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Pahayagang palabanan!!! City's TRO Bid On Forbes Park Lots



BAGUIO CITY – The Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 60 granted the city government's petition for a 20-day temporary restraining order to enjoin the Register of Deeds (ROD) from acting on any transactions relative to the parcels of land within the Forbes Park forest reservation which were issued Certificates of Ancestral Land Title (CALTs) by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in favor of the heirs of Lauro Carantes.

October 22, RTC Branch 60 Judge Edilberto Claravall ordered the ROD "to cease and desist from accepting, admitting, approving, registering, annotating or in any way giving due course to whatever deeds, instruments or any other documents involving voluntary or involuntary dealings which may have the effect of transferring, conveying, encumbering, ceding, waiving, alienating, or disposing in favor of any individual or any entity, the parcels of land covered by the subject NCIP Titles – Original Certificate of Titles

In an order dated

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Baka moro-moro lang yan mga kaso kaso ng Forbes Park na yan!!!



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FINAL RESTING PLACE? Before the All Saints Day celebration on November 1, an old woman of Caba, La Union cleans whatever remains of the tomb of a loved one after the the tomb fell from the upper portion of the mountain side to where it is now due to massive landslides caused by typhoon Pepeng in the northern Philippines./JASON PAGUNSAN/PNS

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Coop Stakeholders Invited To Attend The Inter-Regional Consultation On The New Coop Law

BAGUIO CITY – The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) – Dagupan Extension Office and the United Cooperatives of Pangasinan (UNICOOP) will host an inter-regional public consultation on the proposed Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9520 or the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 on November 9-10 at the City De Luxe Restaurant, Tapuac District, Dagupan City.

Cooperative stakeholders from Regions 1, 2 and the

Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) are enjoined to attend the event, as this is venue for discussions to obtain public inputs testimonies and comments relevant to the proposed IRR in the spirit of cooperativism.

In line with this, CDA-CAR regional director Ray Elevazo encourages all cooperative stakeholders in the region to join the consultations. The consultation, he said, is being done nationwide and every stakeholders input will be as important as this will all incorporated in the final IRR that will be

submitted to the Oversight Committee in Congress for ratification.

Elevazo also stressed that RA 9520, which was signed into a law last March 23, will have a very big impact on the cooperative sector and the rural and urban economy once the IRR is finalized.

CDA-CAR is now in the process of sending invitations to the different cooperative group in the region. For more information, you can coordinate with the CDA-CAR office at tel. no. 4426731.

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Lawmaker Warns Of Oil Price Tsunami

CALLS FOR CHANGES IN OIL DEREGULATION LAW

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday warned of a possible oil price surge next year as economies worldwide begin to recover from the recession and called for urgent action by Congress to revise the oil deregulation law.

“The latest round of fuel price increases reflect developments in the world market that we should prepare for, lest we all fall victim

to an oil price tsunami,” the 40-year old lawmaker said.

Last Monday, four oil companies jacked up diesel and gasoline prices by P2 and P1.25 respectively. According to representative of oil companies, the price increases were justified by the rise in the price of oil in the international market.

In a meeting with energy department officials, they said that the price of unleaded gasoline rose from \$72.52 a barrel to \$76.24 while diesel went up from

\$74.01 to \$80.04 from Oct. 5 and 9.

Petron and Shell compute their prices based on the price of Dubai crude while Chevron/Caltex and other small players use the MOPS (Mean of Platts Singapore) as their benchmark.

Escudero pointed out that crude oil only cost \$10 per barrel in January 1999. Before the credit crisis struck the US last year, there were projections that fuel prices could even shoot past the \$100

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Trillanes, Other Detained Officers Should Be Freed

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday said detained Magdalo leader Sen. Antonio Trillanes III and other leaders of his group should be freed because no one should be persecuted for fighting graft and corruption in the country.

“Pagkakaisa po ang kinakailangan at nararapat para sa

isang bansa. Tulad ng nabanggit ko, walang pinipili. Sinuman ang susunod na maging pangulo ng bansa, dapat bigyan hindi lamang ang Magdalo at si Senator Trillanes, kung hindi ang iba pang nakipaglaban lang naman laban sa pagkakataon gawin ang pwede

nilang gawin sa labas ng piitan,” said Escudero at his press conference at Club Filipino in Greenhills yesterday.

The 40-year old senator made his position known during a press conference after announcing his resignation from the Nationalist People’s Coalition (NPC).

A Magdalo supporter had **Cont. on page 10**

FDA Launches Hotline For Drug Complaints Or Problems

Any complaints on the drug you’re taking?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health (DOH) launched Tuesday a hotline for reporting any complaints of drugs sold in the country.

Consumers may now report to the FDA any complaint or problem with their medicines to telephone # 807-

8275, or text 0905-4171771 or 0909-2080500, or email at ireport@bfad.gov.ph. Reports may also be made through the Bantay Gamot Report Forms available in most drugstores.

“In this age of globalization, consumerism, free trade, and increasing use of the internet, the ordinary person now has easy access to dif-

ferent drugs and medicines. Combine this with the penchant for self-medication and the need to improve the drug dispensing practices of our pharmacists and we have a potentially harmful situation where drug safety is questioned,” Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III declared.

To address this situation, the FDA came up with the Medicines Surveillance Integrating **Cont. on page 10**



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Market fire victims confuse 'gov't compassion' for 'right'

BAGUIO CITY – In a baffling display of gall, former lessees of the gutted sari-sari section of the City Market trooped to the City Council Session Hall, October 26, demanding rights literally extinguished by fire.

This, despite promise of lease contracts in the newly constructed 'sari-sari' section at the City Market.

The City Government extended new lease contracts to said victims via Resolution 276-2008 accommodating

original lessees grounded on humanitarian consideration.

The protagonists during the council session: 6-former stall-holders who were issued irregular leasehold rights alleged equal rights against 47- 'perfectly legal' former stall-owners in the sari-sari section of the city market.

The 6 were issued permits purportedly approved by the City Council in 1995 despite provisions proscribing subdivision and subleasing of stalls in the Mar-

ket Code.

Meanwhile, 3-former lessees of the razed souk who subdivided stalls 220, 249 and 250 sometime in 1995 kept mum, while aldermen decided the fate of all 56 fire victims.

In separate interviews, city treasurer Thelma Manaois and city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes – both members of Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) - expressed disdain in the vendors' misplaced arguments.

"We find their actuations amusing." **Cont. on page 10**



MIRACLE RICE. A farmer in San Carlos City, Pangasinan considers his harvest a miracle notwithstanding the onslaught and ravages of 3 typhoons and a great flood in a month's time as his rice field survived the damages experienced by other farmers in the region./ JASON PAGUNSAN/ PNS

NMIS Warns Consumers VS Ambulant Vendor

BAGUIO CITY- Avoid ambulant meat vendors and buy only from legitimate meat establishments that have Meat Product Inspection Certificates to ensure the safety of food you are buying.

Thus urged National Meat Inspection Service Technical Director Dr. Florencio Pintor even as he assured that prices of meat are now back to normal after the temporary increase during the height of typhoon Pepeng. Pork is back to its normal price of P170-P180 per kilo while beef ranges from P200 – P240 per kilo.

Pintor informed that they are continuously and strictly monitoring the compliance of meat establishments and slaughter houses in

the regions. He also announced the safety of the meat in all the legal meat establishments in the city.

He also reminded the public to know or check the quality of meat they are buying and to demand receipts, so that they can return or complain, if ever they encountered a problem.

October was also celebrated nationwide as Consumer Welfare Protection Month and the third week of October as Meat Safety **Consciousness**

Week. In relation to this, the NMIS gave recognition to the best meat establishment in the regional and national level.

According to Pintor, at the national level the awarding was held last October 23. Unfortunately, there was no meat establishment in Cordillera who made it into the finals since we have only small players in the meat industry. The regional awarding was moved to November due to typhoon Pepeng.

Pintor assured **Cont. on page 11**

Mayor Might Exercise Executive Powers On Garbage Due To Health Concerns

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday said that in the absence of legislative support, he might be forced to exercise his executive powers to immediately address the garbage crisis in the city on the basis of the health risks posed by the uncollected heaps of wastes.

During the Ugnayan Panlungsod press briefing, the mayor said that he might take advantage of the city's still being on a calamity state to employ judicious actions on the garbage problem with

the health situation as the main justification.

He said city health officer Dr. Florence Reyes has raised concern that the uncollected wastes have indirectly contributed to the health problems of residents for this year.

Garbage collection all over the city has been stalled for two weeks now after the city council voted down the proposed appropriation amounting to P36,164,413.15 for the city's waste disposal until the end of this year.

The mayor rued the city council's failure to pass the appropriation saying the body should understand that no immediate solution can be employed at present except to haul out the wastes as permanent solutions like the establishment of an engi-

neered sanitary landfill, materials recovery facilities and other technologies will definitely require time to pursue and will not be available even until June 30 next year.

However, the mayor said they are now considering an alternative — an offer from a private company to take charge of the waste management system at minimal cost which may offer a solution to the waste problem.

He said the proposal has so far been the best offer received by the city and he has directed concerned offices to prepare the needed terms of reference and draft memorandum of agreement to set things in motion.

But to address the immediate problem of waste collection, he said the only resort is to use his executive pow-

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No Erasures List

The wife and I dub it: "No erasures list". We list the names of departed kith and kin for inclusion in the traditional All Souls' Day Mass. "No traveler returns ... from this undiscovered country," Hamlet muttered. So, there are no erasures on this kind of list.

Name recall, however, dims among people that columnist William Safire joshed as the "almost-old." We cast about for names of those we worked with, for almost two decades, in the United Nations. Did half a century of journalism pile up so many names?

"We're in the twilight of life," I told Press Foundation of Asia officers. "Don't say that," publisher Eugenio "Geny" Lopez Jr. gently remonstrated. "We've plenty of time." Before the year ended, Geny was gone.

EDITORIAL

Life beyond a handful of ashes is the capstone for All Souls' Day.

"Death is not the extinguishing of life," Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore wrote. "It is putting out the lamp because dawn has come."

All Souls stresses reaching beyond the grave. "It is a good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead," the ancient Book of Macabees teaches. In the year 998, the Benedictine abbot Odilo of Cluny picked Nov. 2 for this remembrance. This practice spread to other countries, including the Philippines.

In Europe, "All Hallows Eve" marked the Celtic new year Irish immigrants brought those spooky costumes to the US in 1848. Today, it's called "Halloween", a fun-filled kids' feast.

"In California, our grand-daughters Alexia and Tai Noelle join trick-or-treat parties", the wife mused. "Here, grandchildren bring flowers and light candles for family graves. And those graves will include ours, sooner rather than later".

Oh, that. The celebrations do differ. But the essentials remain. "We give them back to you O Lord, who first gave them to us", "an ancient prayer of this day says. "Yet, as you do not lose in giving, so we have not lost them by their return... Death is only a horizon. And a horizon is the limit of our sight.

"We thank you for the deep sense of mystery that lies beyond our mortal dust... Lift us up, that we may see further, as one by one, you gather scattered families, from the strife and weariness of time to the peace of eternity."

The liturgy for All Souls spotlights this reality. "For unto your faithful, O Lord, life is changed, not taken away," the priest leads in in the Eucharist's preface. The same theme resonates wherever religious or laymen pray the "Liturgy of the Hours".

Our grandchildren belong to the post-Vatican II generation. They never heard the Dies Irae ("Day of Wrath") of requiem services of our long-vanished youth.

Tuba mirum spargen sonum / Per sepulchra regionum / Coget omnes ante thronum, the choir would sing. My now-hazy freshman Latin translates that into: "Trumpets blare through sepulchers, calling all to appear before judgment's throne."

"We can talk with those" called before us, Oblate professor Ron Rolheiser explains. "Our relationship with them can continue to grow: Reconciliation that wasn't possible before their deaths can now occur."

"We call that 'the communion of saints,'" Father Rolheiser writes. Enshrined in the Creed, it asks us to believe that we're still in a real community of life and in communication with those who have died.

"Often in a family, a friendship or community, we experience tension, anger, differences, hurts that can't be undone. And then everything changes because someone dies. Death brings a peace, a clarity, and a charity, not possible before. Why?

"It's not simply because death took someone out of the family, office, or circle of friends, or even, as source of tension. It happens because, as Luke's account teaches, death washes things clean.

"Today you will be with me in paradise!" Jesus spoke those

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*Lantaran Hubaran ng mga Club !!!
Pasugalan sa Fortunatas Sa 2nd
Kayang St.*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



UNDAS na naman mga suki at dahil naaalala na naman natin ang mga namatay nating mga mahal sa buhay, op kors maalala na rin natin ang nalalapit na kapaskuhan. At dahil malapit na ang pasko, marami na naman ang mga naglilipanang KAWATAN, ismol o big taym. Iyong mga ismol taym para me pantawid gutom sa kaniyang mga pamilya at iyong mga bigtaym ay para may maibigay sa sandamukal na inaanak at para sa darating na eleksyon pero kuwidaw lang sila dahil andyan lang sa tabi-tabi ang aking mga bubuwit, baka sila matyempuhan eh, sumikat sila sa aking kolumn. Eniwey, por da mintaym isang maligaya at mapayapang UNDAS sa inyong lahat mga suki!

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NAKAKASAWA na ang ginagawang talakayan sa konseho ng Baguio City hinggil sa problema ng basura. NAKAKABINGI na rin ang reklamo ng mga tao dito sa mga pila pilang hindi nakokolektang basura...at nakakapagtaka na kung gugustuhin ng ating mga opisyal ay meron at merong mga solusyong para dito katulad ng isang proposisyon na gawing "Engineered Sanitary Landfill" (ESL) ang 22 hektarya sa SITIO ALEMAN BARANGAY PALALI ng SABLAN, BENGUET na pag-aari umano ng mga pribadong indibidwal. Marami raw itong maibibigay na benepisyo at makabubuti sa lungsod ng Baguio at mga karatig na munisipalidad, katulad ng La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba at Tublay. Ayon pa, hindi raw tumutol dito ang mga opisyal at residente ng naturang lugar at meron na rin daw indorso ito mula kay GOVERNOR NESTOR FONGWAN ng Benguet. Alam na rin daw ito ni Baguio City Mayor REINALDO BAUTISTA JR. Totoo po ba ito Apo Meyor? Ipinaalam nyu na rin ba ito sa City Council? Kung alam nyung pare pareho ito, bakit ano pa ang hinihintay ninyo? Ayaw kong isipin na kaya hindi ninyo ito masyadong pinapansin ay kulang kayo sa pansin, o baka kulang lang sa "motor oil" tama o hindi? He!he! Liars go to hell!!! Mabuti pa itong si MR. BUTCH MANDAPAT na bagamat hindi "Public Official" kundi isang "Civic Leader" ay siya pa ang nagkukumahog na kumilos para matuloy ang proyektong ito ng hindi na bumaho pa sa basura ang Baguio at maubos ng husto ang pondo sa kaban ng bayan dahil lamang sa pagbabayad sa mga paghahakot ng mga basura! Saludo po ang kolumn na ito sa iyo APO BUTCH MANDAPAT at dapat tumakbo ka para sa posisyon na Top Official dito sa lungsod para mabago na for the better ang ating beloved city of Baguio!

Oh ano ang sey nyu mga PULPOL-LITIKO na nakaupo diyan sa

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