang for the last time," the request, noted by male and female dormitory wardens, Chief Inspectors Wilson Banasen and Mary Ann Tresmanio.

"It's a wish we can't deny, for, aside from us, the prisoners have always been Manang Cristy's family," Swanny Dicang, Cristy's younger brother, said.

Fr. German Ledesma celebrated the mass at the multi-purpose hall which Cristy had converted into a chapel. The inmates in yellow T-shirts filled it to capacity for the chance to offer prayers, have a last look at her at their spiritual guidepost and listen to jail officers and their fellow wards express collective and individual sentiments through eulogies.

"Kalawangin man ang rehas at madagdagan ang pintuan dito sa bilangguan, sa puso namin, kanyang kabutihan di na mapapalitan (The prison bars may turn to rust and the prison doors open up, yet no one can replace her goodness)," a female prisoner noted.

"I will miss her frequent and long visit to our cell, sipping her coffee and just enjoying talking to us," another female detainee admitted. "As I look around the confines of our cell, I feel very lucky that I had been a special part of her life.

"When she made her journey from this world, she was surrounded by loved ones, in the comfort of what she considered as her own home."

Addressing her directly as she lay inside a white coffin in front of the altar, Senior Insp. April Rose Ayangwa, the former wardress of the female dorm, pointed out "you have done all of these without compensation".

"I guess it would be difficult to find someone who can be as passionate and as happy in such kind of volunteer work as she was," observed Cristy's nephew, retired Army Gen. Alex Dicang who flew in from Agusan for the wake and funeral.

Only a few people and institutions - her immediate family, the guards and inmates of the city jail and the Episcopal Commission Prisoners' Welfare of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines - were aware of Cristy's years of volunteer prison ministry. Baguio residents came to know of it only after the city honored her as one of its most outstanding residents in 2002 in the field of community service.

Twenty three years into her ministry, the Episcopal Commission then chaired by Bishop Francisco San Diego honored her with the "Gawad Paglilingkod" in recognition of her "love and concern for the members of the prison society - the prisoners and their families, the released prisoners and the correctional employees - (that) has contributed significantly to the realization of the Church's Mission of uplifting the quality of life of the disadvantaged".

Writing about her after she received Baguio's highest award, teacher Vicky Rico-Costina noted: "Helping prisoners is not exactly everyone's idea of a profession.. In fact certain quarters would agree against

Nutrition Month Activities Wind Down with Quiz, Exercises

BAGUIO CITY – Pupils from Magsaysay, Dona Aurora and San Luis Elementary Schools ably answered questions regarding health and nutrition to bring home gift packs and recognition, last Friday at the Health Services Office-City Health Department.

Kristine Lim of Magsaysay ES, Victor Asuncion of DAES and Jennika Rae Las-sin of SLES were first, second and third place respectively in the elementary category where also Loakan, Fort del Pilar, Rizal, Dominican, Sto. Tomas and Brookpoint elementary schools were represented.

For the high school category, Pines City National High School placed first, with Quezon Hill National High School and Baguio City National High School main, second and third. The winners shall be recognized during the culmination program of nutrition month on August 1 at the Baguio Convention Center.

Part of the celebration of nutrition month, the quiz was organized and sponsored by the City Nutrition Council, with the HSO-CHD, the Philippine Science High School- Cordillera, and the barangay nutrition groups.

The theme for 40th year celebration of nutrition month is, “Kalamidad Paghandaan: Gutom at Malnutrisyon Agapan!” in consonance with July as Disaster Consciousness Month.

Other activities for the month include that of San Luis barangay’s “most improved underweight contest,” to end on July 28.

For the whole month of July, too, Pinsao Proper and Quezon Hill Proper does a variety of exercises; Hataw, Zumba, Taichi and walks, with GEFA doing the same activities on July 29; with Mines View barangay conducting “biggest loser” (weight) contests on July 28.

Upper Market barangay joined the celebration of nutrition month through free medical check-ups yesterday July 26.

Feeding of underweight preschool children, 4Ps beneficiaries and day care children will be done at AZCKO, Quirino Hill, and Upper Quezon Hill on July 28; Happy Hallow and Hillside on July 29, Dizon-Manzanillo, Middle Quirino Hill, Sto. Rosario, and P. Burgos on July 30; Lower Dagsian, Lourdes Extension Subdivision and Trancoville on July 31. West Quirino Hill conducts its culminating program on Aug. 2.

Contests in slogan-making, poster, poem, coloring, essay writing, nutri-quiz, song and talent presentations, and games shall be done at; Happy Hallow and Hillside on July 29; West and Middle Quirino Hill on July 30,

Nutrition garden contests shall be adjudged at Bakakeng Central, San Luis, Dominican-Mirador and Happy Hallow on July 28; Upper Rock Quarry on July 29; Pinsao Proper, Camp Allen, Campo Filipino, Middle Quezon Hill and Proper on July 30.

Private Road Magsaysay, Happy homes Old Lucban and Lower Gen. Luna show-off their gardens for the whole month of July

Cooking contests are scheduled at Hillside on July 29; West and Middle Quirino Hill on July 30; Lourdes Proper, Bakakeng Central and Salud Mitra on July 31.

An Iodized Salt raffle shall be conducted at Upper Quezon Hill and Pinsao Pilot on July 30.

Distribution of multivitamins to underweight preschool children at Bakakeng Norte/Sur on July 28.

Healthy baby, buntis day, breastfeeding, healthy mother/father bright child/talentadong bata activities are scheduled at San Luis on July 28, at Pinsao Pilot on July 30, at Pacdal and P. Zamora on July 31, and at Brookpoint and Lopez Jaena on July 28 to 31.

Sustainable Livelihood Training Program, Baking Class shall be conducted at Lucnab, up to July 30.

Healthiest Purok Contest shall be done at Middle Quezon Hill on July 30, as with the Fruit and Vegetable Eating contest at Dizon Manzanillo and PBurgos, on the same date.

All activities are done in coordination with the city government, Nutrition Council of the Baguio City Health Department (BHD), Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Urban Science and Technology Center (USTC), Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) and the different health districts in the barangays./juliegfianza

LGU Baguio Rates Fair in Citizens' Satisfaction

BAGUIO CITY - During the Citizens' Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) Utilization Conference last July 23, it was revealed that the city government of Baguio was given a fair rate in citizens' satisfaction on the programs of the city which means that the clients/citizens were satisfied with the programs as well as services of the city.

CSIS is a tool which aims to generate citizens' feedback on local government's performance on service delivery and the citizens' general satisfaction, and the level of availment of services.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has been utilizing performance measurement tools for Local Government Units (LGUs) as early as 1980. DILG is developing a new tool which really can appraise whether a LGU is in the right track in attaining good governance.

DILG-CAR Regional Director John Castañeda said, “despite having the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMs), there is still a need for a performance measurement tool that will incorporate the “clients” or the citizens' perspective as to the realization of good governance. The CSIS will determine the awareness of the citizens on the programs of the city as well as the level of satisfaction.”

The University of the Cordilleras (UC) has conducted the CSIS survey to 150 respondents covering 28 barangays in the city of Baguio.

Eight service delivery areas namely: health services, basic education, social welfare services, governance and response, public works and infrastructure, environmental management, agricultural support services and tourism promotion services were surveyed based on the awareness, availment and assessment/satisfaction or the multi component performance assessment framework of citizen satisfaction.

Based on the result of the CSIS, the awareness score provided the lowest level of score among all indicators of Citizen Satisfaction. However, most of the components of local government services and programs rated fair to high level of availment among those aware of the services.

On satisfaction with local public services, fair to high level of satisfaction was observed among all components. Meaning, those who have been able to avail of the services provided by the city have a satisfactory level of satisfaction with said services.

Accordingly, a great emphasis must be given in information dissemination of the services and programs of the city government. Although services and programs exist to meet the need of

the citizenry, the lack of knowledge prevents them from accessing these services.

Considering that the result was based on the perception of clients/citizen, DILG City Director Evelyn Trinidad said “the result will serve as an eye opener and challenge to the city government and that the city of Baguio will strive harder towards the commitment for excellent good governance.”

The city officials were given time to formulate the citizen priority action plan in order to attain excellent good governance./Jho Arranz

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of PUREZA MA-AO BENBENEN who died on June 17, 2014 at Baguio City consisting of a Bank Account with the Philippine Veterans Bank, with Account No. 0041-341313-101 and ATM Debit/Cash Card No. 0041-341313-102 Baguio Branch has been the subject of an EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE and was entered into the Notarial Registry of Atty. JOSHUA F. PASCUAL of Baguio City, under Doc No. 419, Page No. 85; Book No. 18 Series of 2014.

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Be Alert for Rainy Day Diseases, Store Basic Emergency Supplies, DOH Urges

BAGUIO CITY - With the typhoon season in, the Department of Health reminds the public to be wary of common rainy day diseases and be ready in storing basic emergency, medicine and food supplies.

DOH Cordillera Regional Office Assistant Regional Director Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, in a kapihan media forum here on July 17, said with the afternoon rains and typhoons enhancing monsoon, the public should be alert for food and water borne diseases. She advised the public to ensure proper food storing, handling and preparation.

She also reminded against vector borne diseases such as dengue. Though there is a decrease in cases, the hot weather when there is no rain remains a threat for more mosquitoes especially if possible breeding sites are not regularly checked and cleaned.

Pangilinan also reminded the public on keeping basic food supply – rice, canned goods, noodles or veggie noodles and drinking water, as well as flashlight or candles and to check their cooking needs such as charcoal or liquefied petroleum gas.

She advised the public to maintain a supply of basic medicines and maintenance drugs for those into regular medication.

She also informed that the health department has been prepositioning drug and medicines including medical supplies needed in emergency situations in the different government hospitals in the region.

“Establishing family disaster plan is part of the government's advocacy on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management”, Pangilinan stressed./JDP/CCD – PIA CAR



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**City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council
Hotline No. 442-1900 to 442-1905, 0905-4162770**

A public service message brought to you by:

**Atty. Carlos M. Canilao
City Administrator**



“EARTH PROVIDES ENOUGH TO SATISFY EVERY MAN'S NEED, BUT NOT EVERY MAN'S GREED.” — GANDHI
A public service message from Jodi Parni

Earthquake Drills Being Urged by the City

BAGUIO CITY - Considering that there were several earthquakes felt in the city which caused constituents alarm and worry that catastrophe might once more occur like the 1990 July 16 killer quake that shook the city as well as Luzon, all public and private schools, universities, hospitals, hotels, inns and high rise buildings in the city of Baguio are being urged to conduct regular earthquake drills to augment disaster management literacy, preparedness and protection through the city council's resolution no. 180.

Safety is the first line of defense of the young generation and every individual must be competent to guard his keep.

Since the city of pines is prone to tremor, it is but proper and vital to conduct regular earthquake drills in the city for preparedness and protection. Said exercise will intensify and enhance the populace to be more aware and cautious about the phenomenon's imminence.

As part of the disaster awareness and preparedness month this July, the city government here has conducted several earthquake drills./Jho Arranz

POPCOM to Conduct Search for the 100 Mth Pinoy

BAGUIO CITY - The Commission on Population (POPCOM) will conduct a Search for the 100 Millionth Pinoy on July 27, 2014 in 17 regions covering 81 provinces nationwide.

According to POPCOM Regional Director Rosa R. Fortaleza, the Philippines will become home to 100 million Filipinos on July 27, 2014 based on 2010 projections of the Philippine Statistical Authority.

She said that the 100 millionth Pinoy is a symbol of hope and a challenge. It is a call to make every Filipino count in development by ensuring that each Pinoy is able to live in a healthy, productive, and livable environment. It is a call to make every child be born wanted and ensured of his/her basic needs, health, education, and other development concerns.

This is a challenge to all institutions and every Filipino to count on each other to have a better Philippines a hope to well-planned, healthy, happy, and empowered 100 million Filipinos

Fortaleza said that babies born on July 27, 2014 at 12:06 A.M. or seconds or minutes later are qualified to vie for the recognition of being the symbolic 100 Mth Pinoy.

The baby should be born in a government licensed health facility run by the national or local government, and born through normal spontaneous delivery.

To ensure uniformity in the time of birth nationwide, Fortaleza said that the health facility must be certified as observing the Philippine Standard Time and certified by the attending birth attendant or doctor.

In the Cordillera region, the participating health institutions for the birth of the 100 Mth Pinoy are the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), Far North Luzon Hospital in Apayao, Kalinga Provincial Hospital for Kalinga, Abra Provincial hospital for Abra, Bontoc General Hospital for Mt. Province and Ifugao General Hospital for Ifugao.

There will be media briefing on July 28, 2014 at 10 am at the BGH Cobalt Building small room with the Department of Health, POPCOM, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and other partners as panelists./JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR

Forum Underscores Stakeholders' Role in Mitigating Environmental Destruction

BAGUIO CITY) — "There is value in coming together and letting our collective voices be heard by people who are responsible," Chancellor Raymundo Rovillos of the University of the Philippines Baguio said during "Sto. Tomas Under Siege: A multi-sectoral forum on the Mount Santo Tomas Forest Reserve" held at UP Baguio.

The forum was the second public dialogue on issues that affect Baguio and its environs organized by UP Baguio and the Pine Cone Movement, this time with the Baguio Heritage Foundation, following a similar public forum on ancestral land issues in the city held earlier this year. The forum was held in order to bring together different stakeholders concerned regarding the cutting of more than 700 trees at Mt. Sto. Tomas in Tuba, Benguet, which has affected the water supply in several nearby areas, among others. Its objective was to interrogate the role of various stakeholders and not to persecute certain personalities, Rovillos stressed.

Former UP Baguio Professor of History Dr. Rowena Reyes-Boquiren gave a talk called "Institutional Analysis of Sto. Tomas Forest Reserve: What Stakeholders Can Do". In her analysis, she said that the ongoing development at the forest reserve can be mitigated and proposed various solutions such as private-public partnerships for the conservation of the Sto. Tomas reserve, engaging the local public, an aggressive enforcement of mandates of concerned agencies, and an improvement of benefits from the national wealth for the municipal or city local government unit.

Engr. Fernando Peria, officer-in-charge Division Manager of the Non-Revenue Water Management of the Baguio Water District (BWD), presented the current state of three water sources of BWD amidst the loss of hundreds of trees at the mountain. These sources supply water to 4,176 active water service connections or 18% of BWD's total consumers. Peria said the landslide due to the tree-cutting has left BWD with two spring sources which cannot provide water all-year long, electricity cost of P2.5M a month, and insufficient water supply. The worst case scenario, he said, was the springs being totally dried up, leaving no water source for the affected areas.

Associate Professor of Biology Aris Reginaldo presented the biodiversity found in Mt. Sto. Tomas. The zoologist presented the habitats and organisms found in the mountain, the ongoing threats to the forests and organism in the area, and the implications of habitat degradation and loss of biodiversity. He stressed that three of the nine species of non-flying mammals found in the mountain are unique in the Cordillera region: *Apomys abrae* or the Luzon Cordillera forest mouse, *Apomys datae* or the Luzon montane forest mouse, and the *Chrotomys whiteheadi* or the Luzon Striped Rat. He said that if there is an increase of disturbance in the forest, there will be less abundance of these species which help eliminate pest earthworm.

Cordillera Conservation Trust Executive Director JP Alipio focused on the value of children's "place of play"

and how such place affects a person uses the environment. Children these days no longer have the value of the environment around them, he said, hence their loss of place of play. Traditional children's plays or games no longer take place in environs like forests and have been replaced by gadgets, he added. People must then see nature beyond its utility, he believes, in order for them to take care of it.

The forum concluded with a signing of a manifesto calling "for all measures that will put a stop to this wholesale disregard of environments [i.e. the man-made

DTI, City Govt Install Timbangan Ng Bayan, Price Billboards in Public Market

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Trade and Industry in partnership with the city government of Baguio installed two Timbangan ng Bayan and Bantay Presyo Billboard at the Baguio City public market on Monday.

DTI-Cordillera Regional Director Myrna Pablo, Baguio-Benguet Provincial Head Freda Gawisan and city councilor Elaine Sembrano, together with the Baguio Local Price Monitoring Council and representatives of other government agencies led the event.

Pablo said the Timbangan ng Bayan is a project of the DTI to promote consumer welfare and healthy business environment and make sure that consumers have the best value for their money. It aims to provide consumers an effective means of checking the accuracy of the weight and quantity of goods they buy.

She said the DTI has partnered with the local government units in the entire region for the installation of public weighing scales which could be accessed by the consumers at the different public markets in the region.

DTI-CAR has given more than P900,000 for the procurement of 71

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degradation at Mt. Sto. Tomas], not only in this instance but also in present and future similar acts."/Pryce E. Quintos, PIA-CAR

Indemnify

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village in realizing that our collective effort against destructive logging is just and honorable.

- Statement of a Martial Law Survivor from Beew, Tubo, Abra

Today, July 24, 2014, victims and survivors of the Martial Law period will file their human rights claims before the Human Rights Victims Claims Board at the Baguio Convention Center under the Republic Act 10368 or the Human Rights Victims and Recognition Act of 2013 which covers the period from September 21, 1972 to February 25, 1986.

According to Mr. Jude Baggo, Secretary General of the Cordillera Human Rights Alliance (CHRA), "The passage of this law is a temporary victory for all the victims and their families, survivors and communities who suffered during the Martial Law years of the Marcos dictatorship. This law only proves that during the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos, the State used its machineries especially the armed state security forces to perpetrate widespread and systematic human rights violations against innocent civilians and communities in the name of national security."

"We welcome this law but its requirements are overwhelming. Its requirements are tedious and entail documents that are practically not available. In our region and especially during Martial Law years, our indigenous communities are not documented on paper. Life and its cycles were based on rituals and traditions. There were no marriage contracts, birth and death certificates. Because also of State neglect, most communities during that no clinics and hospitals, therefore there are no medical certificates for torture, physical injuries, rape. Furthermore, since it was Martial Law, the arrest and detention of innocent civilians in our villages were not documented. The law requires most of these papers before filing any claim. Without possessing any of these documents, most victims cannot file their claims and narrow the chances of recognition and reparation. For those

killed, disappeared, tortured, raped, massacred, arrested and detained, is this not too much for them to prove that they are victims by looking for documents that they do not possess?

Even the required two valid government-issued IDs are difficult to produce since most of the victims are poor and cannot afford to secure an ID, and live in far-flung communities. There are even victims who cannot file in person because they do not have money to pay for their transportation. Others cannot afford to pay an amount of P50 for a notary of their documents. Instead of providing easier access to justice, the law is actually limiting and even closing doors to victims to attain justice, to think that the victims have to relive their entire experience of suffering during the dark martial law years. The law asks too much from the victims instead of offering a helping hand. This law further exposes that the legal system we have which only caters to the rich and powerful.

We therefore call for an urgent review of RA 10368's implementing rules and regulations. Based on stories of victims from

our communities, most of the violations are mostly collective in nature. Most individual cases such as murder, torture, arrest and detention also happened in front of community residents. We therefore propose that community testimonies should be honored as a piece of evidence to strengthen the claims of indigenous peoples as victims. Lastly, we call for the resignation of former PNP General Lina Castillo-Sarmiento as the Chairperson of the Claims Board to pave way for a more neutral and credible review of the claims. (Reference: Jude Baggo/Cordillera Peoples Alliance Public Information Officer/ Ms. Abigail B. Anongos/Secretary General/Cordillera Peoples Alliance/55 Middle Ferguson Road, Baguio City 2600 Philippines/Phone +63 74 304 4239 Fax +63 74 445 7159/ Website: www.cpaphils.org/Facebook Page: Cordillera Peoples Alliance

RITMT

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program of the CEPMO; and of the city as a whole.

The reports are given during the regular Alay Sa Kalinisan, Inc. meetings, presided over by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, General Services Officer Romeo Concio, or barangay officials./juliegfianza

Higher Fines

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fines or imprisonment.

Business establishments caught in violation will have their business permits and licenses revoked and will also be meted corresponding fines.

The imposition of anti-smoking measure reinforces CSC Memorandum Circular 17, series of 2009, entitled Smoking Prohibition Based on 100-Percent Smoke-free Environment Policy.

Domogan also issued Administrative Order 73 for government workers following the guiding principle of a smoke-free workplace that translates into a healthy and productive workplace.

The measure applies to all officials and employees including their clientele and people who enter City Government offices for any transaction./paul rillorta

Dengue

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Several health districts are now down to only one case each, such as Aurora Hill, from 21 cases; Campo Filipino, from 7 cases; Pacdal, from 14 cases; and Quezon Hill, from 7 cases, all in 2013.

Three health districts have only two cases; Atok Trail, from 9 cases, Engineer's Hill, from 10, and Irisan, from 29 cases. Loakan and Pinsao now have three cases each, from 24 and 36 cases last year, respectively.

Atab, City Camp and Mines View have 4 cases each; from last year's 25, 31 and 10 cases respectively. Lucban district is down to 7 from last year's 33 Dengue cases.

Dengue cases last year added to 315, now down to 35, a marked decrease of 88.89%.

On the other hand, from the 126 Typhoid cases April to June last year, 60 cases have been reported the same period this year, at the CESU.

Dr. Tubera of the CESU reported however that Barangay Asin, from 3 Typhoid cases in 2013 now has 7, and Quezon Hill with 1 case has now 3; making up a 133.33% and 200% increase, respectively.

Scout Barrio has best improved with 5 cases in 2013, now zero; Atab, with 10 cases in 2013 has now 5, a 50% decrease, Atok Trail and Quirino Hill each with 7 cases then, now with 2, both with 71.43% decrease.

Aurora Hill with 6 then, now 3; City Camp with 12 in 2013, now has 6; Lucban with 20 then, has now 10; Pacdal with 2, now only 1; all having 50% decrease in Typhoid cases.

Campo Filipino still has 3 cases; Engineers' Hill with 4 cases; both same as last year; Irisan has 12 cases in 2013 now has 3, a 75% decrease.

Loakan had 19 cases last year now has 4, a 78.95% decrease, Mines View posted a 40% decrease, from 5 to 3 cases this year. Pinsao had 10 cases, now 4, a 60% decrease.

Of the reported cases, eight (8) were treated at the Baguio General Hospital, one case at the Baguio Medical Center, five (5) at the Benguet General Hospital, 22 at the Notre Dame de Lourdes Hospital, five (5) at the Pines City Doctors Hospital, and 19 at the Saint Louis University Hospital of the Sacred Heart.

The monitoring reports are part of the ASK meetings; as presided by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and attended by concerned government offices and private entities, all for the city's concerns: clean and green, water quality, air ambiance, graffiti, parks, forestry and re-greening, market, health and nutrition, information dissemination and police reports.

The ASK meetings are conducted at least twice a month./juliegfianza

Measles Cases

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months of age, which as to projected statistics, the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) believes to be 29,000. Aiming to reach 95% of the city's children populace, the CESU-HSO in coordination with the Department of Health-CAR has scheduled a daily morning clinic, and a reach-every-child-in-the-purok scheme during the afternoons. There are also vaccination schedules in day care centers, churches, pre-schools, hospitals and pediatric clinics.

From April to June this year, 103 cases of measles has been recorded in contrast to 27 last year, during the same period, making up a 281.48% increase.

From eight health districts having zero cases in April to June 2013, Atok trail now has 15; Campo Filipino has 4; Engineer's Hill, 3; Loakan, 10; Pacdal, 6; Pinsao, 11; Quezon Hill, 4; and Scout Barrio, 1.

Asin and Irisan health districts in 2013 had one case each, now have 8; as with Quirino Hill with only one case last year; now have 2 cases.

Atab health district and City Camp then have 2 cases each; now has 9

measles cases and 10, respectively.

Aurora Hill has now zero cases, but in 2013 had 2 cases.

Lucban health district which had 16 cases last year, now has 11. Mines View had 2 cases in 2013, now has one case.

As to age group, there had been 17 girls and 22 boys, all under one year of age, 4 girls and 20 boys, ages 1 to 9 years old, 8 girls and 10 boys, ages 10 to 19 years old, infected by measles. Eight young ladies and 10 gentlemen, ages 20 to 29; one female and 2 males, age 30 to 39; and a male with age range of 50 to 59; for a total of 103 cases from April to June 2014.

The illness is communicable, though preventable and children could be protected from it through vaccine, it was known.

The symptoms for measles are fever, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, with some having conjunctivitis, later with whitish spots in the inner lining of the cheek, skin rashes of flat blotches which would spread to the whole body and disappear after a few days. Care should be taken as there may be complications such as ear infection, encephalitis and seizures, specially in cases of very high fever. As it is viral, measles could not be treated by antibiotics.

HSO Officer-in-Charge Dr. Rowena Galpo during the planning activities for the mass vaccination expressed full support for the program.

The Philippines was declared polio-free in 2000, yet reports cite isolated wild polio virus outbreaks being spread from other countries. The World Health Organization says the emerging and re-emerging diseases are an international concern as to public health./juliegfianza

Prisoners

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that kind of involvement."

Helping prisoners never became Cristy's profession. It became her life, as close friends and neighbors knew all along. That's why they came to the wake and attended the final rites, among them the Panglaos of Trancoville and Asin Rd., the Del Rosarios of Sunshine Supermarket and the Basils of Guisad.

At the city cemetery, jail guards in uniform and led by warden Chief Inspector Wilson Banasen, served as honor guards and pall bearers.

Because they could not attend the final rites, prisoners, under Chief Insp. Tresmanio gathered Thursday evening at the jail chapel for memorial prayers and to share supper.

Cristy, who never married, is survived by her brothers and sisters Simeon, Bernardo, Lourdes, Cecille, Epifania, Swanny, Primo and Josie./Ramon Dacawi.

barangay of the city," the body said./A Refuerzo

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makers, while the **second** was endorsed by the Kabataan Party-list.

Both complaints centered on the Disbursement Acceleration Program.

Meanwhile, the Palace says the President is not fazed by the series of impeachment complaints.

The Palace also defended Aquino's handling of the DAP controversy, saying debates on the issue will help enlighten the public.

"It is not affecting his focus on reform programs being resolutely implemented by administration. President Aquino is accountable to his bosses. He is simply explaining to them the basic issues they have a lot at stake. We believe that extensive discussions on this issue will help enlighten our people," Presidential Communications Operations Office Sec. Sonny Coloma says./ANC Channel

Magkasangga tayo ...from page 5

lupaing inyong tinataniman (WOW-WOW-WIE, ano ba kayo, magtanim kayo sa isang secure na lugar at hindi sa gitna ng kalsada) !!! Bakit d nyo kaya balikan ang inyong tinanim na puno at tignan ninyo kung anduon pa, kung sabagay, konti lang yun at pang-puto ops este photo ops lang naman yun, for Facebook fund raising fund raising purposes. Alam ninyo mga dear readers, huwag kayo magulat sa akong medyo pagka-inis na banat na istilo sapagkat ayaw na ayaw ko na ang sino man ay i-sinasubject to media prosecution and pre-judgment without the benefit of due process, samantalang mayroon isinasagawang imbestigasyon, eh bakit hindi nyo muna antayin ang resulta ng imbestigasyon, bakit aalis na ba mga donors at kating-kati na ang inyong mga kamay para sa donasyon, o baka naman binigay na ni *%&^%\$GH(O* ang buong TF (talent fee) ninyo o baka naman para kunwari ay mga concerned citizens o environmentalist kayo??? **MAG SI TIGIL NGA KAYO, AGAAMO TAYON !!!** Sa tanan ng buhay ninyo mayroon na ba kayong na isampa na criminal case o kahit na tumayong testigo man lang laban sa mga illegal loggers, illegal miners or other violators of our environmental laws and/or concerns etc....??? **Anong katarantaduhan naman yan, pa kunwaring concerned pa kayo, ngayon pa na kalbong kalbo na ang buong kabundukan ng Baguio, ngayon pa kayo biglang nag karoon ng concern??? Siyanga pala, mga taga Mt. Cabuyao o Tuba ba kayong mga kiao-kiao ng kiao-kiao ???** Sa ngayon ay bibigyan ko kayo ng ilang tip, nung nakaraan kong kolum ay iniwanan ko kayo ng ilan mga katanungan para ma-wise naman kayo ng konti, sa ngayon ay tip at katanungan muli:

1. Sino ang nag bayad ng public statement sa midland na whole page na halagang P 23K plus (more or less) ang siyang nag-bayad nito ay baka isang pol-politiko na nag sosour grapping at isang na sa likod ng pagpapa-init ng issue?!!

2. Bakit kaya hindi pa umuupo bilang konsehal si Mr. Mark Go, bagamat

siya ay nag oath taking na kay VM Bilog, ano ang konesksyon ng tanong ko na ito, think ? think? think?

3. Walang pinutol na puno si tong este cong Aliping kung ang pagbabasehan ay ang ebidensiyang mga litrato na isinumite ng PENRO-DENR, hindi nag sisinungaling ang google earth maps mayroon itong mga coordinates!

4. Yuon mga litratong pinag-gagamit ng mga medyas este media (facebook, print and TV) na bumabatikos kay tong este cong Aliping ay patungkol sa isang kalsadang leading to nowhere at wala naman mapapala si tong este si cong Aliping kung yuon ay kanyang ipagagawa, **KONTING COMMON SENSE NAMAN PO SANA NG HINDI BASTA BASTA MAKORYENTE O BAKA NAMAN LIKAS NA KATANGAHAN LANG TALAGA (palit na kayo ng propesyon, kung hindi ninyo kaya ng simple investigative journalism, o pa seminar kayo sa akin) , kaya bakit si tong este si cong Aliping ang binibintangan at kinokondena !?!!**

5. Ang mga kalsadang ipinapakita kung saan may-mga puno na naputol ay pag mamay-ari ng mga private ancestral land claimants, bakit hindi sila idinamay sa reklamo o demanda at si tong este si cong Aliping lang ang pinuntirya ng **MATINDING DEMOLITION JOB !?!**

6. Bakit sa tagal tagal ng nagkakaroon ng turbidity o pag kakaroon ng kontaminasyon sa kulay ng tubig sa spring no. 3 ng BWD ay wala silang ginagawa at hinahabla, pero nung nakakita ng isang tong este cong na pwedeng banatan eh sinampahan agad ng reklamo ? Alam nyo ba kung gaano ka layo ang lokasyon ng spring no3 sa excavation ni tong este Cong Aliping, sino kaya ang nasa likod ng pag-papa init sa BWD para kumilos ng ganito, your guess is as good as mine ?

Fastrack

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ment Assistance Fund (PDAF) issue that led to the Million Man March at the Luneta in August last year. That event brought to mind the text brigade that mobilized hundreds of thousands of protesters at EDSA in 2001 that led to then President Joseph Estrada's downfall.

Farther back, I witnessed the use of other social media tools like the Pocket-bell pager messaging before, during and after the 1986 People Power Revolt, and at the time of the two most violent coup attempts against President Cory Aquino.

I also use Facebook to advocate for national security, good governance, poverty reduction, responsible citizenship and reproductive health that I consider indispensable to nation building; and to feel the pulse of the Facebook community on these issues. Facebook is also an effective medium to disseminate

weather warnings and call for assistance, as well as coordinate efforts for rescue and relief when other channels of communication break down or prove ineffective.

It is a major source of information – for personal milestones such as new relationships, weddings, births, birthdays, graduation, anniversaries, trips, deaths, wakes and funerals. At times, I come across friends and relatives who need care and solace due to illness or a family crisis.

Social media also provide useful information about my alma mater, breaking and headline news, fine and casual dining, travel, movies, the performing arts and sports.

At the FIFA World Cup in Brazil, two of my favorite teams clashed for the championship – the teams of Pope Francis and Pope Benedict. I think the sauerkraut community will be celebrating all year long starting today.

I've noted that the uniformed services have been using social media for communication and information dissemination. It has tremendous potential for other purposes:

Military news, connectivity for networking, morale-welfare, family guidance and child care, crisis communications, rescue-relief-rehabilitation operations, educational courses, operations, security guidance, online shopping and banking, spouse or partner employment support, cyber security education, location services.

A personal caveat: I'm careful about discussing confidential information in social and mass media that, if revealed, could be harmful to the national interest. I'm also aware of the deluge of misinformation and disinformation out there that must be discerned. Cyber security begins with self, and what not to say or reveal is vital to our national wellbeing.

Let me end with another quote from Gandhi. The advice he gives is timeless:

Keep our thoughts positive because they become our words;

Keep your words positive because they become our behaviours;

Keep our behaviors positive because they become our habits;

Keep our habits positive because they become our values;

Keep our values positive because they become our destiny.

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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REMINDERS: Please tune in: "Tambalang Batas at Somintac", at 1062 kHz on the AM band, Mondays to Fridays, at 6 a.m., simulcast, real time, over 1080 kHz in Dagupan City, 711 kHz in Naga City, 1260 kHz in Lucena City, 1224 kHz in Davao City, and worldwide, at www.eaglenews.ph; "Kakampi Mo Ang Batas", at 103.7 mHz in Don Carlos, Bukidnon, Mondays to Fridays, at 7 a.m.; and "Kakampi Mo Ang Batas" at 801 kHz on the AM band (Panay Island), Mondays to Fridays, at 10 a.m.

Advocacy Mindanow

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"Sir Jess, isn't it that #7 is somebody's lucky number? He hated the unlucky #13 but got elected as the 13th haha. What say you sir?"

Another post from NIMFA ESQUERRA (a realtor in General Santos City) said: "Those coincidences really sound eerie. And it somehow bothered me because 7, 8 and 13 are my considered lucky numbers. My sudden reaction was to take a look at my booked ticket if it has the number 7. I think you scare me. Pero okay na. Hirap nyan ha."

Shucks, my not-so-serious take on No.7 is spinning to other things. Someone suggested that airline flights change 7 to 6 or 6.5. Then someone suggested we change the unfamously unlucky 13 to 7; that high rise buildings that skip floor No. 13 also skip No.7. But Blogger REX VINCENT LUMAPAS LARIDA asked: "And who said 13 is unlucky?? Hehehe..."

Well, before this spins off to a more serious discourse, let's leave it at that. But I would be glad to continue compiling some more coincidental info on the matter. I am sure there are more facts out there. Do let me know. In the meantime, since I take the plane almost every week, I'll always be on the lookout for No.7 in the flight numbers, just like what my FB friend Nimfa said. You can't blame me!

But for the moment, being preoccupied with this is a good break. At least, for a change and for a brief, fleeting moment, we have temporarily forgotten DAP, PDAF, Napoles, and other bad vibes and the toxic air that we have all been swimming in and preoccupied with for sometime now./ **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** Follow us at Twitter: [AMFI_Mindanow](https://twitter.com/AMFI_Mindanow) /Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org /Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org



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John F. Kennedy

A Public Service message from City Environment and Park Management Office (CEPMO)



Dengue, Typhoid Cases in Baguio Decrease

BAGUIO CITY – In a report during the Alay Sa Kalinisan Inc., (ASKI) meeting last week it was known that from April to June 2014, Dengue and Typhoid cases in the city registered 88.89% and 52.38% decrease, respectively; as compared to figures during the same period in 2013.

Dr. Donnabel Tubera of the Health Services Office, City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (HSO-CESU) said Asin, Quirino Hill and Scout Barrio health districts have no Dengue cases as of April to June this year. Asin had 32 cases, Quirino Hill, 11 and Scout Barrio had 16 Dengue cases last year.

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Measles Cases in Baguio up

BAGUIO CITY – The upcoming mass vaccination drive of the Health Services Office (HSO) this September is very timely as there was a noticeable in-

crease of measles as per the health report given during the recent Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meeting.

To ward off said communicable disease, a mass vaccination is scheduled for children up to 59

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Higher Fines Seen for New Anti-Smoking Law

BAGUIO CITY – the Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance in this mountain resort is now ripe for its needed amendments.

Committee on Health, Sanitation, Ecology and Environmental Protection Chair Councillor Fred Bagbagen gathered stakeholders this week in a public consultation for the needed amendment of the new anti-smoking ordinance.

City Ordinance No. 8 Series of 2008 crafted to safeguard public health and protecting the people from the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco consumption is being groomed to incorporate stiffer penalties for violators in the new Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance of Baguio City.

The fortified implementation of the smoking prohibition which has defined 'public places' as all places fixed or mobile, that are accessible or open to the public or places of collective use, regardless of ownership or right of access including, but not limited to establishments that provide food and drinks, accommodation, merchandise, professional services, entertainment or other services.

Section 5 of the new ordinance will prohibit smoking in enclosed or partially enclosed public places, workplaces, public conveyances whether mobile or stationary.

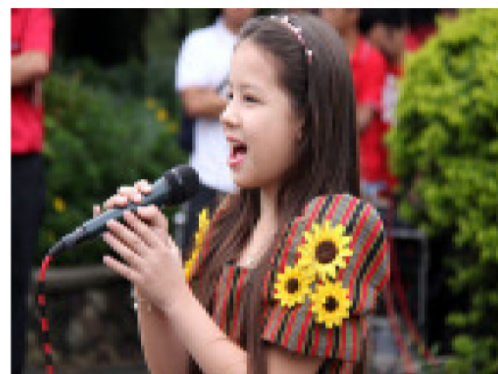
Persons who allow or tolerate smoking in this places will also be meted a penalty.

It will also be prohibited and unlawful to sell, distribute tobacco products in schools, public playground or other facility frequented by minors or within 100 meters from any point in the perimeter of this places.

Selling and distributing tobacco products to minors and purchasing tobacco products from minors is also unlawful.

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



CAPTIVATING - Nichole Morgan belts out an old Ilokano song captivating the hearts of city officials and employees headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Cong. Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog during city hall's flag raising ceremony last July 21./By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said, "the needed amendment which clarifies the definition of public places where smoking is supposed to be banned is now defined in this ordinance."

Recently, a violator of the anti-smoking ordinance was acquitted by the court due to the seeming vague definition of public places as defined in City Ordinance No. 8 series of 2008 which did not discourage the city from implementing the same.

Domogan said, "now that the grey area in the ordinance have been addressed in the new comprehensive anti-smoking ordinance, it can be effectively and fully implemented."

Section 8 of the new ordinance imposes fines from P500.00 for the first offense, P1,000.00 for the second offense and P2,500.00 for the third and subsequent of-

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