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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

PCGG Assures Continuing Fight Against Graft and Corruption



'WEDLUCK' - Eleven couples hoping for good luck and prosperity in the Year of the Water Dragon exchange vows before solemnizing officer Mayor Mauricio Domogan during a wedding ceremony at City Hall Multi-Purpose Hall January 25./By Bong Cayabyab

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BAGUIO CITY - The Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) has facilitated the recovery of over P93 billion of ill-gotten wealth and 291 cases pending in court which involves about P232 billion since its establishment in 1986 up to June 30, 2011.

This was reported by PCGG Commissioner Maita Chan-Gonzaga, in a Public Forum on Good Governance here Wednesday, in partnership with the St. Louis University (SLU) Department of Political Science - School of Humanities.

In presenting the PCGG accomplishments, Gonzaga also reported that the commission also worked for the recovery and transferred to the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) 1,650 hectares of agricultural land which were distributed to farmer beneficiaries in Cavite and Laguna, while another 1,407 hectares had been transferred to the provincial government of Biliran Province.

In addition, PCGG also worked for the recovery/surrender of 17 other assets with a total estimated value of over P15 Billion, which the government is now pushing for privatization or to open for public bidding.

Among the other accomplishments reported by Gonzaga are PCGG's continuing fight to recover the Coco Levy Fund, which as of August 31, 2011,

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Writ of kalikasan isinampa na ng Korte Suprema laban sa mga magagaling na opisyal ng Baguio! Eh ano ngayon???



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Jeepney Loading areas Allocated

BAGUIO CITY – Administrative Order 4, series of 2012 which allocates loading areas along Perfecto street and Harrison road for Aurora Hill and Trancoville public utility jeepneys, stays as is, Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified last week.

Accordingly, the said loading areas need signages which are now being prepared and shall be installed the earliest, within this week.

The mayor made the pronouncement during the regular media forum at city hall, as there were queries about the loading areas not being used, but with passengers expecting said PUVs in the area.

The area was allocated after deliberation of members of the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC), as chaired by the mayor. The committee tackles transport matters during regular meetings, at city hall.

The loading area, one each for Aurora Hill and Trancoville public jeepneys are designated along Perfecto st, in front of the Old Plaza Theatre.

Another loading area along Harrison road, in front of the demolished building formerly housing Rosebowl restaurant, is allotted for same jeepney trunklines. The AO specified one loading area each for Aurora Hill and Trancoville jeepney lines.

As to the AO, there shall be no loading of passengers along Perfecto st corner Magsaysay avenue, and Harrison road from entrance of Harrison Tionsan grocery to Km. 0 Plaza Garden, the AO states. Passengers had been seen waiting for jeepneys in the said areas.

Dispatching, orderliness and cleanliness of the loading and unloading areas shall be handled by an operator-drivers' group and supervised by barangay officials and tanods who has jurisdiction over the area.

Accordingly, the Traffic Management Branch of the Baguio City Police Office (TMB-BCPO) shall cause the enforcement of the AO.

Traffic adjustments shall be made during the implementation, and as may be determined by the TTMC.

The mayor, in addition, asked that passengers and drivers be disciplined to follow the provisions of the Administrative Order./juliegfianza

Uniforms for Drivers and Conductors Clarified

BAGUIO CITY – Unless a counter directive is received, jeepney and taxi drivers, bus conductors, drivers and inspectors are required to don their color-coded uniforms while plying their routes in the city, as issued in Administrative Order 008, 2012 of Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

Clarifications are in order, as according to Perfecto Itliong, Federation President, Regional Transport Coordinator-CAR, the AO issued was in accordance with a Memo-

randum Order of the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) as to the provisions requiring uniforms for personnel while on duty.

The matter has also been taken up with the Baguio Tourism Summit; as jeepney, taxi, and bus drivers, conductors and inspectors are deemed frontliners for tourists coming to the city.

PUV drivers in the city, divided into four trunklines, have their respective uniforms, as:

Green

Trunklines; plying the routes Kennon Road, Marcos Highway, Loakan Road. Drivers' uniform for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (MWF) should be light blue t-shirt with collar; for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (TTS); green shirt with collar.

Yellow Trunkline; for Naguilan Road or Quirino Highway and Asin Road. Drivers should use when plying their routes, on MWF; light blue t-shirt with collar, while during Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday, yellow

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Mayor Assures City's Compliance with Writ

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday assured that the city government will comply with the order of the Supreme Court (SC) to stop the use of Irisan dumpsite as dumping area and as temporary holding or staging point for wastes saying this has been the city's ultimate goal.

"We will abide by the court order. That has been our direction – to clear the garbage in the dumpsite and later convert the area into a park – but of course, it can't be done overnight," the mayor said.

The SC in a resolution issued January 17 on the petition filed by Benguet Rep. Ronald Cosalan and other Benguet and Aringay, La Union

residents, issued a Writ of Kalikasan and a Temporary Environmental Protection Order (TEPO) against city officials led by the mayor and concerned city government offices on the use of Irisan dumpsite.

The court ordered the respondents "to cease and desist from making use of the Irisan dumpsite either as a temporary holding/staging area or as a dumping or controlled area for any and all kinds of solid wastes."

The mayor Monday called an emergency meeting with concerned offices to plot strategies to ensure that waste collection and processing will not be disrupted in the light of the SC ruling.

He said that as part of the new strategies to stop the use of the dumpsite, the city will tap the existing materials recovery facilities in the various barangays to serve as sorting areas and pick-up points where recyclables will be sold and where residuals can be picked up by the Pro Tech Machineries still as part of its contractual obligation to the city.

Biodegradables will still be processed in the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines at the dumpsite, according to the mayor, who maintained that the TEPO only covers the dumpsite's use as holding/staging area or as dumping or controlled area and does not include the ERS processing of biodegradable

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DepEd Committed to Provide Educational Intervention for Children and youth with Disabilities

Education Secretary Br. Armin A. Luistro FSC has ordered DepEd division heads nationwide to take the lead in the planning and implementation of the early registration of children and youth with disabilities on January 28, 2012 to bring them to school.

"Every learner should be in school whether they are able or differently-abled," said Luistro. DepEd has set aside January 28 as the day for expanded early registration in all public elementary and secondary schools nationwide. Targeted for early registration for School Year 2012-2013 are the incoming Kindergarten, Grade 1, and First Year high school students. This year, DepEd has enrolled out-of-school children and youth and learners with disabilities whose ages range from 5 to 18 to also enroll so that government can provide them proper educational intervention.

"The early registration will give

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Baguio to Gain Billions with Panagbenga

BAGUIO CITY—"The City of Baguio is poised to gain around a billion pesos with the Panagbenga 2012 festivities," so said Dangal "Amboy" Guevarra, chief of staff, Panagbenga 2012-Baguio Flower Festival Foundation Inc.

Guevarra said, "this the figure is a rough computed estimate the city would earn with the month long festival."

According to him, "the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation will not earn anything from this but this will be earned by those in the tourism industry related businesses in the city."

The Department of Tourism last year has estimated over a million visitors during the Street Dancing and Float Parade events of the festivities, if at an average, each individual would just spend a thousand pesos for transportation, food, and buying some souvenirs, that would easily convert into a billion pesos of fresh infusion for a day's activity, he explained.

However, he said, nobody has yet come out of how much the city really gains during a festival.

In the case of Victory Liner alone, Guevarra said, the bus company which has a regular of 80 trips to plying the Baguio and Manila route, during the main events of the festival, the street dancing and the float parade, they add a additional of 100 trips, this is only a single bus company we are talking about, he added.

If the transportation sector experiences a business boom during the festival, so would other business such as restaurants, hotels and would trickle down to the cottage industry sector to the simple street vendors, he averred.

This event, according to Guevarra is really a boost to the Baguio economy, the BFFI is just here to promote and manage the event, those who actually gain is the community itself./ BFFI-media committee

SNAP group, hEDCOR Inc. Assure more Clean, Renewable Energy Projects

BAGUIO CITY - MWatts. The SN Aboitiz Power (SNAP) Group and Hedcor Inc., assured more development of clean and renewable energy this year.

In a recent informal gathering with the local media, SNAP Group president and CEO Emmanuel Rubio reported that 2011 is a very good year for the company. Aside from an optimized revenue, it also garnered various recognition in the field of producing employment, ensuring safety and in the production of clean and renewable energy.

Among the milestone accomplishment Rubio reported is the full commissioning of the Ambuklao Dam in Bokod, Benguet last September, which is now generating 105 megawatts of clean and renewable energy.

For Binga Dam in Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet, Rubio also reported that the company has already completed rehabilitation and has commissioned one unit, which increased the capacity of the dam's generating capacity from 25MWatts to 32

MWatts. This year, SNAP is set to rehabilitate the other units of Binga dam one at a time, starting with one unit by May.

For Magat Dam in Alfonso Lista, Ifugao and Ramon, Isabela, Rubio also disclosed that they will be starting with the Maris reservoir expansion for the Dam's operation flexibility, which aims to manage the water in Magat through the mitigation of its water source by working on pumping the water that are not being used for irrigation to bring it back to the reservoir.

For Hedcor Inc, which works involve run-of-river hydropower, Darlyn Arguelles reported a fruitful 2011 hitting beyond their target generation of 607 million kWh and generated 628 kWh of clean and renewable energy. Hedcor manages 11 run-of-

river hydropower plants in Benguet and like the SNAP Group, the company also achieved various recognitions for its line of work.

According to Arguelles, each year they work hard to strive for excellence in promoting clean energy, which they will continue to do until they achieve their vision of generating 2 billion kWh of clean energy by year 2020.

For this year, Arguelles said they hope to do more as she bared that among their scheduled projects are the commissioning of Irisan I - a 3.8 MW hydro power plant in Irisan, Baguio City and start the expansion project in Sabangan, Mt. Province. She informed that they have already obtained a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indigenous People of Sabangan as well as with its local government unit.

She also disclosed that Hedcor is looking into ex-
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DOH Reiterates 'Neck Mo, I-Check Mo' Advocacy

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health (DOH) reiterated its advise to the public - 'Neck Mo, I-check Mo' - advocacy in line with the observance of Goiter Awareness Week this January 24 to 30.

According to DOH-Cordillera partner physician and Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) Endocrinologist Dr. Domingo Solimen, that through various advocacy programs of government, goiter awareness has improved.

Solimen also affirmed that Cordillera remains to be among the regions with high cases of goiter, which is mainly due to iodine deficiency. He called on every individual, as well as families, to regularly help check each other for possible cases of goiter for early detection and treatment.

Solimen explained that one person need only to do is to face the mirror raise his head and look for possible 'bukol' or lump below his Adams apple or to monitor if he feels difficulty in swallowing which usually happens when there is a problem in the thyroid glands.

If such personal test turns out to be positive or if a person has some doubts of possible goiter, Solimen also advised possible patients to visit a doctor for early detection and proper medication.

Solimen explained that there is a kind of goiter that does not manifest or does not show lumps as it grows inside. In addition, he also said that goiter is not only caused by lack of iodine, as there is also what is called as hyperthyroidism, which is due to excessive iodine in a person's body; hyperthyroidism cases are mostly hereditary.

Solimen also stresses that goiter is still more prevalent among women as present data still depicts a two to one ratio or two female against one male is afflicted with goiter.

Aside from the iodized salt program, Solimen urged parents to let their babies undergo the New Born Screening program of government as goiter is one of the illnesses that can be checked or screened. (JDP/LD-PIA CAR)

NCCA Sustains SLTs in Preserving Cultural Heritage in Benguet

L A SLT on Ibaloi-TRINIDAD, Benguet - In line with the call for the preservation of cultural heritage in its living form, the National Commission of Culture and the Arts is continuously funding School of Living Tradition (SLT) projects to transmit indigenous skills and techniques to the young and ensure its transmission to the next generations.

National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Ibaloi-Kankana-ey Coordinator Brian Camhit said two of the nine project proposals for 2011-2012 submitted to the NCCA are ready for implementation while two were already deliberated upon.

The two projects ready for implementation are

is responsible in teaching students of the same ethno-linguistic group, he added.

The focus of the SLT performing arts in the province, according to Camhit are dances, chants and use of musical instruments.

Completed last year were SLT on Ibaloi Performing Arts Phase II in Wangal, this town, SLT on Ibaloi Performing Arts (Phase II) in Loakan, Baguio City, SLT on Kankana-ey Performing Arts (Phase II) in Balaok, Kapangan, Uhog Festival in Karao, Bokod, Sabdang Festival in Sablan and Alibay di Badang Festival of Buguias. (SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

Tug Of War

How will a "tug-o-war", between three agencies, over the troubled Judicial Reform Support Project turn out? All three seek to probe a leaked World Bank report on pilfering from a \$21.9-million loan to the Supreme Court.

Nagged by perception of corruption in courts, Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. secured, in October 2003, bank funding for a reform program JRSP sought (a) to speed up case adjudication, (b) enhance institutional integrity; (c) strengthen institutional capacity.

On the first whiff of scam, Senator Franklin Drilon filed Senate Resolution No. 674. It'd authorize the Senate Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures to check if JRSP funds were dissipated for out of town trips to lavish dinners. "Unchecked

irregularity" could tar both Court and government.

EDITORIAL

Wait, interjected Reps. Teodoro Casiño and Neri Colmenares who submitted House Resolution 2049. This directs the House Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability House to lead the charge instead.

"That press release (on JBRS) is now turning to be fake," court spokesperson Midas Marquez fumed. Nonetheless, "the Court's Project Management Office is drafting an answer... even after it was already disowned by the World Bank " Rebut a "fake" report? Or does wish uproot fact?

The Bank did not issue a press release, "Given the deliberative nature of information, the aide memoire is usually not disclosed to the public... This is a monitoring and management tool that captures... implementation review findings and recommendations". WB external relations Erika Leann Lacson-Esguerra stated.

The fact is WB submitted, on Dec 28, 2011, this report to the Court. Copies were sent to relevant agencies, including: Finance Department, National Economic Development Board and Budget Commission. The leaked document matched official copies, these offices confirmed.

WB seeks a refund of \$199,900 in "ineligible expenditures", Inquirer reports. Of 70 ineligible transactions, 16 were "attributed to Court Administrator Marquez and his office." JRSP is a "high risk" project, the report found. It's financial statements "can no longer be relied upon." Other flaws include: self-serving internal audit, lack of segregation of duties to procurement irregularities. Commission on Audit skewers feet-dragging implementation that result in penalties.

The Bank's aide memoire "notes gross irregularities happened in 2010 and 2011." Budget Secretary Butch Abad pointed out. During this period, the Bank observed escalating use of funds... and procurements that violated the agreement Corona was appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court in 2010.

Court administrator, Marquez also headed the Bids and Awards Committee which held the JRSP checkbook. "In four contracts to one firm, (Midas) was requestor of services, approver of terms of reference, end user, authorizer of contract extensions, authorizer of payments," This interlocking of functions resulted in "questionable decisions on how the fund was managed."

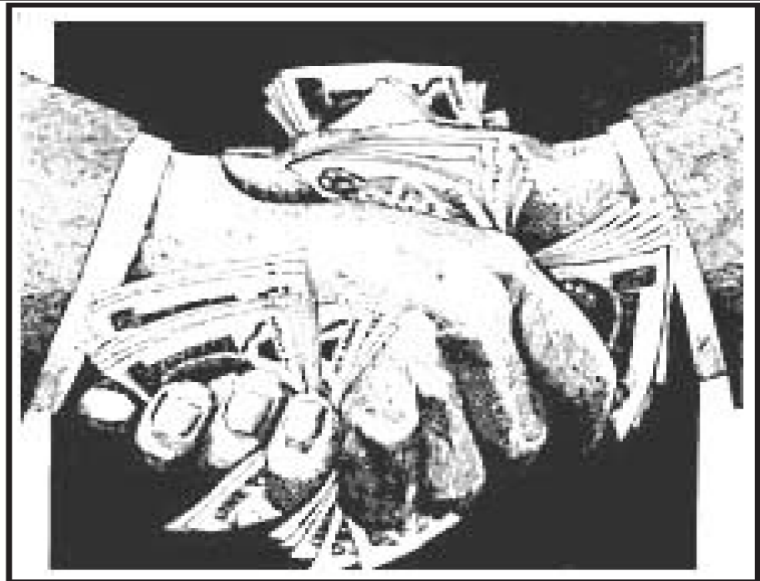
The "leak" has a long history and valued role in journalism..Remember the late Celso Cabrera of the Manila Chronicle? His column "Inside Malacanang" needled the powerful with leaked items. Banned from the Palace, he retitled his column titled "Outside Malacanang".

"What are we in power for?" the late Senate President Jose Avelino told a closed door meeting of the party in power on January 15, 1949, Cabrera wrote. Para que estamos en poder? haunted Avelino to his grave. Despite protests of misquotation, the blurb remains part of Filipino political lexicon today.

In asay City, Judge Emilio Rilloraza, on December 7, 1955, jailed five reporters for contempt. They published leaked information about a Cabinet secretary accused of murdering a witness and a judge blackmailed to acquit. The journalists spurned release offered if they "revealed" sources to the Court.

Held in the Pasay slammer were Evening News' Jose Aspiras, Manila Chronicle's Francisco de Leon, Philippines Herald's. Max Edralin, Manila Times' Manuel Salak and Philippine News Service' Gregorio Coronel. The Supreme Court swiftly issued a writ of habeas corpus. President Ramon Magsaysay, thereafter, signed a shield law.

A decade later, the late Philippine News Service Romeo Abundo and I invoked that legal buckler. The Lower House Civil Service Committee insisted we reveal **Cont. on page 11**



THE PEACE COMBATANT

Why Baguio stands to lose in the tourism market share

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



February will mark the opening of PANAGBENGA! Tourists, especially domestic tourists, will be flooding our streets. Expectedly the mass of people will be too many such that nobody will be able to move freely in our streets. Baguio City will be like Quiapo on the Feast of the Nazarene! But this is exactly my point why I believe that Baguio will lose in the tourism market share.

Take Quiapo of Metro Manila. The businesses supported by the ambience of the municipality are pirated DVDs, prostitution, fishball stalls, kikiam stalls, bar-b-q ambulant vendors, odok, adidas, betamax, peanut selling, segunda manos, balut, penoy, and all those street food. Yet, annually, Quiapo has its procession of the Holy Nazarene where perhaps close to a million people participate. Just like Baguio, annually there are close encounters of sweating bodies in our sidewalks and overpasses. The crowd is so tight that hardly anyone would notice if someone would pinch another's ass so hard or so lustfully.

Did the mass of people annually running to the streets of Quaipo made Quiapo more prosperous than the other municipalities of Manila or Quezon City? No. Similarly, this is the case for Baguio City because our own development priorities converted what was once a beautiful city into the dirty-kitchen of Northern Philippines. People flock to the city for only a short while and those that are most attracted are not the people with the highest level of incomes. There is quantity or a large mass of people but the purchasing power of the many are not high enough to boost the economy of Quaipo. Further, people massing to Quiapo are not those who intend to stay long and spend much in Quiapo.

What is true for Quiapo is also true for Baguio City's PANAGBENGA. PANAGBENGA attracts some tourists with good money to spend but the larger bulk that would be coming are those with less money, the curious types focused on the parade and not really on what Baguio City can comprehensively offer to tourists. Quantity but lacking quality.

Of course, nothing in this discussion should be taken to mean that I would like Baguio City to be a city of the rich or that only the rich have the right to visit the city. However, PANAGBENGA is never part of the indigenous traditions of Baguio City. PANAGENGA is essentially for attracting tourists. It is one of Baguio City's business. However, while we will attract some tourists in PANAGBENGA, the qualities of the tourists that we will be attracting are not those types who would stay in the city for several days or weeks. We are merely attracting a mass and not those who would be spending much in the city.

It is the opinion of the PEACE COMBATANT that the correct route for reestablishing the city as a premier tourist destination is to strengthen the city's ambience or image as a large nature city of the north with a unique ecology of cold weather, pine trees, lots of trees, and lots of cool nature. Fun city? No. Maybe, a nature city of the north. Maybe a fun city for close encounters with nature. Why would tourists spend more money going to another city where there are the same traffic jams, malls, **Cont. on page 11**

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Come Home, Joma

BY: JESUS DUREZA



MORE MEDIA THREATS – I got word that another media man in General Santos City, Boboy Mascardo got threats after he emotionally delivered an eulogy at the funeral of the recently assassinated Publisher Chris Guarin a few days ago. A text message told him that he was so bold in that speech and he would be “next” (to be eliminated). Then the other night, a motorcycle parked in front of his house, joined by a tandem rider and then sped off when they were accosted.

I understand the PNP is now helping out. It's revolting to see how the murderers still felt so bold to push their lucks too far. They are not cowering for fear of arrest. On the contrary, they are still in the prowl hoping to wipe out witnesses. What impunity! In the meantime, Boboy Mascardo continues to find ways and means to protect himself. He should be properly armed otherwise he'll be a sitting duck.

I suggest the NBI should now come in and assist the police.

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JOMA COMING HOME? — Some reports are starting to spread that Jose Ma. (Joma) Sison, the guru of the Communist Party of the Philippines who has been residing in Utrecht, the Netherlands is coming back to the Philippines. This is welcome news. This can only mean that there is some possible quiet “breakthrough” in the “off and on” peace talks between the CPP/NPA/NDF and the Philippine government.

I had visited Joma and the rest of the “exiles” in Europe many times during the years I was involved in the peace negotiations. Together with Luis Jalandoni, Fidel Agcaoili and the rest of their cohorts, Joma held sway (or so it seemed) over the last-remaining bastion of communism in this part of the world. I am sure all of them had been yearning to come home and live normal lives with their families in their own homeland. What is holding them back from coming home, I suppose, are the unresolved issues surrounding the almost never-ending peace talks between the CPP/NPA/NDF and the Philippine government. Short of a final settlement, Joma himself will not want to return to the country, even though how much he yearns for it. Then there is the matter about the alleged dangers he has to face here at home due to past incidents reportedly attributed to him.

AN ENIGMA — The enigma that goes with Joma is an enigma in itself. From a young revolutionary to a still fiery (and wily, some say) but already aging fighter, he has kept the revolutionary fire burning even far from home. There are speculations that he has lost his grip on the controls of the organization and that home-based revolutionaries, like the Tiamsons, etc are the ones in the driver's seat and in control of the domestic forces. Nonetheless, the Joma mystique continues to mystify everyone. Joma is not the bloodhound or the terrorist many still believe he is. He is an ideologue (a demagogue to some). Bespectacled he has always been, he is good at the dance floor with his dancing shoes. His winsome disposition and easy smile veil his hard-line stance on certain principles and advocacies. During negotiations and when things got rough hitting an impasse, he came around and helped craft mutually acceptable language or arrangements that eventually moved things forward. Although he claimed he was merely a consultant, his interventions sealed some consensus points that were hard to come by were it not for him.

A LOT OF BULL....It's a pity that such a man is still outside the mainstream and still doggedly continues with his “fight”. Despite how hard and seemingly insurmountable the odds are for him and his cohorts. But this report that he is coming home to a waiting position in the cabinet, to me, appears to be a lot of bull. Power-sharing, not the least of the CPP's aspiration, in the guise of a cabinet position for Joma is ridiculous and preposterous. This is spiced up by reports of the alleged “integration” into the AFP of NPAs. This is not workable. To be fielded as “forest protectors” or forest rangers are more like it for the NPAs — assuming there is an imminent settlement. Any peace settlement must have as its component a demobilization program where the armed rebels shift from their “fighting” mode to a peaceful transition with some meaningful livelihood for them so they can start normalizing their lives with their families. This is easier said than done. But that's the trajectory of every peace settlement.

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Sigma Rhoans In Impeachment Trial

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: “...Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things...” (Philippians 4:8, the Holy Bible).

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SIGMA RHOANS IN THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL: Did you notice how Sigma Rhoans—or members of the Sigma Rho Fraternity of the UP College of Law—shone during Day 6 of the impeachment trial? The presiding officer of the impeachment court, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, is a Sigma Rhoan. And so are lead defense counsel, Justice Serafin Cuevas, and private prosecutor, lawyer Arthur V. Lim. Indeed, the Sigma Rho is a fraternity of destiny.

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SERENO'S BID AS FIRST WOMAN CHIEF JUSTICE DERAILED? Associate Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno must clarify, real fast, the truthfulness of allegations that she failed to report in her statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) an alleged P25 million attorney's fees she reportedly received as a government consultant in connection with the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 arbitration case.

If she did not receive the fees, she should state it right away, to clear her name. If she received the money but did not report it in her SALN, she must come up with a credible explanation, one that would nip in the bud talks among opposition congressmen at the House of Representatives, led by Quezon Rep. Danilo Suarez and Siquijor Rep. Orlando Fua, about her own possible impeachment.

This development is unfortunate, because it is seriously derailling Sereno's chances of becoming the first woman chief justice of the Supreme Court, earlier made a possibility by announcements that President Aquino wants a chief justice in her mold. With a controversy such as this hounding Sereno, it would be understandable if the President will have second thoughts about appointing her as chief magistrate.

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OPTIONS FOR IBP PRESIDENT LIBARIOS: Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) President Roan Libarios is in a fix right now, with disclosures from a supposed witness that he received in 2001 P500,000 from Mike Arroyo. Some are already saying this is the reason why he is fully supporting Chief Justice Renato Corona in the impeachment trial at the Senate.

The argument is that, Corona is a close associate of Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, and is perceived to be Gloria's and the Arroyos' “protector” in the criminal cases that are being filed against them. Libarios is a beneficiary of Mike Arroyo's generosity and so, the pundits are saying, Libarios is defending Corona as a matter of “utang na loob” (loosely, debt of gratitude).

Whether this is true or not, it is clear that the revelations against Libarios have clearly undermined his, and the IBP's, position on the Corona impeachment trial. The only decent way for Libarios now is to either stop talking about the impeachment, or quit as IBP president, to save the IBP from being dragged further down in this controversy. We can be sure that the witness who surfaced will have more against him.

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PROBE SALN OF ALL GOV'T OFFICIALS: Indeed, there is now an urgent need for the SALN of all government officials, including congressmen, senators and other justices of the Supreme Court, to be made public, and be subject to scrutiny. This is now an opportune time to require transparency among those working in government, and see whether they have been truthful in declaring their wealth.

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"Ooops...I Did It Again!"

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR



MANILA – President Noy's political adviser in Sec. Ronald Llamas, who happens to be a good friend of this corner, simply did it again.

But good for him, it's something of "lesser priority" as what the Chief Executive retorted when queried by the working media about his pol ad's most recent "scandal."

Of course, it was something of a "passable" kind. It just so happened that Sec. Llamas is now a high-ranking official of the land. And yes, that's downright lamentable.

The good Secretary was allegedly buying pirated DVD discs at C Mall at the corner of EDSA and Congressional Avenue in Quezon City when he was spotted last Monday by an enterprising photo journ and the next thing he knew he was already hot copy of the tri-media (print-broadcast-TV).

The thing is, this could have been a non-issue if Sec. Llamas remains the same simple man of the masa he was before and if not President Noy's Administration is not on the hot trail pursuing DVD pirates.

Just last week, Optical Board chair in Ronnie Ricketts, nabbed several high-speed DVD copying machines, testament to the government's no-nonsense drive to eradicate DVD piracy.

And now, here you are a top government official patronizing certified pirated DVD copies.

Passable it may be to President Noy but not to some lawmakers who went too far to asking the President to ax Sec. Llamas pronto like what he did to former NBI chief Magtanggol Gatdula.

That's too fast, too furious gentlemen, there is a whale of difference with the case on hand.

We understand that it's too hard a transition for us people from the masa to being that big now.

But we have seen the qualities of Sec. Llamas before as somebody who could land it in the big league: hardworking, intelligent, strategist par excellence, and above all else; a certified political animal.

An activist during his college years and at the same time features editor of University of Santo Tomas' school organ, The Varsitarian, Sec. Llamas also worked before as a writer of several national papers and magazines.

He also organized several cause-oriented NGO's like LEARN (Labor Education & Advocacy Research Network), the Freedom from Debt Coalition and several other groups that even landed a seat in Congress.

And top our observation, Sec. Llamas' orientation with his long work with and for the masses, could be the reason why he finds hard "acclimatizing."

Just one caution: never ever also get caught too glitzy a place as this would also elicit a similar effect on the media.

We could only wonder and ponder what could be the next slip-up our dear friend will commit next time.

Ifugao Town Organizes Committee on Anti-Trafficking, VAWC

LAMUT, Ifugao - Cognizant of the important roles and responsibilities of local government units in the effective implementation of laws, the municipal local government here organized recently the committee on anti-trafficking and violence against women and their children (LCAT-VAWC).

Chaired by Mayor Francisco Tenenan, the committee shall institute policies and programs to protect

women and children who are victims of trafficking and violence; create and establish systems on surveillance, investigation and rescue to ensure effective and efficient coordination; undertake information, education, and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons and VAWC; monitor and oversee the strict implementation of Republic Act 9208 and other laws for the protection of women and children.

Republic Act No. 9208 declares that the state shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons, and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration.

On the other hand, Republic Act

30 Micro-Firm Owners Take Management & Shop Floor Seminar

TABUK, Kalinga -Designed to enhance capability in business, 30 micro-firm owners took leadership and shop floor management seminar given by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The project is under DOST's six-month capability enhancement program given to micro food manufacturers in the province engaged in the processing of coffee, meat, cacao, veggie-noodles and fruit wine, and bakery business.

According to Dixi Catacutan of DOST provincial office, the activity is part of DOST's continued assistance to micro food processors in Kalinga aimed to boost production and income.

Started last October, the course targeted to be completed in March, prepares proponents to avail of DOST's assistance program intended to small food manufacturers.

Within the six-month period, in-house training by proponents are being conducted on their respective workforce as part of the preparation requirement.

Basic skills on book keeping, product development and packaging are also given during in-house trainings.

DOST provincial office has launched a program to develop the growing food industry here, helping them develop improved product standard and open new market.

From earlier visits conducted by the DOST on various micro-business sites, it was found out that operators still need to improve in the areas of plant lay out and design, quality control, assurance control, material management system, financial control system, safety and housekeeping.

Through this program, micro industries in the province are seen to acquire enhanced technical skills, advanced packaging techniques and product labeling.(JDP/LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga)

75 Families in Lubuagan get Livelihood Assistance

LUBUAGAN, Kalinga — As part of government's continued effort to mitigate poverty, 75 families of this fifth class municipality received a total of P557,000 as financial aid from the poverty-reduction convergence strategy of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Lubuagan is the fourth recipient-municipality of this form of assistance under the Set 1 group of target beneficiaries which include the municipalities of Pasil, Tanudan and Tinglayan.

According to Nixon Mendoza, staff of DSWD Cordillera regional field office, the money has been downloaded by DSWD to Tabuk Multi-purpose Cooperative (TAMPCO) as conduit in the project, ready for withdrawal by proponent groups.

Lubuagan has seven barangays served under Set 1, namely Antonio Canao, Poblacion, Mabilong, Dangoy, Lower Uma, Upper Uma and West Uma.

Under the 4Ps guidelines, cash aids are released to organized groups, not directly to individual borrowers, to encourage recipient communities organize themselves.

In Lubuagan, the proponent groups and their respective borrowed amounts are Hope Self Employment Assistance - Kaunlaran(SEA-K) Group - P34,000; Bilaliked SEA-K Association - P153,000; Successful SEA-K Association - P146,000; Fortune SEA-K Group - P80,000 and Jeff Nick's SEA-K Association P144,000.

Individual borrowers could borrow a maximum loan of P10,000 to finance micro-enterprises as source of additional income for the family, based on project proposals submitted. The non-collateralized loan is payable in two years at zero interest and to be rolled-on to other borrowers under the same program.

The DSWD is currently implementing the Tatsulo poverty reduction convergence strategy of its Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino program or the Conditional Cash Transfer, KALAHICIDSS and SEA-K sustainable livelihood in the poorest areas in the country, to maximize impact to the beneficiaries.(JDP/LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga)

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DSWD Expands Social Pension Program in CAR

BAGUIO CITY – More poor senior citizens in the region will benefit from the Social Pension Program of the government as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is set to expand its coverage this year.

Data from the DSWD-CAR revealed that some 2,762 senior citizens in CAR will be added to the existing 3,566 social pensioners bringing the total number to 6,328.

DSWD Regional Director Leonardo Reynoso said the 77% increase in the number of beneficiaries in CAR is part of program's expansion to an estimated 1, 297, 159 million poor elderly Filipinos nationwide (based on NHTS-PR data) that are qualified for social pension.

Pursuant to the Expanded Senior Citizen's Act of 2010, the Social Pension Program for indigent senior citizens grants a qualified beneficiary of a 500-peso monthly stipend to augment daily subsistence and medical needs.

Reynoso explained that only the indigent senior citizens will be given social pension and not those who are pensioners of insurance providers such as the Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System, and other insurance services.

The Social Pension Program is set to release over 37.9 million pesos this year to cover the monthly stipend of the total social pensioners in the region.

Next month, the DSWD is set to release 9.4 million pesos for the first quarter stipend of the pensioners. The amount, according to Reynoso has already been released to the DSWD by the Department of Budget Management.

The regional program management is currently facilitating the preparation of payrolls for all 6,328 pensioners in CAR who are set to receive their cash stipends for the first quarter by February.

In 2011, during its first year of implementation, the program was able to release over 21.3 million pesos in grants for its beneficiaries.

The Social Pension Program is implemented in partnership with local government units, local social welfare offices, and the offices of senior citizens affairs (OSCA)/RDRF/DSWD-CAR

Satellite Phone for Emergencies Installed in Abra

BANGUED, Abra — The Office of Civil Defense – Cordillera Administrative Region (OCD-CAR) had installed the Thuraya satellite telephone at the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) here last week for use in times of emergencies.

The telecommunications facility is issued to the provincial governor to be used by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC), which normally uses the PSDWO as the Disaster Coordinating Center in the province during emergencies such as natural calamities and other emergencies may occur anytime.

Engineer Jojo Valera of the OCD-CAR explained the unit, which utilizes its load in US dollars, will have to be used only as a last resort when all local networks are not available due to extremely bad and hazardous weather condition in the area.

The Thuraya satellite telephone, as the term implies, is installed with a satellite of its own so that the PDRRMC can use it to connect with the regional and national DRRMCs especially in times of emergencies so that appropriate support could be sent to the area. The unit could be used both for texting and calling.

Since the Thuraya satellite phone has to be operated on a 7/24 basis in times of calamities, members of the Communications and Public Warning sub-committee of the PDRRMC and other members of the Council were given basic orientation on the installation and use of the said equipment.

The Thruaya phone had been distributed earlier to the provinces in Regions 1, 2, 3, CAR and Metro Manila.

Aside from the from the Thuraya phone, Valera also brought with him one unit of a rain gauge. Engr. Ernesto M. Aton, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) earlier informed the PDRRMC that there are no more rain gauges working in the province due to the antiquity of the units. The rain gauge is very important to determine whether people with low-lying areas need to do pre-emptive evacuation.

The rain gauge could be reproduced by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) so that more units could be installed in various places in the province, Valera added. (JDP/MTBB-PIA CAR, Abra)

Stakeholders to set Uniform Amicable Settlement Penalties in Matagoan Zone

TABUK CITY, Kalinga— The Matagoan Bodong Consultative Council (MBCC) pushes for a uniform settlement of cases involving violation of the provisions of peace pacts and common crimes by residents in this city.

Participants of the Police and People Forging United Move (POPE FORUM) brought together representatives from the prosecution office, the community and the police.

The forum's aim was "to come up with a peace plan that will safeguard the Matagoan Zone," which, under the definition of the MBCC, consists of barangays Bulanao, Bulanao Norte, San Juan, Appas, Magsaysay, Dagupan Weste and Dagupan Centro, the urban center of the province.

The council wants to remove the double standards of justice in the Matagoan Zone and let the penalties in amicable settlements be uniform for all residents of the zone.

Community Affairs Officer Heriberto Barila said the forum was a sequel of the first POPE FORUM in September 2002 which eventually led to the establishment of the Matagoan Bodong Council composed of the leaders of the original sub-tribes of the then town and tasked to implement the Matagoan Zone Declaration of the Kalinga Bodong Congress in the 1990s.

The Matagoan Declaration aimed to free the capital town from criminal activities on the rationale that it is the center of government, commerce and education and should remain undisturbed from violent activities.

"One of the workshop groups composed of community elders and leaders declared that peace activities like the forum will be of no use in the end if sectors in the community will not come to an agreement to make the penalties of crimes under the amicable settlement system existing in the Matagoan Zone uniform. They cited many instances when there were discrepancies in the penalties for the same crimes. They asked how come the difference in the penalties when the gravity of the offense was the same," Barila said.

Barila added that the exponents of the idea brushed aside the explanation of MBCC Consultant John Dongui-is, Sr. that one beauty of the 'areglo' or amicable system of settling disputes prevalent in the province is that it puts into consideration the social standing of the parties.

"They insisted that what applies to one party should apply to all," Barila said. (JDP/PAB-PIA-CAR, Kalinga)

Stakeholders unite to Dredge Chico River

TABUK CITY, Kalinga — Stakeholders from the government and the private sectors are unifying their efforts to dredge the Chico River to abate flooding of low lying areas.

Dr. Jaime Almora, Director of the Almora General Hospital and a rice grower, expressed optimism that possible solutions are now being carried out.

He said key officials, all of whom are engineers, namely Congressman Manuel Agyao, Mayor Ferdinand Tubban and District Engineer Alexander Castañeda approve of the dredging approach.

Castañeda said the best solution is rechanneling so that

the discharge area will be distinct to prevent the river from meandering. He said Chico River does not only require dredging but the construction of structures to fix the flow of the water, hence it requires a comprehensive design and funding.

Castañeda had recommended to the Regional Development Council the creation of the Lower Chico Flood Control Office under the umbrella of the DPWH. It was his response to the proposal of the Kalinga local government unit for the purchase of a dredging machine. He explained that he made a counter proposal instead of supporting the original proposal of dredging equipment, which is only

good for soil. The deposits in the Chico River, he said, are boulders and stones.

Patterned after the Lower Agno Flood Control Office in Pangasinan, "the office will make a comprehensive study of the problem integrating all the concerns of line agencies like the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) relative to flooding and soil erosion caused by the Chico River," Castaneda said.

The idea of Tubban to create a task force composed of the DA, NIA, DPWH, LGU and the stakeholders to come up with measures to mitigate the damage

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BFAR Invites Studes to Participate in Scholarship Exams

LAGAWE, Ifugao -The Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, in cooperation with the Department of Education, will conduct the competitive examination for the Fisheries Scholarship Program on March 17, 2012.

The exam is open to high school graduates/graduating students who are Filipino citizens, not more than 20 years old and certified by their school heads as among the top ten of the graduating class in which they belong and not have earned any units in college.

The applicants must be of good moral standing, physically fit, free from criminal, civil or administrative liability, and genuinely interested to pursue studies in fisheries.

The exams will cover items in Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), English (grammar and reading), Basic Fisheries and Mathematics (Applied Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry).

The Department of Education here announced over the local radio station that the application forms can obtained from the DEPED Division Office and the BFAR regional offices. Application forms should be submitted on or before February 14, 2012.

The testing center for Regions 1 and the Cordillera Region is at the La Union National High School in San Fernando, La Union and results of the examination shall be announced by the Department of Agriculture in May 2012. (JDP/VDB- PIA CAR, Ifugao)

Bishop tells Abrenios to care for the Environment

BANGUED, Abra — "Let this flooding/calamity in southern Philippines a lesson; let us plant more trees and avoid burning our forests and prevent cutting of trees," said Bishop Leopoldo C. Jaucian of the Diocese of Bangued.

He also thanked Abrenios for their response to aid victims of tropical storm Sendong through donations.

In his message to the people of Abra before bringing the solicited amount to the respective dioceses of the typhoon victims, he urged the Abrenios to take care of the environment in order to prevent floods.

Jaucian went on air on radio DZPA on December 23, 2011 to call on the people to donate cash for the typhoon victims of Cagayan de Oro City who were affected by the flash flood. People readily responded to the solicitation that lasted until January 18, 2012 amounting to P197,000. The Diocese of Bangued gave additional amount to make the total amount of P230,000 donation from Abra.

The amount was divided to the three areas hit by typhoon Sendong as follows: P50,000 to Dumaguete City; P80,000 to Iligan City and P100,000 to Cagayan de Oro City.

The donations to the cities of Iligan and Cagayan de Oro were personally handed by the bishop who went to visit the victims last week.

Bishop Elenito Galido of Dumaguete City had already aired his message of thanks to the people of Abra for their support as the Diocese of Bangued had earlier sent the amount to their account. (JDP/MTBB-PIA CAR, Abra)

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I believe in the profession of Journalism.

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

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

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

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

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NICOLE KRISTINE
DACLILI
Represented by
SPOUSES ANTONIO
D. MARRERO
And JOSEPHINE B.
MARRERO,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR
OF TUBLAY,
BENGUET,

Respondent,

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO. 12-C-1722
FOR:

CANCELLATION
OF THE CERTIFI-
CATE OF LIVE
BIRTH
OF NICOLE
KRISTINE DACLILI
WITH THE LOCAL
CIVIL
REGISTRY OF
TUBLAY, BENGUET

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ORDER

Petitioners,
Spouses Antonio D.
Marrero and
Josephine B.
Marrero, through
counsel, filed a veri-
fied petition averring
that:

1. Petitioners
are of legal age, Fili-
pinos, married to
each other until now
and residents of 368
Pias, Camp 7, Baguio
City. They may be
served with pleadings
and court processes
through x x x coun-
sel x x x;

2. Respondent Local
Civil Registrar of
Tublay, Benguet is
the custodian of the
records being sought
to be cancelled with
office address at the
Local Civil Registry
Office, Acop, Tublay,
Benguet and within
the jurisdiction of
the Honorable Court,
where he may be
served with summons
and court processes;

3. Nicole
Kristine Daclili

(Nicole for Brevity),
was born on July 16,
1999 at Dapong,
Gumatdang, Itogon,
Benguet. Her bio-
logical parents are
herein petitioner An-
tonio D. Marrero and
Cristina B. Daclili
who happens to be
the niece of
Josephine B.
Marrero also herein
petitioner. Presently,
Nicole, still a minor,
is now living under
the care, support and
custody of herein pe-
titioners x x x;

4. The fact of
her birth was regis-
tered late on April
14, 2000 with the Lo-
cal Civil Registry of
Itogon, Benguet un-
der Registry No.
B0000164 x x x;

5. Unknown
to petitioners, the
birth of Nicole was
also registered on
September 23, 1999
with the Local Civil
Registry of Tublay,
Benguet under Reg-
istry No. 9900232 x x x;

6. B o t h
records of birth
agree only with re-
spect to the first
name of Nicole, her
gender, the name
and circumstances of
the mother, but they
differ in all other
entries;

7. The record
of birth with the Lo-
cal Civil Registry
Office of Tublay,
Benguet, although
registered earlier, is
a simulated docu-
ment and it contains
entries with no fac-
tual basis to wit:

7.1 It appears
that Nicole's last
name is Marrero, but
the father and
herein petitioner
Antonio D. Marrero
has not authorized
the use of his sur-
name by Nicole;

7.2 Nicole was
born on July 16, 1999
and not August 28,
1999;

7.3 Her place
of birth is Dapong,
Gumatdang, Itogon,
Benguet, and not
Nalseb, Ambassador,
Tublay, Benguet;

7.4 The resi-
dence of the mother
is Dapong,
Gumatdang, Itogon,
Benguet, and not
Nalseb, Ambassador,
Tublay, Benguet;

7.5 The name
of the father is not
Antonio P. Marrero
but Antonio D.
Marrero;

7.6 June 24
1997 and Metro Ma-

nila appear as the
date and place of
marriage of parents,
but the truth is that
the parents of Nicole
are not married to
each other;

7.7 It also ap-
pears that the infor-
mant is Cristina D.
Marrero but no per-
son known to exist
under this name;

8. The record
of Nicole with the
Local Civil Registry
Office of Itogon,
Benguet, while reg-
istered at a later
date, contains all the
correct information
regarding the birth
of Nicole;

9. Until now,
it remains a mystery
to petitioners as to
how the birth of
Nicole, who was born
in Dapang,
Gumatdang, Itogon,
Benguet found itself
in the records of the
Local Civil Registry
of Tublay, Benguet;

10. In support
of her scholastic
records, Nicole had
been using her
record of birth with
the Local Civil Reg-
istry Office of
Itogon, Benguet,
thus her school
records bear the
name of Nicole
Kristine B. Daclili, x
x x;

11. There is a
need to cancel the
simulated record of
birth of Nicole with
Local Civil Registry
Office Of Tublay,
Benguet, because
said document can-
not be relied upon as
a public document
and it will only cre-
ate confusion as to
the identity of
Nicole and the cir-
cumstances regard-
ing her birth and sta-
tus;

12. In view of
all the above, peti-
tioners humbly pray
that the Certificate
of Live Birth of
Nicole Kristine
Daclili with the Lo-
cal Civil Registry
Office of Itogon,
Benguet.

x x x "
Petitioners
pray that after due
notice, publication

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pansion projects in
the municipalities of
Bokod, Itogon, La
Trinidad, Tuba and
Sablan, all in Benguet,
as well as on looking
for new expansion

and hearing, this
court will issue an
order directing the
Local Civil Registrar
of Tublay Benguet, to
cancel the certificate
of live birth of Nicole
Kristine Daclili.

Finding the pe-
tition to be sufficient
in form and sub-
stance, the same is
hereby given due
course.

This case is set
for hearing on 8
March 2012 at 8:30
o'clock in the morn-
ing at the Bulwagan
ng Katarungan (Ju-
stice Hall), Justice
Hill, La Trinidad,
Benguet, at which
time, date and place
, the petitioners shall
present evidence in
support of their peti-
tion. Any person in-
terested in the mat-
ter may appear and
show cause why the
Petition should not
be granted.

Let a copy of this
Order be published
at the expense of the
petitioner for at least
once a week for three
(3) consecutive
weeks in a newspa-
per of general circula-
tion in the Prov-
ince of Benguet. The
last publication shall
not be later than 3
March 2012.

Likewise, let a
copy of this Order
and of the Petition
and its annexes be
furnished the fol-
lowing: the Office of
the Solicitor Gen-
eral, Office of the
Provincial Prosecu-
tor of Benguet, the
Office of the Civil
Registrar of the Mu-
nicipality of Tublay,
Benguet and the Na-
tional Statistics Of-
fice.

SO ORDERED.

**DONE IN CHAM-
BERS** 26th day of
January 2012 at La
Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD) **DANILO
B. CAMACHO**
Judge

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

EULOGIO M. BUSTAMANTE

Applicants

Case No: 98-01-1802

NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS, the Honorable **CELINA B. CLAVER** - Regional Director this 25th day of January 2012.

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

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JUANITO DELA CRUZ

Applicants

Case No: 2007-CAR-369

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: SITIO LAMTANG/IRISAN - CORNER PUGUIS ROAD (BRGY. LONGLONG) JUNCTION via LAMTANG COCKPIT JUNCTION, LAMTANG ROAD, LONGLONG ROAD, up to corner Puguis Road BRGY. LONGLONG JUNCTION and VICE VERSA with the use of one (1) Unit.

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MELANIO SANTIAGO - Vendor

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Applicants

Case No: 97-BC-216/2012-CAR-77

NOTICE OF HEARING

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projects in Apayao,
Sagada Mt. Province,
Lagawe and Kiangnan in
Ifugao, and in Tabuk
Kalinga. (JUDP/LD-PIA
CAR)

PCGG Assures Continuing Fight Against Graft and Corruption.....from page 1

already boasts of about P90 billion in assets, and the setting up of a P10 billion fund for human rights victims during the Marcos regime. She mentioned that the commission has been supporting the enactment of the long-pending Human Rights Compensation bill in Congress.

Aside from its continuing quest and court battles in recovering ill-gotten wealth, Gonzaga also assured PCGG's full support to the Good Governance Framework of the President Benigno Aquino III or the President's Social Contract to the Filipino people.

Gonzaga stressed that under the leadership of PCGG Chairman Andres Bautista, the commission has already started its anti-corruption drive inside the PCGG itself and has also put up reforms including austerity and cost cutting measures.

The public forum was in line with the Commission's commemoration of its 25th anniversary, which it celebrated in 2011 with the theme, "Closing Chapters, Finding a Way Forward". The PCGG also open-up a commemorative exhibit inside the SLU campus during said event. The said activities aim to offer the general public a road map of the Commission's, functions, history and legacy.

In the said public forum, Gonzaga was joined by Commissioner Nelson Acebo, who talked about good governance and on what the public can do in line with the country's fight against corruption. (JDP/LD-PIACAR)

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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In fact, I will go so far to propose that all government officials who are still living, but who have retired or have been separated from government service for the last 15 years or so, be investigated likewise over their SALNs, to see whether they also acquired ill-gotten wealth. If so, then they should be made to similarly account for graft and corruption or plunder. President Aquino will be my hero if he does this!

Advocacy Mindanow

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But again, I am speaking in hypothetical terms because the peace talks are nowhere near this stage where discussions are on the end-game topic of demobilization, demilitarization and reintegration (DDR). We are still far from that. Hence all this recent talks are all hot air, if you ask me.

REALITY CHECK—For Joma to come home and visit the Philippines, even when talks are still moribund or are still in the doldrums is the best thing that can happen. Luis Jalandoni and wife, Connie had been shuttling here several times and there were positive vibes that came at their wake. It's always good to have one's feet on the ground and for Joma, he had been away for so long that a look at the local scenario may bring wonders. It may also serve as a reality check for him. Who knows! I suggest my friend Europeo-resident former journalist Fidel Agcaoli does the same. So we can down together a few more SanMigs while he is here. And he can rejoin us and return to his love: being a journalist. As I have done myself now

Uniforms for Drivers

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Blue Trunkline; Trinidad, Halsema Highway, Rimando rd, Aurora Hill, Bonifacio rd, Trancoville- Magsaysay Road. Drivers' uniform should be light blue t-shirt with collar for MWF, and for TTS, white shirt with collar.

Red Trunkline; Leonard Wood Road, Itogon, Binga, Ambuklao Road, South Drive. MWF uniform should be same as the other trunkline route drivers; light blue t-shirt with collar, while on TTS, red shirt with collar.

All the drivers should use casual or Sunday attire during Sundays, as they may be attending church before plying their route. They should also have with them at all times, their Department of Transportation and Communication-LTFRB Identification card, with seatbelt, and with early warning devices. They should sport proper haircut, not wear slippers, short pants and sando; and wholly hygienic in appearance.

Van and utility van express drivers, taxi drivers, school service, tourist transport and shuttle service drivers should wear during MWF, short sleeve white polo or white t-shirt with collar.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, van and UV express drivers should use green shirt with collar while taxi drivers shall use red shirt with collar. School service drivers, tourist transport drivers and shuttle service drivers should use yellow shirt with collar, on mentioned days.

Trucks for hire drivers are also required to be in maroon shirt with collar from Mondays to Sundays, every trip, while drivers-conductors and inspectors of public utility buses should wear white polo uniform, short sleeves bearing the name of the driver, conductor or inspector, and logo of the company/business name (if applicable). Drivers, conductors and inspectors should wear long pants of any color and shoes. Slippers/sandals and sando, and short pants are not allowed.

All drivers are required to sport proper haircut, of totally hygienic appearance, have their DOTC-LTFRB identification card, have seat belts and early warning devices, for emergency.

The AO is being enforced by the Traffic Management Branch of the Baguio City Police Office (TMB-BCPO), as authorized./juliegfianza

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REGINA M. MAT-AN - Vendor
ERWIN A. BENTICAN -Vendee
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Case No:2003-CAR-1167/2012-CAR-64

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

Mayor Assures

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wastes.

He said he has instructed the city environment and parks management officer under officer-in-charge Cordelia Lacsamana to coordinate closely with the barangays for the use of the MRFs including those in barangays Lualhati, Lourdes Ext. and Irisan for the residual and recyclable wastes.

The mayor assured that the city will do its best to maintain the present waste collection schedule even as he appealed to residents anew to strive more in complying with the segregation policy to avoid complicating the situation.

In the resolution, the SC resolved to refer the case to the Court of Appeals "for acceptance of the comment and return of the writ and for hearing, reception of evidence and rendition of judgment" while it required the respondents to comment on the petition within ten days and "to make a verified return of the writ of Kalikasan before the Court of Appeals..."

Meanwhile, Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas affirmed that it has been city's intent to close the dumpsite and convert it into an eco-tourism park.

Farinas who was also named along with the city council members as respondents to the case said that as early as 2009, during one of his terms as acting city mayor, he asked the city council to pursue this direction and which was adopted eventually by the body through Resolution No. 256 series of 2009.

He also cited the string of measures passed by the city council which he said proved their intention to reclaim and rehabilitate the Irisan facility./A Refuerzo

DepEd

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the department enough lead time to bridge resource gaps even before classes open in June," explained Luistro. He added that the Philippines is firmly committed to meet the goals of universal basic education and Education For All being advocated by the United Nations.

Based on DepEd Order No. 4, series of 2012, Special Education (SPED) centers, trained SPED teachers, and all health personnel are required to assist in locating children and youth with disabilities who have not been to school.

Required to enroll are children/youth with visual impairment, hearing impairment, those with intellectual disability, learning disability, with speech/language impairment, those with serious emotional disturbance, children with autism, with orthopedic impairment, those with special health problems and with multiple disabilities.

Learners who dropped out from elementary or secondary school may enroll in the formal system through Alternative Delivery Modes which include Modified In-School and Off-School Approach (MISOSA), electronic Instructional Management by Parents, Community, and Teachers (e-IMPACT), and Drop-Out Reduction Program (DORP).

Another option for those who dropped out and want to continue schooling is the Alternative Learning System.

In both schemes, prospective enrollees are required to present their report card or a letter of certification from the school they last attended./DepEd Press Release

OFW

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Our objective here, aside from supporting the city greening and eco-tourism program, is to campaign against cutting of trees and inculcating good values to our OFWs and their families, by involving them in preserving the environment in this part of the city," Peña stressed.

According to Peña, the BBFORD started the move to adopt the said area of Burnham Park in 2010 through a tree-planting activity and that they are there again to show their commitment to sustain what they have started.

OWWA scholar Ahmed Abdullah Khayef, a BS Information Technology graduate presently working at Texas Instrument – Baguio, in an interview, expressed his willingness to support the program.

"I am happy to be here, to help in such OWWA led environmental program. Even if our parents are working abroad, we are representing them in this activity, which in a way shows our willingness to support other people, in caring for the environment," he stressed.

The activity was monitored by City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) Regreening, reforestation section chief Walter Aguirre. He bared that as the OWWA- led OFW group has shown its commitment to regreen and maintain the tree park, the city government, through their office will prepare a memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a formal adoption of the park. (JDP/LD-PIA CAR)

DPWH

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as it will affect the flow of traffic.

"We are working double time just to have Marcos Highway practically completed before the major events of Panagbenga. Our initial target is February 18 but the way our contractor is moving we can perhaps completely open the road earlier than the set deadline", Carrabacan said.

"We are trying our best to minimize the inconvenience. In which, if you go around you can see tarpaulins announcing road works, including all the necessary details and we are also giving leaflets to our motorist bearing the same information, so that upon seeing or receiving the information they can outright decide what routes to take to avoid the traffic," he added.

According to Carrabacan, this is some of the schemes they are doing now to pre-empt or avoid heavy traffic jams.

"This is a continuous learning experience to the DPWH and we welcome any suggestion. If you think what we are doing is not enough give us a call or write us. Give us your idea. We will entertain them as we are all for a better Baguio", Carrabacan stressed.

He appealed to the public to bear with them. "Our temporary pain will translate to a better road network for Baguio, so I want to appeal to everyone to bear with us," he stressed.

Meantime, Carrabacan also disclosed that DPWH is in for a massive infrastructure development in the Cordillera this year.

"We have more than P3 Billion appropriations for the whole of Cordillera, which include preventive maintenance and upgrading of roads from gravel to concrete, as it is part of President Aquino's vision that by 2014, all national primary or arterial roads will all be concreted and by 2016 hopefully all roads are concreted, which will result to a smooth and safe flow, to and from the market place, to improve commerce and the movement of people", Carrabacan said.

For Baguio City, DPWH has 18 road projects which are scheduled for staggered implementation to avoid inconvenience. These include short span asphaltting works that they normally do at night. (JDP/LD-PIA CAR)

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ARTEMIO ESPENILLA - Vendor
EULOGIO M. BUSTAMANTE - Vendee
Applicants

Case No: 97-BC-1091/2012-CAR-75

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(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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ERLINDA JIMENEZ - Assignor
ELEANARDO K. JIMENEZ - Assignee
Applicants

Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-825/2012-CAR-080

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on February 29, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 26th day of January 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Ifugao Town

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No. 9262 underscores the commitment of the state on safeguarding the dignity of women and children while guaranteeing full respect of their human rights and to protect them from violence and threats to their personal safety and security. (JDP/VDB-PIA CAR, Ifugao)

Editorial

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and the like their own cities? Other cities can make a better offer on these. In contrast, who else but Baguio City can potentially offer a cool or very cool nature city? The comparative or competitive advantage of Baguio lies in the city's potential to bring a different type of both natural and demographic ecologies to the world (this also means the Cordillera demographic landscape).

Unfortunately, our city's current image is that it is a garbage city because we are still unable to provide a sustainable solution to our garbage. We are chopping down trees: in effect, we are chopping down the very things that give our city a competitive edge in the tourism market (in addition to the trees' intrinsic value for carbon sequestration and climate change moderation). Voila! All these do not make our city uniquely different from the other cities. All these do not make our city more competitive than the other cities as a tourist destination. We fail therefore to attract that part of the market segment that can potentially provide more prosperity for our city.

(The author can be contacted through artboquiren2040@yahoo.com, 0927-536-8431, and Facebook)

Stakeholders

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on the farmlands of Tabuk at the banks of the Chico River also runs along the same line of unifying efforts and pooling of available resources to combat the inroads of the Chico River into the Tabuk Valley.

Almora's group had earlier moved the dredging of the Chico River as a solution to the perennial flooding in low lying areas in the city. (JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga)

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Case No: 2007-CAR-367

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 20th day of January 2012.

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

Mayor Still Hoping for BCDA-CJHDEVCO Truce

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan remains hopeful that the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) can still patch up their differences and reach an amicable settlement on the Camp John Hay lease payment despite their apparently worsening dispute.

"We are still praying that they will sit down and come up with an amicable solution for the benefit of all concerned," the mayor said.

The mayor earlier said the deadlock will further prolong the city's wait for the payment of its uncollected share from the lease rental which could have been used to fund priority projects.

BCDA and CJHDevCo's botched negotiations for the payment of the rentals placed at P3.024 billion resulted to the developer's filing for the rescission of its Restructuring Memorandum of Agreement with BCDA signed in 2008 for BCDA's alleged failure to deliver contractual obligations and demands.

The mayor said the CJHDevCo has filed a petition for arbitration before the courts to mediate the issues.

CJHDevCo also sued for protection against BCDA's takeover and succeeded with the issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order by the Regional Trial Court here last January 24.

But the BCDA debunked CJHDevCo's move saying it was baseless as there was no attempt to take over the leased properties.

"As far as the BCDA is concerned, there is no legal basis for a TRO. No takeover has taken place, and no attempt has been made, hence the court order comes a surprise and mystery to us," BCDA President and Chief Executive Officer Arnel Paciano D. Casanova said in a press statement.

The mayor said the issue could have not gone out of hand if only the parties sat down and exercised diplomacy to understand each other instead of resorting to court cases but he said he has not given up hope on this possibility.

"We will keep on praying that one of these days, they will sit down and find a common solution to this problem," he said.

The city stands to receive 25 percent of the CJHDevCo arrears with the BCDA based on the lease agreement.

The original agreement pegged the lease rental at P425 million annually for the first five years starting in 1996 and P150 million annually thereafter and the city's share from the rental was supposed to be 25 percent or P106 million for the first five years and P35,500,000 for the succeeding years.

However, the lease agreement was restructured in 2000, 2003 and in 2008./A Refuerzo

OFW Families, Scholars Join City's Re-Greening Effort

BAGUIO CITY January 21. – Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) leaders, families and scholars, in partnership with the Overseas Workers Administration Cordillera Regional Welfare Office (OWWA-CAR) showed their care for the environment as they joined the city's re-greening effort through a tree-planting and clean-up drive in a tree park here last

nance to ensure that the planted trees in the area will survive.

OWWA Regional Director Manuela Peña, in an interview, said the activity aims to instill civic consciousness and environment-friendly values to OFWs and their dependents, and it is also in support to city's greening program.

"We have here today our (OWWA-CAR) personnel, OFW leaders, including their families and some of our OWWA scholars.

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



FISH FOOT SPA - Two children enjoy the tickling sensation while experiencing a "fish foot spa" from local pet shop here./By Bong Cayabyab

City's Special Inspection Committee formed

BAGUIO CITY – a special committee created by virtue of City Council Resolution No. 186 series of 2004 has been reactivated by Mayor Mauricio Domogan this week.

Administrative Order No. 14 Series of 2012 reconstituted and reactivated the City Special Inspection Committee (CSIC) which is mandated to inspect the compliance of boarding houses, dormitories and pension houses of their business, sanitary and fire safety permits.

Domogan said, these establishments should operate in accordance with existing laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and policies of the City government governing health, sanitation and safety.

The CSIC will also monitor other safety measures which are being implemented by these establishments to protect the interests of tenants and students who are staying in their structures.

The Committee is chaired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan while the Action

Officer is City Health Officer Dr. Florence Reyes.

Its members include City Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia (SP Committee on Health), Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda (SP Committee on Social Services), the City Building Official, City Planning and Development Coordinator, City Treasurer, BCPO City Director, City Fire Marshall, Public Order and Safety Division Head and the Executive Assistant of the City Mayor.

The CSIC is scheduled to conduct frequent inspections of these boarding houses, pension houses and dormitories and will be submitting their findings and recommendations to the city mayor for proper action./paul rillorta

DPWH Assures Better Road in Time for Panagbenga

BAGUIO CITY – Department of Public Works and Highways-Cordillera (DPWH-CAR) Regional Director Edilberto Carrabacan assured better road networks for the city's visitors in time for the staging of Panagbenga 2012 this February even

as he appealed for the public to bear the inconveniences in ongoing road repair projects.

Carrabacan, in an interview Thursday during the public forum on 'Recreating a People Friendly Session Road' at the University of Cordilleras, said that in programming their road

projects they have taken in consideration the scheduled events of Baguio, thus the staggered implementation of projects for the city's road networks.

He cited the Marcos Highway, which is supposed to be a 120 days project but is now almost complete except for the junctions which they can't work on yet

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