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PNoy: Challenge now is to Sustain Reforms



RTMO-COR IN TREE PLANTING- Photo shows personnel of RCOR Regional Office led by PSSUPT JAIME S MACARILAY, Regional Chief, RCOR planting pine trees on June 29, 2012 (Friday) at the Wright Park, Barangay Lualhati, Baguio City./RTMO COR Photo

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet— President Benigno S. Aquino III said that the challenge now is to sustain the reforms started by his administration and to make these reforms permanent.

We are not here to brag, we are here to ensure that our platforms are firm and stable, the President said in his message during the oath taking of new members of Liberal Party (LP) in the Cordillera region at the Benguet State University gymnasium last Monday morning.

The President cited the accomplishments of his administration and reforms started which he said should be sustained and made permanent beyond 2016. Thus the need to strengthen platform of government to ensure that there will be dedicated people to pursue the cause.

About 400 officials from the provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mt. Province and Baguio City took their oath as new members of LP-CAR before Department of Transportation and Communication Secretary Mar Roxas, the LP president and witnessed by the President, who is the LP chair-

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Burnham Fencing on its way to Completion

BAGUIO CITY –From over 700 spans of fence needing sponsors to secure the perimeter of Burnham Park, it is now down to 75 spans to complete the ambitious yet novel fencing project. This was gathered during the meeting of the Burnham Park Fencing Committee last July 5.

It was informed that a total of 151 spans of fence remain for adoption and construction but out of the total, 76 spans can be funded by the P4 million balance from the P25 million fund provided by President Benigno S. Aquino for the project thus leaving 75 spans for adoption by private or public groups or individuals.

The project was hatched by Bishop Carlito J. Cenzon through his eponymous foundation in 2008 and was implemented by the foundation through the fencing committee in coordination with the city government.

It was considered novel and at the same time ambitious as the spans of fence were put out for “adoption” and built through funds donated by these benefactors from the private or public sectors.

The project gained more headway when the President through the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) allocated a counterpart fund of P25 million which financed more than 400 or more than half of the spans needed.

Mayor Domogan hailed the project as another concrete testimonial to the lasting private-public sector cooperation that he said has been the key to the city’s progress./ A Refuerzo

Blisst Concept of Development Resurrected Anew

The on-and-off BLISTT cluster concept of development for Baguio and the neighboring towns of La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay has been resurrected anew, this time with greater hope for its finally being fleshed out.

The fresh push was initiated by regional director Leonardo Quitos of the National Economic and Development Authority through a meeting with the mayors of the six local government units (LGU) to take on the blueprint anchored on the European Community-supported Urban BLIST Master Plan

formulated in 1994.

The EC study, which clustered Baguio, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan and Tuba, never got off the ground, partly due to lingering fears from officials of the towns that it was “Baguio-centric”, with the city using the LIST resources for its own development.

Quitos, however, stressed that the envisioned cluster planning that now includes Tublay is “to harmonize development for the material benefit of all LGYs, focused on differentiated roles/opportunities in the context of a whole (and clustering in the

context of the region”.

He noted that both the BLIST and BLISTT initiatives “acknowledge the gains of clustering for development, e.g. resource sharing, efficient size for public/private investment, economic linkages, specialization (and other thrusts)”.

Both initiatives, he said, “emphasize the need for a strong LGU participation” and that “strong LGU commitment attracts assistance from development institutions”.

Responding, the four mayors who attended the meeting at the El Cielito Inn here agreed that they and their peers be

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Road to Recovery too Long for Five-Year Old

It will be a long way back home to Tinoc, Ifugao for Jeremiah Tuda, a five-year old confined since last March at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

“He’s placed in isolation,” Jenelyn, his 25-year old mother, said of her second child. She was referring to a recent bacterial infection of the toddler’s wounds from a vehicular accident back home. She said she was told the infection would have to be eliminated, as per the clinical abstract, by “debridement” or removal of the infected tissue before skin grafting could be done.

Jenelyn and Jeremiah have been far from home for over four months now, away from her husband and fellow marginal farmer, Abraham, 35, and their two other kids.

All she could do by Jedremiah’s bedside was to scribble an appeal for help in Filipino.

“Hindi na po namin mabili ang mga gamot na kanyaing kailangan sa sobrang kamahalan at hindi na alam kung saan ako hahanap ng pera na pambili ng kanyang pangangailangan,” she admitted. “Sobra na po ang paghihirap naming ng pera kaya ko po naisip na ilapit ang problema ko sa inyo,” she wrote to whoever would care to read.

Back home, Abraham has stopped farming for land-owners at P150 a day. He has to look after his two daughters – three-year old Nova and eight-year old Ivy Rose. Still, he has to travel to Baguio by this week to try to encash a Landbank check for P2,500 issued last May yet by the Tinoc municipal social welfare and development office as fund support to Jeremiah’s treatment.

When Jenelyn tried to encash the check, she was told it was in the name of her husband and that he must obtain a postal identification card to be able to draw the amount.

Jeremiah’s hospital bills are again jacking up to six figures despite a P57,800 Philhealth deduction and P10,000 support each from Ifugao Rep. Teddy Baguilat and Gov. Eugene Balitang who both responded the moment they heard of the boy’s plight.

Jenelyn said the driver of the truck which figured in the accident could only offer limited help. She said he also could not give a definitive account of what really happened. Reportedly, he initially narrated Jeremiah was ran over after he tried to climb the vehicle from behind, yet later said the kid was hit when the truck was backing up.

“Yes, I married Abraham when I was 16,” she said after she was told she was only 25 with three kids. “We both come from Huhlukan, Binablayan, Tinoc, Ifugao.”

“They are farm helpers who are being supplied with agricultural inputs by a rich supplier,” social worker Beatrice Halip wrote in a social case study report she prepared to back up the family’s request for support from charitable institutions. “During harvest time, they have to divide the net income with the rich supplier.”

Samaritans out there can reach out to Jeremiah through his mother’s cellphone number (09358765173)./Ramon Dacawi.

Two City Employees Commended for Honesty

BAGUIO CITY – There’s no dearth of honest employees at City Hall as proven by two employees who were commended for their kind deed within a week of

each other.

Michael Lopez, a job order employee of the Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team of the Water/Waste Water and Ambient Air Management

Division of the city environment and parks management office, became the toast of his co-employees last Monday as a town official of Lingayen, Pangasinan paid him

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Two Foreign Companies Eye City's Waste Potential

BAGUIO CITY – the Solid Waste management Board Thursday (July 4) met with two potential companies planning to put up a ‘waste to energy’ facility here.

In the meeting, representatives from both companies expressed their desire to Mayor Mauricio Domogan in entering into an agreement with the city government to put up a waste-to-energy plant in the city on a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) scheme.

The first company proposes a thermal Conversion waste to energy facility wherein the city is required to produce 200 tons of garbage per day.

In turn, the company converts the waste into electricity which will be sold as a source of income.

The second company also proposes a similar facility but the waste will be processed into coal pellets.

The coal will then be sold to coal power fueled plants and cement factories in the country.

Both proponents will shoulder all expenses prior to the building and installation of the facility and will give a P30 million cash bond.

The companies are also willing to sponsor for free, a technical team composed of six persons from the city government to observe the operation of the machines in the United Kingdom and Belgium.

Domogan said, “A joint venture into renewable energy can be a boost for the city in terms of revenue and a modern waste disposal system that could help neighboring LGU’s.”

He said, ‘the city is weighing other options that can address solid wastes concerns and is still open to the possibility of an Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) site in Ampucao or the waste to energy facility in Tuba, Benguet or the two foreign proponents whichever comes first’.

“In our part, I think we can deliver 200 tons of garbage required by these facilities in a daily basis if we include wastes from our malls, hotels and economic zone locators’, Domogan stressed.

Domogan said, the foreign proposals are promising but will still have to undergo deliberations by the city council./Paul Rillorta

Call for Autonomy Support Highlights 25th Cordi Day Fete

BAGUIOCITY – The 25th Cordillera Day celebration from July 14-16 will aim to “propel unwavering commitment and support to the pursuit of Cordillera autonomy.”

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said one of the highlights of the celebration will be the signing of a manifesto of support to the clamor for autonomy by all the officials of the Cordillera provinces and city.

“As one of the goals of this year’s celebration, we hope to drum up more support to the quest for autonomy which is practically the main reason why we have this Cordillera Day celebration,” the mayor said.

He said the autonomy act or House Bill 5595 entitled “An Act Establish-

ing the Cordillera Autonomous Region” which is currently being studied in the House of Representatives committee level has been widely received during the Congress-Regional Development Council (RDC) information-education campaign (IEC) conducted in the provinces and city.

“It goes to show that if we continue to enlighten them with the intents and purposes of the bill, many people will support the autonomy so we will continue to reach out to the people through the IEC campaigns,” the mayor said.

The Cordillera Day celebration will focus on the theme, “CAR at 25: Looking Back with Pride, Moving Forward with Hope.”

Activities prepared by the RDC chaired by Kalinga Governor Jocel Baac began last May with the Cordillera Unity Relay ceremonial activities which fired off in Mt. Province and later in Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Apayao.

The relay will end in Baguio with the ceremonial turnover of the unity gongs by the Apayao officials to city heads at Tiptop, Ambuklao Road on July 14 at 1 p.m..

This will be followed by the signing of the manifesto of support to Cordillera autonomy and signing of tourism alliance among Cordillera leaders at the Pines View Hotel along Kisad Road.

Program proper on July 15 will begin with the opening ritual by local government units at 7 a.m. to be followed by

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Philhealth Unveils Four-Ailment Treatment Benefit Package

Persons covered by the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (Philhealth) may now avail – if they are qualified - for fund support in case they’re suffering from any of four serious ailments covered by the newly launched “Case Type Z” benefit package of the government medical care system.

In Philhealth Circular 030 issued last June 13, Philhealth president Eduardo Banzon identified the initial afflictions covered:

“The illnesses and their stages/risk classification included in the initial implementation (phase 1)are as follows: standard risk acute lymphocytic (lymphoblastic) leukemia (ALL) in children, early stage breast cancer, low to intermediate prostate cancer and end stage renal disease requiring kidney transplant (low risk).

In other words, Case Type Z is for early stage cases that “have good survival rates based on medical literature and the success rate of the treatment is acceptable based on current standards of practice”, according to Philhealth Circular 029-2012.

The package for ALL shall be P210,000 for the entire course of treatment for three years. It’s for kids aged one to less than 10 years, with white blood cell count <50,000/pL, no CNS leukemia at diagnosis, no testicular involvement of male patient at diagnosis and WHO classification:B or T lymphoblastic leukemia immunophenotype (mature B-cell All or Burkitt leukemia are excluded).

For the Cordillera, Philhealth assistant regional director, Dr. Valeriano Lopez led Monday in launching the special benefit package at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center. With him were medical center chief, Dr. Manuel Factora, and Philhealth staff Lily Linggon, Dr. Glenn Cornelio Lamsis and Dr. Dominga Gadgad.

The package for early breast cancer is P100,000 “for one year only for the complete course of first line surgical and anti-cancer drug care drug care with radiotherapy when indicated”. It’s for Stage 0 to Stage III-A, including stage III-A becoming III-B post-surgery which may require radiotherapy.

The package of P100,000 is also for “low to intermediate risk prostate cancer requiring prostatectomy”. It’s for patients up to 70 years old, with “localized cancer” with “no uncontrolled comorbid conditions”. “Low risk” is indicated as “T1-T2a and gleason score 206, and PSA <10 ng/ml” while intermediate risk is qualified as “T2b to T2c., Gleason score of 7, and PSA 10-20 ng/ml”.

The package for end-stage renal disease is good for P600,000, to cover “low risk” kidney transplant. It’s for patients over 10 and under 70 years old, with low immunologic risk and other criteria, including “certification from the social service of the hospital that (he.she) can maintain anti-rejection medicines for the next three years”.

Dr. Factora noted that non-government and charitable institutions may come in to cover the expenses not covered by the amounts specified under the Case Type Z Program under a medical public-private partnership of sorts./Ramon Dacawi.

Youth, Seniors Appeal for Access

Young and elderly Baguio residents Monday called for greater pedestrian access to the urban space even as traffic scheme planners assured they have the welfare of walkers in mind in their proposal to improve the flow of motor vehicles along the city’s main streets.

Police Supt. James Allan Logan of the city’s Traffic and Transportation Management Committee made the assurance as he pressed for the permanent reduction to three of the six pedestrian lanes along Session Rd., saying the design was also for the safety of walkers crossing the city’s main street.

City councilor Elmer Datuin earlier filed a proposed resolution asking the TTMC “to reopen the three pedestrian lanes which were closed due to the 30-day traffic experiment at Session Road as per Resolution Numbered 276, series of 2011”.

His move was supported by Girl Scout Megan Frances Mangali who appeared before the local legislature to also press for approval of a similar resolution she filed as scout

city councilor-for-a-day last October.

She said many students spilling out from their campuses after classes have to negotiate circuitous routes while passing through Session Road on their way home because of the closure of three pedestrian lanes.

Joining her at the citizens’ panel before the city council, former senior citizen city councilor Herminia Pascua also pressed for implementation of her resolution last year “directing the city engineering office to restore the blue lane

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Piece Meal Justice

“If we are to keep democracy, there must be a commandment: Thou shalt not ration justice,” US federal judge Learned Hand wrote before his death in 1961.

Here, “21% of trials take 2 to 5 years to finish, and 13% take more than 5 years,” acting Supreme Court chief justice Antonio Carpio told a Central Luzon convention of the Integrated Bar, “There has to be a sea change... Judicial reform is simply too important to fail”.

Carpio pitched his address to an audience beyond IBP: a nation scrambling, to close the gap, left by impeachment of it’s 23rd chief justice. The Senate fired Renato Corona by a 20-to-3 vote. It nailed the “Capo” for stashing unreported dollars while fiddling with Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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The unsaid context was decisions, by the Corona court,

that rationed justice. Crammed with justices, handpicked by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, the Corona majority served as bouncers for GMA’s interests, claim critics. They include President Benigno Aquino III.

The Arroyo-majority stitched a legal fig leaf for “midnight appointment” of Corona, papered over Rep. Dato Arroyo’s jerry-mandering in Camarines, then rammed thru a temporary restraining order that’d have allow Arroyo to flee. Now in hospital detenton, GMA denies charges of plunder and election sabotage.

Serial skewed decisions, by the Arroyo justices eroded the Court’s moral high ground. Among others, these included repeated flip-flopping of 16 towns into cities, paralysis on the PAL flight attendants and stewards case to murmuring amen as Eduardo Cojuangco pocketed 16.2 million in San Miguel Corp. shares, funded by coco farmers levies. “The biggest joke to hit the century”, snapped then Justice Carpio Morales.

Carpio’s program jump starts the stalled Judiciary Reform program initiated by Chief Justice Hilario Davide. These include (a) case decongestion, (b) integrity and independence of judges, (c) compensation of judges, court administration, and training. (d) Transparency and accountability. “Clean-house” measures, instituted day after impeachment, underpin this road map for the future.

“Sunlight is the best disinfectant,” counseled Justice William O. Douglas, who served longest (almost 37 years) in the US Supreme Court. On his first day as acting chief justice, Carpio prodded once reluctant justices to direct judges: Disclose SALNs “as mandated by the Constitution and the law.”

It helped that Carpio opened his SALN long before the Corona conviction. “The Supreme Court has done this as part of the lessons learned from the recent impeachment trial”, he said.” Leaders of the Judiciary must lead by example”.

Post on the Court’s website, what were once kept hush-hush, Carpio directed. At the click of a computer mouse, you can surf today what former Senator Rene Saguisag and researchers were repeatedly denied access to: reports on the Judiciary Development Fund and Special Allowance for Judges, plus those by Commission on Audit.

“This is really a no brainer since all these are public documents,” Carpio explained. “This is part of the new transparency and accountability policy”.

Quit shilly-shallying. Move decisively into the digital age. Adopt a computerized case management system, as demonstrated by the Court of Appeals “widely acknowledged worldwide as a success”. By end of 2012, Presiding Justice Andres Reyes foresees the CMS system will ensure that all cases are decided 12 months from end of trial.

If the CA can do it, why not the Supreme Court? In fact, CMS for trial courts is being pilot tested in all Quezon City trial courts. If successful, the trial court CMS will be deployed nationwide in 2013.

Simplify, simplify, simplify. Streamline trial procedures, patterned after four existing special rules in corporate controversies, environmental issue and intellectual property rights.

“Internet connection for all courthouses is now a necessity. Access to the Supreme Court’s ELibrary will put at the fingertips of all judges nationwide all the jurisprudence and laws they need in writing decisions. Every judge and justice will be provided with a USB 3G wireless thumb drive...

Filter cases through mediation. “Out of 209,165 civil cases mediated as of May 2012, the success rate was 64%. And out of 23,979 civil cases placed under judicial dis

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MANILA – This piece has something to do with the old Japanese-era of feeding “kapwa Pinoy” to the lions for a ransom or no reason at all.

No, we’re not yet born during the Second World War. We just heard it from many a sob story from lolos and lolas stemming from that turbulent phase of mankind.

The nasty, un-nationalistic human nature of some of our kapwa Pinoy still exist.

No, not here in the land of our birth but, rather, somewhere out there broad where a good number of our kababayans are trying to eke out a living our native land headed now by President Noy cannot ably provide them.

Such is the woeful case of a certain OFW in Dubai who’s seeking the help of concerned government agencies.

Accordingly, the said OFW in Dubai is right now incarcerated somewhere out there for a crime he strongly believes he is not guilty of.

The summary of his very sad story goes like this:

He’s got a very high-paying job before in Dubai as he was accordingly employed as computer technician/programmer and just any other OFW he too had a kapwa-Filipino friend whom he thought as honest and highly dependable one as some of our kababayans would seek the same in faraway lands from kapwa-Pinoys.

That indeed went out as he expected until the day he was fed into the lions by his very own kababayan who he calls now as wolf dressed in sheep’s skin.

That day he badly needed additional cash (5,000 dirham) that he will be sending to relatives back home. He felt like jumping in glee as his friend readily acceded to his request to borrow the said amount and soon they set the day, time and place where he will turn over the money.

When his friend showed up on a Toyota RAV 4, he was with two other Pinoys.

His friend invited him to have a short ride around before giving him the borrowed cash.

Inside the mini-SUV, one of his friend’s companions asked him for a cigarette and he gladly handed out his pack of Marlboro lights unmindful of their sinister plot.

Shortly, his friend’s companion returned the pack of cigarettes and they were headed now to where they picked him up.

Before alighting his friend gave him the money he was borrowing but a couple of thousands short of his original prayer.

“No worry, it’s good enough,” he told his friend as he was alighting from the vehicle. “Will give it back to you in a couple of weeks.”

Hardly had he took a couple of steps after his friend sped off when a black Honda Civic suddenly blocked his path.

The men aboard it allegedly identified themselves as members of Dubai’s CID and were ordering him now to get on board after handcuffing him.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

“Read and Obey to Escape
Nature’s Wrath”

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS: “... Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance...” (Prov-erbs 33:12, the Holy Bible).

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FOURTH TRAGEDY IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CHILD SUICIDE: Reaction from an anonymous reader, who requested to withhold his or her cellphone number, on our item from Cagayan De Oro City entitled “Tragedy of girl, 16, committing suicide”: “There is a fourth tragedy—that of men thinking nothing of a girl but as a ruse or opportunity for sex with young fresh meat—which is how they see minors.”

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PRAISE GOD FOR THE SPIRIT OF BOLDNESS: Reaction from Gina of the Zamboanga City Medical Center: “Praise God for giving you the spirit of BOLDNESS to share God’s Word! I really appreciate you. May the Lord continue to bless and use you mightily to spread His Gospel. I am Gina, the librarian. Yes, I pray and meditate for our City, its officials. Really, our enemy now is like a roaring lion trying to deceive us. We should be strong in the Lord and be watchful. Thanks.”

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CAMPUS BLANKETED IN DARKNESS IN ZAMBO: From 09163507642, originally in Filipino, translated in English: “Here at the College of Sciences and Mathematics at Western Mindanao State University in Zamboanga, we girl-students who have 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. classes are having problems because the campus is blanketed in darkness for lack of appropriate lights. Each of us has to bring flashlights to light our way. Are the authorities waiting for tragedy to befall us before they put lights in the school? Please help us!”

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WHY HAVE RAINS AND FLOODS BECOME SO DEADLY? Are you wondering why, with even just the small amount of rain that drenched parts of our country during these last few days, the waters immediately rose and once more became a ferocious flood that killed many hapless Filipinos, and destroyed millions of pesos worth of crops and properties nationwide as well?

Wonder no more, and realize that rains, floods and strong winds will surely come because they are part of God’s curses for a people who no longer read His Bible and who no longer obey His commands. Jesus, our God and Savior, said this Himself, in Matthew 7:26-27 of the Bible. Our readers may want to read these passages for themselves, while there is still time. The passages suggest a way to survive these killer rains and floods.

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HEATWAVE HITS MILLIONS OF AMERICANS: And then, while we are all wet and wild in this part of the world, some 2.2 Americans from the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic section of the United States are groveling under an intense heat wave which never hit them before. Because of this unprecedented heat wave, millions are still without electric power and continue to suffer from deafening thunders and extremely strong winds. Why are all of these happening?

Our readers may want to read Deuteronomy 28:22-23 and also Matthew 7:26-27 (again) to see that scorching heat, burning skies, steeled lands and strong winds are God’s curses which have been promised to those who are no longer listening to, and no longer obeying, Him. Our plea is for everyone to please read these Biblical passages and be enlightened that these natural calamities do have a spiritual dimension, which can be resolved only by spiritual endeavors.

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The Junction OIC

Where is Freedom and Democracy in Baguio City ? Vergara and Domogan pikon - talo!?

Ako po ay isang ordinaryong mamamayan lang po ng Baguio na may Facebook account, kung saan malaya ko pong naipapahayag ang aking mga damdamin, kaisipan at opinyon ukol sa mga kaganapan dito sa ating lungsod.

Labis po akong nalulungkot sa kinahinatnan ng Baguio magbuhat po sa Baguio na aking kinagisanan. Sa aking palagay ay nawala na ang isang munti ngunit napakaganda nating lungsod. At ito po ay dahil sa walang tigil na pag-develop at pag-modernize sa Baguio, magbuhat po nung umpisang magsilbi sa lungsod si Apo Congressman Vergara at Mayor Domogan. Iyan po ang aking personal na pananaw.

Nung sila po ay umupo, nagsimula pong mabenta ang mga lupain dito, naitayo ang mga di mabilang na subdivisions, umusbong ang libo libong iskwaters, naputol ang mga kahoy at nasemento ang bawat available na lupa upang gawing moderno daw at ma-’beautification’ ang ating lungsod.

Ito po, sa aking palagay, ang vision at mission ni Vergara at Domogan. Lalong lalo na po si Apo Vergara na mahilig magtayo ng kung ano ano na sa paningin ko ay hindi naman po kailangan sa ating lungsod - overpass, flyover, underpass, circumferential road, pagsemento-pagsira-pagsemento ulit sa mga kalsada at iba pa. Sa akin pong opinyon ay mga sources lang po ito ng korapsyon.

Sa aking Facebook ay naipapahayag ko po ang aking mumunting obserbasyon ukol po sa mga ito at pati na rin ang patungkol sa ibang public servants at mga issues sa Baguio. Nababasa po ito ng aking mga kaibigan sa Facebook kung saan malaya din po silang nakakapag komento. May mga sang-ayon po sa akin at may mga hindi rin naman po sang-ayon. Ngunit hindi po kami nag aaway at nirerespeto po namin ang mga SARILING PANANAW ng isa’t isa.

Si Apo Congressman Vergara ay malimit ko pong banggitin sa aking Facebook, dahil nga po hindi ako sang ayon sa marami po niyang projects bagama’t hindi naman po lahat.

20 years na po silang nasa kapangyarihan ni Domogan sa Baguio kaya alam naman po siguro nila na ang mga kritisismo ay bahagi ng pagsisilbi sa bayan. Meron at meron pong mga hindi nasisiyahan sa kanilang mga trabaho bilang empleyado po ng gobyerno. Bahagi po ito ng kanilang paninilbihan sa mga taong bumoto sa kanila at sa publiko.

Kaya’t ako po ay nagtataka kung bakit hanggang ngayon ay tila balat sibuyas pa rin sila lalo na po si Cong. Vergara sa mga kritiko na di po umaayon sa kanya at sa kanyang mga ‘projects’. Malimit po akong isumbong sa administrasyon ng Facebook kapag ako po ay may mga sinabing hindi po pabor kay Vergara at Domogan, at ako po ay nasu suspinde at hindi na maaring makapagsulat sa aking sarili pong Facebook ng ilang araw.

Ito po ay malinaw na pagkitil sa malayang pamamahayag hindi po ba!? Nasaan na po ang freedom of expression at free speech sa ating lungsod kung ultimong personal na Facebook kung saan dapat nating masabi ang ating mga PERSONAL na saloobin ay ipagbabawal pa!?

Ako po ay isa lang sa iilan (wala pa ho sigurong sampu sa amin) na masugid na kritiko ng ating mga pulitiko at ng mga kasalukuyang nagaganap sa ating lungsod. Hindi po ako binabayaran at inuutusan ng kahit sino dahil mayroon po akong sariling isip at paninindigan.

Isa lang po ako kumpara sa daan daan libong bumoto kay Vergara at Domogan, kaya sana naman po ay huwag akong katakutan ni Apo Vergara sampu ng kanyang mga tauhan, na mapanira sa kanyang pagiging Congressman at ni Domogan bilang mayor. Ano naman po ang kapangyarihan namin kumpara sa kapangyarihan po ninyo? Kaya wala po kayong dapat ikabahala sa amin.

Nakikiusap po ako na itigil na po sana ng mga taong makapangyarihan ang pagkitil sa malayang pamamahayag dito po sa Baguio.

Marami pong nagmamahal sa inyo at hindi naman po siguro isang napakalaking kasalanan kung may isa o dalawa, tatlo, apat na hindi po natutuwa sa inyong mga gawain. Hindi naman po ako sa news lumalabas kung saan maraming nakakarinig at nakakabasa, kami po ay nagpapalitan lang po ng kuro

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Don Antonio O. Floirendo, 96

BY: JESUS DUREZA



MANONG TONY — He was just “Manong Tony” to me, “Whitehair” to some but to the many big and small whose lives he touched, Don Antonio Floirendo was simply the “godfather”, a real-life “don”. He came to Davao as a pioneer during its early post war years and helped make it what it is today. He was a native of Tabora, Ilocos when an American friend from Mantrade Manila prodded him to go to Davao to open a Ford dealership. He packed his bags, left his “surplus” business in the north and headed south to what beckoned as a “land of promise” and did not bother look back. After a lifetime, it was to be a land of fulfillment to him. He befriended and outlived several Philippine presidents. He built a business empire that will last the next generations to come.

I roused from bed Anthony “Taras” Sasin, one of the closest to the Floirendos early Saturday morning just to check. Manong Tony was airlifted to Manila Thursday. He was first brought to the Davao Doctors Hospital Monday after he was stricken with high fever due to the seriousness of the situation, the family put him on a jet plane and flew him to Manila.

Even at 96 years old, he had an active life and went through a hectic schedule. The day he fell ill, he was then attending the blessing of the Tadeco wharf and port facilities when he complained of not feeling well. Last Friday, the doctors called for the family to gather at St. Luke’s hospital and they were all around him when he passed. A quiet, dignified way befitting his suave, charming and gentle ways.

Initial plans include a few days of wake in Metro Manila and after a few days, his remains will be flown to Davao today, Monday.

I deeply mourn Manong Tony’s passing. He was generous and a friend to countless. And a father. Quite coincidentally, I wrote about him in this column last week about his staying power as related by son Tonyboy despite his advanced age. And it was only a few days ago when his other son, Ricky Floirendo sent to me in my farm in Davao del Sur several heads of gilt (mother-pigs-to-be) which he said were “replacements” of what Manong Tony sent me many years ago for my backyard piggery. I didn’t realize it was to be his last parting gift before he left us. May he rest in peace.

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JACKIE ENRILE — Congressman Jackie Enrile of Cagayan in the north blew into town again and met with various groups. The senate president’s son is organizing friends and supporters for his planned Senate bid next year. I did not know much about the young Enrile before except hearing his name from my son Jay. Jackie was the national president of the Philippine Practical Shooting Association (PPSA) while Jay is the PPSA Southern Mindanao official. It was his father, Senate President Johnny, whom I had the privilege of knowing way ahead when I was then in congress and in the palace.

From the looks of it, Jackie, with his colorful past, is more approachable and “cowboy” than the father who is more serious and “high level”. I predict Jackie will carry on the Enrile legacy of public service. I will even suggest that he adopts the favorite line, with a slight variation: ‘GUSTO NAMIN, HAPPY KAYO’!

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MORE ON JUSTICE CARPIO — Former Mindanao Ombudsman Cesar Nitorreda, now into full retirement but still hale and regale-looking, put in a good word for Acting Chief Justice Antonio Carpio. A leading law practitioner during his heydays, he knew how Justice Carpio had admirably conducted himself as a justice of the highest court. “Please relay to Winnie Monsod that she wrote so true and so accurately about the Acting Chief Justice,” he told me. Ms Monsod, former NEDA chief, recently wrote a lengthy column about Justice Carpio supporting moves to have President Aquino appoint him Chief Justice.

Julian “Ching” Rodriguez, who is also a venerable Davaoeno old-timer suggested that Davaoenos who knew the Carpio family in Davao should come out and express support. Ching served formerly as city secretary during the incumbency of Mayor Elias Lopez and belongs to a pioneering family that saw the early rise of this southern metropolis into what it is today.

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BANNING GOD — What happened to Kabataan party list representative Patino who authored the bill banning religious activities including images in government, must serve as a stern warning

to all. After a strong outcry, he quickly withdrew his bill. Either he did not study or he was too dumb to know what he was doing.

That’s the problem with some officials, who after being elected by their constituencies, no longer consult. They become presumptuous by assuming that they can do anything — including making fools out of themselves!

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MOTHER ASSUMPTA — I was in Manila for an extended stay when I got word that Mother Assumpta David, RVM passed away. The last time I saw her was at the Manila airport some months ago and she was so well then, blooming and aglow as always. As far as I knew, she was always hale and healthy despite her age. She had that sunny and warm disposition that warmed the heart. We always hugged each other tight whenever we would meet and hold each other’s hand in conversation. To me, she was a girl friend, so sweet. She was an institution as a person in so many ways. She was God’s virtual gift to mankind — an angel. I will miss her but I know she’s now in the Lord’s tight embrace. We love you, Mother Assumpta.

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POPULATION CONTROL — I vividly remember an imminent Malaysian consumer advocate saying: “The problem is not that we are multiplying like rabbits but that we are swarming like flies”. He said that about 40 years ago in one meeting I attended in Penang, Malaysia. He was pointing out that population explosion was not the problem that must be solved by controlling it through population control methods. But we must address it by providing food, education, employment and other basic human needs.

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NANDING BOYS — We had a quiet but enjoyable dinner Saturday night at host Bobby Orig’s Cafe Andessa at the Buhangin junction in honor of Archbishop Nanding Capalla. Also there were Al Barreto, Nilo Claudio, Art Milan, Taras Sasin and an Ilongo businessman, Joey Menpin. It was part of a monthly get-together for old (but still young) friends who can be aptly called “Nanding boys”. The retired archbishop is again off to some foreign haunts and will be back August. New Archbishop Muloy Valles, by the way, is still in Rome receiving his “pallum”, a sheep-skin emblem of a new Shepherd and will be back in a few days on time for his birthday celebration.

TIDBITS

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A forum on mining will be jointly sponsored by the JCI Senate and the Chamber of Mines on July 3 at Davao Menseng Hotel. The day before, July 2, JCI national president, Gov Tony Cerilles will also convene his national board in Davao City.

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The Ateneo de Davao alumni group in the US will hold its biennial event at Las Vegas on October 18 -21. Dabawenyo, now Las Vegas resident, Ramon “Nonoy” Morada is spearheading the preparations. Just an early bird notice to all.

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After I wrote about stem cell therapy last time, I got a blog about fraud and abusive commercialization of stem cells especially in India and other countries. Also the spread of questionable medicines claiming stem cell treatment effect. So watch out.

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Just for the record, the country paid off its IMF debts as early as last 2006 during GMA’s administration due to President Arroyo’s adroit handling of our economy.

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It is not correct to say that the one billion dollar loan that the Pnoy administration is planning to extend to the IMF to help bail out European countries will deprive our locals of projects. The money will be taken from our foreign reserves which by the way cannot be used for local projects even if we do not lend it to the IMF.

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I attended the board of trustees meeting of the University of Mindanao this week and learned from there that UM is the first Mindanao university to be given the ISO institutional good house-keeping seal! Congrats President Willie Torres and the whole UM family!

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Congrats to Gabriel and Dina Ferrer (née Fortich) who were wed last Saturday. My Ateneo ’67 batch mate Doming Fortich is the bride’s proud father. Dina worked with me when I was at MEDCO. The wedding was a reunion of sorts for me, Femy Calderon, Suj Ronquillo, Ronnie Sison and the MEDCO staff.

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“Boss” Danding Cojuangco unloaded his billions-worth ownership at San Miguel Corporation to business partner Ramon Ang who has now become the center of gravity of a burgeoning business empire.

Coloma Assures no Shortage of Energy Supply for Luzon, Calls for Energy Conservation

BAGUIO CITY - There is no shortage in energy supply for Luzon as the current available supply meets the requirement standards of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) in terms of base load, peak load and buffer supply.

Presidential Communication Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Sonny Coloma assured this in a meeting with the local media and national correspondents here on Saturday.

According to Coloma, the energy situation in Luzon is stable. Temporary power interruptions happen due to specific situations such as Meralco is undertaking several repairs in some areas in Metro Manila, which is not considered as brownouts due to shortage in supply.

Coloma also assured that the government through the Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jose Almendras is now starting to put in place measures that will give additional energy resources for the country to address the projected increase in energy demand by 2015.

“By 2015, the level of demand will increase beyond the present supply capacity, which is why as early as this year, three years ahead, we should start putting up additional power generation capacity that takes two to three years to build up”, Coloma said.

What remains to be a challenge is to develop a base load that will be completely reliable. According to Coloma, at present coal remains to be the reliable and economical base load source as hydro-electric power plants are being affected by climate change.

“Right now, coal remains to be the most reliable, but we also have to look at a cleaner technology to mitigate the environmental hazard posed by coal-fired power plant,” Coloma stressed.

Coloma also called on the people to be EnerCon (Energy conservation)- conscious, both on electricity and water, which are valuable resources that should be used wisely and smartly.

“Energy conservation is one of the ways that we are addressing, the challenge of an increase in energy demand in the coming years and decade,” Coloma added. /CCD/PIA CAR

Vegetable Planting Activity Kicks off Nutrition Month Celebration in CAR

BAGUIO CITY — The 38th Nutrition Month celebration this July in the region kicks off with a vegetable planting activity on Monday, July 2, to be followed by a press forum in line with the theme “Pagkain ng gulay ugaliin, araw-araw itong ihain”.

Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator June Falancy said the vegetable planting activity will be done at the National Nutrition Council Office

compound at the Baguio Dairy Farm to be participated by the members of the Regional Technical Assistants on Nutrition (RTAN).

According to Falancy, vegetables are given importance as the entire nation celebrates Nutrition Month this year because it has been observed that Filipinos these days are eating less and less vegetables.

Based on food consumption surveys, Filipinos on average are eating less and less vegetables per day in the last three decades. From 145 grams per day of vegetables in 1978, consumption has decreased to 110 grams per day in 2008. Across the country, consumption of vegetables vary between regions.

The Cordillera Region had the highest consumption at 169 grams while the CALABARZON and ARMM had the lowest consumption at 92 per person per day, she said.

Falancy mentioned as per 2005 survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), reasons for the low consumption of vegetables for the last three years include influence of family members who do not eat vegetables, dislike for vegetables because of the taste and texture, preference for meat than vegetables, vegetables require more time to prepare and lack of knowledge on the nutritional and health benefits of vegetables, among others.

She emphasized that having vegetables as part of a healthy diet can help prevent major non-communicable diseases.

Additionally, according to World Health Organization (WHO), adequate consumption of fruit and vegetables reduces the risk for cardiovascular diseases, stomach cancer and colorectal cancer./JDP/MC-PIA CAR

SADANGA, Mt. Province — Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan here recently approved Municipal Ordinance No. 106, S. 2011 of this town which localizes the implementation of both the Disaster Risk Reduction Act of 2010 (RA 10121) and the Climate Change Act of 2009 (RA 9729).

Known as the “Sadanga Disaster Mitigation and Risk Management Ordinance of 2011”, it is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Republic Acts 9729, 10121 and 7160 and to complement the indigenous best practices and customary laws on environment management.

The Sanggunian Bayan presided by vice mayor Joseph Apopot made said ordinance towards the speedy arrest of any unforeseen disastrous event as this municipality is a disaster-prone area.

The ordinance sets into motion plans and programs for pre-disaster mitigation; streamline administration of disaster relief; appropriate costs of disaster assistance; define and delineate duties and powers of the Mayor, Disaster Program Officer, different municipal departments and offices in disaster management; and define and disseminate the role of communities and people’s participation to the development of relevant powers on environmental and disaster management.

The office of the Mayor shall be the primary municipal office for disaster management with the assistance of the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Council(MDRRMC).

The council is organized into two groups- the municipal policy group consists of the municipal mayor, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer, and the SB and the emergency program management group consisting of the municipal department heads, non-government organizations, private sector, and volunteer national government agencies like the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Education and other concerned national government agencies.

The joint areas of responsibility of the policy group and the emergency program management group are the integrated emergency management planning, coordination of emergency management, resource management, training of department heads, and communication and warning system.

To prevent loss of lives and properties, it is essential to alert the community to local hazards and provide information on preparedness strategies, the ordinance requires the MDRRMC office to formulate the information dissemination plan, conduct public awareness program advising the community about local characteristics of potential hazards and possible impacts, provide public education on how individuals can prepare themselves for disaster events, and allow and encourage public access to the local mitigation and counter disaster response and recovery plans./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR,Mt. Province

DOST Kalinga Enhances Biogas Plants

TABUK CITY, she said is environment friendly and has many economic ben-

efits. “It controls pollution since all the pig Cont. on page 10

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
BILIODI BECNAN - Vendor
JAMES BECNAN and
EVELYN BECNAN - FAELNAR - Vendee
Applicants
Case No:88-01-542/2012-CAR-582
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an for application for Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity
of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the
transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA-SAN
CARLOS HEIGHTS EXTENSION via Quezon Hill and Vice Versa with the
use of one (1) Unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on
on July 25, 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/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, theHonorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this
4th day of July 2012. (SGD)Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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

TUBAO CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC. (TCCI),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL

Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: 12-ExF-1579

FOR: EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial application for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by TUBAO CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC. (TCCI), represented

by ROMULUS F. LAYUG-Manager, herein referred as the Mortgagee against SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL, both of legal age, Filipino, and with residence and postal address at 171 Lourdes, Naguilian Road, Baguio City, herein referred to as the mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 7, 2006 amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 150,000.00), as of June 7, 2012 amounts FOUR HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT 41/100 (Php 403,628.41), PESOS, Philippine Currency, including, interests and fines but excluding foreclosure expenses, Attorney's fees and daily interests thereafter;

That the undersigned or any duly authorized Sheriff will SELL at Public Auction on AUGUST 1, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the hereunder described real property with all the

improvements thereon, to wit: ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-001-04240 (Provincial Assessor's Office- Benguet)

"A parcel of camotal land situated in Pula, Sto. Tomas, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet; bounded on the North by Trinidad Fuentes; on the East by Celso Ventura, Basanio Lay-at; on the South W; by Proposed Road; and on the N West by Neneng Matias; containing an area of 2778 Hectares, more or less; in the same SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL."

Note: That the above-described parcel of land is in the present possession of the mortgagors.

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

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 5th day of July, 2012.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

Dates of Publication- July 7, 14 and 21, 2012

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"You are selling drugs!" they told him while showing him Xerox copies of the same bills his friend just loaned him. The bopod CID operatives also asked for the pack of his Marlboro lights that to his surprise contained now packet of methamphetamine (shabu). Heaven and earth crashed down on him. Indeed, a "friendly frame-up" by no other than a kapwa Pinoy!

Jobless, hopeless, locked up abroad. Some OFWs whom we had a chance to discuss with the same case, tell of horrifying experiences similar to Dubai OFW's.

Pinoy, kapwa Pinoy being fed to the lions by kapwa Pinoy to perpetuate their illegal acts and satisfy foreign cohorts in uniform needing promotion at the expense of Kapwa Pinoy.

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

FRANK MADARANG
Applicants
Case:2004-BAG-CAR-2257
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extensionh of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SABLAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 18, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, 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 evidences 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 4th day of July 2012.

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

Walter William's Journalist's Creed

This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.

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I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

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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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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT OF BENGUET PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad Benguet

VICTOR B. MATIAS JR.,

Petitioner,

-versus-

LAILANIE O. PARAN-MATIAS,
Respondent,

SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 12-E-0135

For:

DECLARATION OF PRESUMPTIVE DEATH OF ABSENTEE SPOUSE

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ORDER

Petitioner Victor B. Matias Jr., a resident of Daclan, Bokod, Benguet, through counsel, filed this verified petition, prying that after due notice, publication and hearing, LAILANIE O. PARAN-MATIAS, an absentee spouse, be declared presumptively dead pursuant to law.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court sets it for

hearing on September 12, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 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 at The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio-Benguet, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than June 24, 2012.

Furnish a copy 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 National Statistics Office, Manila; Local Civil Registrar of Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya.; the absentee at her last known address at Daclan, Bokod, Benguet, where summons and copious processes may be served; and the petitioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 15th day of June 2012.

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

Publication Dates: June 23, 30 and July 7, 2012.

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late GERARDO TEODORO who died intestate in Hachinohe City, Japan, on 24 April 2012, consisting of a parcel of land covered by **Katibayan Ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-3113** containing an area of **SEVEN HUNDREDEIGHTY THREE (783) SQUARE METERS** located at Sto. Tomas, Baguio City, was extrajudicially settled as per **Doc. No. 13; Page No. 04; Book No. I; Series of 2012 before Notary Public Maria Victoria A. Abenes** of Baguio City, Philippines.

Publication Dates June 23, 30 & July 7, 2012

Republic of the Philippines
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY
BRANCH 7

IN RE: CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATES OF LIVE BIRTH OF ARRIANNE A. UDA AND ADRIYEL A. UDA

ARRIANNE A. UDA AND ADRIYEL A. UDA

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY

Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 2201-R

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NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

Arrianne A. Uda and Adriyel A. Uda, filed a verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, a judgement be rendered directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to correct entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Arrianne A. Uda particularly: 1.) the date and place of marriage of parents from "March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City" to "not applicable", 2.) the age of the mother at the time of the child's birth from "30 years" to "29 years", 3.) the middle name of the father from "Cirilo" to "Cerilo", 4.) the age of the father at the time of the child's birth from "33 years" to "32 years", and 5.) paragraph 5 of the affidavit of delayed registration found on page 2 of her Certificate of Live Birth correcting the date and place of marriage of parents from "March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City" to "not applicable". The petition further prays that the

Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City be likewise directed to correct entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Adriyel A. Uda particularly, 1.) the date and place of marriage of parents from "March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City" to "not applicable", 2.) the middle name of the father from "Cirilo" to "Cerilo", 3.) the age of the mother at the time of the child's birth from "32 years" to "34 years", 4.) the age of the father at the time of the child's birth from "32 years" to "37 years". Jointly they are praying that they be declared as "Legitimized" children of spouses Edward C. Uda and Paz P. Alcedo.

In their petition, they alleged among others that they are of legal ages, both single, Filipino Citizens and residents of 116 Purok 1, Holy Ghost, Baguio City, that they are the children of Spouses Edward C. Uda and Paz P. Alcedo, Arrianne A. Uda (Arrianne) being born on June 19, 1984 at their house at Holy Ghost Extension, Baguio City while Adriyel A. Uda (Adriyel) was born on December 18, 1988 at Dr. Efrain C. Montemayor Medical Center, their parents were not yet married but they made it appear that they were out of wedlock without any intention to confuse the truth or to perpetuate fraud; that on January 27, 2000, Edward C. Uda and Paz P. Alcedo got married before Judge Agapito K. Laoagan Jr., MTC Judge of La Trinidad, Benguet, hence making the status of the petitioners as "Legitimated" children as their parents were legally capacitated to marry at the time of their births; and that they are filing this petition in order to rectify errors pertaining to their Certificates of Live Births, to avoid confusion, to set their records straight and to apprise the public of their true, correct facts surrounding the facts of their birth or escap-

ing from any obligation of whatever nature or kind.

The petition was found to be sufficient in form and substance and was set for initial hearing on September 28, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning on which date and time the petitioners shall be allowed to substantiate their petition, and any interested person may show cause, if there be any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes, be sent to the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila, the City Prosecutors Office of Baguio City, the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City as well as the National Statistics Office, Manila. Also, furnish copies of this notice to the Office of the Clerk of Court for publication, and the petitioners, through their counsel.

Also, let this No-

tice Of Initial Hearing be published at the expense of the petitioners at the Junction Newspaper, 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 initial hearing.

The Process Server is hereby directed to post copies of this notice on the bulletin boards of this Court, the Justice Hall, the City Market and the Post Office, all of Baguio City.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE MONA LISA V. TIOGSON-TABORA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 20th day of June 2012, at Baguio City, Philippines.

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

Publication Dates: June 30, July 7 and 14, 2012

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

GEORGE BAY-ED

Applicants

Case: 88-01-2288

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - GREEN VALLEY - APUGAN - BET-ANG-PULA (Sto. Tomas) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 18, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRB Office, Paochal, 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 deems necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 4th day of July 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

PNoY: Challenge now is to Sustain Reforms..from page 1

The President stressed to the new members that they are strengthening the LP to be in the forefront of sustaining the reforms that have been started by the present leadership even beyond 2016.

The event was also attended by Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo, Deputy House Speaker Lorenzo Erin Tanada III, and LP officials in the region led by Ifugao Congressman Teddy Baguilat, Jr./PIA CAR

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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CAPE NATURE’S WRATH: If our people will only read these Biblical passages, they will see that recommendations like those raised by a party list group dealing with the environment, supposedly aimed at alleviating our people’s sufferings from global warming and climate change, will not really amount to anything. Nothing will ever come out of typhoon and flood drills, as the party list group is suggesting.

What Filipinos—and the entire human race as well—should do is obey God’s prescriptions as to how to survive global warming, climate change and the other natural calamities that were accurately predicted to come by the Bible. These prescriptions say the same thing, over and over again: we must listen to and read God’s Word again, and obey Him again. Let’s try these before it is too late.

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REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193 or 0922 833 43 96. Email me at batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

Editorial

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dispute resolution as of May 2012, the success rate was 40%. Judicial dispute resolution is a second sieve. It sifted 78% of all civil cases filed with first and second level courts.

Criminal cases account for four out of every five pending cases. There is a severe lack of prosecutors and public defenders. About 26% of courts here lack judges. Ideally, the vacancy rate should be less than 5% (In the U.S, vacancy in federal district courts is 10%. “And they’re already talking of a judicial crisis”).

In Manila, the average caseload is 242 cases per judge. In next door Taguig, it is 1,161 cases per judge. “Clearly, there is a need to re-engineer the distribution of courts in relation to population. This needs legislation.”

The attentive reader will find it worthwhile going through the full text of Carpio’s address. Surf the Net for “sc.judiciary.gov.ph/jcarpio.php”. This column’s 5,700-character—space cap can only skim highlights:

Liberty is best ensured by ending the rationing of justice. “The spirit of liberty lies in the hearts of men and women;” Justice Learned Hand said in a 1944 Central Park address. “When it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it./Juan L. Mercado

Where is Freedom.....

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kuro sa Facebook. Masama po ba iyon?

Ang ibig niyo po bang sabihin ay PURO PAPURI lang po sa inyo ang gusto niyong mabasa at marinig? Hindi po ba diktadura at wala ng demokrasya at kalayaan dito sa Baguio pag ganun po ang nais niyo? Huwag naman po sana kayong pikon, dalawang dekada na po kayo sa mga upuan ninyo at marami pa ho siguro kayong gustong gawin para sa lungsod natin, maano naman pong may limang tao diyan na hindi po sang ayon sa inyo? Apektado po ba ang inyong career dahil sa limang ito?

Pakiusap po sa inyo at sa inyong mga alipores sa Facebook na bigyan naman po kami ng isang napakaliit na espasyo para sa amin pong personal na paghayag ng

aming damdamin at saloobin.

Sa akin pong pagkakaalam ay isang malaya pong lungsod ang Baguio at dito ay may demokrasya, huwag po sana ninyong diktahan ang mga tao ng kanilang gustong isipin at sabihin. Tanggapin niyo po sana ng maayos ang mga kritisismo patungkol sa inyo, maging sport naman po tayo.

Maraming salamat at more power po sa inyo!

Grace Bandoy (karaniwang tao, ordinaryong mamamayan)

Blisst Concept

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given five days to submit suggestions to a draft memorandum of agreement establishing the cluster development direction.

“We’ve already given our feedbacks,” said Itogon mayor Oscar Camantiles, speaking for his town , on the draft agreement, copies of which were furnished the mayors days before the meeting Thursday.

Also in the meeting were mayors Greg Abalos of La Trinidad, Florencio Bentrez of Tuba and Arthur Baldo of Sablan.

As agreed, the NEDA will collate inputs of the LGUs, after which the mayors will meet to finalize and sign the agreement, the present it to their respective city and town councils for ratification.

The cluster type of development under the BLISTT, Qitos pointed out, promises “bigger area, bigger projects, bigger investments (economies of scale)”, and, with a greater area, “stronger bargaining power”.

He added it will serve as a “platform for discussing/solving/resolving problems as well as exploring opportunities” among the member-LGUs, a point which was also raised by mayor Abalos.

Domogan dispelled old fears already raised during the formulation of the BLIST master plan in 1994 that it would result in the tapping of the resources of the Benguet towns mainly for the benefit of Baguio.

“Napunnon ti Baguio (Baguio is already overcrowded),” he said, adding “it’s you (the towns) who will benefit (from the cluster development approach)”.

In her presentation, Carmel Chammag of the NEDA staff noted the unbalanced development in the pre-BLISTT area, with rapid growth and congestion in Baguio and La Trinidad vis-à-vis relatively low level infrastructure facilities and services and limited sources of local revenue in Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay.

She saw the need “to capitalize on the comparative advantages of the BLISTT 9ecotourism, tertiary education center, agriculture, regional center, cut-flower industry, manufacturing, food processing, water-based power development) to enhance its local economy,” and “for inter-local collaboration and synchronized planning, development and disaster management efforts”.

As a model, the NEDA presented the “best practice” experience of Metro-Naga, the cluster formed out of Naga City and 14 surrounding towns in Camarines Sur in 1991, initially to jointly address the oil crisis that year.

Then Naga mayor and now local government Secretary Jesse Robredo and the other town mayors eventually signed an agreement creating the Metro Naga Development Council and worked out, in June, 1993, the issuance, by then President Ramos, of Executive Order 102 providing for its powers and functions and an initial budget./ Ramon Dacawi.

Call for Autonomy

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a parade and street dance at 8 a.m. to follow the following route: Upper Session Road-Maharlika-Harrisson Road-Melvin Jones Grandstand-Baguio Convention Center where the commemorative program will be conducted.

Dept. of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) Secretary Manuel Roxas and Senator Juan Ponce Enrile have been invited to keynote the program.

Other activities scheduled are: July 5-6: Coffee Fiesta, BSU; July 12: Cordillera Autonomy: Challenges, Opportunities and its Governance, Azalea Residences; July 13: Stage Play “Inabel Ina” and “Maiden Tears”, BSU; Essay Writing Contest (Elementary Level) Oration Contest (High School Level) Extemporaneous Speech (Tertiary Level), BCNHS Multipurpose; July 14: Cordillera Broadway, 4:00-6:00 p.m., SLU CCA; Fashion Show Featuring Cordillera Designers, 7 p.m., SM City Baguio; July 15: Ribbon Cutting for the trade exhibit (before the Cordillera Day Program); Trade Exhibit/ Fair; Wellness Clinic; Jobs Fair and Career Forum; Diskwento Caravan; Sounds and Rhythms of the Cordillera and Fellowship, all at the Baguio Convention Center; July 16: Local Government Units’ Recognition Day, BCC; Free Police Clearance Processing (Regionwide); July 17-19: Summit on Health and Wellness, Supreme Hotel; July 18: Tree Planting (Regionwide); Seminar on Mediation Techniques (Culture-based), Community Organizing and Public Speaking, PRO-Cor Log Cabin; July 29: BSU Essay Writing Contest—Elem. HS, College, BSU; July 31: Cordillera Month Closing, BCC./A Refuerzo

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

LUNINGNING E. PONGGOS
Applicants
Case:2004-BAG-CAR-0143
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extensionh of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA - SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXTENSION via Quezon Hill and Voe Versawith the use of one (1) Unit.

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Attorney IV

DOST

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manure is collected into a fixed dome digester, users have free fuel, saves on energy consumption, and sludge turned into fertilizer,” Catacutan said.

Methane produced from a 1cu.m manure is equivalent to 0.43 liters of liquefied petroleum gas or 25.6 cu.m. is equivalent to 11 kg. of LPG. “It only requires four 4 pigs to produce a drum of manure,” Catacutan said adding the technology is best alternate for waste management.

She said DOST can provide support in terms of materials to organized groups or barangays interested to put up biogas plants. “Under the community-based project of DOST, we can also render consultancy services, help in design formulation, and provide supervision,” she said./JDP/PAB-PIA CAR,Kalinga

Two City Employees.....
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a tribute during the flag-raising rites for returning a lost wallet last May 23, which incidentally was also Lopez’ birthday.

Just the other Monday, Noriel Anthony Buenavista, a newly promoted process server at the city mayor’s office, was accorded the same honor by Baguio City Market Vendors Association president Nancy Alabanza for his honesty and helpfulness after locating and returning a diamond earring she lost while attending a meeting at the city mayor’s office last June 21.

Lingayen Vice Mayor Edith Hallare related that she had just completed her transaction at the CEPMO and was on her way to the city treasurer’s office to pay a fee when she realized she lost her wallet containing P17,000 cash, identification and credit cards and “I got so sweaty despite the cold weather and I assumed that I was victimized by a pickpocket so I reported it to the police and the office of the city mayor. And I was so relieved when Mr. Lopez called me while I was on my way home to Upper QM and informed me that my wallet was in their office,” she said visibly moved by Lopez’ act of kindness.

“Now I know why people come to Baguio not only because of the good climate and the good views but also because of the good character of its people who are honest, accommodating and hospitable,” Hallare said.

Lopez, 34, recalled being disappointed that day after his application for birthday leave was disapproved but nevertheless went on with his work with a light heart until he found the wallet full of cash under a client’s chair.

“Keeping it never crossed my mind so I informed my officemates and together we looked for a telephone number to contact the owner who turned out to be the vice mayor,” he said.

Hallare also credited the city officials led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas for instilling good virtues and inspiring the employees to espouse good character traits.

“I know that a good leader has a good follower and I salute the city officials for having the likes of Michael Lopez as employees,” she said.

Lopez has been a job order employee in said division for almost three years now and has been applying for a permanent position to no avail.

The vice mayor gave Lopez a token of gratitude saying that more than the material reward, she is now considering Lopez a member of her family and “a friend for life.”

Alabanza was equally moved by Buenavista’s kindness that she also paid respect to the employee for returning the earring she described as “very precious and very important to me.”

Buenavista, 34, on short notice found the missing earring stuck between two wrought iron chairs at the conference area and immediately returned the item to Alabanza’s daughter Paulyenne.

Buenavista was a member of the police auxiliary force under the city police and then under the city mayor’s office which paved the way for his entry into the city government in 2009 as administrative aide of the Baguio City library until his promotion last May as process server at the People’s Law Enforcement Board also under the city

mayor’s office.

Both employees are known for their unassuming and hardworking ways and for striving to uplift their status despite their meager salary.

Farinas said the city government has always prioritized positive character education and revival among its employees and constituents under the Character City program.

The city government has formed the Baguio City Hall Employees Character Council under the Character City Committee led by Councilor Philian Louise Weygan-Allan./ A Refuerzo

Youth, Seniors

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crossing under the city’s overpasses for the exclusive use of senior citizens and persons with disabilities”.

With them was former senior city councilor Flora Balaba who also asked action on her proposed resolution asking the city police to enforce city council Resolution 054-2008 “authorizing senior citizens to use the blue lane pedestrian crossings”.

As part of bringing closer local governance to the community, the city officials annually yield their positions for a day to allow chosen girl and boy scouts and senior citizens to serve as such, from mayor, vice-mayor, city councilor and department head.

The cause for pedestrians was further bolstered by a petition and signature campaign submitted to the city council by Peter Puzon of the Citizen’s Right Advocacy Center opposing the closure of three pedestrian lanes along Session Road.

Also pending and up for third and final reading at the local legislature is an ordinance authored by councilor Nicasio Aliping designating loading and unloading areas for taxis and private vehicles along Session Road and, contrary to councilor Datuin’s proposal, reducing the six pedestrian lanes to three.

The TTMC is seeking an outlay of P65 million for the installation of traffic lights and opening of islands along Session Road which, together with the closure of three pedestrian lanes, it said would improve traffic and also the safety of pedestrians on the main street.

The issue of equal access to and mobility in the urban space was raised by councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda asked the TTMC to factor in the trend in traffic planning that takes into account the right of movement of pedestrians.

Pedestrian access has been advocated for years by Dr. Enrique Penalosa, one-term mayor of Bogota, Colombia and now a visiting fellow on urban planning of New York University.

“A city is made for people, not for cars,” Penalosa said. “Throughout history, there were more people killed by cars than by wild animals in the jungle,” he told a conference on urban planning in Sweden in 2005.

Penalosa introduced to Bogota a busing system called “Transmilenio” for public mobility as an alternative to car owners and carless residents alike. He established carless days covering private vehicles “so the banker will sit beside the laundrywoman inside the bus”, and built some of the longest bicycle lanes and sidewalks./Ramon Dacawi.

TMB

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ings from six to only three in this major thorough fare despite clamors from some sectors to already open the same for convenience of pedestrians.

The Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC) has endorsed the adoption of the experimental closure and wants to adopt permanently the set-up as the 30-day trial period has already lapsed.

Logan pointed out the zebra lines near mercury drug is less than 50 meters and does not meet the required length from a major intersection.

“The pedestrian crossing there is misplaced”, Logan said.

TTMC Technical consultant Engr. Teodorico Tan also expressed the need to adopt the measure so they can already implement the needed adjustments and put in place the necessary devices to make the flow of people and automobiles more orderly.

The proposed improvement and upgrading of the present traffic facility totals P6.5 million which entails the installation of coordinated traffic lights and opening of closed median islands.

Another pedestrian crossing will be opened in front of Star Café to decongest the existing zebra lines fronting McDonalds.

Councilors have not reached a decision on the matter as of press time.

Meantime, Vice-mayor Daniel Farinas has reiterated the need to push through with the ‘Traffic Summit’ in order to come up with concrete solutions to the worsening traffic situation in the city anytime soon./Paul Rillorta

City Mourns

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Nueva Viscaya and was educated in Baguio where he completed his elementary education in Lucban Elementary School and secondary education in Baguio Colleges High School.

He finished his bachelor of arts in 1952 and Bachelor of Laws in 1966 at the Baguio Colleges Foundation and MBM in the University of the Philippines-Baguio in 1980.

He was known to many as a veteran journalist, a loving and caring father, a well loved, respected and outstanding citizen, a man who stood for his principles for the good of the city not only for the present but for the future generation./paul rillorta

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

DENR Clarifies Tree Cutting Suspension

BAGUIO CITY – the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Cordillera Administrative Region (DENR-CAR) clarified Monday a previous order suspending the processing of all requests and applications for tree cutting permits here.

During regular council sessions July 2, Augusto Lagon, DENR Technical Director for Forest Management cited DENR memorandum dated April 3, 2012 issued by DENR Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelte-Teh which deferred and suspended the processing of all requests and applications for tree cutting permits nationwide until further notice.

This is in answer to queries from the council on tree cutting permits being issued by the DENR Regional office in the city.

Lagon however said another memorandum dated June 22, 2012 also from Undersecretary Teh clarified the first order stating this time that the suspension of the issuance for tree cutting permits cover only naturally grown trees within public forest and timberland.

The order also states the suspension does not cover naturally grown trees within private or titled property, planted trees within public forest and private lands and those covered by exemptions provided in Executive Order 23.

EO 23 or the moratorium issued by the President prohibits the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) from issuing or renewing tree cutting permits in all natural and residual forests nationwide, except for clearing of road right of way by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), site preparation for tree plantations, silvicultural treatment and similar activities, provided that all logs derived from said cutting permits shall be turned over to the DENR for proper disposal.

It also allows the issuance of permits for tree cutting associated with cultural practices pursuant to the Indigenous Peoples Right Act (IPRA Law) subject to strict compliance with existing guidelines of the DENR.

The DENR was invited primarily to shed light on the status of permits issued to SM Development Corporation on the cutting, pruning and earthballing of trees at Luneta Hill.

Lagon clarified permits issued to SM are presently suspended as they are complying with the orders of the court.

Lagon also said, 'the trees earthballed by the mall giant has indications of survival'. /Paul Rillorta

City Mourns Another Media Veteran's Passing

BAGUIO CITY – The city council approved another resolution lamenting the passing of another media veteran Geronimo “Ka Gerry” Evangelista, Sr.

Evangelista, Editor-in-Chief of Cordillera Today joined the creator on July 1 at the age of 84.

He was appointed as Acting member of the Sanguniang Panglungsod of Baguio from May 1,

1986 to November 30, 1987 following the first Edsa revolution in February, 1986.

He also served as Executive Assistant of then City Mayor Norberto De Guzman from 1964 to 1967 and an active member of the Baguio People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB).

He became a president of the Baguio Press Club (BPC) and the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC) and was

awarded one of the Outstanding Citizens of Baguio in 1994.

“(We) express deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences of the City of Baguio to the bereaved family of the late Geronimo “Ka Gerry” Evangelista, Sr.,” the city council stated.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan also condoled with Evangelista's family when he was brought at the Sanguniang Panglungsod Session Hall July 4.

“Ka Gerry” was born on October 1, 1927 in Solano,

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The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!



POLICE PR - SPO1 Erano dela Cruz announces the various activities being undertaken by the Baguio City Police in line with the observance of Police Community Relations Month during city hall's flag raising ceremony July 2./By Bong Cayabyab

City Turns Cyber on Health

BAGUIO CITY – health services in this mountain resort has gone high tech, thanks to the first government run inter-active website made available to young adults.

The web based project dubbed “Bonjing E-Inquiry”, a program designed to answer queries of young people on teenage pregnancies, premarital sex, contraception, substance abuse, sexually transmitted infections and HIV infection, has been organized.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan approved Administrative order 80, series of 2012 putting in black and white the composition of the Team Bonjing E-Inquiry Management Committee (Team Bonjing) to assure young adults of accurate and proper information on these sensitive concerns.

The ‘Bonjing electronic inquiry’ gives young adults a venue to express private issues and concerns on their sexual and reproductive health which does not require physical presence.

Young clients who wish to avail of this service just need to key-in www.bonjing.org and simply register to immediately avail of online services.

The ‘Team Bonjing’ is headed by Dr. Celia Flor Brillantes who will oversee the whole operation of the e-inquiry with ten consultants and other bonjing members tasked to provide answers to inquiries, provide technical support and other services.

Aside from the online service, Team Bonjing has placed drop boxes in pilot schools and has opened ‘Young People’s Hotline’ and SMS for youngsters who want to seek information if the internet is not accessible.

The Bonjing E-Inquiry is the first government run inter-active website dedicated to young people.

It was recognized as the ‘Best E-Practices’ in internet-based public service for young adults in the Asia Pacific on August, 2005 in Taipei which contributed to the recognition of Baguio City as an emerging ‘Catalytic Action for HIV and AIDS Mitigation Programme (CHAMP) from the Local Government Academy-HIV Program./ Paul Rillorta

TMB Still Pushes for Pedestrian Closure Despite Protests

BAGUIO CITY- the Baguio City Police Office, Traffic Management Branch (BCPO-TMB) assessment and evaluation of the closure

of three pedestrian crossing at Session Road, this city still stands.

This has been stressed by Traffic Chief P/Supt. James

Allan Logan during regular council sessions Monday (July 2).

Logan has reiterated the adoption of the present set-up of reducing the number of pedestrian cross-

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