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# Supercar owners hold up traffic in already congested Baguio City

I am a Baguio resident. The traffic problem there has been getting worse of late, especially during long weekends, but we manage to get by. The one-way traffic scheme, which was implemented so many years ago, actually helps a lot in keeping the flow of traffic moving. As long as everyone follows the rules and gives way when necessary, things are manageable.

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*Unbelievable ostentatious inconsiderate abuse. Truly more fun in the Baguio when a bunch of abusive inconsiderate supercar owners can just do what they want. And where were the cops all this time?/http://www.topgear.com.ph/news/motoring-news*

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# The spirit of EDSA lives on in our fight to end the country's disorder

*(Joint statement of Davao City Mayor Rodrigo "Rody" Duterte and Senate Majority leader Alan Peter Cayetano)*

It has been 30 years since the 1986 People Power Revolution, and today, as we commemorate the momentous restoration of Philippine democracy, we are also reminded of what it was that the Filipino people had fought and died for.

The EDSA Revolution was not a battle between two political families. Rather, it was the battle between a dictatorship mired in corruption and abuse and the Filipino people's aching desire to restore democracy, order, and the rule of law. The spirit of EDSA lives on, embodied not just by one person, nor a handful of political families. The spirit of EDSA lives on today in each of us, and it binds us together as the Filipino nation.

Certainly, the spirit of EDSA lives on in each of us, but so do the problems that EDSA had sought to end. Crime, illegal drug trafficking and corruption are some of the social ills that contribute to the people's daily woes. This is precisely why we wage a war against disorder and suffering. In this war, we must remember the lessons of EDSA. It is not enough to elect a competent government. We must ensure the government we elect doesn't become corrupt and abusive. The leaders we choose to govern us must be leaders who are truly democratic and would stand up against any and all forms of oppression, abuse, and neglect. As a people, we must exercise vigilance to protect the

freedom that we have won many years ago.

Today's youth, particularly the millennials, enjoy civil and political rights and the freedom to be part of nation-building that was taken away from the youth 30 years ago. 30 years ago, the youth endured a difficult struggle to overthrow an oppressive government, so that succeeding generations would not suffer the same fate under the hands of a dictator. We implore all young Filipinos to remember one single truth: The youth in the '70s and '80s made a tremendous sacrifice, so that the youth today will be free.

As we celebrate three decades of our freedom, let us not forget the main message of the People Power Revolution: Real Change. The battle that culminated in EDSA in 1986 was only the beginning of our fight for a better nation.

Ang laban para sa tunay na pagbabago ay hindi natapos sa EDSA, kundi patuloy na nagaganap sa kasalukuyang henerasyon. Upang maipanalito, kailangan ng mga lider na may tapang at tibay ng loob na tapusin ang gulo at hirap sa buhay ng tao. Ito mismo ang pundasyon ng tamalang Duterte-Cayetano.

With bold solutions and swift action, the Filipino nation will achieve a level of order and development that ensures not only the welfare of this generation, but of the future generations of the Filipino people./DC-HQ

# More Congressmen Join Call to Override SSS Pension Veto

BAGUIO CITY – More lawmakers are joining the call of Anak Bayan Rep. Neri Colmenares to override President Benigno Aquino III's veto of a bill seeking a P2,000 increase in the monthly pensions of retired Social Security System (SSS) pensioners.

This was bared by Colmenares February 23 during the campaign sortie of Senators Grace Poe and Francis Escudero, and their entire senatorial slate in Baguio City.

Colmenares said that 88 lawmakers in the House of Representatives have already signed his petition to override the veto which will be presented on May 23 when Congress resumes.

Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. signed the petition showing his concern for the pensioners.

Rep. Aliping said that should the two-thirds number of lawmakers needed to override the veto is not gathered by then, he would propose a bill, if he gets a second term, to adjust the increase to P1,000 a month in order that the SSS' actuarial life would not be jeopardized.

According to the SSS, granting a P2,000 increase to its estimated two million retired SSS pensioners would drain the resources of the system and lessen its actuarial life. This in turn would put in jeopardy both the present and future pensioners.

Rep. Aliping said that his proposal would answer both the need of the pensioner, especially those who receive less than P4,000 a month, and the SSS' need to remain liquid to support future pensioners./Carl C. Taawan

# Philippine church defends Manny Pacquiao on gay marriage stance



Philippines' eight-time world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao, a former street kid with little education, has used his fame and fortune to launch a political career.

The Philippine Catholic church on Sunday defended boxing hero Manny Pacquiao for his opposition to gay marriage, saying he was only quoting the Bible.

But Father Jerome Secillano also said over radio station DZMM that Pacquiao should respect homosexuals and not judge and condemn them after the eight-division world champion last week described them as worse than animals.

Pacquiao, 37, who converted from Catholicism to an evangelical Protestant faith late in his boxing career, was pilloried by local gay rights groups and celebrities and has lost lucrative commercial endorsements as a result.

Secillano, executive secretary of the Catholic bishops' public affairs office, said: "This is really in the Bible. There is this quote he (Pacquiao) uses from the Bible and we cannot change that."

He said it was "unfair" to condemn Pacquiao for echoing what he reads in the Bible when he was asked about same-sex marriage.

But Secillano also said the boxing hero should not have used such offensive language.

"The church... says that if this is your lifestyle, if this is your orientation, then we respect that, we cannot condemn them," the priest said.

He reiterated that the Catholic church, which counts 80 percent of Filipinos as followers, still opposed legalisation of same-sex marriage.

Church influence has also kept divorce and abortion from being legalised in the Philippines.

However homosexuality is not criminalised and several LGBT figures have become celebrities.

Pacquiao, who intends to retire after his April fight against American Timothy Bradley to pursue a career in politics, issued an apology on social media on Tuesday but later said his apology was qualified.

Nike, Pacquiao's major global sponsor, cancelled its endorsement deal with him in the past week, describing his comments as "abhorrent".

Pacquiao, a former street kid with little education, has used his fame and fortune to launch a political career.

Already a two-term congressman, he is campaigning to win a Senate seat in May elections. Surveys published before the controversy indicated he will win.

Pacquiao has said his ultimate ambition is to be president of the Philippines./AFP News

# Mayor clarifies use of Ganza parking area for night market

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified in his weekly forum the purpose of the utilization of the Ganza parking area formerly Jadewell parking area under the management of the Jadewell Corporation as night market.

Domogan stressed that the proposed night market at the Ganza parking area by the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) will be giving priority to displaced sidewalk vendors and regular walk-ins, may it be rainy season or dry season.

The remaining available slots will then be given to interested permanent Baguio

residents who want to have livelihood.

Domogan pointed out that Ganza will be used as relocation to some vendors along Harrison Road, displaced sidewalk vendors and regular walk-in so as to clear the center island and make the night market more orderly.

The BCMA estimates Ganza area to accommodate 500 slots for night market activities.

The city has allotted one million fund to install lighting system as to end the continuing complaints on poor lighting system along Harrison Road.

Domogan reminded night market vendors to observe cleanliness in their respective areas and police their own ranks to ensure peace and order.

The night market was originally formulated to contain the number of itinerant sidewalk vendors along city streets and the same operates from 9pm until 4am.

Through the years, night market has become famous and has drawn a significant number of tourists as well as residents which admittedly boosted the industry in the city of pines./Jho Arranz



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**IBALOI DAY** - An Ibaloi elder on horseback watches as tribesmen representing their respective municipalities in Baguio and Benguet Province during the 7th Ibaloi Day celebration./By Bong Cayabyab

## City's job order employees to enjoy SSS benefits

**B**AGUIO CITY - Some 83 police auxiliary workers and job order contractuals of the city government here will soon have the opportunity to avail of the benefits given by the Social Security system (SSS).

Said informal workers of the city government registered to be members of the AlkanSSSy program of the SSS.

The SSS headed by Baguio manager Nancy Umoso, the city government of Baguio headed by mayor Mauricio Domogan and the informal workers of the city represented by Julie Laureta recently signed the MOA at the Baguio City multi-purpose hall.

The MOA covers the mechanics for the implementation of the program which is aimed at facilitating an easy and more convenient remittance of the SS monthly contribution payments of the job

orders.

In the MOA, the city government, through its duly authorized and bonded representative will deduct the monthly contribution of the informal workers and remit the monthly contributions together with its monthly collection report.

On the other hand, the SSS will provide information updates and other relevant literature to enhance the informal worker's knowledge on the SSS and the e-AlkanSSSy implementation such as but not limited to collection, posting reports, periodic issuance of flyers among others.

It is remembered that the city council passed resolution numbered 277, series of 2015 authorizing mayor Domogan to enter into a MOA with the SSS for the implementation of the e-AlkanSSSy program which is beneficial to job orders and police auxiliary

workers of the city who are not covered by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and with no SSS registered employers.

Moreover, based from the MOA, SSS reserves the right to modify and/or enhance the program, provided that in case the SSS consider that the changes in the program will significantly alter the services offered under the same, the SSS shall advise the city government and informal workers of the changes at least 30 days prior to the date of its implementation.

It was stressed that the MOA may be terminated by the SSS in case of violation of the terms and conditions in the agreement by the informal workers and/or the city government.

The AlkanSSSy program is a micro savings program that aims to attract informal sector workers seeking access to social protection./Jho Arranz

## More restrictions set to protect Mount Pulag

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet - More restrictions are set to be implemented in order to protect and conserve the Mount Pulag National Park's natural habitat and its vegetation.

Mount Pulag National Park Superintendent Emerita Albas in a kapihan forum said that there is a need to decongest people coming to

the national park especially tourists who are flocking the 'sacred mountain' during weekends to experience its mystic beauty.

Albas said there is an increase of tourists visiting the camp so they are planning to limit the number of tourists and the number of days to be allowed to go to the park.

"At the moment, we do not allow camping from Fridays to Sundays at the park," Albas said and explained that instead of Mount Pulag, the tourists are encouraged or diverted to visit other areas such as the mystical lakes of Kabayan and the Mount Purgatory in Bokod. Tourists are allowed to camp at the

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## Duterte-Cayetano to ensure an orderly health care system that accommodates all Filipinos

**C**iting a 2013 report by the Philippine Society for General Internal Medicine, Vice Presidential candidate and Senate Majority leader Alan Peter Cayetano today said that 6 out of 10 Filipinos die without seeing a doctor.

"This is simply unacceptable! Sobra na ang gulo at hirap sa buhay ng tao. Pati serbisyong pangkalusugan, hindi maasahan ng maraming Pilipino," he lamented.

"A healthy Filipino is a productive Filipino. Wala dapat Pilipino ang pinagkakaitan ng medical assistance at health care services," Cayetano added.

Cayetano made the statement as he visited Cebu City on Friday (Feb. 26) to listen to the plight of indigent patients at the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center.

During the Duterte-Cayetano "Ronda Serye" listening tour, Cayetano said the lack of proper health care system in the country's provinces adds to the disorder and suffering in the lives of

ordinary people.

To address this, Cayetano vowed to ensure the full coverage of the Philippine Health Insurance Company (PhilHealth), a promise made by President Benigno Simeon Aquino III in 2010. Cayetano said he will also push for the full implementation of PhilHealth's "zero billing" services to members.

Cayetano lambasted the government for telling the people that they have 100% coverage and for advertising its zero billing health services, when this is simply not true.

"Pinaasa ninyo ang tao, this had been the DOH and Philhealth system in the last few administrations. It's time for real change," Cayetano said.

He added, "Aanhin ng tao ang Philhealth kung walang mga ospital o mga ospital na walang pasilidad o equipment na magamit."

Cayetano stressed that he and his running mate,

Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, plan to establish regional specialty hospitals in Visayas and in Mindanao. He said Northern Luzon, Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao should have their own Heart Center, Kidney Center, Lung Center, Orthopedic Center and Children's Hospital and Cancer Research and Treatment Center. These are National Hospitals/Centers found only in Metro Manila.

"Through Philhealth, Sin Taxes and the national budget, Northern Luzon, Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao should have specialty hospitals. It is technically and financially viable and good for the people," Cayetano explained.

The senator said problems in the health care sector can only be remedied by leaders who have the courage and strength of character to create real change. "Kailangan ng matapang na solusyon at mabilis na aksyon. Ito ang dala ko at ni Mayor Duterte sa eleksiyong ito," Cayetano concluded./DC-HQ

## Baguio candidates support SAFE elections

**B**AGUIO CITY - Local candidates running for various positions in the city of Baguio joined the Walk for Peace and signed a Peace Covenant to adopt a Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) in the city on Tuesday, February 16.

The Walk for Peace was spearheaded by the Baguio City Police Office and the Commission on Elections together with religious leaders from various denominations.

The activity started from Upper Session Road to Harrison Road and to the Melvin Jones Grandstand for the program which commenced with an ecumenical prayer, followed by the candle lighting and releasing of doves.

It was highlighted by the signing of the peace covenant by all the local candidates from the congressional seat, mayoralty and vice mayoralty and members of the city council.

In the Covenant, the candidates agree to strictly abide by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Com-

mission on Election and to strongly support and uphold the conduct of a clean, honest, orderly and peaceful election come May 9.

BCPO City Director PSSupt. George Daskeo hopes that with the covenant, the candidates will be guided by the rules of law when they do their campaign. He also assured the voters of Baguio that BCPO will ensure a safe and fair May 2016 elections. Baguio City Election Officer Atty. John Paul Martin commended the BCPO for spearheading the activity. He appreciated the presence of the local candidates as this is a manifestation of their support to the rules and regulations of the COMELEC.

"Historically sabi nila, very orderly, very peaceful ang elections dito sa Baguio. Pero para sa akin, hindi po dapat kami makampante because of history. That's why we will be strict in implementing our rules," said Martin.

COMELEC-Cordillera Assistant Regional Election

Director Atty. Vanessa Roncal said the activity is very significant because as the candidates light their candles, release the doves, and sign the covenant, they promise to undertake their campaign under the rule of law, and they promise to undertake their campaign with God and the people in mind.

In her message to the candidates, "a successful election means that we all abide in campaign rules. May we undertake our campaign in a manner that is depicting the integrity we have. No character assassination and violence."

She also reminded the public that the electorate of Baguio City can go to their voting stations safe, free without threat and intimidation in mind.

Meanwhile, the COMELEC Baguio invites all interested citizens to attend the Candidates Forum on March 9 at the Baguio Convention Center.

"To be a vigilant voter, you need to know their advocacies, what they have to offer, bago natin sila iboboto," said Martin./JDP/RMC and Jillie Ominga-PIA/UC Intern



# Rights victims' anger dims Philippine democracy celebrations



President Benigno Aquino will lead the commemoration of the "People Power" uprising that allowed his mother, Corazon, to take over from Ferdinand Marcos

The Philippines is this week celebrating 30 years of democracy, but thousands who suffered through the Marcos dictatorship tremble with anger at slow justice and the stunning political ascent of the late strongman's heir.

President Benigno Aquino will on Thursday lead the commemoration of the "People Power" uprising that allowed his mother, Corazon, to take over from Ferdinand Marcos after he fled to the United States.

But in another part of the city, those who were tortured and imprisoned under martial law will hold their own rally to mourn a lack of justice.

They will also try to raise the alarm over the dictator's only son and namesake from getting elected vice-president, as he has surged to the top of polls with national elections less than three months away.

"We are angry, disappointed, frustrated at the system because until now there has been no justice," said Marie Hilao-Enriquez, vice president of Selda, a group of people who were detained by Marcos's security forces.

"The Marcoses have not returned what they stole and they are rewriting history," said Enriquez, who was imprisoned for two years and whose activist sister was believed killed by government forces.

- Treasure hunt -

Philippine parliament passed a law in 2013 to distribute money that was plundered by the Marcos family to human rights victims.

However, out of \$10 billion that the government estimates to have been plundered, it covers only \$210 million that was discovered in a Swiss bank account.

The government says it has recovered close to \$4 billion worth of assets, but can not distribute the vast bulk of it because of legal challenges by the Marcoses and their cronies.

Meanwhile, an arduous process to verify 75,000 claims will not be finished until 2018, and only then can the victims finally get much-delayed compensation.

The victims have submitted medical records, prison logs and photos of themselves bruised or behind bars, according to Lina Sarmiento, head of the Human Rights Victims Claims Board tasked to verify the applications.

Although the money may not be a lot when it is finally distributed, she said it would be an important symbol of justice.

"More than the compensation for the victims, this is a recognition from the state, giving them back their dignity because they suffered for democracy," Sarmiento told AFP.

"This is long overdue."

The need to finally recognise and compensate human rights victims is not lost on the government claims board.

A timer that counts down to the number of days until the board's 2018 deadline to pay all approved claims is installed on every computer screen in their spartan office.

- Marcos resurgence -

Meanwhile, Ferdinand Marcos Jr is on the verge of cementing a remarkable comeback for the family.

The dictator died in US exile in 1989, but wife Imelda was allowed to return a few years after with her son and two daughters, and they began rebuilding a political power base.

If Marcos Jr, 58, wins the vice presidency, he would be well positioned for a tilt at the nation's top post at the next elections in 2022.

In the Philippines, the two positions are elected separately.

His mother and elder sister are also poised for re-election as congresswoman and governor, respectively, of Ilocos Norte, a northern province that has long been the family's stronghold.

"This is the irony of our time: the activists of the 70s are now ageing and struggling for indemnification and we have not really achieved our objective and here comes another Marcos trying to make a comeback," Selda president Bonifacio Ilagan, a former student activist who was jailed

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Cory officials accused of  
profiting from EDSA 1986*

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... Do not those who plot evil go astray?" (Proverbs 14:22, the Holy Bible).

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**CORY ALLIES ACCUSED OF PROFITTING FROM EDSA 1986:** Who benefited most from the so-called EDSA People Power Revolution of 1986? This article, posted sometime ago in [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Sotto\\_Elite/conversations/topics/269](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Sotto_Elite/conversations/topics/269), holds the view that officials closely allied with then President Corazon C. Aquino profited handsomely, in millions of dollars yet, through questionable machinations. Read some parts of it here:

"The very first big scam after the EDSA revolution was committed quite early: two short months after. That was a blessed, euphoric time when none of its children could do any wrong. The brilliance of the revolution's halo served as a perfect cover for the loss of innocence that was to begin in March and to culminate in April of 1986.

"The fact that it took time for it to blow into a major scandal, which the Senate has considered serious enough for its Blue Ribbon Committee to investigate today, is part of the post-EDSA folk superstition which made Pure Evil synonymous with the Marcos regime and Pure Good with the Cory government.

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**SCANDAL OVER RP PROPERTY IN US:** "It is inconceivable, in this belief-system, for Cory's men to commit any wrong. This is why the PCGG, under its charter as embodied in Executive Order Nos. 1 and 2, can only investigate Marcos relatives and cronies.

"This is why it took time for the nation to even start allowing for the possibility of irregularity -- and possible criminal disadvantage and damage to the government -- in the sale of the property on 212 Stockton Street, on the world-famous Union Square in San Francisco, California.

"This property, known for 25 years since 1947 as the Philippine Airlines Building in San Francisco, was owned by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) at the time it was sold by officials of the Aquino government, then newly installed by People Power. The sale was done hastily, secretly, and in contravention of sound business practice and of government laws, rules and regulations.

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**"THEN EDSA HAPPENED...":** "It was sold in a manner that ensured a low price, and to the wrong party, a buyer who had no motive to pay a high price for everything -- including the rare permits -- that came with the property. The property is universally considered one of the prime locations in the U.S. and even in the world.

"It is in a corner of the upscale shopping and commercial area in San Francisco... PAL (Philippine Air Lines) had always been a lessee of this building. In 1982, the owner put the building in the market for sale. Not wishing to lose the incomparable advantage of having PAL's ticket office in this location, the GSIS -- PAL's company owner -- bought the property in August 1982 at a price below its appraised value, as determined by an independent, professional, third-party appraiser in San Francisco...

"Then EDSA happened. The incoming officials of the new government looked at the site from way across the Pacific Ocean... These new officials (names omitted) presided over what turned out to be a rush-rush, hush-hush sale of one of the best property locations in the world. Everything they did had the effect of devaluing its worth and depressing its price..." We will try to get the side of those named here next!

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## FAIR AND SQUARE

**Where Lies the Blame for our Traffic Congestion in the City? - Part I**

(Reprint from February 6)

BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS



## FASTRACK

**Relive the people's resistance against the dictatorship - NO to the return of the Marcoses in Malacanang**

BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES



**This column space is giving way for the CPA's message - FJF.**

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On the 30th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power I, the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) remembers the Cordillera heroes. More than a holiday, CPA urges the public to review the history of Marcos dictatorship and the story of people's resistance to topple a dictator and paved way to a new chapter of Philippine history. For almost two decades of the Marcos dictatorship before he fled to Hawaii on February 25, 1986, the vast mountains of the Cordillera became a mountain of terror. Today, after 30years, the mountains still search for justice.

Before leading to EDSA I, the Marcos dictatorship views the Cordillera as a resource base to be exploited for so-called "development". In 1974, the World Bank funded the Chico Dam Project along the Chico River. This project would have inundated 1,400 square kilometers of Kalinga homes, rice terraces, orchards and graveyards. About 100,000 people would have been starved and displaced by this monstrous dam project. And in 1973, Marcos allowed the Cellophil Resources Corporation, a corporation owned by his crony Herminio Disini, to plunder almost 200,000 hectares of land and forests in Abra.

On the start, Marcos used bribery and militarization against the people of Kalinga, Bontok and the Tingguians of Abra. A hundred protesters against the Chico Dam were detained in Camp Olivas, many of them clad in their g-strings. Eventually, this repression led to the ruthless assassination of Macliing Dulag, a staunch leader of the anti-Chico Dam movement on April 24, 1980. On the other hand, the Tinggian people valiantly resisted and defended their lands.

Marcos and his cronies did not succeed to silence the Igorots and the people of the Cordilleras. Instead it sparked the peoples struggle in the Cordillera for the defense of land, life, and self-determination. The resistance of the people succeeded in stopping the four mega dams along the Chico River and the Cellophil Logging Resources. Today, the Chico River flows and continues to sustain life along its path. While the scars left by Cellophil on the mountains of Abra is still a long way to recovery.

Today, we relive the bravery of the Cordillera and the Filipino people amidst dictatorship. Today, we remember and give our highest salute to Macliing, Dulag; Ama Lumbaya; Pedro Dungoc; and to the faceless and countless men, women, elders, children and communities who stood up and defied the Marcos dictatorship.

Today, CPA highlights also its strong opposition against the candidacy of Bongbong Marcos. More than ever, Marcos should apologize for the crimes committed by his father. If Bongbong Marcos vice-presidential bid prevails and gain greater political power, it is certain that he will capitalize on the opportunity to further absolve his father and his family of their crimes against the Filipino people. This is an insult to our decades of brave struggle not only as indigenous peoples but also as Filipinos who fought and overthrew a brutal dictatorship in one of the darkest times in our history. We must not forget our fathers, mothers, sons and daughters tortured, killed, massacred and disappeared during the darkest years of Martial Law. We must not forget our communities displaced, bombed, burned, and desecrated during the dictatorship. Never Again. /For reference: Abigail Anongos, Secretary General

## 1,055 Baguio, Benguet residents benefit from free dental mission

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet - About 1,055 residents from three barangays of Baguio City and Benguet were given brand new smile with a free dental check-up and other dental services as they celebrate Hearts Month last week.

More than 1,000 residents of Baguio City and Benguet benefited from free dental services on Valentine's Day.

In celebration of the National Oral Health Month this February, the Philippine Dental Association reached out to people through a series of dental missions in barangays

## Korean community donates binoculars to PRO-Cor

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Police Regional Office - Cordillera got a boost from the United Korean Community Association (UKCA) based in Baguio City with the donation of 24 units of binoculars.

During the Monday flag raising ceremony last week at the Camp Bado Dangwa police headquarters here, UKCA President Hyung Jun Park signed the deed of donation and turned over the 24 units of Porro Prism Binoculars to the PRO-Cor, and received by Acting Regional Director PCSupt. Ulysses Abellera.

According to Hyung Jun Park, the donation of the binoculars which is worth more than P50, 000 is the contribution of the Korean community in support to the police in their operations.

"As we are helping each other, I also want that Filipinos and Koreans are also helping each other whenever they have problems," Park said in an interview.

"I hope this would lead eventually to an intimate friendship between Filipinos and Koreans," Park added.

The PRO-Cor expressed gratefulness to the Korean community for their demonstration of good partnership and rapport with the police force and for their active and continuous support in the furtherance of the PNP's vision and mission.

Abellera said that the binoculars would greatly help the Cordillera police in crime prevention and solution especially for patrolling and operations. The Porro Prism binoculars can produce stereoscopic image and adjustable depending on the preferences.

Initially, 18 binoculars will be given to Baguio City Police Office while the remaining six will be given to Benguet Provincial Police Office. These would be tested and used during the highlights of the Panagbenga festivities in Baguio City on February 27 and 28 and the activities of the upcoming Strawberry festival in La Trinidad, Benguet.

Meanwhile, Park appealed to his fellow Koreans to approach members of their Korean community particularly when they have problems and differences with fellow Koreans or with Filipinos.

"All I am asking for is that overseas Koreans, if you have any trouble and problem with Filipinos, and you have a difficulty to resolve it due to cultural and language differences, please ask us for help," said Park. /JDP/RMC and Yeju Choi- PIA/SLU

of Pacdal in Baguio City; Gambang in Bakun, and Balili in La Trinidad, Benguet.

"This free dental mission aims to help our kabarangays," said Project coordinator Bambi Feliciano. Served on February 6 were 300 residents of Pacdal, 375 residents of Gambang on February 7, and 380 residents of barangay Balili on Valentine's Day sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Company with the Benguet Dental Chapter.

Dr. Marina Balicag, Benguet Dental Chapter president, said that at least 10 volunteer dentists conducted the free dental check-up and other services.

The residents were also given free product samples such as toothpastes and toothbrush for children and adult. There was also free brushing drill to teach the public the proper way to brush their teeth.

According to Balicag, dental caries or tooth decay were the main problems that they encountered during the dental missions. "As early as 4-5 years old, they already have dental caries; even if the permanent teeth did not erupt yet their teeth are already destroyed," she said.

She reminded that parents have a big role in keeping their children's teeth and mouth clean and healthy. She advised that children should brush their teeth twice a day and should visit the dentist every after six months, lessens junk foods as snacks and should drink water after eating sweets.

Balili barangay captain Ramon Tomin expressed his gratitude to the sponsors and the volunteer dentists. "This is a big help to the residents especially to the parents who cannot afford to bring their children to dental clinics."/JDP/RMC and Abigail Clemente-PIA/UC Intern

### I. The City Council

If my memory still serves me right, traffic congestion in Baguio City started to be felt by the Councilors as we also did, as early as the beginning of 1990. Such that retired Judge Edilberto Claravall who was then a Councilor had to author Resolution Nr. 231, series of 1992, entitled: "Urging the LTFRB to Suspend the Grant of New Franchises to Any Public Utility Vehicle plying the route Baguio City."

The starting traffic congestion in the city was later articulated in a privilege speech delivered in the Council by Councilor Leandro Yangot and owing to the representation of Congressman Bernardo Vergara, the Board en banc promulgated M.C. No. 95-014, dubbed as the first moratorium circular issued by the newly created LTFRB. The M.C. was entitled: "Moratorium on the Acceptance of Application for Taxi Service in Baguio."

By 1996, the LTFRB upon the recommendation of the City Council had expanded the moratorium by issuing M.C. No. 96-002 prohibiting the franchising of all public utility vehicles in Baguio City. In 1998, the loopholes created in M.C. 96-002 using the prepositional phrase "in Baguio City" which enabled applicants for taxi service to apply and secure franchises by just making Tuba, La Trinidad, Sablan even Itogon as base of operation (not Baguio City) was corrected and sealed when City Council Resolution Nr. 292, series of 1998 authored by Councilor Richard Cariño was passed upon approval by Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

This Resolution became the basis of the Board in promulgating M. C. No. 98-026 "...suspending the acceptance of applications for franchises to operate all passengers public utility vehicles entering or touching Baguio City, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan and Tuba."

For all these gallant efforts by the City Council in the beginning, legislating measures to preempt traffic congestion in the city then starting to develop, it appears the Councilors were not truly serious in their efforts but merely grandstanding, a habit from which they never recovered until now. This is clear and obvious in the way they abandoned the purpose and the spirit by which the moratorium was adopted as a policy by the City Council itself to contain the congestion of traffic in Baguio.

For, in the course of time after passage of M.C. No. 98-026 which was further strengthened by Memorandum Circular No. 2003-028 or nationwide moratorium, the city Council has not shown to have exercised consistently the political will necessary to effectively impose the moratorium.

The City Council not only failed to stop the issuance of new franchises of public utility vehicles by the unscrupulous Regional Directors which, in the first place, was their duty to their constituents to protect their interest and convenience, but the Council instead choose to uncover the protective shield of the moratorium to accommodate its many CPC applicant protégés wanting to apply and secure franchises despite the moratorium.

For all these reasons, from about 4,000 public utility vehicles before 1998, the City, with its limited and narrow roads and byways, is now host to more than double that number of PUVs. Meaning, the moratorium was not taken cared of by the City Council thereby resulting in these traffic jams the residents and visitors are made to experience and suffer.

Incidentally, this is not mention that the City Council has also failed and continue to fail to contain the congestions attributable to private vehicle owners who are allowed to make use of the secondary and tertiary roads and sometimes even the main roads, as garage and parking spaces.

In brief, this is how the City Council, despite their policy to impose a moratorium as a measure to control traffic congestion has lost steam, thus failing in one of their visions of good governance promised the electorate come every election.



**Supercar owners...**

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traffic just so they could take photographs of themselves (which circulated online amid protests from city residents). The photo above shows the cars flaunting Royale flags.

Concerned Baguio residents then sent us the series of photos below as well as their firsthand accounts. Ellen Mae Kim gave us permission to use her photographs, taken from the BIR Baguio office where she works. Here's what she had to say: "Hello, sir. Yes, it was Royale. We were sitting around the office and wondered why cars were honking their horns nonstop. We took photos of the traffic below. It must have been a good 30 minutes before the traffic moved. Then when I passed Session Road, the group was there, still holding up traffic."

Reynard Ballaga, another eyewitness, had this to add: "I was on my way to the University of the Cordilleras when I was blocked by an SUV to make way for the convoy. The volume of traffic was actually relatively okay, but they blocked the left lane. I got trapped for 15-25 minutes, so I was late for my schedule. The traffic wasn't moving around the Convention Center loop. Incredible."

The lesson here is clear: Whether you drive a jeepney or a Lamborghini, please don't block the flow of traffic. You will cause a major pileup, especially in a small city like Baguio. These guys probably had no idea of the ripple effect that they had caused behind them./ by Paulo Rafael Subido

**More restrictions set...**

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other tourist sites.

She said that recently several tourists mostly those who are walk-ins or have no reservation were not allowed to climb Mount Pulag during the weekends due to the overcrowding at the camp sites and the summit.

Last February 8, Albas said that they have started marking the hands of the mountain trekkers who comply reservations with indelible ink to know who are the right persons to be accommodated in the park.

Albas said that they are looking to close the park during weekends by next year. "We will no longer allow camping activities during the weekends where tourists coming from all over the country gather and overcrowd the area," she said.

She also added that by next year they will encourage organizers to have only ten participants per team to decongest the National Park. Climb organizers have been accommodating more and more climbers and this will be regulated as well.

The ideal capacity of Mt. Pulag is 200 but according to Mt. Pulag Park Management they allow 300 to 400 guests.

Albas explained that although they wanted to close all activities of the Mount Pulag, this could not be done since lives of people will be affected especially the locals./JDP/RMC-Jonah Balicao, John Pucay, Zhang Yu- PIA-CAR Interns

**Editorial...**

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without trial for two years during the dictatorship, told AFP.

Marcos Jnr was not available for comment.

But he has consistently denied any wrongdoing by his family while portraying his father's 20-year rule as benevolent, with tough measures used only to quash security threats such as communism.

In slick election campaign videos, Marcos Jnr proudly declares that "I am not my past" -- in a nod to critics of his father -- while trumpeting his father's alleged gains in the economy and peace and order.

Marcos Jnr is surging in the polls on the back of the family's "loyalists" and a generation of voters who were born after the martial law years, political analyst Ramon Casiple told AFP.

One third of the voters in the upcoming election were born after "People Power", and are susceptible to the Marcos charm offensive as they live in a country still racked by poverty and corruption, according to Casiple.

He said democracy had failed to end these and other long-standing problems, allowing Marcos Jnr, known by his nickname of Bongbong, to falsely portray his father's rule in a golden light.

"Bongbong is portraying the Marcos years as paradise," Casiple told AFP/ Joel Guinto (AFP News)

**New city employees realize policies and CSC rules**

BAGUIO CITY - Some 53 new appointed employees of the city government here underwent a two-day seminar on the personnel policies, plans, procedures and systems handbook of the city government of Baguio as well as existing Civil Service laws and regulations at the Hotel Veniz.

The City Human Resource Management Office spearheaded by assistant CHRM Officer Edith Dawaten gave emphasis on the city's personnel and at the same time clarified the existing laws, rules and regulations of the CSC.

With the orientation, the newly appointed employees are expected to have a concise and accurate information to promote positive work to make them comfortable in their respective jobs.

The employees were able to familiarize themselves and understand the organization's functions, rules and regulations.

As public servants, they are expected to develop realistic job expectations and contribute to a more effective and productive workforce as well as to be acclimated to their new organization, colleagues and work expectations.

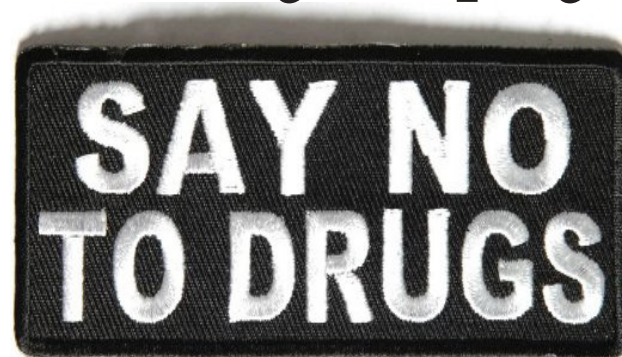
Highlighting the seminar includes the awareness of the mission and vision of the city government of Baguio, the various departments and its functions; the importance of government office hours/biometrics and personnel locator slip; leave administration; career development, gender and development and dress code.

The employees also realized the existence of laws on complaints and grievances; administrative discipline; anti-red tape act of 2007; recruitment, selection on appointment processes and prohibition; and accounting rules and regulation.

The benefits provided by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Pag-ibig and Philhealth to public servants were also appreciated by the employees

"The orientation was designed to impart to the new employees comprehensive information of the city's programs and services as well opportunities for learning new skills and encourage them to take new responsibilities to become effective, efficient and productive civil servants," said Dawaten.

She added, "effective new employee training leads to both professional and personal growth, which, in turn, leads to increased productivity and helping organizations achieve their long-term goals, have sense of pride and public recognition as a valued team member. Also, it gives employees a solid foundation to build a positive employment relationship and give them guidance and support to become productive and fully engaged team members."/Jho Arranz

**Apayao launches anti-drug campaign**

BAGUIO CITY - The province of Apayao formally launched a province-wide anti-drug campaign to address the alarming increase of drug-related cases in the province.

The launching was held in Kabugao last February 9, during the joint Provincial Peace and Order Council and Provincial Development Council meeting led by Gov. Elias Bulut Jr., Congresswoman Eleanor Begtang and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-Cordillera (PDEA-CAR) Regional Director Juvenal Azurin.

**PH NatCom sets public meeting on Sustainable Tourism at the World Heritage Site for Ifugao**

LAGAWE, Ifugao - The Philippine National Commission (PH NatCom) for UNESCO will conduct a Public Meeting on Sustainable Tourism at the World Heritage Site of the "Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordillera" for Ifugao on February 24, 2016 at the Highlander Hotel and Resort in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya.

The meeting organized under the framework of UNESCO Jakarta's project called "The Power of Culture: Supporting Community-Based Management and Sustainable Tourism at World Heritage Sites in Southeast Asia" will present the outcome of two previous workshops to the public concerning the development of sustainable tourism strategy at World Heritage Site that will be a medium for the Ifugao local government to share its Tourism Master Plan.

The Project is a regional effort in the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism (WH+ST) Program which is initiated by the UNESCO Office in Jakarta to catalyze positive change to protect and conserve the sites while enriching the lives of the local communities and enhancing the experience of travelers.

It is intended to establish a shared responsibility for the conservation of common cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value and ensure sustainable development through appropriate tourism management.

The meeting will be facilitated by the Ifugao Provincial Government (IPG) and the concerned national authorities who will communicate the efforts of Ifugao in developing a Tourism Master Plan, present the outcome of the UNESCO facilitated process focusing on the considerations for World Heritage and sustainable tourism and invite feedback and input to secure a public mandate for the IPG alongside the national authorities to move forward.

Before the Feb. 24 meeting, the second and last initiation workshop will be conducted on Feb. 22-23 to consolidate results achieved to date, compile relevant elements from existing and available documents that would go into sustainable tourism strategy and identify shortcomings issues in need of further efforts to be fed into the Tourism Master Plan./JDP/DBC- PIA CAR, Ifugao

Spearheaded by the Kabugao Municipal Mayor Joseph Amid, this old capital town initiated the first drug-test among local government employees with the goal to have a drug-free local government.

There were about 168 employees who were tested and screened for drugs including those from national agencies like Department of Education, Commission on Elections, non-uniformed personnel of the Philippine National Police and the Association of Barangay Councils.

This is an initiative of the municipality of Kabugao and will be implemented on the other municipalities too, said Bulut.

"The campaign focuses on creating a program on anti-drug designed from the barangay level with participation from the public and the different sectors. The drug-testing done by the LGU Kabugao is the first step and a sample of this campaign," said Bulut.

The PDEA-CAR has identified drugs as a rising problem in the province with the town of Luna has having the most number of drug-related cases as of this writing. 13 of 36 barangays in the province are identified as drug-infiltrated specifically with shabu.

Bulut attributed this increase to the lack of campaign and participation from the people. "We cannot depend on the police or PDEA alone, we need also to tap private sectors, religious sectors and barangay officials," said Bulut.

The Governor believes that in order to lessen poverty, it is important to first address peace and order issue like drugs. "Love your family, let's make Apayao drug-free and get rid of poverty."/JDP/RMC & Jillie Ominga-PIA/UC Intern



# What Bongbong Marcos knew of Swiss deposits



GOOD TIMES. The Marcos couple with vice presidential candidate Arturo Tolentino as they open their campaign for the 1986 snap elections. Photo lifted from the book *Bayan Ko!*

MANILA, Philippines — When Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. was 26, living in Hawaii after his father was deposed by a people power rebellion in February 1986, a first-hand account shows that he was privy to the Marcos deposits in the Swiss banks, particularly Credit Suisse. It is not clear if he knew the amounts involved but these were estimated at \$10 to \$20 billion, alleged to have been illicit wealth. Part of this has since been transferred to the Philippine government.

We are publishing excerpts from the narration of banker Michael de Guzman, culled from his testimonies to Congress in 1989 and 1997 and published in the book, “Endless Journey: A Memoir” by Jose Almonte as told to Marites Dañguilan Vitug. This sheds light on what the young Marcos, now a senator and candidate for vice-president, knew of part of his family’s wealth.

De Guzman was a high-flying banker who headed an investment firm in Manila in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He later formed a bank in Austria and spent much of his time there. He had known Bongbong and even hosted him once when he visited Vienna.

De Guzman testified in

2 Congressional investigations on “Operation Big Bird,” a sting operation to recover the Marcoses’ ill-gotten deposits hidden in the then secretive banks of Switzerland.

“Operation Big Bird” failed because key persons in the government of President Corazon Aquino foiled it—despite her support. They did not trust Almonte, who, at the time, was the leader of the clandestine project, as well as De Guzman.

One of the first things De Guzman did, immediately after the EDSA rebellion, was to seek a meeting with the Marcoses. His aim was to acquire letters designating him to transfer the Marcos deposits to his bank in Vienna before these were frozen by the Swiss government. He would then turn these over to the Philippine government and be paid a certain percentage of the total find.

## Bongbong parents’ representative

At the time, President Marcos was ailing. In the temporary quarters of the Marcoses in Hickam Air Force base in Honolulu, there seemed to be nervousness in the air and some uncertainty about the state of their enormous Swiss deposits. This contributed to De Guzman’s initial success — he came

at an early time and made the first offer to rescue their wealth.

The Marcos couple agreed to see him and gave him 2 letters of authority. Bongbong, in a way, served as his parents’ representative. He met with De Guzman twice.

The senator has given conflicting answers on this episode of his life. Last year, when asked by a TV reporter, he denied meeting with De Guzman about recovering his family’s Swiss bank accounts.

Earlier, though, in 2012, he admitted it during a question-and-answer with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines.

Four things are clear from De Guzman’s account:

1. President Marcos assigned to Bongbong the task of coordinating with their contact in Credit Suisse to keep their funds intact.

2. Mrs. Marcos instructed Bongbong to deal with De Guzman.

3. Bongbong called their contact in Switzerland to expect a visit from De Guzman.

4. Bongbong gave De Guzman written instructions on what steps to take after the funds have been transferred to Vienna and to bill them.

Here are excerpts from De Guzman’s account of

his meetings with the Marcoses in Honolulu, March 1986:

“Mr. and Mrs. Marcos agreed to see me one evening and Col. [Irwin] Ver was asked to accompany me to Hickam Base. [Victor Bou] Dagher [a Lebanese, De Guzman’s business partner] and I knew that we were already getting very close and I had to be very convincing in my presentation to the Marcoses.

After we entered the main gate of the Base, we passed a rather long stretch of road, similar to Clark Field, before reaching the housing area, a row of small bungalows. Col. Ver and I walked through a dark, unlit entrance to the house and we passed two Secret Service personnel.

As I entered the house, I saw Mrs. Marcos sitting in the sofa of the small living room...I was asked to sit by the dining table across from the living room...

A few moments later, Mr. Marcos came out of his room and Mrs. Marcos joined us...Col. Ver stepped outside the house, where he waited.

Mr. Marcos appeared very weak. It was Mrs. Marcos who opened the discussion by asking me what news I had to tell them...I started by informing them that I had strong reasons to believe that the Swiss banks and the Swiss government would take measures to freeze their deposits.

At that point, Mrs. Marcos asked [Fe] Gimenez [personal secretary] about the status of her talks with their Swiss contacts. Gimenez replied that the Swiss contact would take care of protecting and moving the accounts and re-documenting them.

Mrs. Marcos then confirmed to me that several records of their deposits were left in the Philippines. It was at this moment that I realized... the movement of accounts was indeed happening.

I told them that it was not the time to fully trust the Swiss banks and described to them the conditions if the deposits were frozen, as what happened

to the Shah of Iran. I offered an alternative and recommended that they give me an authority to see their bankers and I would have the deposits transferred to my bank in Vienna.

About an hour later, Ferdinand Jr (Bongbong) arrived and I was asked to brief him. Mr. Marcos told Bongbong to check with their contact in Switzerland. At that point, I was asked to leave the room...

Later, Bongbong came out of the house and asked me to join him in his car, a gray Toyota Corolla, while Col. Ver was asked to remain and wait four return. Bongbong drove to the Honolulu International Airport to look for a public pay phone. After he parked the car, I followed Bongbong to one of the pay phones. While I maintained a distance from where he was, I could hear that he placed a long-distance call. He asked the operator to charge the call to a Honolulu phone number. I also noted that he was talking to a person whom I assumed to be their Swiss contact. I heard Bongbong mention the country of Panama and I heard him say that they could not leave the US nor could anyone of them go to Panama. Bongbong then hung up and we went back to Hickam.

Bongbong entered the house while I waited outside...After about an hour, Bongbong came out again and asked me to join him in his drive to the airport. As he placed the second call, the telephone operator refused to honor the Honolulu telephone number to which he was charging the call. Bongbong became concerned as it appeared very unusual for the operator to refuse to place his call. He feared being monitored by the US authorities.

We then returned to the house. Bongbong asked Col. Ver to help him carry a bag outside. Mrs. Marcos gave me a small note with the name ‘Palmy Foundation’ and she said to me that I should not let Mr. Marcos, Bongbong, or any member of her family know of

the account. She handed over a small plastic bag which she said contained travelers’ checks and told me to hold the checks until further notice. Mr. Marcos was no longer in the living room. Mrs. Marcos said that Bongbong would coordinate with me.

We left Hickam past midnight and Bongbong decided to bring me back to the hotel so he would know where I stayed in case he would need to see me. While in the car, I told Bongbong that I would have to leave within the next 24 hours. I told him that they should decide fast.

...About lunchtime, I received a call from Col. Ver advising me that Bongbong would be seeing me in the evening. .. Bongbong gave me two letters of authority [one signed by Ferdinand Marcos, the other by Imelda Marcos]. The understanding was that the funds were going to be transferred to Export-Finanzierungsbank, my bank in Vienna. No account was specified.

I also received small notes from Bongbong confirming several instructions that upon the receipt of funds in Vienna, he would be sending somebody to coordinate with me and take the funds from us. He also wrote that it was up to me to bill them for my fee. (Ikaw na ang bahalang sumingil sa gagawin mo.)

Bongbong used the telephone in our hotel to call the Swiss contact and, as we agreed, our names were not given. He only gave my Austrian driver’s license because Dagher and I did not want the Swiss contact to be alerted as to who I was...

Bongbong advised his Swiss contact to expect the arrival of an individual bearing the license number he had given. Then he gave us the phone number of the Swiss contact who turned out to be Ernst Scheller. I learned later that he was a senior VP of Credit Suisse. He was the account manager of the Marcos deposits.”/ Marites Danguilan Vitug/@maritesdvitug / Rappler.com



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Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
BRANCH 59  
BAGUIO CITY  
(Additional Family  
Court of Baguio)

IN RE: PETITION FOR  
THE CORRECTION  
OF THE ENTRIES IN  
THE CERTIFICATE  
OF LIVE BIRTH  
OF AMYTHESS  
MARGRETHE FAYE  
SARITO MARZAN,

TERESA SARITO  
MARZAN,

*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE CITY CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF  
BAGUIO CITY  
AND THE PHIL-  
IPPINE STATIS-  
TICS AUTHORITY,  
OFFICE OF THE  
CIVIL REGISTRAR  
GENERAL, QUEZON  
CITY,

*Respondents,*

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SPECIAL PRO. CASE  
NO. 2510-R

ORDER

A verified Amended  
Petition by the petitioner,  
through counsel alleged  
among others, that:

"1. Petitioner is of  
legal age, married,  
Filipino Citizen and with  
residence at #101 Lower  
Rock Quarry, Baguio  
City where she may be  
served with processes of  
the Honorable Court;

"2. Respondents are  
being impleaded as  
nominal parties the custo-  
dians or records of birth.  
The City Civil Registrar  
of Baguio City may be  
served with the Court's  
summons and other court  
processes at their office  
address at T. Alonzo  
St., Baguio City. On  
the other hand, respon-  
dent Philippine Statis-  
tics Authority (PSA),  
formerly National Sta-  
tistics Office (NSO), can  
be served with the Court's  
summons and processes  
at its office address at  
CVEA Bldg., East Ave.,  
Diliman, Quezon City  
1101, Philippines.

"3. Petitioner got  
married to WALDO  
WILFREDO QUEZADA  
MARZAN on AUGUST  
24, 1997 at St. Augustine  
of the Hippo Parish,  
Naguilian, La Union; a  
copy of their Certificate  
of Marriage is hereto  
attached and marked  
as ANNEX "A" to form  
part of this Petition;

"4. Petitioner's first  
child was born on

December 12, 1995 and  
christened AMYTHESS  
MARGRETHE FAYE  
SARITO MARZAN, a  
copy of her Certificate  
of Live Birth is hereto  
attached as ANNEX  
"B" to form part of this  
Petition;

"5. In the Certificate of  
Live Birth of Amythess  
Margrethe Faye issued  
by the Philippine Statis-  
tics Authority, formerly  
NSO, particularly in  
Entry Item No. 13, the  
Middle Name of father  
is "QUESADA" and  
in Entry Item No. 18,  
the Date and Place of  
Marriage is "JANUARY  
20, 1998", there is a need  
to correct the aforemen-  
tioned details of the Cer-  
tificate of Live Birth, for  
the following reasons, to wit:

a. To correct the Entry  
Item 13, NAME OF THE  
FATHER, the Middle  
Name that was entered is  
"QUESADA" because the  
correct middle name is  
"QUEZADA"; and

b. To correct Entry  
Item 18, DATE AND  
PLACE OF MARRIAGE,  
the date and place  
entered is "JANUARY  
20, 1998", because the  
correct Date of Marriage  
is "AUGUST 24, 1997";

6. Petitioner's second  
child was born on April  
24, 1998 and christened  
Waldemar Christian  
Sarito Marzan and in  
his Certificate of Live  
Birth particularly in  
Entry Item 13, Name of  
FATHER (First, Middle  
and Last), it contains the  
correct Middle Name  
of the father which is  
"QUEZADA" and in  
Entry 18, DATE AND  
PLACE OF MARRIAGE  
OF PARENTS, it is also  
contain the correct date  
of marriage of parents  
which is AUGUST 24,  
1997. A copy of the Cer-  
tificate of Live Birth is  
hereto attached and  
marked as "ANNEX "C",  
to form a part of this  
Petition;

On the basis of the  
foregoing, the petitioner  
prays of this Honorable  
Court that after due  
notice, publication and  
hearing, judgment be  
rendered by:

"1. To correct the  
Entry in Item 13, Name of  
Father (First, Middle and  
Last), which is the Middle  
Name of the Father from  
"QUESADA" to  
"QUEZADA"; and

"2. To correct the  
Entry in Item No. 18,  
DATE AND PLACE  
OF MARRIAGE OF  
PARENTS, from  
JANUARY 20, 1988 TO  
"AUGUST 24, 1997".

Finding the Amended  
Petition to be sufficient  
in form and substance, let  
the same be heard before  
the Regional Trial Court,  
Branch 59, Baguio City  
on May 3, 2016 at 10:15  
o'clock in the morning,  
at which place, date and  
time, the petitioners

shall prove their case.  
Any person interested  
may appear and show  
cause, if any there be,  
why the petition should  
not be granted.

Let a copy of this  
Order be published  
at the expense of the  
petitioner in the The  
Junction, a newspaper of  
general circulation in the  
City of Baguio and in  
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week for three (3) consec-  
utive weeks.

Likewise, let a copy of  
this Order together with  
a copy of the petition  
and its annexes, be  
furnished the Honorable  
Solicitor General, Makati  
City, Metro Manila, The  
City Prosecutor of  
Baguio, Philippine Statis-  
tics Authority (formerly  
NSO) the Local Civil  
Registrar of Baguio  
City, Office of the  
Civil Registrar General,  
Quezon City, and Teresa  
Sarito Marzan and all  
other persons named  
in the petition.

SO ORDERED.

D O N E I N  
CHAMBERS, this 5th  
day of January, 2016 at  
Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) IVAN KIM B.  
MORALES  
Judge

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RURAL BANK OF  
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INC.,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

ANITA DEMOT  
HILVANO AND  
ENRIQUE HILVANO,  
Mortgagors,  
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CASE NO. 16-628-S

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE  
OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition  
for extra-judicial fore-  
closure sale under Act  
3135, as amended filed  
by RURAL BANK OF  
ITOGON (BENGUET),

INC., against ANITA  
DEMOT HILVANO and  
ENRIQUE HILVANO of  
No. 65 B Lower Balacbac,  
Baguio City to satisfy  
the mortgage indebted-  
ness which as of January  
29, 2016 amounts to  
FIVE HUNDRED  
TWO THOUSAND SIX  
HUNDRED TWENTY  
THREE PESOS &  
56/100 (Php 502,623.56)  
inclusive of interest,  
penalties, attorney's fees  
but exclusive of sheriff's  
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signed or any duly autho-  
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16, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock  
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and in PHILIPPINE  
CURRENCY, the real  
property together with  
all existing improvements  
thereon which is more  
particularly described as  
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more or less." (Complete  
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Baguio City, Philip-  
pines, February 11, 2016.

(SGD) ATTY. LINDA  
MONTES-LOLOY  
Clerk of Court VI &  
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(SGD) DELFIN E.  
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Notice is hereby given that  
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died in Mabini, Batangas on  
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## Abra PPO conducts safekeeping of firearms of politicians

BANGUED, Abra - The Abra Provincial  
Police Office (PPO) conducted safekeep-  
ing of firearms activity last February 15 at  
PNP Camp Juan Villamor, Calaba, this town.

According to PPO OIC PSSupt Antonio  
P. Bartolome, this activity aims to compel all  
political candidates and elected officials in  
the province to surrender guns and ammos  
under their keeping.

Bartolome stressed that this is another  
strategy to attain peaceful and meaningful  
elections pushing that everyone must abide  
by the law.

A total of 74 firearms were surrendered to  
the PPO- 44 short and 30 rifles.

Few political candidates only attended  
since most of them surrendered their firearms  
in their respective Municipal Police Station.  
Nonetheless, Bartolome considered this as a  
jumpstart in bringing about political maturity  
and adherence to the law here.

Provincial Election Officer Atty. Mae  
Richelle Beronilla witnessed the firearms  
safekeeping activity. She informed that she  
is retained as the PES here and thanked all  
people and support system./JDP/GBB - PIA  
CAR, Abra

## Ifugao PNP station deals with youth offenders thru "Batang Lihis, Ituwid"

HINGYON, Ifugao - Guided with the  
motto "to serve and protect", the  
Hingyon Municipal Police Station (HMPS)  
has conceptualized an innovative way of  
dealing with youth offenders in the munic-  
ipality.

Dubbed as "Batang Lihis, Ituwid", this  
aims to safeguard the youth from being  
exploited and to identify, monitor, advice  
and motivate school and out-of-school  
children to be more productive and law  
abiding citizens. It helps the different  
schools in addressing disciplinary problems  
and builds stronger relationship with the  
different children with hyper problems.

## Baguio engineer tops Sanitary Engineer board exam

BAGUIO CITY - A civil engineer from  
Baguio City topped the recent Sanitary  
Engineer Licensure Examinations.

Engr. Cherish Mennao Rillera of the Uni-  
versity of Baguio ranked Top 1 with a rating  
of 81.83 percent.

"I was surprised, overwhelmed, and  
happy. I did not even know it was going  
to be released that day," said Rillera when  
asked what she felt when she got the news  
that she was the Top 1.

"When I learned that my batch mate,  
Jenny Dawn Valdez, made it to the top  
in the licensure exams in August 2015, I  
challenged myself to do the same for the  
January 2016 exams. I really wanted to top  
the board ever since my Civil Engineering  
licensure exams in 2012," said Rillera.

Cherish is a consistent honor student.  
She graduated as class valedictorian in  
Naguilian Elementary School and  
Naguilian National High School - Special  
Science Class. She took her first degree,  
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineer-  
ing at Saint Louis University, where she  
graduated cum laude and took another  
degree, Bachelor of Science in Environ-  
mental and Sanitary Engineering at the  
University of Baguio where she graduated  
honorable mention.

Cherish is a the daughter of Provincial  
Board Member of the 2nd District of La  
Union, Engr. Ruperto Rillera Jr. and Civil  
Service Commission-Cordillera Assistant  
Regional Director Cornelia Rillera.

Rillera is working as a field engineer at  
a construction firm and plans to put up  
her own firm.

The Professional Regulation Commission  
announced that 32 out of 56 passed the  
Sanitary Engineer Licensure Examination  
given by the Board of Sanitary Engineer-  
ing in Manila in January 2016. Successful  
examinees will have their oath taking on  
February 25 at the Manila Hotel./JDP/RMC  
& Jayle Pauline Damasco-PIA/UB Intern

Senior Inspector Peter Cawitan, HMPS  
Officer-In-Charge, explained that they  
have observed in the past years the gradual  
increase of children in conflict with the law  
(CICL) in the municipality that became  
problems of parents and the community.

"They were being exploited to act on  
things that in their innocence they violated  
certain laws. A lot of children bullied their  
own schoolmates that often time caused  
drop-outs from school and fighting  
incidents," Cawitan stated.

"Batang Lihis, Ituwid" involves Hingyon  
police personnel continuously coordinating  
with the municipal social welfare and devel-  
opment office, schools, parents concerned  
and barangay officials for the identification  
of misbehaving children to be advised.

Weekly house and school visitations  
and dialogues with school and MSWDO  
personnel, parents, barangay officials will  
be conducted including lectures and other  
related activities for the benefits of all  
clients./JDP/MBL- PIA CAR, Ifugao



## DOH reminds public to do regular clean up drive

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This was reported by DOH Cordillera Medical officer IV Dr. Alexei Marrero in a recent kapihan media forum here.

Marrero explained that Zika infection which has affected many countries, is a disease transmitted to people through bite of an infected *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito, the same mosquito that transmits Dengue and Chikungunya.

Mosquitoes that spread Zika bite aggressively during the day and Zika virus can also be transmitted through infected blood or sexual contact and from mother to baby during pregnancy, he added.

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"The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for 2 to 7 days. People having these signs and symptoms should seek immediate consultation to the nearest health facility", he stressed.

Marrero reiterates the health department's call for a regular clean-up drive as cases of dengue in the region remain high.

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Baguio City and Benguet recorded the most cases with 173 and 158, respectively, he added.

Marrero iterated the DOH Campaign of "Stop, Look and Listen" - stop at 4PM(everyday), look inside and outside the house (for search and destroy of possible dengue mosquito breeding sites) and Listen to health and barangay officials for the proper ways to prevent Zika, Dengue and Chikungunya infections. /JDP/CCD with Daren Supnet and Faith Roque/PIA - SLU Interns

## Domogan authorized barangay officials to protect their own jurisdiction from vandalism

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city government here is firm in the campaign against graffiti and vandalism in this mountain resort.

It is reported that the inventory of graffiti and vandalism conducted by the members of the anti-task force show that violations of the code are all committed within the jurisdiction of barangays.

It is for this reason that punong barangays and members of the barangay council in the city of Baguio are designated as guardians and protectors against graffiti and vandalism in their respective barangays through Administrative Order No. 020 of mayor Mauricio Domogan.

The campaign is anchored on the city's ordinance no. 41, series of 2008 also known as the Anti-Graffiti Code of the City of Baguio which mandates the cleaning of the city graffiti and vandalism in both public and private property.

Also, administrative orders no. 187 and 38 created respectively a management committee to oversee the implementation of the code and a task force to implement the approved Anti-Graffiti Operations Plan of the code which includes membership of the task force, barangay district coordinators and punong barangays.

In the recent order, "efficient and effective governance, in pursuance of the general welfare of the barangay and the residents, the punong barangay and all members of the barangay council shall enforce all laws and ordinances applicable in their respective jurisdictions".

Domogan said the manifestation of support by representatives from both the government and private sectors is vital to the cause of the revitalized campaign to stop the worsening problem on vandalism.

Violators will be penalized with fines ranging from P1,000 to P5,000 and imprisonment. Community service will also be employed as penalty for violators./Jho Arranz

## 2016 Kababaihan SAF heroes inspire local artist in Panagbenga painting event

**B**AGUIO CITY- With the theme, "Kapakanan ni Juana, Bisama sa Agenda," kababaihan month is launched Monday, Feb. 29 to celebrate national women's month; at city hall and different agencies at their respective offices.

A Kapihan, sponsored by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) Philippine Information Agency (PIA) and the Women's Month committee, follows on March 1, 10AM to 12noon at the city hall multi-purpose hall.

Panelists were invited to address and clarify issues raised by women groups and individuals. Gender equality, women's rights, empowerment and well-being are among those to be discussed. Last year's forum included personal testimonies on women empowerment as to being a wife, mother, entrepreneur and active community organizer.

In the morning of March 8, the awarding of Outstanding Women Leaders (OWL) happens at the Baguio Convention Center, after a parade featuring women's groups. The OWL is selected from nominations by women groups, individuals and the barangays. The Save Our Women, Civil Service Commission (CSC-CAR), Baguio Center for Young Adults (BCYA) City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), PIA, Special Services Division-City Mayor's Office (SSD-CMO), CSWDO, and Igorota Foundation are active members and are part of the selection committee.

On the same date, a women's forum by the CSC-CAR is being arranged, with the venue to be announced at a later date.

A one-day teen's health fair is sponsored by the Health Services Office (HSO), BCYA, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and Save Our Women, on March 12 at Malcolm Square. A photo exhibit featuring Barangay Women's Organization shall be done simultaneously at the SM Event Center.

On March 19 and 20, an ecological/recycling fair with the women's groups, General Services Office (GSO) and Balikatan Sa Kaunlaran (BSK) shall be conducted at the People's Park. Recycled and reusable materials shall be on display, it was known.

In the afternoon of March 20, the best performing barangay women's organizations receive their awards at the SM Event Center.

Womens' talent, skill, flair and creativity is showcased in the afternoon of March 23 at the city hall, multi-purpose hall with the CSWDO, Kalipi and women organizations at the helm. The women groups compete in chorale, ethnic and folk dance competition including an ethnic attire fashion show.

Winners of the poster and slogan contests shall be announced in the morning of March 28 at the city multi-purpose hall.

Modular sessions for women in the barangays, seminars on gender sensitivity, practical skills training and livelihood program may be requested from the women's month committee for the whole month of March.

The following offices are open for information: office of Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, chair of the Social Services, Women and Urban Poor Committee, tel. no. 442-54-93; CSWDO at 442-3842, 442-7893; Civil Service Commission, 443-5981 and 442-0367; and, Health Services Office./Julie G. Fianza

### No Zika Cases in...

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Meantime, Marrero also disclosed that like Zika virus no Chikungunya cases yet recorded this year for Cordillera.

Nevertheless, Marrero iterates the DOH Campaign of "Stop, Look and Listen" - stop at 4pm (everyday), look inside and outside the house (for search and destroy of possible dengue mosquito breeding sites) and Listen to health and barangay officials for the proper ways to prevent Zika, Dengue and Chikungunya infections./CCD with Daren Supnet and Faith Roque/PIA - SLU Interns

**B**AGUIO CITY - A local artist drew inspiration from the Special Action Force heroes in his painting during the 'Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom' of the 21st edition of the Panagbenga or Baguio Flower Festival.

Johji Yokota, a third year Mass Communication student of the Saint Louis University, painted a SAF trooper giving a salute and filled the canvass with floral design.

Yokota said that he was inspired by the heroism of the SAF commandos who sacrificed their lives in the Mamasapano encounter in Maguindanao last year. He said he wanted people to remember the sacrifices and the bravery of these 44 policemen who were killed during the Mamasapano clash. The painting is also a way of calling for justice for the fallen SAF troopers.

"To commemorate the lives that were lost because of terrorism and war, I hope that the SAF 44 will meet justice soon," said Yokota.

It could be remembered that at least 44 elite police officers, 14 of them Cordilleran's, died while on a mission to capture international terrorist Malaysian bomb maker Zulkifli bin Hir also known as Marwan and Abdul Basit Usman on January 25 last year.

With the theme "Bless the Children with Flowers," hundreds of children and adults including local artists from all over the city and nearby provinces participated in the 'Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom', Handog ng Panagbenga sa Pamilya Baguio which is one of the major activities of Panagbenga.

The SAF inspired painting will be paraded during the Panagbenga Grand Street Parade on February 27 together with the hundreds of paintings by local artists including children./JDP/RMC & Rhona Hadap-PIA/SLU Intern

### Operatives destroy P50M...

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PDEA-CAR and Army Reserved Command (ARESCOM) conducted operations in 10 sites of marijuana plantation with a total land area of 8, 250 square meters in Sitio Bekes of Barangay Takadang, Kibungan in Benguet.

The joint operatives uprooted and destroyed on site 53,900 fully grown marijuana plants, 110,000 grams of dried marijuana stalks, 20,000 grams of dried marijuana leaves and 3,000 grams of marijuana seeds with a total Dangerous Drug Board value of Php27, 005,000.00.

Police Cordillera Regional Office Acting Regional Director PCSupt. Ulysses Abellera commended the operatives for the successful operations, as he stressed that this is just a start of the intensive anti-drug campaign and operations that the PRO-Cor will do.

"A more forceful, intensive and unrelenting campaign against the cultivation and use of illegal drugs will be implemented region wide" he said.

Abellera also appreciated the support of the community to eliminate all forms of drugs in the region. With the support of the community, the PNP's campaign against all form of illegal drugs will continue to gain success, he said./JDP/RMC & Jillie Ominga-PIA/UC Intern



## Chiz Wants Fixed Salary, Pension for Barangay Execs

Vice-presidential frontrunner Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero said barangay officials deserve a fixed monthly salary and membership to the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) in order to qualify for retirement benefits.

Providing pension and perks to barangay officials is on the agenda of Escudero and his presidential running mate, Sen. Grace Poe, should they win in the May 9 national elections.

Escudero said they want to place barangay executives under the Salary Standardization Law (SSL) so they may receive benefits given to GSIS members upon retirement.

"Layunin naming bigyan ng pagkilala ang serbisyo ng mga opisyal ng barangay at ang kanilang pagiging frontline sa pagbibigay ng basic services sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay rin sa kanila ng karampatang sweldo upang may basehan ang paggawad sa kanila ng pensyon matapos nilang manilbihan," Escudero said.

"Mahigit kumulang 20 taon silang nanilbihan sa barangay pero pag-retiro nila ay ni piso o singkong duling, wala silang matatanggap," he lamented.

Under the implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 8291 or the GSIS Act of 1997, barangay officials are among those excluded from the compulsory coverage of the pension fund, primarily because they are not receiving a fixed monthly compensation.

Escudero said that if there are public servants who deserve to be compensated, it should be the barangay officials who are at the forefront of government service and they serve the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Ang kapitan at kagawad namin, matutulog na lang may kumakatok pa. Tulog pa, may gumigising na," he said.

The Local Government Code provides that barangay officials should only receive an honorarium, and not salaries. At present, a barangay captain get an honorarium of at least P1,000 per month while the councilors, the treasurer and secretary each receive P600 monthly.

Escudero, however, said a law is in order to include barangay officials in the salary standardization system.

He noted that the Department of Budget and Management, in the local budget circulars it issued, pegged the maximum rate of honoraria for barangay officials at the first step of Salary Grade (SG) 14 for the barangay chairman, and the first step of SG 10 for other barangay officials.

Unfortunately, he said, certain problems still arise with respect to the compensation of barangay officials despite the issuance of the DBM circulars.

Under the proposed 2015 SSL, Step 1 of SG 14 is equivalent to P24,141 and Step 1 of SG 10 is P17,730/Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

## Operatives destroy P50M worth of marijuana

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - More than P50 million worth of marijuana were uprooted and burned in the recent operations by various law enforcement agencies in Benguet in the past two

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On February 15 to 17, operating personnel composed of the Regional Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operation Task Group (RAIDSOTG), Regional Public Safety Battalion (RPSB), Benguet Provincial Police Office (PPO), Bakun Municipal Police Station (MPS), and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA-CAR) conducted operations in at least 33 marijuana plantation sites with a total land area of 12,667 square meters in Sitios Naba, Kaang, Gusadan, Nagawa, Dakap, Bulisay, Agayay, Kaday and Pagungan of Barangay Kayapa, Bakun, Benguet.

The operatives uprooted and burned on site 75, 750 fully grown marijuana plants, 16,750 Marijuana seedlings, and 65,000 of dried marijuana stalks with a total Dangerous Drug Board value (DDB) of Php 25,579,000.00.

Earlier on February

11 to 12, the operating personnel composed of the RAIDSOTG, Bakun MPS, Kibungan MPS,

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**VACANCIES** - More jobseekers apply for vacant positions at City Hall. The applicants are screened by the Personnel Evaluation Board headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan. / By Bong Cayabyab

## No Zika Cases in CAR - DOH

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Marrero stressed.

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