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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Baguio-Benguet Drivers, Operators Propose P.50 Fare Increase



Highway Patrol Group-Cordillera in action!!! At left is Deputy Regional Chief, P/Supt. Roland P. Aloo explaining and providing to The Junction Newspaper representative Orwen Trazo their accomplishments and other programs. See other details and information at page 7.



P01 Zidharta Ortila Investigator Pointing to Recovered motorcycles

BAGUIO CITY—Following the implementation last week of the P0.50 provisional fare increase in Metro Manila and other parts of the country except Regions 1, 2 and the Cordillera Region, operators and drivers in Baguio City and nearby areas are now also seeking that this be applied in the area in the meantime that their proposed fare hike is not yet acted upon.

1-United Transport Coalition vice president Perfecto Itliong Jr. said that the transport sector in North Luzon particularly in Baguio and Benguet area is also asking the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for a provisional fare increase of P.50 for public utility jeepneys.

Itliong said that they have asked the LTFRB for a P2.00 increase considering the type of terrain and roads in the Cordillera, but this will take time for the LTFRB to act on the proposal due to the long process of hearings.

“Habang hinihearing ang dalawang pisong increase, ung 50 centavos ay maimplement na para hindi na maghirap pa ang mga tsuper natin,” said Itliong.

The provisional increase will make the regular

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Dapat lang na bigyan ng dagdag pasahe ang ating mga pampasaheong jeep dala ng pagtataas ng krudo at iba pa!!!

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Farinas Calls for Support to Anti-Epal Bill

BAGUIO CITY – Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas expressed support to the Senate S. No. 1967 popularly known as the Anti-"Epal" bill of Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

Santiago's Senate S. No. 1967 entitled, "An Act Prohibiting Public Officers from Claiming Credit through Signage Announcing a Public Works Project" is now pending before the 15th Congress.

In a proposed resolution, Farinas agreed that "the practice of public officers of affixing their names on the signage of public works projects which are under constructions will just mislead the public in believing that the said projects were initiated by virtue of their own private capacity and not as an agent of the Government."

"The said misconception will give an impression that the Government is doing nothing for the said signage implies credit to the public officer named therein," Farinas said.

"The naming of the public officers in the signage will only promote political dynasty for it gives an unending impression to the people on the public officer's profile named therein, hence, giving unfair competition and trickery during election."

Farinas' proposal will be discussed by the city council soon./A Refuerzo

City Anti-Graffiti Drive Takes Full Swing Baguio City

City Anti-graffiti drive takes full swing BAGUIO CITY – What would you do if you find your house tagged, not with the National Statistics Office Census Department but with a name of a gang claiming ownership of the territory where your house is located?

For a family of

foreigners now living in the city, they will not let this pass sitting down. Father and son tandem Charles Niederstandt Jr. and Sr. has found a way to trace the names, schools and addresses of gang members who tagged their house using the internet.

The duo, both of 'Stop Tagging Others Property' (STOP) has stepped

forward to act on the problem of vandalism in the city which they have learned to love. City Mayor Mauricio Domogan has welcomed this development and acknowledged the effort of citizens like Niederstandt in helping the government in its effort to curb this menace. Domogan said,

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200 Expected for Igorot Powwow

Organizers are keeping their fingers crossed attendance would hit the 200-mark in the 9th Igorot International Consultation (IIC) being mounted next month by the Igorot Global Organization (IGO), the aggrupation of people from here and abroad who trace their roots to the Cordillera.

Host IGO-Philippines led by Manuel

Ano counted about 169 registrants so far last Sunday, including 61 expatriates who will come in from Europe, America, Australia and elsewhere for the three-day consultation set April 12-14 in Baguio and Benguet under the theme "Igorots in Partnership for Development".

Held every two years, the consulta-

tion was proposed by the late Rex Botengan in 1994 as a sounding board of issues affecting Igorots, Cordillerans and their homeland, resulting in the first IIC the following year in California. Botengan's vision also led to the founding of the IGO.

This will be the third time the IIC will be held in the Cordil-

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Mayor: City Anti-Smoking Campaign Won't go up in Smoke

BAGUIO CITY – determined to put a stop to smoking in the city, Mayor Mauricio Domogan has renewed his fight against the deadly vice with the creation of an implementation committee right in the heart of city hall.

The mayor, grabbed a Civil Service Commission - Memorandum Circular (CSC-MC) No. 17, series of 2009 or the smoking prohibition based on 100% smoke-free environment policy to be strictly implemented in all offices.

Domogan said, 'the newly created body will not only monitor compliance of said memo but would also report violations of the same.'

This entails the Committee to investigate and act on decisions, conduct survey on smoking prevalence among employees and raise awareness of its implementation.

The Committee is spearheaded by the mayor as Chairman, vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas (vice-chairman), Councilor Philian Louise Weygan-Allan (Coordinator-Baguio Character Council), Dr. Estrella Bisquera (Action Officer) with members City Health Officer Dr. Florence Reyes, City Engineer Leo Bernardez, City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao and City General Services Officer Romeo Concio.

Meantime, Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas, in line with the implementation of the city's Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance has started with its 'Legislative Tracking' program to ascertain if ordinances passed in the city are being implemented.

From the reports gathered by said office and as recommended by the Health Services Office, the Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance of the city will soon be amended.

Farinas said, a model ordinance dubbed "Smoke-Free Baguio Ordinance" is in the works and eventually be adopted by the council seen to strengthen the strict implementation of the Anti-Smoking campaign citywide.

A glimpse into the ordinance will show stiffer penalties for offenders smoking in public places which includes fines ranging from P500 to P2,500.

For those who allow and tolerate smoking in places prohibited, selling or distributing tobacco products within a 100 meter range of schools, playgrounds and other facilities frequented by minors, fines ranging P1,500 to P5,000 will be imposed.

A Citation ticker System will also be put in place wherein offenders will be issued a citation ticket by a duly authorized enforcer containing a list of violations and corresponding fines and option to render community service for those who are unable to pay.

Offenders will also be referred to a Smoking Cessation Program institutionalized in the ordinance including smokers who are willing to quit the vice.

A Task Force for this ordinance will also be put in place.

The proposed ordinance is based on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), Local Government Code of 1991 (promotion of health), Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 17 series of 2009, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board MC 2009-36 and Joint Civil Service Commission and Department of Health MC 2010-01.

The model 'smoke-free Baguio' ordinance will be forwarded and studied in the council soon which could be a step towards the total eradication of smoking in the city./paul rillorta



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Cordillera Police Confiscates Almost P1M Worth Illegal Lumber

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — A total of 24,720.50 board feet of assorted lumber worth P986,950.47 was confiscated by the Police Regional Office Cordillera (PROCOR) from January to present.

According to Police Chief Superintendent Benjamin Magalong, regional director of PROCOR, they have intensified the campaign against illegal cutting of trees and transport of illegal lumbers to preserve and protect the environment and upon the order of President Benigno Simeon Aquino III who visited the region recently.

The Cordilleras is the watershed of the lowlands, and Magalong stressed that people living here should guard and save the forest from further exploitations by unscrupulous people.

Magalog also said that they coordinated with all concerned municipal and city mayors and barangay captains to conduct upland monitoring to ensure that no illegal logging, kaingin and other forms of forest destruction take place.

“Everybody should help in the protection of our remaining forest from further destruction, it is a legacy that we are going to give to our children and the future generation, Magalong added.

Policemen in the Cordillera region are also helping in greening and caring for the environment as every cop is mandated to plant six tree seedlings a month for a total of 72 a year./JDP/ JBZ -PIA CAR

DTI Pushes for more Conducive Business Environment, Extends PBR to SEC Offices and LGUs

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Trade and Industry's (DTI) is pushing for a more conducive business environment in the country for investors to come in. It is the agency's goal to bring the country in the top 50 of the investors' competitiveness ranking by 2016.

DTI Supervising Undersecretary for Consumer, Welfare and Business Regulation Group (CWBRC) Zenaida Maglaya disclosed this in a press conference at the DTI Regional Office here today.

In line with this, Maglaya said they have launched the Philippine Business Registry (PBR) in Metro Manila last month and for this March, they have rolled-out it in all DTI offices nationwide.

According to Maglaya, the PBR

aims to simplify and streamline business processes or make it easier and simpler for any aspiring entrepreneur to start a business.

She explained that just by going to the DTI offices and registering through PBR, clients can get their business name (from DTI), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Tax Identification Number (TIN), as well as PhilHealth, Social Security System and PAGIBIG Employers' Registration Numbers (ERNs).

“You can get all these requirements in one application. From the usual three to five days of processing in the past, it would only take you 40 minutes now by just going to the DTI offices,” Maglaya stressed.

The Usec also announced that they have recently put-up PBR Kiosk

at the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), which offers a real-time business registration solution for SEC-registered partnerships and corporations who need to get SSS, PhilHealth and PAGIBIG ERNs.

She likewise bared that they will be bringing the PBR to local government units, which she said is piloted this week in Quezon City.

With PBR at the Quezon City LGU, people who apply for business permit there can also get the other requirements while in one office, she said.

Maglaya stressed that with PBR, business processing is easier and simpler and through automation it lessens face to face transaction, which is in line with the transparency, good governance and anti-corruption drive of the government./JDP/LD-PIA CAR



BIKE PATROL - Tourist oriented cops patrol Burnham Park perimeters on bicycles donated by the Police Savings and Loan Association.— By Bong Cayabyab

DOE to Conduct Seminar on Electricity Conservation in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - The Energy Utilization Management Bureau of the Department of Energy (DOE) will conduct a Seminar on Electricity Conservation in Households and Schools on March 27, 2012 at the Baguio City Multi-Purpose Hall.

The seminar is part of the DOE's National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program (NEECP), which aims to implement the use of energy efficiency and conservation measures to gain access to affordable, cost-efficient, and environment-friendly energy sources.

Director Efren L. Balaoing of the

DOE Luzon Field Office will grace the activity.

Participants will be oriented on the impact of climate change including the threat of global warming and measures being undertaken and how these are addressed locally and the global community as well.

Other topics include DOE Energy Efficiency Plans and Programs to be discussed by Rose V. Sumulong, Sr. Science Research Specialist of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Division (EECD-DOE), household energy tips by Crizaldo G. Santos, Science Research Specialist II of EECD-DOE.

The activity targets about 300 participants from the local government units, academe, businesses, non-government organizations, regional line agencies, and various consumers.

The half day activity is in cooperation with the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature Philippines and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

The seminar is also in preparation for the WWF-spearheaded “Earth Hour”—a global campaign against global warming through a simultaneous switching off of lights and other nonessential electric devices set on March 31, 2012 at 8:30–9:30 pm./JDP/MC-PIA CAR

DOH reminds Public to be Wary of Dehydration this Summer

BAGUIO CITY - As the summer season is getting hotter, the Department of Health (DOH) reminds the public to be wary of dehydration which is the common cause of heat stroke.

To avoid dehydration and heat stroke, DOH-Cordillera Local Health Support Division head, Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, in an interview, advised the public to avoid staying directly under sun, especially during the hotter time of the day or from 10:00 AM to 3:00PM. If they really need to go out they should

bring protective gears like umbrella and wear lighter clothes.

Pangilinan also advised for people to drink a lot of water, and eat fruits that are rich in water and potassium.

For people who experience heat stroke, Pangilinan said they should move indoors or to a shaded area and lie down with their feet elevated, loosen their clothes and apply ice packs to armpits, wrists, ankles and groin.

According to Pangilinan, usual symptoms of heat stroke are feeling

hot, weak, headache and dizziness.

Pangilinan also warned against water and food borne diseases which are also common during summer time. She reiterated to the public to ensure a clean source of drinking and cooking water as well as to regularly practice good hygiene.

She noted that many people who came from outings usually get skin allergies and diarrhea thus she issued the following reminders.

For those who are taking vacation or going to the beach for a friendly or fam-

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Legal Schizo

"Tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today," African sages counsel. What will a post Renato Corona Supreme Court look like? The transition is inevitable. Will it come sooner, not later? How?

No one can foresee how 23 senator-judges of differing values and experience will vote." The heart of man and the bottom of the sea are unfathomable." The perspectives of a Ferdinand Marcos Jr, differ from that of, say a Senator Joker Arroyo.

Before he donned a judge's toga. "Bongbong" tracked his late father's cronies. Lucio Tan and others absconded with martial law loot, he griped. Arroyo led the prosecution in President Estrada's impeachment. "We can not have a country

run by a thief,"

Arroyo said in his December 2000 opening

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statement.

"On trial today... is not just Corona", writes Institute for Studies in Church and Culture's Perla Melba Maggay. Also in the dock are senator-judges, media, our democratic system — and our capacity as a nation to pursue justice and put closure to sins of the past....

"Filipinos are personalistic," she added.. "What seems to work (are) personal connections and an intricate network of loyalties based on interconnected interests and kinship". This pressures the formal system. It exposes "the lack of fit between formal adjudication system and realities of our political culture."

Impeachment (must) fulfill the substance of the law, not just the appearance," Maggay adds. "The letter kills," says the Apostle Paul. We must "make accountability work within the constitutional remedies available to us...Usual circumventing the law will force our people to take to the streets as the only recourse available to them."

Many citizens deploy guesswork-beyond-tea-leaves in Corona's impeachment. What do strained faces of witnesses mean, we wonder. Torrents of legal minutiae swamp us. "You tithe the mint, dill and cummin but neglect the weightier matters of the law — justice, mercy and faithfulness," an itinerant Teacher once said.

Monday to Thursdays, we hold our breaths as Corona's defense panel juggle. Jekyll and Hyde positions. At media blitzes, Corona vows complete "transparency". But he balks at revealing all his bank accounts. He shrugs off suggestions by senator judges that he voluntarily testify. How about Mrs Cristina Corona 'taking the stand?' his lawyers offer.

"There are really bank accounts under his name, "a peeved Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile told Inquirer" (They should) get to the point. And let's finish this case".

See this legal schizophrenia in the context of then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo "sow-dragon-teeth" exit strategy, now in tatters.

In Greek mythology, Jason scattered teeth of the dragon slain at the spring of Arbes. And from them rose warriors who battled for him. The phrase now means systematic fomenting of disputes.

GMA's bids for term extension sputtered. Before leaving Malacanang, she arranged to run for Congress and signed scores of "midnight appointees". These "dragon teeth" warriors were to beat back sleaze accusations.

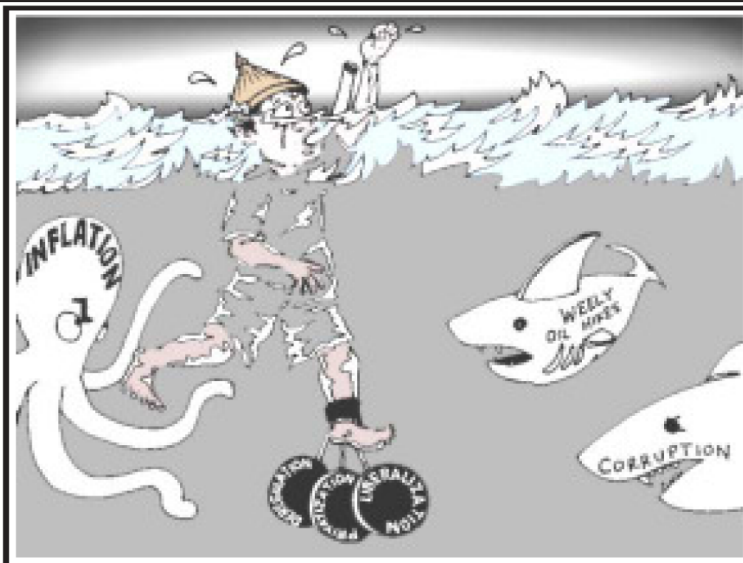
The Arroyos were confident this rampart wouldn't buckle. "Mama": would even seek to become Speaker of the House, Rep Mikey Arroyo announced:

"Every path has it's puddle." President Carlos Garcia's 350 midnight nominees were fired the day Diosdado Macapagal took his oath as 8th Philippine president. "Cong Dadong" tripled "midnighters" to 1,717 when he left the Palace with young daughter Gloria in tow. GMA outdid Dad.

President-elect, Benigno Aquino fired Delfin Bangit, named Armed Forces chief of staff by GMA to overshoot her own term by 11 months. He cashiered re-appointed Pagcor officials who paid P1.7 billion for 10 million cups of coffee. GMA rehired Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez for a term that sliced deeply into President Aquino's watch. Gutierrez quit April 2011, a month after the House of Representatives impeached her for coddling Arroyo interests.

Consider former Chief Justice Manuel Moran's delicadeza, Inquirer's Solita Monsod suggested when news leaked that Corona would be named chief justice. After serving as ambassador. Moran declined a midnight re-appointment. Leave that to the incoming President, he demurred."

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Despite mining, Itogon is poor compared to Baguio, Dagupan, Urdaneta & La Trinidad

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN

(Re-Print from last issues)

Mining companies are spending millions to convince the public that they are contributing a lot to the development of municipalities where they operate. They have adopted a new package for the old medicine that they have been peddling for years: **responsible mining**. However, regardless of how they sell themselves, mining whether responsible or irresponsible, does not really contribute much to the development of the municipalities where they operate. Of course, irresponsible mining does worst. Yet, at the same time, the so-called "responsible mining" does not contribute much, if really at all, to a municipality's development. Quite the contrary, it is viable to argue that it is mining itself that is obstacle on why many municipalities and provinces are not able to rise to their potential. It is more viable to argue that mining can be the principal obstacle to a municipality's prosperity.

Take, for instance, the municipality of Itogon that is adjacent to Baguio City. Large-scale mining has been probably operating in the area for around or close to 100 years, a century. As the municipality of Itogon's official website described, the municipality of Itogon "was once a wilderness" where "wild dears and boars roamed undisturbed. The municipality of Itogon was once a municipality where "a good variety of birds sung melodies on branches of trees to the rippling waters where eels and other kinds of fishes abound." Mining destroyed all these and installed instead in its place, areas where trees are replanted. But replanting trees does not make a forest. An area planted to seedlings is not a wilderness, a habitat, a natural ecology, a forest.

Did mining make Itogon a prosperous municipality? No. Quite the contrary, it is mining that made the municipality a laggard compared to her peers in the north. Because mining companies allege that mining brought in millions of pesos to Itogon, the proper way to compare Itogon with other municipalities is to compare the municipality with nearby cities or municipalities that have become cities or near cities.

In Northern Philippines, the municipality has depended on mining for a long time and probably the municipality with the greatest dependence on mining (in years to come, Tampakan may overtake Itogon) is Itogon. Itogon covers around 49,800 hectares with a population of about 48,778 people as of 2007. In 2011, however, based on revenues that the municipality could muster, Itogon's budget was only Php 146 million.

In contrast, Baguio City with a total land area of only 5,779 hectares or only about 1/8 of Itogon but that is supporting more than 300,000 people has a total revenue/budget of more than a billion pesos. Baguio City has depended mainly on its educational and tourism sectors for a long time and only lately did the city rely on special economic zones. The municipality of La Trinidad, which had been largely dependent on her educational sector and vegetable production, has a land area of about 8,079 hectares or about 1/5 of Itogon and yet the municipality supports a population of 97,810 people as of 2007. In 2009, the municipality has an income/budget of Php 210.6 million or about 1.33

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1st-APLUMA!**'Noynoying' thing: An affront to President Noy****BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR**

Of this writing, Malacanang is mum on the latest "pakulo" by militants although every which way we look at it appears as direct affront to President Noy's whole being.

President Noy's nickname is no other than "Noynoy" as we all know it, his departed parents (Ninoy and Cory Aquino) and siblings can attest to that especially vocal Kris who use to call her elder brother "Noy," short of course for "Noynoy" long before P-Noy's subsequent reign of power came into play.

Alright, the now famous term "Noynoying" hatched by militants last week amid protests on fluctuating oil price hikes, is no less an offshoot of the now-outlawed "planking" where militants, activists, street parliamentarians, protestors and the like perilously lie down in columns on pavements or any chosen place to voice out their sentiments.

Creativity led to another but methinks "Planking" is a kinder word compared to "Noynoying."

Netizens and facebook addicts has already adopted "Noynoying" whenever they are doing nothing, stuck on traffic along EDSA, or whatever while having a big laugh out of it too.

They'd post on their facebook walls "Noynoying" here in EDSA because the traffic is so annoying.

And while "Imeldefic" sprang to life and landed as new word entry on several dictionaries, creative militants also have their own meaning or translation to their word of creation.

We just hope "Noynoying" won't pick up an undying, eternal life like adjective "Imeldefic."

For them, or, in their own words, "Noynoying" is a verb, a form of silent protest, doing nothing with mouth agape or half-open, staring blankly up the skies with one hand holding a placard or banner and the other holding his or her chin "nakapangalumbaba" in tagalong parlance.

To many Filipinos, however, all of the combined "superlatives" above point to nothing or no one else but their perception on the most powerful public official of the land: President Noy.

And of course, we give credence to Assistant Presidential Spokeswoman Abegail Valte's safe answer to enterprising Palace reporters' question saying they'd rather not comment nor give credence or importance to the newest annoying word "Noynoying" because it may have a correlation to President Noy's nickname yes, but "the Chief Executive is simply the exact opposite of it as he is moving heaven and earth and doing the best he can for the good of the whole Filipino nation."

There is afterall his "Daang Matuwid" program to jog our readers' memories.

It's more or less, the Palace's official line but as always there are two sides of the coin.

Now the real question is: How come militants/activists opted to choose the word "Noynoying" in place of "planking" if they have no intention at slighting the good name of the President.

But no matter.

Anyways, in politics whether one delivers his darnedest best for the good of the majority or doing nothing critics are always there. You cannot please everyone as they say.

And to a lot of P-Noy-bashers, they simply have something new to cheer about and laugh about to their heart's content now.

But if I were President Noy, I'd rather take this "Noynoying" thing a challenge rather than slouch back on an easy chair and prove his critics WRONG! /

1st-APLUMA (1st-Alliance of Provincial Newspaper Publishers)

City Gets DND Commitment on Release of Dumpsite Retaining Wall Fund

BAGUIO CITY – Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin has committed to endorse the release of the P80 million fund for the rehabilitation of the collapsed Irisan dumpsite retaining wall.

M a y o r Mauricio Domogan

Monday said he personally talked with Gazmin during the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) graduation rites last Sunday and the secretary informed him that the documents for said budgetary allocation have reached his office.

He said Gazmin "committed to favorably recommend for the release" of said fund.

The mayor expressed hope that the fund will be released soon so that the project can be

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS**LRA Chief Part of Conspiracy vs. Corona****BY: BATAS MAURICIO**

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit..." (Jeremiah 17:7-8, the Holy Bible).

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LRA CHIEF PART OF CONSPIRACY VS. CORONA: As a lawyer, Administrator Eulalio Diaz of the Land Registration Authority (LRA) can not feign ignorance that the information being sought from him and the LRA about the properties listed in the names of Chief Justice Renato Corona and his family members would be used in the Senate impeachment trial.

Consequently, when he released his erroneous list containing 45 properties attributed to Corona and his relatives, Diaz fully knew it would damage or destroy the Chief Justice, and that the list would in fact contribute to efforts of the Aquino government to compel him to resign. It is clear, therefore, that Diaz was part of the conspiracy to oust Corona at all cost, right from the start.

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LEGACY NOT WORTH CROWING ABOUT: President Aquino has every reason to be thoroughly mad at his critics, especially now that even Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, has taken notice of, and has even devoted a page to, the derogatory term "Noynoying" to signify his inability to work well as the leader of government.

It would seem that despite the favorable audit of the World Bank of the first two years of his presidency, what the President is getting more popular about, especially in the international stage, are his flings with young girls, his reported predilection for computer games, and his undying loyalty to his friends and associates in government. Surely, this is not a legacy worth crowing about, is it?

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TACLOBAN TO GET CCTVs, THANKS TO CRISTINA:

Many a time, it really takes the rich and the famous to get things going, as Tacloban City Councilor Cristina Romualdez has shown, with her proposal to install closed circuit television technology cameras (CCTVs) in the city. This proposal was earlier made by another councilor, Niel Glova, but was merely sidetracked by the council.

Now that Romualdez is the one pushing the project, things are starting to move. The Tacloban City government is now seeking a P400 million loan to finance the installation of the CCTVs, which are made imperative by the rising incidence of unsolved serial killings. Congrats, Ms. Romualdez, and better luck next time, Niel.

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ANTIDOTE TO MINDANAO KIDNAPPINGS: Kidnapping of government workers—especially teachers and health workers—continue to plague many areas in Mindanao, particularly Sulu and Lanao. I have a proposal to make, to stop these atrocities: stop sending teachers and health workers to those areas, and let the kidnappers and their cohorts perform the work of teachers and health workers, if they can.

It is unfair that government employees who are in the frontlines of delivering basic government services are even subjected to these crimes. If the local government officials in the areas concerned cannot protect these employees, simply withdraw their services, period.

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TB ON THE RISE IN REGION 6: There is a serious increase in the number of detention prisoners in Region 6 (Western Visayas, composed of Aklan, Antique, Negros Occidental, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo and 16 cities) who have contracted tuberculosis, according to the Department of Health (DOH). If this is not remedied, I am sure many other prisoners will also fall ill of the disease. Let's DOH it, as former Health Secretary Juan Flavio Velez said.

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City to Pursue Abattoir Privatization

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will pursue the privatization of the city slaughterhouse in Sto. Nino barangay here.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week created a technical working group to prepare the terms of reference (TOR) to realize the venture.

The mayor will chair the group with city veterinarian Dr. Brigit Piok as action officer with the following as members: city budget officer Leticia Clemente, city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes, general services officer Romeo Concio, assistant treasurer Alicia Onoza and executive assistant Rafael Tallocoy.

In his Administrative Order No. 30, the mayor said Piok recommended the privatization of the abattoir operations citing its advantages to the city government.

Piok said that if realized, the privatization will turn the property from a non-performing or subsidized asset into a revenue-generating one since the city government will no longer have to pay for the salaries and wages of the employees, maintenance and operating expenses and capital outlays.

She said the city can earn an income without incurring an expense. The income will come from the regulatory fees such as permit fees and meat inspection fees and from its share from the slaughter or butcher's fees, meat delivery fees and corral fees.

Piok said that with privatization, the abattoir facilities will be improved, upgraded and properly maintained in accordance with the "AA" accreditation standards and this will translate to better and effective abattoir service.

"At present the process of procurement is a problem especially when machines bog down and when the water pump, water lines and electrical facilities malfunction. Slaughter operations and cleaning cannot be postponed or even delayed thus immediate repair of malfunctioning machines, water and electrical facilities is a must once a problem occurs. With the present procurement process, the City Veterinary Office had incurred a lot of problems regarding this, thus sacrificing the effective deliver of abattoir services," she said.

Piok said privatization will also address the problem of livestock dealers on unauthorized trimmings on carcasses or entrails known as "AMIS."

At the same time, it will also correct the role of the city as both operator and regulator of the facility which is being questioned.

Piok said the privatization will cover only the operation of the slaughterhouse and will exclude the land, buildings and equipment which will remain as property of the city government.

She proposed a 25-year contract period./A Refuerzo

IEC for Paper Bag Ordinance

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan wants a thorough information and education campaign (IEC) as to the city ordinance promulgating the use of paper, buri bags and other biodegradable bagging containers in supermarkets, groceries and other related retail business establishments.

The mayor expressed concern for the need for alternative packing materials or the use of the native bayong, buri bags, reusable and washable bags in lieu of plastic bags.

Locals, shoppers and visitors should be informed of the implementation of said city ordinance, Mayor Domogan said. The private sector should be convinced that their willingness to cooperate is of importance, he added.

It may be recalled that the city ordinance, known as the "Baguio City Paper Bag Ordinance," was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in June 2007.

It mandates that paper bags, buri bags or other biodegradable materials should be used as containers "for all dry goods and groceries instead of plastic bags." "Bulky goods are supposed to be packed in paper boxes or cartons."

Goods such as "fresh meat, fish, vegetables or fruits, may be packed in plastic containers or sando bags" provided, these are placed in buri bags or bayong, the ordinance states.

"Shoppers or customers in the City Public Market shall be required to provide for themselves shopping bags..." or "other sturdy reusable shopping bags, boxes or crates, except plastic sando bags," the ordinance states further.

The action stemmed from observation that plastic bags and food wrappers, mostly of plastic materials are seen clogging waterways and are often strewn on streets and roads.

The ordinance is part of the council's move to, "promote programs and projects geared towards the research and development of materials..." "including the advancement of a sustainable materials recovery pro-

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Barangays told to Guard Against Errant Waste Dumpers

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio

Domogan directed punong barangays here to guard their respective waste collections points round-the-clock to stave off waste dumpers who indiscriminately dispose their wastes even beyond the garbage collection schedules.

The mayor specifically alerted the heads of barangays ABCR, Lower Magsaysay, P. Burgos, Cresencia Village, Kayang Extension, Military Cut-Off and DPS which were identified as problem spots where piles of garbage remain even after the regular collection schedule.

Solid waste management division chief Dominador Urbanozo said despite repeated appeals of the division, the said barangays continued to have uncollected garbage due to the non-observance of some residents in bringing out their garbage beyond the collection time.

The mayor said this could also be the handiwork of unscrupulous individuals who come from other barangays or even from neighboring towns of Benguet.

He said enhanced monitoring should be employed to identify the perpetrators and hold them responsible for violation of Republic Act No. 9003.

"We appreciate your active cooperation in the implementation of the city government's no segregation, no collection policy... (but be) directed to ensure that strategic garbage collection points guarded round the clock to prevent unscrupulous motorists and individuals from dumping their waste that contribute to the piled up unsegregated waste in your respective areas of jurisdiction," the mayor told the punong barangays.

The problem areas are the portion of Rimando Road along ABCR barangay; the whole stretch of Lower Magsaysay Road; both sides of Bokawkan in Cresencia Village; portion of Naguilian Road; portion of Upper Session Road and sidewalks before Quezon Elementary School and fronting Caltex Gas Station as part of the Military Cut-Off barangay and portion of Upper Session Road covered by DPS barangay./A Refuerzo

Aeronautics School Ordered Closed

BAGUIO nautics school Education Skills CITY – Mayor along Legarda Development A-M a u r i c i o Road here for thority (TESDA). Domogan Friday lacking the re- Al Indigo Air- ordered the clo- quired registration line College was sure of an aero- from the Technical Cont. on page 11

Residents Urged to Clean, Plant Flowers

BAGUIO CITY – Residents here were urged anew to maintain cleanliness and beautification of their surroundings to contribute to the city's campaign to retain its title as the cleanest city and city of flowers.

Councilor Elmer Datuin sought to reiterate Resolution No. 17 series of 1989 which asked residents to clean their surroundings and plant ornamental or flowering plants in preparation for the coming summer months.

Datuin however hopes to make it a year-round undertaking among households.

"Even the Dept. of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Ramon Jimenez Jr. said that our city has the opportunity to become the next 'Flower Capital of Asia' and that he suggested for the c0ity to start developing its potential as a flower capital through massive planting of flowers all over the city and that visitors entering the city should notice these flowers in its outskirts to reinforce this marketing strategy," Datuin noted in a proposed resolution.

"We can only achieve (this) goal through the cooperation of the whole community by planting flowers in front of their houses or establishments especially those located beside the roads."

Mayor Mauricio Domogan made the same pitch after the Baguio Flower Festival staging last month where observations were aired on the vanishing flowery spots in the city.

He encouraged both the private and public sectors to develop more flower gardens and transform available spaces into flower pocket gardens to beautify the city.

He said he will order the barangay officials to spearhead the conversion of available spaces in the barangays into flower gardens with the help of the residents.

This is in keeping with the city's reputation as a tourist haven and home of the now popular Baguio Flower Festival./A Refuerzo



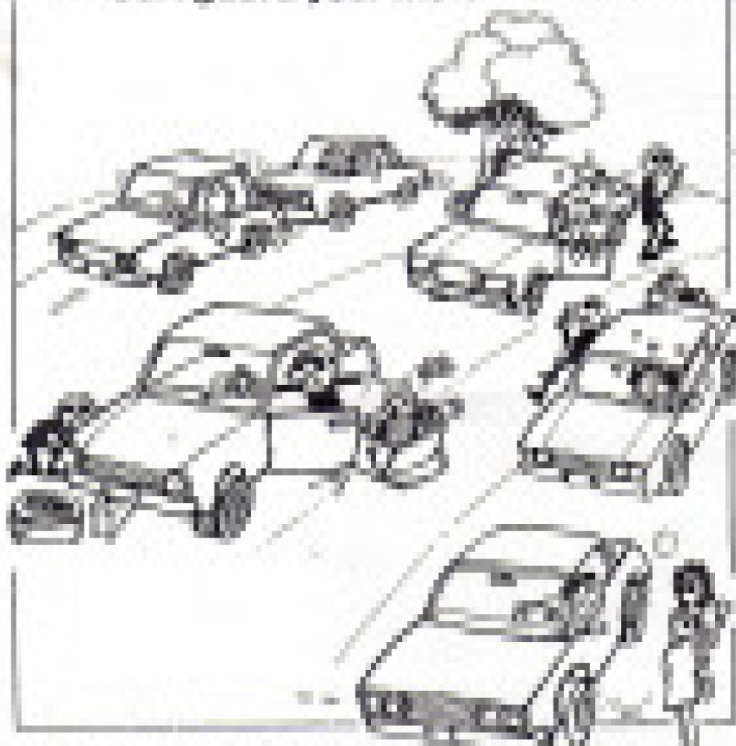
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- Z Park in a well-lit area.



Photo shows RCOR personnel rendering Police Visibility and Motorists Assistance along BGH Rotunda, Baguio City



Photo shows RCOR personnel rendering Police Visibility and Assistance with the established "Public Assistance Hub" in Victory Bus Liner Terminal, DPS Compound, Baguio City.



Photo shows RCOR personnel distributing Road safety and Anti-Carnapping leaflets to motorists for safety travel and avoidance of any criminal incident.



Photo shows RCOR personnel together with members of the Force Multipliers during Simultaneous Launching of HPG OPLAN SUMVAC 2012 in Camp 7, Kennon Road, Baguio City.



Photo shows RCOR personnel conducting bus inspection for Battery-Lights-Oil-Water-Break-Air-Gas (B.L.O.W.B.A.G) as well as their driver's fitness and readiness for purposes of assuring passengers

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

IN THE MATER OF PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION OF MINOR MARK GREGORY LUSADA QUIAO AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH,

VIRGINIA N. LUSADA AND GONZALES G. QUIAO,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET and the NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,

Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 12-C-1732

X——X

ORDER

Petitioners, of this Court,

through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Mark Gregory Lusada Quiao as follows:

FIRST NAME : From Blank to MARK GREGORY

MIDDLE NAME : from Ngamilot to LUSADA

LAST NAME : from Lusada to QUIAO

GENDER : from Female to MALE

And supply the FATHER'S INFORMATION as follows:

Name : G O N Z A L E S GAPACAN QUIAO

Citizenship : Filipino

Religion : Roman Catholic

Occupation : laborer

Ag at the time of birth: 30

And likewise supply, Date and Place of Marriage of Parents: September 27, 2007, Baguio City and to declare the child as legitimated.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on May 2, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall

Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the Junction, 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 March 18, 2012.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the

Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction Newspaper; the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 15th day of March 2012 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Jr. Presiding Judge

Publication Dates : March 17, 24 and 31, 2012

Baguio-Benguet Drivers, Operators Propose P.50 Fare Increase.....from page 1

fare from P8.50 to P9.00 and from P6.75 to P7.25 for students, senior citizens and persons with disability.

Itlong said that the P0.50 provisional increase is not enough for the continuing increase of oil prices but this will also help the struggling drivers and operators in the region.

Jeepney operators and drivers have already started a signature campaign that they will be attaching to their requests of fare increase and to be submitted to the LTRFB.

He added that the taxi operators have also submitted a proposed P10.00 increase in the taxi fare in the city.

Meanwhile, Itlong shared the sentiment of Bayan Muna Party List Representative Teddy Casino during a visit in Baguio City last week, that the Pantawid Pasada program is not the solution in the continuing increase of oil prices, instead the government should look into reforming the oil industry and revoking the expanded value added tax on oil prices./RC-PIACAR

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Regional Trial Court
Branch 7
Baguio City

Petitioner,

-versus-

OFFICE OF THE LO-
CAL CIVIL REGIS-
TRAR -BAGUIO
AND THE NA-
T I O N A L
STATISTICS OF-
FICE OF BAGUIO
CITY,

Respondents,

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO. 2181-R

X————X

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

A verified peti-
tion was filed by Rose
Marie Pucay-Epi on
behalf of Catalina
Okubo-Pucay alleg-
ing therein among
others she is the
daughter of Mauricio
Pucay and Catalina
Okubo-Pucay; that
Catalina Okubo-
Pucay was born on
November 15, 1930 in
Baguio City and

passed away on Oc-
tober 9, 2009; that
when petitioner went
to get a copy of the
Certificate of Live
Birth of her mother
from the National
Statistics Office-
Baguio City, she was
told that there are
two [2] Certificates
of Live Birth regis-
tered in the name of
Catalina Okubo-
Pucay, that the cer-
tificate of Live Birth
under Registry
Number 4121-J-82
was registered first
on October 22, 1982
and was registered
again on July 6, 1994
as shown in Registry
Number 94-02 that
the certificate of live
birth registered on
October 22, 1982 un-
der Registry Number
4121-J-82 is the one
that will be recog-
nized by law for be-
ing the document
earlier registered af-
ter her birth; that
there is a need to cor-
rect certain entries
in the birth certifi-
cate under Registry
Number 4121-J- 82
particularly the date
of birth from Nov. 15,
1932 to Nov. 15, 1930

the age of father from
33 years old to 36
years old and moth-
ers age from 26 years
old to 22 years old
and the date and
place of marriage of
parents “by native
custom-1929 “ to
“May 11, 1927 Baguio
Cathedral , Baguio
City “ , that there is a
need to cancel the
Certificate of Live
Birth of the late
Catalina Okubo-
Pucay under Registry
Number 94-02 regis-
tered on July 6, 1994,
for being the later
birth record regis-
tered with the Local
Civil Registrar of
Baguio City ; that
there is a need to re-
tain hr certificate of
live birth under Reg-
istry Number 4121-J-
82 registered on Oc-
tober 22, 1982 for be-
ing the earlier birth
record registered
with the Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio
City; but with the
aforementioned en-
tries corrected in or-
der that the same be
accurate and in order.

The petition was
found to be sufficient
in form and sub-

stance and was set for
initial hearing on
June 8, 2012 at 9: 00
o'clock in the morn-
ing on which date and
time , the petitioner
shall be allowed to
substantiate her pe-
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ested person may
show cause, if there
be any why the peti-
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granted.

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nexes, be sent to the
Honorable Solicitor
General , Makati
City, Metro Manila
the City Prosecutor
of Baguio City, the
respondent Local
Civil Registrar of
Baguio City as well
as to the National
Statistics Office ,
Manila. Also fur-
nish, copies of this
notice to the Office
of he Clerk of Court
for publication and
the petitioner
through her coun-
sel.

Also let this No-
tice of Initial Hear-
ing be published at
the expense of he

petitioner once a
week for three [3]
consecutive weeks
in a newspaper of
general circulation
in the City of
Baguio and the
whole Cordillera
Region, the last
publication of which
shall not be later
than the date of ini-
tial hearing.

The process
Server is hereby di-
rected to post copies
of this notice on the
bulletin boards of
this Court, the Jus-
tice Hall, the City
Market and the Post
Office , all of
Baguio City.

WITNESS THE
H O N O R A B L E
MONA LISA V.
T I O N G S O N -
TABORA, Presiding
Judge of this Court,
this 14th day of
March, 2012 at
Baguio City, Philip-
pines.

By: (SGD) ATTY.
JEANYLENE T. ISIP-
FUKAI
Clerk of Court V

Publication dates
: March 24, 31 and
April 7, 2012

City Gets DND Commitment

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started before the onset of the rainy sea-
son.

He admitted being apprehensive that
the fund will not make it in time before the
typhoon season because then the situation
at the dumpsite could worsen.

“I really hope that the release of this
fund will not drag on knowing the situation
at the dumpsite which still poses risk espe-
cially if the retaining wall will not be repaired
before the rainy season

The said retaining wall collapsed at the
height of a typhoon in August last year
causing a trash slide that killed five per-
sons and buried houses along Asin Road.

The P80 million will be used to build a
superstructure envisioned to withstand
strong typhoons and heavy rains to stabi-
lize the dump facility preparatory to its con-
version into a nature park.

The city earlier requested P100 million
for the project but this was reduced to P80
million upon review of the program of work
by the Dept. of Public Works and High-
ways./A Refuerzo

Editorial

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Moran's example was institutionalized
into the 1987 Constitution. It sees an out-
going president as caretaker and explicitly
barred midnight appointments. No excep-
tions. The Arroyo Court handcuffed Presi-
dent-elect Benigno Aquino. In a 9-3-1 vote,
the tribunal exempted a chief justice from
the ban.

That's a prohibited amendment by ju-
dicial tinkering, observed Ateneo's Joaquin
Bernas. He'd be a de-facto chief justice,
not legit, former Senator Rene Saguisag
warned Corona scurried to don a chief
justice's robes.

Among “dragon teeth” battlers, only
Corona is left. GMA is detained on election
sabotage cases. That reduces impeachment
to it's gut issue: Does Corona meet the stan-
dards required for a chief justice?

It's all about character,” Businessman
Peter Wallace writes. Corona does not meet
the high standards demanded of the posi-
tion. But if the trial continues to its end what-
ever the outcome, I can't imagine how he
can remain as chief justice.... It would cer-
tainly put the Supreme Court in a continu-
ally questionable position.”

Corona never pretended to be a Thom-
as More. Credit him with brains. He knows
the story of the ghostly finger that traced
on the walls of King Nebuchadnezzar's pal-
ace: Mene, Mene, Tekel u-Parshin. “You
have been weighed in the balance and found
wanting.” Juan L. Mercado

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

DANIEL D. PEREDO- Vendor
CARLO A. VALDEZ- Vendee
Applicants

Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-1118

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for 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 on
April 18, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which
date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition
supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy
of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and
the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidences.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 22nd
day of March 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

DOH

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ily outing, be wary of prickly heat or skin
allergies as well as to be critical of the clean-
liness of the swimming pool water, in terms
of its chlorine content and pool mainte-
nance. In addition, bring plenty of clean
drinking water and ensure that the food
they bring along are not those easily spoil.
They should not pack the food while it is
still hot, she said.

Pangilinan reminds to always practice
safety travel precautions such as check-
ing the vehicles and practice safe driv-
ing.

As the Health Department always
reminds the public, prevention is always
better than cure, Pangilinan stressed./JDP/
LD-PIA CAR

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

CLEOFE O. BANDA
Applicants
Case No:88-01-12378 B

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on
April 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which
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the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidences.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 13th
day of March 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

City Anti-Graffiti Drive

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'this positive action from residents who are willing to devote their time and resources to be partners with the city in its fight against graffiti and vandalism is very welcome'.

The mayor also said 'an anti-vandalism task force will be created to monitor and file appropriate charges to persons caught violating existing ordinances prohibiting unauthorized markings, writings, etchings, drawing, painting, engraving or doing destructive acts either on public or private properties'.

Meantime, Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas said measures in monitoring the strict implementation of City ordinance Number 41 series of 2008 or the Anti-Graffiti Code of Baguio is underway. He said, 'his office is now implementing 'Legislative Tracking' on the different ordinances of the city which includes the Anti-Graffiti Code'.

Farinas said, the code makes it unlawful for persons under the age of 18 to possess any graffiti implement while in school grounds, facilities, buildings or structures be it public or private without prior consent of the owner or occupant.

Graffiti Implement or material means any aerosol paint container, paint, pen materials, broad-tipped indelible marker, gum label, paint stick or graffiti stick, etching equipment, brush etc. It also prohibits minors to possess Aerosol sprays or broad-tipped indelible marker in any public property unless they are accompanied by an adult or a guardian and their possession is for a lawful purpose.

For commercial establishments who sells or displays spray paint cans or wide-tipped indelible markers, the code states that they are prohibited from selling these graffiti implements to minors. Establishments are required by the code to install warnings in clear public view near the display of such products the message "Graffiti is against the law. Any person who defaces real or personal property with paint or any other liquid or device is guilty of a crime punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or community service, or a fine not exceeding P5,000.00, or both imprisonment and fine or both community service or fine, in the discretion of the court".

A sign shall also be placed in the direct view of persons responsible for accepting customer payments for graffiti implements the message "SPRAY PAINT SHALL NOT BE SOLD TO MINORS. Selling spray paint, paint sticks, or broad-tipped indelible markers to persons less than 18 years of age is against the law and punishable by a fine of not less than P1,000.00 but not more than P2,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than one (1) month, in the discretion of the court". Farinas said violations of the provisions of the anti-graffiti code for the first offense is imprisonment of one (1) to ten (10) days or a fine of P1,000.00, or both, second offense is imprisonment of eleven (11) to twenty (20) days or a fine of P3,000.00, or both and for subsequent offenses is imprisonment for 21 to 30 days or a fine of P5,000.00 or both. Any person caught vandalizing or performing graffiti will shoulder the restoration of the damaged property. For minors caught violating the ordinance, their parents will be responsible for paying the fine and the

payment of damages.

Failure of the parents or legal guardian to make payment will result in the filing of a lien to their property that includes the fine and administrative costs.

The code also states the City Government may offer a 'reward' to any person who can give information leading to the identification and apprehension of any person doing graffiti. /paul rillorta

200 Expected for Igorot

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lera. The first was in 2000 at the Green Valley Country Club here in Baguio and in 2008 in Banaue, Ifugao. The 10th IIC in 2014 will be held in Austria.

Among others, the 9th consultation aims "to craft a development framework in which partnerships, linkages and networks with government and multi-sector groups can be established" to spur development of this upland region.

The event will be ushered in by the launching of "Igorot by Heart", a book compilation of the key speeches and selected presentations in the last eight consultations, on April 11 at the Baguio Country Club, also the venue for this year's presentations.

The organizers have invited Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo as keynote speaker. The delegates will be welcomed by Baguio mayor Mauricio Domogan, Benguet governor Nestor Fongwan, Kalinga governor Josel Baac as chair of the Regional Development Council, IGO-International president Cesar Castro and IGO-Philippines president Ano.

On tap during the plenary session on April 12 are the following topics and presenters: IGO and IIC by Mia Abeya; People Participation in a Democracy by Tanya Hamada, Public-Private Partnership by Dr. Rowena Galpo and Rufino Bomasang; People Organization in the Context of Self-governance by Benjamin Solang; Cordillera Migrant Workers by Beverly Pooten; The Water Commons and Resource Capital for Development by Dr. Andrew Bacdayan; and Multiculturalism in the Context of Peace and Development by Brigitte Hamada-Pawid, chair of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples.

The second day will open with twin presentations on the third push for Cordillera autonomy by mayor Domogan and Dr. Peter Cosalan.

These will be followed by workshops on Civil Society Participation in Governance; Social/health/Education/Sports/Migrant Workers; Environment and Climate Change/Disaster Risk Reduction and Management/Renewable Energy; Ancestral Lands and Domains/Natural Resources/Indigenous Peoples Rights Act; Trade and Industry/Investment/Tourism/Agriculture/Entrepreneurship Development; Culture and the Arts/Indigenous Knowledge, Systems and Practices/Multi-culturalism; governance; and Youth and Development.

The workshop outputs will be presented in the afternoon, together with the integration of these in IGO's strategic plan.

The gala night on the second day will have Alan Holtz, cultural affairs officer of the United States Embassy, as speaker.

From the Baguio Country Club, the consultation will transfer on April 14 to the Pooten residence in Asin, Tuba, Benguet for the cultural festivities, this time with Ifugao Rep. Teodoro Baguilat Jr., the chair of the Committee on National Communities, as speaker. /Ramon Dacawi.

Teh Peace Combatant

times of Itogon.from page 4

Urdaneta, a municipality near Baguio City, has a land area of 12,098 hectares and a population of 111,582 people in 2000 has a budget of Php 307 million in 2004. This humble municipality used to have no clear economic sectors but it overshadowed the municipal budget of Itogon that rely on gold, copper, and silver. Dagupan City with its humble bangus or milkfish industry and educational sector has a budget of Php 568 million in 2012 for only a land area of 4,364 hectares or about one-tenth of Itogon and yet the city has revenues of Php 568 million that enables her to support more than 100,000 people.

Based on the foregoing, it should be clear that municipal or city economies that rely on a vegetable production, educational institutions, fish production, and the like easily defeats large-scale mining. In fact, as things stand, it is large-scale mining that is the principal obstacle to Itogon's development and we will explain why this is the case next issue.

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IEC

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gram to sustain recycling endeavors."

The conduct of an IEC was echoed by Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas through a proposed resolution to be tackled this Monday. "Affected sectors of the ordinance have their own concerns which need to be addressed...they are constrained to seek for a little reconsideration... for practical reasons, thus, a dialogue is proper at this point," the vice mayor stated in his proposal.

If finally implemented, the ordinance shall mete out penalties to non-compliant business establishments: First offense: P1,000; Second offense, P2,500; and Third offense, P5,000 and suspension of business permit for three months; and habitual offenders' permits shall be suspended and not be renewed.

Fifteen (15) days shall be given an erring business establishment to comply with the ordinance, after which the next offense will be considered. /juliegfianza

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Baguio City

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Applicants

Case No:99-01-2640

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit this/her/heir evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 16th day of March 2012.

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

War Heroes

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ans Park along Harrison Road where the two commemorative rites will be held.

His son Mike recalled after one memorial program at the park: "After my father died, we waited for four years for his funeral benefits to be processed and released."

It's a common lament among surviving heroes of the war and their families. They continue to fight for benefits long overdue, even as their voices continue to be muted by their continuous fading away.

The caption of a photo taken by newsman Sly Quintos accompanying Esteban's memoir carried in the April 17, 2000 issue of the Sun-Star read: "VAN ISHING TRIBE. A favorite quiz among World War II veterans during wake or burial of a brother-in-arms is 'who'll go next?' and when the last of them dies, 'who's going to give him that one final farewell salute?'. One thing good, the vanishing heroes take it with good taste and humor."

Esteban remembered how, in the jungles of Bataan before the fall, he and fellow soldiers survived on nuts, banana stalks and green leaves of wild oranges.

"In my case with Comrade (Daniel) Akia, we started to fish at night. Our catch was good for a week. At one point, some monkeys came to play on the trees covering our headquarters. Comrade Akia said: 'Let us wait until those monkeys are a little far from our headquarters and then...shoot some of them for food.'"

He and Comrade Akia eventually shot one each. "We roasted them and they lasted for at least one week," he wrote.

The late Baguio newsman Willy Cacdac narrated how the image of another war hero burned into his memory, haunting him. That was when he and the late city councilor Eugene Pucay Sr. stopped by a promontory in Abatan, Buguias, Benguet. They were on their way to supervise a work camp for the YMCA when Pucay said he wanted to see the view.

"We lost many men here," Cacdac recalled the old man as saying while they scanned the valley floor where the Battle of Loo was fought. "I looked at him and saw tears rolling down his cheeks as he stood there in silent prayer for his fellow heroes who fell in that battle."

Pucay, who passed on quietly at 93 after he fell asleep while listening to his transistor radio one evening, was also with the that, together with the U.S. Army forces, liberated Baguio.. This diminutive Ibaloi patriarch and philanthropist was instrumental in building the YMCA of Baguio, the local chapter of the Masons, the local Boy Scout Council and even the Baguio Central University. He served as city councilor after the war. During the so-called 'peace time' or the period before the war, he played baseball and became one of the best base stealers at the Burnham Park diamond.

These and more vignettes will be recalled at the two April rites that, Fianza hopes "would help us all restore our sense of history and values, enough to redeem and restore the Veterans Park as hallowed ground".

The city recently fenced off the memorial park to discourage boys from practicing their skateboards, drunks from using it for their evening spree and people from relieving themselves all over the place./Ramon Dacawi.

Couple Gives Substance

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couple's golden anniversary – and the blessing of a two-classroom school building.

Instead of a cake with golden icing, the couple came home with bags of goodies and school supplies. These were for Magungunay's toddlers who go to class in the school building the couple donated three years ago.

"This school building is the second funded by Pete and Velma," recalled Steve Mallari, a resident and volunteer who helped supervise the construction. "The first was a classroom for kids of Bariquir, another barangay here in Naguilian."

No strangers to community work, Pete and Velma have been supporting humanitarian and service causes, be it in their personal or formal capacity. They are involved as donors in the "Gawad Kalinga" housing program. For years, they've opened their home to visitors from Naguilian, Baguio and the Cordillera and from wherever, long before Pete served as president of the Baguio Californians, the organization of expatriates who trace their roots to Baguio.

Late in 2008, the couple sent out invitation cards for Velma's birthday in their home in California. Instead of cakes and personal gifts, Velma asked guests to contribute love notes and donations so that together, they could build the school in Magungunay.

Asked to speak their piece at the fiesta, the couple pointed out that the school building stands as a monument to the co-operation of expatriates, the political leadership of Naguilian and the town's residents.

That's why the tandem of former town vice-mayor and now mayor Reynaldo Flores and former mayor and now vice-mayor Abraham Rimando led town officials in gracing Magungunay's fiesta.

Breaking protocol, mayor Flores served as master of ceremonies in the program that also saw him leading the town's civil servants to a "hataw" mass exercise.

That's why Baguio city councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. motored down for the school blessing and inauguration. He has been witness to how Pete and Velma, his own brother Joel and other members of the Baguio Californians and the BIBAK of Northern California would open their homes and drive for visiting Filipinos, be they from Baguio, Naguilian, the Cordillera or wherever.

In a way, he was expecting to witness Pete and Velma renew their marriage vows in church. Instead, the couple felt it equally fulfilling to witness with the rest of the community the blessing of the two-classroom building by Fr. Benjie Manzano.

The structure stands on a 2,000-square meter lot that Villamor Estilong, son-in-law of village chief Quinones, had donated. For the moment, the two classrooms serve as an annex of the Ambaracao Sur Elementary School under principal Gina Dacayanan.

With the steady growth of the school population, the two-classroom affair will eventually grow into a full elementary school. Kapitan Quinones apparently envisions this eventuality. At his turn to speak, he assured the community of his son-in-law's intention to donate more of his property for the expansion.

That means the partnership for Magungunay's future triggered by a couple's sense of community will go far beyond the Ferrers' golden wedding anniversary./Ramon Dacawi.

Guidelines for Ten

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Time and duration of activity must be strictly observed. Overnight use of the building is not allowed.

Maximum seating capacity of 50 must be observed.

Visiting groups should coordinate with Mr. Nestor Quinto of the City Mayor's Office before any activity in the area.

It may be recalled that the giant Ten Commandments tablet at the Dominican Hill area was established by the Kingdom of Jerusalem Halleluyah Foundation Incorporated through Grace Galindez-Gupana, Ambassador for Peace and Goodwill for Israel to the World.

The 1,645 sq feet stone tablet costing P5M, has been certified last year by the Guinness Book of World Records as the biggest in the world Mayor Mauricio Domogan received the certification and made it known that the area be used for glorifying God./juliegfianza

Aeronautics School

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found to be operating without a TESDA registration and transgressing the course curriculum as earlier claimed by its students.

The findings surfaced during a meeting last Thursday arranged by the composite team recently created by the mayor to investigate the complaints filed by the students against the school.

During the meeting, TESDA representatives Margarita Lamsis and Nancy Dasayon affirmed that Al Indigo did not apply for a new certificate of program registration when it transferred venue from Plaza Natalia along Naguilian Road where it originally operated as Subic Achievers Aviation Inc. to its new site along Legarda Road.

The TESDA representatives also said they will not accredit the subjects taken by the students in said school for its failure to abide by the required curriculum.

The students claimed to have paid at least P50,500 to P64,000 in tuition fees./A Refuerzo

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

That an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights was entered into on June 16, 2011 by the widower, illegitimate heirs and sole heirs of the deceased BISTAC LANGBIS who died intestate without will on December 8, 1999. That the deceased left a real property located at Sacupit, Sto. Tomas, Poblacion Tuba identified as ARP. No. 94-001-0051 of the Municipal Assessors Office of Poblacion Tuba, containing an area of 20,000 square meters. The Extra Judicial Settlement with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights was executed before the faith of Atty. Rommel P. Ayson and entered into his Notarial Registry as, Doc No. 1218; Page No. 0244; Book No. III; Series of 2011
Publication Dates: March 10, 17 and 24

Diverse Activities to Perk up Summer in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – An array of multi-faceted activities will perk up summer in this mountain resort via the “Summer Vacation (SUMVAC) in Baguio.”

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said various activities have been lined up for the annual summer calendar of events to entertain residents and tourists expected to flock to the city for the long vacation.

He said preparations are also ongoing to address various concerns particularly the peace and order to tackle traffic and criminality problems; utilities to address the possible water shortage and ensure smooth solid waste collection; and the tourist-oriented establishments to ensure their readiness to cater to the needs of the vacationers.

The SUMVAC committee spearheaded by the mayor and action officer Carlos Canilao has so far lined up a mishmash of religious, cultural, historical, environmental, sports and medical activities which began last March 1.

Lenten activities will topbill the calendar with religious services and Lenten presentations scheduled at the various churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

Historical activities feature the Araw sa Kagitingan observance on April 9 and the Liberation of Baguio on April 27 at the Veterans Park.

Environmental treats include the Earth Hour observance on March 31.

Tourism-related activities include the search for the Lucky Summer Visitor by the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC) on April 5 and barangay fiestas spread out from March to May.

Convention Center; Lingkod Bayan, April 4 – 8; Inter-faith Activities (The Past, Present and Future of Dominican Heritage and Nature Park) April 18 Dominican Heritage Hill; Jobs Fair & Labor Day Activities May 1; Sabsabong Ti Mayo and 1st Amianan Philippine International University Theatre Associations Festival May 7-11 SM / Baguio Convention Center; Summer Break Concert May 11 Session Road; and Philippine Flag Day on May 28.

Various educational, cultural, arts, sports and theater programs are also scheduled for the whole month of April until May./ A Refuerzo

Guidelines for Ten Commandments Hill

BAGUIO CITY – As holy week sets in, groups intending to visit the Ten Commandments area at the Dominican Heritage Hill are advised that guidelines are being set by the city council for its use.

The Committee on Laws chaired by Councilor Richard Carino with Councilors Nicasio Alipin, Jr. and Elmer Datuin as members shall finalize the guidelines during the next session.

Among the guidelines being considered are:

Permit to use facilities for more than one hour must be secured from the City Mayor's Office, except for walk-in visitors/guests.

User's permit fee shall be collected to defray expenses for electricity, water and maintenance.

All visitors, guests and participants of programs within the building must register at the main floor upon arrival.

Order and cleanliness inside and outside the building must be maintained at all times.

Solemnity inside the building must be maintained at all times.

Cooking, smoking, gambling, and alcoholic drinks are not allowed inside the building. Picking of flowers within the area is also prohibited.

Use of high-consuming electrical gadgets/appliances is prohibited

Unnecessary writing or defacing any part of the building is prohibited

Water must be conserved and used only when necessary.

Possession of deadly weapon must be prohibited.

Shooting (videos) and picture-taking are allowed and free, as

long as water and electricity shall not be used in the process.

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



MARCHING TO HIGHER LEVEL - Kindergarden pupils line-up during graduation exercises at City Hall Multi-Purpose Center as proud parents accompany them.— By Bong Cayabyab — By Bong Cayabyab

War Heroes' Anecdotes to Spike up Memorial Programs

“I remember the “Fall of Bataan” and the “Death March” because I was there! That was on 9 April 1942 – a good 58 years ago today. The start of the “Death March” was somewhere on 11 April 1942 from Mariveles, Bataan. It was painful, indeed, to accept initial defeat, but I knew there was a tomorrow to settle the score.”

Such remembrance Sgt. Florencio Esteban wrote in 2000. It was about a war too far and remote in the past for today's children to know, much

less to understand.

For them, to know, portions of his memoir will be read by kids at a memorial here on April 9, and during a more joyous observance thereafter - the Liberation of Baguio on April 27, 1945.

“Sergeant Esteban's recollections and those of other heroes of the war will be read by children – so they and we will know and understand,” said city councilor Peter Fianza who was designated chairman of the two observances under the city's “Summer Vacation” special

events program.

“At Lubao Pampanga, we were placed in an enclosure,” Sgt. Esteban wrote of the Death March. “Because I had not eaten for three days, I dared the most impossible – to escape regardless of the consequences. Thank God, I am still around to tell the story of the Fall of Bataan and the Death March.”

Sgt. Esteban, a native Ibaloi, was with the 11th Division of the United States Armed Forces in the Far East. His name is etched with those of others on the wall of heroes under the 66th Infantry at the Veteran's Memorial.

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Couple Gives Substance to Golden Wedding Anniversary

The theme was gold but Pete and Velma Ferrer found no need to have the precious, yellow metal molded into anniversary rings to mark their wedding 50 years ago to the day last March 14 in the town church in Naguilian, La Union.

Instead, the couple found themselves at home in a two-classroom school building in

Magungunay, a remote barangay in Naguilian that was celebrating its fiesta.

Pete and Velma grew up in Baguio and in the mining camps of Benguet. For years now, they have been residents of Northern California where Pete served as a U.S. military serviceman. For years now, they have been tracing their roots to Naguilian

through community outreach work that, aside from kin, gives substance to their homecomings.

That's why last March 12, the couple traveled from Baguio by bus, to be in Magungunay in time for the barangay fiesta. Barangay residents led by village chief Tony Quinones deemed it only fitting to have the community celebration coincide with the

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