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Martinez slay trial reopened

By Jose Arsenio Quinzon & Edalyn Acta

The recent reopening of the Dr. Abel Martinez murder case is not for justice but for politics. This is the firm stand of Engr. Leodegario Labao thru his legal counsels who held a press conference at the Kapis Mansions Hotel in Banica, Roxas City Jan. 28.

In his opening statement, Atty. Leodegario Dadivas said that the labelling of Martinez's death is "klaro nga pag-hingabot kay Engr. Labao" (A clear destabilization plot against Engr. Labao).

Dadivas added that the current findings of the Special Investigation Task Group (SITG) Vice-Mayor Abel Martinez is half-baked because "wala pa imbestigasyon, may ara na konklusyon" (there is already a conclusion with no investigation yet).

It may be remembered that the initial findings



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of the Task Group was covered with controversies after the Task Group, under Capiz Provincial Police Office (CPPO) Director, Senior Supt. Domingo Cabillan, has allegedly arrested the wrong suspects of the murder case.

The initial charge is still pending at the

Department of Justice and is still waiting for court decision.

Labao is currently tagged as the mastermind of the murder because of the sworn statement of a new witness named Roger Lored, 33, of Brgy. Dalid, Calinog, Iloilo.

In his statement sworn before Prosecutor

Edwin Sustituya, Lored narrated the events prior to Martinez's murder and his direct involvement in the case.

He said the assassination plan against Martinez started sometime in March 2012 when he, together with one Gilbie Principe, was advised to hide in Mambusao, Capiz to escape their current criminal cases in Lambunao, Iloilo by a man they call Nene Army, who was later known to be SSG Rommel Pamotillo.

After weeks of hiding in a cockpit owned by former Brgy. Capt. Fredelino Humbas, Sr. in Bating, Mambusao, Capiz, Lored said that Labao came via convoy to discuss a "big transaction" and Lored

No tetanus cases in Capiz due to firecracker injuries

By Alex Lumaque

ROXAS CITY—The Capiz Provincial Health Office (PHO) reported that no tetanus case has been recorded from the 20 victims of firecracker – related injuries as the tetanus watch ended Jan. 21.

Tetanus monitoring in the province started last Dec. 21 to heighten awareness of the Capiceños on the possible threats posed by firecracker wounds or cuts which may serve as entry points for tetanus – causing bacteria.

Capiz Health Education and Promotion Officer Joeffry Espiritu stressed that victims of firecracker – related injuries are now safe from tetanus.

Espiritu has also thanked

the PHO's partners in the implementation of intensified "Aksyon: Papatok Injury Reduction" (APIR) campaign during the Holiday celebrations.

"Because of their support, firecracker – related injuries in the province decreased," Espiritu noted referring to Municipal Health Officers, Philippine National Police, Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Fire Protection and local tri-media practitioners, among others.

Based on PHO records, there is also no watasi ingestion and victims of indiscriminate firing during the Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations. (JCM/AAL/PIA 6 Capiz)

Capiz disaster team trains on ICS

By Jemin Guillermo

ROXAS CITY—Capiz disaster responders are now set to apply the proper procedures in handling any situations.

This is the case after the Office of the Civil Defense Regional Office VI conducted a three-day Basic/Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) training course to the selected 40 members of the Capiz Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee on Response with some representatives from Sigma and Sapián towns.

Capiz Police Provincial Director Domingo Cabillan, **CAPIZ TEAM / 4**

WINNING ACTION

Capiz's triumph in Dinagyang a team effort—Tesoro

By Ralph John Mijares

In the 2013 Dinagyang Festival's Kasadyahan Regional Cultural Competition held on Jan. 26 in Iloilo City, Capiz placed 3rd runner-up over-all—in what Capiz Provincial Tourism and Cultural Officer Alphonsus Tesoro called a 'collective effort' which was well rewarded.

The festival chosen to represent the province was Dumarao's Pagdagyaw which was exhibited via their performance during the Parade of Festivals. 'Dagyaw' is a local term for bayanihan, around which this year's competition revolved—in particular, bayanihan in preparation for a marriage ceremony.

"Ang ila ginperform ila ginkabuhi (What they performed is their way of



GOOFY GROUP. These dancers still smile and joke around despite the sacrifices and hardships they encounter – the typical Filipino way of life. (PHOTO: Capiz Tourism and Cultural Affairs' Facebook)

life)," Tesoro said.

The competition featured dance festivals from 12 participants across Western Visayas held in four different judging areas across Iloilo City.

According to Tesoro, the Capiz number

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featured basic dance steps and movements from various Capiz folk **MURDER / 4**

BIR Capiz posts 18.53% hike in 2012 collections

By Jemin Guillermo

ROXAS CITY—The economic activity in Capiz has been growing, says the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

This after the Revenue District Office No. 72 in Capiz was able to surpass its collection goal last year and had an 18.53 percent hike in its revenue collection in 2012 compared to its collection in 2011, Gil Tabanda, BIR Capiz chief said.

As of December last year, the Capiz BIR collection reached more than P701.5 million which is higher by more than P109.6 million based on the collection in 2011 which was only recorded at P591.8 million.

Tabanda said that the 18.53 percent collection increase signifies the positive economic growth of the province.

The collection goal

last year was set at P698.3 million; however, a P3.1 million or 0.46 percent collection hike was noted.

"The good revenue collection was due to the vibrant economic activity plus the cooperation of the taxpayers in the province as well as the intensified tax efforts of the BIR employees here," Tabanda said.

This year, they are set to reach their revenue collection goal which is 18-percent higher than 2012, which translates to some P828 million.

Included in its programs and measures to attain said target and sustain the collection growth are the conduct of monitoring of top 20,000 private corporations and 5,000 individual taxpayers, initiate exclusions or inclusions for top taxpayers as well as adoption of a

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Science Talk

By Jose Aldea

There are only two fundamental forces of the universe, namely: positive and negative

It is generally accepted that there are four fundamental forces of the universe, name, gravity, electro-magnetism, strong nuclear force, weak nuclear force. But these four forces can still be further classified into two fundamental forces, namely: positive and negative, attraction and repulsion, re- unlike attract, like repulse, of the unwritten law of the opposite, the empirical law of the universe.

Gravity has positive and negative. Newton is right. That which hold or bind the planets, big magnets suspended in space, to orbit the sun is attraction, re-positive binds negative. Electromagnetism has same unquestionably inherent positive and negative property. Weak nuclear force is also decisively found out to be no different from electro-magnetism, thus, all these three fundamental forces have something in common: they have the inherent positive and negative property of the all encompassing empirical unwritten opposite law of the universe.

It is the strong force that needs to be clarified fully: what it is and why. This leads to the discovery of asymptotic freedom by the respected three scientists namely: Dr. David Gross, Dr. Frank Wilczek and Dr. David Politzer who were awarded the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics. In simplest concept, asymptotic freedom is the behavior of quarks, inside the proton and neutron, of which "attraction between quarks grows weaker as the quarks approach one another more closely, and correspondingly, the attraction grows stronger as the quarks are separated". Note the word "attraction" used to describe behavior of quarks which is the law of opposite. The reason for this behavior is like this universal principle: a bar magnet has strongest force at both ends of the bar and weakest at the middle. In the same principle, the longer the aligned circular grouping quarks inside the proton and neutron, the stronger the force at all around outskirts of the grouping quarks, and at the center of the circular grouping of quarks is the weakest force, call it asymptotic freedom, just like the middle of bar magnet which has the weakest or neutral force, only the quarks are circular in shape as bonded toward the center of proton and neutron. Thus, strong nuclear force which is strong force at farthest, longest length at surface of the grouping of quarks while its connected weakest force (not weak nuclear force) at the center of said grouping of quarks, call it asymptotic freedom, is the making of positive and negative of the unwritten law of Opposite. It is just like Earth: the strongest gravity is at the surface of Earth while the weakest or neutral gravity is at the interior center of Earth, but at the same time, the mass (weight) of Earth is at the weakest at the surface of earth but the heaviest of mass is toward the center of earth. This matter was brought to the attention of the discoverers of asymptotic freedom in 2010 in which Dr. Wilczek agreed.

In summary: there are only two fundamental forces in the universe: attraction and repulsion (like repulse, unlike attract), or the positive and negative property of the unwritten law of opposite, the empirical law of the universe. Even human beings, plants, stone, etc.. all are encompassed by this Law.

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Only test for 2013 candidates: godliness

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant' (Matthew 20:24-26, the Holy Bible).

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ONLY TEST FOR 2013 CANDIDATES-GODLINESS: President Aquino is right---voters in the May 2013 elections should not elect "pretenders" to public office since only those who will and can really serve should be voted upon. But then, with due respect, he is totally wrong to assume that only those who wear yellow shirts have the capacity to serve well.

There are many who don the yellow color but are really undeserving of any elective position, even the lowest ones, and there are those who wear other colors but who are really able and capable. What the President should be pounding upon for our people to vote for in May, if he wants his "right path" campaign to really succeed, are candidates who have the fear and love of God in their hearts, and who are true believers well-versed and obedient to the Word of God, the Bible.

Undeniably, this country and this nation have already been subjected to all kinds of leaders since time immemorial. It is now time to push for men and women who will lead our people first and foremost to become true listeners and sincere followers of God, a people who will once and for all base their thoughts, words and actions on what God says according to the Bible, and who will act, speak and think in recognition of God's primacy in our lives, and in loving embrace of the welfare of others.

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VOTE FOR 2013 CANDIDATES WHO FEAR AND LOVE GOD: Then, and only then, will this country and its people be able to claim its rightful destiny as a nation blessed, led, guided, and protected by God. Consequently, the question that President Aquino and all of us should try to answer is: who are the candidates in the 2013 elections who have the fear and love of God in their hearts? The Bible gives clear indications as to who they are.

Joanne and the KBP

The assumption of Joanne Dadvivas, ABS-CBN Capiz head, as president of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) has apparently added more prestige and luster to this once lackluster organization. Although I would say that the KBP Capiz, through its recent leaderships has already made its presence felt by doing meaningful community endeavors (like tree planting under then KBP president Ely Abarra of dyVR), the expectations are high this time that the organization will, more or less, create more impact not only on the broadcast industry but also on the community as a whole.

Joanne proved to be quite a revelation to me. Although she has been with ABS-CBN as its head in Capiz for a decade now, she has opted to stay in low profile. Neither can you see her throwing her weight around as the ever-supportive wife of Roxas City Vice-mayor Ronnie Dadvivas.

During last year's Capiztahan Festival, Joanne, unknown to many, was among the few members of the Del Rosario clan that called the shots, so to speak. That the festival proved to be quite a success was a testament to Joanne's leadership skills and capabilities.

Recently, Joanne attained another chapter in her career as a member of the media industry when Roxas City in Capiz was linked to the TV Patrol Panay of ABS-CBN. The TV Patrol Panay has been described as a viable source of information for the people of Panay Island in Western Visayas by Mayor Angel Alan Celino.

More Simple Inventions

INVENTION: Flexible Straw. INVENTOR: Joseph B. Friedman, United States.

HOW INVENTED: The first drinking tubes were made of glass. Then came artificial straws made of paraffin Manila paper, which cracks easily and were generally unclean. Later, watching his young daughter become frustrated as her soda straw bent over the rim of her glass, Joseph B. Friedman of Santa Monica, California decided to do something about it. He thought a corrugated section in the straw would produce a better drinking aid. He also invented a straw which could be used with hot liquids as well as cold. His Flex-Straw is made from plastic and is disposable. It bends to any angle and fascinates kids. They enjoy drinking milk, fruit juice, even medicine through it.

INVENTION: Fork. INVENTOR: Unknown.

HOW INVENTED: The first report of the fork as an eating utensil dated back to 11th century, when the Venetian daughter of Byzantine Emperor Constantine Ducas used a small gold one. While forks were widely used by the upper class in Italy during the Middle Ages, they were not known in England until 1608, when the English traveler Thomas Coryate returned from a walking tour and showed his countrymen the Italian eating implement. The English were slow to adopt the idea; as Jonathan Swift put it in 1738, "Fingers were made before knives." The English considered eating with forks effeminate and regarded them as jewelry. Used only on special occasions, an elaborate knife-and-fork set was considered an ideal gift for a bride.

Love Is...

By the time you read this, we must have celebrated one day in our calendar which I dread, or makes me sick to my stomach—Valentine's Day.

Nevertheless, here are some reflections and twists some beliefs and quotes about love.

Love is everywhere. Amen! I never had a girlfriend in my life but I feel love for my family, friends, and my secret crush. It doesn't only come from kissing, dates, gifts, and intimacy. Ironically, it can come from the haters—the love of seeing your doom, that is.

Love is selfless. (No political party reference intended). Early campaigning has become a trend in this country. They have invaded every form of media—the worst being the block-time radio programming. If they run for the sake of the people's benefit, they are supposed to follow Comelec's campaign period but they do not want to be forgotten, do they? They just do not want to lose their grip or shot at power.

If they care about the people, they should have just been listening and heeding to what people want and need, acting on it, and let their actions do the rest of the talking.

Love hurts. Ironic yet true. How can something so good even harm? We should only devote ourselves to the ones we love moderately or

Kakampi Mo Ang Batas

By Atty. Batas Mauricio



In Exodus 18:13-21, Moses was given by his father-in-law, Jethro, the guidelines for selecting officials who will rule over others. Jethro said: "Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him."

"Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. But select capable men from all the people" men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain" and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens"

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CANDIDATES WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD: In Genesis 41:15-40, one of the sons of Jacob or Israel, Joseph, was brought to the Pharaoh of Egypt to explain the king's two dreams---first about the seven cows and second about the seven heads of grain. On meeting the king, Joseph immediately clarified that the power to explain the dreams belonged only to God, and explained what the dreams meant---seven years of golden harvest to be followed by seven years of severe famine.

Joseph then explained that what was needed to be done to save Egypt and the surrounding countries from deadly hunger was the installation of a discerning and wise man as a leader of that country. The Pharaoh then asked: "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom the Spirit of God dwells?" Seeing that Joseph was guided by God, the Pharaoh installed him as Egypt's second ruler, next only to him, the king.

Finally, in Mark 10:43-44, Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, defined what a godly official should consist of. He said: "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all" Our question now is: are there candidates in the May 2013 elections who possess these qualities and therefore deserve to be elected?

LET'S TALK BUSINESS

By Edalyn Acta



TV Patrol Panay had its inaugural broadcast live via fiber optic link over ABS-CBN TV 21 Roxas on Jan. 28. The live broadcast coincided with the launching in Roxas City of what is described as a historic event for the people of Capiz and Roxas City.

The launching was held at the Panublion, Museum on Hughes St., Roxas City. Thus, Capiz and Roxas City's news and issues will now be tackled and broadcast over TV Patrol Panay.

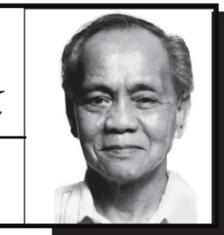
Gov. Victor Tanco, Sr. and Vice-mayor Ronnie Dadvivas were interviewed live at the Panublion during the TV Patrol Panay's live broadcast.

The ecstatic Dadvivas said in her speech during the launching that TV Patrol Panay is in line with the Lopez-owned TV network's vision to "build bridges in the sky."

This vision, Dadvivas said, has propelled all of them at the ABS-CBN to "work harder to be of service to the Filipino worldwide."

Flashback

By Bienvenido Cortes



The first English monarch to use a fork was James I (1566–1625), son of Mary, Queen of Scots. Forks are not recorded among the utensils brought to America in 1620 by the first Colonists. Gov. John Winthrop of Massachusetts introduced the fork in 1630, but it did not come into general use until the 18th century.

INVENTION: Friction Match. INVENTOR: John Walker, England, 1827.

HOW INVENTED: A lucky accident led to the invention of the first friction match. John Walker, a chemist in Stockton-on-Tees, England, struck stuck coated with potash and antimony against the floor and it burst into flame. Although Walker's first matches were made of cardboard, similar to book matches, he soon began to use wooden splints cut by hand. Later, he packaged the matches in a cardboard box equipped with piece of sand paper for striking. The match was never patented by Walker, but for the rest of his life he continued to produce friction matches as an addition to his regular trade.

Source: The Tech Record. Iloilo City, March 1981

STRIKETHROUGH

By Ralph John Mijares



else the return is more painful than we can handle. I was a victim of loving too much—I almost lost a special friend because of it. We became enemies for months. Let's just say I 'creeped' her out.

Fortunately, after months of my intense 'pangungulit,' we reconciled. Based on my observations, she feels comfortable when I'm with her—we even talked and strolled for almost two hours a few months ago. Want to know her name? Sorry, that is just way too confidential. Mahuya man ako sa iya.

"Love us." This is commonly shouted by fish vendors. Love us! Bakal kamo di—Love us!

Valentine's Day? Well, just have a good one! Matatamaan ka rin sa'kin, Cupido ka!

Cop, 8 civilians ambushed by NPA

Camp Peralta, Jamindan, Capiz—Based on the investigation made by the joint Philippine National Police (PNP)- 3rd Infantry Division (3ID) Task Force on the La Castellana incident, it was the New People's Army (NPA) who initiated the ambush that left nine persons killed including one member of the PNP and eight civilians and also wounded 11 others.

The fatalities were PO1 Richard Canja and civilians, namely: Jonathan Mateo, Lito Lukban, Eulysis Tamayor, Ricky Dengcong, Mario Ricablanca, Temoteo Espleguera, Ramiel Complisa and Virginia Ordonez. Meanwhile, two of those wounded are PNP members.

Based on interviews, the civilians even pleaded for their lives stressing that they are civilians. However, they were still repeatedly shot point-blank.

Maj. Gen. Jose Mabanta, commander of 3ID, said that "this inhumane act of the NPA has caused the death of innocent civilians and it is unacceptable. The people and the 3rd Infantry Division condemn this. Their desire to show strength that they are still a force here in the region at any cost caused more harm than good."

"The NPA has been on the losing end here in the region desperately pretending that they are still strong. Based on records, their strength has been in continuous decline as 74

NPA members in Negros have so far returned to the fold of the law while some were killed in legitimate encounters.

"Even as we continue to call for peace towards the NPA, these will not go unpunished. They have blatantly violated human rights and sowed terror amongst the people living peacefully in the area.

"The PNP will file charges and we will coordinate with Karapatan and Commission on Human Rights (CHR) to investigate the matter," Mabanta said.

Pursuit operations will continue and with the help of the local government of la Castellana, Negros Occidental, the aggrieved family members of those killed and wounded as a result of the atrocities will be given assistance.

Mabanta said that "the NPAs further alienated themselves from the people of Negros in particular and from the Filipino people in general. While the AFP and the PNP have been jointly collaborating with other government agencies to bring peace and development via bayanihan, the NPAs insist on bringing fear and terror barring development from coming in.

Appealing to the NPAs, Mabanta urged them to instead lay down their arms and join the society in bringing peace and development especially in the countryside."

5 Capiz students awarded PSHS scholarships

By Jemin Guillermo

Five incoming high school students in Capiz will be given the chance to avail themselves of the government scholarship program.

Information Officer Juafe Abariles of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Capiz said that among the Capiceños who passed the said tilt include Jem Patrice Alfonso and Jean Dorothy Andrada of Capiz Commercial School, Aldrean Paul Alogon of Sigma Central Elementary School, Ashley Marie Bargas of St. Mary's Academy of Capiz and LJ Jesse Macadangang of Dao Central School.

Abariles said that of the 1,143 passers for the 2013 Philippine Science High School (PSHS) national competitive examination held last September 29 last year, 98 of them came from Western Visayas and 18 of whom are Diliman Campus passers.

"Since there are only 90 slots that are available for the region while there are 98 passers, the enrollment will be done on a first-come, first-served basis," she said, adding that confirmation of acceptance of the scholarship could be done personally or by mail, courier, facsimile, or phone, on or before January 31, 2013.

She said that among the privileges of a scholar in said program include free tuition fees, free loan of text books, monthly stipend, uniform, transportation and living allowances for low income groups.

Those Grade 6 pupils who took the PSHS national competitive examination belong to the upper 10% of the batch and do not have a grade below 80 as certified by the School Principal, a Filipino citizen with no pending application as immigrant to any foreign country, born on or after June 1, 1998, in good health and fit to undergo a rigorous academic program, and of good conduct and behavior.

The PSHS was established by Republic Act 3661 and is mandated to offer a free scholarship basic secondary course with emphasis on subjects pertaining to service with the end in view of preparing its students for a science career.

Its curriculum emphasizes on science and mathematics and the development of well-rounded individuals as it prepares students for a career that contributes to nation building by helping the country attain a critical mass of professionals and leaders in science and technology.

When can Capiz recover its glory in sports?

By Eduardo C. Harion

Principal I, Don Gervacio Diaz Elem. School, Bago, Roxas City

The holding by the Province of Capiz of the West Visayas Regional Athletic Association Meet, to be held from Feb. 18 to 22 at the Villareal Stadium in Roxas City, is an opportune time for us to once again reassess our own sports program, which has badly deteriorated through the years.

I guess it's been 50 years since Capiz became champion of the regional sports competition. That was, I think, in 1961 when we clinched the championship crown.

Although the purpose of the meet is not for anyone to show supremacy in sports, it baffles a lot of people why only Negros Occidental and Iloilo seem to be always the ones bidding for the championship crown. The provinces of Capiz, Aklan, Antique and the sub-province of Guimaras seem to have been relegated to the background.

Setting aside what seemed to be the dismal showing of Capiz athletes in the meet, what is more important though is that through the said sports competition, our players are learning such values as camaraderie, sportsmanship, discipline and unity. The game's ultimate objective, which is fellowship, should not be disregarded by the athletes in exchange for their victories.

Winning is not everything. Losing with one dignity and sense of propriety intact should be the guiding principle of every athlete or the entire delegation. After all, the WVRAA affair is held to foster good relationship among the athletes and the competing delegation. It is not meant to show who is superior over the others. It is not meant to sow animosity or trouble among the competing players. It aims to promote sports as a healthy activity at the same time preparing the youth to be more emotionally mature and responsible.

Let the WVRAA Met be the venue for our youth to hone not only their physical skills but also to prepare them for the more complicate life ahead, Let it serve as a venue for healthy competition and an instrument for regional progress and unity.

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also PDRRMC Capiz's Vice Chairperson, said that the training course recently conducted in Iloilo City will help especially in handling not only disaster responses but also other events and situations.

"Our learning in the three-day training course is a timely input in managing events especially that Capiz will be hosting the Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) meet this February as we want the delegates to be safe and secure while staying in the province," Cabillan said.

Cabillan added that in the ICS training, the roles, scope and functions of everyone who are directly involved in incident operation and management are clearly defined.

According to OCD Regional Director Rosario Cabrera, the training on ICS for disaster responders seeks to ensure the effective and efficient response operation at the scene level.

Cabrera said that the National Disaster Risk Reduction and management Council through the OCD in the country is taking in lead in the implementation of disaster

management with different partner agencies such as the Department of Health, Bureau of Fire Protection, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippine Red Cross among others.

She also stressed that the training of responders who are members of the local DRRMCs helps accomplish the mandate under Republic Act 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010.

She said that Capiz is last province that underwent said three-day ICS training which was participated in by representatives from the PNP, Philippine Army, PRC, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, PDRRM Office, volunteer groups, Philippine Coast Guard, BFP and Philippine Information Agency, among others.

Lecturers included Dr. Joseph Bacarezza of the BFP, Bago City Fire Marshall Pamela Candido, Dr. Rowel Gerson of the Negros Occidental Provincial Health Office, Escalante City Police Chief Jefferson Descallar and Engr. Paul Nogra of OCD 6.

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received Php5,000 for his allowance.

Weeks after, Loredo, with instructions from Nene Army, went back to Mambusao to discuss an assassination of a person worth Php150,000. Loredo said that Labao approved the plan.

In the evening of May 3, 2012, Loredo, with instructions from Gilbie, went back to Mambusao and stayed at a house together with two companions named Sonny and Buddy. In one dinner, Loredo was assigned to drive the getaway motorcycle; Gilbie to be the gunman with Sonny as backup; and Buddy to drive another motorcycle.

At 4 a.m. of May 4, the group went on to their job. Loredo, as he narrated, was told to fetch Gilbie and Sonny as soon as he heard successive gunshots. After they had shot Martinez, the group fled and was assisted by one of the convoy cars of Labao.

Loredo said they went to a place where heavy machineries were located and they were greeted and congratulated by Engr. Labao.

He said he got Php 3,000 from Gilbie and went back to Iloilo. He again received Php 40,000 from Gilbie when they met again after the incident. He also received a bonus from Labao sometime in June 2012 and was asked by Labao if they can do another 'bigger' job.

According to reports, Gilbie Principe died of a grenade blast in Jaro, Iloilo.

With this development on the Abel Martinez murder case, CPPO led by Senior. Supt. Cabillan, reopened the case with Engr. Labao as the mastermind. In the said press conference,

counsels of Labao said that he is the victim of trial by publicity and political harassment led by PD Cabillan and 'some higher' political leaders.

They also stressed that Labao is innocent of the case and he does not personally know the witness.

Dadivas, Labao's head counsel, said that the witness is not even credible enough to testify because he was an inmate in BJMP in Pototan, Iloilo.

Dadivas also questioned the argument of the witness because he was in prison when the killing of Martinez happened.

Further, Atty. Myra Yngcong, Labao's other counsel, said that they would fight against this plot on Labao to prove his innocence. They claim that the death of Martinez was used and manoeuvred to counter Labao's political aspiration in Mambusao town.

They also said that Labao's constituents in Mambusao do not believe all the black propaganda against him because they know him to be a philanthropist and of good character.

Martinez's daughter, Sharon Martinez, is currently the contender of Labao in the mayoralty race in Mambusao, Capiz. Martinez is running under the Liberal Party with Gov. Victor Tanco and Congressional aspirant Maria Andaya.

Meanwhile, Labao, together with 1st District of Capiz Congressional Aspirant Jojie Avelino, is running under National Unity Party, a political party lead by former 2nd District of Capiz Congressman Atty. Fredenil Castro.

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taxpayer approach such as the conduct of dialogues and intensified tax information and education campaign.

Other priority programs of their office are the Oplan Kandado, delinquent account management and Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) program.

In addition, they will also focus on improving the integrity, professionalism, competency and satisfaction of its human resources

through various programs, namely On Time: BIR Time, employee learning development program, people wellness program and recognition and awards system, he said.

"All these programs are geared towards reaching and even surpassing our collection as well as improving the delivery of our services for public or clients' satisfaction," Tabanda said.

WINNING / 1

dances accompanied by music focused on string instruments to render it a 'culturally authentic' flourish.

Students and teachers from various schools in the province participated in the performance on and behind the stage.

Tesoro revealed the various contributions received, and hardships and sacrifices that the participants have gone through in practice and during the contest.

During rehearsals, kids chipped in for food while their parents and teachers cook their food and provided maintenance.

From January 3–23, participants practiced from noon to midnight to morning in the covered gym of Barangay Astorga (a far flung area from Poblacion Dumarao). Some participants even fainted and were sent to hospital.

Also, the Parents-Teachers Association of



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Keeping the Change: A New Challenge for Roxas City Mayor Alan Celino

By Edalyn B. Acta

As he files his bid for a second term as Roxas City's chief executive in the May 2013 elections, Mayor Angel Alan B. Celino hopes to keep the numerous changes he has effected at City Hall.

Foremost among these changes is on the attitudinal aspect that resulted in a more "functional" and dedicated City Hall occupants.

This enhancement of human resources now has become Mayor Alan's solid foundation for a more stable and well-meaning bureaucracy.

The introduction of the biometrics time clocks, which identify persons through their personal attributes, has minimized and discouraged latecomers among the employees' ranks. It has instilled in them the values of discipline and honesty.

This is something—among the numerous changes he has made that Mayor Celino is proud of. He has successfully sent a message to employees that "public service is a public trust" and that it is not something to be taken of for granted.

He himself has set an example by reporting to his office as early as 7:30 a.m. and for adopting a hands-on approach to things.

Knowing that he cannot demand more dedication and sincerity from a disgruntled workforce, Mayor Celino, despite the financial difficulties the City is facing brought about by the creation of 16 new cities that reduced the City's IRA (internal revenue allotment) share) by P46-million, ordered the release of two tranches of salary increase for the city employees. This is in line with the Salary Standardization Law.

Such changes have yielded dividends with the awards, citations and recognitions received by the City, foremost of which is the Seal of Good Housekeeping from the Department of the Interior and Local Government. These are testaments to good, responsive and



Mayor Allan proudly holds up the red orchid award which the city got 2 years in a row



Mayor Celino with his LP allies - (L-R) Interior Secretary Mar Roxas II, President Aquino and Governor Vic Tangco

transparent governance. And, as if to remind City Hall clients that they are entering an LGU building that practices good, accountable and transparent leadership, the Seal, placed in wooded pedestal and enclosed by four posts with chains, is now prominently displayed at the City Hall lobby.

This is also to remind City Hall residents that their efforts toward a more responsive public service have paid off.

Aside from serving as proofs that the Roxas City LGU under Mayor Celino is on the right track, the awards keep city hall officials and employees on their toes—and inspire them to work harder. Thus, we can expect a more productive City Hall bureaucracy in the years ahead.

SMOKE-FREE CITY.

Perhaps one of the lasting and most important achievements of Mayor Celino and his fellow city officials is their campaign to make Roxas City smoke-free.

For two years in a row (2010-2011), the City was recipient of two Red Orchid Awards for its efforts to combat the ill-effects of tobacco on one's health.

Local laws enacted by the city legislative body are now properly and forcefully enforced by the executive department. Many residents were "culture shocked" of this "development" but this is seen by the many in a positive way ... a welcome development since Roxas City's landscape is fast a-changing and expanding.

The days ahead for Mayor Celino may be stormy. But slowly and surely, the mayor—whether we like it or now—is continuously making inroads on good governance.

As he tackles his third year in office, the mayor looks forward to more development undertakings—whether government or private initiatives – that would further boost the city's and province's economy.

For one, the emergence of Robinsons Place Roxas, which is expected in the third quarter of 2013 inside the Pueblo de Panay,

will definitely change the city's landscape and further strengthen Roxas City's claim as the fastest economic hub in the region.

The Dinggoy Roxas Civic Center will also be refurbished, converting it into a three-storey structure through the P65 million from the Countrywide Development Fund of former senator and now Interior Secretary Mar Roxas II.

A special feature of the project is the skywalk that would connect the City Hall building to

the DRCC, whose third floor will house the offices of city councilors and the session hall of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

The Roxas City airport, according to Mayor Celino, will also



Mayor Celino personally feeds the children

undergo the much needed facelift. Through the P48 million DOTC fund, the airport's rehab will surely stimulate more economic activities that would result towards the betterment of Roxas City residents' lives.

All these and more form part of Mayor Celino's three-year agenda for Roxas City.

Quite a revelation, indeed, for this 54 year-old chief executive who has never dreamed of his present position. Nevertheless, he was rewarded by the people of Roxas City in the last 2010 elections to lead them to a brighter tomorrow.

K to 12 in public schools of Capiz

By Edna b. Azarraga

Principal III, Doña Victoria Cortes Dais Memorial School

The K to 12 Program might yet be the ultimate answer to the deterioration of the country's educational system. This would finally make our graduates competitive and at par with the counterparts in other countries. Finally, our graduates will no longer be looked down by graduates of other countries. They can now face other peoples of the world, with confidence and faith in themselves!

It is to the credit of the Department of Education that the program is quite finally seeing the light of day. Critics were quick to criticize the program even though it is still in its initial stage. To judge the K to 12 plan this early seems unfair and will not be of any help in making the program succeed.

In a way, criticisms of the K to 12 should be taken into considerations by our education planners, regardless of whether these criticisms are unfair or not. For they serve as a challenge to the K to 12 implementers ...to really do their best in seeing to it that the program succeeds. Through this, K to 12 implementers would be able to spot the flaws or loopholes of the program and would then be able to make recommendations to solve the problems at hand.

Teachers must continually update their skills in the light of the K to 12 implementation. They must adjust to the ever-changing times and suit their lesson modules to the needs of their students. They must be imaginative, creative and, yes, exert an extra mile to make the program really work and its effects really felt by the students. The outcomes of the program during its initial stage must be assessed readily so that solutions can be drafted this early.

No less than Education Secretary has admitted that the K to 12 Curriculum is not a perfect curriculum. This could be the reason why the DepEd is embarking on a continuing activity in line with the K to 12 implementation. Recently, the DepEd has conducted the first national research conference on the K to 12 implementation. Such activity and similar activities must be vigorously pursued by the DepEd if it wants to be properly guided and appraised of what ails the program and the possible factors that could slow down the attainment of its goals and objectives.

Mother Tongue Teaching - A Special Feature of K To 12

By Edna B. Azarraga

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The teaching of the Mother tongue - or the local dialect - to elementary pupils from grades one to three as a part of the K to 12 program is considered a special and an innovative feature of our present educational system.

The integration of the so-called mother tongue into the country's education curriculum may yet spell success that could result in the quality of our graduates who, for years, have had to bear the reputation of being second fiddle to graduates of other countries.

By adding two more years to what used to be the ten-year cycle in our education system, the present DepEd, headed by Education Secretary Armin Luistro, is definitely on the right track and may yet go down in our education history as 'future nerves'.

President Aquino, too, who has shown his full support to the K to 12 program, deserves the accolade of the education community for his efforts to revolutionize the country's education system.

However, it is we, teachers, who actually hold the key to a successful K to 12 implementation. We have to exert efforts to make the k to 12 curriculum work, particularly by upgrading our skills and embarking on a continuing research to further boost the program.

I believe that for the K to 12 program to really succeed, the collective efforts of everybody - teachers, school officials, local officials, and the students themselves - are badly needed for we can never allow this particular program to fail.

Discovering the wonder of science

By Lenny Bibit, Master Teacher I

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Science is such a field that holds much mystique that only a few could seem to relate with it. That is why you can only count on your fingers students who want to specialize on science, or those who want to become scientists. The role of teachers in arousing the interest of students in science cannot be overstated. As front-liner in education, teachers have to inculcate well into the minds of their students the importance, the wonder and the necessity of science in our daily life. Without science and the various things brought by it into our lives, then maybe what we have is a boring life, practically empty of the conveniences and trappings of modern living.

Science, it should be made clear to the students, makes our life worth living and easy. The information technology we are enjoying now has brought numerous researches and inventions by scientists, who do not seem to stop at looking for new things to discover. Our lights, electricity and practically all the amenities we now have were products of science. Yet, despite these "wonders" brought by science, there seems to be few takers in pursuing science-related fields and subjects.

In schools, perhaps we can intensify our science related activities to shore up the interest of students in this particular field. The schools can link with the government and private sectors in making science alive in the minds and consciousness of everyone.

That science has become an indispensable field in our lives

has become a reality, a reality that stares us and confronts us daily. May we continue the beautiful and useful things that science could only bring by cultivating in each of us the love for the said particular field. For science is something that must not be taken for granted. We must internalize every aspect of it and must learn to appreciate its value, its importance and its impact in our lives. Only then can we encourage the present and future breed of students to learn to love science.

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