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Pahayagang palaban!!! **SOLGEN Official Says Forbes Park CALT's An Issue Of Concern**



Learning Kit - School children studying in Puguis Elementary School whose families were affected by the recent landslide that claimed lives in Little Kibungan, in La Trinidad receives school supplies and nutri-packs from the Department of Trade and Industry as suggested by their teachers. Shown in photo (L-R) are Johnny Pulay, ARD Carmelita Usman, Dir. Myrna Pablo, Freda Gawisan (partly hidden) and School Principal Ambrocio Atew./Photo By Art Tibaldo

BAGUIO CITY – An official of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) Thursday admitted that the issuance of Certificates of Ancestral Land Title (CALTs) by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) over Forbes Park forest reservation lots is an issue of concern.

Assistant Solicitor General Carl Miranda told a press briefing that the

OSG views the CALTs “with grave concern” and promised to look into the matter with a task force specifically formed to attend to said concern.

Miranda headed a team that conducted a three-day ocular inspections and consultations on the CALT issue after the city government through Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and city legal officer

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Marami pang dapat tingnan, baka pati Busol NAYARI na rin!



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NEDA: Climate Change Hazard Can Be Avoided

BAGUIOCITY— We cannot prevent climatic and geological occurrences from happening though we can avoid the hazards it brings through Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) management and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA).

This was stressed by National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Director Juan Ngalob, in a press conference, during the Regional Launching and Consultation for the integration of DRR/CCA in Local Development Planning and

Decision-Making Processes last week.

According to Ngalob, the DRR/CCA Integration is a two-year project, but with the recent calamities that hit the country, its relevance and urgency is highlighted thus the fast tracking of climate change related activities in the region.

Ngalob, who is also the acting Chairman of the Regional Development Council, also stressed the need to localize the application of DRR and CCA into local development planning and decision-making processes up to the barangay

level, if possible, and the need to identify the vulnerability of every area in the region so that proper mitigation and countermeasures against hazards or risks can be placed.

He explained that preparing DRR management and CCA plans have four levels of responsibility: as an individual, each citizen is responsible for his own safety and survival; communal or the community should help each other; governmental, for creation of related rules and regulations and as a coercive power; and societal, for each and every

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Reenacted Budget: Bad, Dangerous, Anomalous

Health Care Without Harm-Southeast Asia (HCWH-SEA), a member of the Alternative Budget Initiative (ABI) echoes earlier call by Social Watch to lawmakers to enact the 2010 budget before they go on holiday break.

According to Merci Ferrer, HCWH-SEA Executive Director, a reenacted budget for an election year is “not only bad and dangerous but also anomalous.”

“We call on the lawmakers not to lose sight that they have to urgently enact the 2010 budget.

This is their duty and perhaps one of the best Christmas gifts they could offer to the Filipinos,” said Ferrer.

HCWH-SEA and ABI-health cluster are also urging the lawmakers to give serious consideration to ABI’s proposed 2010 alternative budget for education, health, agriculture and environment and the unreleased budget.

“Once and for all, let us make this right. The past years, several items in the health budget alone are still unreleased,” said Ferrer referring to the 2008 “impounded”

health budget of P100 M for the purchase of autoclave machines for infectious medical waste treatment, P400 M for TB program and P1.82 B for family health and the still unreleased P13.2 M for non-mercury thermometers from the 2009 budget.

“We do hope that the government will not get away perpetually impounding these very important public health allocations. If they do, then we can only expect the worst with a reenacted 2010 budget.”

ABI is a consortium of 60 non-government organization **Cont. on page 10**

Military and PNP failed To protect civilians

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero said that the massacre in Ampatuan, Maguindanao was rooted from the inability of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police to protect civilians. “It’s a reality that the military and the police cannot protect civilians. Civilians more often than not are left to protect themselves in some parts of Mindanao,” he said during an in-

terview over the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC).

Escudero blames the insincerity of law enforcement officials in enforcing gun permit laws. He said that the next administration should make sure that the laws are being followed. He said that if a civilian carries firearms without any permits, then he should be prohibited from holding a gun. “If you are not a soldier or personnel in uniform, you

have no business carrying a gun,” he said.

The 40-year-old senator admitted that this has been the situation in the area for the past decades. He added that the crimes committed were inhuman and appalling. “Whoever is behind this must be put behind bars and must face the bar of justice. This is not the first time this incident happened. The war between clans and families are nothing new,” he said.

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MGB-CAR Clarifies Baguio City ‘S Landslide Susceptibility

Amid earlier media reports indicating that Baguio City is 90% landslide prone, the Cordillera regional Office of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB-CAR) clarified that the figure of 90% is actually a summation of the landslide susceptibility mapping conducted for

the City of Baguio.

Engr. Samuel T. Paragas, Regional Director of the MGB-CAR, emphasized that “the Office has not officially released a statement indicating that the City is 90% high landslide susceptible. He added that “the approximation may have been taken out

of context which may explain why an earlier news report said that only 10% of the City of Baguio is safe.”

Engr. Zards Gacad, Chief of the Mine Environment and Safety Division of the MGB-CAR, clarified that “the hazard map prepared by the Office does not pinpoint **Cont. on page 11**



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City Goes Tough On LPG Dealers

BAGUIOCITY—Dealers and suppliers of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) products in the city will not be issued anymore business permits unless they become members of the Baguio-Benguet LPG Distributors Association.

The mayor said the new requirement in business permit

process would assure that only authentic and therefore safe LPG products will be distributed in the city as the association imposes strict guidelines upon its members on product authenticity and safety concerns.

This would also weed out illegitimate LPG dealers and distributors.

The new requirement was agreed on by members of the LPG task force of the city as part of the city's regulatory measures on the distribution and sale of LPG in the city.

The mayor will issue a corresponding administrative order to make the new requirement official. — aileen p. refuerzo

Mayor Vetoes Council Measures Allocating Market Stalls

BAGUIOCITY—Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Tuesday vetoed city council resolutions awarding the 56 stalls at the newly-built sari-sari section of the city public market because the intent of said measures would undermine the power and functions belonging to another body.

In an indorsement dated November 24, the mayor returned unsigned the following measures: Resolution No. 450 s series of 2009 entitled "Recognizing the 56 sari-sari section proper stall lessees and awarding 50 stalls at the sari-sari proper section building (after the 2009 restoration), Baguio City Public Market to the original 50 stall lessees; Resolution No. 450-B series of 2009 entitled "Approving the Result of the Drawings of Lots on the Allocation of Stall Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, Sari-sari Section (After Restoration), Baguio City Public Market" and Resolution No. 451

series of 2009 entitled "Adopting the Recommendation of the Market Administrator on the Allocation of Stalls at the Sari-sari Proper Section (after the 2009 Restoration), Baguio City Public Market."

The mayor said the resolutions were vetoed as these are "unduly taking over powers and functions that exclusively pertain to the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA)."

The mayor earlier said that he is aware that the 50 original stallholders in the area have valid contracts with the city as per the list of the Baguio BCMA but the six others have no legitimate permits.

The said six were said to have permits purportedly approved by the City Council in 1995 despite provisions in the Market Code that disallow subdivision and subleasing of stalls at the trading center.

The decision on the stall allocation, he said, must be left

to the BCMA.

He said that "Title 4 (Market Code) of Tax Ordinance No. 2000-001 governs 'the administration of the public market of the City of Baguio, including the adjudication of vacant and newly-created stalls therein; and the levy, assessment and the collection of market fees.'"

He said that under this title, the provisions explicitly state that the BCMA "shall exercise direct and immediate supervision and control over the city public markets in accordance with this ordinance and other applicable laws" and that "vacant market stalls/booths shall be adjudicated by the (BCMA) to qualified applicants."

He said he vetoed the measures "to afford ample opportunity to the BCMA to exercise its power and functions.

The mayor said he has given the BCMA orders to immediately implement stall allocation to the 50 legitimate vendors in its list.

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Mayor Backs Gay Rights

BAGUIOCITY—Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday took up the cudgels for members of the gay community over the decision of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) that trashed the petition for the inclusion of 'Ang Ladlad' in the party list system citing moral grounds.

In his Ugnayan Panlungsod press briefing, the mayor said his taking a stand on the issue is timely as the city was among the first localities in the country to adopt the Gender Equality and Development Code.

In its November 11 ruling, the COMELEC said al-

lowing the Ang Ladlad in the party list system would be immoral and would offend religious beliefs.

Citing a Supreme Court statement, "Man stands accountable to an authority higher than the state," Bautista said, "It is not for COMELEC to decide therefore, whether or not being gay or lesbian is outright immoral."

"More, unless we actually see them doing something immoral, who are we to make sweeping accusations that they are immoral? If COMELEC claims they have proof, moreover, how are we

even sure such proof was obtained in congruence with the Constitutionally-protected right to privacy?" he said.

"As such, I submit, the moral issue as to whether or not gays are doing something immoral should be allowed to be settled between them and their maker," he said.

On the issue of law, the mayor said that refusing the Ang Ladlad to represent gays, lesbians and trans-genders, "COMELEC not only closes its eyes to Constitutionally-protected freedoms of speech and belief, it creates a dangerous precedent of making harsh decision which

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Traffic Schemes To Go On

BAGUIOCITY—As announced by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week, several traffic schemes shall go on as planned, with concurrence with the traffic experts, designers, managers, and the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO).

The mayor has issued three (3) administrative orders to this effect; two for roads, and one for designated parking, loading and unloading plans.

An experimental traffic scheme shall proceed at the junctions of Naguilian road (Quirino Highway) Quezon Hill road 2/Dominican hill road, Artiaga street starting December 1.

For the traffic scheme at Naguilian and Quezon Hill

road, these were studied by the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC) with police authorities to decongest traffic along the said area. Traffic build-up is "regular occurrence" during peak hours in the morning and afternoon, it was observed.

Technical consultant of the TTMC, Engr. Teodorico Tan and Police senior Inspector Amadeo Garcia conducted an ocular inspection; and consolidated their reports for the traffic design.

The following have been decided on, and ordered thus by the mayor:

"One way-no entry" (with appropriate signages) shall be enforced at junction Artiaga street, corner

Naguilian road (Quirino highway);

"No Left Turn" shall be enforced from Dominican Hill road towards Quirino Highway and at the outbound lane of Naguilian road towards Dominican Hill road;

There shall be No Parking on the entire stretch of the mentioned roads;

For those coming from Queen of Peace, Lourdes Subdivision and Dominican hill road going to Naguilian road, they should take Quezon Hill road 2, turn left at Artiaga st and turn to Naguilian road.

Those going to Dominican road, they should take Quezon Hill road 2, turn left at Artiaga st., turn left Naguilian road, and turn right to Dominica road.

Road barriers

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

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Neanderthal Brutality

“Voodoo? Drugs? Or what?”, asked our daughter, a United Nations communication officer in Jerusalem. She read dispatches on the Maguindanao massacre and phoned just before Advent. “Murdering 42 civilians — including women and journalists, —is ‘Neanderthal brutality’ indeed.”

“No. Fifty seven bodies were recovered,” we updated her. “And 27 were journalists. The five-man staff of the weekly Periodico Ini was wiped out. Two newsmen are still missing.”

Salvaging journalists hits this girl hard. She grew up in a newspaper-cluttered home. He schedules partly hewed to deadlines and the old man’s reporting trips. After graduating from Boston College, she signed up as a

EDITORIAL reporter for Gannet newspapers in New York. Her husband is an Agence France Presse staffer.

Successive governments’ tolerance for rubout contracts on journalists spawned a culture of impunity. Inevitably, that metastasized into the Ampatuan town bloodbath. “This is the single deadliest event for journalists in history” notes the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Under the Marcos dictatorship, no one dared expose killing of journalists. Primitivo Mijares of the Manila Chronicle testified before the US Congress on “New Society abuses. Tibo was salvaged in Guam. So was his son.

Corazon Aquino restored freedom of the press with People Power. “Counting from the 1986 post-Marcos era, a total of 60 journalists had been killed in the line of duty,” the Center for Media Freedom reports. “Of these 48 percent were killed under the Arroyo administration”.

After 2006, the total bolted to over 70 today. No mastermind has been convicted, despite Ms Arroyo’s pledges or ex-Speaker Jose de Venecia’s offer of bounty.

Victims were individual reporters, usually exposing sleaze. These include, among others: Edgar Dalamerio of Zamboanga Scribe, Marlene Esperat of Midland Review in Tacurong, Roger Mariano of dzJC Aksyon Radyo in Laoag.

“When journalists get killed, the citizen’s right to to freedom of information is threatened,” notes the CMFR study: “Journalist Killings Under the Arroyo Administration (2001-2006)

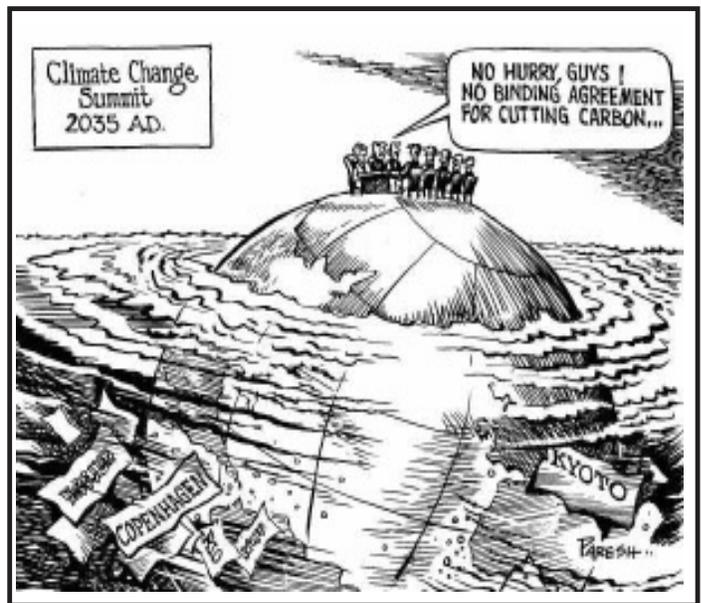
The result is a cruel paradox, “A country, which was once perceived as having the freest media in Asia, had become the ‘world’s most dangerous place for journalists’ outside a war zone,” CMFR adds.

Individual killings here clone the murder, in Moscow, of the prominent investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya. The 48-year old Novaya Gazeta reporter documented, in Chechnya, torture, mass executions and kidnapping, She exposed the sale by, Russian soldiers of Chechen, corpses to their families for proper Islamic burial.

She was gunned down in an elevator in 2006. A Makarov 9-mm pistol had been dumped at her side. Like murders of Filipino journalists, no one has been held accountable for Ms Politkovskaya’s slaying. That sends a very clear message: You can kill —and get away with it.

In Russia 16 journalists have been rubbed out because of their work since 2000, the Committee to Protect Journalists reveals. Only one has been convicted, And none of those who organized the killings has been nailed. Just like the Philippines “There can be no free speech in a country where the best journalists are afraid for their lives

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*PASUGALAN SA AURORA HILL!!!
PULIS PATULIS !!!*

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



MARAMI PA rin sa mga pulis ang “Bugok” na maituturing katulad nitong isang pulis patulis na akala mo ay isang nawawalang kowboy sa lumang “Western Wild Wild West Movie! Ayon sa aking bubuwit, nasaksihan daw niya ng magbunot ng baril ang lasing na pulis na nakilalang si PO1 JACKSON NINJEÑA na nakatalaga umano sa CHAPLAIN SERVICE ng PNP PRO-CAR CAMP DANGWA noong Nobyembre 23, alas 10:30 ng gabi sa panulukan ng Lower Magsaysay at Upper Burgos. Me kaalitan umano itong Mr. Ninja, este... Ninja kaya ilang beses itong nagbunot ng baril at tinangkang magpaputok pero sa kabutihang palad ay naka-lock umano ang baril kaya hindi ito pumutok. Nahulog pa raw ang baril nito ng tangkain ulit na bunutin ni Mr. Kowboy!

Atensyon, Bos Tsip ng PNP PRO-CAR General ORLANDO PESTAÑO Ser Baka puwedeng disiplinahin ninyo itong inyong tauhan na akala niya siya si Dyango ng isang “Cowboy Film” baka Dyango-rot puwede!

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TOTOO KAYA na may “basbas” ang mga opisyal ng City Hall sa Baguio ang isang “peryahan” sa may Aurora Hill na umano’y nagpapasugal katulad ng DROP BALL, COLOR GAME, PULLEY atbp. Ayon sa aking “bubuwit” sinabi raw sa kanya ng mga nagtatrabaho doon na may permiso raw ito sa City Hall, at napansin din na maraming menor-de-edad na nanonood kundi man tumataya rin. Tootoo po ba ito kayong mga opisyal sa City Hall? Alam mo po ba ito APO MEYOR BAUTISTA at BCPO Chief AGRIFINO JAVIER? Ano rin sey nyu kayong mga Barangay Opisyal diyan sa Aurora Hill at STATION 6 ng BCPO? Aba, ilang metro lamang po ang layo nitong peryahan cum pasugalan sa inyong opisina ah, kaya’t hindi pwede na hindi ninyo ito alam, ano po ba ang rason, pakisagot nga po!!!

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KINOKONDENA ngayon sa buong mundo ang nangyaring masaker sa Maguindanao...Maraming kasamahan sa midya ang naging biktima. Karumal dumal ang sinapit ng halos 60 katao sa mga armadong berdugo.. na bagaman ay malayo ang pinangyarihan, isa ang kolumn na ito sa kumukondena sa nangyaring insidente. Dapat sa mga halimaw na gumawa nito ay ibitin sila ng patiwari at ipakain sa mga pating! Pweh!...at dapat ding kumilos kaagad ang mga otoridad para madakip at panagutin ang lahat ng mga nagkasala...kasama na diyan ang mga opisyal at pulis na nagmistulang bulag, pipi at bingi at ganun din sa mga taga palasyo na sila ang itinuturong mga taong nagpalaki ng sungay at lumikha sa mga halimaw na ito. Abangan na lamang natin mga suki kung ano ang mangyayari sa susunod!

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Problem: Maguindanao massacre will happen again

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Only in the Philippines!

Not even war-torn Iraq can beat the Philippines in what has happened last Monday, 23 November 2009. At least 57 persons were killed in broad daylight, in a major highway, in the Town of Ampatuan, Maguindanao, Philippines. At least 18 of those killed were media persons. One source even alleges that at least 34 not 18 media men were killed on that day. It is sad day for the world, the Filipino people, media, and press freedom.

Who would have thought that a convoy of several vehicles, accompanied by so many media men, would be killed in broad daylight with the intent that their vehicles and bodies would be buried under the earth? This does not happen even in the most violent movies and spy-thrillers (although I may be corrected here because haven't watched all the movies yet). Nevertheless, this is the Philippines and not the movies, so the situation really be that violent.

The victims were on their way to simply file a certificate of candidacy and the media men killed were only accompanying their co-victims in the supposedly simple act. The manner by which many people in the convoy were killed is also another aspect that can humble violent films like "Saw", "The Godfather", and other gangster and horror/thriller movies.

The **Weekly Junction** and **The Peace Combatant** condemn in the strongest possible terms the massacre and cold-blooded murder of men, women, and media men in Maguindanao. What took place is something that will go down in history as one of the most violent and heartless murder of unarmed civilians. What took place will repeatedly be cited in several localities of the Philippines and the world as one example of barbaric politics.

The **Weekly Junction** and **The Peace Combatant** call on authorities to quickly and consistently prosecute all those responsible because what had happened in Maguindanao will inevitably happen all over the country. Murdering politicians can copy the Maguindanao massacre template as something they can do to their political enemies (just take care that no one is caught): kill all those in the convoy even if they are many, use a backhoe, and bury them all including the vehicles.

That what happened in Maguindanao can surely be repeated again in the country can be seen in the following. Firstly, as indicated by the Maguindanao case, there are not enough safeguards in our laws for the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Units (or CAFGU) to be used by unscrupulous politicians.

Secondly, as indicated in the Maguindanao massacre, there are no adequate safeguards for public officials to transform an entire police force unit to serve as their private army. Thus, those in power can use the police force against their enemies.

And thirdly, again as indicated in the Maguindanao massacre, policies and military operational policies as well as our intelligence systems appear inadequate to monitor and hold at bay the movement of more than 100 men with arms. This suggests that it is always possible for the unscrupulous to quickly assemble and disperse so many men with arms for lightning paramilitary operations, rangers-type, without being challenged by the military and the police.

Therefore, as we take note of the massacre and seek justice for the victims of the Maguindanao massacre, we shouldn't overlook the three points mentioned. It is very important to seek justice for the victims of the Maguindanao massacre. However, it is also equally important to review the operational procedures of our police, military men, and even local government units so a repeat of the incident would not happen in any part of the country.

We share the grief of victims of the massacre. However, more than this, we share the grief of our nation that incidents like this may happen again.

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FAIR AND SQUARE

TIDBITS 2

BY: JAMES S. VALEROS



We hope Regional Director Mandapat could improve the services of LTFRB-CAR to the public by seeing to it that there is continuity of service to the transacting public in that office. At present, its personnel can go on leave or OB without somebody to replace, substitute or pinch-in on their duties and functions while absent. The public has to wait for the absent employee's return which takes several days. This is bad public service! Worse, it would take two (2) weeks or even more just merely to transmit records of cases filed in the LTFRB-CAR at Pacdal for the immediate action of the Regional Director who holds office at the Post Office Loop.

There are no plausible explanations to these inabilities since the personnel can even afford to close the office at 3:00 P.M. They are simply insensitive, negligent or inefficient. *How else!*

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Pursuant to Memorandum Circular 2009-024 dated 13 November 2009, the LTFRB has granted an additional two (2) years to the existing thirteen (13) years maximum age for taxi units within Baguio City; provided, the unit shall pass the Road Worthiness test conducted by the MVIS or Motor Vehicle Inspection Station of the LTO.

The LTFRB en banc, perhaps did not anticipate it but this early, enterprising fixers in the LTO are offering their services for the issuance of Road Worthiness Certificate coming from the LTO-MVIS in San Fernando, Pampanga, without the old taxi unit having to be presented and actually tested by MVIS for a fee or consideration of P15T, so I heard.

It is not the money folks, but the abhorrent subversion of the policy intended for the welfare and protection of the public. And by the fixers yet! *Mautak talaga ang Pinoy maging sa kalokuhan!*

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If Mayor Bautista cannot make his staff in the TTMC follow his instruction to revise the New Traffic Scheme as far as the routes taken by the Aurora Hill and Trancoville jeepneys that illegally and unjustly encroach the routes of the Green Trunkline jeepneys and which is not authorized under his Adm. Order No. 014, Series of 2008, in the first place, how can he expect his constituents to conform, abide or follow his mandated program for the proper disposal of garbage.

The executive position is, I surmise, not for him. He simply lacks the quality of leadership to command and solicit obedience required and needed for such a position. Perhaps, it would be better off if he were to sit in the Legislative chamber, either in the Council or Congress, wherein grandstanding is the name of the game played.

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If taxi operators have not known it yet, under M.C. 2009-028 which was effected on 18 November 2009, substitution of taxi units now can only be applied for and allowed by LTFRB with the use of a brand new unit. A brand new unit means a unit manufactured in the current year or the preceding year, provided, it is unused when the application for dropping and substitution is filed.

Paano naman daw yung di maka-afford ng brand new unit now costing from P600T to P700T. Ang sagot ng LTFRB: Wag na kayong magbalak mag-taxi service dahil di kayo "fi-

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CORDI NAWI

*The Papal Letter on Sunday
(21th of a Series)*

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN

**The Holy Inquisition Revisited**

The papacy in the Middle Ages established a judicial institution—the Holy Inquisition—to seek out, try, and sentence persons guilty of heresy. Punishment included excommunication, loss of property, tortures, seclusion in a dungeon or monastery, and being burnt to death at the stake. This institution suppressed all religious liberty, all freedom of speech, all freedom of the press, and the freedom to peaceably assemble. The Holy Inquisition functioned like an ancient version of the American Ku Klux Klan, the German Gestapo, or the Soviet KGB.

John Wesley tells us that Pope Innocent III set up the Inquisition in 1204 to destroy the Waldenses, regarded as heretics by the Roman Catholics.

In 1208, the same pope organized a crusade to exterminate the Albigenses in Albi, France. He offered indulgences to all who joined the effort to murder heretics. During the 1208-1213 crusade, thousands of Albigenses were slaughtered.

In 1252, Pope Innocent IV authorized the use of torture in the inquisition trials to extract “the truth” from heretics.

Pope Paul III reorganized the Court of the Inquisition in 1542 to stop the spread of Protestantism in Europe. He renamed the court the Roman Inquisition and Holy Office.

On August 24, 1572, another Catholic-sponsored massacre occurred in France—on the day of St. Bartholomew. Over 70,000 Huguenots (French Protestants), including woman and children, were murdered without a moment’s notice just because they were considered heretics and, thus, worthy of death.

Nor can we forget the mass slaughter on April 24, 1655, in Pra del Tor in Northern Italy. Nearly 20,000 Waldenses, including women and children, were murdered. They were betrayed in their own secret abode among the Alps by papal legates. “Little children were torn from the arms of their mothers, clasped by their tiny feet, and their heads dashed against the rocks; or were held between two soldiers and their quivering limbs torn up by main force.... The sick and the aged were burned alive in their dwellings. Some had their hands and arms and legs lopped off, and fire applied to their severed parts to stanch the bleeding and prolong their suffering. Some were flayed alive, some were roasted alive, some disemboweled.... Others were buried alive. Fathers were marched to death with the heads of their sons suspended round their necks. Parents were compelled to look on while their children were first outraged, then massacred, before themselves permitted to die”

Prophesying about the faithfulness of the Waldenses during the papal supremacy era, Daniel wrote: “But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.” *Daniel 11:32,33.*

The Holy Inquisition was also established in the Americas. In an upstairs room in a historic building in downtown Lima, Peru, is a museum in which the Court of the Inquisition existed from 1520–1820. It was used by the Roman Catholic Church to try accused heretics. “Visitors can view in situ the various torture devices employed; dioramas downstairs re-create them in primitive realism. Dummy Inquisitors assiduously work over dummy victims, twisting piano wires into flesh, pouring water into nostrils, disarticulating limbs on a stretching rack.” All this brute merciless force in the name of Christ!

The Court of the Inquisition was never dissolved. It still exists today, but under a different name. “In 1965, Pope Paul VI...reorganized the Holy Office and renamed it the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith”

Among the worst recorded historical events of mass murder stands the Holy Inquisition. It was responsible for more death than the World War II Nazi Holocaust. Some historians have estimated that, during the age of papal supremacy, over “50 million persons” were murdered with the sanction of the Catholic Church and the Court of the Inquisition. Waldenses, Albigenses, Cathari, Huguenots, Lutherans, Bohemian

Brethren, and many other Protestant-professing believers sealed their testimony with their blood. In addition, “some 15 millions of Indians perished in Cuba, Mexico, and South America, in the wars of the Spaniards, professedly to propagate the Catholic faith”; and “three million and a half of Moors [Muslims] and Jews perished, by the Catholic persecution and arms, in Spain; and that thus, probably no less than 68 million and five hundred thousand human beings have been put to death by this one persecuting power”.

Pope Gregory VII, Hildebrand, considered by some to have been one of the greatest popes of all, said in his “Dictatus Papae,” issued in March 1075: “The Roman church has never erred and never will err till the end of time”. The Roman Catholic Church has never, by the way, officially apologized or admitted its guilt and sin in persecuting saints and putting millions to death.

Although Pope John Paul II admitted during a “Day of Pardon Mass” in Rome on March 12, 2000, “the wrongs done by those who have borne or bear the name of Christian” and “the violence that some have committed in the service of truth,” he did not specifically mention the Inquisition, the Crusades or the Holocaust. “Catholic theology prevented him from apologizing for any wrongs of the Roman Catholic Church itself.” He could confess only the “sins of individuals,” because the “church is a sinless church”

The apostle John beheld the Roman Catholic Church in vision and described her as a harlot named “Babylon,” drunk with the blood of Christians. “And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.” “And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.” *Revelation 17:6; 18:24.*

The papacy has always made war against the saints and will once again revive its fires of persecution against all who refuse to yield allegiance to its doctrines, creeds, and canons. By making Sunday a mandatory civil holy day, nominal Protestant America will join forces with the papacy “to make war with the

remnant...which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” *Revelation 12:17.*

“When the churches of our land [the U.S.A.], uniting upon such points of faith as are held in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution, as were God’s ancient people.... Persecution always follows religious favoritism on the part of secular governments” (20).

Nor during his visit to Israel and the Middle East did the pope ever recognize the church’s official involvement in the atrocities of slavery, the persecution and torture of Protestants, the mass murder of Waldenses and Albigenses, and other hostilities toward “heretics” registered on the pages of earth’s history and in heaven’s book of remembrance.

To be continued...

Diretsahan

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PAGKATAPOS ni “Pacman” isa na namang pinoy ang itinanghal na bayani, si EFREN PEÑAFLORIDA na ginawaran ng parangal bilang CNN HERO OF THE YEAR. Si “Efred” na isang guro ay nanalo dahil sa kanyang “Karitun Klasrum”!.... at kung sakaling pasukin niya ang pulitika at tumakbong presidente sa 2010, pusta ko na me pag-asa siyang manalo, di katulad ni “Pacman” na mas minamahal siya ng madlang pinoy bilang isang boksingero kesa bilang isang pulitiko... PUSTAHAN!!

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NAGDESISYON na ang Professional Regulation Commission na tanggalan ng lisensya sa pagka doctor si Hayden Kho, dahil sa nangyaring kontrobersiyal na “Sex Video”.... Kung magtuloy-tuloy ito, ano na kaya ang magiging trabaho ni Mr. Hay-den sick (Hide en Sick). Baka gumawa na lamang siya ng mga sex video na siya mismo ang artista at director o kaya ay pumasok na lamang bilang isang Macho Dancer sa Gay Bar. “From a Doctor to a Macho Dancer?, why not” magandang istorya ito di ba? Teka, me suhestyon ako, bakit hindi na lang siya maniktik sa mga pulitikong me mga “misteryo” at kunan niya ng video habang naglalabing labing? He! He! Siguradong patok na patok ito lalo na sa eleksyon, ano sey mo Hayden? Bibigyan na kita ng listahan, marami dito sa Baguio. He! He! He!

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
LA TRINIDAD BENGUET

LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

S P S RABINDRANATH AND ROSARIO QUILALA

Respondent-Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 09-EXF-1390

FOR

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135

X——X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra. judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended filed by petitioner-mortgagee. LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, a wholly-owned and controlled government banking institution, created, and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act 3544, as amended, with office address at 85 Harrison Road, Baguio City,

against SPS. RABINDRANATH and ROSARIO QUILALA, both of legal age. Filipinos and residents of Alta Verde Subd., Km 6, Asin Road, Tuba, Benguet, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 17 November 2009, the date wherein the petition was filed, amounts to FOUR MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND NINETY SIX AND 94/100 (P 4, 829, 096.94)

PESOS inclusive of interests and penalties but exclusive of attorney's fees. costs and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on

23 DECEMBER 2009 AT 11:30 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency the following property with all its improvements. to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-34897

A parcel of land (Lot. 173 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd- 146966, being a portion of a parcel of land described on plan Psu- 168934, LRC Rec. No. F.Pat) situated in the District of Irisan, Mun of Tuba, Prov-

ince of Benguet Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 2 to 3 by Lot. 133; on the SE., points 3 to 4 by Lot 174; and on the NW points 1 to 2 by Lot 175, all of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan being N. 31 deg. 43'W .. 2240.19 m. from BLLM No. 1, Tuba, Benguet; thence N, 57 deg. 21'E., 22.6 m. to point 2; thence S. 32 deg, 39' E., 15.00 m. to point 3; thence S. 57 deg, 2. 1'W., 22.60 m to point 4; thence N. 32 deg, 39'W., 15.00 m. to point of beginning; , containing an area of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE (339) SQUARE METERS, more or less. Xxx All sealed bids

must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 14,2010 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 27 th day of November 2009 at La Trinidad Benguet

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF

EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

WHINSTON P. DULAWAN Sheriff IV

Dates Of Publication: Nov. 28, Dec 5 & 12, 2009

Editorial

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for doing their jobs," says a European Union official.

TV network Al Jazeera, meanwhile, aired an interview with a witness who claimed: Datu Andal Ampatuan, Jr "ordered that reporters accompanying the convoy also be killed. That would cover-up what happened."

That's crass but standard covering of the ass. But do political warlords here understand the press' role in a free society. "There are Three Estates in Parliament;" Edmund Burke once said. "But, in the Reporters' gallery yonder, sits a Fourth Estate more important far than they all."

Death tolls, in other massacres, have been higher. In 2008, for example, terrorists slaughtered 173 hotel guests in Mumbai and wounded 308. Massacres, within Kosovo, in 1999, saw Serb police and military murder Albanians. Death tolls ranged from 206 males killed at Velika Krisav and 70 at Dubrava prison. But in none of these were journalists singled out.

The Maguindanao massacre occurred just before Muslim and Christian festivals: Muslims around the world celebrated, starting Thursday, the Eid ul Adha. This 'Festival of Sacrifice' commemorates the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismael as an act of obedience to God.

Christians marked Sunday as the start of Advent. The Latin word "adventus" – coming—is the translation of the Greek parousia. It is a season of expectant joy

for Nativity, overhang this year by self-made hell that is the Ampatuan bloodletting.

At Advent, come, we say, and rescue us from all the harm and ruin of our own making" –or Neanderthal brutality', theologian Catalino Arevalo wrote. We believe that He comes in answer to our asking. Yet (as Maguindanao shows) it seems things have become worse)

But He has come...to be Emmanuel: God with us. He wants to be with us, no matter what, no matter where. To all our perplexity, despair and fears, there is a God who loves us, and gives only one answer. One only. Look. "Behold my Son is born."/ J.L. Mercado

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nancially capable" which is a requirement in the grant of franchise.

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BY THE WAY, in connection with the privilege speech delivered by Councilor Richard Cariño in the City Council on 23 November 2009 on what to do with the irregular and illegal franchises issued by the LTFRB to taxi and other PUV operators in Baguio and Benguet wherein he proposed the grant of "amnesty" (or legalization) for the CPC holders thereof, the SITAK-BB (Samahan ng mga Independienteng Taksi Asosasyon at Komunikasyon, Baguio Benguet) is sponsoring a General Consultation meeting of all taxi operators in

Baguio-Benguet on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. in the PFVR Gym (Fronting Mario's Restaurant), to discuss the proposal which will be considered by the City Council in its Session on December 7, 2009.

All taxi operators are encouraged to attend especially those whose franchises are being questioned and investigated by the DOTC-CAR for being irregular, illegal, fraudulent, in violation of the moratorium or without records either in the LTFRB Region 1 or LTFRB-CAR.

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

EDWIN BITENG - Vendor
MONDAY N. BANGCAWAYAN-Vendee
Applicant

Case No:2000-01-206
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with 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 December 14, 2009 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Poadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS: the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. -REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 27th day of November 2009.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH 9 (FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET) FIRST JUDICIAL REGION La Trinidad, Benguet	WITH CORRECTION AND CANCELLATION OF ENTRY, MARK M. DOMONDON, <i>Petitioner,</i> <i>VERSUS</i> THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY and THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BURGOS, ILOCOS SUR, <i>Respondents,</i> SPECIAL	PROCEEDINGS CASE 09-C-1584 X—X <u>ORDER</u> Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court will order the change of surname and to correct the following in his Birth Certificate (Local Civil Registrar No. 3851-I-81) 1. Last Name: from DOMONDON to MANGAOANG 2. Date of Marriage of Parents :	CANCEL all the entries and LEAVE it blank And to cancel the Late Registration of Mark Mangaoang at the Local Civil Registrar of Burgos, Ilocos Sur. WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on February 10, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 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 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 November 15, 2009. 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 City Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Junction; the petitioner and counsel.	SO ORDERED. This 10th day of November 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet. By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR. Presiding Judge November 14, 21 & 28, 2009
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF La Trinidad, Benguet	EXF1386 FOR EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended: X—X SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE	Baguio City, against SFS. ROSITA BALIW-AN and ORGAN BALIW-AN, both Filipinos, of legal age and with residence and postal address at Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 06 Nov 2009, the date wherein the petition was filed, amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (P150,000.00) PESOS, excluding penalties, charges attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on 17 DECEMBER 2009 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the BULWAGAN NG	KATARUNGAN, JUSTICE HALL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit: TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-32104 A parcel of land (Lot 1-L, Psd- 1-014279, being a portion of Lot 1, PSU127975, L.R.C. REG. NO. _____) situated at Bo. Ambiong, Mun. of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along lines 6-7-1-2 by Lot 1-U of the subdivision plan; on the NW., along line 1-0, of the	subdivision plan. on the SE., along line 5-6 by Lot 1-M of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot 1-1, on plan being S.48 deg, 35'E., 3757.00 M. from triangulation Sta. "NORTH BASE", La Trinidad, Benguet; thence N.40 deg., 56' W., 23.63 m to point 2; thence N. 50 deg., 16'E., 14.78 m. to point 3; thence S.62 deg... 00'E., 24.43 m. to point 4; thence S. 42 deg., 05'E., 17.62 m. to point 5; thence S. 60 deg., 30'W., 10.0 m. to point 6; thence N. 32 deg, 22'W. 16.20 m to point 7; thence S. 45 deg., 14'W., 15.78 m to point of beginning; containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE (593) SQUARE METERS."...xxx All sealed bids	must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on 14 January 2010 at the same time and place without further notice. Done this 16th day of November 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet. FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET By: (SGD) WHINSTON P. DULAWAN Sheriff IV Publication dates: November 21, 28 and Dec. 5, 2009
BERNARD C. SAMDAO, <i>Petitioner-Mortgagee;</i> -versus- ROSITA BALIW-AN & ORGAN BALIW-AN, <i>Respondent-Mortgagor;</i> FORECLOSURE CASE NO: 09-	UPON EXTRA-JUDICIAL petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by petitioner-mortgagee, BERNARD C SAMDAO, of legal age Filipino, married and with residential and postal address at Pidaoan. Loakan,				

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is being informed especially the constituents of Brgy. **PINSAO PROPER, Baguio City** that anybody who is issuing **Official Receipt with Serial No.** starting **0066301-0066350** of the said barangay issued by the office of the treasurer of the City Treasurer, Baguio City, is invalid since the mentioned booklet was missing and has been considered lost since July 7, 2009 because it has not been located or recovered.

This public notice was published by Punong Barangay **Horacio P. Wily** of Brgy. Pinsao Proper, Baguio City, being attested by Mrs. Thelma Manaois of Baguio City Treasurers Office and with a executed AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS at the office of **Atty. Daniel T. Farinas**, located at No.19 Abanao St. Baguio City.

ANNOUNCEMENT (Notice of Meeting)

There will be a consultative meeting for all taxi operators in Baguio Benguet on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. in PFVR Gym (fronting Mario's Restaurant) to discuss the proposal of Councilor Richard Carino to grant amnesty (legalization) for all irregular / illegal franchises made during his privilege speech in the Council in its session on 7 December 2009

Your attendance will be valued highly so we can present a solid front in support of the proposal of Councilor Carino.

Samahan ng mga Indipendenteng Taksi Asosasyon at Komunikasyon, Baguio – Benguet (SITAK, BB)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
INTESTATE ESTATE OF
RAYMUND P. GALANG OF
BAGUIO CITY

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION

RIZAL V. GALANG,
Petitioner,

Special Proceedings Case
No. 1762-R

X—X

ORDER

On August 8, 2007 petitioner Rizal V. Galang filed the instant petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of the deceased Raymund P. Galang. He alleged in the petition that the decedent died intestate on August 5, 2006 in Baguio City where during his lifetime he was a resident. Petitioner declared in the petition the decedent's known property, i.e., a house and lot at No. 66-I Lower Magsaysay Barangay, Baguio City. He claimed that the decedent had borrowed P410,000.00 from him in 1996 and used the house and lot as security for the loan. The decedent was petitioner's legitimate child.

On September 12, 2007 this Court issued an Order setting the petition for hearing and requiring the notice thereof be given by publication, posting and service upon parties named in the petition, the Office of the Solicitor General

and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

On February 5, 2008 and April 8, 2008 the petition was heard. On August 26, 2008 petitioner offered in evidence

Exhibit "A" (Order dated September 12, 2007)

Exhibit "A-1" (Acknowledgement Receipt of the Order by the Office of the City Prosecutor)

Exhibit "A-2" (Acknowledgement Receipt of the Order by this Court's Process Server for posting)

Exhibit "A-3" (Acknowledgement Receipt of the Order by this Court's Office of the Clerk of Court for publication)

Exhibit "A-4" (Acknowledgement Receipt of the Order by the Bureau of Internal Revenue)

Exhibit "A-5" (Acknowledgement Receipt of the Order by petitioner's counsel)

Exhibit "A-6" (Acknowledgement Receipt of the Order by the decedent's legitimate children, namely, Racheffe Ann Galang and Ana Kristela Galang)

Exhibit "A-7" (Registry Return Receipt showing that the decedent's illegitimate children received the Order)

Exhibit "B" (Notice of Appearance by the Office of the Solicitor General)

Exhibit "C" (Certificate of Posting of the Order at the bulletin boards of the Regional Trial Court, this Court, the City Hall, the City Market and the Post Office)

Exhibit "D" (Affidavit of Publication by the Weekly Hocandia inquirer showing publication of Order on September 30, October 7 and 14, 2007)

Exhibits "D-1: to "D-3" (clippings of the publication)

Exhibit "E" (Death certificate of

the decedent) Exhibit "F" (Birth Certificate of the decedent)

Exhibit "G" (Tax Declaration of the house and lot left by the decedent)

Exhibit "H" (Marriage Certificate of the decedent and Ma. Theresa Tuvera)

Exhibit "I" (Birth Certificate of Raychelle Anne Tuvera Galang)

Exhibit "J" (Birth Certificate of Ana Kristela Galang)

Exhibit "K" (Birth Certificate of Kayros Kristiv Sison)

Exhibit "L" (Birth Certificate of Gabriel Sison)

Exhibit "M" (Birth Certificate of Raphael Rakesh Galang)

Exhibit "N" (Birth Certificate of Jan Mikael Sison)

Exhibit "O" (Birth Certificate of Kristin Auriel Sison)

Exhibit "P" (Birth Certificate of Airos Marie Galang)

Exhibits "Q" and "Q- 1" (Pre-Trial Order dated November 8, 1996 in Civil Case No. 86-F-0818 for Declaration of Nullity of Marriage between the decedent and Ma. Theresa Tuvera)

Exhibit "R" (Promissory Note dated September 15, 1996)

Exhibit "S" (Certificate to File Action)
This Court now admits in evidence the foregoing exhibits.

On March 30, 2009 the decedent's legitimate children Raychelle Anne T. Galang and Ana Kristela I. Galang, filed their "Opposition" to the petition. They asked that one of them be appointed administrator. On May 11, 2008 petitioner did not object to the appointment of any one of the decedent's legitimate children as administrator but he reiterated his claim against the decedent's estate. On August 30,

2009 the legitimate children submitted to this Court Ana Kristela Galang's income tax returns, certificate of employment, barangay clearance, court clearance, prosecutor's clearance and National Bureau of Investigation clearance.

On November 23, 2009 this Court heard the petition once again. During that hearing, petitioner and oppositors, through their respective counsels, agreed that one of the oppositors he appointed administrator and that the bond be pegged at the amount set in Exhibit "G" or the tax declaration of the house and lot left by the decedent, that is, P45,195.10 in cash. They then submitted the instant petition for resolution.

This Court resolves to grant the petition for letters of administration. The administrator shall be Ana Kristela T. Galang. She has all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to be named such. Besides the parties agreed on her appointment. The bond she shall post will be in the amount of P45,195.10 in cash — also upon the parties' acquiescence.

WHEREFORE:

(a) Letters of administration is issued to Ana Kristela T. Galang. Prepare and issue the letters of administration to her.

(b) Before entering upon the execution of her trust. Ana Kristela I. Galang shall post a cash bond of P45, 195.10.

(c) As administrator Ana Kristela T. Galang shall make and return to this Court within three (3) months from notice of this Order a true and complete inventory of all goods, chattels, rights, credits and es-

tate of the deceased which shall come to his possession or knowledge or to the possession of any other person for him.

(d) Issue a notice requiring all persons having money claims against the decedent to file them in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Baguio City, within seven (7) months from the of the first publication of this notice.

(e) As administrator Ana Kristela I. Galang shall publish the notice mentioned in letter (d) above for three (3) weeks successively in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City,

and post it for the same period in four (4) public places in Bauio City, with the first publication to be made no later than January 22, 2010.

Serve a copy of this Order upon the parties through their respective counsels and the Office of the Clerk of Court for the publication requirement.

SO ORDERED.

November 23, 2009,
Baguio City.

By: (SGD) CLETO R. VILLACORTA
III
Presiding Judge
Nov 28, Dec 5 - 12, 2009

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

NORMA MENDOZA
Applicant
Case No:94-CAR-224
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 December 14, 2009 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 24th day of November 2009.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Hearing Officer

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

JEREMIAS CHAPASEN
Applicant
Case No:97-BC-671
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 December 14, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 24th day of November 2009.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Hearing Officer

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Melchor Carlos Rabanes requested the OSG to work out the cancellation of the spurious CALTs that cover a 25-hectare portion of the reservation and revert the lots' status as forest land.

Rabanes said Miranda vowed to come up with a recommendation on the city's request after ample investigation was made.

Miranda said the on-going consultations concern all land claims in the city and that they expect to come up with holistic solution to address the problems.

As this developed, the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 60 under Judge Edilberto Claravall Jr. last November 5 advised a status quo on CALTs after the lapse of the 20-day temporary restraining order on any transactions relative to the Forbes Park lots issued CALTs.

The status quo advice was issued after the parties asked for time to submit their respective pleadings and answers relative to the court case.

The city last October 21 filed a civil case for injunction with prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and writ of preliminary injunction to protect the city's interest on the lots.

Apart from the civil case, the city also last October 21 filed before the Office of the Ombudsman an administrative case against NCIP commissioners Atty. Eugenio Insigne, Rolando Rivera, Rizalino Segundo, Atty. Noel Felongco, Jannette Serrano-Reisland, Felecito Masagnay and Miguel Imbing Apostol who awarded the subject lots to the heirs of Lauro Carantes.

The city is seeking to recover the parcels of land covered by the subject NCIP Titles – Original Certificate of Titles Nos. O-CALT-26, O-CALT-27, O-CALT-28 and O-CALT – 29 and their derivative titles transfer certificates of titles bearing nos. TCT Nos. T-99949, T-99950, T-99951, T-99952, T-99953, T-99953, T-99954, T-99955, T-99926 and T-99927" issued by the NCIP to the heirs of Lauro Carantes./aileen p. refuerzo

Notice Of Extra Judicial Settlement Of Estate

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Sulpicio D. Marquez , who died intestate on June 19, 1989 at Baguio City has been settled by his heirs through a Deed of Extra Judicial Settlement recorded in the National Registry of Atty. elita Amylesha D. macaraeg as Doc. No. 027 on Page No. 055 , Book No. IV, Series of 2009

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sector of society to also help in such endeavor.

"We are not looking for a perfect plan, we can even keep it simple as long as it is something that is doable right now, as the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC) is already working on a Regional Rehabilitation Plan that already incorporates DRR/CAA," Ngalob said.

The Regional Launching and Consultation for the integration of DRR/CCA in Local Development Planning and Decision-Making Processes was conducted to generate awareness and support among project stakeholders, gather relevant data and seek inputs from local and regional stakeholders and to identify potential partners for continuing research, training on mainstreaming DRR and CCA and other future project activities.

The said project is being implemented by NEDA, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and with funding assistance from the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

Participants in the said program were national Government Agencies, local government units, academic institutions and non-government organizations./Lito Dar/PIA

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He warned that the government should not consider their political allegiance in resolving the case. "If and when the government does step in, government must ensure that justice is done for both sides, not only for one side," he said.

He added that he supports transferring the location of the investigation at the Department of Justice in Manila.

"It is better to do the investigation and custody here than in Maguindanao given that the area is a potential powder keg. Let justice take its course without fear or favor. Let's just make sure that no one is persecuted unduly thru trial by publicity in our quest for justice for the victims," he said.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Justice and Human rights, Escudero said he is willing to handle and take the responsibility of proceeding with the inquiry. He said that when Senate sessions resume on December 1 and 2, the plenary will decide which appropriate committee would handle the investigation.

However, Escudero added that all considerations must be discussed before conducting the probe. "The last thing you want to do is to haul them all to Manila, for the provincial director, the regional director, and all concerned officials. We do not want to impede their work there," he said.

"If there is a clear bias one way or another, the Senate should come in also. For example, if the administration is using its clout to persecute not prosecute certain persons or individuals other than political allies, then the Senate should protect everyone's interest," he said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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tions that has been actively engaging the government in the budget process for the past six years.

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Mayor Vetoes

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Many displaced vendors complained of unfair practice but the mayor said it is the city's policy to accommodate only legitimate vendors with existing and binding contracts with the city government.

Meanwhile, the mayor said the city has completed plans for building temporary structures at the Blocks 3 and 4 of the city market to turn the long idle area of the market into a revenue-generating asset.

The mayor said he will ask the city council to give him an authority to again negotiate with the officials of the Uniwide with which the city has a binding development contract over the trading center to allow the city to pursue the plan.

He said the city may avail of a loan from the Land Bank of the Philippines to finance the project along with other plans like the satellite markets at City Camp and Pacdal and the establishment of the engineered sanitary landfill for waste management./ aileen p. refuerzo

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tion.

The health chief stressed that the vaccination is free of charge and will only be given to those who will volunteer to be immunized against the novel virus. Duque said that the WHO estimates that it will be able to obtain donations and funding for procurement of at least 200 million vaccines in the first year, which will be enough to cover 10% of the population of the developing world.

The government also expressed its gratefulness to the WHO for its continuous health assistance to the victims of the three consecutive typhoons and tropical storms that hit the country recently.

WHO also responded to the request of the DOH to send a team of experts from the WHO Global Outbreak and Alert Response Network (GOARN) to assess the leptospirosis outbreak in the country and to help improve the country's post-disaster surveillance and disease outbreak control and response efforts./PIA

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“Critical areas” only. The map indicates several classifications such as “High Landslide Susceptible Areas,” “Medium/Moderate Landslide Susceptible Areas,” and “Low Landslide Susceptible Areas.”

“Assuming that the 90% estimate is an accurate figure, this then would show that at least 10% covers areas with low landslide susceptibility, while the 90% would be divided into the Critical, High and Medium Landslide Susceptibility classifications. This does not mean, however, that the area covering 90% of the city is not fit for habitation. With the appropriate engineering designs and interventions such as firm and solid foundations, benching, retaining walls, proper drainage system, etc. the areas classified as “Medium/Moderate” and even the “High” could still be feasible for habitation,” Gacad added.

In comparison, without proper designs and interventions, structures in areas classified as Low or Medium Landslide Susceptible may be adversely affected by the possible occurrences of landslide. “What is important is not the hazard alone, but how this hazard interacts with the various man-made or natural factors in the environment that would increase, or even decrease, the risk of the occurrence,” Paragas said.

Benigno Espejo, Supervising Geologist of the MGB-CAR defined that “High Landslide Susceptible and Critical Areas” are unstable areas, significant portions of which are affected by mass movements where human initiated effects are usually high; “High Landslide Susceptible Areas” are unstable areas with the presence of active and/or recent landslide, numerous and large tension cracks, areas with drainage systems prone to debris damming with numerous old landslides/escarpments, steep slope and proximity to fault structures; “Moderate/Medium Landslide Susceptible Areas” are stable areas with occasional and localized mass movements with indicative and/or old landslides and presence of small tension cracks with moderate slope; “Low landslide Susceptible Areas” are stable areas with no identified landslide scars, either inactive or active and low to gentle slope with no evidence of mass movement.

The hazard mapping program of the MGB generates 1:10,000 scale hazard maps. The MGB hopes to generate more detailed and smaller scaled hazard maps in the future. However, the present 1:10,000 scale maps are very useful guides for the planning and design of structures and for zoning purposes. For land development of a specific site/area for housing, including other major land development projects, a more detailed geohazard mapping should be conducted on the said area to come up with a more site specific geohazard map which may be one requirement prior to the issuance of necessary permits [e.g. Subdivision developers are required to undergo Geohazard Assessment for their specific subdivision project in the same manner that Townsite Sales Applications and Building Permit Applications (in the Municipality of La

Trinidad, Benguet) are required to submit specific geological reports prior to the issuance of permits/clearances].

“Generally, Baguio City is safe. However, we should always look at the risk or the probability of geohazard occurrences. This requires correlating the available hazards identified in a particular area and their interactions with the possible elements at risk while at the same time providing answers to the questions “why and how they are at risk?” Is it the location of infrastructure in relation to the hazard? Is it the design of the structure? Or is it the contribution of changing weather patterns (e.g. increased rainfall)? When these questions are answered, this will allow for the estimation of the probability and consequence of the hazard occurrences so that proper action will be taken to prevent any disaster, or mitigate their negative impacts,” Paragas concluded.

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has no basis in law.”

“I submit therefore, gays and lesbians should not be punished or discriminated against if there is no law providing that they should be condemned for their sexual preferences,” he said.

The mayor also refuted the COMELEC’s claim that the gay community is marginalized.

On the contrary, he said, gays comprise a considerable chunk of the entertainment and other workforces.

“Who forms a great part of hands that make our television shows, radio programs, news watch, and movies possible? Who are our best clothing designers and hair stylists – the people who make us feel good about ourselves because of what we wear?” he said.

“...it would be naïve for COMELEC Commissioners not to admit they have come across and bought clothes designed and made by the people whose association they condemn. On this score, the Commissioners need not look further to know the value of lesbians, gays and trans-genders. All they have to do is ask their staff and their grandkids about who gives ‘em that personality-enhancing hairstyles or those clothes that transform them from someone to somebody.

On the youth issue, the mayor said “COMELEC need not worry about our kids if we do our jobs as parents. What our kids will be is a product of how they look up to us.”

“If we submit to paranoia, then our kids will turn out the same way as we. If we condemn people for being honest then our kids will condemn people without looking at their good merits. If we judge people based on their beliefs and not on what they can contribute, then our society is not better than the Ku Klux Klan. Why blame gays and lesbians for wrongs which we as parents are supposed to correct?”

“People are always afraid of those who are different. But how can we understand the odd without giving ‘em the voice to tell us they are no different from us? As such, I strongly condemn gay slurs and hope our Commissioners would soon open their eyes to parity among contributing sectors in our community,” he said./aileen p. refuerzo

Traffic Schemes**..... from page 3**

and signs shall be posted by the City Engineer’s Office and the Traffic Management Branch (TMB) of the police office shall enforce the order.

It is however expected that necessary minor traffic adjustments be made during all of the ordered traffic experimentation.

For the earlier proposed one-lane going down Session road experiment supposedly to be the “green lane scheme,” an amended AO was issued, thus the traffic scheme shall now start on December 8, and not December 1, as earlier announced. Vehicular traffic would still be the usual two-way, until a better alternative route could be found.

There shall also be two opposite direction traffic flows at upper Session road from the one-way traffic flow, between the rotunda at Session and intersection of North Drive-Upper Session road; starting Dec. 8. The minor adjustment is along Session road 2 from the intersection of North drive, through the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI-CAR) building, City Social Welfare and Development Office, Barrio Fiesta, Casa Vallejo, up to the intersection of Leonard Wood road and the rotunda at Upper Session road.

Another administrative order has been issued for loading and unloading, for taxis and private vehicles along Session road, effective Dec. 8.

This is to ensure “better air quality and smoother traffic flow along Session road,” the AO states.

Loading and unloading for taxis, three (3) slots at a time, shall be allowed along lower Session road, a few meters from Mercury Drug store, left side, and just before the intersection, lower Mabini street, on the right side.

Taxi loading and unloading is allowed on both sides of the road, along Antipolo building and across. And so with the road side of Puso ng Baguio building, and across Porta Vaga building.

Private vehicles loading and unloading are allowed on the right side, just after Pines Theater and on the left side, just below the upper Mabini street intersection. The same is true at the roadside across Assumption road, on the left side, the lower portion of Puso ng Baguio building, Porta Vaga, and just before La Azotea building, on the right side.

Private vehicle parking shall be allowed on both road sides, above the Philippine National Bank building and Cid Educational Supplies, and MacDonalds. The middle portion of Puso ng Baguio building, the frontage of Laperal building and the stretch just before Gov. Pack road shall also be allowed for private vehicle parking.

Public Utility Vehicles are allowed to load and unload above Patria de Baguio building and Fr. Carlu street.

Parking is also strictly prohibited at the designated taxi and private vehicles loading and unloading areas, the traffic advisory noted./juliefianza

Trio share testimonies on how to achieve peace

T A B U K , Kalinga – A rebel returnee, an offender, and a mother of a murder victim went public on their testimonies to advocate for respect for humanity and urged everyone to take their experiences to make peace a way of life.

A n d r e s ‘Dakkap’ Malawis of Lubo, Tanudan, one of the first recruits of the New Peoples Army (NPA) in 1973 regrets joining the rebel group.

“For nine years, what we have done is the destruction of culture and tradition since many peacepacts were severed caused by the

NPA’s violation of the ‘pagta”, he told a 3,000 audience of peace rallyists.

“Take it from my experience, don’t ever be fooled or deceived by the invitation of the NPAs to join the movement”, Malawis said adding: “we have done nothing but to kill”.

M a n g a n i p Alunday, a reformed offender, advised the audience gathered at the Kalinga-Apayao State College especially the young generation, to always obey their parents and elders.

Manganip used to rob travelers along the highways until his capture. While in

jail, he learned to embrace the good news government and church are teaching- abide by law and be a brother to all. He is now an active Baptist church worker.

On her part, Mrs. Agnes Adaol, mother of a murder victim in Baguio City told the audience her family has forgiven her son’s killer. “I prayed for my son’s murderer that he/she may be forgiven and take the right path to save his soul”, she said.

Her son, a graduating student in one of the universities in Baguio, was gunned down on April 12, 2006 for a sin her family was wrongly accused of./Peter A. Balocnit/PIA-Kalinga



COC FILING. Councilor Elaine D. Sembrano (right), independent candidate for Baguio City Mayor for the 2010 elections, and Palma-Urbano Punong Barangay retired Col. Alberto Reyes, partyless bet for City Councilor, present their respective certificates of candidacies which they filed at the Comelec office last November 27, 2009. They are presently among 15 local candidates thus far listed in the Comelec registry of filed election aspirants. Councilor Sembrano is making political history by being the first woman mayoralty candidate vying to be the first woman chief executive of the city. Five other male candidates are in the mayoralty race. With them is COMELEC Baguio Election Officer Modesto Bahul (center)/Photo by Leah Carino

RP to receive H1N1 vaccines from WHO

The Philippine government will soon receive H1N1 vaccines from the World Health Organization (WHO) after the two parties signed an agreement and presented the document to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo last week.

The said agreement stipulates that the government will ensure its registration and authorize its use; commit to its appropriate and ethical use; handle its importation, customs clearance and distribution; and notify WHO of occurrence of any unexpected adverse

events. The endowment, according to WHO Director General Margaret Chan, is part of WHO’s pledge to make the distribution equitable and fair to developing countries and poor and vulnerable populations once it becomes available.

The Philippine Department of Health (DOH) disclosed that the first deliveries of the vaccines shall be given to health care providers. Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said that these medical personnel are at higher risk of getting the disease than

ordinary people due to the larger probability of exposure, plus they may also unknowingly transmit the infections to their families and other patients with other illnesses.

Duque said that the next in the priority list are pregnant women be-

cause they have ten times the risk of needing intensive care if infected compared to the general population; people aged six months to 59 years old with

chronic medical conditions; children five years old and below and adults who are beyond 60 years old (healthy or otherwise) be-

cause they are considered to be at highest risk of severe infection; and lastly, the remainder of the population. **Cont. on page 10**

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