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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Mayor Pushes for more Taxes

LONGEST AND BIGGEST... Pupils from San Vicente Elementary School in a fun-filled contest for the biggest pine cone and longest pine needle with members of the local Boy Scouts movement as judges during the "Poni ni Keyew" or tree offering, July 16, at the Busol Watershed to celebrate life after the Killer Quake of 1990. /gani liporada



BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan Monday pushed anew for the consideration of the policy reforms covering tax rates in the city to maintain if not improve the revenue standing of the city in face of the impending reduction of the city's share from the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA).

During the department heads' meeting, the mayor reiterated that it is high time to act on pending proposals that aim to update the current levels of garbage, sewerage and market fees and especially the real property taxes to make the rates attuned with the present times.

Corresponding proposals to increase said fees are presently pending before the city council.

A proposal for the general revision of real property tax valuation to upgrade the schedule of fair market values of real properties is presently being studied by the council committee on ways and means cluster B.

The new schedule prepared by the city assessor's office under city assessor Augustus Medina was submitted to the body in September last year.

Medina said the average increase in realty

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Itong si Mayor talaga naman o o !!! Bago mo pataasan ang mga buwis aba eh, ipatigil mo muna ang Jueteng at bawasan ang KORAPSYON !!!

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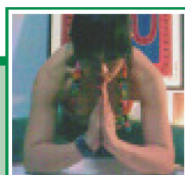
KORAPSYON SA Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC) sa pondong ipinagkatiwala sa kanila sa halagang mahigit kumulang Sixty Million Pesos (P60,000.00) , IPINAIMBISTIGA sa SENADO at Sasampahan rin sa Opisina ng Ombudsman !!! (Part 1)

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Organic Agriculture Gains Support from Various Sectors

LA TRINIDAD,
Benguet - The

6th Cordillera Regional Organic Agriculture Congress held recently in this capital town gained support from government agencies, the private sector and the farmers themselves.

Participated by members of the Cordillera Organic Agriculture Development Council, agriculture workers and other organic practitioners in the region, the congress aimed to gather suggestions and recommendations from the various and other concerned parties in the formulation of plans on Organic Agriculture (OA) in the Cordillera. It also served as a venue for consultation of relevant resolutions.

Regional Executive Director Marilyn V. Sta. Catalina of the Department of Agriculture Cordillera said the event is in support to Republic Act 10068 or Organic Agriculture of 2010. The law, she said, will be gradually implemented to give time for farmers to prepare their farms for organic certification in the coming years.

She said it is a difficult program to implement considering and that more time is needed for advocacy efforts to educate and encourage more farmers to practice organic agriculture.

"Shifting to organic agriculture takes years for the conversion period process and implementing the organic agriculture program will surely take time," Catalina explained.

Among the suggestions that crop out during the congress include the

development of a centralized market outlet for organic products, information and education campaign and modern technologies for organic agriculture. /JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

Lawmaker Pushes for Anti Corruption Waiver

Lawmaker suggests to Aquino: legislative amendment may take years but signing a waiver would only take days. It is all a matter of political will.

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano urged President Aquino to ask his appointees to sign waivers allowing their bank accounts to be opened in case of involvement in an investigation.

The senator suggested this move in light of the refusal of some government officials such as former Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) board members and former military comptroller Lt. Gen. Jacinto Ligot

and his wife to have their bank accounts opened in spite of the necessity to do so in aid of ongoing investigations.

"We need a law here. But what can be done while waiting for Congress to do so is for the President to challenge his appointees to voluntarily sign waivers that allow their bank accounts to be opened in the event of an investigation. If they are not willing to take on the president's challenge, they can just resign," he said.

He pointed out that this move will be an additional safeguard and confidence-building tool to aid the President in assuring the country that no acts of graft and corruption

occur within his administration.

"The appointees of the President serve at the pleasure of the President so he can have his own personal standards imposed on all his appointees," he said.

Cayetano also added that the president can lead by example by doing that. He pointed out that a legislative amendment may take years but signing a waiver would only take days if they decide to make this a policy of the executive. He emphasized that it is all a matter of political will.

"From the Cabinet down, some of them may be career officials or may be protected by the civil service code. But the

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Half a Million Saudi OFWs may turn Jobless, says Labor Group

QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA— At least a half a million overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in will lose their jobs after the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia implements a six-year cap on working permits issued to foreign workers, a labor group said.

The so-called "Saudization" plan is intended to favor Saudi nationals over expatriate workers when it comes to job opportunities.

"If implemented, this will affect thousands of OFWs who have been staying in Saudi for more than six years. Some 60 percent of the 1.2 million OFWs in Saudi are re-hires," said John Leonard Monterona, regional coordinator of OFW group Migrante in the Middle East.

Under the said scheme, a Saudi-based company must employ a workforce with at least 10 percent that are Saudi nationals.

Monterona added the Saudi government is taking action to curb rising unemployment among locals. "Saudi Arabia would be the first in the Middle East to implement a limit on the stay of foreign workers," he said.

In Asia, South Korea and Japan have already imposed a similar cap on foreign workers.

At present, the hiring of OFWs for domestic helper jobs in Saudi have been temporarily suspended after numerous cases of abuses and labor malpractice were reported.

Monterona said the Philippine government needs to develop the local economy by implementing genuine agrarian reform program and "nationalization" of basic industries instead of relying largely on foreign investors.

Reports indicate there are about 10 million expatriate workers in Saudi Arabia employed in various trades such as construction, telecommunications, service sectors, domestic workers, among others.

Majority of the migrant workers are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and the Philippines. / Anna Valmero

SP Authorizes Gov to forge deal on potential Agri-eco-tourism site in Sablan

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The provincial board authorized the provincial Governor Nestor Fongwan to forge a deal on the purchase of the lot in Bayabas, Sablan to be developed as an agro-eco-tourism area.

The lot located in sitio Bulala, barangay Bayabas in Sablan covers a 9.3 hectare area worth P5.9 million lower than the appraised value as-

sessed by the Provincial Appraisal Committee equivalent to P6.094 million.

Vice Governor Crescencio Pacalso said originally only a parcel of the lot was being eyed by the province during the past administration but the owner preferred to sell the whole area.

The Real Estate Evaluation Committee of the Bids and Awards Committee of the province upon in-

spection and evaluation recommended to Fongwan the purchase of the area as it complies with most of the specifications and conditions as specified in the purchase request.

With the facts presented, the committee on agriculture chaired by Board Member Apolinario Camsol recommended to the board that authority to enter into and sign the deed of sale be granted to Fongwan for the use

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City, DPWH link ARMS vs. Squatters

BAGUIO CITY – The city government and the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) have linked arms for the eradication of squatters on road right-of-ways, sidewalks and lots covered by national roads and highways in the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan Monday told department heads that the city and the DPWH through the city district engineering office have set the protocol on the issuance and implementation of demolition orders to speed up the removal of illegal structures built on national roads.

The mayor said that as per the agreed procedure, the DPWH will be in charge of issuing the demolition orders while the city government will assist by providing the manpower to undertake the dismantling operation.

The mayor said that the enhanced cooperation between the two agencies and the streamlined procedures would be a big boost to the city's anti-squatting campaign.

During the department heads' meeting, concerns were raised over the proliferation of illegal structures on the road right-of-ways and sidewalks along the areas traversed by city's circumferential road project being implemented by the national government through the DPWH.

The project aims to link major access roads going in and out of the city with the intention of decongesting traffic at the Central Business Center and at the same time dispersing economic opportunities in other areas of the city.

The mayor said the mushrooming structures have been brought to the attention of the DPWH and will be targeted for demolition under the DPWH-city drive.

Apart from the circumferential road, other areas that will be covered by demolition activities are the Lion's Head along Kennon Road and the two other main entrances to the city which are now infested by land speculators. – A Refuerzo

Mayor Advises Against Amnesty on Tax Delinquencies

Please don't treat the delinquent like you do the law-abiding.

With that view, Mauricio Domogan last Monday advised anew the city council against adopting an ordinance proposed by councilor Edison Bilog to grant a general amnesty for delinquent real property and business taxpayers.

Such urging is part of the mayor's response to queries from members of the local legislature led by vice-mayor Daniel Farinas on what the city should do to address a shortfall in its internal revenue allotment (IRA) resulting from the confirmation of 16 new component cities which will also be entitled to shares from the fund from the national government.

"Please don't pass the proposal for tax amnesty," the mayor asked Farinas and other members of the city council during last Monday's breakfast conference of city

officials. It was the second time in two weeks that they mayor gave such advice.

City treasurer Thelma Manaois last Friday estimated a P40 million reduction in the city's IRA share with the addition of the 16 new cities legally created as per Supreme Court ruling.

She expressed concern on the erosion of tax and citizen consciousness that the government is continuously trying to inculcate because of another proposal coming only three years after the last amnesty was approved by the city council.

Manaois said the publication of Bilog's proposed ordinance apparently has emboldened tax cheats and even honest taxpayers who are telling her they would wait for the city council's decision on the measure before they would pay their dues to the city.

The proposed ordinance was pub-

lished last April 17 under the title "Granting A General Real Property and Business Tax Amnesty To Delinquent Real Property and Business Taxpayers To The City of Baguio And Providing For Other Purposes".

Wisecracks at city hall said the amnesty measure can be likened to the city's "no-segregation, no-collection" campaign in waste management in previous years. Barangay officials laboring to implement the same said the gains were suddenly lost when city officials suddenly ordered total collection of garbage, whether sorted or not.

Bilog proposed full condonation of the entire amount of penalties, fines, surcharges and interests on delinquent property and business taxes as of the end of last year. He also recommended that the principal be paid in installments, the schedule of which to be determined by the city treasurer.

"I've always



Ambuklao Dam, way to Pulag. Photo courtesy of www.tripadvisor.com

Block III Fees Approved on Third Reading

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved on final reading an ordinance fixing the rental fees for stalls in the newly rehabilitated Block III of the city market.

Tax Ordinance 2011-002 authored by Councilor Perlita Rondez pegged the rental rate at P500 per square meter per month.

Rondez said that as per the site development plan of the city buildings and architecture office (CBAO), there are 478 stalls at Block III. All of the stalls measure 1.6x1.2 square meters each.

The time for the payment of rentals, details of delinquency and penalty will be based on the provisions of Tax Ordinance No. 2000-001 which mandates the payment of the rental fees in advance

been against tax amnesty," Manaois said last Friday, adding that the last time the city council adopted a condonation was three years ago, at the end of 2008 and implemented until February the following year.

Bilog's measure is due for second reading but action on the was post-

within the first 20 days of the month.

Payments beyond the deadline will be subjected to a 25 percent surcharge and two percent interest per month.

Failure to pay the rental fees for two consecutive months would be considered delinquency on the part of the lessee which is a cause for the cancellation of the award and lease contract for the occupancy of the stall.

Under the measure, the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) was tasked to formulate the guidelines on the kind of businesses that will be introduced in the vending areas along with the rules and regulations to be adopted after the selection of the qualified applicants.

The measure was recommended for approval by the city council commit-

tee on ways and means and finance Cluster B chaired by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas after a public hearing was conducted where most of those who attended did not pose objections to the proposed rate.

"The City Government of Baguio has infused public funds for the rehabilitation of the area in order to transform it into a clean, modern, open, orderly and safe public market," Rondez noted in the ordinance.

"The rehabilitation of Block III is a public infrastructure investment and economic growth riser. To improve and sustain its viability as a quality public market, the market fees must go hand-in-hand with the upgraded facilities in comparison to other stalls in the City Public Market," she said. /A Refuerzo

poned as the city council was busy hearing pressing and controversial issues such as the recent same-sex "marriage" rites here and, last week on the proposal to divide the Benguet Electric Cooperative into two systems, one for Benguet and one for the city.

Councilors Nicasio Aliping and

Richard Carino recommended that Bilog's proposal be referred to the city treasurer for comment. The proposed ordinance was published last April 17 under the title "Granting A General Real Property and Business Tax Amnesty To Delinquent Real Property and Business Taxpayers Cont. on page 11"

Dirty Finger Drill

"Do not be afraid of going slowly. Be afraid only of standing still". Organizations of Filipino-Chinese businessmen, in Davao City, pegged that axiom in their newspaper ad that deplored "unfortunate events, in the past weeks...(These) make our resolve stronger...to move forward."

What "unfortunate events"? Did that refer to Davao Mayor Sara Duterte, on nationwide TV, punching court sheriff Abe Andres, for serving a demolition order on illegal settlers? "It wasn't my best day," rued the lady.

Davaowenos feel safer with bare-knuckle enforcement, insist ads trotted out by "Inday" Sara's supporters. Filipino businessmen and Tsinoy groups, were more circumspect. Their ads savor instead "a blanket of security provided by a strong leadership..."

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Integrated Bar launched probes of the sheriff's mauling. Malacanang still has to act on the swift probe concluded by Local Government Department Secretary Jesse Roberdo. The Ombudsman lobbied charges, by the national organization of sheriffs, to it's Mindanao office.

Mayor "Inday Sara", meanwhile, returned to office from leave. Don't apologize, Vice Mayor Rodrigo Duterte counseled his daughter. He flashed a dirty finger to express his opinion of critics. Son Paul is a city councilor. Eto, he snapped, flagging a junior version of Senior's act of defiance. "All those in favor, raise your middle finger," bloggers wisecracked.

"This pere et fils charade evokes images of Haiti's "Papa Doc" and "Baby Doc", Dr Carolina Camara of Butuan City wrote. "Jean Claude Duvalier, who misruled Haiti from 1971 to 1986, copied Papa Doc's tramping on human rights."

No. Davao is not Port au Prince. Nonetheless, today's to-and-fro, in newspaper ads, underscores the worrisome context: This city remains a haven for Latin American style esquadrões de la muerte.

Davao death squads rubbed out over 300 people, claims Amnesty International. Blame weak political and social institutions, a corrupt ineffective judicial system, that interlocked with Ferdinand Marcos's legacy of salvaging, witnesses told the US Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Crippled by serial scandals, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's regime morphed into a "paper tiger" on killings.

"The Mayor of Davao City (Rodrigo Duterte) has done nothing to prevent these killings," the 11th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council pointed out. His "public comments suggest that he is, in fact, supportive."

"Here in Davao, you can't go out alive," Duterte erpat said after a notorious drug lord's release in Manila, "You can go out, but inside a coffin. Is that what you call extra-judicial killing? Then I will just bring a drug lord to a judge and kill him there. That will no longer be extra-judicial."

Swagger sets well with some people. "Business improved with stability", businessmen earlier told Reuters-Dow Jones. Some whisper to the press, on a "not-for-attribution" basis: we back (i.e. bankroll) this "murder with a wink" policy."

About 16 percent of those "salvaged" in Davao were between 13 to 17 years of age "Nowhere: in the world is the killing of minors acceptable," then-Human Rights Commissioner Leila de Lima told a 2009 Davao conference. "Tell us the truth...I noticed that you looked at one another."

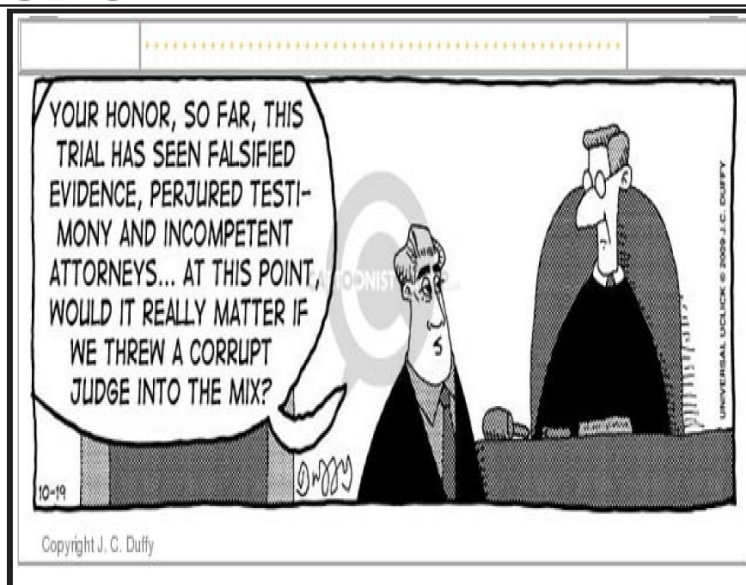
But no one spoke up then. No one speaks up now. The body count, meanwhile, rises. Is it 814 today? Even Duterte pere et fils, let alone daughter, can say how many. "If murder is forgiven, Heaven will find it hard to bear," as a Chinese proverb puts it.

"Davao's police hasn't solved a single vigilante killing in over a decade", noted Viewpoint (PDI/April 2, 2009). "That is a stunning record of failure. (It) ranks Davao alongside Sudan, Zimbabwe and Chile, under Augusto Pinochet. Or is this a record of complicity?"

Such institutional corrosion has consequences beyond city limits. There've copycat slayings elsewhere. Under Mayor Tomas Osmena, Cebu acquired an unsavory "second stringer" reputation to Davao.

Osmena created a "Hunter's Squad and dangled "P20,000 to any policeman who'd "permanently disable any criminal." "Philanthropy wasn't one of Osmena's virtues," Sun Star asked. "Where would these shekels come

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Peace with honor in the Spratly Islands

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



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

Peace with honor. Resistance without bloodshed. A settlement without Spratly Islands being conquered or annexed by China. An international agreement based on dialogue and equality.

These should be our overarching goals in the Spratly Islands. These goals are the ones appropriate vis-à-vis the reality that we will not be able to defeat China in a war. Most importantly, war is not desirable and nobody is a real winner.

Not even the United States was a real victor in World War II as several million or billion dollars and American lives were lost in that war. The money wasted could have been used better for housing, food, clothing, and investments.

A war with China will make us look macho. But it will make us look foolish as well. It will mean casualties and destroyed properties worth billions of pesos. It can cause setbacks to as far back as 20 years.

Yes, maybe the United States will be on our side should a war break out between China and us but the US will only side with us if doing so will serve her best interests.

A friction with China may or may not serve the US interest and because of this, there is no guarantee that the US will be on our side. We could test that, of course, but basically it is fundamentally China versus us. China has expressed through military maneuvers her intent to militarily assert her claim over parts of or all of Spratly Islands.

Unfortunately, we cannot really make the same military assertion of our claim. At the maximum, we can only realistically execute a symbolic military assertion of our claim and, most likely, the symbolic military assertion would be short-lived.

The more realistic action to take is to pursue a legal international claim before the United Nations bodies over the Spratly Islands and we must not under any circumstance withdraw such legal claim before the bodies of the United Nations. Our protests before the United Nations should have a proviso that any economic benefit that China obtains over the Spratly should be returned to us with interests after proving our just claims over the Spratly Islands.

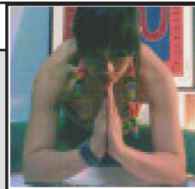
Today we are bullied by China and we may not have any choice but to postpone the physical assertion of our claims to avoid bloodshed. However, oppressors do not live forever and barbaric ways do not persist. It suffices that we pursue our legal claims in the United Nations and should not under any circumstance waive our just claim over all of or some of the Spratly Islands. Ultimately, the United Nations would be able to recognize the correctness of our claims.

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(Volume 1)*

BY: GRACE BANDOY



Ako ay may balita or tsismis whatever,
Once upon a time in a white castle with tower,
May love triangle na nabuo among the top caliber (s)???
Si Mister Donut ay napabalitang ex lover???
Ni Oh My Darling Clementine who's maganda and sexy ever!
Sila daw ay naging very, very romantic na mag-partner?!
Pero in the past na yata yun coz si girl may bagong lover?!
Ang secret tagpuan with new lover accidentally aming na –
discover!!!

Guess who ang pinalit kay Mister Donut ni sexy playgirl?!
Maloloka kayo pero si Mister Donut's big brother????!!
Si Boy Viagra walang iba OMG over na over!!!!?
Pero hindi sila brother sa blood ha, but brother in other.
Meaning, brother na parang partner,
Partner in crime, partner in basta whatever!
Sobrang close sila parang ngang mag-brother?!
Pero bilib talaga ako kay girl, lakas ng kanyang power!
Two powerful men kanyang na – conquer!??
But ooppps wait si Mister Donut & Boy Viagra ay mga married men noh haler!!!!

And they lived happily ever after...?????
Peace tayo mga big brothers and sexy sister ha! Forever!

Jueteng, bakit hindi mawala wala!!
Na si Mayor Domogan ang tinuturong Bangka????!!
Bakit super powers niya di umuubra?!
Anong power ang kelangan pa ba?
Para illegal game na yan mawala na talaga!!
Congressman and city council dapat may say sila?
Bakit mga tomboy at baklang nag – marry kanilang sinumpa?!
O eh bakit Jueteng na illegal at immoral din di nila kaya?!
Mga binotong leaders ng Baguio may will nga ba?
All things immoral and illegal dapat pantay sa kanilang mga mata!

Gawan nila ng paraan na lahat mawala di ba?!
Dapat hindi pinipili kung ano lang mga ayaw nila!
Lahat ng masama dito i – vanish na!

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

REPLACE THIS GOVERNMENT?

BY: JESUS DUREZA



SOMETHING'S AFOOT? — That video statement of Marine Officer Col. Generoso Mariano released during the last few days calling on everyone that “this government must be replaced” etcetera is something Malacanang should not just brush aside. Coming from an officer who apparently has good credentials and with a “coup history”, something interesting must be afoot. To make his thoughts public on the eve of his retirement from the military service is also worth looking into. Why did he put on the line his quiet and smooth transition into private and civilian life by that call? Why did he not wait for a few more hours to make that call and therefore immune him from the application of AFP rules? Now, we hear he is restricted to quarters and subject to an investigation. I even fear that he jeopardized his hard-earned military retiree pension that can keep him and his family adequately covered for years hence. So what's up? I think there is more than meets the eye in this incident and we should not be lulled into believing that “well, it's one of those things, you know...” etc.

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PNOY GOVT NOT STURDY YET — After being in office for a year, President Noynoy must have his ears close to the ground. Let's not forget that Pnoy's administration has not really taken root yet, so to speak. His mooring is not that stable and stormy seas can still buffet his ship of state. And “mutineers” are lurking somewhere, perhaps ready to strike at the first opportunity.

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SHIPCAPTAIN — Pardon me, but for whatever this may be worth, I cannot help but recall how former presidents FVR and GMA acted as captains of the ship of state, **Cont. on page 10**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

How about 2010 poll frauds?

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: “...But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin...” (1 John 1:7, the Holy Bible).

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CLOSURE ON POLL FRAUDS NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN: I really don't know if the promise of a closure made by Presidential Spokesman Edwin Lacierda over the alleged cheating in the 2004 and 2007 elections can really happen within the remaining five years of the Noynoy Aquino presidency.

No closure was made of more important cases in the past, and I am sure there is not going to be any such closure likewise on the issue of electoral frauds during the years in question, now or in the near future. Only history will ultimately bring the desired conclusion in all these, and I am willing to bet it is going to be so.

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HOW ABOUT 2010 ELECTORAL FRAUDS? And, while we are concerned with electoral cheating, how come we are focusing on alleged frauds for 2004 and 2007 only? How about accusations that even the 2010 elections was marred by massive cheating, with the use of machines? Are we going to close our eyes on these accusations just because President Aquino won?

The fact is that the Philippines seems to have perfected the art of fraudulent elections such that there are really no losers in any given political exercise here—everybody who lost got cheated, one way or the other, with Filipinos themselves participating in the cheating by way of accepting monetary and other bribes to vote or to cheat one way or the other.

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DEPED'S FIGHT VS. DENGUE TO FAIL: If Education Secretary Armin Luistro thinks his department's PASS (Prevention Alert System in Schools) can stop dengue from victimizing school children, he should think again. PASS and any other initiative of the Department of Education to fight dengue will not stop the disease, because they fail to include a basic component to fight it.

What is this basic component? It is the realization that dengue and other deadly diseases inducing high fever is a Biblical disease, a curse promised by God to people who no longer listen to His Word (or read the Bible, in other words) and who no longer obey His commands, so that the only way to fight it is to use the Bible.

I really don't know why this has escaped Luistro, considering he is someone who is high up in the Catholic Church hierarchy in the Philippines. But if he wants to be informed and to come up with a real solution to dengue, he should read the Bible, especially its Deuteronomy 28:15, 22.

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DENGUE AS A GOD'S CURSE: Dengue and other diseases which give rise to deadly and fatal fever and inflammation have been predicted to happen in Deuteronomy 28:15, 22 in this manner: “However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you...”

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No-substance SONA expected

With what his deputy aide said on air, President Noy's second State of the Nation Address would likely be short, simple, no frills and sad to say, maybe short in substance.

Nevertheless, Manolo Quezon says the President will deliver the country's future directions "in bold strokes" adding that "all the other technical details will be separate and (will be) given to Congress."

"After a year in office, he (Noy) will report on where we should, and will be going. He has enough confidence now, based on what he has seen so far," the communications aide said.

Quezon is an undersecretary in one of the three communications group in Malacanang.

For "Mang Pandoy," however, it seems the Chief Executive has a dearth in substantial material to report on, on what he had done after a year in office other than the extermination on the use of high decibel nay, irksome, "wang wang."

Mang Pandoy added it (2nd SONA) might be another round of promises that the President will be making.

Previously Noy's maiden Sona relatively dealt on their findings of various documents about GMA's previous administration, and what was left in the country's budget.

That set the tone of his governance and lo and behold, the noose is seemingly tightening now on GMA's neck along with her subordinates in the administration before, most especially her political adviser before in former Surigao Representative Butch Pichay.

With it too, GMA made a turn-around. She'll no longer attend P-Noy's SONA. Period.

Facing charges of funds misuse, Pichay has already been stripped of his "national water boy" duty at LWUA.

And, above all, it was alleged that he's been barred for life to hold any government office although, a close relative whose also serving public office, averred that things will get better along the line and that it's "weather, weather" thing.

For sure, things like this will go into Noy's speech draft knowing the mindset of his handlers.

In his maiden speech last year, P-Noy claimed the Arroyo government left the government with just P100 billion to work on.

It turned out to be totally false, grossly inaccurate, and it showed P-Noys bright boys and girls are not doing their homework heartily.

Am just wondering on how many more SONA's do I need to hear, see, feel, and finally experience its positive effects around us.

Well, I heard someone say: P-Noy has five more years to TRY.

Benguet Tourism Office now accepts SLT Projects

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Provincial Tourism Office (PTO) is now accepting proposals for the School of Living Traditions (SLT) projects intended to preserve the province's cultural heritage through its living form and ensure that it will be passed on to the next generation.

Funded by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the SLT is one of the component projects of the commission.

The concept of the School of Living Traditions (SLT) em-

ploys a living master or culture specialist who will teach skills and techniques of doing a traditional art or craft through non-formal, oral and with practical demonstrations.

The designated Benguet Cluster Head is Brian Camhit of the PTO.

Qualified to avail of the project are local government units, indigenous peoples organizations, non-government organizations with track record based in the community and with ongoing projects in the community.

Requirements for submission are

endorsement of community, sustainability plan, modules, topics and activities, full project proposal and detailed line-item budget, these are apart from basic regular requirements.

Provincial Tourism Operations Officer Clarita Prudencio said their office will be accepting SLT proposals for NCCA funding until August 30, 2011.

For further details, visit the PTO Office at the Benguet Provincial Capitol or contact their office at telephone No. 422-1116. /JDP/SCA- PIA-CAR, Benguet

Benguet Police Office celebrates PCR month thru blood donation

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet -The blood bank of the Philippine Red Cross Benguet Chapter has added up to its stock some collected units of blood from the Benguet Police Provincial Office .

The BPPO, a network of the PRC Benguet Chapter, held a mass donation blood activity recently at Camp Bado Dangwa collecting 24 blood units in line with the celebration of the 16th Police Community Relations month.

Of the 24 donors dominated by males, 21 are regular donors while three are first time donors.

The BPPO committed to hold a mass donation blood activity every July of the year as its pledge being a member of the blood network, according to PRC Benguet Chapter Administrator Oscar Paris.

July is Blood Donor's month with the theme, "More Blood, More Life" which is also fitting to the PCR theme dubbed, "Matatag na Ugnayan ng Mamamayan at Kapulisan Tungo sa Mapayapa at Ligtas na Pamayanan".

BPPO Provincial Director Pol. Supt. Benjamin Lusad said they are exerting efforts to invite more donors in their ranks to ensure availability of blood such that in times of emergency, the Red Cross will be able to respond and serve the needed blood components.

Pol.Chief Insp Ma. Theresa Pucay of the BPPO said they will ensure the sustainability of their commitment as member of the Benguet Blood Donor's Network through the participation of the 13 municipal police stations and the Provincial Public Safety Section.

"Magandang tulong po sa ating mamamayan" (It is a good help to the citizens) said Pol Officer 2 Cesar Dolinen , of Bokod, a second time blood donor, referring to the blood donation activity./JDP/SCA- PIA-CAR, Benguet

Government has Climate Change Measures – Gozun

BAGUIOCITY - Presidential Assistant on Climate Change Elisea Gozun said that the government is doing much to address the problem of climate change in the country.

Gozun, who was the guest during the Baguio-Benguet Bamboo Initiative Conference here in Baguio City last week, said that the national government is doing its best in climate change mitigation.

According to Gozun, the national government is now finalizing the National Climate Change Action Plan which involves many stakeholders in the country to identify what are the key actions that are needed to address mitigation and adaptation.

She bared that they are primary focusing on the adaptation considering the vulnerability of the country.

She explained that once the action plan is formally adopted, it will serve as a guide not just for the national govern-

ment but also for local government units so that they can craft their local action plans.

Actions plans in localities depend on the on the conditions of their areas and also involve the active participation of the private sector and the civil society.

The former Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary added that as part of the government's climate change mitigating efforts, President Benigno Aquino III made the National Greening Program a priority project not only for the government but also for the whole country including the private and non-government sectors.

The NGP aims to plant at least 1.5 billion of trees in 1.6 million hectares of land to bring back the forest reserve of the country. It mandates government employees, local government units, students, the civil sector and the other private and peoples organiza-

tions to take part in planting and sustaining trees in the next six years of the Aquino Administration.

The NGP came soon after the President declared the total log ban early this year.

Gozun also said the National Renewable Energy Program launched by Pnoy in June encourages the local government units to make use of renewable energy that are available in their areas.

The Department of Energy together with LGUs and the private sector will work together to look for alternative renewable energy that are available in the local communities to be used to save energy.

Gozun added that the government will be coming out with Information, Education and Communication materials for people to be encouraged to save, conserve and reduce on energy dependence, including the use of water and other environmental

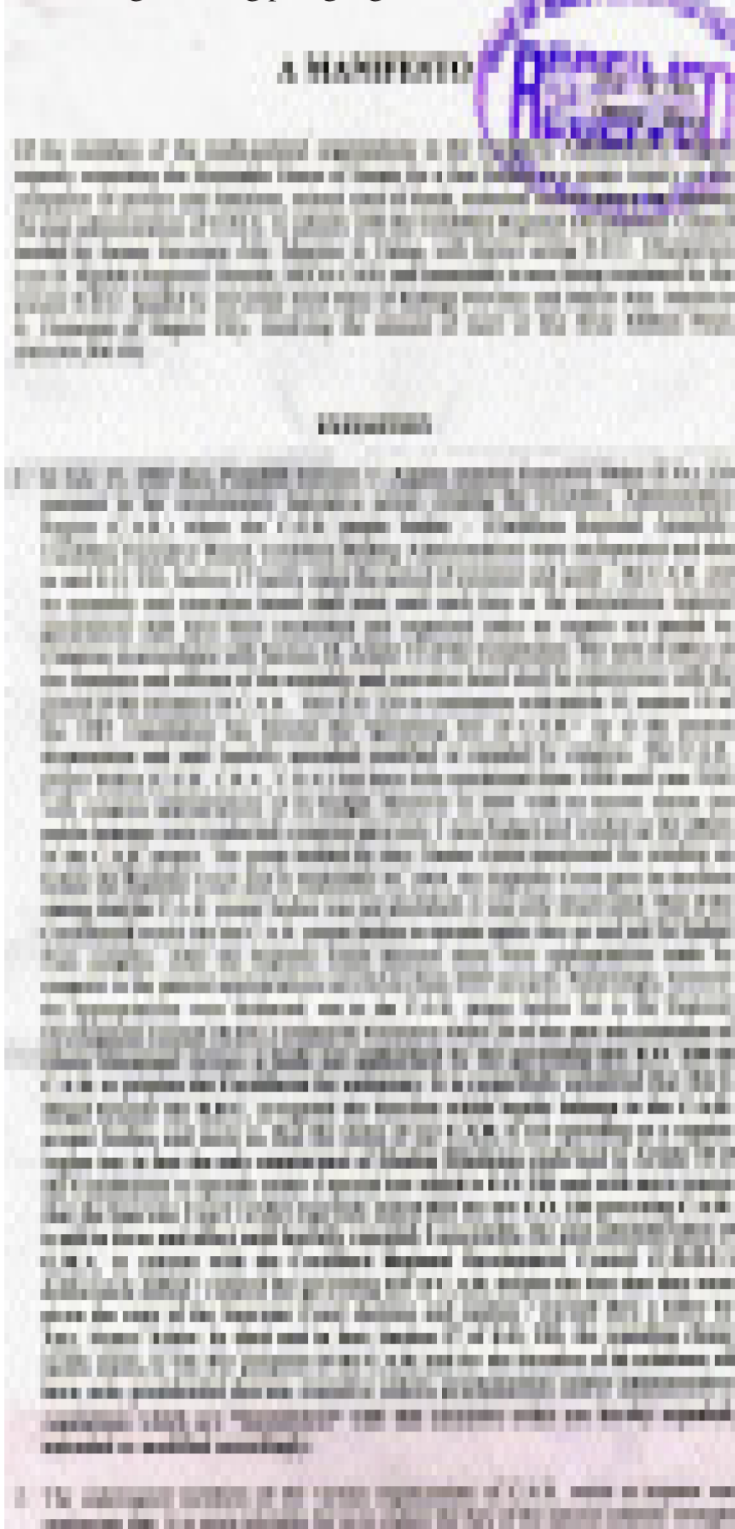
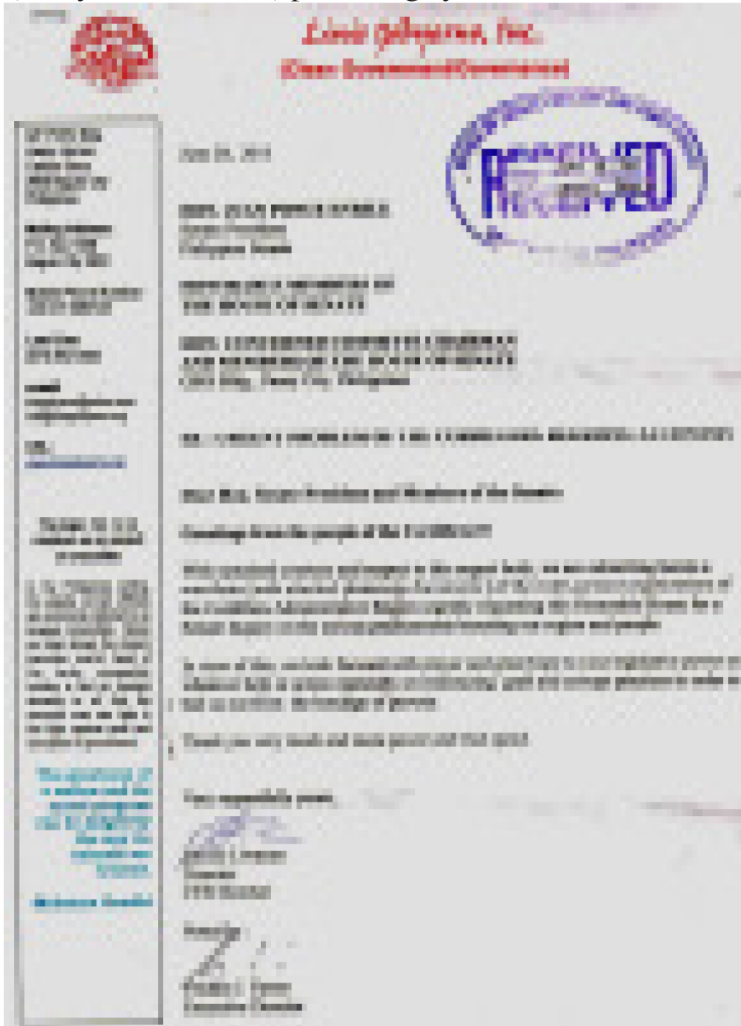
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Linis Gobyerno

KORAPSYON SA Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC) sa pondong ipinagkatiwala sa kanila sa halagang Humigit - kumulang Sixty Million Pesos (P60,000.00) , IPINAIIMBISTIGA sa SENADO at Sasampahan rin sa Opisina ng Ombudsman !!! (Part 1)

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Makikita sa kaliwang bahagi ang liham ni Dir. Emilio Liwanen ng Linis Gobyerno kung saan kanyang hinihiling sa Senado na sana ay maimbistigahan ang nakaraan at kasalukuyan mga pinuno ng Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC) . Sa kanang bahagi ay ang manifesto na pirmado ng ibat ibang indibidwal at grupo kung saan hinihiling ang pagiimbistiga ng Senado hingil sa mga pondong ipinagkatiwala sa CRDC. Maliban sa mga hakbangin na ito na siyang pinangungunahan ng Linis Gobyerno ay sinampahan na rin sa Opisina Ng Ombudsman ang dating Chairman ng CRDC na si Dir. Juan Naglob. Tunay na nakababahala ang mga kasalukuyan hakbangin para magkaroon na autonomiya sa Cordillera na kung ating iisipin ay mabibigyan ng pagkakataon ang mga “ KAGALANG-GALANG” na mga pinuno ng autonomous region na makapaggasta ng **Bilyong Pisong Pondo** samantalang atins nakita na halagang P 60,000,000.00 (Sixty Million Pesos) pa lamang ay kuwestionable at ka duda-duda ang kanilang pinagkagastusan!!!



Mayor Mauricio Domogan (r) together with Technical Working Group member lawyer Alex Bangsoy and Regional Development Council co-chair Dr. Virgilio Bautista started the deeper examination of the drafted act of the Third Organic Act for Cordillera Autonomy in a consultative meeting with the different sectors of society region wide here in Baguio City./Redjie Melvic Cawis/ PIA

City should consider the BLISTT concept, over-population in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation plan

BAGUIOCITY- The BLISTT or the Baguio-La Trinidad-Ito gon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay concept as well as the issue on the over-population must be taken into account for the city's climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

This was stressed by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, in a press conference on July 19, at the Ridgewood Residence here launching the "AsianCitiesAdapt Project" - which brings together science and policy to address climate change issues.

According to Tabanda, the City cannot work alone as somehow its neighboring BLISTT areas are also affected in any changes that happen or to be implemented in the Baguio.

"Baguio cannot work in isolation. We need the involvement of the adjoining areas to minimize the impact of climate change within the BLISTT area and

work for a climate change mitigation and adaptation programs and policies that would be beneficial to all.

"We, at the City Council, already have an initial talk on this we and also plan to ask Mayor Mauricio Domogan to bring or introduce the concept to the Regional Development Council (RDC)," Tabanda said.

To cite an example, she said that some of the city's environmental issues such as garbage, the Busol Watershed and the water flowing at the Balili river down to La Trinidad, have collective effect not only to the city but also to the neighboring towns.

Tabanda also stressed the need to look at the issue of over-population in the city of Baguio emphasizing that the bearing or carrying capacity of the city in terms of population should really be deter-

mined.

"Ano ba talaga ang kaya natin in terms of resources, then we take measures. For example, we need to re-examine whether the city would continue presenting itself as University City or should we allow or require now the dispersal of universities outside the city", she said.

Tabanda also pointed out that the city's drainage systems were designed to suit only about 25,000 people but the

city's current population is now breaking the 300,000 mark. In addition, informal settlers are also now establishing their houses on dangerous or geo-hazards areas which the city government needs to relocate.

Baguio City is the pilot area of the 'Asian Cities Adapt', a project coordinated by the International Countries for Local Environmental initiative (ICLEI) in coordination with scientific

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late spouses PEDRO M. BULSO and ANTONIA P. BULSO who died intestate on August 31, 2008 and September 3, 1989 respectively, both at Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by their surviving heirs on July 7, 2011, recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 524 on Page No. 051, Book II, Series of 2011.

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9
FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINORS RUTH G. ROSARIO, LEAN BIE G. ROSENDO, JHON LOREN B. ATIZADO AND BERT LEE B. ATIZADO,

CATALINA B. CHO,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,
Respondent,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 11-A-0977

X———X

ORDER

Petitioner Catalina B. Cho, through counsel filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court grants this petition and issue a Decree of Adoption declaring: RUTH GARCIA ROSENDO, LEAN BIE GARCIA ROSENDO, JOHN LOREN BROZULA ATIZADO and BERT LEE B. ATIZADO as her children and that they should be known as RUTH B. CHO, LEAN BIE B. CHO, JHON LOREN B. CHO and BERT LEE B. CHO and direct the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to effect said adoption in their respective birth certificates.

Considering that a Child and Home Study Report of the Court Social

Worker is an essential requisite in adoption cases, said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing on September 29, 2011 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

WHEREFORE, the Court Social Worker, Ms. Jacqueline Dontogan is directed to conduct a Home and Child Study Report in this case, incorporating therein her recommendation and to submit the same to the Court, furnishing a copy thereof to the trial prosecutor deputized to represent the State.

The petitioner is directed to meet with the said Social Worker, for purposes of the Home and Child Study Reports.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner in The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than July 17, 2011. All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Court Social Worker; The Junction Newspaper; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 13th day of July 2011 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SDG) FRANCISA BULIYAT Sr. Presiding Judge

Publication dates July 16, 23 and 30, 2011

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
Baguio City

TRINIBANK-ARURAL BANK
Represented by its Manager, Fami S. Sumabong,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

S P O U S E S NORMAN G. SIMSIM and MARILOU B. SIMSIM,

Mortgagors,
FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 11-274-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the TRINIBANK - A RURAL BANK Represented by its Manager, Fami S. Sumabong, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of S P O U S E S NORMAN G. SIMSIM, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS which as of May 19, 2011, amounts to P 1,277,791.66 Philippine Currency, exclusive of running interest, penalty, surcharge, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or thru the undersigned Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on AUGUST 9, 2011 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the

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Prospective bidders may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 11th day of July, 2011.

By: (SDG) REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES
Clerk of Court VI & x-Officio Sheriff

ROMEO R. FLORENDO
Sheriff-in-Charge

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

RE: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET

A T T Y . ANTOINETTE K H A Y A D SUMCAD,
Petitioner,

No. 11-NC-0226

ATTY. RANDALL FILOGLIDUA,
Petitioner,

No. 11-NC- 227

X———X

PETITION FOR RE-APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET

ATTY. JULIUS EBES CALUMNAG,
Petitioner,

No. 11-NC- 0228

X———X

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petitions for appointment and/or renewal of commission as Notaries Public in the Province of Benguet filed by the above-named petitioners shall be held on August 4, 2011 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning before the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court La Trinidad, Benguet.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petitions may file a verified written opposition thereto on or before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in The Junction Newspaper a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province the first publication to be made not later than July 24, 2011.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 21st day of July, 2011.

By: (SDG) MARYBELLE LEDEMOT MARINAS
Executive Judge

Publication Dates; July 23 and 30, 2011

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

NORMA B. SAN DIEGO - Vendor
MICHELLE VERONICA N. DIZON - Vendee
Applicants

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-603/2011-CAR-403
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 5, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodal, 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 13th day of July 2011, (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Mayor Pushes for more Taxesfrom page 1

taxes in the proposed new schedule reached 400 percent since the last tax revision that the city made was way back in 1996.

Medina said the new rates were targeted for implementation this year but it will now depend on the action of the city council.

The mayor said the proposal is expected to elicit negative reaction from taxpayers but the people should also consider the plight of the city.

Medina said the increase is more than the 1996 levels because of the length of time that the city did not implement the mandated adjustments.

He said the city assessor's office is mandated to undertake a general tax revision of real properties every three years as per provisions of the New Local Government Code or the Republic Act No. 7160 and if religiously followed, then the city should have implemented the revisions for five times now since 1996.

However, the city was not able to implement one due to humanitarian considerations.

He said the last increase was implemented in 1996 and this was met by protests from taxpayers prompting the city government to instead impose the increase on a staggered basis spread out from 1997 to 1999.

In 2001, the city government adopted Tax Ordinance 2000-01 which imposed lower assessment levels for real properties that eventually appeased the taxpayers.

He said that they expect that the new schedule will again face rough sailing at the city council and upon implementation but he said they cannot do otherwise but follow the provisions of the law on general revision./A Refuerzo

Advocacy Mindanow.....

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especially in keeping the ship of state "seaworthy". Their constant call on the citizenry was to keep the ship of state on steady keel, even in the face of great challenges, and not allow anyone to put holes on the ship so it will not sink. We may have our own individual misgivings or mistakes, advocacies or agenda. But we are all passengers in that ship of state, and we must all help to plug those holes, if any. And most importantly, not allow anyone, even the likes of Col. Mariano (for whatever motives he may have) to put more holes in it. When that ship sinks, everyone sinks with it!

CROSSING THE LINE—Whether we are happy or unhappy with the present state of affairs of the country under the Pnoy presidency is of no moment. Whatever it is, that does not justify another "adventurism" to take place. Especially by military officers who were schooled, trained and steeled to keep faith with legal and constitutional processes. I would not be surprised if rebels or ideologues or committed reformists proclaim their resort to unconstitutional processes as their only remaining option for reforms. That's to be expected. But coming from an officer who went to the military academy at government expense, trained and taught as second nature to protect and uphold legal and constitutional rules, he must be crossing the line. Or worse, out of his mind. Or perhaps

playing hero.

DRAMATIC EXIT? — But wait a minute, I may be giving too much weight or undue significance to Col Mariano's videoed swan song. When he said that "this government must be replaced", he did not say how and when. For all we know, he was just trying to make a dramatic exit from the military service and draw attention to himself. Or is this a case of a by-passed promotion to become general? You know, he could have waited to make public his video statement one minute after his official retirement. Then the AFP rules would not apply to him. And he would be speaking as an ordinary civilian whose call "to replace government" is already a daily incantation of many. I can only wonder why he had to time it that way while still officially in the military service. I have another speculation: since the date on the video tape was July 3 as it appeared on screen, could it be that the video was intended to be released AFTER his retirement but was unintentionally and PREMATURELY leaked or released? Who knows. .

NO MORE SHORTCUTS—I am saying all this because while I am not happy with the way things are being handled in Malacanang on so many issues that we face as a nation today, another "armed coup" or "unconstitutional shortcut" led by military officers and supported by AFP rank and file still in the service will be disastrous to the nation. Let's all resolve that we should have NO MORE OF THOSE ARMED COUPS. We have gone through the worst and we are slowly starting to climb out of the hole. To be still fascinated with armed coups or mass protest actions to "bring down a government" is like pushing our luck too far. Let's face it: EDSA revolution was unconstitutional. Or extra-constitutional as some would like us to believe. It was illegal. It was a "shortcut". It was an example of the "ends justifying the means". Sorry but that's how I feel folks. I always squirm hearing some do-gooders praising EDSA to high heavens and in the other side of their mouths, they froth about "unconstitutional and illegal" conduct. Back off guys, please!

REPLACE PNOY?—If we really want to replace Pnoy, let's all wait for the next presidential elections. It will come as a matter of course. In the meantime, anything short of complying with sacrosanct rules and principles we all publicly profess that we hold as dear, is anathema.

Of course, I also hear the proposition that if Pnoy can no longer stand the heat in the palace, he may just voluntarily call it quits. And vice president Binay takes the constitutional route. Whatever... who knows...

Indeed, it is democracy in action when civilians come out en masse and peacefully pressure those in government to do certain things. But never active military personnel, who are supposed to keep off the political minefield. When they peel off from the chain of command, they should be thrown to the wolves!

On second thoughts though, I have kinder thoughts. I should thank the likes of Col. Mariano who will keep us entertained and divert our thoughts away, even momentarily, from the vagaries of present day realities. A clear case of "brinksmanship". Play it cool, Mr. Officer! Was it Karl Marx,

in calling others to rise up in rebellion, who said: "You have nothing to lose but your pension -ooops, I mean - chains"??/jessdureza@gmail.com/

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Some businessmen chipped in, underground grapevine claims. Bulk of the funds vanished, along the pipeline, to motor-cycle riding vigilantes who whacked even ex-cons restarting lives. The press stopped counting after 183 were gunned down. No one has been convicted.

"There is a surreal "human propensity to prop up teetering positions of privilege with the pain of vulnerable people", warned Harvard University's Harvey Cox. Thus, some in Davao, Cebu and elsewhere, share willingness to lay down life. The lives of others, of course. Not their own. Or their children's.

The right of ex-convicts or street kids end, they argue sub-rosa, where their pocket books begin. Greater love than this no one has than to lay down your neighbor's life for your bank account.

Vigilante-backers prefer to slink in the shadows. This is understandable. Those who fund, cheer, or assent by silence, smear blood on their hands. "There's the smell of blood still" Lady Macbeth wailed after murdering the king "All the perfume in Arabia will not clean this little hand".

Coddling killers, even for a cause, creates Frankensteins that not even mayors can control. An internet debate rages, meanwhile, on what that dirty finger drill means to our grandchildren. A blogger quotes a Chinese proverb: "To use violence is to already be defeated."/Juan L. Mercado

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of the lot as agri-eco-tourism farm.

Board Member Juan Nazarro Jr. suggested the inclusion of the Provincial Tourism Office on the development plan of the area to be used initially as a demo farm as the proposed site incorporates an eco-tourism aspect.

Suited for mid-lower elevation crops, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Head Lolita

Bentres said several crops are already being grown in the area like rice, Japanese buckwheat or soba, fruits such as pineapple, mangosteen, rambutan, lanzones, durian, papaya, banana, ube yam, trees such as mahogany and rubber tree, and ornamental trees such as Palawan cherry and fire trees.

Bentres said the site also captures the sea breeze in the lowland areas ideal for wine processing.

In the recent provincial board session, Board Member Florence Tingabaoen who had the chance to visit the place said it is indeed ideal for agricultural purpose as she urged her colleagues to visit and see for themselves the site./JDP/SCA-PIA - CAR,Benguet

Lawmaker**....from page 2**

president can always find ways and means. For example, he can halt the promotion of an official who does not wish to sign the waiver," he added.

The minority leader also noted that while the Executive does not hold the power to ask the Judiciary and the Legislative branches to sign these waivers, he believes that the members of these branches can still conform to this voluntarily instead.

"Personally, I am willing to sign. I'm hoping the other senators and representatives will be willing as well," he said.

Cayetano clarified that this suggested move will show that the fight against corruption of the Aquino government is not a personal attack against the former administration.

"This will strengthen our mechanism that aims to prosecute all corrupt officials and will guarantee that his own appointees will lead by example by imposing upon themselves voluntary higher standards," said Cayetano.

Kung walang itinatago, hindi dapat takot sa ganoong sistema," he concluded./Office Of Senator Allan Peter Cayetano

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dress the problem, the DOH now focuses on the MNCHN strategy which includes capacitating the skills of health workers and through health facility upgrading or enhancement program.

In the same forum, DOH-CAR Family Planning Coordinator Dr. Jane Muñoz added that the MNCHN strategy includes the delivery of services package for both mothers and their babies, divided into the different life stages, including pre-pregnancy.

Munoz also stressed that DOH-CAR is also currently implementing a Tetanus Toxoid

Supplemental Immunization activity in the province of Abra at Benguet, which aims to provide more protection f women 15-40 years old.

In addition, the Health Department is also developing a Service Delivery Network that would ensure the safety of both mother and child, from pre-natal, to delivery or birthing process up to post-natal health services./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Greening Program.....**....from page 12**

cording to PENRO Provincial Head Guillermo Fianza.

The CENR Offices identified and mapped sites for planting of trees employing the adopt an area scheme among partner organizations or setting an area for specific government organizations. Identified planting sites totaling to 1,350 hectares were community-based forest management systems, protected areas, Indigenous Peoples areas among others.

Series of information dissemination activities of the program were also carried out in schools and other organizations.

Aside from the existing nurseries of the CENROs, identification and establishment of nursery sites were also worked out with the Department of Education.

Tree planting activities were also undertaken among local government units, schools and private organizations.

In appreciating the achievements al-

ready undertaken, Governor Nestor Fongwan admitted that for the first year of implementation this year, there may be not much to accomplish due to the onset of the rainy season. In the meantime, he suggested that efforts should be focused on the establishment of nurseries.

Fongwan also stressed the need to include all the 78 communal forests in the province to preserve by all means the remaining frontier forests.

DENR-CAR Regional Executive Director Clarence Baguilat said the program now involves and mandates all government agencies to support it. He also emphasized the monitoring scheme component on the compliance of agencies to the program.

Provincial Prosecutor William Bacoling said parolees in CENRO La Trinidad also took part in the program. They were charged in violation of Presidential Decree 705 or the Forestry Reform Code and opted to plead guilty and in exchange availed of probation, he added.

These parolees were directed and required to participate in the NGP. It is hoped that such probation will also be extended to parolees in other CENROs, Bacoling further said.

The National Greening Program is covered under Executive Order 26 with the goal of achieving the planting of 1.5 Billion trees covering about 1.5 Million hectares for a period of six years from 2011 to 2016.

NGP is one of the priority programs of the government aimed to address poverty reduction, protect and conserve resources, enhance productivity, and climate change mitigation and adaptation./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

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Sandra Cam and to all the other whistleblowers before. There are those who go without security anymore, no longer have jobs and whose families are still in constant danger," he lamented.

Furthermore, the minority leader expressed his desire that the Freedom of Information (FOI) bill, the Whistleblowers Act and the strengthening of the Witness Protection Program be included and prioritized in the Legislative Agenda of the government.

Second, he suggested that the administration appoint point-persons for the cases that need to be resolved.

"We need full-time crusaders. We need people whose full focus is trained on resolving these cases," he said.

Third, he also stressed the need for lifestyle checks to be institutionalized.

"Why don't we form an elite team whose only job is to conduct lifestyle checks discretely without any exceptions regardless of position? It can be a presidential commission against graft or an attachment to the Office of the Ombudsman. This can serve as an assurance to the public that the fight against graft is non-stop," he said.

In this light, Cayetano urged the government to involve non-government organizations (NGOs) and the private sector in its fight against graft and corruption in the country.

"We need a focused powerhouse legal team to serve as the 'face' of the fight against corruption. Witnesses, future and present, need to know who are in-charge and whom to go to and approach," he said./Office of Senator Peter Allan Cayetano

Mayor Advises**....from page 3**

To The City of Baguio And Providing For Other Purposes". ent while councilors Nicasio Palaganas and Erdolfo Balajadia suggested that the same be referred to the local finance committee./Ramon Dacawi.

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partners – Postdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the University of the Philippines National Engineering Center (UP NEC).

The said project, which aims to reduce the risks of climate change impacts faced by cities through an integrated and cyclical management approach, is being initially implemented in four cities here in the Philippines as well as on other four cities in India.

The Asian Cities Adapt project will also be implemented in Dagupan City, San Fernando City and Tuguegarao City this August and September. /JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Government has Climate Change**....from page 8**

measures to save Mother Earth.

Meanwhile, Gozun pledged support to the BBBI and their initiative of planting bamboo that does not only address the problem of forest denudation but also gives livelihood opportunities to communities and people here.

The BBBI is a three-year bamboo development platform to complement the National Greening program of the national government. It aims to promote bamboo as reforestation material to recover topsoil destroyed by erosion either natural or man-made, watershed maintenance, and habitat for biodiversity and carbon sequestration while providing sustainable livelihood at the local level./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

The Peace Combatant**.... from page 4**

Given that our claim over some or all of the Spratly Islands has strong legal grounds, we will ultimately win our claim and we must strongly manifest that any benefit obtained by China from the Spratly should be returned to the Philippines with interests. In the future, China will be stronger but the world, including China, will be more civilized and will be ready for justice.

Additionally, the world of the future will be more civilized than the world we see today. The world used to have gladiators and slaves and wars used to be pursued more brazenly as they are pursued today. We can expect therefore that the future will be kinder and more capable of dispensing justice.

The loss of possible income from the Spratly oil that will result from the occupation of Spratly Islands by China can be recovered later through the United Nations and we need not lose much sleep over China's occupation of the Islands today. We just have to consistently pursue and never waive our claim. We just have to hold China responsible for indemnifying the Philippines at some point in the future for loss opportunities over the Spratly Islands today.

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New set of Officers of the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives Inducted

BAGUIO CITY - The new officers of the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives (CARE) were inducted by Senator Francis 'Chiz' Escudero during the 24th Cordillera Day Celebration program at the Baguio Convention Center last July 15.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Executive Director (RED) Clarence Baguilat led the new CARE officers as President; Civil Service Commission (CSC) Regional Director (RD) Fernando Porio as Vice-president; Bureau of Fish and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) RD Rebecca Dang-awan as Secretary; Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP-Baguio) Assistant Vice President Nomerlito Juatchon as Treasurer and Commission on Election (COMELEC) RD Atty Julius Torres as Assistant Treasurer.

Elected Public Relation officer (PRO) is Philippine Information Agency RD Helen Tibaldo; Auditor – Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) RD Leonardo Reynoso; Business Managers- Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) RD Edilberto Carabaccan and National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) RD Atty. Amador Batay-an; Marshall – Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Assistant RD Osmond Belmonte.

Immediate past president Department of Budget and Management RD Liza Fangsilat sits as CARE Board of Directors.

Baguilat, in an interview, stressed that as the new CARE president, he will continue whatever programs and projects his predecessor, Fangsilat, has been implementing especially CARE's scholarship program for poor but deserving Cordillerans and the continuing capacity enhancement program for government executives.

In line with the region's pursuit of autonomy, Baguilat said this one concern that regional executives would also focus particularly in the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign.

The other programs and projects which CARE are implementing include sponsoring reviews and assessment for Career Executive Service (CES) Eligibility for its members; strengthening of inter-governmental relations by providing linkages and support to the programs of each member agencies and alliance building activities among government agencies and local government units in the region.

The association also has the 'We CARE, We share' project wherein CARE serves as a conduit not only by the regional heads and executives who wish to make a difference in the region, but also of people who want to help and reach out to distressed victims of typhoons and other people with special needs.

The CARE, thru its Media Committee spearheaded by PIA, also takes pride in the institutionalization of the "Hours with CARE: Kapihan sa Baguio", which aims to inform, educate, communicate or clarify issues to the public regarding government programs, projects and policies./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Lawmaker - suggests 3-fold Approach Against Corruption:

"prioritize FOI, Whistleblowers act & strengthening of Witness protection; appoint 'full-time crusaders'; institutionalize lifestyle checks"

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano suggested a three-fold approach against corruption to aid the administration achieve its goal of ridding the government of graft and corruption.

First, the senator, a long-time advocate of good governance, pointed out the

need for the government to allocate a larger budget to the witness protection program in order to adequately protect the witnesses who have risked their lives in order to bare the truth regarding scams in the government.

"We need a strong ace. Look at what happened to Jun Lozada, to

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



FOR THE CHILDREN - City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) employees paint the seesaw and other play amenities at Burnham park Children's Playground as part of the city's make-over program for the park./ By Bong Cayabyab

DOH Implements MNCHN Strategy to minimize Maternal and neo-natal death

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health (DOH) is now implementing a Maternal, Newborn Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) strategy which aims to minimize maternal and neo-natal death.

This is in line with the country's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), particularly Goals Number 4 and 5 which are to reduce child mortality rate

and improve maternal health, respectively.

In a media forum last week, DOH - C A R MNCHN Coordinator Zenaida Patal-e affirmed that maternal and child death (under five babies) remains a problem in the region.

In 2010 alone, around 20 mothers in the region died due to child delivery or pregnancy related. Seven of these cases were in Abra, six in

Mt. Province, three in Kalinga, two in Abra and one each in Benguet and Ifugao, according to Patal-e.

The region also faces the same situation for newborn or babies under-five months old. Patal-e said there are still babies that die during the birthing period due to pre-mature delivery, difficulty in the delivery, sepsis or complications.

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Greening Program in Benguet Gaining Ground

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Efforts in carrying out the National Greening Program in the province are gaining ground even with limited resources and preparations for its first year of implementation.

The National Greening Program is covered under Executive Order 26 with the goal of achieving the planting of 1.5 Billion trees covering about 1.5 Million hectares for a period of six

years from 2011 to 2016.

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, the lead agency, together with its three Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices had already undertaken preparatory activities, field work, and social mobilization activities.

Baguio CENRO covers Baguio City, Bokod, Itogon, and

Kabayan; Buguias CENRO covers Atok, Buguias, Bakun, and Mankayan while CENRO La Trinidad covers Kapangan, Sablan, Tublay, La Trinidad and Tuba.

Groundwork activities include coordination efforts with partners from government, non government and private organizations, briefing, work planning, compliance to procurement of materials, launching and forging of memorandum of agreement with partner organizations, ac-

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