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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

## Increasing Rape Cases Alarm Benguet Gov



**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING** – A female inmate keeps the candles burning against an unusually windy evening as prisoners of the city jail go for two hours in their fourth year observance of “Earth Hour” in support of the outside world’s own effort at energy conservation last March 31./Mondax Photo.

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — Governor Nestor Fongwan is alarmed over the recent reports of the increasing number of rape case in the province.

Fongwan revealed to reporters on Monday that rape cases have increased in the province particularly statutory and incest rape based from the reports of the Benguet Provincial Police Office.

Although he did not mention the exact number of cases, he said that an incident occurred in a mining community where a man allegedly raped five children aged 5 to 7 years old on different occasions.

Another involves a father who raped her daughter over and over when the mother was out working at the farm.

“Abnormal na ang nangyayaring ito sa Benguet,” Fongwan stressed.

The Governor said that the provincial government through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office has noted the case and they will be helping the victims and will file cases against the perpetrators.

Fongwan said that he would call for an emergency summit to be participated by all the town mayors, other officials in-

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## Cordilleran Offers Room for Cancer Patient

There will be room at the inn, so to speak, when a 53-year old mother of five from Baguio begins her 25-day radiation therapy against cancer this Tuesday.

The room is just behind an eatery near the entrance of East Avenue in Quezon City, a jeepney ride away from the Philippine Lung Center along E. Rodriguez Avenue where patient Amparo Rivera will have her daily treatment for cancer of the cervix.

A Cordillera businessman offered the place for free the moment he learned that Ricky, eldest son of Amparo, was already at a loss figuring out how to raise the cost of the treatment – P7,900 for the treatment planning fee and P18,000 for the physician's or professional fee.

The billeting support was pure relief for Ricky. His eyes welled again last Wednesday as more Samaritans delivered donations to raise the P25,900 needed to complete the payment for the therapy delayed for months due to poverty.

The fund drive was boosted by an anonymous Samaritan who coursed P5,000 through the residence of Bishop Carlito Cenzon, Catholic vicar apostolic of Baguio and a couple who asked Ricky to drop by their office at the Laperal Building for a P2,000 contribution.

Earlier, Shoshin Foundation established by Cordilleran and former world karate champion Julian Chees, sent P10,000. A certain "Uncle Sam" handed Ricky P2,000 to add to earlier amounts of P6,000 from "Ma'am Teresa"; P2,000 from "Ma'am Madz"; P1,500 each from "Sir Richard" and "Sir Leonardo".

Of the cash donations totaling P30,000, Amparo used P2,000 for emergency medicines to control her bleeding, which became more frequent due to her failure to submit to radiation therapy earlier.

Ricky spent P4,000 for trips to Quezon City to arrange the therapy and follow up a P30,000 guarantee letter from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes to cover the treatment fee, which is over and above the professional and planning fees.

He was able to obtain another guarantee letter for P5,000 from the office of Senator Antonio Trillanes but this could not be applied as the professional and planning fees had to be paid in cash.

Amparo, a solo parent and house caretaker, was diagnosed for cancer of the cervix in mid-2010 after she experienced continuous bleeding. Somehow, she was able to undergo five of six scheduled sessions of chemotherapy.

Thereafter, her physician advised the 25-day radiation therapy at the Lung Center.

"Hindi po ako nakapunta dahil sa kakulangan nga pera (I was not able to go due to lack of funds)," she admitted.

Her failure proved costly, allowing the cancer cells to spread, raising the stage of her illness from 2 to 3B.

"Sino bang ayaw magpagamot kung merong pambayad?(Who'd refuse to be treated if there's money to use?)," she asked aloud.

People who would like to support Amparo's deliverance may contact Ricky at cellphone number 09057159419 before he leaves tomorrow evening in time for the start of his mother's treatment on Tuesday.

As she needed rest before the 25-day treatment, Amparo was brought down to Pasig, Metro-Manila last week-end, to temporarily stay where her second lives taking care of another sick relative./Ramon Dacawi.

## Cordillerans of all Shapes Open Powwow on Thursday

Igorots and/or Cordillerans by birth or blood, residence, marriage, sentiment, choice and heart will gather for their biennial powwow – the 9<sup>th</sup> Igorot International Consultation (IIC) sponsored by the Igorot Global Organization (IGO) on April 12 to 14 here and in Benguet.

IGO-International president Cesar Castro will come in from his base in Vancouver,

Canada to join IGO-Philippines president Manuel Ano in welcoming some 200 local and expatriate delegates – mostly from Europe, America and Australia – assembled on the theme "Igorots in Partnership for Development".

The every-other-year forum serves as a sounding board on issues affecting the Cordillera homeland and its people, as envi-

sioned by the late Rex Botengan, an Igorot also instrumental in the establishment of the IGO.

This will be the third time the IIC will be held in the Cordillera. The first was in 2000 at the Green Valley Country Club here in Baguio and in 2008 in Banaue, Ifugao. The 10<sup>th</sup> IIC in 2014 will be held in Austria.

Among others, the 9<sup>th</sup> consultation aims "to craft a development frame-

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## Mayor Presses Immediate Use of Mines View Building

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has again reiterated the use of the P51 Million four-storey multi-purpose building in Mines View Park here.

During the Executive-Legislative Meeting held at the city's multi-purpose hall, Domogan said, the construction of

the building is for the use of the vendors which has occupied the vicinity of the park.

Domogan said, 'now that the building is finished, it's time that rehabilitation of the Mines View Park will push through'.

The building is said to accommodate 200 vendors more or less which is the bulk of ven-

dors who will be relocated to pave the way for the parks restoration.

Meantime, passage of the proposed ordinance prescribing the rates for the Mines View Satellite Building pending before the Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce chaired by Councilor Pinky Chan Rondez has been deferred during

## City Supports Anti-Smoking Order

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week gave assurance that the city government shall fully comply with Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular (MC) 17, s. of 2009 which pushes to prohibit smoking in public places, except for designated smoking areas.

The mayor made the pronouncement during a symposium at city hall as he expressed disap-

proval of smoking as a health hazard not just to the smoker but also to individuals near him, as well as to the general public. He also confirmed this at another meeting with Department of Health (DOH) and World Health Organization (WHO) anti-tobacco advocates.

Mayor Domogan made personal references on smoking as expensive, harmful and destructive to health and social relation-

ships. Citing experiences of colleagues, who are public servants and are smokers, he said that nothing positive ever came from smoking. "Quitting smoking through self-determination and positive attitude made them healthier, and better citizens," he added.

The symposium comes in a series for city hall employees with lecturers; health authorities from the DOH and Civil Ser-

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## BIR reminds Taxpayers of the Apr. 16 Deadline

BAGUIO CITY - Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR-CAR) Regional Director Eduardo Bajador reminds taxpayers to file their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) and pay their corresponding tax dues before the April 16 deadline.

"We encourage all taxpayers to file their ITRs and pay the taxes due thereon, faithfully, accurately and promptly as early as now to avoid the usual deadline rush on April 16", Bajador said.

He also reminded BIR's Authorized Agent Banks to accept Out-of-district tax returns that will be filed by members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP) and public school teachers/professors/instructors, pursuant to the 'Bank Bulletin No. 2012-11 they issued last March 22.

"We have to give them exemption, as most of these taxpayers are having problems in filing income tax returns and payment of their taxes due to the nature of their work. Some of them are required to be physically present in other places outside the jurisdiction of the Revenue District Office where they are assigned, thus, we issued such bulletin", Bajador said.

Authorized Agent Banks would only need to request the abovementioned taxpayers to present their valid official identification or other documentary proofs to show that they are actually members of the AFP, PNP or working in public schools, he added.

Meantime, BIR Media Relation Officer, Mary Grace Cosalan also reminds taxpayers that for this year's filing of income tax (covering taxable year 2011), the revised tax returns for individually earning purely compensation income (1700), self-employed individuals and professionals (1701) and for Partnership and Corporations (1702) will be used, as the old versions of such forms are no longer acceptable.

She also reiterates to taxpayers to comply with their obligation as non-filing of ITRs and/or non-payment of taxes has corresponding penalties and consequences under the law.

"Non compliance may either result in either imposition of penalties, closure of business operations, and even imprisonment and fine if found guilty by the courts of law, for violation of the country's tax code", Cosalan said./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## Baguio Media Group Opens Summer Camp 2012

BAGUIO CITY -The Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC), headed by its president, Harley Palangchao of the Baguio Midland Courier, opened on Monday the club's Holy Week summer camp at 'Camp Peppot' along Burnham Park.

Palangchao said that the Summer Camp has been a tradition of the Club for over 50 years now, which aims to help promote tourism in the city of Baguio as well as in the nearby municipalities of Benguet during the Holy Week when many visitors come up to this mountain resort.

On its opening day, a pig was butchered and a prayer was offered by a 'mambunong', a local priest, before all media members shared a simple feast at the camp.

The BCBC, in partnership with its various sponsors, has prepared a week-long scheduled activities and events for the club members and their families as well as tourists to enjoy. Entertainments are scheduled every evening with Tata Edong and Lolo Dorsky of Tambalan at Z radio and Bombo Jessie Maguiya providing the music and songs on opening night.

On Tuesday, the BCBC in partnership with the Mines and Geo-Science Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-MGB), held a tri-media seminar for young media practitioners as well as aspiring mass communication students.

This morning, Baguio-Benguet Vicariate Bishop Carlito Cenzone led a mass inside Camp Peppot, followed by the Philippine Information Agency-led Kapihan sa Baguio media forum, to launch the 2012 Search for Lucky Summer Visitor (LSV), the summer camp highlight where first-timer Baguio visitors or tourists will be selected on Holy Thursday and will be treated with a red carpet treatment for the duration of their stay here.

As per tradition, LSVs will be motorcaded around the city, provided with free accommodation, and free tours around key tourist destinations in Baguio and Benguet. They will also have a courtesy call with Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan and La Trinidad, Benguet Mayor Greg Abalos Jr., and will be given other free gifts, perks and surprises./CCD/CVG/PIA CAR

## DSWD Cordillera Releases P29 M to 6,328 Indigent Seniors

BAGUIO CITY — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) announced that it disbursed so far a total of P29,428,500.00 for the social pension of 6,328 indigent senior citizens in the Cordillera region.

DSWD Cordillera regional director Leonardo C. Reynoso said that the 6,328 approved beneficiaries for the social pension program were derived from the DSWD National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) data which identify who and where the poor are staying.

The province of Abra got P8,403,500 with 1804 pensioners; Apayao received P3,329,000 for its 853 pensioners; Benguet province with P4,504,000 for 868 pensioners; Ifugao with P3,234,500 and 732 pensioners; Kalinga with P5,032,500 for 1,087 pensioners and Mountain Province with P4,304,000 and 857 pensioners while Baguio City got P621,000 with 127 pensioners.

The social pension for indigent senior citizens is provided for under Republic Act 9994, or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010.

Under RA 9994, a monthly assistance or subsidy of P500 is given on a quarterly basis to the pre-identified beneficiaries who are indigent senior citizens who are frail, sickly and disabled, without any regular source of income and/or support from any member of the family, and not receiving other pension benefits from government and private agencies./JDP/ JBZ- PIA CAR

## OWWA Pushes for the Establishment of OFW Help Desks in all Cordillera LGUs

BAGUIO CITY - The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration Regional Welfare Office-Cordillera (OWWA-CAR) is pushing for the establishment of Migrant Workers or Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) Help Desk in all local government units (LGUs) in the Cordillera region.

Just this week, OWWA-CAR team headed by Regional Director Manuela Peña with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA-CAR) under Regional Director Delfina Camarillo went to Bontoc, Mountain Province to close an agreement with the Provincial LGU headed by Governor Mayaen for the establishments of OFW Help Desk in the province.

Peña explained that in recognition of the importance of a multi-sectoral approach in bringing in their programs and services closer to OFWs and their families in various parts of the country, OWWA has been partnering with the different LGUs for the establishment of Migrant OFW Help Desks in every locality.

Peña stressed that in directly linking with the LGUs through the Migrant Help Desks, the government could bring its program and services closer to the OFWs and their families, down to the grass root level.

Under the set-up, LGUs will be designating a focal person for the said program and OWWA will be providing capacity building training and seminars to ensure that such focal person has the right capability and information to handle the concerns of OFWs in the area and knows how to link such concerns to concerned agencies such as OWWA, POEA and Department of Foreign Affairs.

As early as 2006, OWWA-CAR has already been pushing for the establishment of Migrant Help Desk in the different LGUs here in Cordillera.

Under the present administration, OWWA-CAR has already established a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with 40 LGUs in the region for such cause, both renewal and new agreement. There are 12 Migrant Help Desks in Abra, including the provincial LGU; Apayao - 1, Benguet - 14, Kalinga - 5, Mt. Province - 4 and one for Baguio City./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## DPWH: Autonomy Can Help Fast Track the Concreting of Roads in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - Highways (DPWH) Cordillera Regional Director Edilberto Carabacan stated this during the Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) Advisory Committee here last week pre-

sided by RDC Chair and Kalinga Governor Jocel Baac.

According to Carabacan under the proposed autonomy bill, a percentage of the subsidy that the national government

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## Pilate's Footprint

Holy Week 2012 finds impeachment of Supreme Court chief justice Renato Corona still in recess. The Supreme Court, too, will shut down. This week's rites will recall a trial, two millennia ago, presided by a judge whose name "became a byword for ambivalence".

Pontius Pilate is mentioned whenever the Nicene Creed is prayed. He served as Roman procurator of Judea 26 to 36 AD. Scores were crucified then. Victims included an itinerant preacher from Galilee and two thieves.

This was a backwater incident then. "(Yet it binds eternal realms to the stumbling, messy chronology of earthly time and place)" former Archbishop of Canterbury Ronald Runcie wrote.

As late as 1960, archeologists dug up coins engraved with Pilate's name in Caesarea. From this city, he oversaw 6,000

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Roman soldiers. Their swords ensured that taxes were collected for the Emperor. They also quelled rebellions, specially during incendiary Passover feasts. Pilgrims would bloat Jerusalem's population to over 2.5 million.

They crucified, when ordered. Pilate demanded that the centurion, posted on Calvary, verify Christ's death. Only then, did he allow Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus to take the body down from the cross.

"It is possible to view Pilate as the archetypal politician," former Prime Minister Tony Blair wrote. Pilate "was caught in the horns of a dilemma": He either kept the peace or would be dismissed.

Does this resemble the quandary confronting 23 senator-judges? They must render judgement on the chief justice after Easter. Are Arroyo appointees, in the Supreme Court, in the same bind? They've sealed dollar deposits of their embattled capo, from examination by irate citizens. Will they trash the Senate trial as "unconstitutional"?

Rome appointed Pilate and his main collaborator, Caiaphas the High priest. Their sinecures wobbled when Christ expelled money changers from the Temple. "My house is a house of prayer," he said, lashing with a whip of cords. "But you made it a den of thieves."

"Trouble for Pilate was trouble for Caiaphas". So, the high priest rigged a "trial" where he acted as judge and prosecutor. He fractured three guidelines, British Broadcasting Corporation notes. (a) The rules stipulated daytime trials but he held this one at night; (b) Hearings were prohibited on a feast day; and (c) Venue was Caiaphas's house, not a council chamber.

Witnesses couldn't agree on what Jesus said. Blasphemy was not a crime under Roman law. So, Caiaphas sent Jesus to Pilate charging sedition. Crucify him or you are not a friend of Caesar. That blindsided Pilate.

But what was the procurator really like? Clearly he had a good Roman education. He does not call the prisoner follis. That's Latin for the Pilipino "gago." Nor does he sneer as in "Wah" of the impeachment trial.

Pilate's questions are probing, notes Andrew Thomas Kania of Oxford University "Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" He tries to understand the prisoner before him. "Where are you from?"

"Are you a king then?" he enquires when Christ says: "My kingdom is not of this world... Everyone who is on the side of truth hears my voice. Quid est veritas? Pilate asks no one in particular: "What is the truth?" Was that the tipping moment?

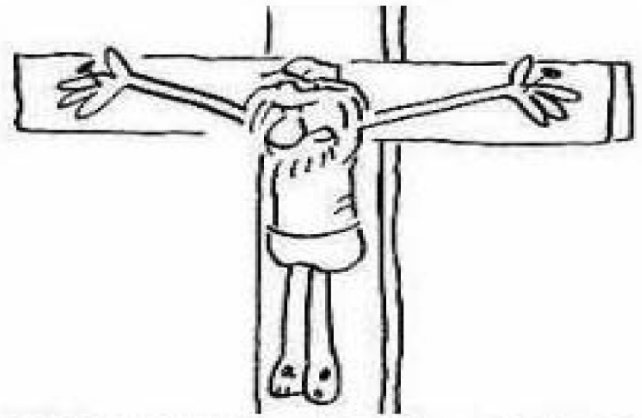
Pilate vacillated, BCC's Bob Chauncy adds. Pilate knew Jesus wasn't leading a military uprising. "He found no fault with the defendant (and) drifts towards pardoning him. 'See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him,' he tells the crowd.

Then, Pilate drifts away again. He has Christ scourged and without blinking enquires: "What charge do you bring against this man?"

Pilate faced a dilemma: If he released Jesus, riots could erupt. That'd not sit well with the Emperor. So, he offered a swap patterned after earlier Passover amnesties: He offered to release either the "King of the Jews" or Barrabas, a convicted murderer. Choose, he said.

"Crucify him", the crowds roared. At the Gabattha or Stone Floor, he washed his hands in front of the crowd. He released Barrabas and "delivered Jesus in accordance with their wishes."

Late on Good Friday, a different Pilate emerges. He rejected a "technicality" offered by the high priests. **Cont. on page 9**



"If this is Good Friday, I'd hate to see a bad one!"

## ADVOCACY MINDANOW

*Hello, What's Happening?*

**BY: JESUS DUREZA**



**RISEN CHRIST** — The story of Salvation is made complete and fulfilled with a Risen Christ. Happy Easter to all! @@@

"RELOAD" — I was in Iloilo last weekend to bury an uncle. But it was a good occasion to "reload" on the now famous Ilonggo"tical". You see, many Ilonggos like me proudly admit, of course at our expense, that we are braggarts ("ticalon" or boastful). The joke is on us but we relish the reputation. Before, we used to say that we visited Iloilo "para mag renew tical". Today, it's to reload like cell phones. We need to reload from time to time by visiting our hometown Janiuary. This time "unli" guid!

**NOTHING 'S HAPPENING**—I met Cotabato Archbishop QUEVEDO a few days ago who complained that since Malacanang distributed the functions of the Cotabato River Basin Task Force (which he chaired) to three government agencies, "nothing has been done since then."

Nobody's noticing yet but when the floods strike again, you will see why the good bishop is so worried now. What's happening?

**BISHOP - ULAMA IGNORED** —I was really surprised when informed that the Bishop Ulama Conference, composed of bishops of all faiths and the Muslim ulamas in Mindanao is now sidelined and not tapped in the on-going peace process. BUC is internationally recognized as the pioneer in interfaith dialogue. It marshaled the holding of peace dialogues and conferences and consultations of the island region's stakeholders in support of the peace process. Archbishop CAPALLA, one of the convenors, told me BUC has been totally ignored by government since the start of the PNoy administration.

It is obvious OPAPP does not see value in the collective work and wisdom of our religious leaders. This means Malacanang does not understand Mindanao. Hello, what's happening up there? @@@

**REAL REFORMS** — There will be no real reforms if we only change our political leaders during elections. Changing our leaders, without systemic changes will just allow perpetuation of our country's ills. We need to review our fundamental law to re-tune it to contemporary realities.

Even the much-awaited GPH-MILF agreement, (although lately described as "in a stalemate") requires constitutional amendments. The government should not delude itself by believing that the "bangsamoro question" can be best answered without amending the present constitution. There's no other way to go! Believe me.

**CAPTURED BY NPAs** — Last week, Davao del Norte Bishop MANLAPAZ and I spent a little time recalling together our trip to Europe many years ago in negotiating with NDF leaders JOMA SISON and LOUIE JALANDONI for the release of Army General OBILLO and Major MONTEALTO who were captured by NPA rebels in a Davao farm area.

What was interesting was that after the "humanitarian mission" headed by Archbishop CAPALLA **Cont. on page 10**



**1st-APLUMA!***Be Safe This Summer***BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR**

Lifeguards are different to that of bodyguards although they have similar tasks to do – risking their lives to save others.

Further, lifeguards are those assigned to secure the life of swimmers on pools or beaches while bodyguards are mostly assigned to secure the lives of dignitaries, movies stars, politicians and the like on dry places.

But at this kind of season (summer) in our country, it is relatively safe to say that bodyguards are now of little use especially both Houses of Congress are now on recess until May 7 and local officials tend to hie-off to faraway places with the Holy Week upon us.

So logically, bodyguards could also be taking five, resting at this point in time while their bosses are away but a whale of a difference in story now for lifeguards whose expertise are stretched to the hilt with vacationers taking advantage of the Holy Week even when they are not supposed to be cavorting on beaches.

(The church hierarchy admonished Catholics to observe and relive God's passion instead of spending time on beaches during Holy Week.)

And while lifeguards are busy patrolling the beaches, several lifeguard programs and activities have been unveiled especially among resort owners of Zambales not to mention a national lifeguard competition set in Bacolod from April 8-10, 2012.

Alert level there is always high hoping other resorts throughout the archipelago are doing the same.

One particular persona devoted to a drown-free summer of 2012 is Australian Roger Bound.

Bound to safeguarding the welfare of swimmers, Mr. Bound serves director of the Zambales Resort Owners Associations Lifeguard Program and spearheaded the drown-free program in Zambales together with Larry Joie Alag, Secretary General of Philippine Life Saving Society and supported by provincial and local overnment units of Zambales.

Of course, Resort Owners Association president in Arch. Quintin Sajorda contributed too a helping hand.

New lifesaving grads were deployed March 31 among Zambales' resorts and they will accordingly on duty throughout the Summer Season, so it's very safe to assume beaches of Zambales enjoy a good measure of safety for vacationing patrons. Bound has introduced a system which entails using the internationally-recognized "Red and Yellow Flags."

Two Red and Yellow Flags will accordingly be erected of about 30 to 50 meters apart, on the safest area of the beach and swimmers are encouraged to "SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS" as the area between them will be monitored by Internationally Certified Lifeguards.

The following Zambales Beaches will have patrolled areas: Iba: 2 areas, 1 in Bangantalinga and 1 in Lipay. Botolan: 3 areas, 1 in Porac, 1 in Binoclutan and 1 at the Eco Park on the Bankal River. San Narciso: 1 area. San Antonio: 3 Areas, 2 in Pundaquit and 1 nearer the Boundary of Pundaquit and San Miguel. Resorts have also employed ICL's specifically for their swimming pools: Dawal in Candelaria, Bakasyunan in Iba and Rama International in Botolan.

So to be safe this summer, remember "Swim between the Flags."

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**Kids to Read Heroes' Recollections of the War**

An Ibaloi freedom fighter's written recollection of his utter resolve to escape from the infamous "Death March" in April, 1942 will be read this Monday morning, at memorial rites marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Fall of Bataan" at the Veterans Park along Harrison Road.

At this time in 2000, 58 years after Bataan fell and the "Death March", Sgt. Florencio Esteban wrote he remembered both "because I was there".

Esteban was among 60,000 Filipino defenders and some 15,000 American soldiers who surrendered to the invading Japanese forces in Bataan on April 9, 1942. It remains the biggest single surrender of U.S. forces ever.

"It was painful, indeed, to accept initial defeat, but I knew there was a tomorrow to settle the score," Sgt. Esteban recalled.

On that fateful day, the surrender was aired in an evening broadcast by Lt. Norman Reyes over the "Voice of Freedom" radio from the Malinta Tunnel in Corregidor:

"Good evening everyone everywhere. This is the Voice of Freedom broadcasting from somewhere in the Philippines.

"Bataan has fallen. The Philippine-American troops on this war-ravaged and bloodstained peninsula have laid down their arms. With heads bloody but unbowed, they have yielded to the superior force and numbers of the enemy.

"The world will long remember the epic struggle that Filipino and American soldiers put up in the jungle fastness and along the rugged coast of Bataan. They have stood up uncomplaining under the constant and grueling fire of the enemy for more than three months. Besieged on land and blockaded by sea, cut off from all sources of help in the Philippines and in America, the intrepid fighters have done all that human endurance could bear.

"For what sustained them through all these months of incessant battle was a force that was more than merely physical. It was the force of an unconquerable faith—something in the heart and soul that physical hardship and adversity could not destroy! It was the thought of native land and all that it holds most dear, the thought of freedom and dignity and pride in these most priceless of all our human prerogatives."

"Bataan has fallen...but the spirit that made it stand—a beacon to all liberty-loving people of the world—cannot fall."

Ramon Tuazon, vice president of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communications, calls it a classic in broadcast journalism. The piece was written by then Lt. Salvador P. Lopez.

Sgt. Esteban, then with the 11<sup>th</sup> Division of the United States Armed Forces in the Far East, recalled that "the start of the 'Death March' was somewhere on 11 April 1942 from Mariveles, Bataan". He wrote that when they reached Lubao, Pampanga, he steeled his resolve to escape.

"Because I had not eaten for three days, I dared the most impossible—to escape regardless of the consequences," he wrote.

Sgt. Esteban recalled better days of survival before the fall in the jungles of Bataan: "In my case with Comrade (Daniel) Akia, we started to fish at night. Our catch was good for a week. At one point, some monkeys came to play on the trees covering our headquarters. Comrade Akia said: 'Let us wait until those monkeys are a little far from our headquarters and then...shoot some of them for food.'"

The two Igorot soldiers later shot one each. "We roasted them and they lasted for at least one week."

The gallantry of Igorot defenders in Bataan, particularly in clearing the jungle to allow tanks sent by Gen. Fidel Segundo to penetrate and wipe out Japanese positions, was described in an article on Feb. 23, 1942 in the New York Times

"Hampered by the dense undergrowth and lost in the confusing maze of bamboo thickets, vines and creepers, the tankers would have been impotent had it not been for the aid of the Igorot troops of 2d Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Hoisted to the top of the tanks where they were exposed to the fire of the enemy, these courageous tribesmen from north Luzon chopped away the entangling foliage with their bolos and served as eyes for the American tankers. From their position atop the tanks they fired at the enemy, with pistols while guiding the drivers with sticks."

Such anecdotes and vignettes of history will be recalled Monday at the rites beginning at eight o'clock.

"They will re read by school children who are too young to know about a war too far and too remote, fought long before they were born," said city councilor Peter Fianza, chair of the observance. "Reading these true stories of courage, heroism and sacrifice will help our kids and grandchildren understand how their forefathers fought for the freedom that we all enjoy today."

More anecdotes will be recalled on April 27, when surviving veterans and children will march together to mark the liberation of Baguio on that day in 1945./Ramon Dacawi



## Kalinga Sports Complex to be Made Skills Training Ground

T A B U K CITY, Kalinga, Apr. 2 (PIA) -- To maximize the use of the provincial sports complex and protect it from vandals, heads of offices approved today that the Capitol will be made as venue for technical-vocational trainings.

They further approved the allocation of P200,000.00 by the provincial government for the procurement of equipments and materials to be used during the offering of short courses for interested individuals especially the out-of-school youth.

This undertaking will be a joint program of the provincial local

government unit with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the 501st Infantry Brigade, vocational schools under the Department of Education (DepEd) and other concerned agencies.

Governor Jocel Baac said a memorandum of agreement will be forged between participating agencies to define the roles of each office to the convergence project and designating the sports ground as expansion training center of TESDA.

Short courses on driving, carpentry, masonry and other needed skills training in de-

mand at present will be offered with personnel of the 501st Brigade to act as teachers and trainers.

Col. Yerson Depayso, Commanding Officer of the 501st Brigade committed to make available skills soldiers to teach in carpentry, driving and masonry. Likewise, TESDA will also bring its trainers.

This project aims to equip workers of the necessary skills for better chances at landing jobs considering employers here and abroad base their hiring on the possession of skills of workers and are national certificate holders./PAB/PIA - CAR/Kalinga

## 3 Children Die in Tuba Fire

TUBA, Benguet – Three young children died in a fire that razed an abandoned guard house last weekend in Inonas, Taloy Sur.

Based on the fire incident report by the Tuba Fire Station, the fatalities were identified as siblings Jedric Agnawa, 5; Jevie, 4; and Zoe Agnawa, one year old.

According to the report, the fire started at about 7:45pm of March 30, 2012. Marimar Agawa, 11, who was injured, told fire investigators that when she saw the fire near the door of their sleeping room, she immediately carried her baby sister and rushed outside the house. She then tried to go back inside to fetch her siblings but huge fire that blocked the door. A certain Modesto Ragos, and employees of nearby restaurant came to help and brought out the three children left inside. They were rushed to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center by responding firemen where they later expired.

The report stated that the children were left by their parents when the fire incident took place. The fire was due to unattended lighted candle, the report stated.

Meanwhile, the Baguio City Fire Department (BCFD) reported a total of P1,191,150 worth of fire damages from January to March this year in the summer capital.

The month of January had three structural fires, two vehicular and one grass fire. February recorded two structural and two forest fires and March with five structural and six forest fires.

According to Fire Inspector John Ullibac, BCFD deputy fire marshal, there is need additional sub-fire station strategically established in areas in the city.

There are a growing number of households therefore there it is essential to have sub-fire stations to speedily attend fires and lessen the damage to properties, Ullibac said. There is one existing fire sub-station located in Irisan barangay and one being constructed in Aurora Hill.

‘We are proposing one in Dontogan and Pacdal for a fire sub-station and we hope these can be realized soon with the support of our local government’, he said. Firefighting equipment should be upgraded like acquiring new fire trucks and fire fighting apparatus, Ullibac added./PIACAR

ideal for Tinglayan’s re-forestation project and shall be distributed to the different barangays.

He also sought Binay’s assistance in the promotion of the town’s tourism program and marketing of organic farm products which include Kalinga’s premium coffee and Unoy rice.

The City of Makati has existing sisterhood ties other Kalinga towns like Lubuagan./JDP/LL-PIA CAR, Kalinga

## Tinglayan, Kalinga Inks Sisterhood Ties With Makati City

TINGLAYAN, Kalinga - This upland town of the province has entered into a “sisterhood tie” with Makati City.

Tinglayan Mayor Fernando Abay led municipal officials to the signing ceremony of the ties with counterpart Makati City officials led by Jejomar Binay Jr last March 28 at the Makati City Hall.

During the ceremony, Abay handed Binay a Kalinga gong and shield and brought some of the town’s prime products – Unoy sheave and ground coffee as token of goodwill. The items usually are chosen as tokens of goodwill among Kalinga tribes entering into a peace agreement.

On his part, Binay vowed a unit of multi-cab utility vehicle to Abay for use in his municipality.

As contained in the agreement, the two government units shall be partners in the advancement of government affairs in their respective localities.

As initial tie-up project, the municipality of Tinglayan presented its environmental project and requested certified seedlings of various fruit trees from the City Makati. Abay said the materials are



## Govt. Agencies help revive coffee industry in ifugao town

LAGAWE, Ifugao - The Provincial and Municipal Local Government Units here, the Agriculture Department and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) were instrumental in reviving the coffee industry and the Cordi Lagawe, an association of coffee growers here.

Speaking in the daily radio program "Humangan with PIA," Jobal Malingan, Cordi Lagawe manager, said that with the assistance of the DA who conducts skills trainings/seminars regularly to the group, the DTI who trains the members on packaging and marketing, the group is optimistic that their aspirations as an organization will be met. The group has 78 members.

Malingan recalled those years when farmers here were dismayed on the poor marketing of the product that they gave up planting and producing local coffee. However, they were inspired when government agencies such as the DA, DTI and even the local government unit of Lagawe organized them again and poured financial as well as technical assistance in 2008 up to this time.

The Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) also issued Executive Order No. 54 creating the Ifugao Coffee Board to oversee the province's coffee industry which it considered as a priority for development considering the economic prospects it offers to the agricultural sector of the province.

The PLGU also disclosed that as part of its poverty reduction program, the coffee industry would provide an alternative economic activity for the Ifugao people.

"For the coffee industry to prosper, there is a need to support the same through the provision of technical, technological, marketing and promotions services by both private and government sector," Governor Balitang said.

Malingan averred that with the assistance of the DTI and the approval of the PLGU, their association was able to establish a display center and at the same time coffee shop at the Lagawe Public Plaza./JDP/VDB-PIA CAR, Ifugao

## Tinoc Police Urges Organizations to Seek Clearance Prior to Conduct of Social Activities

TINOC, Ifugao - The Municipal Police Office (MPO) here is calling on all organizations to get first police clearance before conducting social activities in the municipality.

The Tinoc - MPO stated that the clearance from their office is mandatory to all people/private organizations who

have plans to conduct social activities in the different barangays in order to monitor the activities of these groups and also to assist them in terms of peace and order matters for their benefit.

Mayor Lopez Pugong earlier issued an executive order requiring organizations to secure a mayor's per-

mit before conducting any activity in the municipality. All activities to be done should be coordinated with the concerned offices of the Local Government Unit (LGU) for a collaborative efforts and further assistance that might be given to the organization, he had stated.

Meanwhile, the MPO disclosed

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## Remote Ifugao barangay Organizes BGMPS Assessment Team

KIANGAN, Ifugao - A remote barangay of this municipality organized its Barangay Governance Performance Management Assessment System (BGMPS) Team to evaluate the efficiency and processes that this community will render each year.

Barangay Captain Ernesto Tayaban of Bokiawan said this is in line with Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 which requires that local government units (LGUs) must develop tools and approaches that measure the barangay's delivery of services and accomplishments in relation to their functions.

He added that with the assessment tool, he hopes to push through with the development of his barangay based on the Barangay Development Plan in order to achieve their goals.

The BGMPS Assessment Team of Bokiawan is composed of all the barangay officials including its Barangay Secretary and Treasurer and people's organization in the area.

Despite their lowly economic situation, they said they are unfazed and will work together to improve their community guided by the motto "In Unity There is Strength".

The Assessment Team shall coordinate closely with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Municipal Office on project implementation, gather data and analyze the result, assign point score using the BGMPS scaling system and prepare and present the State of Barangay Governance Report (SBGR) to the Sangguniang Barangay and the Barangay Development Council.

Bokiawan is a remote community located at the northern part of this municipality whose main occupation of its people usually is planting rice, but nowadays the rice fields are mostly abandoned due to shortage of water supply so they plant rice in the mountain area for additional source of food. Its 79 households with a population of 412 also produce livestock such as pigs, chicken and ducks.

Being a mountainous area with rugged terrain, it is not accessible by vehicles until today but at least there is electricity provided by the local electric cooperative./JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao

## DPWH-Kalinga leads 'Lakbay-Alalay'

T A B U K Week.

CITY, Kalinga, In Kalinga, Apr. 2 (PIA) -- KED District Engineer Alexander Castaneda said five assistance stations have been put-up in various strategic points manned by trained and equipped teams.

The nationwide project spearheaded by DPWH, provides highway assistance to motorists who would be travelling during the observance of the Holy

and Isabela; one at Calanan Junction to upper Kalinga; one at the Dam site for travelers towards upper Kalinga and the other station at Mapaco for motorists towards Pinukpuk municipality.

Castaneda said 'Lakbay-alalay' was launched earlier last March 31 and will last up to April 10 for an eleven-day service compared

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## DOLE launches Integrated Livelihood Program in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Labor and Em-

ployment (DOLE) recently launched its DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program - Towards Community Enterprise Development (DILP-CED) in the Cordillera region.

DOLE-CAR Regional Director Henry John Jalbuena, in partnership with Governor Elias Bulut Jr. and Congresswoman Eleanor Bulut-Begtang, launched the DILP-CED in Sta. Filomena, Calanasan, Apayao, last March 28 bringing in P500,000 livelihood assistance to six community groups from various parts of the province.

According to Jalbuena, the implementation of DILP-CED is in line with President Benigno Aquino III's 22-Point Labor and Employment agenda, which aims to alleviate poverty in the countryside by generating community livelihood and employment and gears towards to overall goal of nation building.

Jalbuena also stressed that DOLE's Community Enterprise Development program is envisioned to assist local community groups generate income and employment through enhancement and transformation of their livelihood projects into community enterprises.

Jalbuena expressed his gratitude to Governor Bulut for serving as a conduit and a valuable partner of DOLE in the implementation of the said program, and to Congresswoman Begtang for her significant support to the project.

According to DOLE Labor Relation Officer George Lubin Jr., under the DILP-CED project in Apayao, the P500,000 livelihood assistance which was granted to six community groups will benefit a total of 144 individuals who are engaged in handicrafts production.

Lubin also disclosed that the DILP-CED beneficiaries and livelihood assistance in Apayao include the Conner Handicrafts Association (Quideng Handicraft Association) with 16 farmer members and P92,000 livelihood assistance; Pudtol Weavers Association (Lumalaga iti Pudtol Association) with 16 women members - P88,000; Quirino Rural Improvement Club (Quirino Homemakers Association) with 47 women beneficiaries - P88,000; Calanasan Rural Improvement Club with 25 beneficiaries - P95,000; Sta. Marcela Weavers Association with 17 homebased members - P68,000.00; and Jailers Weavers Association with 23 members - P69,000.00.

Lubin also informed that DOLE-CAR will also bring in the DILP-CED in the other provinces in the region./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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### Walter William's Journalist's Creed

This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.

I believe in the profession of Journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world. /http://www.nationalpressclub.org.ph

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals - not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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Republic of the  
Philippines  
First Judicial  
Region  
Regional Trial Court  
Branch 7  
Baguio City

IN RE : PETITION  
FOR THE CANCEL-  
LATION OF THE  
CERTIFICATE OF  
THE SECOND CER-  
TIFICATE OF LIVE  
BIRTH OF THE LATE  
C A T A L I N A  
OKUBO-PUCAY IS-  
SUED BY THE LO-  
CAL CIVIL REGIS-  
TRAR OF BAGUIO  
CITY UNDER  
REGISTRY NUMBER  
94-02 AND RETEN-  
TION OF HER  
ORIGINAL CER-  
TIFICATE OF LIVE  
BIRTH UNDER REG-  
ISTRY NUMBER  
4121-J-82 WITH  
CORRECTION OF  
ENTRIES.

REPRESENTED BY  
HER DAUGHTER  
ROSE MARIE  
PUCAY-EPI

*Petitioner,*  
  
*-versus-*

OFFICE OF THE LO-  
CAL CIVIL REGIS-  
TRAR -BAGUIO  
AND THE NA-  
T I O N A L  
STATISTICS OF-  
FICE OF BAGUIO  
CITY,

*Respondents,*

SPECIAL PRO-  
CEEDINGS CASE  
NO. 2181-R

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**NOTICE OF  
INITIAL HEARING**

A verified peti-  
tion was filed by Rose  
Marie Pucay-Epi on  
behalf of Catalina  
Okubo-Pucay alleg-  
ing therein among  
others she is the  
daughter of Mauricio  
Pucay and Catalina  
Okubo-Pucay; that  
Catalina Okubo-  
Pucay was born on  
November 15, 1930 in  
Baguio City and

passed away on Oc-  
tober 9, 2009; that  
when petitioner went  
to get a copy of the  
Certificate of Live  
Birth of her mother  
from the National  
Statistics Office-  
Baguio City, she was  
told that there are  
two [2] Certificates  
of Live Birth regis-  
tered in the name of  
Catalina Okubo-  
Pucay, that the cer-  
tificate of Live Birth  
under Registry  
Number 4121-J-82  
was registered first  
on October 22, 1982  
and was registered  
again on July 6, 1994  
as shown in Registry  
Number 94-02 that  
the certificate of live  
birth registered on  
October 22, 1982 under  
Registry Number  
4121-J-82 is the one  
that will be recog-  
nized by law for be-  
ing the document  
earlier registered af-  
ter her birth; that  
there is a need to cor-  
rect certain entries  
in the birth certifi-  
cate under Registry  
Number 4121-J- 82  
particularly the date  
of birth from Nov. 15,  
1932 to Nov. 15, 1930

the age of father from  
33 years old to 36  
years old and moth-  
ers age from 26 years  
old to 22 years old  
and the date and  
place of marriage of  
parents “by native  
custom-1929 “ to  
“May 11, 1927 Baguio  
Cathedral , Baguio  
City “ , that there is a  
need to cancel the  
Certificate of Live  
Birth of the late  
Catalina Okubo-  
Pucay under Registry  
Number 94-02 regis-  
tered on July 6, 1994,  
for being the later  
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tered with the Local  
Civil Registrar of  
Baguio City ; that  
there is a need to re-  
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with the Local Civil  
Registrar of Baguio  
City; but with the  
aforementioned en-  
tries corrected in or-  
der that the same be  
accurate and in order.

The petition was  
found to be sufficient  
in form and sub-

stance and was set for  
initial hearing on  
June 8, 2012 at 9: 00  
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shall be allowed to  
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show cause, if there  
be any why the peti-  
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granted.

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of Baguio City, the  
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Baguio City as well  
as to the National  
Statistics Office ,  
Manila. Also fur-  
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of he Clerk of Court  
for publication and  
the petitioner  
through her coun-  
sel.

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than the date of ini-  
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Baguio City.

WITNESS THE  
H O N O R A B L E  
MONA LISA V.  
T I O N G S O N -  
TABORA, Presiding  
Judge of this Court,  
this 14th day of  
March, 2012 at  
Baguio City, Philip-  
pines.

By: (SGD) ATTY.  
JEANYLENE T. ISIP-  
FUKAI  
Clerk of Court V

Publication dates  
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April 7, 2012

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Benguet

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE PETITION  
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TION  
OF THE GENDER  
IN THE CERTIFI-  
CATE OF LIVE  
BIRTH  
OF MINOR CHILD  
MARK HAILEY C.  
BERNARDEZ

MARK HAILEY C.  
BERNARDEZ, Mi-  
nor , assisted by  
her mother,  
TIMMY LIZA  
C A T A L I N O -  
BERNARDEZ,

*Petitioner,*

*-versus-*

THE MUNICIPAL  
CIVIL REGISTRAR  
OF LA TRINIDAD,  
BENGUET  
AND THE NA-  
TIONAL STATIS-  
TICS OFFICE  
[NSO]

*Respondents.*

SPEC. PROC.  
CASE

NO. 12-C-1735

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ORDER

P e t i t i o n e r  
through counsel  
filed this Petition  
praying that after  
due notice and hear-  
ing, this court is-  
sues an Order di-  
recting the Local  
Civil Registrar of La  
Trinidad, Benguet  
and the National  
Statistics Office to  
correct the entry on

her gender in her  
birth certificate  
from “ Male “ to “  
FEMALE “.

W E R E F O R E ,  
finding the petition  
to be sufficient in  
form and substance ,  
the court sets it for  
hearing on June 6,  
2012 at 8:30 o’clock  
in the morning in  
the courtroom of  
this court, Room  
202, 2nd Floor, Jus-  
tice Hall, Justice  
Hill, La Trinidad,  
Benguet.

All persons in-  
terested may appear  
and show cause, if  
any why this peti-  
tion should not be  
granted.

Let this ORDER  
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not later than April  
8, 2012.

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Makati City; Na-  
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the Provincial Pros-  
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Province, Justice  
Hill, La Trinidad,  
Benguet; the Local  
Civil Registrar of La  
Trinidad, Benguet;  
The Junction News-  
paper; the petitioner  
and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad,  
Benguet, this 30 th  
day of March 2012 .

MARYBELLE L.  
DEMOT MARINAS  
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates :  
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## Increasing Rape Cases Alarm Benguet Gov.....from page 1

cluding the barangays, and concerned  
line agencies such as the Philippine Na-  
tional Police and the Department of So-  
cial Welfare and Development, to discuss  
the alarming increase of rape cases in  
the communities and what they can do  
to address the situation.

He said that they should know why  
it is happening in the province particu-  
larly the causes including the people’s  
lifestyle, attitude, the lack of moral val-  
ues and even the cool climate. He also  
recommended to revisit the local laws  
and policies to find out if these are being  
enforced or if these are still applicable  
given the prevailing situation./RC- PIA  
CAR

## Editorial.....

..... from page 4

Rewrite the placard affixed to the  
cross which read: “Jesus of Nazareth.  
King of the Jews”, they badgered. Say  
only the impostor claimed such a title.

The Procurator curtly dismissed  
them, saying Quod scripsi, scripsi.  
“What I have written, I have written.”  
This firmness was overdue. However,  
it surged when the window-of-oppor-  
tunity had slammed shut.

Too late. His image had, been in-  
delibly etched for centuries to come...  
“Whatever the truth about the real  
Pontius Pilate, such dilemmas are what  
he has come to symbolize.” Chauncy

a d d s .

In the Corona impeachment, hun-  
dreds of technicalities have been lobbed  
by the defense. Will they drown out the  
truth from senator-judges or Arroyo jus-  
tices come decision time? Ambitions and  
perks can get in the way. They’d shirvel  
judges “into a clutch of shivers in search  
of a spine”.

But the window-of-opportunity  
hasn’t slammed shut just yet. On Holy  
Week, do they look back to Pilate? Quid  
est veritas? Or will their decisions would  
bear Pilate mark of ambivalence?  
“Since you are neither hot nor cold,” the  
Book of Revelation cautions, “I will  
vomit you out of my mouth.”/Juan L.  
Mercado



## Advocacy Mindanow

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successfully returned home from the Netherlands, the bishop recalled how some politicians "hijacked" the event and suddenly figured prominently during the actual release of the Army officers by Commander Parago in the Davao highlands. We had a good laugh together.

Gen. OBILLO by the way has already passed away while officer MONTEALTO is still in active service. Commander Parago still holds sway in his Davao Paquibato hideaway.

## Cordillera of all Shapes

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work in which partnerships, linkages and networks with government and multi-sector groups can be established" to spur development of this upland region.

The event will be ushered in by the launching of "Igorot by Heart", a book compilation of the key speeches and selected presentations in the last eight consultations, on April 11 at the Baguio Country Club, also the venue for this year's presentations.

The organizers have invited Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo as keynote speaker. The delegates will be welcomed by Baguio mayor Mauricio Domogan, Benguet governor Nestor Fongwan, Kalinga governor Josel Baac as chair of the Regional Development Council, IGO-International president Cesar Castro and IGO-Philippines president Ano.

On tap during the plenary session on April 12 are the following topics and presenters: IGO and IIC by Mia Abeya; People Participation in a Democracy by Tanya Hamada, Public-Private Partnership by Dr. Rowena Galpo and Rufino Bomasang; People Organization in the Context of Self-governance by Benjamin Solang; Cordillera Migrant Workers by Beverly Pooten; The Water Commons and Resource Capital for Development by Dr. Andrew Bacdayan; and Multiculturalism in the Context of Peace and Development by Brigitte Hamada-Pawid, chair of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples.

The second day will open with twin presentations on the third push for Cordillera autonomy by mayor Domogan and Dr. Peter Cosalan.

These will be followed by workshops on Civil Society Participation in Governance; Social/health/Education/Sports/Migrant Workers; Environment and Climate Change/Disaster Risk Reduction and Management/Renewable Energy; Ancestral Lands and Domains/Natural Resources/Indigenous Peoples Rights Act; Trade and Industry/Investment/Tourism/Agriculture/Entrepreneurship Development; Culture and the Arts/Indigenous Knowledge, Systems and Practices/Multi-culturalism; governance; and Youth and Development.

The workshop outputs will be presented in the afternoon, together with the integration of these in IGO's strategic plan.

The gala night on the second day will have Alan Holtz, cultural affairs officer of the United States Embassy, as speaker.

From the Baguio Country Club, the consultation will transfer on April 14 to the Pooten residence in Asin, Tuba, Benguet for the cultural festivities, this time with Ifugao Rep. Teodoro Baguilat Jr., the chair of the Committee on National Communities, as speaker./Ramon Dacawi.

## Mayor Presses

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Mondays council session due to a request of Mines View Barangay Officials for its deferment citing among others amendments for consideration.

The deferment hampers the vendors from moving in to the Satellite Building as it entails approval of the council ordinance before any action can take place.

Aside from the vendors, the building will also house a barangay hall, health center, day care center and will serve as a multi-purpose center.

Domogan said, "there is nothing wrong if the barangay officials will submit their proposals", but it is urgent that the vendors will move in so rehabilitation can start, he added.

It can be recalled that Mines View Park was delisted as one of the must see tourist attractions of the city by the Department of Tourism due to vendors who have practically covered the beauty of the area.

Domogan however said, the park will soon have a facelift which will be much more beautiful and attractive than what it is now once it is totally improved.

"We have no other recourse but to rehabilitate the park for the good of everyone", he stressed.

The eventual transfer of the vendors to the building is seen as a win-win solution to the clamor of vendors and the need for the parks eventual renovation.

"There is already an allocated 4 Million as initial fund for its improvement", Domogan said.

Once rules and regulations for the buildings operation has been perfected and approved, vendors who are occupying the vicinity of the park will have to vacate their stalls and transfer to the new building.

Domogan said, 'accommodating the vendors is not a problem since there have been initial screening on who will occupy the stalls'.

"I believe that guidelines were followed and we have been fair to the vendors", Domogan said.

"Once everything is in order, we have to demolish the structures to clear the pathway leading to the view deck", he said.

"This is the best way we can help them, to transfer them to a decent location so we can bring back the grandeur of our park", Domogan said./paul rillorta

## City Supports

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vice Commission (CSC) for legalities involved in the drive. It was made known that public servants who break the CSC rules as to smoking, and are convicted, shall be dealt with work suspension for six months and dismissal for the first and second offense, respectively.

Pushing for health-conscious public servants, the symposia adheres to the theme, "Race (Responsible, Accessible, Courteous and Effective Public Service) Towards A Smoke-Free Civil Service."

As to reports, smoking in the civil service produces a greater number of health problems, absenteeism, decreased productivity in the job, earlier retirement and more health care costs for the employer. Earlier deaths are also recorded for smokers, as with more incidents of fire damages and employee accidents.

During the lecture, it was known that in Baguio, smoking undeniably threatens life as it has something to do with lung and throat cancers, respiratory, cardio and cerebro-vascular diseases. It was also revealed that smokers in the city are getting younger; and that more females are now smokers.

In the country, 90,000 deaths are recorded annually; with one person dying every 6 seconds due to smoking and tobacco-related diseases.

It was also made known that 7,000 chemicals are present in cigarettes, 70 of them known to be carcinogenic, or cancer-causing. Some of these chemicals are common and addictive: Ammonia, Formaldehyde, Butane, Acetic acid, Methane, Cadmium, Stearic acid, Arsenic, Carbon monoxide, Methanol, Nicotine, Toluene. Some of the chemicals may common, and used for cooking, or may be found in paints, solvents, fertilizers, cleaners, batteries, poisons, insecticides, or used in industries and agriculture.

Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas speaking before city civil servants also mentioned personal experiences in breaking bad habits. "Kailangang baguhin ang hindi katanggap-tanggap sa iba, lalo na pag ito ay salungat sa dapat," he said, referring to the bad effects of smoking, to the person, and of second hand smoke to the general public./juliegfianza

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Approval for application Saleand Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 18, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

Atleast 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 13th day of February 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

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Case 2011-CAR-138

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This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Motion for Change of Route Nomenclature to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - SAMOYAO - SAL-ANGAN (ITOGON) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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**DPWH****.....from page 2**

will be providing the region's autonomous government will be allotted for infrastructure, on top of the regular DPWH fund which would really help a lot in the concreting all Cordillera roads.

Under House Bill 5595, or an Act creating the Cordillera Autonomous Region filed in the House of Representatives, 20 percent of the proposed P10 Billion subsidy, or about P2 Billion will be allotted for infrastructure development projects.

Carrabacan also reported to the AdCom that at present, around 64.42 percent of the 1,955.82 kilometer total roads of the region are already paved. For the 812,417 km. total arterial or primary roads in the region, around 645.41 km or about 79.44 percent are already paved, while for the 1,143.40 km secondary roads, about 53.75 percent or 614.53 have been paved.

Abra has the highest average percentage in terms of paved arterial and secondary roads with 83.07, followed by Benguet with 82.03 percent, Mt. Province at 63.05, Ifugao-58.53, Kalinga-51.89 and Apayao with 32.42 percent.

Meantime, Carabbacan also stressed that the national government, through the DPWH and under the directive of President Benigno Aquino III, is now also working hard to achieve its goal of having all arterial roads in the country paved by 2014 and all secondary roads by 2016./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

**Cordillera on Tract****.....from page 12**

tion against women. It consist of 8 goals and 18 specific, measurable targets that are expected to be fully addressed by the year 2015.

Other MDGs that the country aims by 2015 are as follows; all children will be in primary school; girls will have the same educational opportunities as boys; the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water will be halved; the spread of HIV/AIDS and malaria will be stopped; a child's risk of dying before the age of five will be reduced by two-thirds; a mother's risk of dying while pregnant will be reduced by three quarters; the world's ecosystem and biodiversity will be better protected from destruction; at least 100 million slum dwellers will get better housing, health care, and new opportunities for education; people in developing countries will have greater access to essential drugs; the benefits of new technologies, especially information technologies, will flow to more countries and more people; and wealthy countries will support developing countries with debt relief, more financial aid, and greater market access. /JDP/MC-PIACAR

**Baguio Joins Earth Hour****.....from page 12**

have to take care of the only earth we have and we must do everything to save the earth," said Save 182 lawyer Cheryl Yangot.

Yangot stressed that she does not object in tree cutting but tree cutting is done to satisfy needs but never cut trees to satisfy greed. "It is the greed that is killing the planet; the environmental disasters are caused by extractive industries which are putting a lot of pressure on the environment," she said.

Save 182 Movement is a multi sectoral group spearheading the petition against the cutting down and earth-balling of 182 pine and alnus trees for the expansion project of a shopping mall chain in the city.

Earlier that night, the Mayor also led the almost 500 inmates at the Baguio City Jail to put of their lights at their jail cells.

Jail Inspector Rommel Basilan said this is the fourth year that the city jail joined Earth Hour. "The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology with the city government of Baguio has adopted Earth Hour as part of the developmental program of the inmates so that kait papano even if they are behind bars they can do something to preserve mother earth, especially against climate change," he said.

While the world-wide switched off for an hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., the prisoners unplugged earlier to contribute two hours or more, as they did in the last three editions of the annual campaign.

Earth Hour is a global campaign against global warming through a simultaneous switching off of lights and other non-essential electric devices held on the last Saturday of March every year. It began as a Sydney-only event in 2007.

The World Wide Fund for Nature, the global environmental group which organizes the event, said the number of countries and territories participating has grown from 135 last year to 147 this year./RC- PIA CAR

**Benguet gets New SWAT****.....from page 12**

draw weapons, first is to protect life and the second is to save lives," he stressed.

Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, who served as the guest of honor and speaker during the commencement exercises, thanked the regional police command for creating a SWAT team for the province, which will be useful especially in times of crisis.

Although the province has no high profile crimes or extreme incidents like those in Metro Manila where SWAT is very much needed, the province would give additional 300,000 funding for the Benguet Provincial Police Office (BPPO) particularly for the SWAT team.

The SWAT training was conceptualized by BPPO provincial director PSSupt. Benjamin Lusad. He said that nine members would be deployed at the provincial headquarters and would be available to respond to any situation at any time of the day.

The team was trained by the Philippine National Police Special Action Force from January 18 to April 2 at the Camp Dennis Molintas in Bangao, Buguias where they have to endure training on cold weather and high elevation. The team also had other trainings in Mankayan, Benguet and in Manaoag in Pangasinan.

The team went through safety gun handling, pistol and rifle assault, firearm malfunction and transition, close quarter battle, assault techniques and hostage crisis management./RC- PIA CAR

**Tinoc Police****.....from page 7**

that the town of Tinoc is generally peaceful with only three petty crimes committed for the first three months of 2012.

The MPO stressed that peacefulness of the municipality is due to the full support and sincerity of the community in eliminating criminality that could affect the peace and order situation of the place./JDP/MBL- PIA CAR, Ifugao

**DPWH - Kalinga****.....from page 7**

last year when it started quite late.

People started to travel earlier this year to take advantage of the longer holidays that is why 'Lakbay-alalay' was also launched earlier, Castaneda said.

Contact numbers of the assistance stations were released to the public through media for communication access by motorists.

Before leaving, motorists are advised to conduct regular check on their cars to avoid inconveniences along the trips./LL- PIA CAR, Kalinga



## Power Interruption in Baguio, Benguet on April 15

**BAGUIO CITY**—The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has scheduled a 12-hour power outage on April 15 in Baguio City and Benguet.

NGCP Corporate Communications Officer Lilibeth Gaydownen said that the NGCP has scheduled from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM on April 15 a black out affecting the Benguet Electric Cooperative Lamut Sub Station and Itogon Totalizer.

Gaydownen explained that the power interruptions is for the Annual Preventive Maintenance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Power Transformer and associated equipment which is the first Transformer that caused the power interrup-

tion last March 22.

She added that during the preventive maintenance, they would also implement line maintenance activities along the La Trinidad-Lamut 69kV line.

Among the major areas to be affected are: Ambuklao Road, Paddal, Gibraltar, Mines View, Military Cut-off, Leonard Wood Road, Teachers Camp, Hillside, Loakan in Baguio City; Santo Tomas and Kennon Road up to Camp3 in Tuba and Itogon, Benguet. Nearby areas will also be affected.

Gaydownen also announced that on April 17 and 20, a 30 minute power interruption will be experienced in the morning and in the afternoon in areas of Benguet due to load shifting.

Meanwhile,

Gaydownen apologized to the public for the late restoration of power on March 22 in Baguio City and Benguet. She explained that during the scheduled power interruption from 6 AM to 6 PM was prolonged due to a technical problem on the machinery of the NGCP.

"Nagkaroon ng technical problem pero we are trying our best na hind na maaulit ang nangyaring iyon," she said.

Gaydownen also said that the energy crisis in Mindanao will not happen in Luzon explaining that there is a 1500 megawatts surplus of power supply in Luzon.

"The power outages are not connected with the lack of supply but for preventive maintenance only," she stressed. / RC-PIACAR

## Cordillera on Track in Poverty Alleviation Projects-NSCB

**BAGUIOCITY**—The National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) reported that the region is on track in its poverty alleviation projects as it presented the paces of progress of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

During the recently conducted (MDG) catch-up plan formulation workshop held at the City Light Hotel, Aldrin Federico Bahit Jr. OIC of NSCB Cordillera stated that the MDG paces of progress seek to provide answers on how the region performed in the past years, how it should perform to reach the targets and what is the

probability of achieving the target.

For poverty incidence, Bahit reported that Cordillera is one among the four regions who are on track in its poverty alleviation projects. The three other regions include the National Capital Region, Region II and Region IV-A. At present the region is .5 years ahead of its 2015 target, he added.

He said the latest poverty threshold of the region is 22.9, and the target for 2015 is 18.7.

In terms of provincial performances Abra, Apayao, Ifugao, Benguet and Mt. Province, have low probability of achieving their tar-

get while Kalinga and Baguio City are on track.

For subsistence incidence, the region is on track - 22.8 in 1991, and the latest 2009 is 10.8. The regions' target by 2015 is 11.4.

According to Bahit, the poverty gap of the region in 2009 is 4.1 and the region needs to pull that down to 2.1. However, is still stands at present at 4.8.

For prevalence of underweight children under 5 years of age, in terms of provincial performances, all provinces have high probability except Abra.

MDG is a set of time-bound and measurable goals and targets for combating poverty, hunger, diseases, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination. /

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



**WE NEED MORE BLOOD DONORS** says Baguio City Blood Council chairman Mayor Mauricio Domogan during a meeting at City Hall Multi-Purpose Center March 29 in preparation for the formal launching of Baguio City Blood Council (Pledge of Commitment) on May 8. Non-government units, LGUs, organizations, academe, religious groups and other entities who wishes to donate their precious blood to save other people's lives may contact the Philippine National Red Cross-Baguio Chapter. With Mayor Domogan are co-chairman Dr. Melinda Flores, Dr. Nicolas Gordo, PNRC Chapter administrator Anastacia Tamayo and City Health Officer Dr. Florence Reyes. /By Bong Cayabyab

## Baguio Joins Earth Hour

**BAGUIOCITY**—The city turned off the lights for one hour on March 31 as it joined in the world-wide observance of Earth Hour 2012.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan led the switching off of lights and other electrical equipment at the top of Session Road at exactly 8:30PM last Saturday to join the world wide call for energy conservation and be part of the global effort to

mitigate climate change.

"This gathering is one important means to contribute to address climate change," said Domogan in an interview.

Domogan said that this is a way to raise awareness on the need to address climate change from the private sector and the residents as well. He thanked the owners of the business establishments along the Central Business District and the residents of

Baguio who also switched off their lights during the one-hour event.

The Save 182 Movement also spearhead a "green show" at the lower Session Road with a fashion show featuring recycled materials such as used plastics, old newspapers and other recyclable materials followed by a concert with the city's environmental singers and bands.

"Earth Hour is a reminder that we

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## Benguet Gets New SWAT Team

**LA TRINIDAD, Benguet (PIA)**—The Benguet police has a new Special Weapons and Armored Tactics (SWAT) team after ten years.

Last Monday, 18 police officers from the Benguet Provincial Police Office received their certificates and pins for finishing more than two months hard training to be-

come members of the SWAT in Benguet.

Police Regional Office — Cordillera (PRO Cor) regional director PCSupt. Benjamin Magalong said that this is the second team who graduated in Benguet as SWAT team. The first was in 2002 when he served as the trainer.

Magalong commended the SWAT members for suc-

cessfully completing one of the most difficult training in the police force stressing that there is so much responsibility that goes with the training and with the skill particularly using weapons.

Magalong reminded the SWAT team on using their weapons. "There are only two circumstances when to

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