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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **No Return Of Jadewell On-Street Payparking – Farinas**



RIGHTS ADVOCATES - Officers and members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Baguio Chapter headed by president Atty. Daniel D. Mangalay lay out their two-year action plans and strategies on their outreach programs serving specially the poor and the oppressed to extend their arms on free legal aid and counselling among others./By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY - Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas Thursday assured that the city government will not allow Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation to return to the city with its on-street parking business.

"There's no cause for worry about a Jadewell comeback," Farinas said adding the city had learned its lesson on the parking issue that caused problems to the city and resulted to a string of court cases, most of which remained pending before the courts.

Farinas' reaction aims to assuage anti-Jadewell quarters instrumental in overthrowing Jadewell but who were alarmed by news that Jadewell offered to settle with the city government to resume its business operation.

Farinas did not discount the possibility of the city agreeing to a mediation process in support of the program of the courts but said this will depend on the acceptability of the terms and conditions that will be presented by both parties.

Moreover, the mediation

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Ang kapal talaga ng Jadewell yan!



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Chiz wants 20 years for those engaged in white slavery

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero wants stiffer penalties for those engaged in white slavery in a bid to curb "the repulsive crime."

Escudero is one of the sponsors of Senate Bill 2066, which seeks to amend Article 341 of the Revised Penal Code by imposing the penalty of reclusion temporal, or a minimum of 14 years and a maximum of 20 years in prison, to those found guilty of profiting from prostitution.

"This bill, if passed into law, will

serve as a deterrent to those who will take advantage of the poverty situation in order to profit from selling our women and children. This is one of the most repulsive crimes in society today, and we must not allow our women and children to fall prey to these vultures," he said.

The penal code currently imposes a maximum penalty of only 12 years in prison.

At the same time, Escudero also wants to expand the list of those who can be charged with the

crime.

"The present law vaguely describes those who can be charged with white slavery. We have expanded that description so perpetrators cannot use the vagueness of the law to escape liability," he said.

The senator chairs both the Committees on Justice and Human Rights, and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, the two panels that approved the bill. It is now under interpellation at the Senate floor.

The present law

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Lawmaker warns comelec of negotiating Poll contract

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday warned the Commission on Elections (Comelec) of the dangers of entering into a "negotiated contract" on the nationwide poll automation project even as he renewed his call for its implementation only in key areas.

"A negotiated contract does not necessarily consider the cheapest, the best and most responsible offer. There is obviously less transparency in the process," said Escudero, who heads the Senate oversight

committee on poll automation.

He issued the warning after the Comelec said it could enter into a "negotiated contract...as a last recourse" after it rejected all seven bids for the P11.3-billion project.

Escudero also criticized the poll body for not heeding suggestions earlier on to change the terms of reference based on industry practices.

"They did not listen. They virtually invented some of the provisions of the TOR

which has resulted in the disqualification of all bidders. Now we are faced with the option of negotiating the biggest, single government contract with one bidder," Escudero said.

At the same time, he renewed his call for the implementation of automation only in key areas as provided for in the automation law.

"However disconcerting it may be, the failure of bidding gives everyone an opportunity to revisit the plan for full automation," he said. "The Comelec must now se-

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Suspension of number coding for private vehicles extended

BAGUIO CITY – The suspension of number coding for private vehicles has been extended until July 3, 2009.

This is the content of Administrative Order 79 issued last week by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr.

The AO extends further the suspension of the number coding for private vehicles which ended last Monday, May 4.

Accordingly, this is for the comfort and convenience of tourists who brought their own vehicles and are expected to spend their summer break, exploring various spots in the city.

This is also anchored on Section 7 of Ordinance 01, 2003 wherein under certain conditions, the mayor may suspend the imple-

mentation of the number coding scheme.

Hired or rented public utility vehicles of visitors, tourists and vacationers however may be exempted from the number coding as long as appropriate documents of rental be presented, specifically to the Traffic Management Branch of the Baguio City Police Office (TMG-BCPO)./juliefianza

No end in sight To farmers' sorry plight

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero said yesterday the misery of farmers will continue as long as they are continuously neglected by government.

He said it was regrettable that while farmers of Nueva Ecija are the biggest producers of rice in the country they are forced to sell it low to traders and middlemen.

"The NFA buys rice from farmers here at P17-18 per kilo and sells it for

P21-23 while the government buys rice from Malaysia at P42-43 per kilo and then sells it at a loss to the domestic market for P23-25! I cannot understand that kind of policy wherein government would rather lose money and let foreign farmers reap the bounty," Escudero added.

He stressed the preferable situation would be to provide the Filipino farmer with sufficient capital and additional inputs to tide him over till the next cropping

season.

Although four in 10 Filipinos are engaged in agriculture, it has a budget of only P23 billion, less than 10 percent of the 2009 budget of P1.415 trillion.

"We have a saying: 'Those who have less in life should have more in law.' But it does not seem to apply to our farmers," he noted.

He said it was regrettable that government keeps constructing roads that are traversed by the vehicles of the rich who do not

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Strict Enforcement Of Jaywalking, Sidewalk Clearing Sought

BAGUIO CITY – Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas ordered police and concerned offices here to strictly enforce the city's ordinance on jaywalking and anti-illegal vending to ultimately "bring back the sidewalks

and crosswalks to the public."

In Administrative Order No. 87, the mayor tasked the police to intensify operations against jaywalkers and to manage pedestrian traffic in busy intersec-

tions.

He further asked the police assisted by the Public Order and Safety Division to apprehend vendors occupying sidewalks and even motorists who park along sidewalks, crosswalks and

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H1N1 Advise: Be Vigilant, Don't Panic

BAGUIO CITY – "Be vigilant, don't panic."

This was the terse but firm advice of city health officer Dr. Florence Reyes to the public amid the threat posed by the deadly New Human Influenza A (H1N1) virus that continues to spread and claim

more victims around the world.

As of Friday, no case has still been reported in the country even as the affliction and death toll continued to rise in other countries. Several individuals with dubious health conditions upon arrival in

airports here are reportedly now being closely monitored for possible infection.

Reyes has just been designated by Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. as the sole focal point for advisories on said dreaded disease in

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Burnham park summit on June 16, 1st phase on may 12

BAGUIO CITY- Identified stakeholders of Baguio's prime park were called on to participate in the first Burnham Park Summit on June 16.

But primary plans shall be crafted starting May 12, this coming Tuesday, at the City Hall Multipurpose Hall.

The said forum shall be "an avenue for public participation, where participants will manifest concerns that need to be addressed for a better Burnham Park," Acting City Mayor Daniel Farinas said, during the regular media forum last week.

He also assured the public that all sectors; govern-

ment, private entities, religious, business, academe, tourism-oriented establishments, media and all concerned shall be represented in the consultations, and eventually the summit.

The result of the preparatory forum shall be discussed by five (5) groups organized to deal with specific concerns as to

Burnham Park, the acting mayor added.

The endeavor is spearheaded by the Burnham Park Management Authority (BPMA), and well-coordinated with the City Parks Management Office and the Committee on Tourism, Special Events, Parks and Playground headed by Councilor Pinky Chan-Rondez, as it appeals for partici-

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JADEWELL'S OFFER FOR SETTLEMENT - Jadewell Parking System executive Officer Rogelio Tan accompanied by its former legal counsel Emiliano Gayo calls for an "out-of-court-settlement" with the city government so that they can start their business again particularly at Ganza parking area./By Bong Cayabyab

Dads To Study Lotto Regulation Measure

BAGUIO CITY – The city council Monday resolved to conduct further studies on the proposed ordinance regulating the operation of lotto outlets in the city to determine its ramifications in connection with existing national and local laws governing lotto.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas suggested the move after airing his observations on the state of the policies covering the legalized game.

He said there appeared to be inconsistencies in the implementation of the laws particularly the republic act that man-

dates Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to grant franchise to lotto operations in local government units.

He said the PCSO should clarify the role of local government units in the lotto approval to make it consistent.

"If the LGUs are mandated to issue business permits to lotto applications, then this should be consistent requirement," Farinas said noting that at present there are lotto outlets

operating without business permits but which cannot be closed because they have been granted authority to operate by the PCSO.

He said the PCSO should also clarify its consideration of local laws existing in LGUs where they intend to set up lotto.

"If they intend to respect local laws like zoning rules then why are there lotto

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

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Bum Check

Like a bum check, this question keeps bouncing, more so during crises. Only names, places and time change. New threats, like the swine flu, swirl around this old issue, namely: Do expiration dates on medicines mean anything?

In 20 countries, the H1N1 influenza A, for example, affected 1,024 (plus three suspected cases in Cebu) before starting to ebb, BBC reports. Taipei's Health Department predicts scientists may come up with a vaccine in three months. Health Secretary Francisco Duque seeks P90 million to beef up anti-viral stock-piles.

DOH has 600,000 capsules of the anti-flu drug, good for 60,000 patients "Most of the capsules expire this month," Inquirer reports. "(But) United Laboratories, which donated the medicine, assured the drugs remain efficacious from 36 to 40 months."

EDITORIAL

So, do we trash those expired stocks? Or don't

we?

Critics earlier strafed V. Luna military hospital for accepting donations of expiring drugs. Our soldiers deserve better than lapsing (and "ineffective"?) medicine, the line went. Food and Drug officials threaten medical missions, from abroad, if they stock drugs with expiry dates shorter than a year.

Use of expiration dates started in 1979, Harvard University's Medical School says in its Family Health Guide. "It stands for something. But probably not for what you think it does."

Most data on drug expiration stems from an earlier question the Pentagon tossed to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA): "Should the military junk it's over \$1-billion stockpile of medicine every two or three years?"

In response, FDA studied more than 100 drugs in military pharmacies. The agency found that 90 percent, of both prescription and over-the-counter medicines, were perfectly good to use—even 15 years after expiration dates.

"(Expiration dates) don't indicate a point at which the medication is no longer effective or unsafe," the Harvard briefing for US physicians adds. "This is the date at which manufacturers can guarantee full potency and safety of the drug."

"Many drugs, stored under reasonable conditions, retain 90 percent of their potency for at least five years after expiration date, sometimes much longer," notes Brigham Young University Health Center.

A simple device, such as "placing a medication in a cool place, such as a refrigerator, will help a drug remain potent for many years", the center adds.

Among medicines FDA tests found effective after expiration were: Bayer's anti-biotic Cipro and aspirin; SmithKline Beecham PLC's Thorazine, a tranquilizer. Wyeth-Ayer's antidote to chemical poisoning was still effective 15 years beyond expiration date.

"We extended shelf lives instead of destroying large quantities of still-useful medical products," said Francis Flaherty, who

oversaw FDA's testing, wrote. This decision saved the US military an initial \$263.4 million, after the study's completion.

These findings have implications for fund-strapped countries like the Philippines. Here, government clinics are perennially drug-short, from simple aspirins to anti-tuberculosis drugs.

"TB or not TB is the congestion," Woody Allen once joked. But TB is no joking matter here. TB incidence in the Philippines is triple that of Thailand. Death rates for Filipina mothers is 162 in every 100,000 births. Compare to 62 for Malaysians.

This is obscene — and inevitable. Collectors for foreign debt get more (10 percent of GDP) than do health budgets (2 percent), says UN's Human Development Report. Thus, skilled health personnel attend only 60 out of 100 births here. In contrast, 99 of Thai mothers can count on medical attention.

And poverty opens floodgates to disease. The most violated

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DIRETSAHAN

*Peking Business Permit?!?
Baklitang Medias!*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Matindi ang suntok sa panga ng boksingerong si Hatton mula kay katotong Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao, sa unang rawn pa lang ay nakitaan na ng liksi at husay si Manny, samantalang panay ang walang kwentang atake ni Hatton.

Aba, sa napanood nating laban na ito ay masasabi nating malayo na talaga ang narating ng pambansang kamao, kaya naman sya ang nagsisilbing inspirasyon sa mga kabataang gustong maging boksingero at ng mga nagsisimula pa lamang sa larangang ito. Pero ayon sa balita, papasukin na naman daw ni Pacman ang mundo ng pulitika, totoo kaya ito? Naku huwag naman sana at baka dito pa sya manakdawn.... Aba, marami yatang gago, tuso at mahusay mang-uto sa bahay ni kuya, di ba kuya Joe De Venecia?

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Nasa Kostudiya na umano ng senado ang ZTE-NBN witness na si Jun Lozada, inaresto ng mga pulis maynila si Lozada sa kasong perjury na isinampa sa kanya ni Mike Defensor Kunsan ipinasa ng korte sa senado ang hurisdiksyon sa nasabing kaso.

Wel en gud kasi kinuha ng senado si Lozada bilang testigo at nararapat lamang na bigyan sya ngayon ng karampatang proteksyon na naaayon sa witness proteksyon program. Hay yay yay, iyan ba ang napapala ng mga matatagapang na tumetestigo sa mga nangyayaring kurapsyon sa gobyerno? Buwisheet!

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Magkasunod na umarangkada sa bansa ang mga bagyong Dante at Emong pero si Emong lang ang naramdaman ng hagupit dito sa Kordilyera bunso para ipasara ang Kennon Road sa mga motorista

Signal No. 3 ang Benguet kasama ang Baguio City, pero mukhang mas malakas pa ang mga nagdaang normal na ulan kesa kay mang emong.... O baka naman talagang ganyan ang ating pag-asa, wala ng pag... wat ay min wala na ang bagyo, hi! Hi! Hi! Pweh!

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Bago na ang nakaupong direktor sa Mines and Geological Bureau ng DENR-CAR. Pinalitan ni Ginoong Manuel Paragas si Ginoong Neoman Dela Cruz at tignan nga natin mga suki kung gaano katindi itong si Paragas. Matindi kaya itong mangalaga sa ating kalikasan o matindi itong magbulag bulagan at magbingi-bingihan sa paanong paraan kaya sisikat itong si Mang Manuel sa aking kolumn? Sa pagiging dakila o inutul? Abangan na lang natin mga suki kung paano trumabaho itong bagong direktor

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Schools must prepare
for H1N1 and dengue*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



We discussed how transmission of influenza-A H1N1 virus, known earlier as the Mexican swine flu virus, can be controlled through general measures and adoption by those exhibiting flu symptoms of a set of behavior.

Today we stress how the schools play a vital role in combating the spread of the virus. Schools will open very soon and the earlier teachers are prepared to brief their students on how the virus can be prevented from spreading, the better it is for all of us.

We emphasize that there is no need for panic. True, there is a risk of pandemic from influenza-A H1N1 virus but (so far) mortality from the disease doesn't seem as alarming as from the other sources of morbidity in our country.

As of 7 May 2009, the WHO reported that there were only 44 deaths from influenza-A H1N1 virus out of laboratory-confirmed cases of 2,099. In contrast, more have died from dengue in the Philippines: 2009 data are not immediately available but there were 108 deaths from January 1 to April 5 in 2008 out of a morbidity of 9,176 during the same period.

In 2007 mortality and morbidity from dengue were worse: more than 283 deaths out of more than 24,000 cases.

True, influenza-A H1N1 can mutate into a more virulent virus but this is true not only for H1N1 but for all viruses as well. Therefore, we need not be over-afraid of influenza-A H1N1. We must be very serious in addressing the threat of a pandemic over influenza-A H1N1 virus but we must not panic.

We reiterate the general preventive measures prescribed by the World Health Organization (WHO): 1) Avoid close contact with people who appear unwell and have fever or cough; 2) Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water; and 3) Practice good health habits and have adequate sleep, eat nutritious food, and be physically active.

We also reiterate the WHO-prescribed measures for taking care of family members or persons at home with flu: 1) Separate the ill person from others, keeping the person at least 1 meter from the others; 2) Cover your mouth and nose when caring for the ill (commercial and homemade materials are fine so long as they are disposed of or cleaned properly after use); 3) Wash hands with soap and water thorough after each contact with the ill; 4) Improve the air flow where the ill person stays (use doors and windows to take advantage of breezes); and 5) Keep the environment clean with readily available household cleaning agents.

We reiterate what one must do when he/she suspects that he/she is infected with the virus: 1) Contact doctor or healthcare workers before traveling to the health facility; 2) When it is not possible to contact the healthcare facility in advance, communicate your suspicion at arrival in the facility; and 3) Cover nose and mouth during travel.

Now because classes are about to open, there is a pressing need to popularize these measures among teachers and students. The school principals and the teachers are crucial in propagating knowledge on how the spread of the illness can be controlled. The Department of Health and the Department of Education must be mobilized as early as now to promote knowledge among the school population on how the spread of influenza-A H1N1 can be managed.

We reiterate, of course, that so far there is no individual who has been confirmed to have the disease in the Philippines. However, promoting knowledge on how the spread of the disease can be controlled when outbreaks have already occurred will be unwise. The right time to promote knowledge on how the spread of the disease can be controlled is now when an outbreak has yet not taken place.

Both influenza-A H1N1 and dengue are surmountable.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*INC commemorates 123 birth
anniversary of founder Felix Y.
Manalo (Part I)*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



INC COMMEMORATES 123 BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDER FELIX Y. MANALO: On May 10, 2009, the powerful Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) will celebrate the 123rd birth anniversary of its illustrious and honored founder, Felix Y. Manalo.

So that all of us will get to know Mr. Manalo better and perhaps get a glimpse of why the INC has become one of the more successful religions of all time in the Philippines and around the world, I am reprinting here an undated but official bio-data of the man.

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"Hailed as one of the most successful and influential religions in the Philippines which is now established in 84 countries and territories worldwide and with members of different races and ethnic affiliations, the Iglesia ni Cristo's enormous triumph is credited by some observers to the commendable leadership of Felix Y. Manalo.

"Despite his lack of formal education, his personal shortcoming that most of his detractors frequently used against him, the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ astoundingly continues to grow with thousands of people converted in the church.

"It started as a humble religion with only few members in 1914 but looking at the INC now with its superb houses of worship, this indigenous Christian religion has emerged as a dominant church that obtained the respect of Filipinos for its role in nation-building.

"The 10th day of the month of May is known in history as the infamous death of Gat Andres Bonifacio who was executed in Mount Nagpatong on that same day.

"But for the members of the INC, this day is a very special one as they commemorate the birth anniversary of their most beloved Ka Felix Manalo, first Executive Minister of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

"Felix Manalo was born on May 10, 1886 in Calzada, a sitio in the barrio of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal province to parents Mariano Ysagun and Bonifacia Manalo. His birth brought so much joy to his parents that he was given the name Felix and was baptized in a nearby Catholic chapel.

"His family was poor that his father struggled to provide the needs of his family, took two jobs as a farm worker and fisherman while his mother nursed their children.

"As devoted Catholics, the couple had young Felix indoctrinated with Catholic teachings and had him educated in the catoon class of Macario Ocampo in Tipas, a school during the Spanish period.

"Here, he was inculcated with Catholic doctrines, prayers and practices, in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic. Consequently, Felix became a religious follower of the Catholic faith.

"Felix and his younger sister Praxedes lost their father Mariano Ysagun at the time of Philippine Revolution. His mother remarried to a widower, Clemente Mozo, but this union did not last when he died.

"When Felix was 12, he and his cousin Modesto went to Manila. His cousin Serapio Ysagun taught him photography while his uncle, Manuel Manalo, who owned a studio, employed him as an apprentice. Other skills he learned were goldsmithing, barbering and hat making.

"His faith wavered when he found a Bible in parish and began to doubt the doctrines of the Catholic Church, including its practices, after reading it. This major turning point that centered on his religious awakening happened in 1900 at the parish house in Sampaloc, Manila where they stayed with their uncle, Fr. Mariano Borja.

"The emancipation of the Philippines from colonial yoke which led to the proclamation of a republic saw the rise of the government-sponsored Iglesia Filipina Independiente or Philippine Independent Church headed by Bishop Gregorio Aglipay.

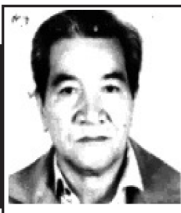
"But the popular and avowedly nationalistic church failed to interest the young Felix, since its doctrines were not essentially different from the Roman Catholic Church.

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CORDI NAWI

The Final Warning
(2nd of 4 parts)

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN



In every generation God has sent His servants to rebuke sin, both in the world and in the church. But the people desire smooth things spoken to them, and the pure, unvarnished truth is not acceptable. Many reformers, in entering upon their work, determined to exercise great prudence in attacking the sins of the church and the nation. They hoped, by the example of a pure Christian life, to lead the people back to the doctrines of the Bible. But the Spirit of God came upon them as it came upon Elijah, moving him to rebuke the sins of a wicked king and an apostate people; they could not refrain from preaching the plain utterances of the Bible – doctrines which they had been reluctant to present. They were impelled to zealously declare the truth and the danger which threatened souls. The words which the Lord gave them they uttered, fearless of consequences, and the people were compelled to hear the warning.

Thus the message of the third angle will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit e training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven. As the people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? The ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears and quiet the awakened conscience. But since many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men and demand a plain “Thus saith the Lord,” the popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will denounce the message as of Satan and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it.

As the controversy extends into new fields and the minds of the people are called to God’s downtrodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it. The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they will endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and, in this work, papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer is: “Show us from the word of God our error”—the same plea that was made by Luther under similar circumstances. Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light will be brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.

Conscientious obedience to the word of God will be treated as rebellion. Blinded by Satan, the parent will exercise harshness and severity toward the believing child; the master or mistress will oppress the commandment-keeping servant. Affection will be alienated; children will be disinherited and driven from home. The words of Paul will be literally fulfilled: “All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” 2 Timothy 3:12. As the defenders of truth refuse to honor the Sunday-Sabbath, some of them will be thrust into

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Displaced OFWs offered loan assistance

TABUK, Kalinga – Providing economic relief to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who lost their jobs abroad, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) offers loan assistance at zero interest.

Interested applicants are asked to present proof of job

displacement abroad as a result of the global slump in the economy and that they should be active members of the OWWA. The loan assistance is entitled only to those displaced from the period June 2008 to this date.

The amount of loan offered ranges from P50,000-200,000 payable after two

years with a maximum paying period of four years. The OWWA needs collateral for loans amounting to P100,000 and above.

As additional requirements, applicants undergo brief training at the nearest Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) office on entrepreneurial devel-

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Lady welder opts to use skill for self employment

TABUK, Kalinga - Ellena Madigym-Bumatnong, 38, the only woman

who graduated with the course Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) during the mass graduation of the Tech-

nical Education and Skills Development Authority Provincial Training Center (TESDA Kalinga

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Coalition lines up advocacy activities to counter non-communicable diseases

BAGUIOCITY— In its bid to counter non-communicable diseases in the region, the Regional Coalition on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (RCPCND) has lined up several advocacy activities that would help educate the public to keep themselves and the community healthy.

During the coalition’s meeting last week, Dr. Maria Luisa Paran of the Department of Health-Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) said the project was conceptualized from the Regional Development Council’s (RDC) Executive Committee Resolution No. 7, series of 2009, encouraging all Cordillera regional line agencies, local government units, state universities and colleges, other academic institutions and private organizations to adopt the healthy practices advocated in the “Healthy Lifestyle (HL) to the Max” campaign of the CHD for the pre-

vention of non-communicable diseases.

Said resolution states that under the Cordillera Action Agenda for Regional Development and Autonomy, one identified key thrust is the promotion of health and well being among Cordillerans, particularly healthy lifestyle and the management of health risks interventions. These include heart diseases, vascular system diseases, cancer, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which are the leading causes of death in the region and in the country.

The campaign is focused on the seven vital healthy practices that include no smoking; don’t drink alcohol; no to illegal drugs; eat low-fat, low-salt, high fiber diet; prevent hypertension; do physical activity; and stress management, Paran said.

The Coalition’s scheduled advocacy activities include

monthly radio/television by each member agency on health warnings and guidelines; inspection of canteens and eateries; training on healthy lifestyle; sponsorship on the “Walk Baguio Walk” movement, participation in the Clean and Green project of the City; conduct of on-the-spot logo making contest and a health summit.

Meanwhile, Paran reported that in the risk factor assessment recently conducted in various institutions of the city, non-modifiable risk factor, family history-hypertension is the top most from 11 out of 17 institutions that submitted medical examination results.

Modifiable risk factor identified include stress- work in all institutions; obesity-high in one institution; inadequate dietary fiber in four institutions; alcohol intake among males in three institutions; and cigarette smoking .fnnm/PIA-CAR

Editorial

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human right here is the child's right to celebrate first birthdays. But misinformation deprives sick people of medicine "Is there no balm in Gilead?" cried the ancient writers.

"Unless you have nitroglycerin, insulin and liquid antibiotics, be assured your medication expires years beyond (expiration) date," notes Dr Joseph Mercola. "The major tragedy is many Third World countries needlessly discard drugs that could save lives due to lack of appreciation of this concept," adds this author of Total Health Program.

FDA's Shelf Life Extension Program recognizes expiration dates – often two to three years, have "a commercial dimension," reports Wall Street Journal's Laurie Cohen. "B relatively short shelf lives make sense from a public-safety standpoint....It gives enough time to put the inventory in warehouses, ship and ensure it stays on shelves long enough to get used."

Peg expiration dates at no more than one year—if drugs are dispensed in containers other than the original packaging, urges the non-profit group US Pharmacopeia.

"New containers may let in more moisture and heat than the container the manufacturer used for the stability study," says the USP General Counsel Joseph Valentino. The one-year rule is "motivated by product integrity, not by profit."

The Harvard note suggests a rule-of-thumb: If the expiration date passed a few years back, and it's important your drug is absolutely 100 percent effective (as for stroke, cancer, etc.), "you might want to consider buying a new bottle." Or ask your ask your pharmacist.

Indeed, health is better than hard cash. "The poor but healthy man is better than a sickly king," the old Ilokano proverb says."

Direksahan.....

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Sino kaya itong hepe ng isang departamento sa Baguio City Hall na pinapaniwalang lumalaki ang bulsa dahil sa pag-iisyu ng business permit na madalian lalo na iyong mga establismentong inuman na hindi kuwalipikadong makakuha ng permit.

Ayon sa naibulong sa akin ng isang kaibigang may-ari ng inuman, nagbigay daw sila ng humigit kumulang na beinte sais mil sa tabatsoy na hepe kapalit ng isang lisensya. Kaya hindi nakakapagtaka na merong permit ang establismentong ito na ilang dipa lang mula sa pampublikong parke, simbahan at opisina ng gobyerno. Pero teka, may dagdag na bulong na ang ibinigay daw na permit sa kanila ay "Bugos" as in peke. Totoo kaya ito? At sino naman kaya ang aking tinutukoy? He! He! Ang kanyang opisina ay malapit lang po sa bukana ng City Hall at kamag-anak sya ng isang laos na pulitiko!

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At sino rin kaya itong kurang na baklitang midya na ayon ay nagmura daw sa mga operatiba ng POSD dahil sa pagkakahuli ng mga paninda ng kanyang kaibigan na

taklesa rin? Isa itong ankor sa lokal na programa ng telebisyon na ang tema ay problema sa mga barangay, siya rin umano ang nasa likod kaya isinara ng lokal na otoridad ang isang kilalang inuman sa Upper Mabini St.. Kaibigan at malakas daw ito sa Bocap kaya naipasara ito at ngayon ay nabuksan na ulit kunsan sila ng kaibigang taklesa ang nagmamay-ari na ngayon.

Kung noon ay hindi binigyan ng ungas na Bocap ng Barangay permit ang dating may-ari , ngayon naman ay mabilis pa raw sa alas-kwatro na nagbigay sa kadikit na baklitang kurang. Hay, kelan kaya tatamaan ng karma ang mga ito na wala ng ginawa kundi magbigay ng Buwisheet sa Baguio? Pweeeh!!

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Saludo ang kolumn na ito sa mga operatiba ng POSD sa Baguio na pinangungunahan ng kanilang hepe na si Greg Delijero, en op kors sa katoto kong si Pareng "Pidyong" na umaakshyun ngayon sa ipinarating kong reklamo hinggil sa mga nakakalat na pornograpiya at piratang Vcd at Dvd sa may Upper Magsaysay, Lakandula, Lapu-lapu, Rajah Soliman at iba pang lugar sa may kagitingan barangay.

Ipinarating ko ang naturang reklamo sa kagitingan barangay noong bago pa magmahal na araw pero mukhang tinulugan lang ito ng nasabing barangay. Ayoko sanang isipin na makikinabang dito o may "tongpats" ang mga otoridad lalo na ang ibang opisyal ng barangay pero nakakabingi ang kanilang katahimikan, kaya naman, kung sinasaludo ko ang POSD, kinakalampag ko naman ngayon ang mga opisyal ng kagitingan barangay para sila magising, tama ba ako apo kapitana? HOY, GISING!!

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Binabati ko si ATTY. ARLENE VALERIE GABRIEL CACHO sa pagkakapasa nya ng Bar Exam noong oktubre taong 2008. ito ang una at panghuli niyang pagsusulit para sa pagkaabogada matapos nyang matagumpay na tinapos ang kanyang kursong Bachelor of Laws sa University of Cordillera College of Law noong 2007. anak siya ng mag-asawang ARNULFO CACHO AT EVANGELINE GABRIEL CACHO.

Saiyo ATTORNEY ARLENE VALERIE GABRIEL CACHO, Congrats and More Power

Batas.....

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"He gave a religion called Colorum a try hoping that it will satisfy his search for the true religion but it proved him wrong. Subsequently, he became an active member of the Iglesia Metodista Episcopal and found himself serving as a pastor in Manila.

"His great reverence for his mother made him drop his family name "Ysagun" for "Manalo" after her death and burial.

"Not long after, he switched to another religion, the Presbyterian Church. Then he later on transferred to another Protestant group, the Christian Missionary Alliance, known as Disciples of Christ in the United

States, which practices baptism of its members through immersion.

"Convinced of its doctrines, he became an evangelist. He met his first love in the person of Teresa Sereneo from Paco, Manila, who later became his wife and bore him one child, Gerardo who died in his infancy.

"Similar from the previous religions he joined in, he stopped attending the Christian Missionary Alliance and decided to join the Seventh-Day Adventists Church, where he also served as an evangelist, he was 25 at that time.

"He became one of its most outstanding evangelists..."

More of this next issue.

Cordi Nawi....

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prison, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves. To human wisdom all this now seems impossible; but as the restraining Spirit of God shall be withdrawn from men, and they shall be under the control of Satan, who hates the divine precepts, there will be strange developments. The heart can be very cruel when God's fear and love are removed.

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.

To be continued.....

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

VICTORIA P. ATIWAN

Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0128

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the 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 PLAZA - TRANCVILLE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 19, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRB 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 evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 4th day of May 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

No return of jadewell....

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process cannot anymore be applied to the on-street payparking concern as the case involving the celebrated on-street payparking contract between Jadewell and the city has been elevated to the Supreme Court.

Jadewell owner Rogelio Tan last Monday showed up at the city council session and offered an out-of-court settlement with the city government on the issue. He particularly expressed intention to resume its parking business at the Ganza place at Burnham Park.

He said he first made the settlement offer to Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and even his father Reinaldo Sr. but he said the two "seemed not interested" so he decided to go to the city council.

He said he wanted to resume business at the Ganza for the benefit of the more than 60 Jadewell employees displaced after the cessation of their operations.

Tan said his offer of settlement will apply to all cases he filed against the city government and officials except cases that are now beyond the coverage of the court's mediation process.

Tan said he is open to whatever terms the city may set for the settlement. For his part, he said his ultimate aim is to get repayment for the capital and other costs they invested for the business along with the income they would have generated had their operations not stopped.

The body said the decision on Jadewell's concern lies with the city mayor thus the decision to forward Jadewell's offer to the city mayor, the city legal officer and the council committee on laws for information and action. — aileen p. refuerzo

Release No.

strict enforcement of jaywalking, sidewalk clearing sought

BAGUIO CITY – Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas ordered police and concerned offices here to strictly enforce the city's ordinance on jaywalking and anti-illegal vending to ultimately "bring back the sidewalks and crosswalks to the public."

In Administrative Order No. 87, the mayor tasked the police to intensify operations against jaywalkers and to manage pedestrian traffic in busy intersections.

He further asked the police assisted by the Public Order and Safety Division to apprehend vendors occupying sidewalks and even motorists who park along sidewalks, crosswalks and no parking zones to allow the free flow of pedestrians on the sidewalks.

The city building and architecture office was ordered to demolish any structure that impede pedestrian traffic flow along streets and sidewalks and instructed the city engineer's office to install appropriate signages and permanent pavement markings to indicate street crossings and no parking zones.

"It is imperative that these laws be enforced for the safety and convenience of the public," the acting mayor noted in his order.

He said it is high time to restore the original use of these sidewalks which is for the pedestrians who for a long time have been deprived of this amenity due to the presence of vendors and motorists who appropriate these sidewalks

for themselves.

"We understand the plight of these vendors but as much as we want to support their need for livelihood we also have to respect our ordinances and the public who are inconvenienced by the congested side-walks," Farinas said.

"The bottomline of this order is to bring back discipline along our streets," he said./aileen p. refuerzo

Dads to Study....

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outlets located near schools, churches and government offices," Farinas bemoaned.

He said these things need to be considered before the city council approves the proposed ordinance on lotto regulations.

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia agreed saying the city's act of adopting its own rules might even be an "undue encroachment" into a national law.

Proposed by Councilors Elaine Sembrano, Rocky Thomas Balisong and Richard Carino, the ordinance seeks to set the following conditions on the operation of lotto:

*The PCSO commits to allot a reasonable percentage of the gross receipts from the operation of lotto betting stations or terminals in the city to economically and socially beneficial projects within the territorial jurisdiction through the city government;

*The owner or operator of lotto betting station or terminal has a valid and subsisting authority from the PCSO;

*The location of the proposed lotto betting station or terminal is situated in no less than 100 meters away from any institution of learning, place of religious worship, or government establishment, unless the same is established, maintained or operated within an enclosed building or structure hidden from view of people outside of said building or structure;

*The Sangguniang Barangay where the lotto betting station or terminal is proposed to be established after due consultation with its constituents certifies by resolution that it does not interpose any objection to the maintenance and operation of such station or terminal; or

*All taxes, fees and charges due to the city are fully paid, in accordance with applicable national and local laws.

The following are the proposed prohibitions:

*The owner or operator of any lotto betting station or terminal shall not employ any person who is below 18 years of age even is such persons be the child or relative of said owner, provided that in the hiring of employees, preference shall always be given to qualified differently abled persons or senior citizens who are residents of the city;

*It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit, place or accept bets outside of a lotto betting station;

*No person below 18 years of age shall be allowed to place bets, even is such person is merely acting as an agent;

*No form of advertisement or activity

promoting lotto shall be allowed in or about the premises of any institution of learning, a place of religious worship or a government establishment;

*Location of lotto betting station shall not be transferred to other venues without written authority from the city government and the PCSO; and

*No more than ten lotto betting stations shall be allowed to operate at any one time. Business license or mayor's permits issued in violation of this provision shall be void and all taxes, fees and charges already paid shall be forfeited in favor of the city government.

In the measure, the proponents noted that lotto outlets in the city have increased from an initial of two betting stations enfranchised in 2002 by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office to 18 with another five franchise applications now pending for approval by the PCSO board.

They said there is a need to regulate the operation of these outlets to ensure that these are complying with established city rules and regulations./aileen p. refuerzo

Burnham park....

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pation to "optimize management of the site's resources."

"...input combined with analyses of current trends and future needs to help craft short and long-range blueprint for the development of Baguio's premier park," is requested of participant, as stated in the letter-invitation.

To be undertaken during the focused group discussions on Tuesday, shall be the three to six years (3-6) short term plan and 10 to 20 years, for long-range time frame for park elements, natural and cultural resource management, and general design concerns.

Details such as park operation or site design shall be set aside for future discussions, as the focused group discussion on Tuesday will be the first in a series. Consequent discussions would be scheduled until the actual summit./juliefianza

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

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JOSEPHINE KIANG, Rep. by: MANUEL KIANG
Applicant
Case No: 2003-CAR-1039

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the 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 PLAZA- TAM-AWAN via QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 19, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRB 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.

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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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 4th day of May 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
 Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 59
BAGUIO CITY
(ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO CITY)

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF WITH CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR ZOE KEITH MAGNO,

SPS VINCENT S CARINO
SPL PROc. CASE NO. 325-A
& YOLANDA R. CARINO,

Petitioners,

- versus -

THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF LAOAG, ILOCOS NORTE,

Respondent
x—x

ORDER

The petitioners-spouses Vincent S Carino and Yolanda R. Carino filed verified amended petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the minor Zoe Keith Magno be freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural mother Irene Keithruth Magno and that she be declared for all legal intents and pur-

poses, the child of the petitioners.

Finding the amended petition to be sufficient in fog and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court Branch 59, Baguio City on August 26, 2009 at 10.30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time. The petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this order be published at the expense of the petitioners in The Junction Newspaper a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in Benguet Province once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks

The petitioners are directed to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor Zoe Keith Magno. The Court So-

cial Worker is required to submit to the court the case study not late August 24, 2009.

SO ORDERED

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 13th day of April, 2009 at Baguio City Philippines.

By: (SGD)
ILUMINADA P. CABATO
JUDGE

April 25, May 2 & 9, 2009

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet

ONCE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN RE: RENEWAL OF COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC IN LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET

ATTY. MARCOS T. BULIYAT,
Petitioner.

x—x
NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 09-NC-0517

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the peti-

tion for appointment as Notary Public filed by the above named petitioner shall be held on May 21, 2409 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning before the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, La Trinidad, Benguet. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written oppo-

sition thereto on or before the date of the summary bearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, the first publication to be made not later than May 10, 2009.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this day of May, 2009.

By:
(SGD) MARYBELLE LAE DEMOT MARINAS
Executive Judge
May 9 & 16, 2009

Displaced OEWs....

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opment to equip them to identify the business they will start.

Government provided this assistance under the Filipino Expatriate Livelihood Support Fund (FELSF) following the massive lay-off of overseas workers after various companies were hit by the global financial crunch.

In the province, Lourdes Canseco of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said, of the 17 who filed applications to the OWWA, three were granted P50,000 loans each last month.

Another three checks are scheduled for release this month, with two applications pending and four still lacking other requirements.

Canseco said there were five applications disapproved because four have expired OWWA membership, while the other one is not OFW expatriate.

Canseco reminded applicants to prepare complete requirements before applying at the nearest OWWA office in Tuguegarao, Cagayan to avoid unnecessary expenses and asked them to visit their office for assistance./ L.Lopez/PIA-Kalinga

Lady welder

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-PTC) plans to use her new skills as her capital for self-employment.

Bumatnong, who is also a National Certificate II (NCII) holder for Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SAW), is investing on welding courses as she

plans to establishment her own welding business someday.

She said that working abroad is not the only option for those who have acquired skills. As a mother of small five children and a Midwifery graduate, Ellena chose to stay home to work and be with her family.

Learning about the President Gloria-Macapagal Arroyo Training for Work Scholarship Program (PGMA-TWSP), Bumatnong inquired at the TESDA-PTC. She relates that due to some circumstances, she was not able to get a scholarship coupon but she was determined to push through with her propose and paid the P5,000.00 SMAW training fee.

For her GTAW course, she was able to secure a scholarship. She is also planning to undergo training on Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) to complete her welding courses expressing that this would give her the needed skills to someday be able to run her own welding business and at the same time train her own workers.

During the mass graduation, 343 trainees from PTC-TESDA of Kalinga received their NCII officially certifying them for employment here or overseas. 292 of said graduates are Pangulong Gloria Scholarship (PGS) grantees.

In her message, TESDA Kalinga Provincial Director Julie Banganan urged the new graduates to "share what they have learned from TESDA."

"Moving from here, please pass what you have learned," she said add-

ing "Moving on from here, come back and share us your success story so we could report to the President your accomplishments," she said.

She explains that these reports could help TESDA-Kalinga get more support from the president's scholarship program eventually helping more Kalinga's to avail of free training scholarships.

She then advised the graduates to utilize their acquired skills, hone it and use it as investment to improve their economic status./ggd/PIA-Kalinga

Republic of the Philippines
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ANDRES MALAMNAO - Vendor
SEM G. MALAMNAO - Vendee
Applicant

Case No: 2000-01-2933

NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 8th day of May 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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states that a person is liable for white slavery if in any manner or under any pretext he or she shall engage in the business or shall profit by prostitution.

SB 2066 added the following acts as constituting white slavery: act as a procurer of a prostitute; inducing a person to be a client of a prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means; taking advantage of any ascendancy, influence or relationship to procure a person as a prostitute; threatening or using violence towards a person to engage him/her as a prostitute; or giving monetary consideration, goods or other pecuniary benefit to a person with the intent to engage such person in prostitution.

A person deriving profit from prostitution, whether as manager or owner of the establishment where the prostitution takes place like a sauna, disco, bar, resort or any place of leisure, shall also be penalized under the bill./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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riously look at implementing poll automation on a limited scale."

Escudero said the poll body can undertake the alternative automation plan in two highly-urbanized cities and two provinces each in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

He also cited concerns expressed by former Comelec chair Christian Monsod about the capability of the Comelec in undertaking full automation nationwide for the 2010 elections.

Monsod has advocated for partial automation because "there could be many possible problems that could happen in a one-step fullpledged nationwide automated election right away."

"Prudence dictates that we implement this unprecedented undertaking in a rational, transparent, and efficient manner," Escudero said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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pay for it, while charging farmers for every liter of water that passes through irrigation canals.

"One of the biggest indicators that agriculture has not been prioritized by government is the fact that while 1.4 million hectares of land was irrigated in 1986, the figure 23 years later is 1.35 million even as our population has nearly doubled," he emphasized./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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no parking zones to allow the free flow of pedestrians on the sidewalks.

The city building and architecture office was ordered to demolish any structure that impede pedestrian traffic flow along streets and sidewalks and instructed the city engineer's office to install appropriate signages and permanent pavement markings to indicate street crossings and no parking zones.

"It is imperative that these laws be enforced for the safety and convenience of the public," the acting mayor noted in his order.

He said it is high time to restore the original use of these sidewalks which is for the pedestrians who for a long time have been deprived of this amenity due to the presence of vendors and motorists who appropriate these sidewalks for themselves.

"We understand the plight of these vendors but as much as we want to support their need for livelihood we also have to respect our ordinances and the public who are inconvenienced by the congested sidewalks," Farinas said.

"The bottomline of this order is to bring back discipline along our streets," he said./aileen p. refuerzo

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the city to prevent misinformation, confusion and undue alarm to the general public.

The mayor also earlier issued an order reactivating and mobilizing the Baguio City Health Response Team also under Reyes to come up with response plans to deal with the possible entry of the disease and the issuance of health advisories is part of the information campaign adopted as one of the contingency measures.

The city council last Monday urged the mayor to adopt the measures earlier laid out to prevent the entry of the avian flu in 2007 for the new disease.

In a resolution authored by council committee on health chair Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, the body also requested the mayor to allocate an amount for use in the implementation of the contingency measures for the prevention and control of the disease.

Reyes during the flag-raising ceremonies at city hall last Monday said the city health team is prepared and in fact was even commended for being the first in the country to issue health advisories on the disease.

She stressed that the disease is preventable and that there is no cause for alarm.

The health advisory distributed by the health office said the disease is spread through close personal contact and respiratory secretions propelled by sneezing or coughing.

It stressed that the virus is not transmitted by eating pork.

The symptoms of the disease are the following: fever, chills and fatigue; muscle and joint pain; sore throat; headache and body pains; coughing and sneezing; nausea vomiting and diarrhea.

Residents with the said symptoms are advised to consult their doctors or go to the nearest health facility immediately and to refrain from self-medicating.

The public is also advised to follow preventive measures like practicing proper hand washing, avoiding crowded places and avoiding close contact with sick people.

The advisory also provided respiratory etiquette like covering the nose and mouth with tissue or handkerchief when sneezing, coughing and blowing nose; washing hands regularly; avoiding spitting on the floor or road; putting tissues or plastic bags used in spitting in the trash bins; washing used handkerchief separately from clothing; staying at home and maintaining a safe distance of one meter from other people when sick and avoiding sharing of eating and drinking utensils, towels and other personal items.

The public is also advised to keep healthy by eating nutritious food, exercising, avoiding smoking and heavy drinking of alcoholic beverages; having adequate rest and sleep, and practicing good personal hygiene./aileen p. refuerzo

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SPS. GREGORIO & CORAZON WALCIEN
Applicant
Case No: 98-BC-675

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and 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 May 19, 2009 at 9:00 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 evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 8th day of May 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

EDGAR L. PORTIZ
Applicant
Case No: 96-BC-493

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and 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.

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Hearing Officer

Buffett offers**..... from page 12**

Several newspapers in large U.S. cities have closed in recent months, and the future of the money-losing Boston Globe, owned by The New York Times Co (NYT.N), remains up in the air.

"Twenty, thirty years ago, they were a product that had pricing power that was essential," said Buffett. "They have lost that essential nature."

Buffett said Berkshire would hold on to the Buffalo News, a daily newspaper in the New York state city of the same name, if only because Berkshire buys businesses for the long term and does not sell simply because the companies hit a rough patch.

He did not rule out having to squeeze out excess costs, including possible job cuts, or eventually shuttering the paper if it goes too deeply into the red.

"On an economic basis you should sell this business. I said I agree 100 percent but I am not going to do it," he said. "The union has been cooperative in having an economic model that will at least give us a little bit of money."

Charlie Munger, Berkshire's vice chairman, called the decline of the newspaper industry "a national tragedy."

"What replaces it will not be as desirable as what we are losing," he said.

(Reporting by Lilla Zuill and Jonathan Stempel; Editing by Xavier Briand)

Rotary International....

receive equal amounts of water and sanitation projects are the Dominican Republic and Ghana.

This project is being called "International H2O Collaboration" and is being spearheaded by Rotary International (RI) and its charity arm, The Rotary Foundation (TRF), in partnership with the US Agency for International Development (AID).

The over-all objective of the project, Hechanova added, is to help eliminate the scourge of some 1.8 million, mostly children, dying yearly as a result of diarrhea arising from lack of safe and reliable water and from absence of sanitary means of excreta disposal.

In a statement released to select members of Philippine media, Lyne Abanilla, Rotary International's chair for its Public Imaging Resource Group for the whole of Philippines, disclosed that the partnership is being called the "International H2O Collaboration", and it is dedicated to implementing long-term, sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world.

In a brochure explaining the project, Past RI President Bill Boyd (who is the chair of the International H2O Collaboration Steering Committee), said: "We intend these projects to be models for future projects with strategic partners and in this way to enhance our contribution to world understanding, goodwill, and peace."

The justification for the projects from the point of view of RI, TRF, and USAID, is explained thus: "More than one billion people lack access to a safe reliable source of drinking water, and more than two billion lack access to any sanitary means of excreta disposal. "Combined with unsafe hygiene practices, the result is nearly 1.8 million deaths — the vast majority children — from diarrhea every year. The poor suffer disproportionately from inadequate water supply, sanitation, and hygiene, which helps perpetuate a cycle of disease and poverty.

"Further, many women and girls spend hours each day fetching water for their families, time that could be spent learning or on other productive activities.

Explaining Rotary's involvement in the projects, a fact sheet from the Rotary International says: "Rotary International, the world's first service organization, is made up of 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

"Its 1.2 million members make up a global network of business, professional, and community leaders who carry out service projects worldwide.

"Rotary offers a grassroots approach to problem-solving as Rotary club members understand the needs of their communities and have boots on the ground to develop and implement effective, sustainable projects.

"Many Rotary projects receive support from The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's philanthropic arm. The Foundation awards about \$80 million annually for Rotary projects and programs that provide humanitarian aid and promote international understanding.

"In 2007-2008, the Foundation awarded 561 grants totaling \$8.6 million for water and sanitation projects throughout the developing world.

The US Agency for International Development, on the other hand, ventured into the projects under the following directions: "The United States has a long history of extending a helping hand to people overseas struggling to make a better life, recover from a disaster, or striving to live in a free and democratic country.

"USAID is an independent federal government agency that supports long-term and equitable economic growth and advances U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting economic growth, agriculture and trade, global health, and democracy, conflict prevention, and humanitarian assistance.

"As part of its overall programming, USAID works to ensure accessible, reliable, and economically sustainable water and sanitation services.

"In the 2007 fiscal year, USAID obligated \$212 million for drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene activities. These investments reflect the urgent need to improve public health, as well as to safeguard water resources for the world's poor..." / Batas Mauricio

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affected pigs: the low pathogenic Avian strain, the Human influenza strain, the North American Swine Flu and the Eurasian Swine Flu viruses.

Thursday morning, Duque convened a command conference with all the directors of the Centers for Health Development and the DOH-retained Hospitals including all regional epidemiologists to firm up details of the National Pandemic Preparedness and Response Plan after the World Health Organization raised the Pandemic Alert from Phase 4 to Phase 5.

The DOH is coordinating with private hospitals to work out systems of dealing with the Mexican Swine Flu cases and also with the business sector particularly with pharmaceuticals.

Duque said they are "tapping the local pharmaceutical industry to help ensure the availability of Oseltamivir when the need arises".

He advised those who have gone to Mexico and other afflicted areas as well as those who are exhibiting the symptoms of Mexican Swine Flu infection to undergo voluntary quarantine and seek medical attention.

The symptoms of Mexican Swine Flu infection are fever, lethargy, lacking appetite, coughing, runny nose and sore throats, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

Meanwhile, as a precaution, the DOH recommends the following: Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; Wash hands regularly with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective; Avoid close contact with sick people; If sick, self-monitor and stay home from work or school and limit contact with others.

Consult your doctor immediately should signs and symptoms of flu persist/PIA

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EMILIA PICART**Applicant****Case No: 99-01-542****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for the 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 PLAZA - QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 6th day of May 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Buffett offers bleak outlook for U.S. newspapers

OMAHA, Neb. (Reuters) - Warren Buffett is fond of newspapers — he reads five a day — but the billionaire investor warned shareholders of his Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (BRK.A) (BRK.B) that the printing industry may never recover because it lacks a sustainable business model.

At Saturday's annual meeting of Berkshire, which owns the Buffalo News and has a big stake in Washington Post Co. (WPO.N), Buffett said that as readership falls, so does the attraction of newspapers for advertisers, and for investors in the companies that publish them.

"For most newspapers in the United

States, we would not buy them at any price," Buffett said. "They have the possibility of nearly unending losses. ... I do not see anything on the horizon that sees that erosion coming to an end."

Many U.S. newspapers have lost 20 percent or more of their advertising revenue as changes in technology and reading habits shrink circulation and more readers to get their news online.

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DA assures properly cooked pork is safe to eat

BAGUIO CITY — Department of Agriculture (DA-CAR) Assistant Regional Director Jerry Baling, assured that properly cooked pork or pig meat is safe to eat, as he also explained that the New Influenza virus (A/H1N1 flu virus), which was originally discovered in Mexico and has raised an international alert, is not an animal health concern but a human health concern.

In relation to the A/H1N1 flu virus, Baling also assured that there was no reported case yet in the country.

Baling reiterated Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap's statement that Philippine pork is safe to eat and local suppliers from Visayas and Mindanao are enough to address the consumption need of Luzon. Yap ordered the temporary suspension of pork imports from afflicted countries, especially Mexico, US and

Canada.

Yap also gave a directive that quarantine officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) be on heightened alert in all airports and seaports to ensure that hand-carried meat products are thoroughly screened to prevent the entry of the hog and meat products from the afflicted zones.

As a precautionary measure, Yap also directed BAI to step up its surveillance work by closely monitoring the conditions of animal handlers and other people in close contact with swine farms as a way to detect the possible presence of the new multi-strain virus.

Yap also ordered the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) to likewise step up its surveillance work with focus on monitoring movements of hogs and pork products and preventing the entry of sick pigs or "double

dead" meat in the human food chain.

In relation to this, Baling also assured that they have enough resources and trained quarantine officials and personnel to post on their three checkpoints leading to Baguio City and Benguet.

He informed that their quarantine officers are checking all meat safety pertinent documents and the actual physical conditions of meat and other meat products that are being delivered. "All those deliveries that will not pass their inspections are being shipped back to their point of origin," added Baling/Lito Durrila.

Rotary International gives Php100 M to Filipino Rotarians for water projects

AN ESTIMATED Php100 million will be distributed to Filipino Rotarians by Rotary International (RI) to be used in implementing the long-term, sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene projects

in the country, a top Filipino Rotarian said yesterday.

Former Ambassador Rafael Hechanova, a past director of the Rotary International, disclosed that the Philippines is only one of three developing countries cho-

sen by RI in view of the active participation of many Filipino Rotarians in many Rotary projects aimed at alleviating the lives of the poor and the marginalized in the country.

Hechanova said the other two countries who will

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DOH: basic hygiene to ward off

Swine Flu

Health authorities are calling on the public to return to basic hygiene practices and prevent Mexican Swine Flu infection.

Such practices include washing hands and covering mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.

"Yang bese-bese, tigilan muna natin yan, bahagi ng ating personal preventive measures. Proper handwashing; sing Happy Birthday. At the end of the birthday song, the hands are already cleaned)," said Health Secretary Francisco Duque III in TV interview.

The new influenza virus is a product of mixed influenza viruses inside

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