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MABUHAYANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LATRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Calvary of the Poor

The urban poor group Kadamay staged on Holy Monday what it called the calvary of the poor to highlight their daily struggle under the Aquino Administration resulting from, it says, the lack of decent housing, education, basic social services and high cost of utilities.

At least 200 protesters gathered at Plaza Salamanca on Taft Ave. in Manila before noon and marched to the eight "stations," patterned after the Roman Catholic Church's "stations of the cross" depicting Jesus Christ carrying the Cross to his crucifixion.

First Station at University of the Philippines Manila. Protesters lit candles to show their solidarity and remember UP Manila student Kristel Tejada who committed suicide.

Second Station at the Supreme Court. Protesters burned a symbolic sign of the Urban Development Housing Act (UDHC) which, according to the group, is behind the demolition of homes of urban poor communities. A petition to junk anti-poor provisions of UDHA is pending at the High Court.

Third Station at the Department of Justice. Leaders in handcuffs presented the case of 13 urban poor people who are victims of extrajudicial killings under the Aquino administration.

Fourth Station at the US Embassy. Protesters burned a symbolic flag denouncing America's intervention in Philippine politics.

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THE TEAM TO BEAT - Candidates of LP in Baguio are (from left to right) Bruce Limmayog, Faustino Olowan, Rhaye Baquirin, Lilia Yaranon, Derick Bautista, Jose Molintas, PNoy, Mark Go, reelectionists Isabelo Cosalan and Edison Bilog, Glenn Gaerlan, Rob Ocampo, Arthur Alladiw, and Rudy Paraan./Photo courtesy of LP Baguio Secretariat

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City Delays Clean and Green Awards, Announces Finalists Instead

BAGUIO CITY – the awarding of the cleanest and greenest barangays and barangay roadside, garden and parks landscaping have been delayed for three months following a need for assurance that barangays do their share in sustaining their clean and green efforts.

City Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda Monday announced 21 finalists for category 1 and 10 finalists for category 2 in the cleanest and greenest barangay search here.

Finalists for category 1 includes Lualhati, Hillside, SLU-SVP, Middle Quezon Hill, Scout Barrio, South Drive, PMA-Fort Del Pilar, North Central Aurora Hill, Loakan Liwanag, Pinsao Proper and Outlook Drive.

Category 1 barangay classification incorporates naturally green, without waterways, within minor thoroughfares, low to medium population density, mainly residential, with adequate parking spaces and minor schools.

Barangay finalists in category 2 are Imelda Village, Sto. Tomas Proper, Lourdes Subdivision Extension, Dizon Subdivision, Upper Q.M., M. Roxas, Plama Urbano, Pinsao Pilot, Ambiong and New Lucban.

Category 2 classification incorporates non-green, with waterways, within major thoroughfares, high population density, within commercial zone, with inadequate parking zones and with major schools.

All finalists received a cash prize of P10,000.00 each.

Tabanda however said, 'being included as a finalists does not assure the barangay of winning the prestigious award.'

'Another evaluation will be conducted for all the barangays in the city, finalists for the second stage of judging will start from zero,' she said.

Winners for the event will be announced on or before September 1, (Baguio Day). /paul rillorta

New SPES Grantees for Summer 2013

BAGUIO CITY - The city government of Baguio through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) disclosed that the actual number of duly screened Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) registrants for this summer 2013 is 616 students.

There were only 409 qualified registered SPES applicants who took the written examination last Mar. 17 in the different schools in the city.

PESO Baguio Labor and Employment Officer Romelda Frances Escaso said that the city has only 300 slots available for this summer. 132 slots are given to the SPES babies and the remaining slots will be given to the qualified registered SPES applicants who has completed the required documents.

The program is designed to help poor but deserving students finish their studies by giving them employment opportunities during their school breaks.

An orientation to all the SPES grantees will be held on April 11 (Thursday), from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the City Hall Multi-Purpose Hall, Baguio City.

SPES grantees will experience office work on April 15, Monday. They will be assigned to the different departments in the city government of Baguio.

With this program, the SPES grantees will have the rare opportunity to learn and develop their skills with the help and support of the government employees in the city.

The SPES is based on Republic Act 7323 or an "Act to Help Poor but Deserving Students Pursue their Education by Encouraging their Employment during Summer and/or Christmas Vacations, through Incentives Granted to Employers, Allowing them to Pay on 60 per Centum of their Salaries and Wages and the Forty per Centum through Education Vouchers to be paid by the Government Prohibiting and Penalizing the Filing of Fraudulent or fictitious claims and for other purposes".

Under the SPES, an employment facilitation program of Department of Labor and Employment, the local government unit pays 60 percent of the students wage while the remaining 40 percent will be shouldered by the DOLE./Jho Arranz/PIO-Baguio

sil fuel that contribute to global warming.

The detainees tried going for three hours the following year, clocked three hours and three minutes in 2011 and then chalked two hours last year.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan, their regular guest in the program, took to the rain-soaked courtyard with his message of inner reform for the prisoners. The warden, Chief Inspector Wilson Bayasan, then

plunged the courtyard and the 34 cells to darkness – and silence - at 7:45 p.m.

Bayasan and women's dorm warden, Chief Inspector Mary Ann Tressmanio presided over the lighting of the mother candle. Officers and members of the Rotary Club of Baguio Summer Capital headed by lawyer Joris Dacawi then

ignited four smaller wicks symbolizing the elements of earth, wind, fire and water in a

candle prayer setting the mood for the doxology.

Guests and residents swooned to John Denver specials and Kankana-ey favorites the likes of "Longayban" from "balik-bayan" Bryan Aliping, Joan Baez pieces from trio Alma, Liza and Dyann and the Boy Dylan classics from lawyer Bubut Olarte who never missed observing "Earth Hour" in jail.

At the instance of Binhi, the group of school principal Andy Villamor and his brother Ronaldo, the prison crowd took on Noel

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Preparations for 2nd Cordillera Ethnic Food Festival underway

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Cordillera Administrative Region has convened the steering committee to prepare activities for the second staging of the Cordillera ethnic food festival.

Organized by the PCCI and the Farmers Federation of Benguet (FFB), the festival's theme is "Celebrating a diverse cultural heritage through ethnic delicacies," scheduled tentatively on May 1 to 7, 2013 to be held at the Farmers' Commodities and SME Center, Inc. located in Puguis, La Trinidad.

PCCI Regional Governor Gerry Lab-oyan said the event aims to provide a venue for a gathering of the different ethno-linguistic groups and tribes coming from the six provinces of CAR.

Highlights of the festival include a cook fest to showcase the different ethnic and exotic foods in the region, cultural presentations by representatives from the six provinces together with their tribal groups to perform dances, songs, story-telling and chants.

There will also be a trade fair and exhibit to showcase and promote indigenous ethnic and locally produced products, indigenous games exhibition.

Other activities includes a fashion show featuring a farmer's attire contest with modern ethnic touch, barista and bar tending exhibition, One-Town-One Product (OTOP) presentation, concert featuring native songs, kid's fun day, photo contest for amateur photographers.

Foreigners are also invited to come join the said event and showcase their ethnic foods and delicacies.

The co-organizers for the 2nd Cordillera Ethnic Food Festival include the Department of Tourism - Cordillera (DOT-CAR), the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples - Cordillera (NCIP-CAR), Local Government Unit of La Trinidad, Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Benguet State University (BSU), Cooperative Bank of Benguet (CBB), and Michael Cruz from Yasha designs as the event manager.

Different committees have been formed to oversee the preparation for the week-long festival that is expected to draw tourists and visitors to La Trinidad.

Lab-oyan said the 1st Cordillera Ethnic Food Festival was successfully held last April 22-28, 2007./JDP/MAWC – PIA CAR

Baguio Boy Grabs Record High in Para Games, 7 More Shine

BAGUIO CITY – physically challenged athletes in this mountain resort is proving handicap is no excuse in excelling in sports.

Eight differently-abled athletes brought home pride and honor to the city once again in the 2nd Philippine Sports Commission-Philspada Para National Games last March 15 to 23 in Sta. Cruz, Laguna.

A total of nine regular sports were played which includes athletics,

swimming, table tennis, powerlifting, badminton, chess, goalball, tenpin bowling and wheelchair basketball.

Baguio athlete Agustin Kitan, a powerlifter dominated the 160 kg category and is now the record holder in the country.

Aside from Kitan, fellow Baguio athlete Clover Laoyan brought home four golds in powerlifting, shotput, javelin throw and discus throw.

Baguio swimmer Isidro Luis dominated the walters of laguna catching gold in three swimming events -100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke.

He likewise added another gold in discus throw and bronze in javelin throw.

Other Baguio paralympic players who competed in the national event are Abraham Sakiwat garnering gold in powerlifting, gold in javelin throw, silver in javelin throw, silver in javelin throw.

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GSIS now Accepting College Scholarship Nominees for SY 2013-2014

BAGUIO CITY — The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) is calling all active members to start submitting their nominees for the GSIS Scholarship Program (GSP) for academic year 2013-2014.

Application period is from March 12-April 30, 2013.

Pursuant to the revised GSP Policy and Procedural Guidelines (PPG) No. 224-13, all active GSIS members with premium payments for the last six months may nominate scholars.

The GSIS revised its College Scholarship Program to allow-low-income members to send their children to colleges and universities that provide quality education.

Unlike in the past scholarship programs, the selection of scholars will no longer be done through an electronic raffle.

The GSIS will instead accept scholarship nominees from members with a salary grade of 24 or below, or its equivalent.

Under the new guidelines, the nominee of a parent-member who has the lowest salary grades will be given priority in the scholarship grant. The nominee must be a child of the member and an incoming freshman accepted in the schools identified by the pension fund.

The scholar of the program will be entitled to the actual cost of tuition and miscellaneous fees not exceeding P20,000 and a monthly stipend of P2,000.

The scholar may also opt to take a four-or five-year course but must meet the scholastic requirements set by the school for student retention under the program.

Interested applicants are requested to submit to the nearest GSIS office duly accomplished application forms together with the following: Certificate of employment of the member, and certification from the school that the scholar-designee is accepted as an incoming college freshman for the school year 2013-2014.

GSP application form may be obtained from any GSIS branch office or download it from the GSIS website: www.gsis.gov.ph/JDP/MAWC-PIA-CAR

CHED-CAR Urges Financially-Constrained Studies to Approach School Officials

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Commission on Higher Education - Cordillera is encouraging students who are financially-constrained to approach their school officials and ask for special permits to be able to take the examinations.

CHED-CAR Assistant Regional Director Ramon Santiago said that students can make arrangements with their schools on how they can avail of a special permits for them to take their examinations.

Santiago said

that the CHED is strictly obligating schools not to deny any student of their education due to financial problems as stated in the Manual of Regulations for Private Higher Education, Article 20, Section 99 or the Denial of Final Examinations; Withholding of Grades and Refusal to Re-enroll.

It states, "No higher education institution shall deny final examinations to a student who has outstanding financial or property obligations, including unpaid tuition and other school fees

corresponding to the school term. However, the institution may withhold the final grades or may refuse re-enrollment of such student. Provided, that, in case of withholding of final grades, the final grades are duly recorded and submitted to the Registrar together with the final grades of the rest of the students in the prescribed form."

"Hindi pinipigilan ang mga bata na mag-exam pero may proseso ang mga paaralan na pinapatupad para makakuha ng spe-

DOST turns Over Digital Library to CAR Provinces

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Department of Science and Technology turned over digital libraries to three provinces in the Cordillera Region last week.

DOST-CAR Assistant Regional Director Maria Rowena Madarang and Science and Technology Information Institute representative Annie Lyn Bacani signed a memorandum of agreement and turned over three Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Stations, or STARBOOKS to the provinces of Kalinga, Apayao and Abra represented by their respective science and technology officers at the DOST-CAR Regional Office.

Madarang said that the STARBOOKS is a stand-alone, on-site research and information kiosk that provides free access to information, and is highly appropriate for public libraries. It contains thousands of digitized science and technology resources in various formats, text and video or audio placed in specially designed "pods" set in a user-friendly interface.

The STARBOOKS will give information to the students and the community through the access of digitized data stored in the hard disks of the equipment.

What makes the STARBOOKS unique and more useful in the mountainous region is that people can access data needed even without internet connection, she explained.

Bacani said that the STARBOOKS contain 500,000 titles of digitized journals, serial publications, reference materials, annual reports, theses and dissertations, technical and project reports, and directories of DOST-STII's library materials. It also contains over 170 videos from the different DOST agencies such as "Tamang DOSTkarte Livelihood Videos" for aspiring entrepreneurs. The video topics range from food processing to laundry soap manufacturing and other livelihood materials.

According to Madarang, the information kiosks are not only for students but also for the use of the local government units and non-government organizations particularly with the livelihood videos incorporated. The DOSTKarte videos are useful for communities because it contains different instructional videos on livelihood and entrepreneurial skills that could be used by the people.

Madarang added that the province of Kalinga was given the STARBOOKS as part of the pro-poor program of the DOST-CAR.

Last year, the DOST had distributed units to the provinces of Ifugao, Mountain Province and Benguet.

This year, they are encouraging other LGUs and schools to avail of the STARBOOKS digital library by sending proposals or requests to the DOST-CAR regional office./JDP/RC-PIA-CAR

cial permits para makapag-exam" said Santiago. (Students are not being denied to take the exams but the schools have policies to follow for a student to be given special permits for examinations.)

Santiago said that schools in the Cordillera region particularly in Baguio City and La Trinidad are letting students take their examinations even without paying their obligations such as tu-

ition fees and miscellaneous fees through special permits given by the school authorities.

"Schools are even allowing students to get promissory notes or talking to school officials in the administrative or financial division for them to be able to take the exams be it prelims or finals," he added.

Santiago disclosed that the higher education institutions in the

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Pinukpuk Police Confiscates Illegal Lumber

PINUKPUK, Kalinga - For the second time this quarter, police of this highland municipality in the province confiscated illegal fitches of lumber this week.

According to the report of Pinukpuk Chief of Police Senior Inspector Gemma Braganza, police personnel from their station confiscated the contraband measuring 518 board feet after receiving a message from a civilian informant about fitches of lumber floating along the river.

Nobody showed up as claimant of the illegal lumber when the police reached the area.

Braganza revealed the modus operandi by unscrupulous individuals of using the river to transport lumber is now a known system to the police.

Lately, the police here foiled another attempt to transport illegal lumber and confiscated narra fitches on a similar modus.

PiInukpuk is one of the municipalities of Kalinga reportedly where illegal logging has been rampant.

Braganza stressed their station is bent to enforce Executive Order 23 which prohibits cutting of trees in residual forests in the country and warned illegal loggers in the area to stop or face the full course of the law./LL-PIA-CAR, Kalinga

SME Academy for Entrepreneurs Brings Advocacy to Benguet Town

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Academy brought to this town its lecture series of teaching entrepreneurs to keep their business grow and to have successful family business.

The activity attended by entrepreneurs of this town is in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Indus-

try and the town's local government unit as part of the Strawberry Festival celebration this month.

Resource speakers were from the PlantersBank, the country's leading bank for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Pnatersbank Executive Vice President Ma. Agnes Angeles who delivered a lecture on Financial Management

101 for SMEs stressed their advocacy on making SME businesses grow and the way to successful SME family business.

Angeles said the decision to grow will define whether the business will be passed on to the children or not otherwise "if we die, we die with our business." Children need to carry on with our

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Filipino penitent Ruben Enaje, who was portrayed as Jesus Christ for 27 times, grimaces as he is nailed to the cross during Good Friday rituals on March 29, 2013 at Cutud, Pampanga province, northern Philippines./AP Photo/Aaron Favila

Perfect Symbol

'Mamma mia!', cried Sister Walburga, a polyglot nun from Germany as lights went on the balcony, on St. Peter's basilica. "Habemus Papam". People massed in the piazza cheered as the new pontiff, clad in simple white cassock stepped forward. "Buona sera," he began. "Good evening..."

The Buenos Aires-born son of a railway worker from Turin seemed almost as dazed as everyone else," UK's Guardian reported. "Sister Walburga did not know who he was".

Even in Communist Cuba, church bells rang out for election of the Argentine cardinal Jesuit Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, is the first Latin American pontiff. "We've waited 20 centuries," Fr Jose Antonio Cruz in Puerto Rico told the Economist. "It was worth the wait."

By choosing the first pope from the New World, the cardinals sent a strong message of change, New York Times noted. "The church's future lies in the global south, and a scholar with a common touch may be its best choice to inspire the faithful. "Francis is a move away from theologian pope.

The bookies, meanwhile, were burned. Early March, oddsmaker Paddy Power put America's Timothy Dolan at 33-1 and Africa's Peter Turkson at 2-1. After the Sistine Chapel doors closed, oddsmakers tagged Cardinal of Milan Angelo Scola as front runner, the Times David Leonhard wrote. Second-tier favorites included US Timothy Dolan to Brazil's Pedro Odilo Scherer. "Cardinal Luis Tagle, of the Philippines, was sixth". The Argentinian didn't even register on the betting screen.

EDITORIAL

Rewind to 2005. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was the pick and "bookies

looked prescient": Yet, 35 years earlier, they and "by extension, the wisdom of crowds", did poorly. Cardinal Karol Jozef Wojty'a, who became John Paul II, wasn't among the favorites.

Over the last 2,000 years many popes picked the name John. Three pontiffs chose "Pius" in the past century. Francis was elected after two days of conclave meetings and five ballots. In the 13th century, cardinals could not decide for over two years. A lock up and a diet of bread and water hastened the vote.

Francis I "is a man who transmits great serenity," Buenos Aires housewife Ana Maria Perez said of her paesan. She foresees he "is going to be pope of the streets."

Then Cardinal Bergoglio didn't live in the archbishop's palace. Instead, he lodged in a small room within a downtown Buenos Aires home. He parked the diocese's limousine. Instead, he rode the bus to work or when visiting Argentine slums. He scrubbed pots and pans, after cooking his own meals. Argentinians recall how, on Holy Thursday 2001, he visited AIDS patients in a hospice where he washed and kissed the feet of 12 patients. He flogged priests who'd refuse baptism to children of single mothers.

Did the new pope mean St. Francis Xavier? This 16th-century Jesuit's missionary zeal took him through much of Asia, or was he referring St. Francis of Assisi who gave away a vast inheritance.

Francis crafted an uncluttered lifestyle that "catalyzed the "Renaissance", which is older than many European states", recalls George Will in his column: "Memories of a Wandering Fire." Faith "is not made more credible by arranging its institutional furniture", this 43-year old friar taught. His example led thousands to adopt evangelical poverty.

He was a "wandering fire," writer G.K. Chesterton marveled. Then and now, we seek "wandering fires": men and women whose values "endure even after the sun goes out". Or do harsh times only rediscover them?

"We live in the most unequal part of the world, which has grown the most yet reduced misery the least," then Cardinal Bergoglio told Latin American bishops in 2007. "The unjust distribution of goods persists, creating a situation of social sin that cries out to Heaven and limits the possibilities of a fuller life for so many of our brothers."

That'd resonate in the Philippines of 2013. Here, one out of four pregnant women are at risk because of chronic hunger and inadequate services, a Health Department and National Institute of Health development workshop reports. Deficits in folic acid, iron, Vitamin A result in high deaths among infants 28 days after birth. "There has been no change in the past 15 years."

A "1000 day window of vulnerability" traps pregnant women and infants: this is 280 days from conception to two years of birth." But decisive intervention, by local government officials, can convert this death trap into a "window of opportunity".

Local governments in barangays, towns to cities "have the power and resources to save many pregnant mothers from preventable disability and death," nutritionist Florentino Solon writes. After election, local executives should ensure vulnerability transposes into opportunity.

The institutional or church one is covered by the media.. Coverage "concentrates on a Vatican City smaller than some Wal-Marts", writes Loyola University emeritus professor of psychology Eugene Cullen Kennedy. A papal interregnum and election is manna for media's insatiable appetite.

Church Two is "the faithful"; that is, the millions of everyday lay Catholics who live their faith. "This is the real church for whose members faith is the touchstone of their lives. The drama acted out at every papal election is not really relevant to their everyday lives.

"The church remains the home of well-known sinners and unsung saints and is run more by sinners like them than by saints, she adds. That mixed smoke wafting from Sistine chimneys "is the perfect symbol of the church as it is: not quite as pure as it ought to be but human enough to make it a home for the everyday Catholics."/Juan L. Mercado



GETHEMSEMANE .. A time when Jesus was so close to his father and his power though he felt so burdened and alone.

MAGKASANGGATAYO

LP is the team to beat?!?! UNA –
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Bobby "Bungo" Ortega dapat maging
Konsehal!!!

NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



LP is the team to beat?!?!- Ayon sa ibat-ibang info na ating nakakalap ay malakas-lakas daw talaga ang hatak ni Penoy sa Baguio at mukhang marami sa mga kasalukuyan kandidato ng LP ang makaka lusot. Kung sabagay hindi naman gaanong mahalaga sa top leaders ng LP (Mar Roxas & Co.) ang mga posisyon ng tonsehales este konsehales sapagkat ang game plan sa ngayon ay patungo at napakahalagang presidential elections ng 2016. Kung baga ay ground work for the year 2016 ang siyang isinasagawa na ng kampo ni Mar Roxas laban sa kampo ni VP Jojo Binay na silang dalawa ang magiging top copntenders para Presidente. Sa ngayon ay abangan natin ang resulta ng ating honest to goodness survey that this paper together with Linis Gobyerno and concerned citizens is conducting at 100 barangays within Baguio. Ang methodology ay kaparehas ng isinasagawang mga survey na katulad ng SWS at Pulse Survey. Ihahayag ng pahayagang ito ang resulta ng survey sa last part of April.

Kaya ating aabangan ang dalawang Battle Royale – The Battle Royale between Mark "Chekwa" Go –vs- Bernie "Bulldozer" Vergara –vs- Nicasio "land Lover" Aliping para Tongresssman este congressman at yun battle Royale between The One, the only , the Greatest, Mayor For Life Mayor Mauricio Domogan –vs- Atty. Jose **"makatao at maka-bayan"** Jomol Molintas for Mayor.

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UNA –Timpuyog Alliance- Huwag Menosin!!!- Ayon sa maraming opinyon, huwag na huwag natin memenosin ang kakayahan at kapabilidad ng mga Kandidato ng Timpuyog at UNA alliance. Marami sa kanila ay tunay na mga beterano na sa larangan ng pol-politika. Marami sa kanila ay nakapag pundar na ng sinasabing goodwill at marimi rin naman sa kanila ay mayron mga matitinding following at supporters na kanilang natulungan. Kaya kayo sa LP, mag ingat, ika nga sa isang ingles na kasabihan "it's not over till its over".

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Bobby "Bungo" Ortega dapat maging Konsehal!!! – Eto ang isang kandidato na kailangan natin lahat na makalusot sa konseho, magiging isang tunay na asset sa konseho. Isang taong walang bahid ng Korapsyon o Katiwalian at kinatatakutan ng mga Kriminal at Masasama ang loob. Bobby "Bungo" Ortega ang kailangan ng Baguio for honest to goodness peace and order. Alam naman natin lahat na kung kulang ang peace and order ay mahina rin ang investments at kakaba-kaba ang mga negosyante at pangkaraniwan mamamayan, kaya ang bottom line is kapag mahina ang peace and order ay apektado ang lahat. **Bobby "Bungo" Ortega, lets send a good man back to the City Council !!!**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

"Land distribution a weakening process"

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good..." (1 Peter 2:2-3, the Holy Bible).

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"LAND DISTRIBUTION IS A WEAKENING PROCESS": Here are some reactions to our column "Real agrarian reform needed in RP". From reader Rod Nava: "So true, the problem with our system is that every concept we are implementing lacks adequate planning and risk assessment. Feasibility studies if any are not adequate too. It is a tried knowledge that in union there is strength, therefore, land distribution is a disintegrating, weakening process.

"A ten hectare land tilled by one man financially capable of shouldering the cost can produce much, much more than ten men tilling one hectare each who are not financially capable of shouldering the cost. These land will turn out to be less productive if not left idle for some time..."

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"AGRARIAN REFORM TO STOP MINDANAO WAR": From reader Florante Espinosa Dollaga Sr.: "This is the way for the Philippines to stop the war in Mindanao..."

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"AGRARIAN REFORM IS MISGUIDED": From reader Kristian Ligsay Jensen: "The whole concept of agrarian reform is somewhat misguided. Nothing guarantees better production than a larger economy of scale. Larger commercial farms are more efficient than small subsistence farms. That's just the unfortunate reality and can be seen all over the world.

"What the rural poor need are jobs in the provinces where they live and not necessarily land. Nothing guarantees job creation faster than foreign direct investment. Unfortunately, we have a Constitution that discourages foreign investment through its economic protectionist provisions limiting foreign ownership to max 40%.

"Furthermore, the Constitution provides for a unitary state concentrating job opportunities in the capital rather than devolving it to the provinces and regions. So rather than insisting on agrarian reform that so obviously has not worked (and never has for many decades), what we need to do is to correct the Constitution. It will provide for job opportunities for the rural poor in the provinces.

"The 1987 Constitution is flawed! We have no choice but to correct the Constitution... NOW!!! Correct it by: 1) ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION—creates jobs by attracting multinational corporations by removing anti-foreign direct investment restrictions.

"2) EVOLVING FEDERALISM—empowers the regions & decongests the Capital. 3) PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM—sets up a superior, more accountable, & more stable government..."

"LAND REFORM WITHOUT TIMETABLE IS JUNK": Nonoy Oplas, cited by Ruel Chavez: "... I countered that land reform with no timetable is junk. Land reform in the Philippines was first initiated by the government in the 60s. Then a 'new' land reform was implemented in the early 70s during the Martial Law period. Then another 'new' land reform was implemented in 1988 when the new government took over from the dictatorship that ruled the country for 20 years..."

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

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

ANOTHER SY GENERATION

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I took the **SM private** plane back to Davao from Manila the other day with Mr. **HANS SY** of SM for the inaugural opening of **PARK INN BY RADISSON** hotel at the **SM Premiere** area in Lanang.

Seated across in front of me for the 2-hour flight was 25-year old **HARVEY SY**, one of four children of Hans. He just finished Architecture abroad. Young and articulate, I was surprised — and impressed — at his thoughts. Expecting that he would immediately be taking on a high position in the Sy business empire, I asked which position he was assigned to handle by his Dad Hans. His answer: *"I now work abroad in a small company where I should earn my spurs and gain some experience. I'm just here for a short break. Maybe later, when I'm ready, I may be back here but for the moment, I still have to prove myself."* He talked of how he lives abroad with some cousins just like any ordinary student having to prepare his own things, at times cook, wash and all the works. He has been there for 8 years. And still counting.

He related how his workaholic Dad raised them. *"He would show us some good side of life but that was just to tempt us to work hard to get and earn it. No shortcuts."*

He described the information technology implosion as *"both good and scary"*. Why scary? Because of its implications to privacy. Example? One gets so attached to a cell phone or a computer that it becomes an extension and the personification of the person; a repository of the user's data, both personal and otherwise and the danger that it can be invaded by others. *"The technology has not yet developed a foolproof mechanism of protecting itself,"* he explained, referring to *"hacking"*. And notice how one gets uncomfortable or agog when the favorite cell phone or computer is lost, misplaced or nowhere to be found. *"You seem like losing a part of you,"* he added.

When will he be ready to take on an important role in the burgeoning family empire? *"When I am ready. In the meantime, I'm just here to bond with my Dad whom I don't get to see often."*

The old-fashioned values still there for the next Sy generation.

THOSE JESUITS—The new pontiff, **His Holiness Pope Francis** inspires a resurgence of faith with the way he does things.

Central in this is His Holiness' oneness with the poor and the unfortunate and underprivileged. The usual image of the **Vatican** as so remote, aloof, so ceremonial and traditional, at times controversial and seemingly far removed from the ordinary mortals like you and I, is suddenly shattered. It's about time.

The fact that the new pope is a **Jesuit** or an **"SJ"** (Order of the Society of Jesus) must have something to do with this.

"SJs" are a breed of their own. They have been around for a long time principally to teach and mould, betting that their vision for an enlightened and critical mind in the young may pay off for the future. They are pioneering and innovative. They preach - and practice - excellence and not content with the status quo but always searching, experimenting - at times unconventional and irreverent but forthright. And with intrinsic integrity at every turn.

I had the privilege of being mentored by the Jesuits during my college days until law school at the **Ateneo de Davao**. Somehow, Ateneans could not get away from the unending mantra: *"be a man for others"*.

Call it "brainwashing" Jesuit style. Looking back, I had no regrets being brainwashed that way!

PALSIT

AGRIDAMKA, AGTUTUBO

BY: LEONARDO ROSQUETA AGUNOY



DAYTOY ti naituding a gundaway. Agriing, bumangonkan, agtutubo. Iwarasmo ti panagkitam iti aglawlaw. Lumlumpak iti maladaga nga agsapa.

Madlawmo ti dagaang ti panawen. Agal-alikubong ti tapok a depedepeden ti parais ti rbis itoy a ngalay ti tawen.

Impaltiing ti **PAGASA** iti nasakbay nga idudupag ti napipigsa a tudo. Namnamaem, agtutubo, alistonito laeng nga agkakamang ti rengngat ti daga a pinarnuay ti naunday ken nakatiktikag a saguday ti kalgaw. Apaman nga agdisso ti tinukel ti arbis, dusagento ti makapadayyeg a gurruod ti barukong ti mangliwengliweng a langit. Pumaludipto ti kumanabsiit a kimat. Agkakamang dagiti tao iti suli. Sumalipengpengda. A kas met ti isasalipengpeng dagiti aso a mapakigtotan iti uttot ti kimat ken gurruod.

Ti kimat ken gurruod ti kasla banag a mangriing kadagiti bukel a naregeng iti rengngat ti daga. Agrutingto dagita a bin-i iti daga. Ania ti ikarkari dayta nga agruting a bin-i, agtutubo?

Mabalin a pagsalinonganto iti masakbayan. Mabalin nga imula dagita a patubo a kayo: caimito, santol, madri, ipilipil, dummon, salamagi, g-melina, mahogany, kdp. Awan dakesna, agtutubo, no adda met imulam kadagiti bakante a daga nga aywan ti kaamaanyo. No adda mapatanormo, asinodanto kadi ti kangrunaan a mairanud iti nasayaat a maipaay dagitoy?

Amangan no dikanton agtuloy nga agadal? Agtalonka kadi? Mapanka kadi agkatulong? Wenno mabalinmon ti mapan makigasangasat iti ballasiw ti taw?

Uray ania man, panunotem, agtutubo, akemtayo amin ti agmula ken mangsaluad kadagiti mula iti aglawlaw.

Iti pannangikeddeeng iti agdama a pagbalinan/kasasaad, maysa dayta a klase iti panangaklon iti pagrebengan iti gimong, kaamaan wenno ania man a pagkamengan.

No mannalonka man, agtutubo a kas 'toy nanumo a man nurat, igaedmo koma ti agtalon. Amuem dagiti kasasayaatan nga aramiden tapno maipanekekmo iti kinaisangsangayanmo a kas patneng a mannalon.

Narigat ti agtalon? Narigat. Kuminnit a darang ni Apo Init; tumulang a lam-ek ti lak-amen iti panawen ti kalgaw ken panagtutudo a kas panagsaganadda.

Ngem, manen, no dayta kinamannalon ti naserrekm a pangedan, paganusam. Bannuar kano, agtutubo, dagiti appo a mannalon. Isuda ti **DURI TI PAGILIAN**. Ala, padasem, agtutubo a mannalon nga utoben a ti laeng umdas nga agpaay a taranmo ti imulam iti kinellengmo, Ania koma ti gatangen a bagas dagiti babaknang iti kuarta?

Agangkat ti pagilian iti adu a bagas, a? [puera de los buenos] tapno makaiggemda laeng iti adu a pasukib a kuarta manipud kadagiti negosiante a di mainaganaan ken di ammo ti rupana!

Ala, agtutubo, irugim ngaruden ti agurnong kadagiti patubo a kayo. Mulaamto dagiti bakante a daga a nayon ti aywan ti kaamam a daga. Aglalo ita a panawen, uray kayo a pagtungngo, nangina. No awan ti kabukbukodan a pagalaan iti pagtungngo, narigat ti bin-ig nga agpampannuray iti gatangen a pagtungngo.

Makipagtagibenka met, agtutubo kadagiti narua a patubo a kayo a naimula iti nadappatanyo. Dagita a kayo, agpaayto a pakairanudan iti masakbayan. Awan ti dakesna no igullom ti dadduma a panawenmo kadagiti social activities a kunada. Ta paset ti kinamannakipagili iti makigamulo iti pakaseknan ti gimong a nakairagupam. Wenno sika pay ketdin ti agpaay a dadauloda. Tapno ad-adu ti maaramidam a pagsayaatan ti gungloyo nga agtutubo.

Malagipmo, agtutubo, nga idi panawen daydi Apo Marcos a presidente ti pagiliantay a Filipinas, Dagiti KB - Kabataang Barangay ti paratignay kadagiti barangay. No adda idi ti maisayangkat a tree planting, dagiti agtutubo ti

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US-Based Cultural Heritage Conservation Experts Dialogue with Kalinga Tourism Stakeholders

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Three heritage conservation experts from New York, United States of America, recently met with the Kalinga Provincial Tourism Council (PTC) and the various stakeholders of the tourism industry here to talk on the importance of preserving the intangible cultural heritage and heritage sites in the province.

Discussions started with Architect Roz Li, a historical sites preservationist, who talked on historic preservation and conservation and preservation of architectural heritage where she cited some of her works in the U.S.

It is vital she said to preserve and restore architectural heritage to its original form since even the smallest detail holds a record of what transpired from the time it was built and as the structure ages with history.

Cultural anthropologist Pascale Montadert, on the other hand, discussed the preservation of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) which she said relates to the peoples' arts, craftsmanship, practices, rites, songs and chants and others.

Indigenous culture she said is now being recognized internationally for its importance in establishing the identity of the people. With the trend of contemporary culture slowly influencing cultural communities, the people she said should endeavor to preserve the authenticity of their cultural heritage through knowledge transmittal to the young generations and practice their traditions.

It is also a trend for people adopting other people's ICH which could make it hard to one day identify who owns the heritage, and this pose another challenge for people to safeguard their ICH, she added.

Veteran photojournalist Trix Rosen presented to the group her photo documentation, "A Kalinga Journey through Time", which started in 1986 at Luplupa Village in Tinglayan, Kalinga.

Through her photos she accounted how the people and community have evolved through time from 1986 to 2002 where changes were seen from the century-old nipa huts to the introduction concrete houses and electricity in the village.

Concluding the dialogue was a workshop where the speakers asked the group on how they perceive tourism as a tool in economic development and in promoting cultural awareness through preservation and conservation of the people's heritage sites and ICH as a way of affirming their dignity and identity as a people.

After the event, Rosen revisited Luplupa village to continue her documentations. This time Rosen has solicited the help of some youngsters from the area to help her in the documentation providing them cameras and teaching them to get the right photos showing the changes in the village./JDP/GGD-PIA CAR, Kalinga

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umuna nga agmula. Ni agtutubo ti pakaitalekan ti pannakatagiben dagiti patubo a kayo iti aglawlaw. Panagdalus iti aglawlaw? Dagiti manen agtutubo ti umuna nga agtignay. Masakbayan dagiti agtutubo a maisuro kadakuada ti kinapateg ti matagiben nga aglawlaw.

Tunggal deppaar, adda ti timpuyog dagiti agtutubo. Daytoy a pamuspusan, tapno matenneb ni agtutubo a maigamer kadagiti social activities iti lugarda.

Laglagipem, agtutubo, ti narimat a sirmata daydi Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Nailian a Bannuar, a dagiti agtutubo ti namnama ti pagilian.

Apay, agtutubo, narigat kadi a ragpaten ti pantok ti sirmata ni Apo Rizal kenka?

Agadalka? Wenno agbayanggudawka? Mapasungadanto manen ti klase. Nakasaganaka kadin a mapan agadal? Nakasaganaka kadin a mangliklik iti naruyay a bisio a mabalin a mangiturong kenka iti nasipngat a dana ti biag?

Laglagipem, agtutubo, apagbiit laeng a sumangbay kenka iti kinaagtutubom. Pagammuan, mataengankan. Kayatmo ngata

DA Calls on Players to Increase Rice Productivity, Public for Less Rice Wastage

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Gearing towards the achievement of the national rice sufficiency, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is enjoining the public to avoid wasting rice and for key players to increase rice productivity.

In a message during the Regional Staple Food Producers Convention and 2013 National Year of Rice (NYR) launching in the region, DA Cordillera Regional Field Office Regional Executive Director Marilyn Sta. Catalina stressed that the call is for everyone.

Based on studies conducted by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Filipinos waste more than P23 million a day or about P8.4 billion or rice leftovers a year which is enough to feed 4.3 million people. Studies also show that an average Filipino consumes 119 kg of rice per year and that the Philippines had been the world's biggest rice importer for several years.

To stop importation, reduce rice wastage and increase rice productivity, the Philippine government through the DA launched the Food Staples Sufficiency Program or FSSP to ensure that country's self-sufficiency in major staples particularly rice and corn, according to Catalina.

The goal she said is for the Filipinos to put in their table what they have planted and produced and consume only what they need and improve the country's resiliency on the impact of climate change in the country's food security.

In the Cordillera, most rice eating provinces she said are consuming more than what their bodies need.

She said that one serving of a plate to have a balance diet should consist of at least one fourth rice and the remaining three fourths should contain the needed protein, vegetables and fruits, not like the common practice where half or more than half of the serving is composed of rice.

To reduce excessive rice consumption, rice eaters are also encouraged to consume other alternatives like root crops, banana, corn or brown rice as healthier options.

"Dapat walang natitirang pagkain sa plato pagkatapos kumain," ("No leftovers should be in the plate after eating,") she said.

About 500 participants are attending the Regional Staple Food Producers Convention and 2013 National Year of Rice (NYR) launching from March 20-21 with the theme, "Sapat na Bigas, Kaya ng Pinas," here in recognition of Kalinga and Tabuk City's contribution to the rice production of the region.

In a pledge, the participants composed of farmer leaders, policy-makers, and key support institutions like the PhilMed, PhilRice, National Irrigation Administration, National Food Agency, Bureau of Soils and Water Management, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation and other agencies manifested their support to the FSSP./JDP/GGD-PIA CAR, Kalinga

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region are always abiding with the Commissions' regulation with regards to special permits of students who cannot pay their school obligations on time. He added that CHED-CAR has not received any complaint of student being denied to take his examinations due financial constraints.

Last week, a 16-year-old University of the Philippines (UP)-Manila student committed suicide allegedly for being unable to pay her tuition fees in the state-run higher education institution./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

a depdeppaemto ti mangliwengliweng a panagbabawi no palusposam itan dagiti napintas a gundawaymo?

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN ITAA LAWAS: I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession a duty. – JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.#

Baguio local church, Red Cross Fun Run set on April 6

BAGUIO CITY- Marathon, fun run and family walk is fast becoming a trend here in the Summer Capital with the cool breeze and cozy mountain terrain. Aside from being good to a person's health, such activities are also helping various causes.

On April 6, local community church New Covenant Bible Fellowship (NCBF), in partnership with Philippine Red Cross (PRC)- Baguio will spearhead a marathon for a cause dubbed as "Make Your Mark" with four run categories – 3K (kilometer), 5K, 10K and a children category for 12 years old and below.

NCBF senior pastor Ricardo Bagalawis Jr, disclosed that aside from PRC-Baguio as beneficiary, the activity will also benefit the children of the church as they hope to raise funds for the establishment of a shed for them where they can do their activity protected from the sun and the occasional rain.

Bagalawis assured that everything is set for the run including the registration kit for the runners, which includes t-shirt, race route map and bib (race number).

The run will start and finish at the Burnham Park, Lake Drive and with the turning point for the 3K, 5K and 10K set at the Kubong Sawali in Military Cut Off, Forest Inn at the entrance part of Loakan Road and Voice of America along Loakan Road, respectively.

Designated registration areas are Honeybugs Internet Café at 100 Lower Gen. Luna Rd. University of Cordilleras and the PRC-Baguio along Harrison Road with registration fee of P200 – P3K, P300 – 5K and P400 – 10K.

A registration fee of P50 is also set for the children's category but i does not include a singlet.

Bagalawis invites all seasoned runners, health buffs, and all people who are fit to run to come and join the fun run. Aside from helping the cause, all runners will receive a finisher's certificate. Cash prizes and medals will also be given to top local finishers. (JDP/CCD and Mark Tiongco)

DILG Orients Civil Society, NGOs on their Role in Community Development

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) provincial office here is conducting orientation seminars to civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) on their role in community development.

Francisco Gamatero, DILG provincial director, said the series of seminars aims to enable CSOs and NGOs participate actively in bottoms-up planning and budgeting in order to help local government units address the needs of their people particularly the campaign against poverty.

He said grassroots planning with the participation of accredited CSOs and NGOs is a policy being promoted by the Aquino administration to address poverty in the countryside. Local governance is not a monopoly of local officials but involves the participation of all stakeholders, he stressed.

Under said policy, CSO and NGO representatives are mandated members of the municipal anti-poverty reduction action team and that all projects identified by the body especially those aimed to solve poverty needs their approval and signature in the development plan.

"There should be at least three CSO or NGO representatives coming from the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries, farmers, women's organizations and other marginalize and vulnerable sectors," Gamatero said.

During the orientation, a menu of programs and projects of the different agencies are presented so that the people's organizations can identify poverty reduction programs that could be implemented based on community needs. "Assistance of national government agencies could be sought through collaboration or counter parting," he said./JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 6,
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IN THE MATTER
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TIFICATE OF LIVE
BIRTH OF MICAH
GAYLE ARSIT
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MICAH GAYLE
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As represented by
her Attorney-in-
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BALATANG
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Petitioner,

-versus-

MARCIAL DIZA
PATAYAN,
THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY and
the NATIONAL
STATISTICS OF-
FICE,

Respondents,

SPL. PROC CASE
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NOTICE OF
INITIAL HEAR-
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In a verified pe-
tition, petitioner,
through counsel,
alleged among oth-
ers that in her Cer-
tificate of Live
Birth, an entry was
made in the Date
and Place of Mar-
riage of her parents
as May 14, 2007 in
Kabugao, Apayao,
when in truth her
parents were never
married.

Petitioner
prayed that after
due notice, publica-
tion and hearing, an
Order be issued by
this Court directing
the Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio
City and the Na-
tional Statistics Of-
fice to annotate in
her Certificate of
Live Birth that the
Place and Date of

Marriage of her pa-
rents be "Not Appli-
cable;" her status be
changed from "Le-
gitimate" to "Ille-
gitimate;" and her
surname be changed
from "Patayan" to
"Arsit."

Let the petition
be set for hearing on
June 28, 2013 at 8:30
o'clock in the morn-
ing at the Regional
Trial Court, Branch
6, "Bulwagan Ng
Katarungan" (Justi-
ce Hall), Baguio
City at which date,
time and place, all
persons interested
may show cause why
the petition should
not be granted.

Let a copy of
this Notice of Initial
Hearing be pub-
lished in a newspa-
per of general cir-
culation in Baguio
City once a week for
three (3) consecu-
tive weeks at the ex-
pense of the peti-
tioner.

Let a copy of
this Notice of Initial
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four (4) public places
at the Bulletin
Boards of the City
Market, the Post Of-
fice, the City Hall
and Regional Trial
Court, all in Baguio
City, at the expense
of the petitioner.

Let also a copy
of the Petition and
Notice of Initial
Hearing be fur-
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the Civil Registrar
of Baguio City, the
National Statistics
Office in Quezon
City, the Office of
the Solicitor Gen-
eral in Makati City,
and the Office of the
City Prosecutor in
Baguio City.

Serve a copy of
this Notice of Initial
Hearing upon the
petitioner, her coun-
sel and her father
Marcial Diza
Patayan.

SO ORDERED.

March 4, 2013,
Baguio City,
Philippines.

By: (SGD) CECILIA
CORAZON S.
DULAY-ARCHOG
Acting Presiding
Judge

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Calvary...

cies.

Fifth Station at the National Parks De-
velopment Committee. The recent demolition
of vendors' stalls at Rizal Park was assailed.

Sixth Station at the Department of La-
bor and Employment. Protesters denounced
contractualization policies and unfair labor
practices.

Seventh Station at the Department of
Social Welfare and Development. The alleged
poor performance of Secretary Corazon
"Dinky" Soliman that led typhoon victims to
storm the DSWD Davao City office was high-
lighted.

Final Station at the foot of Mendiola.
Protesters held a program and a play depict-
ing the Crucifixion of Christ. *VERA Files* is
put out by veteran journalists taking a
deeper look at current issues. *Vera is Latin*
for "true."

Baguio Boy...

ver in shotput and another silver in discus
throw.

Rufino Humilan – silver in discus throw,
bronze in powerlifting, javelin throw and
shotput; Roger Colas – silver in javelin
throw, bronze in powerlifting, shotput and
javelin throw; Abdon Kilongan – silver in
javelin throw and bronze in powerlifting.

Lone female Cristina Bantiloc was not
far from her male counterparts in bringing
home a gold in powerlifting and silver in ten-
pin bowling.

The city athletes amassed a total of 12
golds, 6 silver and 8 bronze medals.

All eight athletes were formally pre-
sented to city officials and employees Mon-
day (March 25) during simple rites.

The Philippines Sports Association for
the Differently Abled (Philspada) is said to
tap promising athletes for the national pool
who will represent the country for the Asso-
ciation of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean)
Para games in Myanmar next year.

Aside from the Asean, differently abled
athletes also participate in the Asian Para
Games, Paralympics and Para Games World
Championships. paul rillorta

Prisoners...

Cabangon's poser, "Panapanahon ang
pagkakataon, maibabalik pa ba ang
kahapon?" Yan's "Nakakainip ang ganiton
buhay" and wholeheartedly related to
Bamboo's "Tatsulok" - "Hangga't mas
marami ang lugmok sa kahirapan, hangga't
ang hustisya ay para lang sa mayaman, di
matatapos itong gulo".

To the relief of the jail guards, no one
was missing when the lights were switched
back on. There was clapping from the cells
as inmates turned bakers made the rounds,
distributing 2,900 pieces of pan de sal they
baked earlier. The baking class was con-
ducted Baguio School of Arts and Trades
of the Technical Education and Skills De-
velopment Authority with support from the
Rotarians and Goshen Land.

The idea gelled after visiting Rotarian
Stanley Tokigawa of Honolulu, Hawaii do-
nated an oven.

Other "Earth Hour Inside" supporters

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were Shoemart, Philippine Information
Agency, the city government and Buddies,
the team of Class '78 members of the
Baguio City National High School.

Last week, the prisoners were back into
planning, this time for a "Candidates For-
um" to allow senatorial and local hopefuls
in the May elections to present their plat-
forms in jail.

The enfranchisement program for
prisoners was earlier arranged with the
Commission on Elections by noted Baguio
and human rights lawyer Pablito Sanidad,
former national chair of the Free Legal As-
sistance Group/Ramon Dacawi.

SME Academy...

legacy, she added.

Among the learnings in Financial
Management 101 include the basic finan-
cial statement, principles in managing funds
and preparing personal vis-à-vis business
cash budget.

Angeles stressed the need for entre-
preneurs to have a grasp of basic financial
statement and do auditing. This will give
the entrepreneur the idea in determining
whether the business funds are growing or
not.

In sustaining business, Angeles
shared there should be separate wallet for
personal and business. Even if the busi-
ness is in good standing, more often it is
the personal cash budget that befalls the
business, she added. In business, credit is
also cautioned as delays in payment will
eventually affect the business budget.

Some additional principles Angeles
shared which holds true in business are:
management in small things holds true in
management of big things, good business
health creates wealth, and to give fixed al-
lowance to oneself.

Another tip Angeles shared to keep
the business moving is that there should
be at least one month budget for purchase
and two months cash budget for operating
expenses.

Seeing great business potential in the
area, Angeles encouraged local entrepre-
neurs to do business instead of others who
are not from the area. She assured that the
SME Academy could extend help.

PlantersBank Assistant Vice President
Jeng San Andres also presented SME fi-
nancing windows options on how to ac-
cess credit and the credit facilities that
banks offer. /JDP/SCA- PIA CAR, Benguet

Rice Productivity...

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and other agencies manifested their support
to the FSSP. /JDP/GGD- PIA CAR, Kalinga

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velopment projects.

She explained that the implementation
of the KALAHI –CIDSS projects is in partner-
ship with the community beneficiary's local
government units (LGUs) which shoulder at
least 30 percent of the project cost, and the
community folks themselves who are provided
with honorarium while working for the project.

"It is also the community itself that iden-
tifies the project that would really help or spur
development in their respective locality such
as farm-to-market roads for effective delivery
of their agricultural products or farm land drain-
age canals to increase their agricultural pro-
duction," Villanueva added. /JDP/CCD-PIA
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Applicants

Case No: 98-BC-838/2013-CAR-265

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer with 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 CAR and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board
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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 the Board on the basis of its records
and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board
deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS: the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER-Regional Director's 2nd
day of March 2013.

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

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MARIA SOCORRO P. HOO
Applicants

Case No: 2000-BC-256

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate
of Public Convenience with Dropping of Substitution of unit to operate
a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:
BAGUIO CITY - TAWANG and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.
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deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS: the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER-Regional Director's 22nd
day of March 2013.

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

Community Teams Keep Eye on Health Risk Family Members in Kalinga

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Trained community health teams (CHTs) in this province are closely monitoring in a monthly basis health risk household members identified under the National Household Targeting System (NHTS).

The CHTs which were organized last year have finished profiling households identified under the NHTS where data on health risk household members was established for treatment and regular monitoring.

Bernadette Andaya, CHD team head for Kalinga, said the approach is focused-driven so that those identified health risk household members are referred for treatment, sustained medication if needed or provided preventive measures to avoid disease.

On the other hand, CHD will re-train old community health teams and train new ones in the 152 barangays of the province to enhance their skills and capabilities in responding to the health needs of poor families. The training will be conducted from April to May to be conducted in the municipalities and this city in cooperation with the provincial health office.

Andaya also informed that some health personnel in the province will be attending next week the Events Based Surveillance seminar and the Leprosy Control Program./JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

P49.05M of KALAH-CIDSS Projects Set for Implementation in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), as part of its core poverty reduction program, is set to implement P49.05 million worth of KALAH-CIDSS (Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan - Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services) projects in nine towns of Abra.

DSWD-CAR KALAH-CIDSS Social Marketing Officer Nerriza Faye Villanueva, in an interview, disclosed that the KALAH-CIDSS projects is set to benefit 101 barangays in the Abra towns of Pilar, Sallapadan, Langiden, Bucloc, Bucay, La Paz, Malibcong, Tubo and Luba.

Villanueva also reported that for the six municipalities except Malibcong, Tubo and Luba which are still preparing their detailed proposals, the request for funding is already on the DSWD central office. Meantime, Villanueva also disclosed that Besao, Mountain Province which is a good implementer of KALAH-CIDSS projects, is up for cycle-3 and is set to receive another grant of P6.3 million. Besao has already

undergone the preparatory workshop and is also set to submit its detailed proposal.

With these new KALAH-CIDSS projects, as of February of this year, the said community-led and community-driven poverty reduction program already has a total of P130.95 million in project grants in 288 barangays in the Cordillera.

According to Villanueva, the KALAH-CIDSS program aims to empower local communities, improve local governance and help in the reduction of poverty in terms of community de-

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VP Binay Reiterates Importance of Effective CLUP in Local Development

BAGUIO CITY - The Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board - Northern Luzon Region (HLURB-NLR) headed by Regional Officer Teresita Galacgac, on Sunday hosted in this city the awarding ceremony for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Zero Backlog Project in Northern Luzon with Vice President Jejomar Binay as the guest of honor.

Binay, chairman of the HLURB and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), in his keynote address reiterated to the different local chief executives and development planning officers in regions I, II and Cordillera, the importance of a CLUP and a zoning ordinance in their respective localities.

Binay stressed that crafting a CLUP, aside from it being mandated under the Local Government Code, provides the roadmap of every LGU to development through the effective use of land in agriculture, business and both local and foreign investments.

He pointed out that in crafting a CLUP, LGUs need to incorporate agriculture or food sustainability and environmental protection as well as socialized housing and the related basic social services and facilities.

Binay also stressed the need to involve all sectors or local stakeholders in the formulation of a CLUP as the government alone cannot decide for what the people need and want.

For the effective use and implementation of CLUP, he pointed out the need for the local - city/municipal councils to enact a zoning resolution. Without a zoning resolution, it defeats the purpose of a CLUP, he said.

Binay disclosed that giving training on CLUP formulation and updating is a priority project of HLURB. He reported that in just one year, 680 out of the 1,132 or 60 percent of LGUs that have no CLUP or have outdated CLUP, has already completed the different training modules of HLURB, and 551 of them have already formulated their CLUP.

The housing czar also challenged the 172 LGUs in Northern Luzon that have finished their training that by the end of this year, they all have already effective and successfully implemented CLUP and zoning ordinances./PIA-CAR

Rice Productivity, Less Rice Wastage Urged

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Gearing towards the achievement of the national rice sufficiency, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is enjoining

the public to avoid wasting rice and for key players to increase rice productivity.

In a message



Baguio's Finest-Women Power./Photo by Bong Cayabyab

DOLE-Ifugao Conducts Labor Education to 800 Graduating IFSU Studes

LAMUT, Ifugao - Personnel of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Ifugao Field Office recently conducted a Labor Education for Graduating Students (LEGS) to 800 students from the four campuses of the Ifugao State University (IFSU) at the Luis Hora gymnasium here.

According to Senior Labor and Employment Officer of DOLE-Ifugao Isabelita Codamon, the activity is an annual program to support the placement and career development services of the Guidance and Counseling Center of IFSU which was also scheduled during the Career Development and Job Induction Program of the graduating students.

Codamon shared to the students the career options that they can pursue after graduation and the competencies required in the 21st century in order that they can be competitive in the world of work. She said that career development and labor education are valuable interventions of the DOLE in reducing jobs-skills mismatch as students are guided to pursue skills that would easily fit them into jobs or entrepreneurship opportunities.

On the other hand, Labor and Employment Officer 3 David Damoyan, also of DOLE-Ifugao, explained labor market information which included the Key Employment Generators, the in-demand careers and some of the top paying jobs as advertised by DOLE Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz herself.

Meanwhile, IFSU's GCC Section Chief Maria Jandoc said that this activity which is integrated in the university's annual guidance program aims for an intensive career information and education program to equip graduating students with the basic facts and realities as they are about to seek employment and likewise can orient them about the various opportunities in the labor market.

Kazzy Nagulman, president of the IFSU Student Supreme Government, thanked DOLE for sharing valuable information they need to know as they compete with thousands of jobseekers after graduation./JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao

Marilyn Sta. Catalina stressed that the call is for everyone.

Based on studies conducted by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Filipinos waste more than P23 million a day or about P8.4 billion or rice left-overs a year which is enough to feed 4.3 million people.

Studies also show that an average Filipino consumes 119 kg of rice per year and that the Philippines had been the world's biggest rice importer for several years. The goal she said is for the Filipinos to put in their table what they have planted and produced and consume only what they need and improve the country's resiliency on the impact of climate change in the country's food security.

In the Cordillera, most rice eating provinces she said are consuming more than what their bodies need.

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