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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

DOH: 384 HIV cases Recorded in November

Aside from fireworks-related and stray bullet injuries, the Department of Health (DOH) is also warning the public against human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

DOH Spokesman Eric Tayag said, 384 new HIV cases were reported in November alone, bringing the total number of cases this year to 4,456.

Last year, 3,338 Filipinos were diagnosed with HIV.

The Philippines has been listed by the United Nations as one of only nine countries in the world with continued increase of HIV cases.

HIV causes the deadly disease, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), and weakens a person's ability to fight off infections.

It is transmitted through unprotected sex or needle sharing./ANC



*Bagong Taon na.
Yung mga korap
nagkalat diyan,
magbabago na
kaya?!*

ABC's NEW SET OF OFFICERS - Administering officer Mayor Mauricio Domogan and outgoing Association of Barangay Council (ABC) president and Councilor Rocky Aliping congratulate the newly inducted ABC officers headed by president Michael Lawana of Lower Dagsian barangay during simple rites held at City Hall Multi Purpose Center December 27. Other newly inducted ABC officers are Wilbert Ponce as vice president of Andres Bonifacio barangay Murphy Maspil as Auditor of Holy Ghost Proper and Board of Directors Ignacio Gallente (Middle Quirino Hill), Clarence Domiles (Camdas), Arturo Rapelo (Imelda Village), Carlos Ananayo (Lower Rock Quarry), Julita Sagun (Upper General Luna), Constanancio Danao (Camp 7), Miguel Arnaiz (Outilook Drive) and Stanford Ang of AZCKO barangay Councilor Lawana will represent the ABC at the City Council./By Bong Cayabyab



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COMELEC-Kalinga says all Candidates Filed their SOCE

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The Commission on Election (COMELEC) provincial office today reported that all candidates who ran in the May 13 national and local and October 28, 2013 barangay elections in the province have filed their Statement of Contribution and Expenditures (SOCE).

Provincial Election Supervisor (PES) Dexter Bary Cawis made the report to clear the province from the recent announcement of COMELEC Head Office on many proclaimed candidates in the last two elections in the country who did not file their SOCE.

COMELEC Commissioner Sixto Brillantes had said that 422 proclaimed officials in various parts of the country have questionable SOCEs or did not at all comply with the COMELEC order.

In the province, Cawis said all candidates here had complied with the order before the deadlines set by COMELEC.

Sustained announcements through the media was made by the agency to assure strict compliance, Cawis adding that informing all candidates of the consequence of failure to comply with the order proved to be effective. Part of the info drive was that winning candidates who would not file their SOCEs cannot take their oath of office./JDP/LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga

Beneco Linemen Brighten up Hope for Capiz

While rushing repair of fallen electric wires in Tapaz, Capiz, two linemen of the Benguet Electric Cooperative (Beneco) who volunteered for the month-long post-typhoon Yolanda rehabilitation work descended from their adjoining poles for a respite.

It was past noon, yet the team, faced with the enormity of the job of redoing what super howler had undone in Roxas City and the 16 towns under the Capiz Electric Cooperative, was still reluctant to go for a lunch break.

After climbing down, Brigido Bagto rested beside a guava tree. He pulled out from his red jacket pocket his signature pouch of beetle nut, lime, tobacco and beetle leaf and began mixing a chew. Beside him, Edison Naoe plucked a guava leaf which he also began to nibble.

Parents fetching their kids from school for lunch noticed, Naoe later recalled. "Panay ang tingin nila sa amin at nagsasalita sila

ng salita nila," he said referring to the Hiligaynon dialect. "Maya-maya, bumili sila ng tinapay, soft drinks at batchoy. Tinawag nila kami para magmerienda. Ang sabi nila ay gutom na daw kami at patidahan daw ng bayabas din amin pinalagpas."

Edison shared the anecdote to us evening of Dec. 16, while his team was packing up for their long trip for home before dawn the following day. He swore he will

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Igorot Martial Artist ups Midland Typhoon Fund by P100,000

Fresh from a relief mission to typhoon-ravaged Capiz province, former world shotokan karate champion Julian Chees dropped by the Courier office last Thursday afternoon to deliver P100,000 contribution to the weekly's fund drive for typhoon victims.

"This came from my students and friends in Germany who coursed their support through Shoshin Kinderhilfe, our small foundation established to help the sick and needy here," Julian told the Courier staff. "We appreciate your opening this drive so people like us can course their contributions to the effort to help the typhoon victims back on their feet."

A week before, Chees, a native of Maligcong, Bontoc, Mt. Province, was in Capiz to distribute rice and cash totaling some P800,000, in coordination with linesmen of the Benguet Electric Cooperative who were dispatched to restore power, and Fr. Niel Olano of the St. Martin's Parish in Dumalag town.

Beneficiaries of the mission were residents of barangays Concepcion and Dolores in Dumalag and church parishioners in Tapaz town through Fr. Romel Talbucon of the St. Andre Mission in barangay Taft and Fr. Wilson Navarrosa of San Nicolas de Myra Parish, son Navarrosa.

Back in Baguio, Chees, the first non-German by birth to be drafted to the German national karate team, added P26,000 to the fund raised through "Baguio Reunion 2", a folk and country concert for eight patients last Dec. 23 at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

Earlier, he was back home in Bontoc where he delivered school supplies for kids in barangay Caneo and paid the hospital bills and medicines of indigent patients confined at the provincial hospital.

When some of the patients were transferred to Baguio, he followed them up with financial support.

"We're trying to give meaning to the tenet 'Karate ne sente nashi (Karate has no offense)'," he said.

Chees, a fifth dan and kata champion in the 1993 World Shotokan Championships in Saarbrücken, Germany, earned his brown belt from sensei Edgar Kapawen Sr. and his blackbelt from master Shihan Sasaki, permanent representative of the Japan Karate Association to the Philippines.

Now head of the Shoshin (Beginner's Mind) Shotokan Karate School in Germany, Chees is an assistant of kth venerable eighth-dan, Master

Hideo Ochi, chief instructor of the JKA in Europe.

He grew up as a miner's son in Lepanto, Mankayan Benguet where he worked as a bootblack and as a caddy.

"I guess it takes one to know one," he said when asked about his annual homecoming to reach out to the sick and needy./RDacawi.

Abra Town Pursues to Increase Farmers' Productivity

SAN JUAN, Abra - The local government unit of this town vowed to continue addressing the needs of the local farmers in order to increase their productivity and contribute to the national government's effort to attain food security.

In an interview with Mayor Marco M. Bautista, he underscored five priority components of the agricultural program of his administration as contained in the Municipal Agricultural Development Framework to ensure its success and sustainability to benefit the farmers.

These are the provision of irrigation system, farm tools and implements, capital and technical support such as farm inputs and extension program, post-harvest facilities, and market support.

Bautista informed that the LGU provided an initial capital support of P75,000 to the federation of 23 farmers associations in the 19 barangays of the municipality. The amount was distributed to the farmers in the form of a soft-loan to finance their crop production activities.

The initial capital support granted to the farmers' federation cooperative chaired by Crisanto Tolentino, also the chairman of the Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council (MAFC), had been efficiently utilized. Now it has more than P1million fund as a result of the religious repayments of the loans by the farmer-members.

Part of the agri program is the conduct of an annual Farmers' Congress where the municipal agriculture office headed by Antonio Berona holds a farmers' technology forum in a collaboration with the Department of Agriculture - Cordillera Regional Field Unit (DA-CARFU).

During the Farmers' Congress held last month, Bautista distributed farm tools and machineries to the farmers. These include 41 units of 8 horsepower diesel water pumps, one unit 8 hp diesel Kubota hand tractor, and 800 rolls of water pipes.

He also distributed 20 heads of female cattle for breeding, 30 heads goats and 50 female piglets, as well as peanuts and vegetable seeds.

All these were funded out of the LGU's share in the Republic Act 7171 funds otherwise known as the Tobacco Excise Tax.

Aside from the LGU funded items, the DA-CARFU and the Department of Agrarian Reform awarded two units of 4-wheel drive tractors to the 22 farmer associations in the municipality.

Moreover, Governor Eustaquio P. Bersamin gave the additional 50 bags of organic fertilizers to complete the 100 bags he had earlier committed to the farmers of San Juan.

To complete the package of the Municipal Agricultural Development Framework of the LGU, Bautista also initiated the series of livelihood development training for women.

Initially, he provided a unit of stationery-type band saw to women engaged in bamboocraft. There was also a training on food preservation./JDP/MTBB - PIA CAR, Abra



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No Number Coding for Private Cars Til January 10

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan suspended the implementation of the number coding scheme for private vehicles from Dec. 23 to January 10 for the Christmas celebration.

In his Administrative Order No. 233, the mayor said the coding break aims “to provide local residents and visitors and their families who come from different parts of the global village, convenience and stress-free journey around the city to help boost the city’s identity as a tourist destination in the country.”

“The City Government and the private sector have lined up numerous activities to celebrate the Yuletide season to provide added attractions for local residents and tourists while enjoying the city’s cool and romantic weather, pine-scented air and scenic destinations,” the mayor said.

The coding break is based on section 6 of Ordinance No. 1 series of 2003 as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 107 series of 2008 known as the “The Baguio City number Coding Scheme Ordinance.”

The said section exempts “private motor vehicles and chartered public utility vehicles of visitors, tourists, vacationers or participants of sanctioned activities such as conventions, conferences and assemblies...”/A Refuerzo

CPLA Integration to AFP Attains Closure

GAMU, Isabela - One hundred fifty-eight-strong men and women who compose the last batch of Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) integratees marched as new members of the government forces during their graduation ceremony held on December 4 at Camp Melchor F dela Cruz in Upi, Gamu, Isabela signifying the closure of the CPLA and Government of the Philippines agreement.

Based on Philippine Army report, said sons and daughters of CPLA members completed their training and pledged allegiance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines in the service of the Filipino people. They also surrendered 152 firearms of different calibers as part of the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) program of the government.

Said program was realized

through the collaboration of the Office of the Presidential Adviser for Peace Process, AFP, Philippine National Police, with the support of all stakeholders in the government and civilian sectors.

In his keynote address, AFP Chief Gen. Emmanuel T. Bautista encouraged the new soldiers “to uphold the institution and help in attaining peace and unity in the Cordillera.”

Undersecretary for Programs of OPAPP Atty. Maria Cleofe Gettie C. Sandoval in her inspirational message advised the graduates on peace, progress and prosperity. As new soldiers of the Philippine Army, they serve as catalyst for change in order to sustain peace in the Cordillera region to help insulate the Cordilleran commu-

nities from groups threatening the peace and progress in the area.

The ceremony was witnessed by the CPLA elders, local officials and parents of the new soldiers. A parent was saying “I finally saw my son proudly marching in the tune of the Cordilleran native song played by the SID Band, and I am speechless and overjoyed. I am now assured of a bright future for these young men and women- thank you 5th Infantry Division”.

AFP officials say development and progress in the Cordillera would soon be realized if every Cordilleran learns to fight for the real cause – peace, progress and prosperity. The 5th Infantry Division committed to sus-

MGD says Final no to Firecrackers

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week refused to give in to Baguio Retailers of Paputok, Lucis (Pailaw), Atbp., Association’s plea for them to sell aerial pyrotechnics, which was allowed for the past years.

The mayor was unmoved by the association’s letter of manifestation/reconsideration on non-issuance of permit to sell pyrotechnic devices; with copies of the letter furnished to the city council members, City Administrator Carlos Canilao, Legal Officer Melchor Rabanes, Baguio City Police Director Jesus Cambay, Jr., Fire Marshall Joe Fernand Bangyod and City Environment Parks Management Officer (CEPMO) Cordelia Lacsamana.

In a last-ditch attempt to persuade the mayor, the association, assisted by their lawyer, claim that their wares include only pyrotechnic materials “allowed and regulated by law,” and not firecrackers. The refusal of the mayor to allow them to sell “violates essential democratic and constitutional principles,”... and “finds no legal basis,” the letter states.

The law enacted by congress, “obviously allows the sale of pyrotechnic devices,” and “does not outrightly prohibit otherwise,” the letter from Paputok, Lucis Atbp. said. City-crafted ordinances allow sale of firecrackers and fireworks during fiestas and celebrations including New Year, and allow pyrotechnics, not firecrackers, the letter stated; and a Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) memorandum circular provides the “regulation of the use of firecrackers...” and designates places where pyrotechnic materials will be exploded during celebrations, the vendors further claimed. “...only legislative councils can pass laws that will warrant the use of police power,” the letter further said, citing instructions from the mayor that firecracker vendors will be apprehended. “It essentially violates the thrust of due process of fair play,” the vendors stated. “We submit that this policy of your good office effectively deprives us of our livelihood,” they also said.

Members of Paputok, Lucis atbp put pressure on the mayor saying the total ban on firecrackers “would encourage more the guerilla type of trading,” as “traders would definitely stock pile their commodities.” “The scenario serves as an open invitation for illegal sellers of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices to flock to the city and drive away legitimate sellers,” the vendors’ letter ended.

The vendors however failed to mention that Mayor Domogan earlier requested that alternative goods, or Christmas toys and other wares be considered in lieu of selling pyrotechnics. He has also asked that Paputok, Lucis atbp vendors join the bidding for the city-sponsored centralized air shows scheduled during the



WORK MISSION - Beneco linesmen who volunteered for Capiz restore electricity by the seashore, the plains and foothills of the province reeling from the devastation wreaked by typhoon Yolanda/ Beneco photos

Increase in Market Fees Proposed

BAGUIO CITY – The city government should consider updating its outdated schedule of fees, rentals and other charges being imposed at the city market.

This was the recommendation of acting Market Supt. Policarpio Tamayo in a letter to city treasurer Alicia Onoza last Dec. 18.

Tamayo submitted the comparative rates of market rates being imposed in adjoining local government units including Dagupan City, Urdaneta City, San Fernando City, Agoo in La Union and La Trinidad in

Benguet vis-à-vis the prevailing charges in Baguio and noted that the city collects “much lower” fees, rentals and other chargers and even lot rentals on buildings within the market. He said this necessitates the revision of the city tax ordinance which covers these fees.

Tamayo said the city’s market rates have not been updated since 1986 as per Tax Ordinance No. 61-86 and were adopted in Tax Ordinance No. 95-001 and up to the latest Tax Ordinance No. 2000-001.

He said the city’s collections

are not enough to defray the expenses for the city market which the city government shoulders including electric and water consumptions, reconstruction of burnt or dilapidated areas, salaries of personnel, equipment, demolition of stalls, improvement, drainages, canals, sidewalks, repair of buildings and others. Based on these justifications, Tamayo said, “it is imperative that the antiquated market fee rates should be justifiably increased to conform with said expenses and to improve delivery of services in our city market.”/A Refuerzo

December opening program, Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.

The mayor anchored his continued refusal for them to sell firecrackers, due to human health and environmental issues. He said more city residents become stricken with respiratory problems; while the threat of global warming and the greenhouse effect becomes more eminent with firecracker exhaust, during holiday celebrations.

Mayor Domogan’s stand is supported by heads and personnel of the Baguio City Police Office, Fire Protection Bureau, Baguio Health Department (BHD), Department of Health (DOH-CAR) and other offices.

The mayor earlier expressed his Christmas wish for the safety, physical and complete well-being of every citizen, with the absence of cut limbs or fingers due to exploding firecrackers./juliegfianza

"Romancing With Words" is the title of a book, published this week, by the University of San Carlos Press. It documents the life and work of a talented, restless writer who morphed from a public relations flack into a seasoned radio journalist on the Internet Revolution's cusp.

Greg became a voracious reader early on. That started a love for words. Poet Jose Garcia Villa included Greg in his "Roll of Honor." When World War II erupted, Greg served as a buck private in Misamis Oriental in Mindanao.

In Japanese-occupied Cebu, he signed up with the Visayas Shimbun, for which he was collared by guerrillas. Freed on orders of Col. James Cushing, he fought with the Rough Riders until war's end.

Greg resumed romancing with words in November 1945. The editor-professor-poet Cornelio Faigao, Johnny Brennan, and Greg launched Cebu's first postliberation paper. Published every Tuesday, the *Courier* sold for 20 centavos a copy. "It sold like hotcakes," Greg recalled. "And in four weeks, it folded, broke." He had slammed into the fact that "freedom of the press belongs to those who own one."

Cebu Mercadio died at 47—too early to appreciate what Faigao was to write later: “The Cebu Press entered the polite age.” It mutters “amen” to politicians who bankroll local papers.

Bungoton ("bearded ones") muzzled The Pioneer Press. The Cuenco clan denied kenneling those thugs. But candidate Sergio Osmeña Jr. used the "terrorism" charge to wrest Capitol control.

As governor, Osmeña Jr. dismissed charges he'd called up the publishers of the independent Southern Star, edited by Faigao, to ask: *Somos o no somos?* The Star folded.

A generation later, his son, then Mayor Tomas Osmeña, banned

from City Hall for a time reporters of papers or stations that he claimed were critical. The gut instincts of politicians rarely budge.

Was that what led Greg to find his niche, as a professional journalist, in radio's emerging role? Before World War II, kZRC of Cebu was the only provincial radio station. By 2011, this number had ballooned to over 222,061, says the National Statistical Coordination Board.

Like most of us, Greg didn't foresee the forthcoming media revolution. Fax replaced the telegram in the 1970s. The Internet came on the scene in the early 1990s. There were 16 million on the Net at the start; by 2013, some 7.1 billion were "wired" worldwide. That includes 37.6 million Filipinos.

The first cell phone emerged in the market half a decade later. Now, there are 6.8 billion cell phones. And Filipinos heft 106.9 million of them.

We were the first to wage People Power through text messaging in 2001, Howard Rheingold writes in "Smart Mobs—The Next Social Revolution." The "Craven Eleven" senators sealed, at Joseph Estrada's impeachment trial, the second envelope on secret bank accounts. Minutes later, text messages exploded, calling for People Power II. It drove Estrada from Malacañang within days.

The Lebanese cloned that method and whipped up human waves in their Cedar Revolution. Cell phones were ubiquitous in Tunisia's Jasmine Revolution.

The Internet, cell phone and Facebook move truth—or falsehood—at warp speed. “News organizations are abandoning the race to be the first to break the news,” the *Economist* notes. “[They’re] focusing instead on being the best at verifying.”

"Verifying facts is the central function of journalism," Harvard's Bill Kovach would drill into Nieman fellows. "The essence of journalism is a discipline of verification. That holds for a network TV news division or a lone citizen blogging on the Internet."

At work today is a new culture of impatient journalism not dedicated to establishing whether a story is true. Instead, we are moving toward a journalism of assertion. And the cost to society is high.

Fact-checking and editing, though, are tough work. Many bloggers bog down in chat, speculation, punditry—even cyberbullying. Talk is cheap. “A new journalism of assertion ignores the discipline of authentication,” writes Tom Rosenstiel in the updated book “Elements of Journalism.”

The emergence of cyberspace diminished the role of editors. Bloggers don't have a similar resource. They are their own gatekeepers. That spells disaster when some don't have even a nodding acquaintance with the moral codes that govern this craft. A number morph into cyberbullies.

The need is for more, not less, of hard-nosed reporting of facts and commentary anchored on values. A split-second capacity to deliver unverified claims or opinion merely hobbles the functioning of a democratic society by shredding constitutional rights of privacy.

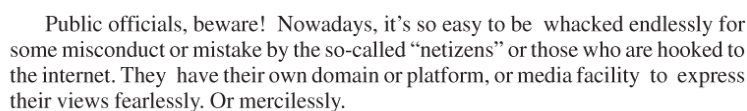
Places with festering social issues require broader cooperation between mainline and new media to hold powerful people and institutions accountable. It helps make informed choice by citizens possible.

The Information Revolution, seen on the Internet, Facebook and other new media, is here to stay. "Searching for news was the most important development of the past decade," notes the Pew Research Center. "Sharing the news may be among the most important of the next decade."

Both mainline and online journalists' first obligation is to truth. "There can be no liberty for a community," the late Walter Lippman wrote, "which **Cont. on page 8**



BY: JESUS DUREZA



This is the latest innovation in the communications world that will revolutionize even the traditional press. Everyone is now a “journalist”, a blogger in his own right, publishing and maintaining his own private medium in Facebook or Twitter or somewhere in the cyberspace and expressing his own mind in unlimited ways — bounded only by one’s taste or discretion. Or lack of it.

The "coming of age" of this new weapon in the hands of citizens was made manifest in the latest controversies on the pork barrel, PDAF, the Yolanda handling and this week the incident involving the Makati mayor in Dasmariñas Village. Elsewhere in the world, the so-called "arab spring" civilian uprisings that toppled governments in the Middle East were triggered by social media.

In an instant, private messages and video clips become viral and events or incidents are now scrutinized and commented no longer as the exclusive prerogative and domain of journalists and commentators but by all and sundry. Everyone has the chance to interpret and comment. This used to be the exclusive preserve of professional journalists and mediamen only.

With this potent weapon, we can only imagine its reach and power. And the numbers. It can advocate for reforms and change, cajole, lambast and even crucify unfortunate targets or make instant public villains of the “bad guys”. It acquits and even convicts swiftly. It can even threaten to destroy political ambitions and in the same vein also build up new heroes overnight.

Take the case of DILG Secretary Mar Roxas who got bashed — rightly or wrongly — for his perceived mishandling of the Tacloban incident. Then the latest about the case of Makati Mayor Junjun Binay in his alleged tiff with subdivision security guards that left the presidential ambitions of his father, Vice President Jojo Binay somewhat suffering in its wake. Or the case of Davao City Mayor Rody Duterte who suddenly became the anti-thesis of others with his previous good deeds juxtaposed with those who had earned the netizens ire of late. I have no doubt that Mayor Rody detests this role with great discomfort. He even expressed indignation over the growing public sentiment for him to consider seeking the presidency. But what of that? This is the spontaneous verdict of the social media crowd sitting in judgement.

We will see more of these in the days ahead. But gone are the days when only professional mediemen exercised that prerogative. Each individual now is being heard and insists on being heard. As a matter of fact, traditional media, meaning the print and electronics media, must relate and link up with the fast-clipped pace and focus of social media if they want to remain in business, if it wants to remain as the fountainhead and principal purveyors of information and views and opinions. To survive, orthodox media must provide depth and context to breaking events and see to it that raw data that social media posit stand the test of accuracy and reality. They cannot compete with real time postings and comments. A flick of a finger transmits one's thoughts to the world without borders.

The biggest problem though with this new kind of public "reportage" is quite obvious. Mostly lacking in initial verification and depth at **Cont. on page 8**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*New Year's Resolutions:
success, good health*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones..." (Proverbs 3:7-8, the Holy Bible).

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS THAT GIVE SUCCESS, PROSPERITY, GOOD HEALTH: Now that Christmas 2013 is but a memory which is fading much too fast for many of us, it is time to think of what we should aim to do in 2014. New Year's resolutions, that's what they call these aims for the new year.

But before we even start to draft those resolutions, maybe we need to understand some basic rules on amassing wealth and getting the things we need, on having good health, and on being successful. The rules are contained in an old book which is easily available, and amazingly capable of being readily understood.

Based on this book, the first rule guarantees prosperity and success, in very explicit language. It says: be careful to obey the law, not turning away from it to the right or to the left. Evidently, if the law is obeyed, success and prosperity are guaranteed to come wherever a person may find himself to be.

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OBEYING THE LAW BRINGS GOOD HEALTH, LONG LIFE: The second rule, also from this old book, on the other hand guarantees good health and long life. It says: "My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity."

Anyone reading these two rules will not find it difficult to realize that success, prosperity, good health and long life, would seem to be the product of just one thing—that of obeying the law. If we obey the law, we shall attain wealth and riches. We will also have victory over illnesses and sicknesses of the body and the mind.

Consequently, it is important for us to understand what "law" is being referred to by the old book from where we got these rules. Indeed, what is the "law" which, if we obeyed it, would make us prosperous, successful, wealthy and healthy?

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BOOK OF THE LAW HANDED DOWN FROM AGES AGO: Do you know a guy named Moses? Yes, he was the man who was inspired to lead his countrymen out of Egypt to enable them not only to escape the oppression they had been suffering from the hands of Egyptians, but more to lead them to a land which was promised to be "flowing with milk and honey".

As he was leading his countrymen out of the hands of their Egyptian oppressors, Moses gave them the so-called "Book of the Law" which, among others, contained 10 basic commandments of daily living, including explanations or clarifications of these commandments.

Moses promised that those who will obey the Book of the Law will be exalted among all the nations, and would receive blessings upon blessings. Unfortunately, however, those who will disobey the Book of the Law, Moses also promised, would be overtaken by curses that will ultimately kill them all. What are these laws that must be obeyed if we want success, prosperity and good health? Read this column again, tomorrow, or in our next issue, God willing.

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BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



In terms of physical count of franchise applications, fixing in the DOTC-CAR by outside fixers comes only next to fixing by the personnel themselves. The explanation is that while transaction by walk-in applicants are already the exclusive domain of the franchising employees, those that pass through the outside fixers are necessarily coursed also through the personnel without whose interventions, these applications solicited by outside fixers will not reach first base, so to speak.

Not so in terms of the quantified costs or value of the franchise issued as applied for by outside fixers, however, where the latter probably have the edge and the better chance to earn big compared to the franchising personnel. This is easier understood if what we talk about are taxi franchises and other PUV franchises secured by the fixers in violations of the moratorium which price in the market amounts to hundreds of thousands pesos.

These earnings can be measured even alone in the unhidden fact that these fixers not only are able to buy semi-brand-new cars but also are able to own houses, in so short a time. This only shows how lucrative business is fixing in the DOTC-CAR. A lot better in fact than the plight of an ordinary employee or wage earner who do not fix.

This should not surprise the public observer because fixers, by their admirable persistence and grit are able to duplicate what lawyers can do, if not better. In fact, they can collect better than the conscientious lawyers.

It is unfortunate that they are not even aware or if they are, they do not mind that what they do constitute illegal practice of law. The truth is that their acts of preparing CPC applications and other pleadings, the filing of the same with the Board or DOTC-CAR, the submission of Formal Offer and the Affidavit thereof, attending the hearing for the applicants, securing the release of decisions, among others, are activities constituting practice of law which are reserve for lawyers in the legal profession. They are not jobs for the fixers.

Ironically, they have come to regard fixing as a legit job tailored fit for them, hence, they continue to do so with the tacit approval and blessing of the franchising personnel, to the prejudice and damage of the legitimate practicing lawyers in the DOC-CAR whose clients are fast dwindling in number.

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On the other hand, sad to say, there are also lawyers who by the fashion they practice law in the franchising Board could also be called fixers, by association.

Rightly or wrongly, lawyers practicing in the Franchising Board who are prone to influencing its personnel in accepting CPC applications and securing favorable resolution of their cases beyond what the law and the rules allow, just like what fixers do, are themselves fixing; lawyers who are capable of tampering documents and misrepresenting the requirements to secure favorable decision or grant of franchises, just like what fixers do, are themselves fixers; lawyers on the habit of giving dole-outs by arrangement in the guise of expressing gratitude, just like what fixers "professionally" do, are no better than these fixers themselves.

In the past, we can strike some parallels in what fixers and lawyers can both do and, surprisingly, one can be at a loss distinguishing one from the other. In the legalization cases of 1998 and 1999 for instance, there were lawyers who, side by side with fixers, were able to secure for themselves franchises for taxi units which they could not have secured were the same were products of legitimate lawyering. This is also true in the legalization cases of 2001 where lawyers, side by side with fixers again, were able to secure taxi franchises by way of dummies, in the same manner as what the fixers did.

OWWA treats Baguio-Benguet OFWs in a Simple but Meaningful Family Day

BAGUIO CITY - The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) treated Baguio-Benguet Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to Family Day 2013 at the Coyeesan Hotel Function Hall last Saturday, December 7.

In sympathy to the victims of typhoon Yolanda, the Family Day was made simpler but meaningful Christmas celebration for the OFW family participants- one each from every barangay of Baguio City and from the 13 municipalities of Benguet. OFW Family Circle leaders from the different parts of the region also joined in the event.

The participants were treated with entertainment numbers and Christmas Carols by the Baguio City National High School New Minstrels choir, Mariah Rueda – a daughter of an OFW who also played as co-host for the program and from members of OFW Family Circles.

There were also games for children and adults, as well as story telling activity for the kids provided by Mt. Cloud Bookshop and members of the Baguio Writers Group.

There were also service booths of OWWA partners beside the function hall, which includes Bank of Philippine Island, PhilHealth and PAGIBIG, among others. Dr. Celiaflor Brillantes of the City Health Services Office also had a table for a free check-up for the participants.

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And all this time, it seems nothing was done at all by Regional Directors then and now to restrain fixing in the franchising Board. You will probably ask me now — what qualifications should the next Regional Director should have if we were to stop once and for all fixing activities in the DOTC-CAR?

Probably, I have no idea better than you do, so what do you think?

(July 22-28, 2006)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Republic of the Philippines)

City of Baguio) Ss.

AFFIDAVIT

I, ARNULFO RILLERA, a legal age, Filipino and a resident of # 70 Ortega St. Middle Quezon Hill, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with the law, do hereby

Depose and say:

1. That I am the present occupant of the stall no.95 Fish section of the public City of Market;

2. That when the stall was occupied by my mother, the stall was under the name of Carmen Estocapio, a relative of my mother;

3. That Carmen Estocapio stayed with our family and my mother paid for the education of Carmen Estocapio and sign of gratitude, she verbally assigned the stall to her;

4. That since the time my mother occupied the stall, Carmen Estocapio never bothered us for the return of the stall and totally abandoned her rights to occupy and use the stall;

5. That I am executing this affidavit for me to be able to apply for the stall assigned by Carmen Estocapio to my mother and for all other legal intents and purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of December 2013 at Baguio City

Arnulfo Rillera

Affiant

SSS Identification Card 01-1660898-5

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9th day of December 2013 at Baguio City with the affiant exhibit his identification card bearing his signature and picture

Publication dates: Dec. 14 - 21 & 28, 2013

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT, BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION

IN THE MATTER FOR
THE PETITION
FOR THE CORREC-
TION OF ENTRIES
IN THE RECORD OF
BIRTH OF FLOYD
NATIVIDAD
FAMULARCANO TO
REFLECT
HIS TRUE AND COR-
RECT STATUS FROM
LEGITIMATE TO IL-
LEGITIMATE,

FLOYD NATIVIDAD
FAMURLACANO,
Petitioner,

SPECIAL PROCEED-
INGS
CASE 13-C-1779

-Versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
LA TRINIDAD,
BENGUET AND THE
NATIONAL STATIS-
TICS OFFICE,

Respondents.

ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this veri-
fied petition praying
that after due notice,
publication and hear-
ing the court orders the
Local Civil Registrar of
La Trinidad, Benguet to
correct his Certificate of
Live Birth the follow-
ing:

Date and Place of
Marriage of Parents:
CANCEL February 28,
1982 and leave it blank
And to declare him
as ILLEGITIMATE.

WHEREFORE,
Finding the petition to
be sufficient in form
and substance, the
court sets it for initial
hearing on March 13,
2013 at 9:00 o'clock in
the morning before the
Session Hall of this
court, Benguet Provin-
cial Capitol, La
Trinidad, Benguet and
all persons interested
may appear and show
cause, if any, why this
petition should not be

granted.

Let this Order be
published at the ex-
pense of the petitioner
in The Junction News-
paper, a newspaper of
general circulation in
Baguio City and
Benguet Province, once
a week, for three (3)
consecutive weeks, the
first publication to be
made not later than
December 15, 2013.

Furnish copies
hereof together with a
copy of the petition and
its annexes to the Of-
fice of the Solicitor
General, Makati City;
Provincial Prosecutor
of Benguet; the Local
Civil Registrar of La
Trinidad, Benguet; The
Junction Newspaper;
the Petitioner and
counsel.

SO ORDERED

This 9th day of
December 2013 at La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A.
BULIYAT Sr.
Presiding Judge
Publication Dates :
December 15, 21 and
28, 2013

REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BAGUIO CITY

OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF

PHILIPPINES SAV-
INGS BANK
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES LORENZO
NABUS
and CAROLINE T.
AGUINSOD
Mortgagor,

X—————X

Foreclosure Case No.
13-465-S

EXTRAJUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
As amended.

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The "Gawad Saka Search for Outstanding Large Animal Raiser" in its guidelines stated that livestock production is of primary importance in the attainment of national food security and that farmers who integrate livestock farming with high value crops prove that this industry is a sustainable enterprise.

The Rancho Domingo with an area of five hectares is engaged in organic/natural farming of cattle raising with improved breeder stock that occupies a large area of the ranch. It also keeps poultry consisting of ducks and chickens on free range manage-ment, goat and pig production, aqua farming and compost pro-duction using night crawlers and maintains an organic vegetable production such as tomato, pepper, watermelon and corn which were strategically planted within the farm.

Moreover, the farm is situated in environment-friendly place where fruits like mangos, papaya and other fruits are planted give fresh air to breath.

Rancho Domingo utilizes the animal waste materials into vermi-culture to produce organic fertilizers and the farm site serves as a model and demonstration area for visiting farmers, students and local government unit Technicians of the province.

The Municipal Agriculture Officer of Alfonso Lista noted the exemplary performance of Mr. Domingo in his farm is evi- dent to his neighbors and fellow farmers which he gladly shares with them. His hard work and dedication to farming secured his investments and fortified confidence to his labor that rewarded him with good financial returns and plans that can maximize his farm by its further improvement and expansion./JDP/DBC- PIACAR, Ifugao

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified peti-
tion for foreclosure and
extra-judicially under
Act 3135, as amended
filed

By Philippines Sav-
ings Bank, herein re-
ferred as the
MORTGAGTEE, for the
satisfaction of mort-
gage indebtedness of
SPOUSES LORENZO
NABUS and
CAROLINE
AGUINSOD, herein
referred as the MORT-
GAGORS, the princi-
pal obligation in the
amount of TWO MIL-
LION NINE HUNDRED
FIFTY THOUSAND PE-
SOS (P 2,950,000.00),
Philippine Currency,
exclusive of interest,
attorney's fees and
other charges as of
March 5, 2009 and ex-
penses incidental to the
foreclosure proceed-
ings, the undersigned
or duly authorized
sheriff will sell on pub-
lic auction on January
14, 2014 at 10:00
o'clock in the morning
or soon thereafter at
the lobby of Justice
Hall Building, Baguio
City to the highest bid-
der for CASH and in
the Philippine Cur-
rency, the real prop-
erty/properties to-
gether with all the im-
provements thereon,
more particularly de-

scribed as follows:
TRANSFER CER-
TIFICATE OF TITLE
No. T-98297

A parcel of land
(Lot 79-B of the subdi-
vision plan (LRC) Psd-
89001, being a portion
of Lot 79, P Burgos
Subd., (TSI-V-900),
LRC Rec. No. Sales
Patent No. 554), situ-
ated in the Res. Sec.
"B", City of Baguio, Is-
land of Luzon. x x x
containing an area of
THREE HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY EIGHT (378)
SQUARE METERS,
more or less.

Prospective buyers/
bidders are hereby en-
joined to in-
vestigate for them-
selves the property and
encumbrances
thereon, if there be any.
Baguio City, Phil-
ippines, December 6,
2013.

By: (SGD) LINDA
MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI

By: (SGD) ROLANDO
B. PANGAN
Sheriff IV

Publication awarded
by raffle to The
Junction Newspaper;
Copy furnish all
parties;

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December 14, 21 and
28, 2013

DOT Leads Baguio Redevelopment Project Inspection

BAGUIO CITY -The Department of Tourism – Cordil-
lera inspected last week the different areas in the city
which are part of Baguio-Boracay Redevelopment Plan.

DOT Regional Director Purificacion Molintas along
with Department of Public Works and Highways Baguio
District Engineer Ireneo Gallato, other government offi-
cials and private individuals inspected the projects of
the city government and the other government agen-
cies which have been tasked to evolve plans and pro-
grams to preserve Baguio City.

The group monitored the construction of the Baguio
Circumferential Road project particularly the Baguio
Country Club – Happy Hollow section which is under-
going its rehabilitation and nearing completion.

Gallato reported that the Baguio Circumferential
road which is part of the DPWH-DOT Convergence
Project, will be completed this December as scheduled.

Molintas said that the completion of the road project
aims not only to improve the different roads in the city
for tourism purposes but also for the trade and com-
merce and accessibility of residents such as their deliv-
ery and transport of their goods from their areas to the
different areas in the city and the nearby municipalities.

In the Minesview Park area, Barangay Captain
Bonifacio Doques said that the vendors are now trans-
ferred to their new commercial building after their illegal
structures within the park were demolished several
months ago.

The city also has rehabilitated view deck area which
is the first phase of the project including the stairway
leading to the view deck and the view deck itself. The
second phase includes the beautification of the surround-
ing, fencing and placing of gates to enclose the park and
view deck.

At the Baguio Public Market, it has undergone a major
facelift including the construction of the new Block 3 and
Block 4 market where more vendors are selling their goods.

The city government also cleared the different alleys
and sections of the market of illegal structures and other
eye sores.

Molintas said areas which were monitored have im-
proved a lot from its original state. She added that the
DOT can come up with a "Market Tour" in the city market
to cater to the local and foreign tourists to promote the
city and the products at the market.

The DOT has been tasked to spearhead the Technical
Working Group thru a presidential directive from President
Benigno Aquino III that all concerned departments, agen-
cies, and local government units shore up plans and pro-
grams to preserve Baguio City and Boracay as national
assets. The mobilization of resources is seen to protect
both areas from further environmental degradation and
urban decay./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

VP Binay...

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the municipalities of Itogon, La Trinidad and Sablan.
Makati City has sisterhood ties with Itogon and La
Trinidad.

VP Binay, as the country's housing czar, he also took
time to share the government housing programs.

As a presidential adviser on Overseas Filipino Work-
ers' concern, Binay also called on the local chief execu-
tives to help in monitoring illegal recruiters in their re-
spective communities. He said most of the Filipinos
abroad who into trouble are victims of illegal recruit-
ment.

Binay also took time to dialogue with the commu-
nity folks, and visit the La Trinidad Trading Post.

VP Binay was personally welcomed to the province
by t Governor Nestor Fongwan, Itogon mayor Victor
Palangdan, La Trinidad Mayor Edna Tabanda and Sablan
Mayor Arthur Baldo./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Pag-IBIG Fund to Issue Privilege Cards to its Members in 2014

BAGUIO CITY - The Pag-IBIG Fund will be issuing privilege cards to its members next year that could be used as discount cards in business establishments and companies that it has entered into special-discount agreements with.

During the Fund Coordinator's Club (FCC) meeting held recently, Domingo C. Jacinto Jr., Pag-IBIG Fund's CEO II, informed that Pag-IBIG Fund officials have initially discussed the said program with the management of various establishments they target to partner with.

According to Jacinto, the Pag-IBIG Fund wants to be more relevant to its members by providing them more benefits.

"Aside from the loans we are giving to you, we want to be more present in your daily lives by providing you additional benefits in your daily needs", he said

Jacinto said that Pag-IBIG Fund conducted a survey to determine the top need of its members to serve as basis for Fund officials to give focus on how they can be of more help.

Among the top needs as revealed by the survey include groceries, food, hospitalization, medicine, house and lot, and medication.

Jacinto said that the said discount card which has a 3-year validity period will be piloted in three cities nationwide which include Baguio City, Davao City and Cebu City.

He called on the FCCs present to submit to the Pag-IBIG Fund names of companies or establishments which they wish to be included in the list of establishments with special-discount agreement so that the Fund will be able to negotiate with the management.

Jacinto said that in Cebu, the University of Visayas (UV) which has nine campuses located in the province of Visayas will be giving 20% tuition fee discounts to elementary, high school, college and post graduate to Pag-IBIG privilege card holders.

To avail of the card, one must be a member of Pag-IBIG and must have a Member Identification (MID) number.

For more details about the said program, contact any Pag-IBIG Fund branch office or ask you designated Fund Coordinator./JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR

Abra Bishop Accounts Funds Raised for Yolanda Victims

BANGUED, Abra - Abra Bishop Most. Rev. Leopoldo C. Jaucian accounted to the people of the province the cash and goodies raised by the Abrenios intended for typhoon Yolanda victims in Central Philippines.

In an interview with the local media here last week his report, the Bishop said a total of P584,683.75 and US\$201.00 were handed to him from various agencies, schools and institutions in Abra who participated in the fund raising campaign. Fr. Eugen Reindhardt also gave him P362,000.00 which was given by his friends for the said fund raising campaign.

Jaucian gave a detailed accounting of the amounts entrusted to him as follows: Archdiocese of Palo - P250,000.00; Taytay, Palawan - P150,000.00; Biliran - P100,000.00; Eastern Samar - P362,000.00; and the remaining will be given to the smaller parishes also affected by typhoon Yolanda and who also requested for financial assistance from the Diocese of Bangued through the Bishop. He had deposited the cash donations to the respective bank accounts of the bishops in the affected areas.

Earlier, the team composed of the Philippine Army and the Provincial Government of Abra who provided the trucks and drivers accompanied by the reporters of radio DZPA-CMN and Abra Today newspaper went to deliver the goodies to Caritas Manila for proper disposition.

The truckloads of goodies include 40 sacks of rice, 2 boxes of assorted medicines, 75 boxes of noodles, 43 boxes of canned goods, 25 boxes of bottled water, 6 boxes of detergent bars, 8 boxes biscuits, 7 bags footwear, 3 boxes kitchen utensils, 2 boxes of assorted sugar, milk & coffee, 1 box energy drinks, 1 sack assorted bags, and 880 sacks of assorted clothes.

Bishop Jaucian thanked all the Abrenios for their all-out support to his call to help the victims of typhoon Yolanda in the Visayas as they did earlier during the crisis in Zamboanga a few months ago. He said, "no one is too poor not to be able to share anything especially in times of calamities."/MTBB - PIA CAR, Abra

VP Binay to Seek Review of the Internal Revenue Allotment

By Carlito Dar L. A. TRINIDAD, Benguet - Vice President

Jejomar Binay said he will seek a review of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share of local government units in efforts to help in the development of rural communities.

In his dialogue with local chief executives, LGU personnel, barangay officials, senior citi-

zen groups and representatives of various community groups during his sortie here this week, Binay said he wants to revisit the IRA share which under the present set-up, lower class municipalities get a smaller share as computations are based mainly on land area, population and revenue.

For local community development,

Binay also encouraged the LGUS not to be too dependent on their IRA share, instead work harder in increasing their local revenues especially on tax collection.

Binay, who has been a mayor of Makati City for more than 20 years, disclosed that Makati's tax collection computerization program is vital in improving its annual

budget with better monitoring of tax payment delinquents and eradication of corruption in its internal revenue system.

He also offered to share such tax computerization program to

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

SPS.DOMINGO & BRENDA DE VERA
Applicants
Case No:2004-BAGUIO-CAR-0149
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a Application for EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO -PLAZA LEONILA 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 January 15, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 13th day of Dec. 2013.

(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

HERMINIO M. ANGAGA
Applicants
Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-0296
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a Application for EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA - IRISAN and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 19th day of Dec. 2013.

(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

HERMINIO M. ANGAGA
Applicants
Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-0297
NOTICE OF HEARING

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Attorney IV

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

PERLITO DULATRE
Applicants
Case No:97-01-1512
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a Application for EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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(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

JAIME L. TISICO SR.
Applicants
Case No:2013-CAR-350
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a Application for EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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Attorney IV

Advocacy Mindanow...

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the outset, the tentative output of social media will be more characterized as "journalism in a hurry" where perception initially rules the day. Then of course, there are those who prefer to remain anonymous and therefore non-accountable. It is in this light that we must make a call for all netizens to also exercise restraint and due diligence. This can only be done by themselves — no one else. For if they can put some pressure on those publicly accountable, then so much should there be public pressure on those who breach normal borders of decency and propriety.

But wait. Pope Francis has something to say on being judgmental of others. When asked for his comments and guidance on gays and homosexuals which the conservative guardians of morals have consistently viewed with disdain, his answer simply was: "WHO AM I TO JUDGE?"

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL!/ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: AMFI_Mindanow/ Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/ Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

Editorial...

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lacks the information by which to detect lies."

"Words, words, words," Hamlet mumbles to Polonius. Greg Mercado understood that power in romancing with words, as Erlinda Alburo documents so well./Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juan_mercado77@yahoo.com

Beneco...

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never forget such gesture of community hospitality and kindness.

Such rural folk's sensitivity for others amid their own suffering was also etched in Brigido's memory: "Uray anyakinigat trabaho ditoy ket naragsak karo no agapasalamat da kadakami (However difficult the job is, it's still fun especially when they thank us.)

Sheldon Polittud had the same view, saying that while the tropical sun was dizzying and skin-scorching, "you feel the respect of the people (of Capiz); they see to it that you get your fill, not only in terms of food but in terms of care."

"Sobra po ang init ng klima dito, tapos delikado pa ang trabahi namin, pero masaya na rin sapagkat nakapaglingkod din kami sa mga kababayan nating Capizeno," Tomas Almaras Jr. said. "Kung saan kami nagtatrabaho ay lagi kaming binibigyan ng pagkain," Jonny Pascua added.

The community had thanked Brigido repeatedly by seeing to it he never ran out of his chew mix, according to Engr. Carlo Bentayen, shift officer of Beneco's operations and maintenance division. On their way home, Bentayen had his boys detour to Boracay for a well-deserved splash by the world-famous beach. They then boat ride to Mindoro and Batangas and, from there, the long boom truck ride to Baguio.

As it was made that way, the Beneco boom truck proved multi-purpose. It lifted them up to free wires from broken wooden posts and transfer these to replacement

metal posts. On the way to Capiz, they had loaded it with their tools, a generator set and sacks of rice, potatoes and sayote that they distributed along their repair routes.

Naoe recalls seeing elderly and children begging for food and water on their first days on the road. Such sight soon vanished as even the most vulnerable struggled to restore normalcy and dignity in their lives, to the point of sharing what they have with the linemen and others who came to help the province back to life.

The 12-member team led by Engr. Rocky Pallogan, Beneco's operations and maintenance supervisor, Engr. Zac Torres, started repair work in Roxas City before moving on to Dau, Dumalag and Tapaz towns over the month-long period.

When they saw how the crew gracefully adjusted to the new work environment, Pallogan and Torres returned to Baguio. A week before the crew pull-out, lineman Faustino Damian Jr. also flew home when he learned his wife was confined in a hospital.

"Together with the crews from other electric cooperatives, we've barely restored the backbone (main trunk) of the system of Capelco," noted Engr. Bentayen. "I wanted to stay and work longer but my wife has directed me to come home," he added with a chuckle on their last evening at the St. Martin of Tours Parish in Dumalag where Fr. Niel Olano billeted them.

Despite much more left to be done, Dave Addon felt fulfilled having dedicated a month of his life to helping restore power in Capiz. "It's the best experience," agreed Domingo Falag-ey who likened the crew's work ethic to that of a carabao.

"Naganas uray awan kwarta (It's enjoyable even if there's no money in it)," observed Arthur Paneda while the team took time out to haul 250 cavans of rice for the relief mission of Shoshin Kinderhilfe, a small foundation in southern Germany.

"We came and saw the wonderful volunteer task you did for Capiz," Shoshin head, former world shotokan karate champion Julian Chees told the crew. "As a token of our appreciation, please receive this little gift from us," he added as he handed out P1,000 to each of the crew.

The team arrived back last Dec. 19, days before President Aquino rejected Energy Secretary Jericho Petilla's resignation for failing to energize all typhoon-ravaged towns before Christmas Day. The day after, Beneco workers led by general manager Gerry Verzosa welcomed them with a "daw-es", an Igorot cleansing ritual.

While in Capiz for the relief mission, Chees learned from a woman who washed laundry for the linemen that she found a clove of garlic in the pocket of an electrician's clothing. Garlic is believed to be an antidote for "aswang", a vampire-like mythical creature believed to fly into the night in Capiz.

The Beneco crew burst to laughter when told the woman identified the laundry as coming from another visiting crew.

"I told the laundrywoman that the 'aswang' myth is in the same class as the mistaken belief of many that we, Igorots, have tails," Chees narrated to the Beneco crew./Ramon Dacawi.

CPLA...

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tain the gains of peace.

This accomplishment is seen as another milestone of President Benigno Aquino's peace program for the CPLA.

The peace process with the CPLA started when then President Corazon Aquino representing the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and Fr. Conrado Balweg representing the CPLA, inked the "Sipat" 27 years ago at Mt. Data in Bauko, Mountain Province which was consequently followed with the signing of Executive Order 220 creating the Cordillera Administrative Region.

However, the peace process component was stalled for more than two decades as the agreement was placed in a serious quandary.

On July 4, 2011, the CPLA finally reached a closure agreement with the government opening the door for the CPLA's participation in its transformation to a potent socio economic organization. Its components include provision for the closure agreement provides for community-identified projects, livelihood and employment support for CPLA members, sub-regional development projects, legacy documentation and final disposition of arms and forces.

For a period of less than a year, 403 firearms were already surrendered by the CPLA to the 5th ID under MGEN Joel P. Ibañez. And the AFP has accepted a total of 668 integrees from CPLA since 2002. 448 of these were integrated only this year which is considered a 'very important accomplishment for the Division in its efforts to finally close the integration process.'/JDP/GGD- PIA Kalinga, CAR with reports from the AFP 501st Brigade

Almost 10M...

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der Number 26 creating the NGP in February 2011 to pursue sustainable development for poverty reduction, food security, biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaption. It aims to grow 1.5 billion trees in 1.5 million hectares nationwide within a period of six years, from 2011 to 2016./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

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

ANTONIO JIMENEZ
Applicants

Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-0098
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a Application for EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 15, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 12th day of Dec. 2013.

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

DFA...

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ing the Baguio-leg of his lecture series at the Saint Louis University School of Teachers Education at the SLU Navy Base campus last December 13..

Hernandez gave the students a background on foreign services work and the fundamentals of the Philippine Foreign Policy, which is mainly anchored on the preservation and enhancement of national security, promotion and attainment of economic security and the protection of rights, welfare and interest of Filipinos overseas.

On national security, Hernandez gave an update on what the DFA is currently doing on the boundary dispute between the country and China. He also pointed out the government's goal of putting up a credible defense capability to guard and protect the territorial boundary.

On economic security, he pointed out that the DFA is also working 24/7 (24 hours a days and 7 days a week) to supplement the efforts in attracting foreign investment, boosting trade and encouraging development assistance to come to the Philippines.

For the protection of Filipino overseas, Hernandez said their woks include: to negotiate with countries to uplift labor standards for OFWs; conduct orientation seminars on laws of the host country for newly arrived Overseas Filipino Workers; provide capacity building and skills training seminar, provide legal and consular assistance to Filipinos in inhospitable working or living conditions, Filipinos who are victims of human and drug trafficking; and those who are facing criminal charges and death sentences. From 2010 to 2013, he reported that DFA has already provided assistance to more than 86,000 OFWs and their families.

He disclosed that there are around 9.9 million Filipinos overseas or one out of every ten Filipinos live or work abroad. He said DFA has 1,300 Foreign Service officer/personnel in 84 embassies and consulates worldwide.

He encouraged the student participants to join in the foreign service work. "Joining the foreign service is one of the best way you can serve the nation", he stressed.

As a foreign service officer, Hernandez said they carry themselves with utmost dignity and professionalism and strive for and live by the principles of excellence, integrity and patriotism./JDP/CCD and Jemimah Villanueva/PIA Intern

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Hill, La Trinidad

RURAL BANK OF
ITOGON
(BENGUET), INC.,
*Petitioner-Mort-
gagee,*

versus-

EFREN BALASEN,
*Respondent-
Mortgagor.*

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CASE NO. 13-Exf-
1746

FOR: EXTRA-
JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL
ESTATE MORT-
GAGE
UNDER ACT NO.
3135,
AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC AUC-
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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC., duly organized and existing under by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at UB Square, General Luna Rd., Baguio City, represented herein by its Manager, IMELDA E. INSO, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagor, in order to satisfy his obligation to the mortgagor which as of 3

December 2013, amounts to TWO HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE & 33/100 (P276,345.33), Philippine Currency, consist of Eighteen (18%) percent interest per annum, Ten (10%) percent per annum of the principal amount as penalty, Twenty (20%) percent on whatever amount is due to the mortgagor from the mortgagor as attorney's fee as agreed and contained in the pertinent promissory note but exclusive of previous interest balances and other charges. The undersigned Sheriff announces that the he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on 7 January 2014 at 10: 30 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, one (1) property covered by and highest embraced in Tax Declaration No. 99-007-03949, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TAX DECLARATION NO. 99-007-03949
"A parcel of land located at Bua, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, Bounded on the North by Alejo Pacalso School and Cemetery; on the East by Public Land; on the South by Public Land and Precipice. Containing and area of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN (17,615) SQUARE METERS. Assessed at P33,330.33. 2007 Realty Tax paid under OR No. 0185196 dated January 26, 2007 at Itogon, Benguet. Not yet registered under Act No. 496 nor under Spanish Mortgage Law but registrable under Act No. 3344 as amended. This includes all improvements thereon.

Bounded by visible monuments and the present possessor is EFREN BALASIN."

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the en-

cumbrances thereof, if any.

In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby re-scheduled on 29 January 2014 at the same time and place without need of republication.

Let the foregoing be published at the "THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER," a newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive weeks.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines,
this 9th day of
December, 2013.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF OF
BENGUET

BY: (SGD) HENRY B.
LONGAY, JR.
Sheriff IV

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RURAL BANK OF
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*Petitioner-Mort-
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-versus-

SPS. ELIZABETH
PALANGDAN and
MARION
PALANGDAN,
*Respondent-
Mortgagors.*

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CASE NO. 13-EXF-
1747

FOR: EXTRA-
JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL
ESTATE MORT-
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UNDER ACT NO.
3135 as
AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE

OF PUBLIC AUC-
TION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No.

3135, as amended, filed by the RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC., herein represented by its Branch Manager, IMELDA E. INSO, of legal age, Filipino citizen, and with principal office and place of business at UB Square, General Luna Rd.,

Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPOUSES ELIZABETH PALANGDAN and MARION PALANGDAN,

both of legal ages, Filipino citizens, and with residence at No. 67 Naiba, Tuding, Itogon,

Benguet, herein referred to as respondent-mortgagors, to satisfy their obligation which as

of December 3, 2013 amounted to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR & 90/100 (PhP 1,578, 284.90) PESOS, Philippine currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and attorney's fees exclusive of previous interest balances and other charges.

The undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on January 8, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Benguet Provincial Capitol Building, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest Bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all the improvements thereon to wit:

TAX DECLARATION NO. 99-007-03066

"A parcel of land located along Binagna, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet Prov-

ince. Bounded on the North by Baguio-Itogon Road; on the East by a Pathway; on the South by Sedric Cruz and on the West by

Florencio Langay. Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR (254) SQUARE METERS.

Assessed at PhP 9, 500. 00, 2011 Realty Tax paid under O.R. No. 0347817 dated June 24, 2011 at Itogon,

Benguet. Not yet registered under Act No. 496 nor Spanish Mortgage Law but registrable under Act No.

3344 as amended. A residential house erected on it under Tax Declaration No. 99-007-03062; assessed

Value PhP 78, 470.00. House made out of strong excellent materials: flooring: tiled, Structure: concrete,

Roofing: G.I. Sheets, Frame Foundation: Concrete.

Bounded by visible monuments and the present possessor is Marion Palangdan, married to

Elizabeth Palangdan.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property herein above described and the encumbrances thereon if there be any. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 8, 2014 at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philip-
pines,
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12, 2013.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
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By: (SGD) CRISTOPHER
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DOLE...

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and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

"We make sure that livelihood projects to be operated by our partner organizations generate employment, earn income and are sustained," Gumabol said adding DOLE is also extending their assistance to students through the Youth Entrepreneurial Support (YES) program and to returning overseas Filipino workers.

He said six proposals of POs are now at the Cordillera DOLE regional office for approval. "They are good as approved since they were already evaluated. Ready for release this month is the post harvest facilities for Mangali Centro Farmers Association in Tanudan composed of a hand tractor and rice mill," Gumabol said.

Also scheduled for release early next year is the mechanized sugarcane crusher (dapilan) for Tinanang PO of Anggacan, also in Tanudan with generator set and tab (silyasi); Allaguia Rural Improvement Club – equipments and utensils for a bakeshop; post harvest facilities for Lower Mangali and Lacnog farmers, and carpentry tools and equipment for Poblacion, Tanudan carpenters./ JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

OWWA...

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The event was made more meaningful with fund raising and donation drive for the victims of typhoon Yolanda initiated by the Baguio-Benguet Federation of OFW Returnees and Dependents (BBFORD), which collected P23,585 cash donations and a jumbo box of toiletry products. These will be sent to their OWWA counterpart in Tacloban for distribution to affected OFWs.

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Almost 10 M Seedlings Planted in CAR under NGP in 2013

BAGUIO CITY- A total of 9,938,426 various seedlings were planted in an area of 20,395 hectares on the third year of implementation of the National Greening Program (NGP) in the Cordillera region.

According to Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Executive Director Clarence Baguilat, the success

of the implementation of the NGP is attributed to the concerted efforts of the government employees who are required to plant a minimum of ten seedlings a year, the private sector, students, local government units and civil society.

"We accomplished a 99.99 percent in our target for this year's NGP and we are again asking their support for the

NGP in the years to come", Baguilat said.

According to Baguilat, the DENR is putting additional nurseries and coordinating with the Department of Agriculture to have nurseries for fruit trees.

Big corporations through their corporate social responsibility programs are also encouraged to put up their own nurseries, Baguilat said.

"We must continuously replace the trees that are cut in our forests with young ones so that they will be able to increase carbon sequestration and improve our quality of air in our respective communities", he said. The NGP will significantly lessen the existence of carbon in the atmosphere, he added.

President Benigno Aquino III issued Executive Order

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DFA Enjoins Baguio College Students in Promoting Philippine Foreign Policy

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Foreign Affairs enjoined students from various colleges and uni-

versities in Baguio in promoting the country's foreign policy.

Assistant Secretary Raul Hernandez, DFA spokesperson, made the call dur-

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DOLE-Kalinga Invites Groups to Submit Project Proposals for Gov't Assistance

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) provincial office here is inviting interested organized groups to submit project proposals to engage in income generating business for government funding assistance in 2014.

Dr. Alexander Gumabol, Provincial DOLE officer, said their office will at least target 24 people's organization (PO) to support next year.

"DOLE is urging registered organizations, preferably those grassroot-based organizations, to submit proposals in order to fast-track their approval," he said.

He said proposals have to be evaluated first of their feasibility and viability, and that proponents are also required to undergo skills training and capacity building to be taken charge of partner agencies through convergence like the Department of Trade and Industry, Dept. of Science and Technology,

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Ifugao Rancher Wins Awards In Large Animal Raising

ALFONSO LISTA, Ifugao - A rancher from Barangay Santo Domingo of this municipality recently won as 2013 "Gawad Saka Search for Outstanding Large Animal Raiser" of the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Jesus Cadelina Domingo, a retired finance officer who owns and manages the "Rancho Domingo" was declared first place in the regional level contest for the Cordillera Administrative Region and emerged third place in the national level.

The 2013 Gawad Saka search

adopted the integrated farming system as an effort to promote and showcase large livestock agriculture nationwide as a competitive economic activity.

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



The Baguio City Fire Station headed by CINSIP JOE FERNAND L BANGYOD conducted the first Fire Responders' Summit last December 18, 2013 held at the 2nd floor of Baguio City Fire Station to further strengthen the team efforts of the different fire volunteers, rescue groups, water deliveries, communication groups and the Bureau of Fire Protection as the lead agency in time of fire response. The one day summit was centered on the role of every responder, the incident command system and other Standard Operation Procedure (SOP). Photo by SFO1 Camilo B Balancia, Jr.

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