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Final PCOS tests show accurate results, minor glitches

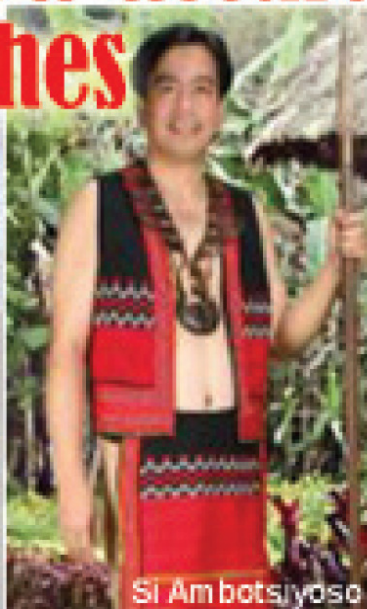
The Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines in several voting precincts hurdled their final test on Thursday with positive results which the Commission on Elections hopes will be replicated across the country.

The automated machines correctly counted the votes during the final testing and sealing (FTS) in precincts in Pasay City's first district 11 days before the May 13 elections. In other words, the automated count tallied with the manual count of the test ballots.

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Si Gurang



Si Ambotsiyoso



Si Elitista

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Alamin ang patung-patong na issues patungkol kay

Leandro Yangot



Your Congressional Bet? Some say Vergara needs to retire, while Aliping is a very ambitious young man. Go, on the other hand, is said to be an elitist who simply cannot relate to the masses. Who's the best choice? You decide!

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Oh, kayong mga pulitiko kayo, walang pikunan pag nilalabas namin nga baho niyo ha! Kung ayaw niyong mabulatlat ang buhay niyo, 'pag kayong tatako!

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Abangan ang mga daratng pang maiinit na exposé hinggil sa mga iba't-ibang kandidato, kung nararapat nga ba silang iboto!



Cancer survivor is among outstanding students in CAR

BAGUIO CITY- A cancer survivor who recently graduated from the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) is among the Ten Outstanding Students in the Cordillera Administrative Region (OSCAR) 2013 recognized in awarding ceremonies last week here.

Cancer did not stop PMA cadet and now 2nd Lieutenant Prolen Bonacua from pursuing his dream to become a soldier and a public servant.

In 2011, while he was a cadet at the premiere military school, Bonacua was detected of lymphoma that forced him to stop his studies and undergo series of treatment including chemotherapy.

After 10 months of hospitalization, despite the request of his parents for him not to pursue his PMA education, Bonacua went back, continued his studies and training and pushed himself to become one of the best students of his class.

"After the 10 months period, nagdeclare ang doctor na cleared na ako from lymphoma, naging maganda ang improvement ng health ko at naka join ako sa mga physical activities at naka graduate ako kahit delayed sa aking original class," Bonacua said.

His health condition notwithstanding, Bonacua graduated on March 18, as the Top 3 of the PMA Pudang Kalis (Puso't Dangal ng mga Kawal ng Lahing Nagkakaisa) Class of 2013. He is among the 124 graduates commissioned as new

officers of the AFP and is joining the Philippine Army.

As a cadet, Bonacua assumed various leadership positions in the Cadet Corps that aided in his training and development in becoming an officer in the AFP and one of the best students in the region. Their class initiated the first Stakeholders Engagement in La Trinidad, Benguet in line with the thrust of the AFP Internal Peace and Security Plan (IPSP) Bayanihan.

For graduating as the number 3 of their class, he was the recipient of the Secretary of National Defense Saber. He also received the Emilio Aguinaldo Saber, an award given to a cadet who has the highest over-all rating in Aptitude, Conduct, and Leadership. He was a consistent Dean's Lister during his cadetship in the Academy.

Bonacua said that his illness became his inspiration where drew his strength and perseverance to continue and reach for his dream and become a future leader.

"I prayed to the Lord, with all my abilities and strength, I will use it to pursue my passion and calling to become a soldier, public servant and a leader in the future," said Bonacua as he explained his prayers to be able to overcome his illness.

Bonacua is now undergoing training and service orientation at the Philippine Army Headquarters and has signified to be deployed in Mindanao to continue his public service and become an inspiration to other people as well.

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DOST installs more rain gauges, water level monitoring system in CAR

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — The DOST is continuing with its disaster mitigation efforts and currently installing more automatic rain gauges (ARGS) and Water Level Monitoring System (WLMS) in the country time for the rainy season.

DOST-CAR Reg Dir Julius Caesar Sicut, in a kapihan media forum, Thursday, disclosed that 27 new ARGS and six WLMS are set for installation in the different parts of the region and will be operational by June.

Sicut reported that four will be installed in Abra, six in Apayao, six, in Benguet and four each in Mountain Province and Kalinga.

"With these new ARGS, in addition to the six we previously installed, there will be now 34 sites in various parts of Cordillera where we can monitor the

amount of rain fall coming in so that it can assist the

PAGASA in weather monitoring and forecasting," Sicut said.

"Through the ARGs we can monitor the amount of rainfall and predict the occurrence of floods within a six-hour span, which is essential in helping us particularly the local communities to be prepared for any eventuality," he added.

In the same forum, Sicut disclosed that DOST is also set to install six Water Level Monitoring System, one each in Abra, Apayao, Baguio City, Benguet, Ifugao and Kalinga. The WLMS sensors he said will be installed in bridges to monitor how fast the level of river water is rising.

He also shared that three areas in Benguet namely Tublay, Bokod and Buguias are included in the 10 areas all over the country

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Work on Dumpsite Wall Safe, on Track – DPWH

BAGUIO CITY – The on-going work for the restoration of the collapsed retaining wall at the Irisan dump facility is safe and on track, the Baguio City District Engineering Office assured on Friday.

Engr. John Paul Buliyat, project facilitator, assured that the soil dumping in the site which caused fear among residents living around the area is needed for benching purposes in relation to the grouting works to correct the contour and stabilize the area.

“The soil is used to install stabilized piles in relation to the grouting works and address the steepness of the area but we see to it that the soil dumping is done methodically to prevent the site from collapsing,” Buliyat assured.

Buliyat said the project is right on target as it is now 65 percent completed. It is targeted for

completion in August.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and city councilors last Monday called for the clarification of the work being done in the area to avoid misconceptions and allay the fear of residents of another disaster because of the earth moving activities done on the site.

The project which aims to rehabilitate the collapsed wall into a more sturdy structure that could withstand strong typhoons and heavy rains to stabilize the dump facility preparatory to its conversion into a nature park was started last January by the BCDEO.

The fund for the project amounting to P80 million was approved for release by

OMB dismisses case vs. Domogan

BAGUIO CITY – The Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon dismissed the case for violation of the law on solid waste management program and code of conduct for public officials filed against Mayor Mauricio Domogan by Linis Gobyerno Inc. member Mary Grace Bandy.

In a decision handed down January 15 approved by Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales, the OMB struck down the criminal and administrative cases filed by Bandy for violation of Republic Act No. 9003 or An Act Providing for an Ecological Solid Waste management Program and Republic Act

President Benigno S. Aquino III in May last year through the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) but the implementation of the project was delayed due to the tedious process required in finalizing the program of work.

The project would cover the following scopes of work: structure excavation; rock excavation; construction of box culvert, open canal, canal with gratings and path walk; reinforced concrete retaining wall; litter fence; embankment and benching and stabilization of slope; grouting works; sewer pipes and drain pipes; final cover/top soil; gas vents; suction pump; manhole; and hauling of materials. – A Refuerzo

No. 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees against Domogan.

Bandy charged the mayor for alleged failure to implement the provision of RA 9003 which prohibits the use of open dumps which allegedly resulted in the trashslide at the height of typhoon Mina in 2011.

Bandy claimed Domogan “ignored the warning signs of the impending collapse of the retaining walls and still allowed the usage of the open dumpsite.”

She also took to task Domogan for realigning P128 million to purchase two Environmental Recycling

System (ERS) machines which she claimed as “overpriced” and do not totally address the waste disposal needs of the city.

Domogan in his answer said the complaint is baseless and that his acts of purchasing the ERS and the subsequent signing of an agreement with Benguet province for the establishment of an engineered sanitary landfill were done in good faith to address the urgent concern of the city at that time to properly dispose its wastes.

He said the trashslide was caused by a “fortuitous event caused by abnormally huge volume of (rain) water.”

In its decision, the OMB said Bandy failed to comply with the 30-day notice rule which is a “pre-condition for the filing of the case.”

“The Supreme Court has time and again consistently ruled that where the law provides administrative remedies to the parties as in this case, the same must be resorted to before elevating their grievances or complaint to other bodies or courts for relief. Simply stated, complainant failed to observe the rule on exhaustion of available administrative remedies afforded to her by law. Such failure will result in the dismissal of the complaint for lack of cause of action,” the court said.

On the ERS purchased, the court said there was no “single evidence submitted by the complainant that the amount paid for the ERS is excessive.”

“..The mere allegations of the complainant sans proof to support it, must fail,” the court said. – A Refuerzo

Day care workers’ stipend increase proposed

BAGUIO CITY – Coun. Betty Lourdes Tabanda has proposed for the increase of day care workers’ monthly subsidy from P4,000 to P6,000, to be tackled during the regular session on May 6.

The proposal came on the heels of just-approved city Resolution 24, series of 2013 for the increase of Baguio

Health Workers, Nutrition Scholars and Nutrition Action Officers’ monthly stipend, from P1,500 to P3,500; due in 2014, or earlier if funds are available. The approved increase is given “in recognition to their remarkable contribution both to the government as well as to the people of Baguio,” as they “stand as partners by the

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DOST Installs...

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where landslide sensors are installed and being tested. Through the sensor, sudden movement in the soil or land in the landslide-prone areas can be automatically monitored.

Sicat also explained that all the information gathered by the ARGs, WLMS and landslide sensors are automatically transmitted to the central computer database where it will be analyzed by experts and scientists and any relevant findings will be transmitted back by the PAGASA and the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) and in partnership with the Local Government Units will be used for disaster mitigation.

“All of these efforts are part of DOST Secretary Mario Montejo’s initiative of smarter Philippines – or utilizing science and technology in assisting and ensuring the safety of every Filipino through disaster preparedness and mitigation,” Sicat said. (JDP/CCD-PIA CAR)

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Engr. Rizal BANTA

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1971- 1977 - DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways)
1978-2004-CEO (City Engineers Office Baguio)
2004-2012-CBAO (City Bldg. & Arch. Ofc.)
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Membership Organizations

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- KC Paddal (Knights of Columbus) 5379
- ACE (Association of City Employees)
- FBASECA (Fed. of Baguio Senior Citizen Assoc.)
- Philippine Bowling Congress, IMBL
- KAPPA EPSILON Fraternity – CE-BCF
- Past President ANGKAN Batangueno
- Founder – Samahan Batangueno Baguio Chapter 1971
- BDBA - Baguio Duckpin Bowling Association
- Family Community
- GUARDIANS – RMG Alimango

Programs

- Additional School Buildings
- Additional Police Outpost
- Additional “Sub Health Centers”
- Improve Dirt Roads
- Connecting Additional Roads to main Roads
- To participate in the “Clean & Green of our City”
- Participation to the Solution of our Garbage
- Additional Railings along sidewalks
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Sound chamber

As the May 13 elections campaign careens into homestretch, many candidates get strident. There are 18,053 posts up for grabs—almost quadruple of that is the number of office seekers. Candidates of outstanding—or dubious—credentials seek 12 Senate seats and 233 slots in the House of Representatives. Elective posts in 80 provinces, 143 cities and 1,491 towns are to be filled.

Add 58 “party-list” representatives. Wait. The Supreme Court just granted 54 petitions for inclusion filed by party-list groups blackballed earlier by the Commission on Elections. And the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao elects a governor, vice governor and 24 “regional assemblymen.”

Overseas Filipinos started casting ballots last April 13. The Comelec says 975,263 Filipinos abroad are eligible to vote. This time around, 60 percent of them—around 585,000—may vote. Is there basis for that optimism?

EDITORIAL In the 2004 overseas voting, 65 out of every 100 qualified voters turned up, Rappler recalls. That slumped to 16 percent in 2007, then to 25 percent in 2010.

Candidates meanwhile zigzag from one rally to another. Their pitch for votes range from the thoughtful to the silly. “One more chance,” pleads Joseph Estrada, who was convicted of corruption. Ernesto Maceda sashays on stage to disprove he is decrepit. “Keep the focus on issues that matter,” be they the Sabah controversy or a strained school system, Dick Gordon urges.

These voices clash, and poll zarzuelas are part of the cost in rebooting the Marcos dictatorship’s “unanimity of the graveyard” elections.

Journalists are padlocked by their craft into this sound chamber. Louis Lyons would drill into editors at Harvard University’s Nieman sabbaticals. A babel of voices batters them. They range from weak whimpers to imperious tones, from shrill screams to fading tones.

Swirling beneath the obvious, survive-or-perish issues fester. Often, these lethal threats are overlooked. “Learn to listen,” Lyons would say. “Extract what is true and relevant from this chaos. At the same time, think for yourself. That’s the only way you can serve those you write for or broadcast to.”

There is no substitute for water. A Filipino has 4,476 liters of this “internal renewable resource.” A Malaysian has 21,259 liters. “The wealthy have better access than the poor to water,” asserts “Asian Water Development Outlook 2013.” “Most striking is inequality in access to sanitation,” this Asian Development Bank study adds. “The disparity is widening, especially in burgeoning smaller cities...”

Here, only 43 percent of households have piped water. That’s better than Indonesia’s 20 percent. But dry taps jack up incidence of illness and number of deaths. Thus, “sanitation access” is 74 percent for us. It is 96 percent for Thais.

Lack of water crimps the handling of “Daly”—shorthand for age-standardized “disability-adjusted life years.” This gauge tracks the toll of diarrhea, among other diseases, per 100,000 people. Daly counted 528 Filipino victims and 483 Indonesians. In contrast, Sri Lanka pared that toll down to 153.

How did Colombo do that? You won’t know from candidates seeking to be elected senator. Only Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn discusses water policies.

Abortion is called the “silent scream.” The number of Filipino mothers who die at childbirth is quadruple that of Thailand. About 11 mothers die every day due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth—up from three years back, the National Statistics Office reports. Only 90,000 mothers get post-abortion care. About half of 3.4 million pregnancies are unintended.

There’s no hard data to show that the number of bootleg abortions—estimated earlier at 560,000 yearly—had ebbed. The bitter quarrel over the reproductive health bill merely delayed access to family planning services,



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*Don't Collapse Talks,
Please!*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



(Statement of JESUS G. DUREZA, President/CEO of Advocacy Mindanow Foundation, Inc. He was former Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process and GRP Panel Spokesman in the Talks with CPP/NPA/NDF.)

I read statements coming from Malacanang saying the peace talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF had collapsed. This is a mistake.

This reminds me of what President Ramos told us years ago when our Philippine panel was in the Netherlands while meeting with the group of JOMA SISON and LOUIE JALANDONI. I was then Congress’ representative to the GRP panel and spokesman. It was then headed by former Vatican Ambassador Howard Dee. The positions of the two sides were so irreconcilable at that time that the Philippine team started packing up our bags to fly back home. We even had a shouting match across the table with the NDF. Secretary Bebot Bello, then a panel member made a direct overseas call to President Ramos to report that the talks broke down and collapsed and that we were heading home. Over the speakerphone, FVR angrily barked: “Goddammit, who authorized you to collapse the talks? Go back to the table and continue to talk!” And so we did.

In the search for peace, government, which has the high moral ground, must NEVER give up or throw in the towel. The President of the Republic is the father of all, rebels included. Under the principle of “pater familias”, he must get all his flock, whether good or bad, under his protective wings. He must balance things. Of course OPAPP officials can give the true and accurate status. But the “principal” who is the President must continue to provide hope and optimism. And not close doors.

Yes, we can SUSPEND the talks, but never declare that it has collapsed. Otherwise, the alternative is heightened INSURGENCY. Or more conflict. Unfortunately, the plain ordinary and vulnerable citizens in the countryside will always be the first victims caught in the crossfire.

My unsolicited advice: Keep on talking, however difficult or long it will take. Better talk than fight! Saliva doesn’t kill. Bullets do.

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even for non-Catholics. Surely, that’s as important as that Bacolod diocese billboard on “Team Patay” and “Team Buhay”?

In 2013, the old scourge of malnutrition put on a new mask: the faces of 67,000 ill-fed kids in Compostela Valley and Agusan del Sur ravaged earlier by Typhoon “Pablo.”

In the Philippines, malnutrition accounts for more than a third of deaths among children younger than five years. Only six out of 10 kids in the vulnerable age bracket of 6-23 months old get a good diet, Unicef notes. After two years, the damage sets in for good.

“Two of the biggest culprits are lack of vitamin A and zinc during the mother’s pregnancy and the child’s first two years of life,” researchers of five studies published by the British health journal Lancet note. Chronic hunger reduces one out of three children into a puny underweight. They don’t starve to death. But debilitating—and preventable—diseases like TB, anemia, diarrhea take their toll.

A Nutrition National Survey found that progress inched forward by only 5 percent. “At this rate, it will take maybe half a century before we can eradicate the problem of malnutrition.” But children can’t wait. “Their name is today.”

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people...”

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Fair and Square

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was simply a silent conspiracy arising from the non-observance by the proponents of the nurtured tradition in the council of: *I’ll scratch your back and you scratch mine.*

Consciously or unconsciously, however, what the councilors failed to perceive is that denying passage of the proposed resolution would, among others:

1. Perpetuate the existence of more than 3,000 illegal franchises which is bad for the image of Baguio since this does not happen in other cities and places in the country.
2. Cause residents and visitors of the city to be conveyed at great risk by illegally operating public utility vehicles.
3. Result in graft and corruption in the LTRFB arising from dealings and transactions of illegal franchises by fixers and its personnel

Knowing the truth behind the non-passage of Proposed Resolution 0042-10 would you, CPC holders of illegal franchises unfairly being questioned by the LTRFB, still support and vote for these people who caused your franchises not to be legitimized based alone on parochial and flimsy considerations?

If I were in your place, I will not!

These are preventable deaths. Yet, there is no outcry. Why?

Because death stalks children in city hovels or farm shacks. Their burial shrouds are usually out of sight. As a result, their coffins blend into the woodwork. So the massacre persists.

“Striking a child in anger may be pardoned,” George Bernard Shaw once said. “But a blow against a child in cold blood,” as in continued tolerance of malnutrition, “is an obscenity.” That’s an apt handle for our candidates’ myopia./Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juan_mercado77@yahoo.com

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 9, (FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET)
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINOR ROANNE TISH A M I S T A D CASINTO,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE
NO. 13-A-1004

ODELIA TONGED AMISTAD,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,
Respondent,

X———X

ORDER

P e t i t i o n e r
Odelia Tonged Amistad, through counsel, filed this verified petition for Adoption, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption, Roanne Tish Amistad Casinto be declared to be free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural mother and that she be declared for all legal intents and purposes as the adopted child of Odelia Tonged Amistad and change of her name to ROANNE TISH TONGED AMISTAD. She will acquire the reciprocal rights and obligations arising from parent-child relationship and direct the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City to effect said adoption in her

Certificate of Live Birth.
The Court Social Worker is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study Report and said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing of the petition set on May 29, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

WHEREFORE, petitioner is directed to meet with the Court Social Worker Ms. Jacqueline Dontogan for the conduct of the Child and Home Study.

The Court Social Worker is hereby directed to submit her report incorporating therein her recommendation and submit the same to the court, furnishing a copy thereof to the trial prosecutor deputized to represent the State.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners at the Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than April 21, 2013. All persons interested may come to court and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Court Social Worker; The Junction Newspaper; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 12th day of April 2013 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By:
(SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr.
Presiding Judge

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE OF NORWIL A. FRONDA AND JANICE ABREU

SPOUSES NORWIL A. FRONDA AND JANICE ABRUE FRONDA,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO,
Respondent,

SPL PROC. CASE
NO. 2260-R

X———X

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

In a verified petition, co-petitioner Janice Abreu Fronda, through counsel, alleged among others that: in the Certificate of Marriage of petitioners, erroneous entries were made in the *Citizenship entries particularly items 4b, 9 and 11* of peti-

tioner Norwil Fronda as to his citizenship and that of his parents. Entries in the citizenship portion of Norwil Fronda and his parents in the Certificate of Marriage with Registry No. 201300183 were indicated as **FILIPINO** when in truth Petitioner Norwil Fronda and his parents, William Fronda and Norma Fronda, are Canadian Citizens.

Petitioner Janice Abreu prayed that after due notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued by this Court directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and the National Statistics Office to annotate in their Certificate of Marriage with Registry No. 201300183 that correction of entries were made under the *Citizenship entries particularly items 4b, 9 and 11* of petitioner Norwil Fronda as to his citizenship and that of his parents from **FILIPINO** to **CANADIAN**.

Let the petition be set for hearing on August 23, 2013 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, "Bulwagan Ng Katarungan" (Justice 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 Hear-

ing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioners.

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

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Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioners and their counsel.

SO ORDERED.

April 26, 2013,
Baguio City,
Philippines.

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

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Driver for a Cause Appeals for Help

It's better – and easier – to give than to receive.

Former world champion Manny Pacquiao knows that dictum for sure, especially after he hit the canvass from that devastating knockout punch unleashed by Juan Manuel Marquez in their fourth encounter last December.

Mike Santos knows this dictum, too. He even feels it more than many of his fellow lesser or ordinary mortals.

That's why Mike, a 41-year old per-trip driver for humanitarian missions of the Benguet Electric Cooperative, texted friends and acquaintances whose names he found in his cell card directory last week.

The shoe is now on the other foot. From transporting sick patients so they could line up for help at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office in Metro-Manila, Mike found himself also taking that queue late last year.

Leonor, his 43-year old wife needed PCSO support to sustain his fight against breast cancer. The diagnosis came in August last year, after a check-up at the Poinces City Doctors Hospital here.

Leonor, a nurse at the Benguet Laboratories, had undergone surgery and completed six chemotherapy sessions that drained her young family's resources.

Mike can't drive for other sick people these days. In-between looking up the ceiling while attending to his wife, he thumbs the keys on his cellphone and then presses "send".

Since last April 12 he and Leonor has been appearing daily, from Monday to Friday, at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center in Quezon City. She has to undergo 33 days of external beam radiation.

Soon, her sessions will be over. Except the settlement of her bills.

As texted by Mike, the package will be P74,115, broken down to P12,855 for planning and CT Scan; P21,000 for professional fee; and P40,260 for the sessions.

Leonor and Mike are just a text away for Samaritans out there. Her cellphone number is 09082214030 and his is 09179739158.

Also last week, a candidate for the city council took time out of the campaign trail to reach out to two other patients.

"Please hand this small amount to them," the donor, who requested anonymity, advised as he turned over P2,000.

The amount will be divided equally. Half will go to Emilia Tallongen, a 51-year old former street sweeper now day care worker who is battling Hogkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer attacking the lymph nodes.

The other half will be for Emilia Anayasan, a 51-year old mother and seamstress who, for years now, has been trying to get a hospital bed for his son, Crisly, at the Philippine Heart Center.

Crisly, who was born with a congenital heart anomaly doctors identified as ventral septal defect, hopes to turn 22 next Christmas.

Donors may punch Tallongen's cellphone number (09295390281) and Anayasan's (09197421723).

After all, it's better – and easier – to give than to receive. /Ramon Dacawi.

New City Hall Employees Attend Seminar

BAGUIO CITY - Thirty eight (38) newly appointed city government of Baguio employees attended the Orientation/Re-Orientation of New Employees on the Personnel Policies, Plans, Procedures and Systems Handbook of the City Government of Baguio, as amended and Other Existing Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations at the Prince Plaza Hotel, Legarda Road, Baguio City last May 3.

City Human Resource Management Officer Estrella Bisquera welcomed and congratulated the 38 participants for already being part of the city government of Baguio family.

"Out of the thousands of qualified applicants, you're very lucky that you were able to pass the city's screening and recruitment process and selected by the Appointing Authorities, Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Daniel Fariñas", said Dr.

Bisquera.

The orientation will serve as a guide to the new employees in their journey being public servants.

Existing civil service law, rules and regulations were highlighted during the course such as government office hours, dress code, leave administration, compensatory time-off, career and personnel development, revised enhanced performance evaluation system, and complaints and grievances, administrative

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Another Centenarian Honored

BAGUIO CITY – Another lady centenarian was honored by the city council joining the ranks of the city's icons of longevity, light-houses of wisdom and pillars of moral strength.

Aurelia Artemia Tamayo-Baltazar, 104, of Jasmin Street, Upper QM Barangay, was born in Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija, on October 20, 1908 and made Baguio her home 20 years ago.

While no record of her birth can be obtained from the then Bureau of Census and Statistics as its records were destroyed during the second World War, a copy of her Certificate of Baptism was issued by the parish of St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Diocese of Cabanatuan City bearing her record of date and place of birth.

The city council last Monday approved city council Resolution No. 132 series 2013 honoring Baltazar.

"Ma'am Auring finished Grade VI from the Munoz El-

ementary School, Munoz, Nueva Ecija. On 17 October 1925 she married Diosdado C. Baltazar at Corregidor, Bataan. They later moved to Urdaneta, Pangasinan, where they established residence," the resolution noted.

"Ma'am Auring was a full time housewife to Diosdado and mother to 11 children whom they all

raised well. When she was widowed in 1986 and since then, she was left to the care of her children;

"Upon the invitation of one of her siblings, Ma'am Auring moved to Baguio City with her daughter about 20 years ago and up to the present, still continues to enjoy the cool and rejuvenating Baguio weather. She has embraced Baguio to her heart because of the place and people, factors she credit for her longevity;

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late FRANCISCO BALLESTEROS, SR. who died on July 27, 1998 at Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of ISUZU Jitney with Motor No. 4D31-414536, Chassis No. SPMM 17957 88 C and Plate No. DFV -758 and covered by a franchise under LTRFB Case No. 88-01-3373 had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 3 May 2013 as per Doc. No. 704, Page No. 141 Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2013, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

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discipline, Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007.

Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Philhealth and Pag-ibig were also discussed in the said orientation.

Mayor Domogan stressed to always remember, put into practice and implement whatever duties and functions assigned to them.

"Learn to love your job because it is when you love your job that you will perform the best in your work and you will stay long in government service," advised the mayor.

The city mayor emphasized three important things to be a good

public servant. These are: to be competitive; to have a character of excellence by always doing the best to any job or functions being required to do; and to have a good relationship with your officemates in order to have a good teamwork.

"Enjoy your time in public service. It may well be one of the most interesting and challenging times of your life," said Mayor Domogan. /Jho Arranz/PIO-Baguio

AFFIDAVIT of SELF ADJUDICATION

I ROWENAC. EL WAZZI, of legal age, widow, Filipino and resident of No. 16 Modesta St. Mines View, Baguio City had executed an Affidavit Of Self Adjudication on April 29, 2013. That her husband the now deceased Mounir El Wazzi died on February 6, 2013 at Beirut, Lebanon. That they own a property identified as Transfer Certificate of Title T-96397 located in the City of Baguio. That they do not have any children and that the Affiant is the sole heir and likewise to the best of her knowledge the deceased had not left any debts. That this Affidavit of Self Adjudication was executed before the faith of Notary Public, Lawrence Q. Llanes on April 2013.

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"Ma'am Auring's simple way of living, the care of her children, family and friends, and everything about the City of Baguio keep her twilight years active, even as

she suffers from physical disability."

Baltazar joined three other lady centenarians Leonor Supsupin-Oliva, 104, Magdalena Datoc-Visperas, 103 and Virgilia Valdez who

were honored during the Baguio Day celebration last year.

The city council resolution introduced by Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda and Erdolfo Balajadia and approved collectively by the body was in line with the

thrust of the city government to recognize the participation of the elderly in the transformation of the City and its citizenry and to award recognition and honor as a gesture of respect to them./A Refuerzo

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Baguio City

MELVIN ALMOJERA

Applicants

Case No:98-BC-858

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 29, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 24th day of April 2013.

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

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ROLAND TRINIDAD; LEDESMA U. SAGUDANG

Applicants

Case No:2003-CAR-340

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: BANGUED - SAN JUAN and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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TONY DELA CRUZ

Applicants

Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-0537

NOTICE OF HEARING

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EVANGELINE LIMPIN - Vendor

SPS. RESSIE & JUANITO P. BAM BALAN JR. - Vendee

Applicants

Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-142

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of unit to operate a PUJ 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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SAMUEL S. ARCELLANA

Applicants

Case No:2000-BC-085

NOTICE OF HEARING

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Terrible times in the last days

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then... During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them..." (Daniel 12:1, Revelation 9:6, the Holy Bible).

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"TERRIBLE TIMES IN THE LAST DAYS": The attack by four topless women against Belgium Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard while he was delivering a lecture on blasphemy at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in Brussels, dousing him with water from plastic bottles shaped like the Virgin Mary, confirms what the Bible, in its 2 Timothy 3:1-8, is saying.

These verses of the Bible say, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people..."

If you see your relatives, friends, neighbors, associates or acquaintances displaying these kinds of behavior, be assured that they are just being true to what the Bible predicted would happen. The times call for believers to be more prayerful, to fill their minds with Biblical truths by reading the Bible relentlessly at all times, and obeying God's commands written in its pages. This is the only way to fight the coming evil days.

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TEACHING OUR CHILDREN PROPERLY: That is why parents should endeavor to teach their children, right from the moment they could display understanding, about God, and our absolute duty to love and fear Him. We must fill the minds and hearts of our children with spiritual truths directly taken from the Bible. We must no longer be contented with our children going to mass on Sundays or Saturdays, or once a week.

The directive for genuine believers is contained in Joshua 1:8, which says: "Do not forget to read the Book of the Law everyday. Meditate on it day and night, and be careful to obey everything that is written in it, then, you will become prosperous and successful." This is the training and instruction of the Lord that Ephesians 6:4 directs parents to give their children.

We must impress upon our children the need to love God with all their hearts, and their minds, their soul, and their strength. We must teach them that this love of God should be on their hearts all the time. We must talk to them about this while we are inside our houses or while we are outside, while we are lying down or getting up. We must tie reminders about this love of God in our hands and in our foreheads, and write them in the doorframes of our houses, as Deuteronomy 6:5-9 says.

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ARMOR OF GOD: In addition, all believers must continually conform to the admonitions of Paul in Ephesians 6:10-18, thus: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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FAIR AND SQUARE

The Truth Behind the Non Passage of PR 0042-10 by the City Council

BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



The more than three thousand PUV operators who were issued illegal franchises or CPCs by the LTRFB have every reason to gripe and to withhold support to Councilor **NICASIO ALIPING**, Chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation (PUTTL) and the other running Councilors who opposed passage of PR 0042-10, namely: **BAGBAGEN, TABANDA, BILOG, FIANZA**.

Why? Because for three (3) long years they did not give even a Chinaman's chance for passage that Proposed Resolution No. 0042-10 deserved. Thus, up to the last moment, the Council failed to pass the said proposed measure needed to legitimize the irregular franchises issued to applicants and buyers by corrupt LTRFB regional directors.

Proposed Resolution Nr. 0042-10 which was yet filed by Councilor Richard Cariño in 2009 is entitled **"Recommending to the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTRFB) the Legalization of Irregular and Illegal Franchises of Public Utilities in Baguio City and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) Subject to Conditions"**

As the title of PR 0042-10 indicates, the City Council is merely asked to recommend legalization and not to legalize these franchises by itself since it does not have that authority. The proposal has its precedent in Resolution Nr. 292, Series of 2000 of the Council which was authored by Vice Mayor Daniel Fariñas also recommending to the LTRFB en banc the legalization of more than 100 units of taxis which CPCs were issued in violation of law and the existing moratorium in Baguio City/BLIST, and which was approved by LTRFB in its Memo Circular No. 2000-019.

Unfortunately in the last three (3) years that it had been calendared many times in the Council's agenda, it was always returned to the Committee of Councilor Aliping allegedly for further study based alone on the following objections of Councilors: **BAGBAGEN, TABANDA, BALAJADIA, BILOG AND FIANZA**, that:

1. The CPCs issued by the LTRFB in violation of law, the moratorium and the rules and policies of the LTRFB / DOTC are NOT illegal per se.
2. Even if the CPCs are illegal, they claimed that irregularly and illegally issued CPCs can NO LONGER be legalized.
3. That if the resolution is passed, the Councilors are ANSWERABLE ADMINISTRATIVELY to the Ombudsman.

The truth of the matter, however, is that there was really nothing to study further since the position papers and materials submitted by the proponents of legalization to all Councilors, sufficiently answer and counter-rebut the objections. So, Councilor Aliping could have argued:

1) That the CPCs issued in violation of law, the moratorium and the rules of LTRFB / DOTC have been long considered illegal and void by DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza in 2007 in his Memorandum dated 28 February 2007, by RTC Judge Ruben Ayson in his decision in the Tip-Top Mandamus case, and by no less than the former DOTC-CAR Regional Director Federico Mandapat, Jr.

2) That contrary to the claim of these Councilors, irregularly issued franchises can still be legalized as shown in 2000 when LTRFB legalized more than 100 illegal taxi units upon the recommendation of the City Council itself. Moreover, if what they say is true, why did the Council legalize the operation of irregularly operating units of vans in Baguio City even in the absence of authority to legalize since that power is lodged with the LTRFB? Also, if truly they cannot be

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Huling Hataw Na!!! Latest Surveys: Domogan -vs- Joemol, Aliping -vs- Go

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Humigit-kumulang isang linggo na lang mga dear readers at eleksyon na. Marami sa ating mga kaibigan ay magse-celebrate ng kanilang pagkatalo at pagka-panalo ngunit di hamak na mas masarap ang selebrasyon ng pagkapanalo key sa selebrasyon ng pagkatalo. Kung hindi lang ako sinabihan ng aking impakto este de facto publisher na huwag na huwag ilalabas ang resulta ng isang Manila-based survey company na ipinagawa ng isang negosyante sa Baguio ay aking isusulat ang mga ito, ngunit hindi pa panahon para ipaalam sa publiko ang resulta ng nasabing survey. Nang binabasa ko ang resulta ng survey ay hindi rin ako halos makapaniwala sa lumalabas na top 6 na konsehal at yung tindi ng laban nila Aliping at ni Go, at ng bakkaban nina Joemol at Domogan. Sa aking palagay ay mahihirapan ng humabol itong si Vergara sapagkat malay-layo na ang agwat niya kina Aliping at Go. Kung sabagay, sa aking palagay eh, sa slogan pa lang ni Vergara sabi nya- madaling lapitan, laging maaasahan, wala ng iba., **ANO YUN???** Alam ng nakararami sa Baguio na yun ay isang **MALAKING KALOKOHAN, MALAKING KAGAGUHAN AT MALAKING KATARANTADUHAN**. Kaya tuloy lumalabas na slogan pa lang ay insulto na sa karamihan ng mga tanga este taga Baguio. Tama ba ako mga dear readers?!! Kaya kung ako ay papalarin at tatanungin ni Apo Vergara tungkol sa aking opinion, ang aking maipapayo sa kanya ay magpahinga na muna siya sa darating na next 3 years at obserbahan na muna niya ang magiging istilo ng liderato ni Congressman Aliping o ni Congressman Go at sa eleksyon ng 2016, ay pwede siyang tumakbo bilang Punong Barangay ng QM, at suportahan taka Apo Congressman Vergara!!! **TIYAK ANG AKING INFO MGA DEAR READERS, ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT NA RIN PARA SA TONGRESSMAN ESTE CONGRESSMAN - IT'S NOW ALIPING -vs- GO** at yung mga iba ay puros sabit at saling pusa na lang!!!

Of course alam natin sa simulat sapol na one-on-one fight rin ang Joemol -vs- Domogan, at bagamat ang resulta ng surveys kung saan ang mananal sa pagka-Mayor sa pagkakataon na ito ay magkakaroong ng substantial and considerable lead na humit-kumulang 15,000 votes. **TIYAK PO ITONG AKING DATOS MGA KAIBIGAN. MATINDI ANG KOMPANYA NA NAGSAGAWA NG SURVEY AT LUMALABAS NA YUN ANG SENTIMIYENTO NG MGA TANGA ESTE TAGA BAGUIO**. Kaya huling hataw na mga kaibigan natin na mga kandidato. Isipin na lang ninyo na marami pang puwedeng mangyari within the next 7 days. Abangan sa sunod na issues sa ating The Junction Files kung saan ating ilalathala ang maraming mga accomplishments ni Congressman Gurang, Lakay Vergara.

legalized, why did Regional Director Celina Claver still recommended to the Council in March 2012 the legalization of 1,400 irregular CPCs issued by previous directors?

3) That, on the other hand, how can they be answerable to the Ombudsman when the Council is merely recommending the legalization of irregular franchises to the LTRFB en banc. In 2000, for instance, the members of the Council were not made administratively liable by the Ombudsman when they passed Resolution No. 292 recommending legalization.

Ironically, COUNCILOR ALIPING failed to argue and defend the measure based on the foregoing. Instead, for three (3) long years, he meekly swallowed hook-line-and-sinker the Councilors' self-serving and simplistic preference to defer action on the measure on the basis of irrational, unintelligent and invalid reasons. **Masyadong mababaw kasi!** They must have other reasons like probably due to the absence of lobby money put up by illegal operators, or perhaps there

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Final PCOS Test...

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"Mas handa kami. Second na, nakita na namin yung mga depekto nung 2010. Nakita na namin yung deficiencies," said Comelec Chairman Sixto Brillantes, referring to incidents during the country's first automated elections in 2010.

The poll body had to recall compact flash (CF) cards a week before Election Day in 2010 after tests showed the PCOS counted the wrong names in local elective positions.

Election officials did not expect any glitches as they have already learned their lessons from 2010 and prepared for more than a year to ensure the machines' accuracy, Brillantes said. The PCOS machines also went through "preliminary" tests unlike in 2010 where the errors in counting were known only during the FTS, he added.

Brillantes observed the FTS of a clustered precinct in Gotamco Elementary School in Pasay City from the initialization of the PCOS machine to verifying the results through a manual audit.

Pasay City was among the first to conduct FTS on the machines. The Automation Law requires Comelec to test and ex-

amine equipment for the elections before voting starts. The final testing and sealing will continue till May 10.

Comelec's Election Officer in Pasay, meanwhile, reported that at least seven out of 12 precincts experienced malfunctioning PCOS machines. There were auto shutdowns and paper jams that delayed the FTS.

"Kaya nga very critical ang FTS, para kung magkaroon ng problema, masosolusyunan (This is why it is very critical to conduct the FTS, so we can find solutions to problems, if any arise)," lawyer Feliciano Aringay said.

Aringay added they reported the errors to Comelec's National Support Center, an in-

house call center hub where IT workers assist field personnel in troubleshooting the PCOS.

The FTS used 10 test ballots filled out by registered voters in the same precinct. The test voters filled out ballots containing the names of national and local candidates for the May 13 polls.

After the test voters were fed in the PCOS machines, the Board of Election Inspectors (BEI) printed copies of election returns (ER) of the FTS. The ERs were compared to a manual tally of the BEI.

The inspectors initially saw a discrepancy between the machine count and the manual count for the councilor post. A recount showed the BEIs still counted an "overvote", an instance where a voter exceeds shades in an elective position.

The PCOS voids all votes when it detects an "overvote".

Brillantes said the BEIs are not exactly trained to do a manual count since there is a separate team doing the random manual audit (RMA).

"They are not really that trained but they already know how to count manually. Yung audit team namin...hindi magkakamali yun ng mga overvote (Our audit team...they won't make mistakes

Cancer Survivor...

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Bonacua, along with the other OSCAR awardees will represent the CAR in the TOSP national level.

The other awardees are: Nick Sibaen - Bachelor of Secondary Education, Benguet State University; Raymond Sakiwat - AB Comm, in an overvote," Brillantes said.

All PCOS machines for Pasay City have been deployed and will be stored either in the library or principal's office of each school. Philippine National Police personnel will guard the machines until Election Day. **By Mikha Flores, VERA Files, with additional reporting by Darlene Cay. (VERA Files is put out by senior journalists taking a deeper look at current issues. Vera is Latin for "true".)**

University of Baguio; Julienne Fortunato - AB Comm, University of Cordilleras; Luisa Gay Antonio - BSIT, Ifugao State University; Ginalyn Briosio - BS Elementary Education, Abra State Institute of Science and Technology; Leonardo Visaya Jr. - BS Secondary Education, and Chastity Wadagan of the Kalinga-Apayao State College; Lordan Luther Basawil - BS Chemical Eng'g; and Ronald Bustos - BS Secondary Education, of Saint Louis University.

The OSCAR search is the regional level of the annual national TOSP award, which aims to give due recognition to students who can be held as role models for others, students who can exemplify academic excellence, exemplary leadership, good moral values, and determination to serve God and country. (JDP/RC- PIA CAR)

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Army to beef up police force in securing election in Mt. Prov.

BONTOC, Mt. Prov. -The Philippine Army and the PNP will join forces to provide security and safeguard the Precinct Count Optical Scan(PCOS) machines for the May 13 elections in the province.

Prov'l Election Supervisor Atty. Nicasio Jacob, in a press conference initiated by the Montanosa Press Club, Inc., said the military particularly personnel of the 54th IB, who are based

in the province, will augment the available policemen to be assigned in the 227 clustered polling areas of the province.

COMELEC regulations require that at least two policemen are assigned in each polling precinct. At present, the Mountain Province Provincial Police Office has 312 police personnel composed of 33 commissioned officers and 279 non-commissioned officers.

Lt. Col. Francisco Millare, Commanding Officer of the 54th IB in a Provincial Joint Security Control Center

meeting, said his forces will beef up policemen in the municipalities where army troops are based.

Jacob said the lawmen will safeguard the PCOS machines after they are tested and sealed and when they are brought to the polling places and also retrieval

4 of 10 youths want to migrate abroad - AIM

BAGUIO CITY - Four out of every 10 young Filipino students plan to work abroad after graduation, the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Policy Center's Pinoy Youth Barometer project reveals.

The Pinoy Youth Barometer, a project of AIM in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and in networking with key high schools, colleges, and universities nationwide, is a functional survey which is done periodically and specifically designed to collect information on the sentiments and attitudes of the Filipino youth towards migration, employment, education, and governance.

AIM Policy Center economist Maria Beatrice Anne Tanjanco, in the recent Research and Inventions Week of the St. Louis University (SLU), one of the partner universities of the project, shared that based on the September 2012 Pinoy Youth Barometer Project survey, 40.36 percent or four out of every 10 respondents indicated that they want to migrate to US, Canada, and Australia as the most desired destination.

The increase is also part of the state's recognition of "the vital role played by the DCWs in the holistic development of children." The state "obligates itself to provide measures to ensure that they are adequately provided with facilities and compensation packages corresponding to the services they render," the proposed ordinance stated. - juliegfianza

The same survey shows that of those who intend to migrate abroad, 71.69 percent have relatives with permanent residency abroad while 64.62 percent have relatives who are considered overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

Cited as top reasons to migrate are desire to send remittances to their families(75.22 percent), desire to experience other cultures(71.68 percent), and the lack of employment opportunities in the country (67.47 percent).

As for reasons that would make them stay here in the country, 82.19 percent of the respondents said family or to be with their families, 65.62 percent says to be with their friends, while 72.11 percent of them would stay for having a comfortable lifestyle in the Philippines.

For each periodic survey, simple random sampling was done to 10 to 12 educational institutions, collecting data from 200 respondents from each college institution, and 100 respondents from high school institutions.

AIM Policy Center Senior Economist David Yap II, in a statement, disclosed that such statistical data show the Filipino youth are more confident in finding better employment opportunities abroad than here in the country. Although the Pinoy Youth Barometer Project was designed to give our youth a voice, he also encouraged them to make a stand and "Help make the Philippines the country you want to, the country they believe in."

The youth, he said, can let their voice be heard by the government on what they need. With the upcoming May mid-term elections, they can let their voice be heard in choosing the right leaders who will help shape a better country for them and the future generations.

For each periodic survey in the AIM's Pinoy Youth Barometer project, simple random sampling was done to 10 to 12 educational institutions, collecting data from 200 respondents from each college institutions and 100 respondents from high school institutions. (JDP/CCD-Mark Tiongco PIA Intern)

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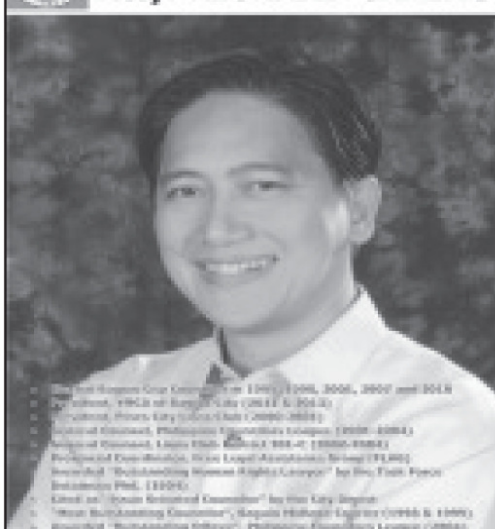
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government in distributing services to all residents."

"The Brgy Health Workers, Brgy Nutrition Scholars, as well as Brgy Nutrition Action Officers perform a crucial role in promoting health in the Brgys," the approved resolution states.

As to RA 7883, Implementing Rules and Regulations, the list of benefits and incentives subject to Brgy Health Workers are: Subsistence allowance; hazard allowance; training, education and career enrichment programs; one-child scholarship; civil service eligibility; free legal assistance, and preferential access to loans and loan facilities of gov't lending institutions.

In the case of the proposed ordinance for day care workers' subsidy increase, Councilor Tabanda noted that 78 of the city's 91 day care workers are sponsored by parents in their respective host brgy's. It is therefore fitting that the subsidy be increased appropriately, "as a tribute to the noble role and services they render for our children," Tabanda stated in the proposed ordinance.

Day care workers (DCW) are responsible for early children care and development (ECCD), recognized a "crucial task in the preparation of children to formal education during their formative years," the proposed ordinance states.

As to the proposal, DCWs received P2,000 in 2001; P2,700 in 2004; P3,500 in 2007; and is presently receiving P4,000 since 2008.



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