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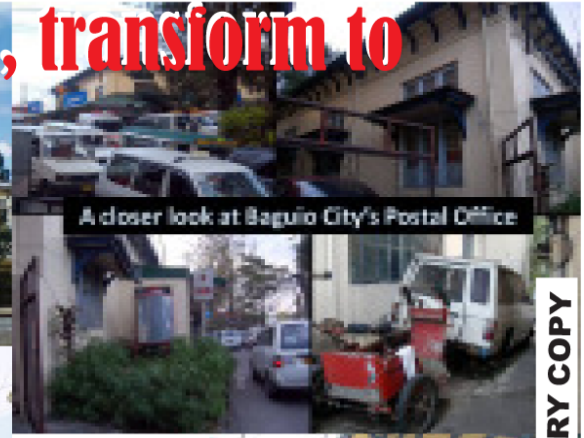
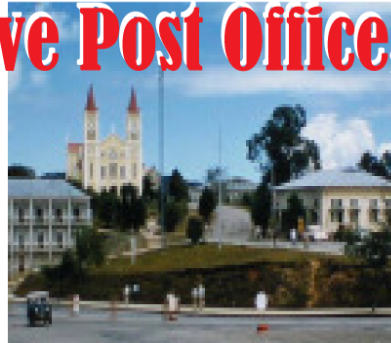
**BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET**

**LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!**

## A Proposal to Revive Post Office, transform to Postal Museum

Baguio City - The cluster of eateries, snack-stops, cell phone load centers, parking lot rentals, posters, and tarpaulin ads along the Baguio Post Office's has become one of the reasons why a proposal to abolish the commercialization in Baguio Post Office and revive its original colonial architecture is being laid out to the public.

The proponent of the proposal is Media Specialist Art Tibaldo who first presented such proposal in Social Media recently this month. He said that since the supposed privatization of the place by the Philippine Postal Corporation, Post Office Cooperatives rented out some areas to these business settlers. But the public has slowly referred to the edifice as an eyesore that lies at the heart of the city. That's why Tibaldo is urging the public to support his proposal of declaring Baguio Post Office as a historical site by the National Historical Institute (NHI) and turn the Post Office into a Postal Museum. Having it declared such will make the Post Office be free from commercialization, and instead use the area for expansion of a Postal Museum. **Cont. on page 7**



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The Post Office building then (Upper Left Photo) and the now, with all the unnecessary

crass commercialization. We can only hope that the citizens of Baguio together with our local political leaders will have the better sense to save the Post Office that is truly a heritage site, and hopefully can also be converted into a postal and media museum! /Photos by Glor Esperanza, Junction Reporter

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**Kakaunti na lang ang mga orihinal na gusali sa ating siyudad. Hoy, kayong mga polotiko, paminsan-minsan gumawa naman kayo ng mga bagay na ikatutulong sa mga darating na henerasyon sa larangan ng sining at kultura. Gawing heritage site ang Postal Office Building, ngayon na!!!**

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## Lawmaker Reiterates Proposal for CCT II Program to Battle Increase in Hunger Incidence

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano expressed alarm over the recent Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey that revealed that 3.9 million families experienced hunger in March.

The poll, conducted from March 19-22, noted an increase in the number of Filipino families that went hungry from last December's 16.3 percent to the present 19.2 percent.

Cayetano stressed that the government should now focus on ensuring that all Filipinos feel the country's stellar 6.6 percent GDP growth. "In 2011 alone, the government was successful in creating 1.156 million jobs. This is truly a good start. Now we need to build on this," he said.

Cayetano had earlier suggested that the government enact a second-tier program complementary to the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program currently in effect.

"The program will cater to working class people in need to capital to start their own business," he said as he suggested a procedure wherein a simple certificate indicating that a person has gone through a livelihood seminar would be enough to allow a borrower to avail of a loan grant.

Cayetano explained that enabling the growth of the small and medium enterprise (SME) industry in the country will be one surefire of ensuring that Filipinos will have the means to take advantage of the country's economic gains and provide a decent life for their families.

"Through the CCT II program, we will be able to teach Filipinos to 'fish' rather than simply giving them fish," he said./ Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

## Mayor Cites Additions for City's Environmental Code

BAGUIO CITY – the city's commitment in protecting its remaining forest reserves from degradation is a key component of 'Baguio's Environmental Code'.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday said, 'an important provision of the code should be the protection of watersheds and forest reservations in the city.'

Domogan said, 'important areas in the city are already titled under ancestral

claims which he said remains to be the city's biggest concern.'

'The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) has issued titles covering portions of Forbes Park Reservation, Wright Park, Botanical Garden, Busol Watershed and Loakan Airport,' Domogan stressed.

Domogan further stated, 'his administration is not opposed to legitimate ancestral land claims but only those which are questionable.'

'Let us work together to protect these areas which serves as the only remaining forest cover which our children would inherit,' he said.

Domogan also said, the code should have a provision for a rain harvesting facility for structures and buildings which will be erected in the city.'

He said, 'the city should not issue building permits to those who do not have this facility included in their plans.'

Other important aspects of the code which the mayor cited includes

## Kidney Ailment Dashed Architecture Student's Dream

Jeffer Udani, now 28, had wanted to be an architect. To pursue that dream, he worked as cook for seven years at the Chowking branch in Candon, Ilocos Sur. In 2011, he came up to Baguio and enrolled as a second year student at the University of the Cordilleras.

Life, however, sometimes gives one less than lemons. The second of five children of a former sampler at the Acupan Mines in Itogon, Benguet, Jeffer was diagnosed for kidney failure in January last year. The diagnosis came after he began throwing up and his vision blurred.

That means three times a week hemodialysis treatment. It's a life-time routine, for a machine to do what his failed kidneys used to do, which is to clean the blood of liquid waste, to prevent blood poisoning.

A few cleansing misses can prove fatal.

"When we could not raise the cost, he would skip a session or two," his mother, Evangeline, said last week. "His dad (Oscar, 54), who was retrenched in the 1990s when Benguet (Corporation) closed its mining operations in Itogon, had no choice but to go home to Cagayan and work as a tricycle driver."

Jeffer, his mother and sisters Jade Cyril, 10, and Jazlyn, 7, are left in Baguio. They stay with their eldest brother Jaycar, 30, a jeepney driver who plies the route to Dominican-Mirador. Together with Jaycar's family, they live in a two-room affair at Malaya St., Dominican-Mirador.

Evangeline, a native of Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur, would have done odd jobs if only she's not occupied working out support to sustain her son's blood-cleansing sessions at the renal center of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

A four-hour session costs P2,200, so hard to come by nowadays for a family who had long experienced donor fatigue.

Last Monday, however, Evangeline found pure relief. The office of Rep. Bernardo Vergara approved a four-session support to Jeffer. It has given her mother respite from the daily grind of knocking on doors and hoping a Samaritan would open and respond.

As in previous cases of people needing people, there are Samaritans out there. They may ring up Jeffer's cellphone number 09159206220 or visit him during his hemodialysis schedule at the BGHMC from 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Only recently, donors out there gave fresh hopes for Crisly Anayan, a 21-year old boy have waited for years to undergo surgery at the Philippine Heart Center to mend a congenital heart ailment.

Responding to the appeal of the boy's mother, Emilia, an anonymous Samaritan had his secretary hand to her P15,000 while another civil servant added P2,000. The support will enable Crisly to continue his pre-surgery check-up at the Heart Center next week.

Previous travels to the Heart Center were supported by Shoshin Kinderhilfe, a foundation reaching out to sick children

the strict implementation of waste segregation, greening, air quality monitoring and water man-

established by former world shotokan karate champion Julian Chees in Southern Germany. Emilia's follow-up trip to Crisly's doctor the other week

was also supported by a lawyer who ran in the May 13 polls for a seat in the city council.

Crisly's condition was diagnosed when he was still a toddler as ventral septal defect with complications. The signs are on his bluish fingernails and lips, as if he had just helped himself to a bowl of black or mulberries./ Ramon Dacawi.

The mayor said once the measure has been ironed-out, it can be passed immediately./ paul rillorta

## Standardized Testing Benchmark, Procedures Eyed for Private, Public Smoke Emission Testing Centers

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will push for the standardization of the testing benchmarks and procedures in the conduct of smoke emission tests for adoption by both the government and private testing centers.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said this was the agreement reached to put to rest the doubt and questions on the credibility of the city's Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) operation which the mayor suspended recently.

City environment and parks management officer-in-charge Cordelia Lacsamana said they are now framing the guidelines for the synchronized motor specification engine particularly the average maximum RPM (revolutions per minute) standard of vehicles during the testing and procedures in the conduct of the tests in collaboration with the Land Transportation Office and the Technical Skills Development Authority (TESDA) representatives.

Once finalized, these guidelines will be contained in a memorandum of agreement to be signed by all the stakeholders including the transport groups, line agencies and the private emission testing centers for implementation.

Lacsamana said the guidelines will address the tachometer requirement which came out as one of the causes of the disparity between the city RITMT test results and those of the private companies.

Domogan said they also agreed that the transport group and private testing centers will be given representation in the RITMT committee to involve them in the emission testing concerns.

He said the city will resume the RITMT operations **Cont. on page 7**

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 5, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their 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 evidences 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. CLAYER-Regional Director  
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## Baguio Adjudged Anew as One of Country's Top Ten 'Next Wave Cities'

BAGUIO CITY – Baguio was adjudged anew as one of the Top Ten Next Wave Cities in 2012 that makes it a “preferred destination for Information Technology Business Process Management (IT-BPM) operations.”

The top ten rating was conferred by the Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO) of the Dept. of Science and Technology (DOST) with the Information Technology and Business Processing Association of the Philippines (ITBPAP).

Mayor Mauricio Domogan welcomed the award which he said affirmed the city's emerging status as an information technology hub in the country.

The city was first included in the Next Wave list in 2010 when it ranked ninth among the preferred sites for BPO business.

The award was received on behalf of the city by city planning and development officer-in-charge Evelyn Cayat and Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) provincial director Freda Gawisan last May 20 at the Dusit Hotel in Makati City.

ICTO executive director Undersecretary Louis Napoleon Casambre and ITBPAP president and chief executive officer Jose Mari Mercado said the city's inclusion in the top ten showed the city's “commitment and excellent effort” to become “a preferred destination for IT-BPM operations.”

The criteria in the selection were talent, infrastructure, cost of doing business and business environment.

The awarding rites coincided with the formal launch of the IT-BPM and Global In-house Center (GIC) Road Map 2012-2016.

Cayat and Gawisan compose the secretariat of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Council of the city which was created in 2011 by Domogan to address the issues of the IT industry in the city, promote and ensure harmony among the BPO players and stakeholders and coordinate and implement ICT programs and projects.

The creation of this council which is chaired by Domogan contributed in the ICT industry's continuous growth which Cayat said the city hopes to sustain in the coming years./A Refuerzo

## Mayor Vows Continuity of Unfinished Projects

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor-elect Mauricio Domogan vowed to continue his unfinished projects in the city in his second term as city executive.

In his Ugnayang Panlungsod press briefing last Wednesday, the mayor spelled out his thrusts in his fresh mandate.

On infrastructure projects, the mayor said the repair and improvement of national roads will be continued while the unfinished city road projects will be pursued and the conversion of barangay roads into city roads will be prioritized to avail of funds for their rehabilitation. He said he will also pursue other infrastructure projects including the circumferential road along Marcos Highway, Balacbac and Camp 7, the rehabilitation of the sewerlines and sewerage treatment plant, the Baguio Convention Center, the Heritage Hill in Dominican, the warehouse project at the Auditor's Cottage, the Asin resort property and the Mines View multi-purpose building and of Burnham Park.

On educational services, Mayor Domogan said that Congressman-elect Nicasio Aliping Jr. committed to continue some of the programs of outgoing Rep. Bernardo Vergara particularly the construction of school buildings and will continue the grant of educational assistance to the existing beneficiaries of the Mauricio G. Domogan-Bernardo M. Vergara Education Financial Assistance Program (MGD-BMV-EFAP).

The mayor also committed to continue his programs on social services particularly those in place for poverty alleviation, senior citizens and health care.

For peace and order, the mayor said the city will continue to aid the city police in their logistical needs to attain their goal of reducing crime rate in the city.

The mayor also pledged to sustain a “green governance” by continuing programs on the restoration

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## City Hall Workers Return Lost Cash; Owner Traced Through CCTV

BAGUIO CITY – Assessment clerk Rosalina Lubina of the city assessor's office had only one thing in mind after picking up the two rolls of bills she found lying on the City Hall lobby staircase around 2 p.m. last May 10 and that was to immediately get the P5,000 cash back to its owner.

Instead of walking back to her office, she went directly to the public information office where she asked for assistance for media announcements to locate the owner of the two bundles of cash – one with three P1,000 bills and the other with two P1,000 bills. She left her find with the PIO for safekeeping in case the owner comes back for it.

The following week when no claimant turned up, Lubina, without revealing the details of her find, related the incident to her officemates just in case one of their clients happened to mention of any missing cash. At the time when she chanced upon the cash, most of her co-workers were at the PFVR Gym for the annual City Hall mini-olympics and only a skeletal force was left to man their office and deal with a stream of clients on land transactions including settlement of land taxes.

An officemate, local operations officer Vivian Estioco told Lubina she lost some cash that same day. The amount and the description of Estioco's missing money matched that of Lubina's find but Estioco was not sure where she may have dropped the money.

Another co-employee, administrative aide Marilou Regacho said a client mentioned of her missing cash on the same day and with the same amount and description and was suspecting that she dropped it on her way to the assessor's office.

Estioco then suggested that they retrace the incident through the closed-circuit television (CCTV) facility of City Hall's security service provider the Interlink Security Services as she herself was not comfortable in claiming the cash without concrete proof that it was hers.

Estioco herself facilitated the request to the Interlink through operations and CCTV in-charge Mark Padcayan who conducted a review of the tape.

Eventually, the CCTV tape showed that the money was dropped by Jacquelyn Rosado, Regacho's client on the exact spot where Lubina found it.

Rosado said she was not aware her money came off her shallow pocket and realized only that it was missing when she was about to pay her tax dues. She said she retraced her steps and went back twice to the stairway but did not find her cash. She even kept her loss from her husband who was with her at that time afraid it might tick him off.

She expressed gratitude to Lubina, Estioco and Regacho for their honesty and for exerting efforts to trace the owner of the cash.

“I was so glad my money was returned. It's good that it was here that I lost it and ended up in good hands. Otherwise, I might not have gotten it back,” Rosado told the three employees.

Lubina said that at the time she found the money, she was short of cash and even borrowed an amount from an officemate for her taxi fare to attend a prayer meeting but it did not occur to her to pocket the money as she knows that the owner will suffer from its loss.

Lubina has been with the city government for 24 years./A Refuerzo

## Tour of Spiritual Centers Launched

BAGUIO CITY – The city government launched last May 23 the tour of spiritual centers in Baguio as part of its thrust to promote spiritual tourism in the city.

Councilor Philian Louise Weygan-Allan who heads the Summer Vacation (SUMVAC) church activities committee led the trial run of the tour participated in by government workers, students and teachers as part of the (SUMVAC) in Baguio activities..

First stop was the Moslem Grand Mosque and Almaarif Educational Center in Campo Filipino barangay where the group was received by Ustadh Naseef Joel Omar. Omar toured the group around the place and later conducted a briefing on the rudiments of Islam. He later gamely answered questions posed by the tour members.

The group proceeded to the Buddhist Temple where they were received by Sr. Cristina Sy and apprised on Bhuddists' spiritual beliefs and practices.

At Maryknoll Sanctuary, the group was hosted by the team of Ma. Oliva Gregorio, Betty Tumbaga, Bernard Ariola and Nora Maulawin who gave updates on the facilities and services being offered and conducted.

Next stop was at the Brahma Kumaris Center where the tourists had their taste of the basics of raja yoga through the assistance of Salud Idio, Mona Reyes and Phils Reyes.

For the last stop, the group motored to the Ten Commandments Tablet Building at Dominican Heritage Hill where they were shown the various religious symbols and Jewish practices.

Weygan said the tour participants agreed that the tour was informative, enriching and enlightening and because of the positive feedback, she hopes to schedule more tours for other sectors.

Weygan who is an outgoing councilor expressed hope that the project will be sustained even in her absence because “it high time for Baguio's full promotion as a religious and retreat center through spiritual tourism.”/A. Refuerzo

**POLITICS IS OVER...TIME TO WORK!!!- City Councilor and newly elected Congressman Nicasio “Nick” Aliping Jr thanks the Baguio electorates and calls for unity to work together for the betterment of Baguio during City Hall's flag raising ceremony./ Bong Cayabyah**



## Perennial Irony

Naty "Morales" never heard or read about the Marcoses, Estradas, Binays and Ampatuans wresting election victory. She is a 53-year old beggar, who looks a haggard 80. What matters is even left over food, she shrugs.

Alms cadged from shoppers and church goers tide Naty and grandkids to the next day. *Walang tutong sa taong nagugutom.* "There is no burnt rice to a hungry person".

In dumps, where ill-fed squatters huddle, TB spreads like wild fire. TB incidence here is 275 for every 100,000 population. It is 137 for Thais. Handouts couldn't buy for Naty the anti-tuberculosis medicine she needed. So, the wife scraped up the anti-TB pills.

But what about other Natys locked into this treadmill? Almost 3.9 million Filipinos experienced hunger in March, Social Weather Stations survey reported this week. That's 19.2 percent of Filipino families. SWS did the headcount from March 19 to 22. In December, 16.2 percent had empty pots.

Despite a 2 percent drop in self-rated poverty, overall hunger increased in all regions except in Metro Manila. There, hunger slumped to about 615,000 families. In Mindanao, 1.4 million families tightened their belts. So did 1.3 million families in Luzon and 580,000 in the Visayas.

## EDITORIAL

The hungry are not "another race of creatures,

bound on other journeys," Charles Dickens wrote (We all) are fellow passengers to the grave. "In Asia and the Pacific, 578 million have empty plates, Food and Agriculture Organization estimates. Three out of four cluster in villages or *barangays*. Many eke out a living from scrub agriculture; others fish in depleted waters. "Those who produce the food are often the ones who suffer hunger the most." That is the perennial irony, former Malaysian agriculture minister Datuk Hussein Onn noted.

Many trek to cities to search for non-existent jobs. They bloat the ever-expanding populations of shanty towns. Hunger triggers a lethal cycle. Chronically malnourished mothers give birth of stunted children who often die early.

In the Philippines, more infants are orphaned today than in 2006. And one out of every four pregnant women are "nutritionally-at-risk," says the 2013 study by UP and Institute of Child Health Development. Worse, "there has been no change in the past 15 years." On average, 11 mothers die daily during childbirth.

Most of those deaths were preventable. "Sri Lanka and Honduras led in slashing maternal mortality," Nicolas Kristoff of *New York Times* reports. "The biggest themes of life are put into the best focus when held up against the very sharp light of mortality."

Over one-third of child deaths here are due to under-nutrition. They usher in diseases that a little more nutrition could have staved off. Out of every 100 kids, who survive, 22 are scrawny under-weights, UNDP's 2013 *Human Development Report* notes. IQs will be dampened for life. "Their elevators will never go to top floor."

Among Southeast Asian countries, the Philippines and Cambodia rank second in prevalence of undernourishment: 17 percent. Laos towers at 28 percent. Chronic hunger means food intake slumps below minimum energy requirement."

My two grandkids put a human face on those arid figures. Some Sundays, their parents drive them to where grimy out-of-school kids cluster. The two share food packs they've prepared. "A lola ate the rice I gave, then cried," our 6-year granddaughter Katarina explained. "There were two children with her," 9-year old sister Kristin added. "They ate the sardines I put on their rice".

Malnourished Filipino children remain at 20.2% today. And what about the Philippine pledge to meet the Millennium Development Goals? We're committed to tamping down the prevalence of malnutrition among under five-year-old children to 13.6 percent by 2015. Forget it. We'll fall short.

In Asia, domestic prices of rice and cereals weakened with arrival of the 2013's early season rice and winter wheat harvests, FAO reports. That's a breather after over five years of food price inflation.

Hunger is local. That reality confronts 80 newly-elected governors, plus mayors, in 143 cities and 1,491 towns. The brunt of easing it's ravages, specially among infants and young mothers, fall on them, not national government. They have a window-of-opportunity to reverse the sorry track record of their predecessors.

Far too many local officials couldn't be bothered with voiceless endangered mothers or infants. Many squandered the 20 percent Local Development Fund on waiting sheds nobody uses. The late Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo had to issue memo circular No. 2010-138. This bounced claims for *honoraria*, *lakbay-aral* junkets and such.

Others tried to bore their way into the P44.5 billion conditional cash transfer (CCT) program. President Aquino beat them back — and rightly so. A 2013 World Bank study confirmed the program's successful record of keeping kids from dropping out of school and better health care for mothers.

The hungry should spur the new LGUs to set their house in order. That calls for scrapping the laid back habit of just wheedling for larger slabs from the Internal Revenue Allotment Fund, as a start. Then, they have the gut-wrenching task of collecting local taxes better. In addition, they must revising obsolete taxes that coddled the rich. New revenues generated should then go to help the poorest. That's why the European Union underwrote a project to buff up finance management.

In a 1955 award winning movie, the kid Marcelino offers a small loaf to the Crucified and says: "*Tiene cara de hambre.*" "You have the face of hunger." Just like Naty./Juan L. Mercado



## ADVOCACY MINDANOW

### TAIWAN INCIDENT: STRIKE 2!

BY: JESUS DUREZA



The latest incident with Taiwan is "Strike 2". The first one was the bungled and mishandled Luneta bus hostage incident which resulted to the death of Taiwanese tourists. This was still fresh in the minds of the angry Taiwanese when the shooting by the Philippine coast guard happened. The recent killing of the Taiwanese fisherman is STRIKE 2. The mishandling, the 2nd time around, was quite obvious.

It was a mistake for us to BELATEDLY apologize to Taiwan. It's okay if that was proffered voluntarily by the Philippine side AT THE OUTSET. But when an apology was given after it was DEMANDED WITH THREAT by no less than the Taiwanese president, then, to offer an apology was beneath our integrity and pride as a nation. Worse, the Philippine's BELATED offer of apologies was OFFICIALLY REJECTED. Even Malacanang's representative, my former colleague in Congress, MECO chief Amadeo Perez was sent back home unceremoniously. (We do not have an embassy or diplomatic post in Taiwan due to the ONE-CHINA policy. We recognize only mainland CHINA. MECO in Taiwan is an economic cooperation office.)

Aggravating the actual killing incident, I think the diplomatic problem started right at the beginning when the Malacanang spokeswoman, Ms. Abigail Valte immediately issued a statement right after the incident saying the Philippines would NOT APOLOGIZE. This was clearly provocative and uncalled for at a time when the full story of the shooting incident was still unclear. This triggered a strong statement from the Taiwanese saying 'APOLOGIZE OR ELSE'. In an effort to salvage the situation, Malacanang decided to apologize. As I expected, it was rejected outright.

The agitated Taiwanese public is also over-reacting. Taking it against all Filipino OFWs there is irresponsible and irrational. Of course, the Filipinos are also angry and furious.

The two governments must navigate this with prudence. There's no need to exacerbate the situation.

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EARLY BIRD — My next door neighbor in Hagonoy, Davao del Sur who regularly comes to the resort gate near my farm house every early morning for "kape & pan de sal" gave me a surprise two days after elections. He greeted me by saying: VOTE BINAY FOR PRESIDENT, GRACE POE FOR VICE PRESIDENT!

Wow, early bird! This is an indication that the 2016 campaigns have started.

SOOO GOOD! — "Sana election araw araw", he added. I could understand why. Never at any other time do plain citizens get full attention. Never at any other time do they get attended to. The poor and the lowly get pampered with some free rice, "odong", sardines and some cash. Many are employed as campaigners. They get joyrides joining the campaign trail. Then stage entertainment during rallies. And clowning from many candidates themselves. Free give aways and t-shirts. Handshakes and house visits. All the works.

Never been soooo... good. The pump priming of the economy with all the money released in circulation is always beneficial. All of these will be sorely missed. Until 2016 again.

BACK TO NORMAL — The fun days are over. Everyone must move on. The campaign materials, posters and garbage have to be removed. Accounts will have to be paid. Candidates who were busy in the field are reclaimed back by their families. My elementary grade grandson "Jetjet" told my son, his

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## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

*Pagka panalo o talo ng mga ibang kandidato ay hindi dahil sa INC!!! Kaninong partido ang hindi nag Vote Buying???*

BY: NESTOR CASTRO



Bakit kaya ang daming mga sobrang lilikot nang kanilang mga kokote, parang hindi nila narinig yun jingle ni Senator Koko Pimentel na "use your kokote", ano ba naman kasi itong mga ibang mga Facebook Comentators at reactors na ito. Sa ngayon ay aking tatalakayin ang isa sa mga Facebook commentators and reactors. Isang halimbawa nito ay yun sa Facebook ni Grace Bandy at ang mga reaksyong na katawatawa mula kay Atty. Jose "Bubut" Olarte Jr. Basahin po ninyo ang mga sumusunod at ang aking mga komento:

Inyong makikita ang screen shot at komento ni Grace Bandy kung saan kanyang ipinalalabas na mayroon mga nagsagawa ng vote buying. Hingil dito ang aking tanong ay sino ba sa mga kasalukuyan kandidato o partido ang hindi nagsagawa ng vote buying sapagkat napakalawak ng depinasyon ng vote buying na kung tutuusin ay mag pameryenda ka lang o mag bigay ka lang ng pambili ng sigarilyo o ng gamot kay Juan dela Cruz na botante ay vote buying na yuon. Kaya ang tanong ko ay sino ba sa mga kandidato ang hindi nagpakita ng magandang asal at hindi tumulong nang kahit na mga maliliit na bagay kay Juan dela Cruz, sa aking palagay ay wala, lahat ng kandidato ay in one way or another ay naging matulungin sa mga botante, samaktwid ay nag vote buying lahat nang kandidato.

"Grace F Bandy/May 16

Does Change depend on who has the more money to buy the votes?!

Mabuhay ang mga hindi gumamit ng milyon milyon upang manalo!!! — with Grace Bandy and 37 others."



Ayon kay Grace Bandy sa kanyang FB na naka post sa ibaba nito, ay kung hindi dahil sa block voting ng INC ay nagkaroon ng matinding pagbabago sa liderato ng Baguio. Sa aking panananw ito ay isang malaking pagkakamali, katulad nang aking sinulat sa nakaraang kong kolum ay 5,000 lang naman ang botante ng INC sa Baguio samakatwid ay 5% lang yun ng turn out of voters or 3.5% of registered voters, saan ka nakakita na ang 5% o 3.5% ay maipapanalo ka, **kalokohan!!! Kung kakailanganin natin na mambintang or to point a finger kung kaninong kasalanan, sa aking panananw ay kasalanan ng mga hindi bumoto at nang mismong mga kandidato sapagkat marami sa kanila ay ang lalake nang kanilang mga ulo at marami sa kanila ay mga ilusyonado na akala nila ay swak na sila, eto ang mga kombinasyon o factors kung bakit hindi nagkaroon nang pagbabago sa liderato, ganuon ka simple lang yun mga dear readers.**

"Grace F Bandy let us realize na kung hindi dahil sa bloc voting ng Iglesia ay nagkaroon ng matinding Pagbabago sa liderato ng Baguio sana..

May 16 at 5:10pm · Like · 2"

Ang mga sumusunod na komento ni Atty. Jose "Bubut" Olarte Jr. ang tunay na katawatawa, ngunit kung aking iisipin kaya siguro ganito na lang ang komento ni Atty. Olarte ay sapagkat kasapi rin siya ng Liberal Party kung saan alam naman natin na talunan **Cont. on page 7**

## MONDAY MUNDANE

*Ironic words are ironic*

BY: GLOR ESPERANZA



Whenever I pass by at my university back in college, I can't help but look at the heavy congestion of vehicles on the streets, commercial buildings here and there, and the hill from afar full of houses and apartments piled on top of each other. Somehow, it looks different from what the rest of Baguio looks like. It's the exact opposite of how one would picture Baguio, from the eyes of the unfamiliar, at least.

Which reminded me, I stumbled upon a local news article over the internet regarding the celebration of the city's 103rd founding anniversary held last year. And one of the speakers was the President of my university back then. His speech was about how the city should address the rapid population growth for it to be a "livable city". While I did not have any problems with the article or how it was written, I did however sense irony in the president's speech when I read it.

He pointed out that garbage, air pollution, congestion, traffic, and unemployment among others are the consequences of such problem that the city is facing at present. He then stated that alongside with the government, the major establishments in the city such as businesses and companies and educational centers should unite in implementing directions that could address this uncontrolled population increase.

I agree. The city's Academe should work hand-in-hand with the government and other establishments in attending the problems of the city.

But why is it that my university has a population of over 30,000 students all year round, making it the most populated university in Baguio, never have I heard any plans on how the school should regulate this bloating? Did they ever do something to prevent the sprouting of apartments, dormitories, and transients nearby? Did they not consider lowering the prices of the university's dormitories just so a lot of these eyesores would not be there in the first place? I cannot help but to question these.

I think the only time that they have addressed the population problem was when they situated another campus elsewhere for the main campus can no longer accommodate a few thousand students more. But what has that done? More apartments, more transients, more commercial buildings, another stack to the problem. Give it a few years and it will look like the one in main campus. Oh please, I pray not.

Then again, I may be wrong to say that this was the only solution they've come up for. They might have done more that I do not know. But even if there were, it sure is not enough.

Being hailed as "The Education Capital of the North", education is indeed one of Baguio's flagships and educational centers greatly contribute to the development of our beloved city. But with how small our territory is, our city can only take so much. I do want Baguio to be a livable city. And I am a hundred percent supporting whatever plan the government and these big establishments have to make this happen, provided they meet the terms of the people of Baguio. But where are they? Did their promises yet again disappear in thin air?

Before they give us such flowering talk, they should reflect if they have done their parts first. While I was reading the article, I couldn't help but to react cynically. The words of the president contradict to what I saw as a former student. The hustle and bustle surrounding the university hasn't changed for the past years, and it's becoming worse as I write this. But I will still throw my 2 cents in. Maybe this incoming school year the words from his speech will turn into a reality. If it doesn't, I wouldn't be surprised anymore.

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Taiwanese should not be Rotary prexy*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved..." (Ephesians 2:4-5, the Holy Bible).

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**TAIWANESE SHOULD NOT BE ROTARY PRESIDENT:** There is now a growing clamor among many Filipino Rotarians for Rotary International not to allow Taiwanese Gary Huang to assume the presidency of the organization in 2014, on account of Huang's strong anti-Filipino sentiments in relation to the on-going dispute between his country and the Philippines over the Spratly Islands at the West Philippine Sea.

Filipino Rotarians feel that Huang cannot be an effective Rotary International president, since he himself has shown his capacity to disregard Rotary rules, particularly those which prohibit any Rotarian from using the Rotary to engage in any political activity. Huang lambasted the Philippines and its government in a speech he delivered on the Spratly Islands dispute during the World Peace Forum in Hiroshima, Japan, on May 18-19, 2013.

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**POLL CHEATERS WILL RECEIVE GOD'S CURSES:** Manipulating the outcome of an election through computer programming is not going to be a simple matter of cheating, if you ask me. It is, in reality, violating God's commandment against lying, which is basically what one of the commands in the Ten Commandments is prohibiting. When the true result of an election is rigged, God's laws are violated, and His curses are poured out on those responsible for the rigging.

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**EXORCISM BY POPE FRANCIS: TRUE OR FALSE?** Whether it was an act of exorcism or not, what Pope Francis I did in laying his hands on a man who was believed to be possessed by the devil should be widely publicized, for that act—the laying of hands and the utterance of even the most simple prayer—is basically Biblical and spiritual, and is one sure way of compelling the Holy Spirit of God to come and give protection, direction, and benediction to believers.

It must be pointed out that Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in fact promised that He will send the Holy Spirit to those who believe in Him. In John 14:15-17, Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you..."

Jesus also said, in John 14:25-26: "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you..."

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**HOW TO ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE:** Then, the apostles of Jesus also showed how believers could ask the Holy Spirit to come down to them. In Acts 8:14-17, we read the following: "When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

"When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit..."

A believer must therefore en- **Cont. on page 7**

## Baguio City's Tourist Arrivals Improves, DOT Reports

BAGUIO CITY – This summer capital moves one notch higher, from 10th spot in 2011 to ninth spot, on the list of favorite tourism destinations in the country in 2012.

Department of Tourism –Cordillera (DOT-CAR) Regional Director Purificacion Molintas bared this in a press conference last week launching the “Sabsabong Ti Mayo”, the culminating event for Summer Vacation 2013.

Based on DOT – CAR data, Baguio City remains the top visitor drawer for Cordillera with 617,079 visitors, local and foreign in 2012, which presents a 12 percent increase compared to the 552,497 visitors recorded in 2011.

DOT, in partnership with the City Tourism Office, headed by Benny Alhambra is continuously working together to get a better or more accurate figure as far as tourist arrivals is concerned as getting the actual data from the increasing tourism establishments and mushrooming transient houses all over the city, remains a challenge.

For the “Sabsabong Ti Mayo”, it will be formally launch at SM City Baguio on May 29 which will be highlighted by a Designer Gown Fashion Show and a day-long Wedding (gown) exposition.

## Folk Reunion Concert... from page 8

day, a government employee also fighting cancer also received P5,000 support from the proceeds of the concert hosted by Hiyas Zambrano and Paul Nuval of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

As of press time, volunteers from the PIA were making the rounds to complete the collection of ticket sales and sponsorship to the humanitarian event supported by the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives led by executive director Clarence Baguilat of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Some institutions and individuals who could not make it to the show still sponsored or bought tickets. Aside from bringing in the Camp Dangwa band, police regional director Benjamin Magalong had musical instruments delivered while

BGHMC chief, Dr. Jimmy Cabfit, offered free use of the concert hall, all designed to cut down on administrative costs.

Taking the cue from Mhia's rendition of “Strawberry Wine”, some of the musicians' friends began delivering brandy bottles to the side of the stage to spice up the performances.

For them, Conrad and Mhia belted out “If It Hadn't Been You”, Billy Dean's composition of gratitude. Bubut, March, Liza and Dick opened up with “The Weight”, a centerpiece composition of the

On the 30th the Wedding expo will continue at the SM City Baguio and the festival will be highlighted by a “Pangasinan Night and Day Cultural Show” in the afternoon, and a “Gown Art Competition and Fashion Show” in the evening.

On May 31, Sabsabong Ti Mayo, now on its sixth year, will have a tourism Forum at the Convention Center, which will focus on the North Luzon Triangle Growth Area of Lingayen Pangasinan, Baguio City and Bauang La Union, as the core marketing force in the “Amianan”(north) quadrangle.

Through the convergence of DOT region I and CAR, the tourism forum mainly aims to improve the links connecting “Amianan” to Baguio City via Kennon Road, Naguilian Road and Marcos Highway and all their subsidiary facilities in the tourism industry.

Formally closing the Sabsabong ti Mayo will be the Grand Santacruzian and the closing program, also at the SM City Baguio.

Meantime, with the start of the rainy, Molintas disclosed that this is the best time of the year to bring on more MICE or Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions here in the Summer capital.

She also stressed that with the cooler weather and foggy environment, this is also best time for tourism stakeholders to bring in better wedding packages. The best time for couples to schedule their wedding is during the months of June to September./JDP/CCD and Jane Florendo,PIA CAR

Canadian-American group The Band, while Alma, Liza and Dianne ended their set with “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down” another The Band composition popularized by Joan Baez.

Bryan turned plaintive with his Igorot love song “Lungayban” before he and Conrad brought the house down with a narration of the travails of fatherhood through “Bukisitan”. Alfred, performing solo, interpreted the concert theme with James Taylor's “You Got a Friend”.

Last Friday, the musicians and their friends regrouped at the Busol Watershed where they lined up the foot trails with rows of mulberry cuttings while a

## Mayor Pushes for Market Ordinance Implementation and Review

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week emphasized there is a need to review market ordinances specially those on “anti-quated legal contracts” and to monitor past demand letters for all delinquent market stall leaseholders.

There is also a need for developments in the city market, as to segregated garbage collection and a clinic for medical emergencies both for vendors and marketgoers, he added.

The mayor made the pronouncement during the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) and Ugnayan media forum last week.

Vendors, stallholders and leasees need to know the legalities stated in the Book of Ordinances for Taxes, Fees, Charges, Market and Trade; compiled since 1945, the mayor said.

There are provisions for penalties for delinquent leasees and stallholders, stated in Chapter 19 of the

Tax Ordinance, Section 148; the mayor added, while early and prompt taxpayers are accorded up to twenty percent (20%) discount. “A surcharge of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount due with an interest of two percent (2%) per month until fully paid” shall be deemed on the delinquent stallholder.

“...a lessee shall be considered delinquent upon failure to pay a period of two (2) consecutive months,” it stated in Section 149.

Section 167 also

states “...the city government shall avail of the civil remedies provided for the collection of delinquent taxes under this ordinance in addition to the cancellation of the award and contract of lease for the delinquent stall or booth.”

The mayor also emphasized on Section 166 of the market code which states, “Construction of stalls or booths or improvements thereon may be introduced in the

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## Discipline ...

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ery boys) of blue lanes with cartloads of vegetables and market goods. Their acts

endanger motorists' and their own lives when they recklessly cross from one direction to another up to the market, dodging moving vehicles on the road, the mayor said.

Personnel should be assigned to constantly monitor the proper use of said lanes, he added.

Discipline applies too for betel nut(momma)-chewers, Mayor Domogan also said during the ASK meeting.

Reacting to observations that the Igorot park has become place of gathering for momma chewers, personal spittoons should be used,

“mambunong” performed a thanksgiving ritual-prayer for the success of the concert.

As in previous coming-home concerts of Conrad, an unidentified close friend of his provided the ritual pig./Ramon Dacawi.

and should be disposed of properly. This would avoid unsightly marks, often orange-red, from the momma along sidewalks, parks and streets, and for sanitary purposes, he said./Juliegfianza

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EUGENE A. CATAWA

Applicants

Case No:2011-CAR-150

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAYER-Regional Director this 14th day of May 2013.

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

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LEONIDA DEL ROSARIO

Applicants

Case No:95-01-129

### 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 passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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JOHN C. LEO

Applicants

Case No:98-BC- 1146

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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REYNALDO BUAN

Applicants

Case No:2000-BC-038

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## A Proposal to Revive... from page 1

The concept of such Postal Museum or News and Media Museum is to exhibit among others a historical collection of letters and stamps, along with a digital observatory, radio ham shack, TV studio, radio announcer's booth and print shop that the Media Newseum can provide for educational and tourism purposes.

Tibaldo clarified that the Baguio Post Office's usual operations will still carry on.

But according to Baguio Post Office's postmaster Bernardo Kubaron, despite seeing the benefits of the proposal, removing these small business establishments will paralyze their whole budget circulation. The postal industry's revenue has significantly decreased over the years (due to the advent of electronic mail), which resulted to the laying off of approximately 2,500 postal employees in the country as of January this year, under the Philippine Government Rationalization Program. Additionally, the Post Office employees are receiving very little suspension from the National Government. With the limited budget, they are utilizing every space they have just to generate income. They will not be able to give everyone their due salaries had it not been for the rentals and ad posters.

Baguio Post Office has an estimate of 56 million pesos as annual budget but Kubaron stated they do not receive it aggregately but by portion. He also stressed that they issue receipts to this stalls and ad posters monthly.

The Post Office rent out a total of 9 stalls ranging from a monthly rental fee of 25,000 to 10,000 pesos, while ad posters are for 1,000 pesos a month. The collected revenue from those rentals is remitted to the central office. After which it is budgeted and given out to them in the form of personal service expenses such as salaries, incentives, and maintenance and operational expenses.

The postmaster added that the rented lots had all undergone the legal bidding process. He also clarified that the city's Post Office is government-owned but this renting out of areas is pursuant to the Philippine Public Private Partnership Program.

Meanwhile, stall owners confirmed that they are issued such receipts by the Post Office and are all written in record, shown to them with transparency. However, some of them think that the fee is too expensive as business is not that strong.

But despite Baguio Post Office's own reasons about the proposal, Kubaron still sees it as a good idea. Should the proposal reach the Philippine Postal Cooperative (PPC) and approved by NHI, the city's Post Office will coordinate accordingly.

After sharing the proposal to Social Media, Tibaldo stated that his next step will involve the mainstream Media, in hopes to gather more supporters. He further added that with the help of the public and city officials,

more so that we have elected a new set of public officials, the Post Office will not only be saved from its present condition but become one of the city's many attractions as well.

Furthermore, the younger generation will learn the about the history of Postal Industry and appreciate the beauty in writing telegrams.

Tibaldo believes that this said Postal Museum is something different that Baguio can offer, other than the usual attractions in the city.

He also added that the local postal industry will improve as more people will learn and appreciate this old means of communication.

If not Baguio, Tibaldo clarified this proposal can also be for other Postal Offices in the Philippines, still with the main plan to negotiate with the NHI and PPC for a Philippine Postal Museum./Glor Esperanza,

## Kakampi mo ang Batas... from page 5

deavor to lay his or her hands on his loved ones all the time, especially when rising up from bed in the morning, and before sleeping at night, fully conscious that he is doing this to ask the Holy Spirit of God to come down. It is only through this act that the protection, direction, and benediction of our loved ones are assured.

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**REACTIONS?** Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0922 833 43 96. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com), [mmauriciojr111@gmail.com](mailto:mmauriciojr111@gmail.com).

## Magkasanga Tayo... from page 5

ang kanilang mga manok. Pangalawa ay siya mismo ay tumakbo bilang konsehal nung nakaraang eleksyon kung saan kasapi siya ng LP na siya mismo ay isa rin talunan. Para isuggest ni Atorni na gawin iligal sa batas ang block voting ay tunay na katawatawa. Sa aking pananaw ay karapatan ng mga organisasyon, grupo o ano man relihiyon ang hikayatin o diktahan ang kanilang mga miyembro na magsagawa ng block voting, karapatan nila yun na dapat natin igalang sapagkat ang mga private organizations or churches are private entities at bilang mga pribadong organisasyon ay walang pakialam ang gobyerno o sino man na manghimasok sa kanilang mga patakaran at alituntunin. Eto na mismo ang kasapi sa prinsipyo ng separation of the church and the state, para gawin iligal ang block voting, kahit na sa panaginip ay hindi mangyayari sapagkat ito ay magiging iligal sa ating saligang batas este batas. **Ang tanong ngayon ay ganito, ikaw ba Atty. Olarte nung tumakbo ka ba bilang konsehal hindi mo ba ninais na makamit ang boto ng INC, hindi ka ba sumulat sa pinuno ng lokal na INC para makuha ang kanilang endorsement? At ganun din kay Atty. Joemol at kay Mr. Mark Go hindi ba sila sumulat sa pinuno ng INC para inyong makuha ang endorsement ng INC?**

Marahil ay alam na natin lahat ang kasagutan sa mga tanong na ito, kaya ang payo ko sa mga nag so-sour graping na kandidato na talunan at sa kanilang mga supporters ay bitter lack next time, mas galingan pa ninyo ang inyong kampanya, mabilis ang tatlong

taon at baka sakali sa 2016 kayo na ang palarin. Kung sabihin sa kastila - hasta la vista, o sa ingles - goodbye until we see each other again. Ngunit ang paborito kong kasabihan ay yun sariling atin sa Pilipino - **"pikon talo"**.

**"Jose Jr Olarte** it's about time we take a stand against INC command votes.. invoking strict interpretation of separation of church and state, there should be a law to declare such practice illegal.. even if it's difficult to implement, at least it is declared illegal, instead of the present situation wherein it's somehow being accepted and even institutionalized... command votes are inconsistent with freedom of suffrage. command votes will give undue advantage to selected candidates whether or not such are corrupt. and as payback, the sect or it's members are favored over others. is that democracy?

**Friday at 1:46pm · Like · 1"**

**"Jose Jr Olarte** that's ok Beatriz, i understand. this sect is a minority compared to the rest of the electorate, but they blindly unite under the dictates of their leaders, to subvert the will of the majority. should we unite also against candidates who solely rely on the support of the sect? in 2016, the majority should unite, to refuse to vote for candidates who benefited in the previous elections from INC votes, specially those whose success could be attributed solely on the edge given to them by the sect.

**Saturday at 12:38am · Like · 2"**

**"Jose Jr Olarte** one cannot be said to be an intelligent voter, or an intelligent person, or a free person, if he allows his own church to dictate on whom to vote for... years ago, i was prosecuting an INC member caught in the act of committing motor vehicle theft and kidnapping, and as expected, a then sitting councilor called me by telephone, exhorting me to convince my client to settle, explaining that anyway, "no blood was spilled" because the complainant was set free but his taxi was stolen. later, to my surprise, the case was dismissed after the complainant was apparently prevailed upon to settle. i don't mind that the case was settled, but i do mind that persons who are supposed to be on the side of the People, are the ones interceding for an offender. the root of this is the INC command vote.

**Saturday at 12:54am · Like · 2"**

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JOHN K. LOMBIT - Vendor

GEORGE P. SANTIAGO, JR. Vendee

Applicants

Case No:2012-CAR-047/2013-CAR-378

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This is an application for SALE and TRANSFER with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - CRYSTAL CAVE and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit. Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 5, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their 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. CLAYER-Regional Director this 14th day of May 2013.

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

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father Jay who failed to make it in the elections: "Now you can spend more time with us." Come to tMedia programming are back to normal. The new elective officials now have a fresh mandate to serve. Let's support them. But check on their campaign promises. So when next election time comes, there is accountability./ADVO-CACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: [AMFI\\_Mindanow](https://twitter.com/AMFI_Mindanow)/Email us: [info@advocacymindanow.org](mailto:info@advocacymindanow.org)  
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as the issues are now being addressed and warned private emission testing centers that will continue to defy the standardized procedures in the conduct of the tests that the city will invoke its police power to stop their business operation.

Domogan said this is in line with his administration's program to continue improving the city's air quality as part of his thrust for green governance in his new term as city executive./A Refuerzo

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of the water resources in the city particularly the clean-up of creeks and river tributaries through the "Salaknib ti Waig" campaign; air quality by enhancing the Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) operation and the implementation of traffic rules; solid waste disposal and greening projects.

The mayor expressed optimism that with the continued cooperation and teamwork of the public, these programs and all his aspirations in his fresh mandate will be realized.

"We have a lot of homework to do and to accomplish," he averred.

He again thanked the people who supported his bid for a new term which he said gave him a fress opportunity to continue serving the people and continue all the programs and projects intended for the development of this mountain resort./Jho Arranz

## Mayor Pushes... from page 6

city market upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod: PROVIDED, that all such constructions or improvements shall ipso facto become properties of the City of Baguio."

Some stall lease holders have become so brazen, they claim ownership over what is owned by the city government, Mayor Domogan bewailed.

All other provisions should be reviewed if such applies to current times, the mayor said.

Partnership, personal administration of stalls, the use of dummies and sublease of stalls, and vacancy of stalls before the expiration of the lease; are all tackled in the market code.

Too often, the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) meets with problems presented as to the passing on of stalls which should have been given to qualified bidders. Bidding out of stalls should be done to give equal opportunities to legitimate business people, the mayor earlier said./Juliegfianza

## Mayor Defends Name, Says Complaints not True

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser May 22 answered accusations against him for vote-buying and other election related offenses here. Speaking to members of the media Wednesday, Domogan said, ‘the charges against him is a desperate attempt of an individual to mar his reputation.’

Domogan was reacting to complaints filed by one Mary Grace Bandyw with the Commission on Elections for Violation of Paragraph a,b,d,i,j,m,o Sec. 261 Article XXII of the Omnibus election Code.

Charges of vote-buying consisting of proposal of a group of barangay officials of Irisan, use of government Park reservation as headquarters of Timpuyog ti Baguio and the release of scholarship grants to students and beneficiaries have been highlighted in the complaint.

Domogan however said, serious allegations of vote buying against him has no truth and in fact his campaign is always based on issues and performance which he said the people can attest to.

‘On the first issue, I have no hand much less personal knowledge about the proposal of the group of barangay officials from barangay Irisan, he said. ‘I only heard about this proposal from second hand sources and from the media,’ Domogan clarified.

In an affidavit, Barangay Chairman Thomas Dumalti and five of his kagawads admitted there was a draft proposal to extend their help during the campaign to the Timpuyog ti Baguio party.

However, Dumalti said the proposal was never presented to the Timpuyog Officials as it was allegedly stolen by an unidentified person and was later on exposed to members of the media as a form of black propaganda.

On the second issue, Domogan said, ‘the buildings used by the Timpuyog Ti Baguio Party are private properties owned by the Baguio City (Host) Lions Club, Inc. and Baguio Pines Lions Club.’ ‘We have entered into a Contract of Lease with them where we paid P100,000.00 and P80,000.00 respectively as rental fees for the facility,’ he said.

On the third issue, the mayor said the release of the educational financial assistance fund to students and beneficiaries is not vote-buying and is done by a committee. ‘We have been doing this as early as 2001 when I was the Congressman for the benefit of poor but deserving students of Baguio,’ Domogan said.

The mayor also said the program is funded by the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) which Congressman Bernardo Vergara committed to continue when he won in 2010 which has now reached a P14M budget per year.

The program is being implemented and Chaired by the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan consisting of 12 members.

The financial assistance fund amounting to P7,000.00 per student/beneficiary is given towards the end of every semester before the final examination.

Fangasan clarified, ‘the financial assistance fund was initially scheduled to be given last March 3 but was later on moved to March 17 due to the failure of some beneficiaries to accomplish requirements for the preparation of the payroll.’

Domogan said, ‘the release of the financial assistance was done at the Baguio Convention Center openly and publicly and in the presence of media personalities and a part of a regular program.’

‘We have no hand in the selection of beneficiaries, the task is entrusted to the committee which screens the applicants they be a voter or not, Domogan said.

A similar complaint has been filed by National Peoples Coalition (NPC) bet Jose Molintas who lost during the May 13 Mayoralty race/paul rillorta

## Folk Reunion Concert Raises Over P100 Grand for Patients

People of various ages and simple walks filled up last Monday evening the main conference hall of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center and, for three hours, celebrated the humanitarian message of folk and country music with top musicians of this city and the Cordillera.

In a refrain of sorts of Procol Harum’s haunting and mythical composition “A Whiter Shade of Pale”, interpreted that evening by female vocalist Liza Noble, the crowd was calling out for more even after the artists reassembled on stage for the “(May You) Stay Forever Young” chorus as finale in the reunion concert.

The PNP –Cordillera Band led by Sr. Insp. Henry Domogan obliged with “We Are the World” as many in the audience still lingered, snapping up the chance for handshakes and souvenir shots with the musicians led by homecoming soloists Conrad Marzan and Mhia Tibunsay.

Mhia, who is flying back to her work in Singapore Tuesday, and Conrad, who is returning to Northern California Monday, reunited with fellow lead singers, lawyer Jose “Bubut” Olarte, Bryan Aliping, Tito, Alma Angiwan, Liza, Dianne Walcien, banjo player Dick Oakes, singing newsmen Alfred Dizon and March Fianza and the reassembled Foggy Mountain Band composed of Arsen and Kris Marzan and Dolfo Pedronio.

In keeping with the spirit that marked their years of performing pro bono in concerts-for-a-cause, Mhia announced the total cash collections, as of that night, was at P104,000, aside from P4,000 and a \$100 bill pooled by the audience in a pass-the-hat.

Right there and then Dr.Manuel Quirino, president of the Association of Government Information Officers-Cordillera (ASGIOCO) which sponsored the fund-raiser, and regional director Helen Reyes-Tibaldo of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), turned over P27,200 each for the three patients for whom he concert-for-a-cause was mounted.

Ten-year old Chelsea Benito, the youngest of some 160 patients undergoing regular hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure at the BGHMC, was represented by his father, Ibaloy farmer Billy Benito. A son represented Jun Willy, a technical staff member of People’s Television 4 who is also undergoing hemodialysis, while Linda Fines, an ASGIOCO member and with the staff of the Department of Tourism, received an equal share to prop up her battle against cancer.

Chelsea, third of four children, was diagnosed for kidney failure last September, after her blood pressure shot up and her vision blurred. Recently, graduates of St. Louis Boys high led by Palanca Award-winning writer Ed Maranan launched a fund drive for her while the office of Rep. Bernardo Vergara allotted part of his medical fund for her treatment.

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**ANGELS BEHIND THE SHIELD LINKS UP WITH THE BAGUIO’S FINEST -** Doña Josefa Elementary School receives a helping hand for the school’s painting and repair jobs from the Baguio’s Finest spear-headed by PRO-COR regional director PCSUPT Benjamin Magalong and Baguio City Police Office director PSupt. Cambay with their spouses who are members of the Angels Behind the Shield Inc. (IBTS) headed by national president Juliet Guidangen including their “Totoy and Neneng Pulis” children last May 24./Bong Cayabyab

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## Discipline for Pedestrians

### Needed-Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan expressed dismay over the lack of discipline of pedestrians who walk on blue lanes which should be exclusively used by Senior Citizens and Persons With Disabilities (SC/PWD). He made the observation during the regular Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK)

meeting last Friday at the City Hall Multi-purpose Hall.

He thus directed the Baguio City Police Office Traffic Management Division (BCPO-TMD) of studying possibilities of closing said lane in front of Tiong San Bazaar along

Magsaysay Avenue during certain times of the day, while closely monitoring usage thereof. Said opening for blue lanes may be padlocked to avoid forcible openings done by able-bodied pedestrians who refuse to use the overpass.

Mayor Domogan also explored the use of “comboys” (deliv- Cont. on page 6

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