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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Diabetes Prevalent Among Young People; Teachers, Parents Advised to Advocate Healthy Lifestyle Among Kids



President Benigno S. Aquino III administers the Oath to Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales at the Malacañan's President's Hall on Wednesday, July 27, 2011. Justice Morales joined the Judiciary in 1983 as Presiding Judge of the Pili, Camarines Sur Regional Trial Court. In 1986, she was transferred to the Pasay Regional Trial Court. In 1994, she was appointed to the Court of Appeals, and on September 03, 2002, she was elevated as the 151st member of the Supreme Court. Justice Morales graduated valedictorian in elementary and high school at Paoay Elementary School and Paoay North Institute. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1964 and her Bachelor of Laws in 1968, both from the University of the Philippines. Witnessing the ceremony are Justice Morales' husband Eugenio Morales, Jr., sons Eugenio Morales III and Umberto Morales and daughter Jazrina Morales./Malcañang Photo Bureau

BAGUIO CITY - There is now an increasing incidence of childhood diabetes and most of the cases are obese and overweight children, and though diabetes is a killer disease, it is highly treatable and its complications are preventable.

This was stressed by Dr. Francis Pizarro of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), adding that diabetes is now being considered as a modern day epidemic.

Pizarro also stressed that at the BGHMC when the Diabetes Center was opened in 1998, there were only about 100 patients a year. In 2002, it breached the 1,000 a year barrier and today, they are encountering at the center about 8,000 diabetics a year.

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KORAPSYON sa RDC pinaimbistiga sa Senado, at sasampahn rin sa Ombudsman!!!

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DSWD Conducts Training on Human Trafficking Cases

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Cordillera protection recently conducted a training on psychosocial recovery, social and economic reintegration of "trafficked persons".

The training which was participated by local government personnel and professionals, aimed to re-orient the participants on various trafficking cases. The activity also allowed them to learn strategies by sharing experiences in the handling of survivors of trafficking.

According to DSWD Regional Director Leonardo Reynoso, the training is part of the agency's efforts in eliminating human trafficking which is one the main problems of society and also in finding resolution to the rehabilitation of the survivors.

"Psychosocial recovery and reintegration services as well as various systems on case management have been presented for learning and what can we do about it in order to improve our delivery of services to our clients", Reynoso said.

"In the latest report of the United States Department, we are improving in our efforts to curb down human trafficking in the country," he said adding that the country will not be deprived of funding and non-humanitarian aid from the US.

The DSWD is the lead agency in the Cordillera Regional Inter-Agency Committee against Trafficking./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

Lawmaker Lays Down Four Key Problematic Areas to be Addressed to Attain Economic Dev't

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano urged the Aquino administration to comprehensively address four (4) key problematic areas plaguing our business sector in order to strive for economic development along side its established goal of achieving good governance.

The senator pointed out that peace and order, infrastructure deficiency, good governance and the price of electricity were identified by businessmen as key areas that need to be addressed in order for

the country to attain economic development.

"Basically, we need to jumpstart the country's economic program. Why not focus more on those (4) key problematic areas plaguing our businessmen?" he said.

Cayetano reiterated that in addressing our country's problems, the government needs to balance its attention to both the economic side and the good governance side.

He also called on the Malacanang to clearly explain the economic program of the Aquino

administration, or what has been referred to as "Aquino-nomics".

"When they had Reaganomics in the US, for example, they had very specific economic theories regarding their stand on taxes and government spending. That is what is lacking in the government's economic program now," he said.

Cayetano also suggested that it would be best if the administration were to come up with a more detailed policy on further borrowings to address the country's foreign debt crisis.

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ELA for ERS matters

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan last Wednesday expressed approval on the conduct of an Executive Legislative Agenda (ELA) to thresh out matters as to the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) being used at the garbage dumpsite in Irisan.

The pronouncement came after City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) head Cordella Lacsamana appeared before the city council Monday afternoon to clarify matters as to the ERS.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said that other department heads needed to answer queries too, as to the issues, will be invited to the ELA.

Among others, Lacsamana was asked by the councilors about the fuel and electricity consumption of the two ERS machines and whether both are being fully utilized. She was also asked whether operating cost for the machines are well within the budget.

It may be recalled that two ERS machines were bought to process biodegradable wastes to organic fertilizer which if not used by the city, would be bought back by Protech, provided a permit is produced. Said ERS machines are supposed to handle 24 tons of biodegradable garbage a day.

Lacsamana then likened the ERS machines to a vehicle which need a "break-in" period, thus the gradual use for the machine. Though supposed to handle 24 tons of garbage, only 20 tons are being processed. She said for the first two months, the machines went full blast, processing 24 tons a day, but were advised by the consultants of "gradual" use, thus the reduction of garbage load.

Additional funding being requested from the city, Lacsamana said was due to ERS parts needed and not fuel nor electricity cost.

As to the organic fertilizer being produced, Lacsamana said that permit from the fertilizer authorities is forthcoming, which the mayor said later was already available.

The mayor said that Protech, the company which operates the ERS machines was given the permit to sell the organic fertilizers from biodegradable wastes, and the labeled packaging materials are being awaited. Protech can then buy back the fertilizers, now said to be 1,170 tons and occupying space at the Irisan dumpsite.

At Three Hundred Pesos (P300) per sack, the city could partially recoup costs, the mayor said. With a cost analysis done, the disposal cost per ton of garbage is way above that of the cost of having and running the ERS machines, it was learned.

At this, Mayor Domogan again reminded Baguio citizens to religiously segregate their garbage so as to facilitate the feeding of same to the machines for processing.

The mayor also said dump trucks for segregated wastes are forthcoming, as with color-coded cellophane garbage containers.

The ELA is expected to be done this coming week./juliefianza

Reported Tourism Decline Explained

BAGUIO CITY - Members of the city council last week listened to Department of Tourism Regional Director Purificación Molintas as she recommended for a council-sponsored resolution supporting accreditation of tourism establish-

ments and services, additional personnel for the city tourism office, and "harmonized funding" for suggested tourism programs.

The recommendation came in the wake of reported alleged 33 percent drop in tourism arrivals for

the first quarter of 2011, for which RD Molintas said "structured data" is needed, and could be gathered through more city tourism personnel.

The report of alleged significant decline prompted Councilor Elmer Datuin to

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Large Tract of Lot Eyed as Greenbelt

BAGUIO CITY – The city council approved a resolution reserving a vast tract of land that straddles four barangays here as a greenbelt zone pursuant to the national government's National Greening Program (NGP).

Proposed by Councilors Isabelo Cosalan Jr. and Joel Alangab, the resolution identifies the parcel of land located at barangays Camp 7, Bakakeng Norte/Sur, Sto. Tomas Proper and Sto. Tomas school area, containing an area of 138.5533 hectares, as a primary city tree planting or regreening area for students, government employees including private individuals or companies mandated by law to plant trees in compliance to certain government requirements pursuant to Executive Order No. 26, series of 2011 that implements the NGP.

The said lot has been identified as a multi-land use area for the city.

In the resolution, the aldermen stressed the need to identify planting areas to direct tree planting programs of schools, government and non-government institutions and to facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of such activities pursuant to the NGP.

"Executive Order No. 26 issued on February 24, 2011 by President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III identified resource conservation and protection and climate change mitigation and adaptation as two of the priority programs of the government that in pursuit thereof, ordered the consolidation and harmonization of greening initiatives of the government and the private sector under a National Greening Program," the aldermen noted.

They said the order provides that "All students, identified by the DepEd and CHED and all government employees shall be individually required to plant a minimum of ten seedlings per year..."

Apart from this, the city has to also step up reforestation efforts to enhance its environment in the face of the development rush.

"The City of Baguio, popular for its pine trees and lush vegetations needs to address its dwindling green patches, which continue to give way to concrete structures and other related forms of development, to sustain its vision of 'A breath taking City of Pines, a living stage of culture and arts in harmony with nature...'," the aldermen noted.

Under the measure, the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) was to coordinate with the City Planning and Development Office and Department of Environment and Natural Resources-CAR on the proper implementation and conduct of tree planting and monitoring activities over the said area.

The measure will be discussed by the city council soon./
A Refuerzo

Lawmaker Expecting the new Ombudsman to be an Anti-Corruption Crusader, Bring an Aggressive Mood

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano threw his support behind newly appointed Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales and called on all government officials to aid the latter in carrying out the President's marching orders to go after grafters.

Cayetano said that the President's success or failure in the anti-corruption campaign will now depend on Ombudsman Morales. He explained that all this talk about the government's lack of political will in prosecuting and putting

people behind bars will now be up to her to affirm or disprove.

The senator also noted that Morales has a tough job to fulfill as Ombudsman and deserves the full support from the people. "I hope that she will have the funds, the power and the opportunity to resolve the cases. I hope everyone will give her the support that she needs," he added.

He explained that the Office of the Ombudsman should now focus on strengthening the cases against corrupt officials and make sure that these

will not just be dropped in the future due to the lack of evidence. "We will also see if those who should be charged will be charged," he added.

Cayetano added that ever since the Aquino administration assumed office, the president wanted to put in a new Ombudsman that could spearhead his anti-corruption campaign. Hence, the senator expects the new 'anti-corruption crusader' to bring in an aggressive mood of going after those who should be accountable for the

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EVERY STEP YOU MAKE... WE ARE WATCHING YOU !!! - City Police Director David Lacdan monitors the activities at the Baguio City Police Office live through a Close Circuit Television (CCTV) installed within the strategic areas along the Central Business District in maintaining peace and order in the city.— By Bong Cayabyab

Increase in Tech-Voc Course Takers Noted in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY— More and more students are now taking up technical/vocational (tech-voc) courses, either as first course or as second course, to upgrade their skills as ticket to better job opportunities.

This reported by Baguio Association of Private Technical/Vocational institutions (BAPTIV) president Vladimir Cayabas, in a kapihan media forum Wednesday.

According to Cayabas, who is also the Administrator of National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT)-Baguio, about 10 years ago, of all the college students in the city only about five percent is enrolled in tech-voc courses but now, the 26 strong member association BAPTIV captures about 15 to 20 percent.

Cayabas said the reasons, he believes, for such trend is tuition or financial aspect, employability, and the awareness on the importance of skills training that are in accordance with the industry.

For NIIT alone, Cayabas affirmed that about 20 percent of its students are second-course tak-

ers and about another 20 percent are transferees from other colleges and universities. Most of the second-course takers, as well as those who are already working taking up tech-voc courses are enhancing their skills while waiting for job opportunity or looking for a better jobs.

In this present time, students and parents should also look at the law of 'supply and demand' in choosing what courses or career they want to follow, as every year there are about 250,000 graduates who would be looking for jobs, of which many are hard up looking for a job and some land on jobs that are not related to their courses, he said.

According to Cayabas, in choosing a career students and parents, too, should consider 'LIFE', which stands for L—Learning attitude, I—Interest, F—Financial Aspect and E—Employability.

Addressing job mismatch is one concern the Aquino administration is focusing right now, in which President Benigno Aquino III already directed the

think-tanks of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Commission of Higher Education, Department of Education to look into.

In his State of the Nation Address (SONA) last Monday, Aquino stressed that though the employment rate of the country has improved, there is still a need to consider the thousands of students graduating every year in the government's labor and employment program.

According to the President, it was seen in the government's Philjobnet website that about 50,000 job vacancies are not being filled up every month because of job mismatch, which means that the knowledge and skills of the graduates are fit or do not match on the industry or company needs. Thus, the government aims to look at the courses curriculum so that they could match it to the need of the industries and to also provide guidance to students to go for highly employable or in-demand courses./JDP/LD-PIACAR

Slaughter Of The Innocents:2

"Spend, spend, spend," Is this a Maguindanao' warlord ranting? We're still reeling from how ex-governor Zaldy Ampatuan & Co. dissipated over one billion bucks, in spurious projects, in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

No. That's the National Statistical Coordination Board's chief speaking. Local governments should use their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for health and education, NSCB's Romulo Virola writes. That'd dent massive poverty and unconscionably high death rates, among infants and mothers.

IRA "heavy-weights" include Quezon City, Davao, Manila, Zamboanga City, Caloocan, Puerto Princesa, and Cebu. Yet, they penny-pinch when meeting the "20-20 Pact", set by the 1972

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Stockholm Conference.
The Philippines and 112

countries, agreed to earmark 20 percent of resources for the poorest. This trust fund would address needs of the most deprived: nutrition, health care, sanitation, primary schooling, etc.

In Zamboanga del Norte, 32 out of every 100 are functionally illiterate. In Lanao del Sur, 69 out of every 100 lack potable water. Only 23 percent of kids in Sulu make it thru high school.

These factors interlock and cut life spans. A child born in Tawi-Tawi today has a life expectancy of 54 years. If born in Cebu, 74 years. And "life is the threshold at which all other hopes begin."

Curbing disease and death rates makes human development possible, the Stockholm consensus stressed. Unmet human needs usher more pre-school Filipino children into premature graves than in Egypt, Kenya or Tanzania, Asian Development Bank notes.

Former Sen. Aquilino Pimental wove that 20 percent safety net concept into the Local Government Code. But politicians converted the "Local Development Fund" (LDF) into their mini-pork barrels, as successive COA audits found.

Cotabato City dissipated P44.3 million of it's P55 million LDF for salaries. Davao Oriental Sanggunian officials ladled P669,892 as "financial assistance"—for themselves. Many go on junkets dolled up as "lakaby aral" trips.

"The LDF is the "most abused" budget item today, Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo told a Cebu conference. Six out of every 10 local governments units flunk the Appropriations Laws "full disclosure" criteria on tax spending.

There are silver linings, however. "Urdaneta in Pangasinan is the only city that consistently spent more than 20 percent of its LDF on education, health, culture, etc. Urdaneta—which gained cityhood status only in 1998—spent 24 centavos out of every IRA peso for human needs.

Others who bankrolled their kids are: Cabanatuan, Valenzuela, Calamba, Las Pinas, Makati, Tagaytay, Manila, La Carlota in Western Visayas, and Pasay. "They spent about 16 percent of their total income on health, nutrition, and family planning.

Other cities get far heftier IRA chunks. The biggest slabs went to Quezon City, Davao, Manila, Zamboanga City, Caloocan, Puerto Princesa and Cebu, plus General Santos City and Cagayan de Oro.

Their IRA checks tower over Urdaneta & Co... They could have spent more for human development. Instead, they played Scrooge. None spends over 15 percent for basic human needs.

Don't let a book cover—or a town's balance sheet—fool you.. Many municipalities may appear "rich", But that doesn't come from locally-generated income. They're propped up by IRAs:

Topping the list of the high-income towns was Biñan, Laguna. The others were the municipalities of Dasmariñas (Cavite), Cabuyao (Laguna), Bacoor (Cavite), Cainta (Rizal), Imus (Cavite), General Trias (Cavite), San Pedro (Laguna), Taytay (Rizal), and Mabalacat, Pampanga.

"Panhandlers" are towns where 99 centavos of their budgets come from IRAs. The top 28 are from the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. In exchange, these places can deliver 12-0 senatorial vote shutouts without fail.

Cities that received more than 90 percent of their income thru the IRA were Guihulngan, Sipalay, Bayugan, Himamaylan, Tabuk, Baybay, Canlaon, Borongan, Isabela and Cabadbaran.

In contrast, stand the 10 most "self-reliant" municipalities, are clustered in the Calabarzon. Region: Cabuyao, Laguna; Cainta, Rizal; Bacoor, Cavite; General Trias, Cavite; **Cont. on page 11**



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Mayor Domogan's SOCA 2011

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Mayor Mauricio Domogan's State of the City Address or SOCA last 25 July 2011 is a reference from which we can assess our achievements as a city. The SOCA is a baseline from which we can assess the performance of our local officials and citizens. The SOCA can be a tool to find out where we are and through which we can identify the appropriate roads to take to where we want to go. It is also true, of course, that a SOCA can also be a tool for demagogues to blur our perception of our present and distort our dreams for our future.

Demagogues can use a SOCA to misguide and misstate or overstate achievements. A SOCA is a platform from which public officials can claim achievements where there is none and flaunt a direction where is also none. Difficulties are mothers of innovation. They are the springs from which human progress flow and man advance to new heights. Yet, difficulties are also opportunities for graft by some of our public officials who do not have the moral uprightness of a God and people-fearing person. Difficulties are opportunities for the morally inept to propose projects through which corrupt public officials can pocket millions of pesos of **porsiyentos** from contractors.

One achievement which Domogan is happy about is that while the city spent P39 million from 1 June 2009 to 30 June 2010 just to haul garbage from city to Tarlac, only P25 million was spent from 1 July 2010 to 11 April 2011. Further, since April 2011, the city has stopped hauling garbage to Tarlac. Domogan said that since April 2011, we have been utilizing the ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING SYSTEM (ERS) MACHINES that "converts biodegradable waste into high grade compost fertilizers" for which P128 million was appropriated by the city. The technology is deemed promising because the city generates 166 tons of garbage a day, of which 43.16 tons are recyclables and 53.12 tons are residuals. According to Domogan, 33.32% of our city's garbage is classified as "special wastes". The residual component of our garbage is hauled by ProTech Machineries, Inc., which supplied the ERS machines "at no cost to the city" (hopefully, this is accurate).

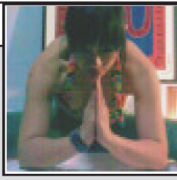
According to Domogan, as of 25 July 2011, the ERS machines have already produced 413.10 tons of high-grade compost waste certified by the Department of Agriculture. Meanwhile, Domogan said that only 12 out of 128 barangays are partially served by the city's communal septic tank while 53 barangays are using "individual septic tanks". Unfortunately, Baguio's sewerage treatment plant is designed for 8,600 cubic meters per day but it is operating at an inflow of 12,447 cubic meters a day or 144.7 above capacity.

On air quality, Domogan reported that out of the 5,722 motor vehicles flagged down for mandatory vehicle testing, some 3,762 vehicles failed the roadside exhaust pollution inspection or around 65%. The two prob- **Cont. on page 11**

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Poetic (in) Justice
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BY: GRACE BANDOLY

**The Yellow Cab Luv Story**

Once upon a time sa katabing castle ng main na kastilyo
Another lab story namuo from a Judge and a lady abugado,
The judge is medyo bata pa and super macho!
Adik sa workout halos everyday nagpapalaki ng kanyang
katawang bato!

Attractive nga naman sa women if a guy is ala- Machete ang
anyo,

Ako rin nga mga macho type na type ko noh,
Pero macho dancer no way kahit mga macho wala sila sa
listahan ko!

But judge na macho medyo wow nakalakokoh!
Kaya siguro si lady lawyer kay judge napa – OOOH!
Si lady lawyer also ang body may pagka huge and sort of
macho too?

Ngayon they are lovers, ating i-shortcut na po.
Sa isa't isa sila'y gigil na gigil can't hide their feelings na sa
mga tao?!

They always see each other daw, even sa chambers ni judge
sila'y nag-do (do)?!

Meaning they always do it there whatever it is they do?
Secret love stories ang dami pala sa ating mga palasyo,
Coz si judge and lady lawyer eh may asawa na rin pareho?
i-aprub na kasi divorce na yan para mga lovers di na kelangan
magtago!

Mga people mamili kung sino mga minamahal nilang totoo,
Para kanilang mga love affair di na kelangan i-hide from the
madlang tao,

Haayy, kung bakit kasi mahilig talaga sa tsismis lahat tayo!!
Ay siyanga pala ano ba yung Yellow Cab na title neto ask
niyo,

Yellow polka dot bikini, Yellow submarine, basta yellow na
yellow bahala na kayo!

Awtobayograpi

Ako po ngayon ay medyo happy
Mga friends natin from everywhere dumarami

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

*ON MINING & SUSTAINING
GAINS*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



SIOCON — I made several trips to Zamboanga lately .
Several weeks ago, I was at the mountains of Siocon, a town on
the northern coast of the peninsula. SIOCON belongs to what is
known as "Triple SB" areas. Triple SB is the acronym for four
Zambo towns (Sibuco, Sirawai, Siocon & Baguilian) known be-
fore as the peninsula's "problem areas". But not anymore!

Siocon is where the TVI Resource Development Inc. min-
ing site is situated. I spent a night at the cool, fog-draped moun-
tain site so I could see for myself the current mining operations,
the status of the local indigenous peoples, the Subanens, in-
cluding the due diligence done, especially on the environment. I
also wanted to see how a town, hosting a mining company looked
like. TVI, by the way requested me to assist the company be
some sort of its "resident Ombudsman".

I liked what I saw. Siocon poblacion looked different since
I last visited years ago. It was alive and bustling. Progress was in
the air. Sta Maria port, built by USAID, with roro ramp and all,
was hosting a foreign vessel loading copper concentrates for
export.

"DETOX PLANT" — High up in the mountains, at the TVI
mine site, the once denuded-looking areas looked lush green.
Trees have grown. For a while I thought I was visiting a resort
town. A community of live-in employees and workers, more than
800, considered it their home. Even the native Subanens operate
the mine coop, with karaoke and all.

I toured the plant and was told that most of the engineering
and technical facilities of the copper, zinc plant were locally de-

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

"Children of the devil"

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Therefore, since we are sur-
rounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off ev-
erything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let
us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..." (Hebrews
12:1, the Holy Bible).

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POLICEMEN AS LOWLY CRIMINALS: And so, what other
crimes can our policemen and others in government not do in the
name of money or promotion to a higher position?

With the latest disclosures from Senior Supt. Rafael Santiago
of the Philippine National Police (PNP) about how the PNP, under
orders from its top leaders, stole election returns in an effort to
beat an election protest against former President Gloria Arroyo, it
is clear Filipinos have brought themselves so low they can commit
anything now.

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"CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL": Why has this happened? The
answer is simple. While many of us continue to say we have faith
in God, this is a faith that is dead, because we really have become
children of the devil, doing, thinking and saying what the devil
wants, because many of us grew up without the Word of God.

And since many Filipinos grew up without the Word of God,
we grew up without God. Because we grew up without God, with
whom did we grow up? The devil, that's who. And that is the
reason why we have become capable of acting, talking and think-
ing like the devil, doing what he wants us to do. Surely, hell will
have a special place for many Filipinos.

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HELLAWAITS MANY FILIPINOS: For a better understand-
ing of what hell-bound Filipinos are up against, here is what hell is
like, as written in Isaiah 66:24 of the Bible: "And they will go out
and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the
worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be
quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

This description of hell was echoed by Jesus Christ, our God
and Savior, in His own discourses. In Mark 9:44, 46 and 48, He
warned sinners that hell is a place where the worms that eat them
will not die, and the fire that will burn them forever is not quenched.

What is more troublesome for those who do not listen to God
and who do not obey His commands is that, it is not only them
who will go to hell, but even their children to the fourth generation,
as Exodus 20:5 is saying. Indeed, there is hell to pay not only for
those who disobey God, but even for their descendants.

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PANGILINAN LAW AND TEEN CRIMINALITY: It is good
that the United States Embassy in Manila is starting to notice the
criminality that is afflicting the Filipino youth nowadays, with its
warning to American tourists in the Philippines to be wary of teen
criminals wherever they will be in this country. Teen criminality is
a fact which can no longer be ignored.

Perhaps, Sen. Francis Pangilinan can now admit that the law
he principally authored, the Juvenile Justice Law, contributed largely
to this rise of teen criminality, because this law prohibits the arrest
of any criminal 15 years of age or below. The Filipino youth can
now steal, sell drugs and do other serious crimes without being
arrested, thanks to Pangilinan's law.

Notice To The Public

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signed and fabricated, improving on foreign technology. "Gawa
Pinoy ito," the plant in-charge boasted.

I saw a small-sized plant which they call a "detox" plant which
removes harmful substances from the mining wastes called tail-
ings before they are pumped into a tailings pond. Lush green palay
and corn grow from the dried up pond showing that toxicity has
been removed.

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1st-APLUMA!

'Personalan Na' 2

First, APLUMA would like to ask extreme absolution for the past two days it wasn't able to file any article/column for this reputable community publication particularly last Monday and Wednesday.

Barring a "triple day black-eye," we made this item first thing in the morning Thursday while drinking a steaming hot espresso and so fortunately, here we are again.

Thank you my dear editor for that extreme, "editorial" patience.

Cause of Apluma's failure to file articles (Monday and Wednesday) was, no, we never aided P-Noy draft his SONA. Not until, maybe, our dear friend Ronald Llamas (P-Noy's political adviser) haul us up to Malacanang, but rather, we got mixed up into a lot of things especially on filling the pages up of our own community publication here in Metro Manila, The Metro Express.

It's the country's first free broadsheet newspaper. Its circulation is not that broad yet. Other than government offices especially the Senate and Congress, the Express caters commuters of LRT, the light rail transit in the Metro plying the Baclaran-Monumento and the Recto-Sta. Lucia (Santolan) lines in Marikina.

Like us, many can't get over yet on P-Noy's Sona last Monday, 25th of July.

But for one, Filipinos feel united; feeling of "we belong" kicked up to the hilt because President Noy delivered it in Tagalog but of course, to the un-delight of the diplomatic community as they have to focus on the idiot board that was instantly translating it for them word for word.

Hard, it was, indeed.

And hard too, the President's pronouncement that he is taking everything "wrong the previous administration did before" *personally* (stress on us) even as he extolled the whole national to toe the line.

That's alarming. The country won't certainly get over with it.

It will render us asunder forever. Forever divided we will become, politically, socially and mentally or psychologically. Talk about that dictum: "Together we stand; divided, we fall."

The President seems right when he extolled re his campaign against corruption "personally," hoping his minions will follow the line because, indeed, corruption is what pins our dear Philippines down the doldrums, economic stagnation.

Well, we remember vividly his campaign slogan: "Kapag walang kurap, walang mahirap!" Nice and easy.

"It's true: doing what's right is personal for me, to make people who did wrong pay, whoever they are. And it is not only me who should take this personally; everyone should take this personally, since every Filipino is a victim," he said.

However, Bobby Tiglaog, former GMA adviser, asks: "How could taking things personally ever be a virtue?"

"Taking things personally means one has an insecure yet overblown ego and an unprofessional attitude. Certainly nothing to brag about. But that may be, unfortunately, (is) our President's proclivity.

Added Bobby: "An admonition to the nation by its President, to take things personally, even for the most noble of reasons is a slippery slope towards irrational animosity, national discord, and even deadly fanaticism. Democracy and civilization are based on the principle of depersonalization—the objectification and then, institutionalization—of a society's values, not on these values' interpretation within an individual's egoistic and emotional world. Indeed, the most recent publicized spectacle of somebody "taking it personally" was Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte beating up in front of news cameras an officer of the law, who in her mind had the gall to reject her request to put off a court's demolition order. The warlord of the Maguindanao murderers obviously took it very personally that a vice mayor of an obscure town would challenge the powerful Ampatuan clan's scion for governorship, so he ordered killed all 58 human beings in the convoy on the way to file the certificate of candidacy. Somebody powerful during President Estrada's term obviously took personally whatever publicist Bubby Dacer had done or intended to do, so he ordered

Red Cross Honors 'Galloners'

The local Red Cross paid tribute last Thursday afternoon to people and groups who bled and continue to bleed to save people they hardly knew during medical emergencies.

RC chapter chairman and city councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, chapter administrator Anastacia Tamayo and secretary to the mayor Rafael Tallocoy presided over the presentation of plaques and certificates of recognition during rites at the city hall multipurpose center.

"You have touched the lives of others, so they will follow your example," Tallocoy told representatives of 23 groups and institutions, 10 youngsters belonging to "Pledge 25" and 20 new members of the Blood Galloners Club.

The "Blood Services Outstanding Award" went to the Philippine Military Academy for having donated 1,857 units (835,650 cc.) of blood in 30 years service to the RC, and the University of Baguio which notched 1,022 units (459,900 cc.) in 14 years.

Sharing the "Scroll of Honor" were St. Louis University (1,292 units or 581,400 cc. in 10 years), University of the Cordilleras (816 units or 367,200 cc in 10 years), and Bombo Radyo DZWX (733 units or 329,850 cc. in seven years).

Certificates of appreciation were presented to group donors University of the Philippines-Baguio, Gamma Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Ang Dating Daan, SM City Baguio, Pines City Colleges, Easter College, Scouts Royale Brotherhood, Aegis People Support, City Government Employees, YMCA of Baguio, Baguio Center Mall, Texas Instruments, Bukal Life Ministries, Department of Public Works and Highways-Cordillera, Tactical Operation Group 1 of the Philippine Air Force, Philippine College of Surgeons and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-Baguio.

Antonio Carreon topped the new members of the Blood Galloners Club, having bled 16 times and turned a galloner last March 8. With him are Julian Tolentino, Melvin Emerson Lee, Christopher Fontiveros, Eric Rimando, Trina Mamaril, Jefferson Lique, Jericho Dave de Sahagon, Mark Paulo Servito, Amador Javellana, Ericson Valdez, Ian Paulo Acosta, Bede Bawayan Jr., Roman Estepa, Jayla Manangan, Henderson Balanggo, Fausto Tubig Jr., Merlo Brian Espique, Laurence Daguio and Jarwin Bacquian.

Their entry upped the club membership to 74, according to Tamayo.

Lique admitted his brother convinced him to regularly bleed to save lives, while Sahagon said donating blood has become part of his social responsibility.

It's the same sense of responsibility that inspired prisoners of the city to pass the hat last April. Slowly, they raised P4,000 which they submitted to jail warden, Chief Insp. Severino Khita during their program marking International Red Cross Day and Mother's Day last May 8 at the prison chapel.

A day after, Dr. Khita asked two female guards to escort an elderly woman inmate who deposited the amount at the PNB Branch along Abanao Road, to the account of Red Cross Philippines.

It was the prisoners' contribution, through the Red Cross, to the world-wide relief efforts for victims of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Cited last Thursday as members of Pledge 25 were Godland Verde, Rey Rio Todias, Joana Marie Publico, Tomas Aduca III, Florentino Corpuz, Gerlyn Almerol, Ma. Ysabel Dipasupil, Liezel Abellera, Jun Michael Labo and Sean Russel Aguilar.

Tamayo said the group is composed RC youth members aged between 18 to 25 who have pledged to bleed every quarter to ensure blood stock during medical emergencies.

The recognition rites marked "Blood Donation Month" with the theme "More Blood, More Life" / Ramon Dacawi.

not only Dacer but his driver tortured, strangled and then burned."

As we said, taking things "personal" may have its, or, it may lead to, mayhem.

Hindi ba't may pamoso nga tayong linya that goes "Walang personalan, trabaho lang!"?

Amen to that.

Sorry for GMA and the whole nation, President Noy's may have to spend his entire term chasing GMA and her boys even as we greatly hope programs of public welfare mentioned in his SONA will get delivered alongside bashing GMA.

Well, sometimes, it's just really hard to just forgive and forget./ (esns03@yahoo.com, mob 09155517486)



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN
3RD FLOOR , OMBUDSMAN BLDG., AGHAM ROAD,
DILIMAN QUEZON CITY

-versus -

OMB-L-C-08-0109-B

OMB-L-C-08-0109-B
FOI: Violation of RA 6713, Sec. 8 in relation to RA No. 3019, Sec. 7

REBECCA F. TORRES,
Housing and Homesite Regulation Officer VI,
Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board,
Botanical Garden, Leonard Wood Road,
Baguio City, *Respondent*

RESOLUTION

Before Us is the complaint filed by Benigna A. Dawang, for and in behalf of Linis Gobyerno Inc., against Rebacca F. Torres, Housing and Homesite Regulation Officer VI of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, Baguio City, for violation of Section 8 of Republic Act No. 6713 in relation to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6713 in relation to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 3019.

Complainants Allegation

Complainant alleges that respondent failed to file her Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Networth for the years 2000 to 2006 in violation of Sec. 8 of RA 6713 in relation to Sec. 7 of R.A. No. 3019.

Respondent's Defense

Respondent alleges that copies of HLURB employees' SALN are forwarded to its Central Office in Quezon City, as per practice and instruction of the Central Office. Hence, none is filed with this office.

Issue

Whether or not there is probable cause to indict the respondent for violation of R.A. No. 6713 Sec 8 in relation to Sec. 7 of R.A. No. 3019 for her alleged failure to file her SALN for the years 2000 to 2006.

Discussion

To support her allegation, complainant attached the Certification issued by this Office on January 29, 2008 that respondent has no SALN on her file for the years 2000 to 2006.

For her part, respondent attached the letter dated January 10, 2008 of Cristina L. Sumague, Personnel Officer of HLURB, Baguio City, stating that the latest SALN of respondent was forwarded to HLURB's Central Office in Quezon City. She also attached the Memorandum dated March 30, 2006 issued by the Human Resource Management Division advising Directors/Regional Officers on the submission of SALN, which should be filed with the Civil Service Commission Regional Office, with the Central Office-HRMD being furnished a copy thereof.

By an Order dated August 21, 2008, We directed Civil Service Commission, Regional Office No. 14, Cordillera Administrative Region [CAR] and Housing Land Use Regulatory Board, Central Office, Human Resources and Management Officer to furnish Us copies of Respondents SALN for the years 2000 to 2006.

In compliance therewith, CSC-CAR sent a letter dated September 11, 2008 advising Us that it has no available files /copies of respondent's SALN for the said years.

On the other hand, HLURB, Central Office, transmitted the following SALN's on file of the respondent which are for 2003, 2004 and 2006.

After considering the parties respective claims and allegations, as well as the available documents, we find probable cause to indict respondent for her failure to file her SALN for the years 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2005 . Respondent could have conveniently furnished this Office her duly stamped received SALN's covering the period in question to prove her compliance with the law. Her omission prompted this Office to issue subpoenas to validate complainant's accusations. However, such verification reveals that respondent had filed her SALN for the years 2003, 2004 and 2006 only prompting Us to indict her for the years that she failed to do so.

Under Section 8 of R.A. No. 6713 the SALN shall be filed by the regional and local officials and employees with the Deputy Ombudsman in their respective regions. In this case the SALNs of the respondent should have been filed with this Office.

WHEREFORE, premises considered there being probable cause that respondent REBECCA F. TORRES committed violations of Section 7 of R.A. No. 3019, as amended by Section 8 of R.A. No. 6713 on four [4] counts, it is respectfully recommended that the attached Informations be filed with the proper court.

SO RESOLVED.

Quezon City, Philippines, August 11, 2010.

ELEANOR SAGUILPAYAO
Graft Investigation & Prosecution Officer I
I Concur:

Recommending Approval:
Deemed Approved
per office Order No. 125, Series of 2011

JOAQUIN F. SALAZAR
Acting Director Evaluation & Investigation Office
Bureau -A

MARK E. JALANDONI
Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon
Approved/Disapproved:

Cc: **BENIGNA A. DAWANG**
For and in behalf of Linis Gobyerno
GF PCEC Bldg., Happy Homes
Campo Sioco , Baguio City

REBECCA F. TORRES,
Housing and Homesite Regulation Officer VI,
Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board,
Botanical Garden, Leonard Wood Road,
Baguio City.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

EDWIN ADAWI - Vendor
ROGER N. GALAP - Vendee
Applicants

Case No: 99-01-2104/2011-CAR-414

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ATOK TRAIL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 12, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 20th day of July 2011.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ROSITA GARAMBAS - Vendor
REYNALDO G. TAD O - Vendee
Applicants

Case No: 96-01-751/2011-CAR-422

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ - Jitney Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - DINUAN SABLAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 26, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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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 25th day of July 2011.

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

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All persons having claim against said corporation are requested to present the same at the principal office of the corporation at **GF West Burnham Place Condominium #16 Kisad Rd., Baguio City** for immediate settlement.

This will serve as a notice to all parties of the legal dissolution of the said corporation.

LINDA VIZCARA
Corporate President

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REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT, BRANCH
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FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER
OF THE PETITION
FOR ADOPTION
OF THE MINORS
RUTH
G. ROSARIO, LEAN
BIE G. ROSENDO,
JHON LOREN B.
ATIZADO AND
BERT LEE B.
ATIZADO,

CATALINA B.
CHO,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,
Respondent,

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO. 11-A-0977

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ORDER

Petitioner
Catalina B. Cho,
through counsel
filed this verified
petition for adop-
tion praying that af-
ter due notice, pub-
lication and hear-
ing, the court grants
this petition and is-
sue a Decree of
Adoption declaring:
RUTH GARCIA
ROSENDO, LEAN
BIE GARCIA
ROSENDO, JOHN
LOREN BROZULA
ATIZADO and
BERT LEE B.
ATIZADO as her
children and that
they should be
known as RUTH B.
CHO, LEAN BIE B.
CHO, JHON
LOREN B. CHO and
BERT LEE B. CHO
and direct the Local
Civil Registrar of
Baguio City to ef-
fect said adoption in
their respective
birth certificates.

Considering tat
a Child and Home
Study Report of the
Court Social

Worker is an essen-
tial requisite in
adoption cases, said
report should be
submitted to the
Court before the
initial hearing on
September 29, 2011
at 9:00 o'clock in
the morning.

WHEREFORE,
the Court Social
Worker, Ms.
Jacqueline
Dontogan is di-
rected to conduct a
Home and Child
Study Report in
this case, incorpo-
rating therein her
recommendation
and to submit the
same to the Court,
furnishing a copy
thereof to the trial
prosecutor depu-
tized to represent
the State.

The petitioner
is directed to meet
with the said Social
Worker, for pur-
poses of the Home
and Child Study
Reports.

Let this Order
be published at the
expense of the Pe-
titioner in The
Junction Newspa-
per, a newspaper of
general circulation
in Baguio City and
Benguet Province
once a week for
three [3] consecu-
tive weeks, the first
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made not later than
July 17, 2011. All
persons interested
may come to Court
and show cause, if
any, why the peti-
tion should not be
granted.

Furnish copies
hereof together
with a copy of the
petition and its an-
nexes to the Office
of the Solicitor
General; the Pro-
vincial Prosecutor
of Benguet; the Lo-
cal Civil Registrar
of La Trinidad,
Benguet; the Court
Social Worker; The
Junction Newspa-
per; the petitioner
and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 13th day of
July 2011 at La
Trinidad,
Benguet.

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

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REGIONAL TRIAL
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OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF
Baguio City

TRINIBANK-ARU-
RAL BANK
Represented by its
Manager,
Fami S. Sumabong,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

S P O U S E S
NORMAN G.
SIMSIM
and MARILOU B.
SIMSIM,

Mortgagors,
FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 11-274-
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EXTRA - JUDI-
CIAL FORECLO-
SURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135
AS AMENDED

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SHERIFF'S
NOTICE OF
AUCTION SALE

Upon petition
for sale under Act
3135, as amended,
filed by the
TRINIBANK -A
RURAL BANK Rep-
resented by its
Manager, Fami S.
Sumabong, herein-
after referred to as
the MORTGAGEE,
for the satisfaction
of the mortgage in-
debtedness of
S P O U S E S
NORMAN G.
SIMSIM, hereinaf-
ter referred to as
the MORTGAG-
ORS which as of
May 19, 2011,
amounts to P 1,277,
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sive of running in-
terest, penalty, sur-
charge, attorney's
fees and expenses of
foreclosure, the Ex-
Officio Sheriff or
thru the under-
signed Deputy
Sheriff, will sell at
public auction on
AUGUST 9, 2011 at
10:00 o'clock in the
morning or soon
thereafter, at the

lobby [fronting the
main entrance] of
the Hall of Justice
Building, Baguio
City, the following
described mortgage
property together
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and all its improve-
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City of Baguio,
Island of Luzon.
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along line 3-4 & SW
., along line 4-5 by
Lot 147-B-2-A-9 of
the subd. Plan; on
the NW., along line
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ALLEY [2.50-3.00M.
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the subd plan;
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Baguio City,
Philippines, this
11th day of July,
2011.

By: (SDG)
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REYES
Clerk of Court VI
& x-Officio
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FLORENDO
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La Trinidad,
Benguet

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE
JUDGE

RE: PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT
AS NOTARY
PUBLIC FOR AND
IN THE PROVINCE OF
BENGUET

A T T Y .
ANTOINETTE
K H A Y A D
SUMCAD,

Petitioner,

No. 11-NC-0226

ATTY. RANDALL
FILOGLIDUA,
Petitioner,

No. 11-NC- 227

X———X

PETITION FOR RE-
APPOINTMENT
AS NOTARY
PUBLIC FOR AND
IN THE PROVINCE OF
BENGUET

ATTY. JULIUS
EBES CALUMNAG,
Petitioner,

No. 11-NC- 0228

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
EUGENE T. GAYASO - Vendor
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Case No: 95-CAR-258/2011-CAR-424

NOTICE OF HEARING

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on August 26, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRB Office, Padda, Baguio City
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At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish
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Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written
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during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon by 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
25th day of July 2011 (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

NOTICE OF
HEARING

Notice is hereby
given that a summary
hearing on the peti-
tions for appointment
and/or renewal of
commission as Nota-
ries Public in the
Province of Benguet
filed by the above-
named petitioners
shall b held on Au-
gust 4, 2011 at 11:00
o'clock in the morn-
ing before the Execu-
tive Judge of the Re-
gional Trial Court La
Trinidad, Benguet.

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son to object to the
grant of the petitions
may file a verified
written opposition
thereto on or before
the date of the sum-
mary hearing.

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Baguio City and
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to be made not later
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SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philip-
pines, this 21st day
of July, 2011.

By:
(SDG) MARYBELLE
LEDEMOT
MARINAS
Executive Judge

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Diabetes Prevalent Among Young People; Teachers, Parents Advised to Advocate Healthy Lifestyle Among Kidsfrom page 1

In addressing the problem, Pizarro emphasized the need to start with the young people as they will be the diabetics of tomorrow.

"As far as the World Health Organization (WHO) is concerned, addressing childhood and adolescent obesity is the main driving force to reduce the cases of diabetes. By cutting at least 50 percent among obese children, will substantially decrease not only diabetes but kidney failure and heart disease cases as well," Pizarro said.

"Home and school environment have profound influence on the personal values and behavior of our future generations. Thus, to prevent obesity and diabetes we strongly encourage teachers and parents to work together in helping our children develop a healthy lifestyle - adopt a balance dietary habit; eat plenty of vegetables and fruits; eat foods with less sugar, fat and salt; have an exercise program; and discourage inactivity such as excessive computer use," Pizarro urged.

He also stressed that aside from children, the whole population should be targeted in the advocacy against diabetes, especially the high risk people - those who are obese, have a family history of diabetes, people who lack exercises, those with history of heart disease and hypertension, and also smokers and heavy drinkers.

"We need a concerted effort as addressing diabetes is not only the job of health workers but is everybody's concern," Pizarro stressed. JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Mosh Pit.....

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Kahit po medyo tayo ay napagkakamalang unfriendly
And suplada at isnabera description nila lagi,

In truth po kasi mga mata ko medyo malabo, I really can't see clearly

And kung ako maglakad mag isa I do it quite hastily

Buti na lang some people know I'm really very friendly,

Mabait ako sa totoong buhay di lang alam ng marami kasi!

But I guess we really can't please everybody

Kung marami tayong friends, meron ding (mga) enemy!

Mga sa atin inis, galit at imbiyerna and some even think we're so ugly,

Because of what we think and say na hindi sila agree,

Well, okay lang yun sa akin coz life is still lovely

With or without them gagawin ko pa rin mga gawain kong dati

Hate man nila or hindi wala akong paki!

They even want me to act and talk professionally

Isipin daw at i-research mabuti aking mga sinasabi

I'm careless, hasty, senseless and very lazy -

Eh ganito talaga ako no way I will change me!

I love my stupidity and
So what kung I'm acting unprofessionally

No one can ever order me to act accordingly!!

And just po for the information ng marami -

Sampung taon ako dito nagsusulat ng unprofessionally,

frankly, intimately, angrily, jokingly and senselessly

Eh NEVER po ako tumanggap ng any form of money !!

from payola or from kung kani kanino pa diyan sa tabi - tabi!

I write what I know, think and feel! tama man or mali,

And kung akala po ng iba ako ay "bumabanat" just to get money

Hello noh kahit manigas na ako sa gutom di ako tatanggap ng perang filthy!

Ako po at ang aking thoughts ay hindi kailanman mabibili!

Or madidiktahan ng gagawin or isusulat just to please anyone or everybody.

Ang sinusulat ko po ay hindi news kundi mga isip kong pansarili,

Lahat tayo may karapatang ganito, let's do it fearlessly!

Lalo na kung ang feeling natin ay tama at makabubuti sa marami,

Let's talk and write all we want! Let's all be free!

Advocacy mindanow

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Thinking aloud, this is what small scale mining sites like Mount Diwalwal and other unregulated mine sites in other parts of the country must install to control the murderous release of mercury and other harmful substances in the environment. If government continues to be helpless in enforcing rules and regulations in gold rush areas, at least at the minimum, a clean-up detox plant is a "must" that government must insist on installing.

SIOCON ATTACK— I recall Siocon, then a sleepy town circa 2003. A the height of its fiesta celebration then, a group of armed rebels held siege the town, shot up the police station, attacked the municipal hall and left on its wake several civilians and policemen dead. I was immediately dispatched to the scene to help clean up the mess. Even PGMA personally came to see for herself the devastation. We visited the victims and assisted the town in rising again from the ashes. At that time, former ABS CBN broadcaster Cesar Soriano was, (and still is,) town mayor.

RESIGN FROM PANEL — That Siocon attack was also a milestone to me that I cannot forget. The attack triggered my leaving the government negotiating panel as it's chair for two years. I recall that I assumed as panel chair in 2001 upon the onset of the Arroyo administration and presided over the signing of milestone agreements with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) notably the first agreement of peace in Tripoli, Libya that became the framework agreement in the ensuing negotiations, the ceasefire agreement and other peace pacts in Kuala Lumpur, etc.

But when Siocon was attacked two years later, I recall writing President GMA then saying that due to the fact that MILF elements appeared to be the perpetrators,

the incident would create some disruption in the talks and that in the meantime I preferred to continue concentrating and doing development work in Mindanao as Mindanao economic development council (MEDCO) chair. I reasoned that due to the incident, the peace negotiations would suffer some serious setback hence needing a full time negotiator to handle the problematic talks. As government panel chair, I was at that time dividing my time doing development work and negotiations at the same time. Both tasks needed full time attention. Of course while that Siocon incident was the trigger, there were other underlying reasons why I requested to be relieved as panel chair. I prefer not to disclose them for the moment.

So, I returned full time to MEDCO. And SEC Silvestre "Yong" Afafe later on assumed as my replacement as panel chair.

KEEPING INVESTORS — Siocon really shed blood twice over. Much earlier than 2003, I was already presidential assistant for Mindanao when I was also dispatched to the area when several Subanens were killed in an ambush.

I saw from the helicopter at that time a mountain side that was dotted with diggings by small scale miners, polluting the surroundings with their wastes. Malacanang's intentions were to see to it that government took drastic action so foreign investors, like TVI, would not start packing their bags. The AFP in the South west command (Sowescom) area indeed handled the situation decisively and restored peace and order. The Subanans were initially suspicious about "investors" coming into their areas.

Thirteen (13) years passed since. Today, TVI is still in the area. The Subanans saw how their communities benefited. Even the small scale miners relented. During the early years, TVI plants were even used to "detoxify" and clean up the wastes of the small scale miners. Today, groups come in hordes to see for themselves how TVI does its thing. They range from the curious, the "pros and antis", the experts and "pseudos", the regulators, media etc. We hope the church also sends its reps to see the "other face" of mining. When I was there, a task force composed of government and private sector groups came to inspect compliance by TVI.

SUSTAIN GAINS — Again 3 days ago, I returned to Zamboanga. This time arriving in Dipolog city, the capital of Zamboanga del norte at the northern side. From there, I went on a five-hour land trip southward to Zamboanga city just to see for myself how the countryside looked like.

After 3 hours of driving, I stopped over at a "kambingan" (goat meat) and had a quick bite at Ipil, the capital of Sibugay province. Ipil "centro" was ablaze at night like a fun place. It was teeming with people. What a stark contrast to what it was when it was also raided, attacked and seized by armed rebels many, many years ago before Siocon went through the same ordeal.

As I was enjoying the "kambing" meal, I wondered what was happening to the "coastal road" that we in the PGMA administration started that will eventually connect Zamboanga peninsula from the southern to its northern tip, traversing Triple SB on the northern rim. I heard construction work there had slowed

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down. We know that opening new roads always brings instant transformations from conflict to peaceful communities.

That vital road must be completed to sustain the gains of the area. The Aquino government must give the same priority to this project as before.

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SUPPORT TO MINING —I also wonder what's the real score now about government's sound policy of supporting mining. I get it from sources that there is a disconnect between articulated national policy and ground implementation. Let's put clarity in this. This is the way forward.

No doubt, many of these areas, like Triple SB went through difficult times in the past. But today, things have greatly changed for the better. There are still challenges to face though. But the gains must be sustained./jessdureza@gmail.com

Editorial

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Biñan, Laguna; Imus, Cavite; Dasmariñas, Cavite; Carmona, Cavite; Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija; and Calaca, Batangas.

A COA analysis of 1,351 annual audit reports by local governments, reveals that 182 governors and mayors "misused" their LDFs, as mini pork barrels, DILG secretary Jesse Robredo revealed. They splurged on honoraria, travel, building waiting sheds nobody uses, pad payrolls with ghost employees, etc. That stinks.

But the flip side is more damning. Quick to junket or crib allowances for themselves, many local officials prove inept – or indifferent – to spending to relieve hunger, sickness or ignorance. Thus, 102 LGUs couldn't use P650.6million in this 20 percent trust fund.

Half a billion pesos rusted while kids lacked vaccines and clean water. Indigent pregnant and nursing mothers nutrition and safe delivery facilities. Schools are run down. Growth of kids is stunted while IQs dip.

Such lapses are paid for in blood. Infant and maternal death rates remain stubbornly high. This is Slaughter of the Innocents all over again. Who told Cain: The blood of your brother calls out to Me from the earth?/Juan L. Mercado

Lawmaker

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happening in the US, one of the richest countries and now they talk you about a debt default would show us that debt is something to be addressed right away and not to be taken for granted," he added.

The senator reiterated the need for a very clear debt policy that also involves the policy on further borrowings. This, he said, should have a clear cut outline of what can and will be borrowed and where this will be used.

He added that the lack of this kind of policy leads to the wastage of further borrowings due to the prevalence of graft and corruption in our system.

The minority leader noted that the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) may be assigned as a clearing house but stressed that achieving increased transparency has to take precedence over other plans regarding the issue of foreign debt./Office Of Senator Allan Peter Cayetano

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author a resolution calling for tourism officials to explain. It was then admitted that there is a lack of accurate information as tourism-related facilities listed do not include some in-house facilities, company housing, government owned cottages and other lodging establishment which could have housed more tourists.

Together with Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) top officer and Baguio Country Club General Manager Anthony de Leon, and City Tourism Officer Benny Alhambra, RD Molintas gave a ten-minute presentation of the city and region's tourism progress from the past years.

The presentation showed that there are now 14 major destinations in the country from the previous eight, thus the need for the city to employ marketing strategies to invite more tourists.

RD Molintas also cited RA 9593, an act declaring national policy for tourism as an "engine of investment, employment, growth and national development," for the local government to act accordingly.

She also recommended the accreditation of other tourism services such as tour guides for local tourism and ecotourism; transport facilities; specialty facilities such as restaurants, accommodation establishments; and the accurate identification of housing and lodging facilities. Finance providers such as foreign exchange dealers were seen as crucial to the tourism industry, she said, as with investment promotions for the city. Secondary specialties: health, specifically medical facilities, including spa, sports and those for recreation should be looked into, she added. Other facilities that need to be looked into are rest areas, museums, department stores, and parking lots.

The number of tourism office personnel should also be considered, RD Molintas said, citing other tourism offices in Cebu, Bohol, Camarines Sur with ten up to 30 staff members, in contrast to Baguio's five employees.

There is a need for employees to assist in accreditation and data gathering, as research, profiling and statistics, and personnel would also be needed in events management with thematic calendar of events, preferably quarterly, she further recommended.

City Tourism Officer Benny Alhambra also said that the DOT is "helpless" as to tourist arrival statistics gathered as these are voluntarily given

Earlier, Mayor Mauricio Domogan's State of the City Address also directed the city tourism office to "revitalize the tourism marketing strategy." He also went on to say that he disagrees with such reports, since he deems the substantial increase of revenues, as to the City Treasurer's report, from the tourism sector.

After the presentation of tourism officials, Vice mayor Daniel Farinas assured the tourism officials of a closer look, as Councilors Erdolfo Balajadia and Peter Fianza filed a proposal for accredited and non-accredited tourism-oriented and related groups to report monthly bases tourist arrivals and states of tourist enterprises in their jurisdiction.

Said legislation shall be deliberated on during the next council session./juliegfianza

Lawmaker Expecting

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anomalous practices in the past and present administration.

"The difference should be evident – from the slow investigation of before to a more aggressive stance of resolving these corruption cases now," he added.

Cayetano also pointed out that the government's symbolic use of the 'No wang wang policy' to reiterate that 'everyone is equal in the eyes of the law' should also lead to institutional reforms that can ensure that the present administration corruption-free. A move, he said, will greatly aid the new Ombudsman in carrying out her duties.

"There are numerous institutional reforms that we can enact," the senator added as he urged the government to institutionalize lifestyle checks and ask officials to voluntarily sign 'anti-corruption waivers' that will allow investigative bodies to open their banks accounts when corruption cases are filed against them./Office Of Senator Allan Peter Cayetano

Saudization Policy

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Despite the danger of the Saudization policy, Camarillo said that job hiring in the Middle East still is very high since most companies and employers prefer Filipino workers because of their skills, attitude and behavior as well.

Meanwhile, Camarillo clarified that that the policy of \$400 US dollar salaries of domestic helpers must be provided by companies and other employers in order for the domestic helpers to be given papers and work abroad./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

The Peace Combatant

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lems, sewerage and air pollution, are two serious problems of the city. On city projects, from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, 273 city-funded projects amounting to P108.8 million were bidded out compared to 280 projects worth P48.8 million from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. With the city's police force of 456, policeman-to-citizen ratio in Baguio is 1 to 1,333 during nighttime and 1,441 during daytime.

It is foolhardy to deal in detail Domogan's SOCA but it is important to point out Domogan priorities: urban green parks and watersheds, sustainable water supply, clean air, and improving the ambience of the city's parks. The **Peace Combatant** believes that each of the initiative is worth pursuing (although not pro-poor enough) but, at the same time, each initiative area provides a gigantic opportunity for graft. In this light, the **Peace Combatant** wishes to remind the good mayor that it is equally important to have a program of transparency. A program of transparency will help ensure that people of Baguio are not short-changed. Related to this, it is equally to state the importance of assessing past initiatives for possible excesses. In particular, it is to assess whether work contract bidding has been done properly in addressing our garbage system: 43.16 tons of recyclables a day and 413.10 tons of high grade compost in three months from our garbage are no small sums and must be handled with transparency.

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Domogan Delivers SOCA; Environmental integrity his top Priority

BAGUIO CITY, July 26 (PIA) -- Environmental integrity, which includes the preservation and protection of the City's urban green areas and watersheds, intensified implementation of the Clean Air Ordinance and expansion of the city's sewerage system, is the top priority of Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

This was bared by the mayor his State of City Address (SOCA) yesterday morning at the Baguio Convention Center, where he reported the city government's accomplishments for the first year of his administration and his program thrust for this year.

In his SOCA, Domogan reported to the people of Baguio, his administration's accomplishments on the field of environment, finance and fiscal standing, infrastructure, peace and order, social services, education and health.

For the thrust and policy direction for this year up to 2012, number one in Domogan's list is environmental integrity, which includes the preservation and protection of the City's urban green areas and watersheds; assertion of regulation on water abstraction to ensure sustainable water supply; intensified implementation of the Clean Air Ordinance and to improve the city's air quality; work out the expansion of the City's Sewerage system to cope with rapid urbanization; and to continue to enhance the aesthetic ambience of City

Parks.

Second, is to ensure sustainable economic growth, through the revision of the City's Tax Ordinance specifically the increase of garbage fees, sewerage fees, market fees/rentals, and the revision of the schedule of values of Real properties; Revenue generation from potential income generating City government properties; Collect the P125 million share of the City government from the operations of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) which was wrongly remitted to the National government; Collect the City's 25% share from the lease rentals of Camp John Hay from the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA).

The city will also push for Public-Private Partnership in developing non-performing assets such as the Asin Mini Hydro, Asin Hotspring Resort, Baguio Convention Center, Burnham Park, Abattoir Operation, Multi-level Parking System, and Baguio Public Market including Mines View and Slaughter development.

Domogan also stressed the need to identify the One Town One Product (OTOP) for the City; and to revitalize the Tourism Marketing Strategy.

He stressed that these should be done as the city will be facing the challenge of a slash Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) in 2012 with the recognition of the 16 new cities in the country.

Another priority is poverty reduction and empowerment of the poor and vulnerable which includes the continuity of the Congress man Bernardo M. Vergara - Mauricio G. Domogan Educational Financial Assistance Program; increase the coverage of health insurance for the poor; and to continue to fund infrastructure projects for the priority under developed barangays.

Domogan assured the continuity of his policy on accountable and participatory governance, which will include the computerization of government processes; merging of barangays for a more effective administration; pursuance of a lean and mean structure of the bureaucracy; and strengthening of the City Development Council.

The mayor also stressed his thrust of assuring a safe and resilient city for the people of Baguio. Among the plans/policy Domogan outlined are: the installation of state of the art monitoring devices in strategic areas to deter criminality; to institute changes in our public building and street lighting facilities with Light Emitting Diode or LED bulbs through the ; strengthening of the Community-based policing system for safer barangays; to pursue a well informed citizenry on impacts of climate change through massive advocacy and integration into the curriculum; and the operation of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Office./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!



HOLY COW!!! Atop Mt. Sto. Tomas in the early morning, this curious cow stands majestically and looks on as he chews his breakfast of grass. People will be surprised at what Mount Sto. Tomas has to offer to tourists, nature lovers and hike enthusiasts - Stations of the cross, potato and strawberry farms, farm animals grazing freely, great views of Baguio and the China Sea from its peak and very friendly residents ready to welcome their guests!!/ Grace Bandy

DPWH to strictly implement Accessibility Law

BAGUIO CITY,- The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Cordillera has ordered the strict compliance to the special law on disabled persons which allow them easy access to government and private buildings.

According to Engineer Edilberto P. Carabacan, DPWH-CAR regional director, the implementation of the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons or Republic Act 7277 is strictly monitored by his office adding that no building permit will be issued if owners don't comply with

the law.

The law has been largely ignored by many construction firms, denying the handicapped and the disabled from easily entering or accessing many buildings.

To comply with this, Carabacan has ordered all city and municipal building officials to strictly implement the provision of RA 7277 and to make sure that all permits and certificates of building occupancy comply with the law before these are approved.

He also directed DPWH dis-

strict engineers to evaluate plans and building designs and determine if these conform with the Accessibility Law.

The Accessibility Law, among others, requires the construction of ramps, sidewalks, railings and similar structures to provide the disabled and the handicap easy access to buildings.

"I will hold all DPWH personnel responsible for any infraction or violation relative to this directive," he said.

The National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week (NDPR) is being celebrated this month of July./JDP/ JBZ-PIA CAR

Saudization Policy will have Minimal Effect - POEA

BAGUIO CITY,- The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration Cordillera believes that the Saudization policy being implemented by the Saudi Arabia government will only have minimal effect on the country's economy.

According to

POEA-CAR regional head Delfina Camarillo, the Saudization policy will not affect so much overseas Filipino Workers as skilled workers and professionals will still be needed in Saudi. Professionals such as nurses, engineers, architects and those in the field of paramedical

and the administrative workers will still be top grosser for OFWs in Saudi, she said.

She explained that those who might be affected are those in the field of sales and services like salespersons in department stores and hotel workers like housekeepers.

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