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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

# Warring Bible, Law Insights Follow Media-Covered Gay 'Union'



*Filipino gay Junjun Punzal, 22 and American partner Richard McClelland, 64 and lesbian partners Sheiolo Sabaoat, 30 and Bhaya Dela Cruz, 20 kiss each other after they got married together with six other same sex partners in Baguio City, north of Manila, June 25, 2011. Lesbian and gays who are members of the Baguio Pride Network called on Congress to pass House Bill 1483 of the Anti - Discrimination Bill./ Reuters/Harley Palangchao*



*Filipino Pastors Regan Luna [L] and Mike Sotero of the Metropolitan Community Church hold placards calling for full respect to the rights of lesbians and gays before they officiated the ho of same sex composed of eight pairs of lesbians and gays in Baguio City, north of Manila, June 25, 2011/Reuters/Harley Palangchao*

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**PRANGKAHAN TAYO**

*Vergara sobra - sobra ang pera!!!!*

BY : ORWEN TRAZO



*Ngayon ang pagkakataon ng mga simabhan Kaotlika/ Kristianismo na ipakita ang kanilang tunay na pagka Kristiano. Ang gusto lang naman ng mga third sex ay mabigyan sila ng ka-pantay at kaparehas na karapatan!!!*



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## Civilians can report erring cops thru Delinquency Reporting System

BAGUIO CITY - Civilians and even fellow officers can report infractions committed by policemen with the Delinquency Reporting (DR) system of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PRO-COR) Information Officer Police Senior Inspector Pelita Tacio, bared this new system during a radio interview.

Tacio explained that in the DR system, complainants need only to go to the nearest police station. They can just fill out the DR form stating the time, place and date that the offense was committed. The policeman accused of committing the offense then has 24 hours to give his side before he is given a demerit for his offense.

She stressed that this is a preventive measure designed to lessen the incidence of misdemeanors of PNP personnel by instituting on the spot corrections thereby eliminating or at least mitigating the cause of such wrongdoing, and to remind and instill in all PNP members the observance of proper decorum at all times.

Considered as minor infractions are sloppy wearing of the police uniform, tardiness, smoking in places not designated as "smoking areas", violation of traffic rules, use of vulgar or insulting languages or exhibit similar rudeness to the public, spitting, littering, urinating in places other than the designated areas, sleeping on the post, absence during flag raising ceremony and other activities, and leaving the post for more than two minutes.

Delinquency Report forms are available to the public at every police precinct, Tacio said. / Mari Cruz/JDP/MC-PIA CAR

## Benguet To Conduct Resources Inventory Training to Fastrack Turn-Over of Communal Forests to LGUs

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The province is working out for the conduct of a training on assessment and inventory of resources in communal forests in efforts to fastrack the turn-over of the management of communal forests from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to the local government units.

According to Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Guillermo Fianza, the towns of Atok, Sablan and this town have already submitted all the necessary

requirements for some portions of their communal forests with the DENR-Central Office but are pending awaiting the submission of assessment and inventory of resources.

Fianza said resources inventory is an additional requirement prior to the issuance of an administrative order of the DENR relative to the management of communal forests by the LGUs.

He also bared that concerned staff of the PENRO, Community Environment and Natural Resources Office

(CENRO) and the Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) will undergo a refresher course in the inventory of resources such as techniques in accounting timber among others.

According to Fianza, documents submitted to DENR-CO will still undergo deliberations before the DENR Secretary finally approves and issues an administrative order (AO).

After 12 months upon issuance of the AO, a management plan governing the development of the communal forest will be formulated and

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## DPWH Enforces Truck, Bus Ban Along Fragile Kennon Road

BAGUIO CITY - All types of buses and big trucks weighing 11 tons and above are not allowed to pass in the historic Kennon Road, as per advisory issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Covered in the ban are trucks with the following description; 6 wheeler weighing 11 tons (loaded), 10 wheeler with 12 tons (no load) and 18 wheeler 17 tons (no load).

According to Engr. Edilberto Carabbacan, regional director of DPWH Cordillera, the truck and buses ban is to prevent accident and further destruction to the three bridges along Kennon road which were declared by the Bureau of Design of the DPWH as 'weak'.

The DPWH is strictly enforcing a one-way traffic with no shifting gears along the Kennon Bridge, Demonstration Bridge and Camp 6 Bridge for safety purposes.

'Our concern is safety for everyone, the motorist and the riding public. We have already recommended for the immediate repair and restoration of the bridges,' he said.

Carabbacan admitted that Kennon Road is fragile considering that there are many areas aside from the bridges, which need repair.

"If we continue allowing heavy trucks using Kennon Road it would aggravate the damaged sections," he explained.

The scenic Kennon Road is still the shortest route going to Baguio and it is where one can see the panoramic Zigzag Road and the Lion's head. / Joseph B Zambrano/JDP/IBZ-PIA CAR

## Massive Consultations up on Updated City Land Use Plan

BAGUIO CITY - The proposed updated Baguio City Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and Zoning Ordinance will be subjected to extensive consultations with the various sectors before adoption by the city council.

The CLUP defines the utilization and uses of the city's various zones and serves as the basis in the implementation of the city's zoning ordinance.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan, chair of the City Development Council (CDC) which

drafted the updated CLUP, said the CLUP serves as "our City's road map to 2020" and "our blueprint for our City's physical and economic development toward a safer and healthier environment."

Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr., head of the council committee on urban planning, lands and housing which is studying the proposed CLUP and zoning ordinance, held an initial consultation with urban planners and members of the academe last Wednesday to come up with a framework for a massive consultation process that will ensure maxi-

mum participation of the stakeholders from the various sectors.

The participants led by Dr. Priscilla Macansantos of the University of the Philippines (UP) Baguio, Arch. Robert Romero of the University of the Cordilleras, Dr. Romeo Gomez of the Benguet State University and developer Alexander Bangsoy agreed to the conduct of a series of consultations with all organizations comprising each sector including the city government even as they also agreed to submit their own position papers contain-

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## 8 Couples Marry in Same-Sex Holy Union

BAGUIO CITY - "I do..." Eight couples including a foreigner exchanged vows in the first holy union of same-sex in the country held here in this mountain resort over the weekend.

The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Metro Baguio spearheaded the solemn wedding ceremony of same-sex couples at the Ayuyang Restaurant attended by at least 100 witnesses, family and other supporters of the couples.

American Richard Macleland and Filipino partner Jonjon Punzal came up to Baguio City from Caloocan City on Saturday to be blessed and united as one in the church ceremony. The couples for two years were joined by three other male couples and four female couples from Baguio and other parts of the country.

MCC pastor Myke Sotero said that although same-sex wedding is not allowed under existing Philippine laws, their church organization only aims to assert the right to love and relationship of same-sex couples by conducting the holy union.

Sotero explained that the mass wedding is not same-sex marriage but same-sex Holy Union as there is no law yet recognizing same-sex marriage in the country. He said that the Holy Union is a celebration of the love of the same-sex couples and it is not immoral.

He adds that the MCC offer a safe haven for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender where they can build a relationship with God and live the way they are without fear of discrimination.

MCC Makati Pastor Edgar Constantino cleared that holy union rites are given to LGBT couples who wish to profess their love and fidelity to one another before God and the community. He stressed that the constitution provides a clear provision on religious freedom and separation of church and state.

The Holy Union event was the highlight of the annual Baguio Pride Network celebration. It also coincided with the legalization of Same-sex Marriage in New York City in the United States of America.

Meanwhile, the same-sex wedding gathered negative reactions particularly from the different religious sect here in the city. The Catholic Church together with the other Christian Churches here in Baguio criticized and condemned the act of same-sex wedding which they point out is immoral and unacceptable./Redjie Cawis/JDP/RC-PIA CAR

## Low Bail Bond Contributory to Recurring Incidents of Pickpockets, Snatching

L A TRINIDAD, Benguet, July 1 (PIA) -- The Sub-Committee on Intelligence Coordination (SCIC) of the Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (RLECC) is exploring possible solutions on the low bail imposed on perpetrators of street crimes, which is one of the reasons of the recurring incidents of pickpockets and snatching particularly in Baguio City.

SCIC reported that based on records, there are suspects of pickpocket and snatching who have been in and out of jail, attributing the same to the affordable bail bond of only

P1,000.00 to P2,000.00 for such offense.

This is further aggravated by the victims' decision not to file case against the suspects due to the long case proceedings. Notably, victims are usually tourists.

During the second quarter RLECC meeting Thursday, the SCIC requested the RLECC to possibly consider reviewing existing laws relative to the amount of bail imposed on perpetrators of street crimes such as pickpockets and snatching, and make necessary recommendations for amendments to increase the same to discourage the perpetration of said

crimes.

According to Atty. Elmer Sagsago of the Department of Justice (DOJ), when the Prosecutors Office file cases of theft, it also recommends the amount of bail.

"The amount of bail is based on the value of the property that was taken because the value of the property determines the possible penalty", he added. He also affirmed that the DOJ is merely recommendatory and that it is the court that has the final say on what would be the final amount to be posted by the accused.

He recommended that perhaps a dialogue with

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**DAILY HABIT - Burnham Photographers headed by president Carlos Cabillan clean their place of work after typhoon "Falcon" battered the city./Bong Cayabyab**

## Casino says he Will not File Same-Sex Marriage Bill

BAGUIO CITY - Bayan Muna representative Teddy Casino made it clear that he will not file a bill that would involve same-sex marriage.

Casino made the clarification amid concerns over the first same-sex wedding in the country that was held in the city last weekend and creating a stir over the past days.

The mass same-sex wedding done last Saturday, June 25 at the Ayuyang Restaurant here in Baguio joined in "Holy Union" eight same-sex couples to highlight the celebration of the Baguio Pride Network.

The ceremony officiated by the Metropolitan Community Church also coincided the passage of the legalization of same-sex marriage in New York in the United States.

Casino, who led the Pride parade at the city's thoroughfares last Sunday said that he is not filing a same-sex marriage bill but he is promoting of the House Bill 1483 or the Anti Discrimination Bill.

He stressed that same-sex marriage is not included on his Anti Discrimination Bill that he is pushing for its passage in the Congress. There is no bill on same-sex marriage filed in Congress and Senate at this time, he added.

The lawmaker explained that the HB 1483 aims to guarantee equal rights among the lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender and prohibit the discrimination they are experiencing.

Casino said that the LGBT are being widely discriminated today in schools, work place and the communities. They are always subject to ridicule, discrimination and even violence he adds.

He said that reports on hate crimes to LGBT recorded from January to June this year is 104 cases and this has been increasing.

Casino said sexual orientation and gender identity should not be a hindrance to the enjoyment of the constitutional rights as Filipinos so he is really working for the Anti Discrimination Bill's passage./Redjie Cawis/JDP/RC-PIA CAR

## PTAO Reminds Taxi Operators, Drivers of the Guidelines on the new Taxi Flag Down Rate

BAGUIO CITY - The Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in Manila recently approved a P35 flag down rate for the first 400 meters and additional P2.00 for the succeeding 200 meters, or one minute and 30 seconds waiting time.

Public Transport Affairs Office (PTAO) Coordinator Perfecto Itliong Jr. announced in a radio interview that the Department of Transportation and Communication will start the calibration, sealing and testing of taxi meters to be conducted at the

Baguio Convention Center starting on July 4, with plate numbers ending in 1 and 2 following the number coding scheme of the city.

He reminded the operators and drivers to accomplish the following requirements at the LTFRB office in Pacdal before pro-

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## Feathered Desaparecidos

The grey-haired visitor from Brussels was perplexed, "Where," he asked, "did your birds disappear to?"

In his native Belgium, storks tiptoe unhindered between tractors. Robins and pigeons fill the parks. "Feed the birds / Two pence a bag" is the haunting "Mary Poppins" refrain.

In contrast, birds here run a gauntlet of slingshots, traps and pollution —and disdain."If it flies, it dies", a Negros gun club bragged. We've razed forests, paved over mangroves ("Asphalt is the last crop") and poisoned rivers that are habitats for birds.

The Mindoro imperial pigeon, Sulu hornbill and Mindanao parrotfinch have vanished, we wrote in 2004. Since then, the number of native species, threatened with extinction, have risen

to 89. Among these are the Blue-Winged Racquet-Tail, the

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Isabela oriole, the Dark-Eared Brown Dove, Mindanao Bleeding-Heart and the Chinese Crested Tern.

"Your children will no longer thrill, as we once did, to the heart-stopping dive of a hawk," National Scientist Dioscoro Umali, told UP graduating students, just before his death.

"We've stripped the land of its beauty," he said "And the bitter tragedy is the victims are our grandchildren — flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone."

Yet, the Philippines is a "mega-diversity nation," notes the UN's "State of Environment in Asia and the Pacific". It's wedged among the top seven countries that "collectively claim more than two-thirds of the earth's biological resources." The Philippines and Australia top Indonesia in number of "endemic" or native birds.

The UN sponsored World Migratory Bird Day on May 8 last year. Its theme was: "Save migratory birds in crisis — Every species counts!". No less than 77 species of egrets, plovers and sandpipers rest at Olango Island, off Cebu, as they traverse the East Asian Migratory Flyway, to flee winter.

Worldwide, a staggering 1,227 or 12.4% of the total 9,865 extant bird species in the world are currently classified as globally threatened. Of these, 192 are tagged "Critically Endangered."

An estimated 19% of all known birds are considered migratory. BirdLife International classifies 11% as "Globally Threatened."

Today, the Philippines has deteriorated into a "bio-diversity hot spot" —one of the region's 12. This strip extends from Indian Ocean islands, Eastern Himalayas to Sri Lanka. Many endemic species face extinction within this belt.

Deforestation saw "a number of bird species disappear from Cebu, Negros, Panay and Mindoro," the UN study notes. "Of highest priority for conservation are Indonesia's Lower Sundas, Eastern Himalayas, Luzon (especially Mindoro)" it adds.

On an Ulaan Bator hilltop, I watched hawks, swoop from clear Mongolian skies. Childhood memories of hawks swooping to snatch chicks in outlying barrios resurfaced. "My grandchildren never saw this," I mumbled. "And they're poorer for the loss."

The Master from Galilee used the image of a hen, sheltering chicks from marauding hawks, to underscore "the time of visitation."

Birds perform multiple tasks from curbing insect infestations to scattering seeds.

In the shrinking North Negros Forest Reserve, 20 percent of trees will fail to regenerate, if the present rate of hunting continues, a University of British Columbia study notes.

Like rivers, birds make up a unique and sensitive early warning system. When rivers dry up, or birds disappear, they signal that "the environment is under such stress that species which lived in them for thousand of years, can no longer survive," the Philippines Red Data Book notes.

The graybird and flower pecker (*dicaeum quadricolor*) were unique to Cebu. They've been wiped out and are now numbered among "feathered desaparecidos".

Add to these "disappeared" the Black-Hooded Coucal, Negros Striped-Babbler, Philippine Cockatoo, White-Throated Jungle-Flycatcher and Flame-Templed Babbler.

Cebu Daily News' mascot is the endangered black shama or siloy. But "I haven't seen a siloy," columnists Roy Lu wrote. "Worse, I have seen other birds that will never sing again: the tukmo, the kukuk."

"Concentration of endangered birds is larger in islands like Hawaii, the Philippines, Indonesia or

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

*The New Pambansang Kamao:  
Mayor Sarah Duterte of Davao*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The news of Friday evening, 1 July 2011, is disturbing for all of us.

On TV was the scene of Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte, hitting with the sharp edges of her clenched fist the face area near the eyes of the City Sheriff. The punches were executed not one, two, or three times but five times!

I suspected (I may be wrong, of course) that the Mayor had done a similar thing in the past because the punches were "professionally" executed: the Mayor knows how her punches can bring maximum visible damage to her "victim": using the sharp edges of the hand, attacking that part of the body where the bone is relatively sharp to damage the skin and flesh of the victim.

It appeared that hitting the Sheriff was premeditated by the Mayor (the incident that led to the punches was not likely planned). The Mayor looked for the Sheriff, demanded for the Sheriff, and had asked the Sheriff to come closer. The Mayor used her had to gesture to the Sheriff to come closer so she could deliver the punches with "professional" precision. These are figures of speech, of course.

Will the Mayor be the contrabida in this case? Most likely not. If we are to use Facebook as the indicator of public opinion, it is easy to conclude that our citizens are divided on the incident: some people are criticizing the Mayor but quite a number and probably a larger number is supporting the Mayor. Will a legal case arise from the case? Most likely not because the Sheriff who received the Mayor's punches has indicated that he will not file a case. To her credit, Mayor Duterte indicated that she would apologize to the Sheriff but not to the public. Neat.

The Duterte clan has a reputation for promoting extrajudicial killings in Davao City. However, the people of Davao has continued to vote for a Duterte for their Mayor. The national association of Sheriffs has poised to protest the punching but public opinion may likely side with Sarah Duterte even as Malacanang called for an investigation of the incident.

The context under which the Mayor punched the Sheriff: A court order was issued for the demolition of 200 "squatters" homes. The Sheriff was poised to implement the court order and violence between the demolition team and the squatters are brewing. The Mayor requested an extension of only two hours before implementing the decision. The Sheriff refused the request and pushed for the implementation of the court order. This led to a scuffle between the demolition team and the "squatters", prompting the Mayor to attack the Sheriff.

The two hours extension of the deadline requested by Duterte could have been useful for negotiations between the demolition team and the squatters to work. It could have been used to make cooler heads prevail and prevent a violence to ensue between the demolition team and the "squatters". It was a reasonable request. The Mayor's request is not

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*Vergara: nag ala - Flash Gordon! Pero 2011 budget niyo, san po naroon? Domogan: mga waiting sheds ng Baguio - Inex-deal sa Sitel and Love Radio?!*

BY: GRACE BANDJOY



(This is a Re-Print of last issues Column)

I wish to acknowledge the very immediate response of the Honorable Congressman with regards po sa ating hinihinging updates of his accomplishments. Like Flash Gordon with his lightning rod speed, just days po after our request was published, he called for a press conference at eto na po ang ibinigay na updates of his accomplishments from 2010 – presen:

Accomplished Projects from July to December 2010 –  
Circumferential Road – Happy Hollow 30 Million – Completed

City Camp Lagoon 29 Million – 25% Complete  
Gibraltar Barangay Road 2.7 Million – 100% Complete  
Lower QM Drainage System P 500,000 – 100% Complete  
Lighting Systems – Burnham, flyover, overpasses and landscaping nung ilalim ng BGH flyover 35 Million – 100% Complete

Motor Cycles for Police 3 Million – under bidding process

Scholarship Program (with Domogan) 7 Million – 100% Complete

Livelihood Projects (BARP, Women's Group, DSWD) 3 Million – on-going

Medical fund – BGH 2 Million – on – going  
JICA Calamity Fund 71 Million – on- going retaining wall projects

Construction of Overpass – Abanao Street 5 Million – under bidding process

Construction of Overpass – unknown site yet 5 Million – under bidding process

Motor Vehicles Users Tax – Leonard Wood Rd. 10 Million – preparing program for bidding

#### Projects for 2011

Circumferential Road 140 Million  
Bokawkan to Loakan Road, PMA Cut-off, Chanum St., Kennon, Outlook Drive to Magsaysay Avenue, Quezon Hill, Major Mane and Baguio – Bauang Road

Asphalting of Two National Roads 15 Million

Others

Proposed beautification of the Rose Garden

Proposed underpass if Bokawkan flyover is not approved

May nagtext po sa atin at nagsabing hindi pa daw ibinigay ang P500,000.00 na Livelihood and Productivity Fund na na-promise po ni Cong. Vergara for the BARP group last year pa daw po eto. Dapat ibigay na po eto para magamit na po sa mabuti ng ating mga lolos and lolas sa BARP hindi po ba?

Salamat din po sa mga nag text encouraging us to research more on these projects kung saan napupunta po ang ating mga pera. There was even a text suggesting we also research where the Councilor's funds go to, we will try po.

So well, ako po ay hindi masyadong satisfied sa report ni Congressman. Because aside po from his PDAF na binibigay ng National govt., si lolo Bernie po eh masipag din po mag-solicit ng additional funds niya from people and other groups for his projects.

Hindi po really clear sa akin where his 2011 budget went to. Magkano na po ba ang nasa kanyang kamay na budget for 2011 and saan na po ginastos ang mga eto? Tayo naman po eh nagtatanong lang, wala naman po sigurong bad if we do, hindi po ba Sir? Mr. PR Ferdie Balanag? and people from your office? (feeling ko po kasi during the press conference kung saan inimbata niyo po ako eh nanggigigil po yata kayo sa akin sa inis? hehehe). Peace po tayol!

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High blood po ako sa mga waiting sheds natin na ginawang permanent and concrete, long-term advertisement space ng Sitel and Love Radio!!

May balak naman po palang gawing concrete canvass ang ating mga waiting sheds ni Mayor Domogan eh bakit ngayon lang po ginawa? And bakit naman po ad campaign pa ang naisip ilagay?!!!

Ganun na ba kahirap ang ating city at hindi na natin kayang i-maintain ang ating mga waiting sheds?!!! That there is a need to have them leased or rented out or whatever to commercial companies?!!!!

And how much naman po kaya ang nakuha ng ating local government in exchange for these mas-

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*The truth in the POC-GTK row*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "...But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one..." (2 Thessalonians 3:3, the Holy Bible).

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**THE TRUTH IN THE POC-GTK ROW?** Go Teng Kok was declared a "persona non grata" by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) not only because he sued the sports body on two occasions in violation of the POC Constitution, but more because of a series of "grave excesses" which the POC considered as sufficient bases to render him unfit to remain as a member or official of the POC.

This was made clear during the POC executive board meeting where Go, or popularly known as GTK, was "disowned" by the POC, and is in fact shown by the minutes of that board meeting (which meeting was considered a first at the POC because all its executive board members were present all at the same time—a phenomenon that rarely happened at the sports body).

Based on records coming from the POC, particularly the minutes of that fateful meeting of the POC executive board, it appears that Go Teng Kok was declared a "persona non grata" by the POC upon the vote of all its board members, including his known allies, after they tackled and were confronted with his alleged past excesses as a POC official.

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**"COMPELLING REASONS TO DECLARE GTK PERSONA NON GRATA":** What were the supposed past excesses of GTK, entered into the minutes of the POC meeting, which prodded all its board members to disown Go Teng Kok and declare him a "persona non grata"? The minutes and the report of POC officials show the following:

First: The POC considered Go to have undermined efforts by the POC to unify the different sports sectors comprising the POC. This was allegedly due to his influencing the selection of leaders for wushu, billiards, basketball, table tennis, badminton, bowling, swimming, and volleyball.

Second: The POC considered Go to have influenced athletes to defy rules and policies promulgated by past POC officials. A case in point cited by the minutes and by my POC friends was Go's alleged leading of a boycott of the Philippine National Games in Bacolod City, which resulted in the banning of the athletes that supported the boycott from the National Pool.

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**"GTK VIOLATED POC CHARTER" AND MORE:** Third: The POC found Go to have violated its Constitution by his having sued it twice, since it is the POC—not the courts—which is the final arbiter of disputes among national sports associations (NSAs) like the PKF. Because of this, the directive of the International Olympic Committee for POC to resist political, legal, religious, or economic pressures against the Olympic Charter was even disregarded.

Fourth: The POC found Go to have reneged on his own handwritten pledge to withdraw the first case he filed against the POC, and that while he had asked for arbitration to find an end to this first case, he nevertheless filed another case against the POC, this time to block the elections for PKF in Bacolod City.

Fifth: The POC found Go to have financially supported the election of convicted individuals as officials of NSAs; admitted that he operated a gambling den while he was president of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association; and maintained close ties with someone awaiting deportation, as well as with illicit organizations abroad. Any reactions, Mr. Go Teng Kok?

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## Feature: Farmer finds fulfillment in Organic Farming for Consuming Public

An organic practitioner finds fulfillment in producing organic vegetables and fruits to feed the consuming public.

"We produce because we love people," said Mario Canuto who is into organic farming for seven years now.

Mario Canuto used to practice the conventional way of farming employing chemically prepared inputs such as pesticides and fertilizers which he learned from his parents way back at a young age.

But he recounted that prior to the introduction of Masagana 99 sometime in 1972, farmers were engaged in natural farming or organic farming. With the advent of inorganic farm inputs, his father also tried and adopted like any other farmer, which eventually became a trend.

Although the ill effects were not pronounced at the start, through the years it manifested adverse effects in the environment such as human health and the soil condition.

What happened to his farmer-friend an eye opener. He suffered from lung cancer attributed to his exposure to inorganic farm inputs.

Another turning point for Canuto was the high cost of agro-chemical inputs. True enough he may have gained lots of income if he was lucky but the high cost of inputs compensated.

He gave up the conventional way and tried to shift to organic farming. But it was not that easy, he quipped.

He started in 2004. He did composting his own way without the appropriate technology. There were several failures he encountered but persevered.

If he learned of any training on organic farming, he joined. It was a trial and error for him applying every technology he learns.

In the course of the trainings and learnings he acquired, it was a painstaking experience for him, yet he never gave up. He now learned to prepare appropriate pesticides to control insects and fertilizers to enhance and supplement the soil.

One of the learnings he also shared was that it takes around two years to condition the soil before producing a good quality of vegetable or fruit.

Organic farming is like taking care of a person that needs nurturing from time to time, Canuto said. It also inculcates discipline, he added.

At the time his produce was picking up in 2007, his only market was his neighbors and friends.

Canuto has a farm in Balili, in this town and in Camp 7, Baguio City.

But when he joined the Benguet State University Internal Guarantee System (BIGS) in 2007, his market expanded in Baguio City and La Union. BIGS was developed to monitor and guarantee cropping system for organic farm practitioners.

In organic farming you can do intercropping unlike the conventional farming, Canuto said.

He harvests twice a week with the diversified crops he now produces such as vegetables and fruits.

"With organic farming I always have a penny in my pocket even if they say I don't have wheels," he said in the dialect.

The price is high but safety is assured, he said. The demand of organically produced vegetables is high. 'Isu nga haan nga maawanan ti market' (because there is always market for it), he added.

Canuto also encouraged other farmers to produce and consumers to patronize. He also sought the help of the government to advocate organic farming. / Susan Aro/SCA, PIA-CAR/Benguet

## AFP Strengthens Alliance With Stakeholders to Counter Insurgency Threatened Barangays

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - - The Armed Forces of the Philippines is strengthening efforts to work with local government units to prevent barangays from being threatened by rebel groups with the reports that at least 97 barangays in

the Cordillera region are either affected or threatened.

The AFP, during the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) meeting at the Benguet Provincial Capitol on Wednesday, reported that at least five provinces in the region have been involved

with the Communist Party of the Philippines, New People's Army and National Democratic Front (CNN).

Major Edward Viteno, Operations Officer of the 501st Infantry Battalion based in Tabuk, Kalinga said that about 87 barangays in the five provinces are threatened. Kalinga recorded

## Arabica coffee thrives well in the Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - Cordillera has a great potential to become the country's major coffee producer. This was declared by Benguet State University professor Valentino Macanes.

The region with its high elevation has a distinct advantage over other places when it comes to coffee production. Four of the commercial coffees cultivated worldwide thrive in the Cordillera and these are Robusta, Liberica, Excelsa and of course, Arabica, Macanes said.

The main coffee crop of Abra, Apayao, Ifugao, and

Kalinga is Robusta, and there are also some Liberica and Arabica in these provinces.

But in Benguet and Mt. Province, Arabica is the main coffee crop although there are Liberica and Robusta planted in the lowland areas.

Coffee is still considered a backyard crop in the Cordillera region and planted in limited areas. But this may change in the near future as global and local demand for coffee has been increasing, Macanes said.

Arabica coffee can be grown under tall trees and thrives best under the

shade. It can be planted in areas where there the sun cannot penetrate, he said.

'If only our coffee farmers would produce Arabica coffee through agroforestry system technology, the problem on the degradation of pine forests and Cordillera watersheds which resulted from the cutting of pine trees would be addressed', Macanes explained.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) is promoting Arabica coffee production and it is also pushing the development of the Cordillera Arabica Coffee Program./PIA CAR/ Joseph B Zambrano

## Disposal of Pesticide Containers to be Regulated Soon

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet, June 30(PIA) - Disposal of empty pesticide containers will no longer be a problem when the ordinance regulating the collection and retrieval will take effect.

The indiscriminate disposal of pesticide containers believed to be potential sources of environmental contamination and pollution led to the crafting of the measure which was approved for third reading.

One of the notable provisions of the Ordinance No. 148 series of 2011 mandates farmers the triple rinsing of the empty pesticide containers prior to its disposal.

It also mandates distributors, dealers, and agro-chemical companies in cooperation with

the provincial government and its constituent local government units (LGUs) the collection and disposal of the triple rinsed containers.

The ordinance defines triple rinsing as an on-farm practice involving proper rinsing of pesticide containers for three times with uncontaminated water.

The rinsate resulting from the cleaning of containers with water will be set aside as spray solution for the farmers to utilize in their farms.

On the collection provision, LGUs at the barangay and municipal level will have to provide collection centers to ensure availability of storage sites for empty pesticide containers prior to disposal.

the highest with 35 barangays, followed by Mountain Province with 34; Benguet with eight; Ifugao with six and Apayao with four.

He also bared that they have monitored 10 barangays in Mountain Province affected by the CNN.

Viteno explained that affected

Another significant provision is that it does not allow the selling of the containers to junk shops.

The pesticide industry in close coordination with the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority and the Provincial Task Force on empty pesticide containers to be organized as mandated will handle the arrangement for the disposal.

Barangay officials will supervise the collection of such containers in their respective area of jurisdiction.

As can be recalled, Committee on Agriculture Board Member Apolinario Camsol who proposed the measure was able to get the nod of some agro-chemical companies on the collection and retrieval scheme./ Susan Aro/JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

to be their territory and to be their own community.

He explained that when a barangay is considered threatened, CNN groups are having initial contacts with the barangay folks to get their trust and belief in them. They would soon wel-

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## 1st-APLUMA!

*P-Noy's popularity ratings, new GF*

That's correct. His Excellency's popularity rating has gone down beyond the fifty-fifty line by four dismal points or 46% to be exact.

That may be good news to his critics and bad news to his KKK (Ka-klase, Kamag-anak, Kabarilan) tribe.

But no matter what. Clearly, P-Noy is not bothered by that, so said Palace Spokesman Edwin Lacierda.

In fact, according to the grape vine, P-Noy has a new squeeze, a Korean TV personality who happened to be present during the inauguration of a megawatt-power plant in Naga City, Cebu.

Panay daw ang pa-cute ng ating tabinatns na el presidente. 'Kaw na lang nga naman ang maging Presidente syempre iba ang arrive mo.

But, no matter. We might all end up counting his girls that he loved before and after.

Truly, ratings are not a problem provided the Chief Executive can handle with what's expected of him and this could really be the real problem. He promised to lead us through "daang matuwid" remember?

Signs of tiny cracks on that "daang matuwid" are there starting their way up to get wider and bigger as gleaned from that infamous Luneta hostage drama.

Just yesterday, an early morning tele-radio program survey even showed that seven out of ten (7 of 10) Filipinos do not trust P-Noy anymore to succeed on the implementation of his programs throughout his six-year term.

We don't think that survey selected people from the opposition because that particular network used to be the small kingdom of his sister Kris.

However, Atty. Rene Saguisag, a former Cory Aquino Cabinet man, of course.

He says that "P-Noy's ratings are not exactly diving and they are nowhere near the atrocious ratings of his predecessor but he is learning fast that your popularity dissipates as soon as you start sitting in Malacañang.

We can't have our President governing and making decisions by the narrow thread of popular opinion. That is detrimental to good policymaking. A President should be willing to make unpopular but much needed decisions for the good of the country.

But this doesn't also mean that the President should not heed what his approval numbers are saying. For a man who won 42 percent of the people's votes—the popular President Joseph Estrada had only won 26 percent of the votes in the 1998 presidential election—the recent dip in Mr. Aquino's popularity could mean trouble in the offing."

**Well said.**

"Mr. Aquino's number one problem is that so much is expected of him. He ran on a campaign theme touting him as the direct opposite of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo whose administration was wracked by corruption scandals. He said he will eradicate corruption and this is bound to improve people's lives. If there is no corruption, there is no poverty, his slogan goes."

Again, well said. And so, we rest our case for the moment.

Comments and suggestions email us esns03@yahoo.com./0915-5517486

### Mosh Pit

.....from page 5

sive, permanent, long-term ad campaign by Sitel (numerous waiting sheds) and Love Radio (Engineers Hill waiting shed, ang nakita ko pa lang hehehe)

I wish to share the comments of Baguio Citizens when I posted the Sitel Waiting Shed in my Facebook:

"next thing you know the city of pines would be known as the city of Sitel....welcome to Sitel city!"

"dumaan b yan sa bidding? approved by yan nang NEDA? dumaan by yan nang public consultation?...hahaha"

"OMG SITELIZATION of Baguio! So they will be preventing Baguio people to pee when needed, require EOP, forced OTs,

holiday duties & work during typhoons and get breaks only when allowed by the coach?"

"h e h e h e pinagbawalan yung mga frats na magpintura, yung sitel pinayagan...very logical"

"ah dapat pala me URL tsaka phone number para di ipagbawal hihini"

"malicious mischief versus City of Baguio and co-con-

## PRANGKAHAN TAYO

*Vergara sobra – sobra ang pera!!!!*

BY : ORWEN TRAZO



Sobra sobra talaga ang datongsky ni Apo Tongressman este Congressman Bernardo Vergara. Hukay dito, hukay duon ng mga magagandang sementadong mga kalsada. Hukayin at sirain ang Bokawkan Road, Hukayin at sirain ang Loakan Road, ano pa bang mga kalsadang maaayos at magaganda na dapat sirain mga ang dear readers? Alam ninyo mga dear readers, tandang tanda ko ang isang spits [speech] ni Tongresman este Congressman Veraga nitong nakaraang kampanya kung saan kanyng pinagsasabi na wala na raw siyang gagawin na mga concreting project ng mga kalsada at ang kanyang magiging focus ay sa edukasyon at kabuhayan, **Hi ! Hi ! Hi!**. Puros estir lang pala ang mga talumpati ni Tongressman este Congressman Vergara. Ako naman si Tanga katulad din ng maraming mga tanga este taga Baguio na nag papaniwalala pa kay Apo Tongressman este Congressman Vergara. Bagamat isang simpleng tao lang ako, kaya siguro hindi ko maintindihan kung bakit kailangan sirain ang magagandang mga kalsada na katulad ng Bokawkan at ang Loakan Road at kailangan pang pagkagastusan ng MILYON MILYON piso . Hay ! yay ! yay ! . Iba talaga ang mga katulad kong walang ka-alam alam sa larangan ng mga magagaling na mga politiko. Iba talaga yun mga katulad ko na hindi makaisip ng tama at makaunawa hingil sa mga gawain ng mga magagaling na politiko na katulad ni **The Great Bernardo Vergara and the Great Mauricio Domogan. MABUHAY ANG DALAWANG THE GREAT POLITICIANS NA ITO. KUNG WALA ANG DALAWANG ITO AY WALA ANG BAGUIO.**

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**MAYRON DAW JUETENG [part 1]** Bakit nag iingay ang ibang mga medias este media at sinasabi nilang laganap raw ang jueteng sa Baguio. Bakit mga dear readers , mayroon bang jueteng sa Baguio sa kasalukuyan? Mayor Domogan, Ser-mayroon bang Jueteng sa Baguio? P/Sr. Supt. David Lacdan, Ser-mayroon bang nagaganap na jueteng sa Baguio? Bakit ba mararaming a-ingay na mga medias, sa aking pagkakakaalam ay wala naman akong nakikitang operasyon ng jueteng sa Baguio. Bagamat mayroon nag papadala sa akin ng sobre tuwing kinsenas na mayroon laman na 5K kada 15 days , ang pera ay nakalagay sa isang brown envelope at panggastos ko daw . Aba eh, siyempre ay tinatangap ko naman, ngunit hindi ko naman alam kung galing ito mula sa jueteng. Bakit **INGIT** kayong mga ibang Medias este Media na walang tinatangap ? **Hi ! Hi ! Hi!**

spirator Sitel!"

"nagtitipid ang city kaya pinapintor sa SITES para "pro bono" ba say mo je je"

"How could they have even thought about painting over the natural color and texture of stone? purely tasteless and ugly."

"I suggest that Sitel be given the privilege to create garbage

cans with their corporate logo. Let them create 1,000 eco-friendly garbage cans with their corporate logo."

"that's a receiving area for applicants hehehehe.."

"baka call center extension dayta! Hehehe"

"yan ang smoking area nang mga call center agents nang Sitel"

"hindi pa sinulit... sana pati bubong at ceiling inayos na din... at sinulatan.. lol.."

"Baka addan call center idiyay attic na?"

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ASSIGNEE  
Applicants

Case No:96-BC-046/2006- 0569 2011-CAR-351

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Assignment and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUB Aircon Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - TABUK (Kalinga) Via Carmen, Pangasinan, San Jose City, Bayombong, Ilagan, Tuguegarao and Vice Versa with the use of two (2) Units.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, 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 evidences 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 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 29th day of June 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

**EDWARD ASPOWEN**

**Applicants**

**Case No:2002-BC-133**

### 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: SAGADA - BONTOC and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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Cordillera Administrative Region  
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**FAUSTINO ORTIZ - Vendor**

**ALBERTO P. DADAT - Vendee**

**Applicants**

**Case No:91-CAR-764/2011-CAR-350**

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 22, 2011 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 evidences.

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Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**ROBERT MONTEREAL**

**Applicants**

**Case No:2010-CAR-368**

### 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: BAGUIO CITY - TABUK (KALINGA) Via Carmen, Pangasinan, San Jose City, Bayombong, Ilagan, Tuguegarao and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 29th day of June 2011 (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late CLEOTILDE GAGAOIN BALDERAS a.k.a. CLOTELDA GAGAOIN BALDERAS a.k.a. CLEOTILDA GAGAOIN BALDERAS, who died intestate on March 6, 2011 at Tuba, Benguet, Philippines, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by her surviving heirs on June 18, 2011, recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 171 on Page No. 35, Book II, Series of 2011. The said estate consists of parcels of land located at Baguio City where the decedent was residing at the time of her death, San Fernando La Union, and Tarlac.

Publication Dates June 25, July 2 and 9, 2011

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La Trinidad,  
Benguet

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE PETITION  
FOR CORRECTION  
OF NAME  
SUPPLICATION  
AND CORRECTION  
OF ENTRIES IN THE  
CERTIFICATE  
OF FERNANDO  
LIBAG also known  
as DENVER LIBAG  
y CARINO

*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL  
CIVIL REGISTRAR  
OF KAPANGAN  
and THE  
NATIONAL  
STATISTICS  
OFFICE,  
QUEZON CITY,

*Respondents,*

SPECIAL  
PROCEEDINGS  
CASE NO. 11-C-  
1694

X———X

ORDER

**Petitioner,** through counsel, filed a verified petition in this Court for Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth with Local Civil Registry No. 151 issued by the Local Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet, under Rule 108 of the Rules of Court alleging in essence, thus:

**Petitioner** is Filipino, of legal age, single, and with residence and Postal Address at JC 134 Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet. Respondent Local Civil Registry of Kapangan, Benguet, is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc.. and it can be served with summons at the Municipal Hall of Kapangan, Benguet while respondent

**National Statistics Office** is also a government agency and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address at Quezon City.

**Petitioner** was born on March 16, 1986 at Kapangan, Benguet, as evidenced by a copy of his Certificate of Live Birth duly issued by the National Statistics Office which is attached to the Petition as Annex "A".

As reflected in his Certificate of Live Birth, petitioner's gender was erroneously entered as FEMALE instead of MALE..

Likewise his name indicated in his birth certificate is FERNANDO II instead of DENVER. Since his childhood the petitioner is known as DENVER and all his records reflect his name as DENVER. Furthermore, the petitioner's middle name was not indicated. His middle name is CARINO.

**Petitioner,** through this Petition, hereby prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered directing the respondent to cause the correction of petitioner's gender from FEMALE to MALE and his first name be corrected from FERNANDO II to DENVER and his middle name CARINO be supplied in his certificate of live birth.

**WHEREFORE,** finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing be set on August 5, 2011 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at the Session Hall of this Court, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be

granted.

Let this **ORDER** be published at the expense of the petitioner in The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet, once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than June 27, 2011.

Furnish copy hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet, the National Statistics Office, the Junction Newspaper, petitioner and her counsel.

**SO ORDERED.**

La Trinidad,  
Benguet,  
Philippines, this  
4th day of June  
2011.

By: (SDG) HON.  
ROBERT P.  
FANGAYEN  
Acting Presiding  
Judge

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Benguet

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE PETITION  
FOR CORRECTION  
OF GENDER FROM  
FEMALE TO MALE  
IN THE BIRTH  
CERTIFICATE  
Of minor WAYNE  
ZAYDI VICENTE  
BANASE  
represented by  
SATUR PAULINO  
BANASE,

*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL  
CIVIL REGISTRAR  
OF KIBUNGAN  
BENGUET and THE  
NATIONAL

STATISTICS  
OFFICE,  
QUEZON CITY,

*Respondents,*

SPECIAL  
PROCEEDINGS  
CASE NO. 11-C-  
1695

X———X

ORDER

**Petitioner,** through counsel, filed a verified petition in this Court for Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Wayne Zaidy Vicente Banase with Local Civil Registry No. 2004-268 issued by the Local Civil Registrar of Kibungan, Benguet, under Rule 108 of the Rules of Court alleging in essence, thus:

**Petitioner** is a minor and is hereby represented by his father Satur Paulino Banase who is Filipino, of legal age, married, and with residence and postal address at Buyagan Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet.

**Respondent** Local Civil Registry of Kibungan, Benguet, is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc.. and it can be served with summons at the Municipal Hall of Kibungan, Benguet while respondent **National Statistics Office** is also a government agency and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address at Quezon City.

**Petitioner** was born on June 15, 2004 at Kibungan, Benguet, as evidenced by a copy of his Certificate of Live Birth duly issued by the National Statistics Office which is attached to the Petition as Annex "A".

As reflected in his Certificate of Live Birth,

petitioner's gender was erroneously entered as FEMALE instead of MALE. Since birth, petitioner consistently indicates his gender as MALE being his correct sexual identity. Copy of the medical certificate issued by a government physician is attached to the petition as Annex "B".

**Petitioner,** through this petition, hereby prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered directing the respondents to cause the correction of petitioner's gender from FEMALE to MALE.

**WHEREFORE,** finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing be set on August 11, 2011 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at the Session Hall of this Court, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let this **OR-**

**DER** be published at the expense of the petitioner in The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet, once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than June 27, 2011.

Furnish copy hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet, the National Statistics Office, the Junction Newspaper, petitioner and her counsel.

**SO ORDERED.**

La Trinidad,  
Benguet, Philip-  
pines, this 4th day  
of June 2011.

By: (SDG) HON.  
ROBERT P.  
FANGAYEN  
Acting Presiding  
Judge

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## The Peace Combatant

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for the demolition to stop but merely to extend the deadline by two hours. The Sheriff will not be violating a law if he gave in to the Mayor because demolition orders have deadline dates not deadline hours. Like it or not, the Mayor's action may not be legal but she was on a higher moral ground compared to the Sheriff. Rightly or wrongly, what is projected in the media is a Robin Hood Mayor and, like it or not, many will be siding with a Robin Hood. Must we then forget the incident and let the Mayor be unsanctioned? Recall that the Davao City Sheriff will not be filing a case.

The Peace Combatant believes the Mayor must be sanctioned even if the Mayor Duterte's action was understandable. True, the Mayor acted on a higher moral ground compared to the City Sheriff but a City Mayor must be on a higher ground relative to the ground on which the Davao City Mayor had stood. There is no place for public official to punish anyone outside of the rule of law. Otherwise, if we let anyone especially public officials, to act outside the rule of law, this will lead to abuses and can lead to justify several actions: maybe justifying extrajudicial killings today and then plunder of the city or national treasury later.

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we believe in and uphold as the absolute authority for moral conduct, any marriage between people of the same sex is abhorrent in the eyes of God."

They warned "Any attempt to violate God's holy will" is a cause for his wrath making same sex 'marriage' a danger.

MCC is led by Myke Sotero, Ceegay Agbayani, Regan Luna and Egay Constantino.

They 'formalized declaration of monogamy' amongst eight of members of the MCC last week in a ceremony which simulated a church wedding.

While Sotero declared what transpired was a mere declaration of love between one person to another, other denominations expressed shock on how the ceremony was conducted.

"[MCC's] action weakens our already struggling family and community structures by encouraging a mindset that goes against healthy propagation of the human race."

"[It] confuses the natural parent-child relationship with the unnatural, causing socio-cultural, moral and spiritual breakdown," they added.

ECCBB is composed of the Association of Metro-Baguios Christian Ministers, Benguet Evangelical Association of Ministers, Trinidad Evangelical Association of Ministers, Good News Community Church, United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Bethesda Ministries, Cordillera Prayer Network, and God's Great Mercy Ministries.

Reacting to the statement of ECCBB alderman Philian Weygan-Allan meantime proposed a resolution denouncing and prohibiting ceremonies purporting to be same sex marriages or unions in the City of Baguio.

She said, "Baguio as a character city promotes values that enhance righteousness and discipline amongst its citizenry."

"[MCC] is 'testing the waters'... [We are supporting various groups denouncing the conduct of same-sex marriage in Baguio as it is deceptive and misleading.]"

Their backs against the wall, supporters of MCC meantime are calling for United Nations (UN) intervention declaring gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders are "children of God, too."

Carol Galvez of the Lesbians for National Democracy (LND) complained of discrimination revealing a report would be sent to the UN International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Sotero meantime maintains they have done nothing wrong adding they are ready to face the music in the city council and the regular courts, if need be./isl

### Law Bail bond

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the court is proper and in order to bring to their attention the concern that these pickpocketers find it easy to post bail because of the low amount attendant to such a crime./ Mari Cruz/JDP/MC-PIA CAR

## Asin Hydro Privatization on as Terms Approved

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is now preparing to bid out the operation of the city-owned Asin mini-hydroelectric plants in Tuba, Benguet to qualified private investors after the city council last Monday approved the terms of reference (TOR) for the contract to rehabilitate and manage the power generating facility.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan hailed the development as a milestone in the city's thrust to maximize the power generating potential of the plants and restore their viability which slackened under the city government's reins due to lack of funds and expertise.

"I hope we can speed up the paper works to facilitate the bidding and realize the long overdue privatization of this vital facility," he said

The city council last Monday approved the TOR upon the recommendation of its committee on laws which posed a condition that the "contract for the privatization be submitted to the City Council for confirmation."

The TOR, which took time in the drawing board, provides the requirement for the "rehabilitation, upgrading, expansion, operation, maintenance and lease" of the mini-hydras for 20 years.

The bid components will be for rehabilitation and rental under the conditions that the operator "shall invest at least P500 million for the rehabilitation, upgrading and expansion of the plants to produce 41,406,178 kilowatthours, install independent substation and power line to the national grid."

The operator will be given four years to implement the rehabilitation.

The city's remuneration will be minimum of P16 million per annum or the peso equivalent of a minimum 30 percent of gross production valued at the prevailing selling prices, whichever is higher for the first two years. The amount will be increased to minimum of P35 million on the third year; minimum of P45 million on the fourth year and minimum of P50 million on the fifth year until the end of the contract.

The operator will also be bound by the following terms:

\*Remit one percent of the gross receipts to the province of Benguet, municipality of Tuba, barangays Tadiangan and Nangalisan, the gross receipts based on the distribution scheme provided for in the Local Government Code;

\*Remit three percent of the net surplus to the affected landowners including those provided under the Compromise Agreement approved in Resolution No. 247 series of 2010 which was made part of the TOR;

\*Absorb existing qualified personnel; and

\*Return the facility to the City Government in good running condition at the termination of the contract.

The TOR also provides the guidelines on the bidding process and requirements, evaluation of bids, award of contract, construction period and other terms dealing on penalty, liquidated damages, protection of the forest reserve, requirement of regulatory, right of way, clearances and permits, improvements, meter reading, visitation, arbitration and venue of actions. / A Refuerzo

## Rainwater harvesting endorsed

BAGUIO CITY - The city council last week has approved the resolution endorsing rainwater harvesting in public schools and barangays in the city of Baguio.

The approved resolution requested the Baguio Water District (BWD), City Environment Parks and Management Office (CEPMO) and City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) to encourage other institutions and barangay households to "devise ways to do simple rainwater harvesting to minimize dependence on commercial water supply and to maximize the use of rainwater made available by nature."

The resolution came on the heels of the felt effect climate change where there is heavy precipitation during wet season, but with water shortage as a big volume of water flows underground and to the big bodies of water. Water harvesting thus, is considered as a mitigating measure being adopted to meet the demands of consumers.

Authored by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, the technique for collecting rainwater may be termed as "household rainfall catchment system" with water to be used for laundry, gardening, flushing toilets and others.

The simple technique requires the construction of three principal components: the catchment area,

collection device and the conveyance system. The catchment should be from the rooftop, where the rainwater would drop into the conveyance system down to a collection device. Impurities would be allowed to settle before the rainwater is directed to a storing device.

The resolution was also anchored on RA 6716 which provided "for the construction of water wells, rainwater collectors, development of springs and rehabilitation of existing water wells in all barangay in the Philippines to be able to provide adequate water supply as a provision of the social services program of the government."/juliegfianza

### AFP

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come and visit the community on a regular basis.

The AFP also monitored 350 non-violent activities conducted by these rebel groups in the provinces of Ifugao, Kalinga and Mountain Province. These activities include the operations being done by the rebels in the threatened barangays to gain more forces in the different communities.

Vitenos said that to counter these insurgency operations, the AFP is shifting from the militaristic or use of arms and violence to people-centered security strategy such as build-

ing and strengthening alliance with stakeholders especially the local government units and the communities.

Meanwhile, newly installed RPOC Chairman, Ifugao Governor Eugene Balintang, said the increase of the number of CNN and insurgency activities in the region particularly in their province, is an off shoot of the different anti-insurgency drives being conducted by the AFP in the provinces in North Luzon.

Balintang added that most rebels being driven away from nearby provinces such as Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela and even Ilocos are getting into the Cordillera provinces./ Redjie Cawis/JDP/RC-PIA CAR



## Retired Persons

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will be the legacy that we could leave for the next generations. Through the help of the mass media, this could also be a tourism center in the future", Balanag added.

The BARP Foundation, initially known as Baguio-Benguet Association of Retired Person Foundation Inc., was founded in July 24, 1999 as a social development oriented organization and registered as a non-stock, non-profit organization with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The foundation is also licensed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and is accredited by both the City Government of Baguio and the Provincial Government of Benguet.

The foundation's membership has already grown to more than 18,000 senior citizens not only from Baguio and Benguet area but also from other Cordillera provinces.\*

For all kind-hearted people or institutions that would like to help BARP Foundation put-up their Multi-Purpose Center for the Elderly, you can find them at Unit #3, Otek Square Building, Otek Street Baguio City, or call them at (074) 4468950 or visit their website at [www.barpfoundation@yahoo.com](http://www.barpfoundation@yahoo.com). /Lito Dar/JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## City Team

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Drug Administration (FDA) Director Suzette Lazo.

The communication received earlier, warned the general public about DEHP-contaminated food products as being harmful to human beings; with high doses and repeated exposure (and ingestion) causing fertility problems and damages to the kidney.

Accordingly, DEHP is "widely used as a plasticizer in manufacturing articles including medical devices such as intravenous bags and tubings, blood bags and infusing tubings and nasogastric tubes" and has been "illegally added to a food product raw material." It however, emulsifies and improves the taste, texture and appearance of food, and is cheap, thus is used as a preservative.

Secretary Domingo's letter revealed that DEHP, as to Taiwan FDA, has been sold to food manufacturers who in turn are exporting their products to different countries including the Philippines. "FDA is seeking assistance in monitoring the said Taiwan products," the communication states.

FDA Director Lazo also stated in the communication that supermarkets and retail stores are being instructed to temporarily remove from store shelves high-risk products including sports drinks, soft drinks, fruit juices, and jellies "until such time when these have been proven to be free of the contaminant, DEHP.

A list of seemingly DEHP-contaminated food and food products has been provided to local store owners here in Baguio, through their association presidents who attended the meeting.

The mayor earlier instructed the LPMCC with Councilor Pinky Chan-Rondez, City Treasurer Thelma Manaois, Baguio City Treasure Office P/Supt David Lacdan, City Mayor's Office, Baguio-Benguet Groceries, Supermarkets, Traders and Entrepreneurs association, the local DTI, FDA to work as a team, "so that none would ingest the con-

taminated food and food products."

The public is also requested to refrain from buying imported products without food registration number and English translation.

The Baguio-Benguet businessmen representative during the meeting assured the mayor that they are willing to remove questionable products from their grocery shelves. It was learned however that only products confirmed tainted with DEHP after thorough laboratory tests would be completely removed from their establishments. —juliefianza

## Massive Consultations

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ing their comments, suggestions, corrections and counter-proposals.

All the inputs will be submitted to the city council for final action.

Domogan said the updated CLUP which took time to complete is a result of a collective effort of the different sectors but the consultations to be conducted by the city council would ensure that the plan would truly mirror the desires and aspirations of all the sectors.

The mayor said one of the important highlights of the plan would be "the adoption of a cost-effective spatial development pattern, like the multi-nodal form combined with circumferential and radial road networks."

"That is most appropriate for our City as we are faced with the challenges of effective use of limited resources vis-à-vis Baguio's multi-roles as center for tourism, education, trade and regional center and an alternative haven from the adverse effects of climate change," the mayor said.

Engr. Evelyn Cayat, officer-in-charge of the city planning and development office (CPDO) and head of the CDC secretariat said four "major spatial strategies" highlight the CLUP, which are the decongestion of the Central Business District through the provision of growth nodes along strategic locations in the City, the designation of additional areas for institutional purposes that support the city's role as an education center north of Manila, the preservation of existing watersheds, forest reservations, parks and other areas supported by Presidential Proclamations and other laws and setting of Environment Development Controls.

The new CLUP's updates center on the allowed uses within the different zones, building heights and the provision of a land use map which specifies the land use allocation of the various zones namely residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and utilities zones. —A Refuerzo

## Editorial

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Mauritius, periodic World Conservation Union surveys found."

Island birds are smaller in number and range. They become vulnerable when forests, as in Mindanao are razed, or rives like Abra are laced with toxic chemicals and human nature waste. In Cebu's Guadalupe river, coliform pollution exploded by 6,000 percent within a four year period — a candidate for the Guinness Book of Records.

Complacency stems from greed, indifference and ignorance. Used to past abundance, many assume 'there's more where they came from. Well, there's none.

But no bird, herb or fish disappears alone, Oxford University's Dr. Norman

Meyer warns. When they go, so do their unique genes—life building blocks.

Genes are spliced into 'miracle rice,' high-yielding corn, or, even Dolly the sheep, if you remember. Other go into drugs against cancer, AIDS, etc. No one knows what may be needed the day after.

This "killing curve of species, is genetic forfeiture", Inquirer observed." It seals off little understood options for our grandchildren." Loss of species is irreversible obliteration of unique life forms. No one has yet invented recall from annihilation. Extinction is forever.

'And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lonely cry of the whippoorwill?' asks the mythical Chief Seattle, "if all the (birds) were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit." /Juan L. Mercado

## Benguet to Conduct

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submitted to the Provincial ENR Council for approval to ensure sustainability, Fianza said.

The Local Government Code of 1991 mandates LGUs the supervision and management of communal forests. This is guided under Joint Memorandum Circular No. 98-01 or the Manual of Procedure for DENR-Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-LGU partnership on devolved forest management functions.

Meanwhile, the ENRO-Benguet which is tasked to spearhead in facilitating the necessary requirements in the turn-over of communal forests, together with the CENRO are currently undertaking the documentation and survey of the other communal forests.

Already undertaken in all of the towns was information drive in advocating the need to delineate including site identification.

A total of 83 communal forests were identified for the whole province. / Susan Aro/JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

## PTAO

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ceeding to the Baguio Convention Center for inspection, testing and resealing of meters.

Itliong reiterated the steps to be followed: first would be to fill up resealing inspection form; second step - proceed to Window 5 for verification of franchise, step 3- proceed to window 3 for assessment of fees and fourth step is payment of assessment fees at window 4, all located at LTFRB office in Pacdal.

Step 5 is for drivers and operators to proceed to the BCC grounds with the following requirements such as Official Receipts, Certificate of Registration, franchise decision, DTI trade name, accreditation, calibration booklet, and receipt issuing meter.

He stressed that the LTFRB will be strict with the said requirements before calibrating and resealing the meters for the new flag down rate.

In addition, operators and drivers are required to provide coin box, seatbelts, clean seat covers, no smoking sign, trash bin, driver's identification card, inside markings of trade names, plate number and contact number and receipt issuing meter.

Itliong reiterated that the above conditions must have to be met by the franchise holders before they could implement the new rates. / Mari Cruz/JDP/MC-PIA CAR



## Palace lacks commitment to investigate HELLO Garci

**Cayetano: a thorough investigation will put closure to Hello Garci**

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano chided the government for its lack of commitment in investigating the Hello Garci scandal of 2004 – stressing the case's importance in eradicating graft and corruption.

"Remember, Hello Garci is not only about cheating and operation on a provincial level. It is also about the use of government resources to prop up former President Arroyo's reelection bid through the use of Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) funds, PhilHealth funds, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) funds, etc," he said.

Cayetano also challenged the Palace to define what kind of Comelec it wants due to its lack of a proactive or firm stand regarding the investigations.

"I throw back the question to the Palace: What kind of Comelec do you want? What kind of Chairman do you want? What kind of elections in 2013 and 2016 do you want?" he asked.

"Right now, it seems that a Hello Garci type of Comelec is okay with you since everything is passed onto Brillantes – who is taking it one press release at a time. Even if we pull all the front pages of our major broadsheets, there is still no commitment from the government to investigate," he added.

The minority leader pointed out that conducting the investigation in its entirety, whether or not it be about electoral cheating, is within the jurisdiction of the Comelec.

"Why don't we start with the 2004 elections, with Hello Garci?" he asked.

He pointed out, however, that if the Palace will not investigate, then different branches of the government would have to step in.

"If the Palace will not investigate, the Senate should investigate. If the Senate does not investigate, Comelec should investigate. If the Comelec still does not want to investigate, then we will have no choice but to do it through Commission on Appointments (CA). We will use the confirmation hearing to investigate," he said.

## Retired Persons Foundation to Put up Multi-Purpose Center for the Elderly

BAGUIO CITY, June 30 (PIA) -- They may be old but their will and determination to look after their own welfare and contribute to development is unwavering.

The Blessed Association of Retired Persons (BARP) Foundation Inc., is set to build its Multi-purpose Center this year marking its 12<sup>th</sup> foundation anniversary, according to BARP Inc President Federico Balanag.

"The center aims to provide an elderly friendly place for all senior citizens, not

only from Baguio but as well to those who will be visiting the city, as the center's component includes a lodging area that would provide accommodation to the elderly, social function room, a commercial portion that would have a medical/dental diagnostic center, drugstore and a café and restaurant", Balanag said.

The goal is to have a permanent home for the foundation and a one stop venue where services for its growing members and the community can be provided and en-

joyed conveniently in an elderly friendly atmosphere," he added.

The four-story building will rise in a lot along Bokawakan Road which was recently acquired by the organization.

In a kapihan forum at the Philippine Information Agency Regional Office Wednesday, the BARP officers called on the general public, philanthropists, institutions, foundations and agencies to help them put-up their building.

"This center is not for us (BARP officials and members) alone as we also hope that this

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## The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!



**CHILD PROTECTORS - City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan stresses a point on how to protect and respect the rights of children during the Seminar On The Strengthening Of The Barangay Council For the Protection of Children July 29 held at City Hall Multi-Purpose Hall./Bong Cayabyab**

## PNP Establishes Innovations to Speed-Up Crime Investigations

BAGUIO CITY, June 28 (PIA) -- The Philippine National Police (PNP) is currently establishing new innovations in order to effectively speed-up ballistic examinations and crime investigations.

Police Regional Office Cordillera (PRO-COR) Crime Laboratory Chief Senior Superintendent Dalmacio Magantino announced in a radio interview that the PNP is in the process of introducing new forensic trends to further improve the speedy resolution of crimes.

These include among others the newest Integrated Ballistic Identification System project or "IBIS" of the PNP. This is an effort of the PNP Project management Office of the PNP to im-

prove the capability enhancement particularly under the national firearms control program, he explained.

According to Magantino, this instrument will be used to create a registration database that can rapidly trace the owner of the gun even if the serial number is obliterated.

Aside from the IBIS, Magantino likewise informed that the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is also being introduced by PNP. This is the first electronic and scientific method of capturing fingerprint images and textual information.

The AFIS system will speed up the fingerprint matching process

to determine if the fingerprints lifted off a crime scene match the fingerprints of known criminals kept on file by the PNP, he added.

He expressed hope that the new technology will help investigators in establishing the identities of suspects involved in crimes.

Meanwhile, the third innovation is the Polygraph Interview Processing which will be used to those aspiring to become members of the police force in order to check the veracity of the data they submitted to the PNP.

With these innovation, he is hopeful that these will create more effective quality management system in the investigation of crimes and to give justice to the victims./ Mari Cruz/JDP/MC-PIA CAR

## City Team to Monitor, Confiscate DEHP-Tainted Products

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week in a meeting with concerned offices cautioned the public about buying apparently Di(2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate (DEHP)-

contaminated products allegedly from Taiwan, in business establishments around the city.

The products, he said, are being monitored by the Local Price Moni-

toring and Coordinating Council (LPMCC) for immediate confiscation, following the receipt of a letter from Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Gregory Domingo and advisory from Food and

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