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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

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palaban!!!

BRM Stresses Importance Of Busol Watershed To Baguio City's Water Supply

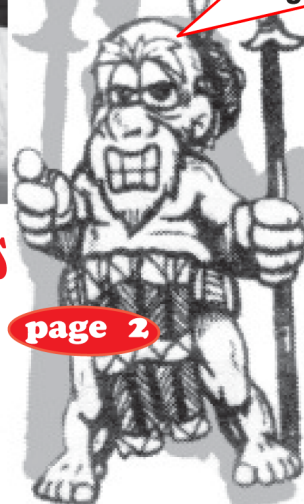
FOOD FOR THE "gods" – A would be buyer looks at a 9.5 kilos of fresh water eel popularly known as "igat" considered here as a delicacy and an aphrodisiac for men peddled at the city market costing P4,500 with an equivalent value of a medium size live pig. The giant eel (aproximately 5 feet long) was caught in Dalupirip, Itogon Benguet according to the vendor./By Bong Cayabyab



BAGUIO CITY – The Busol watershed with a total coverage area of 336.64 hectares provides 25 percent of the water supply of Baguio City, servicing 8,000 household connections and an estimated population of 50,000 covering 11 areas in several city

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Sinasabi parati ang kahalagahan ng Busol Watershed eh bakit pinapyagan ang naglalakihang bahay ng mga skwaters!?!



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Dengue On A Downward Trend In CAR

BAGUIO CITY – Dengue cases in the different provinces of Cordillera is gradually decreasing, but the Health Department is still monitoring some areas which are still in the epidemic threshold.

According to DOH Cordillera Regional Director Myrna Cabotaje Dr. Cabotaje, they are still strictly monitoring some areas in the region clustering of dengue cases is still reported.

As of October 23, dengue cases in Cordillera now stand at 5,869 with 14 deaths. This represents a 247 percent increase compared to the 1,689 cases recorded during the same period last year.

Per provincial statistics, Abra recorded 357 cases; 159 in Apayao, 1,236 in Baguio City, 1,048 in Benguet; 1,048 also in Ifugao, 989 in

Kalinga and 839 in Mountain Province. 193 cases from outside Cordillera but treated in various hospitals in the region were also recorded.

According to DOH-CAR Dengue coordinator Dr. Alexei Marrero, as per their record, dengue cases in Cordillera is down from a peak of 600 cases a week (recorded in August) to about 150 cases a week this month.

'Dengue cases, from all the provinces in CAR, are gradually decreasing. Reported cases has dropped by about 55 percent since August,' Marrero said.

'Majority of the reported cases belongs to younger age brackets with 39 percent of the recorded dengue cases in Cordillera coming from 11-20

years age group while 27 percent are from 1-10 years old,' Marrero added.

Marrero also confirmed that though there was no dengue outbreak reported, clustering of cases are still being noted in some areas especially in the municipalities of Lamut, Kiangnan, Mayoyao, Lagaw and Banaue in Ifugao, Tabuk in Kalinga and Sadanga in Mountain Province.

For Benguet clustering of cases were monitored in some areas in Itogon, La Trinidad and Mankayan.

For Baguio City, clustering of cases were also noted in barangays Irisan, Asin, Bakakeng Central and North, Fairview, Kias, Loacan Proper, Upper QM, San Luis, San Vicente and St. Joseph Village. /Lito Dar/PIA

DOLE Focuses On Job-Skills Mismatch, Pilots National Skills Registry System

BAGUIO CITY – In efforts to address the problem of job-skills mismatch, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is now piloting the national Skill Registry System (SRS) in 39 key cities nationwide including Baguio

City and Tabuk City, Kalinga in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

According to (DOLE-CAR) Planning Officer Lorna Bacolong, SRS is a national database which will link the country's active la-

bor supply – including information on the qualifications and skills of registrants; and current manpower demands both locally and abroad.

The recent labor force survey shows a

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STL Public Hearing Reset

BAGUIO CITY – The public hearing on the proposals to operate Small Town Lottery (STL) outlets here has been reset to November 10, 2 p.m. at the Sangguniang Panlungsod session hall.

The hearing which was originally set for October 15 was cancelled due to the onslaught of typhoon "Juan."

The city council committee on laws headed by Councilor Richard Carino will preside over the public hearing.

Four more applications for the operation of the STL were received by the city raising the total of proposals to 12

The new proponents were the Saskia Royale Corporation,

Pine Estate and Gaming, Logistics Pointers Trading and Management Corporation and Golden Sun Gaming Corporation.

The other applicants were Paul the Montanosa Tribal Leisure and Gaming Corporation; Halls Entertainment Inc.; Southern Cocoland Holdings and Gaming Corporation; Batangas Enhanced Technology Systems Inc.; PWF Gaming and Lottery Corp.; Trivectra Corp.; Technological Partners Management and Enterprise Inc.; and Lipa Everbest Inc.

Carino said the hearing aims to gauge the pulse of the public on the is-

sue and guide the body on what action to take relative to the nine pending STL applications in the city.

Earlier, representatives of the various religious groups voiced out opposition to the STL operation in the city.

The group has in the past been at the forefront of the successful campaigns against casino and lotto, bingo and even STL which was then at its birthing stage.

But city officials led by Rep. Bernardo Vergara and Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the STL matter should be subjected to a public hearing before the city can make a final stand./A Refuerzo

Tug-of-War Over Asin Pool Ends With City Standing; Sinot Appeals

BAGUIO CITY – "It's beginning to sound like Christmas..."

The City Government got an early Yuletide present last week after the 5th Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC), Tuba, Sablan ordered

Roger Sinot to vacate the City-owned Asin Hot Springs Resort (AHR) in Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet.

Judge Marietta Brawner-Cualing in a decision date October 4, received by the City Legal Office October 28, likewise or-

dered the apparent sub-lessee of the facility to pay reasonable rent of P5-thousand starting December 1996 up to the present; and the cost of the suit.

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Simple Composting Pushed

Pending the city's acquisition of technology to process its biodegradable waste and substantially ease its garbage problem, punong barangay Fred Fanganon of Loakan Liwanag continues to push his "eco-composting technology" which some of the city's barangays have adopted.

In a letter to the Alay Sa Kalinisan, Inc. (ASKI), Fanganon recommended funding for the development of an eco-compost in his barangay, saying it's ideal as it has plenty of water during summer.

"Water is needed for the eco-composting process which does not form leachate," Fanganon said. "There is also no smell. In fact, even if the waste smells when brought to the compost area, the smell evaporates once it is spread in the Eco-composting receptacle".

He said his barangay is getting two tons of biodegradable waste from the city Markey every other day for composting, "and this could be increased when the central business district learns strict segregation".

He urged mem-

bers of the ASKI, the multi-sectoral council headed by mayor Mauricio Domogan which is on the forefront of the city's cleanliness and environmental concerns, to visit the ECRs established at Loakan Liwanag, the Loakan Airport, Easter School, SPED, Puroks 12, 18 and 20 of Irisan Barangay, Central Guisad and even the city jail.

Fanganon has written a book on eco-composting which, he said, introduces "the simple but scientific method of eco-composting that does not need machine and addition of enzyme or chemical/RD.

Ancestral Domain Makes up Almost 20 Percent Of Car's Land Area

BAGUIOCITY - Ancestral domains make up 18.4 percent or nearly one-fifth of the entire land area of the Cordillera Administrative Region.

This was bared by Benjie Navarro, Regional Head of the National Statistical Coordination Board - Cordillera Administrative Region (NSCB-CAR).

Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 refers to ancestral domains as "all areas generally belonging to IPs composed of lands, inland waters, coastal areas, and natural resources held under a claim of collective or individual ownership, continuously occupied or possessed by IPs by themselves or

their ancestors since time immemorial..."

From 2002 to 2010, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) awarded a total of 20 certificates of ancestral domain title (CADT) for indigenous peoples (IPs) in the region covering a total land area of 336,660.06 hectares.

Of the 20 CADTs, 13 titles were awarded in Benguet, two in Ifugao, and one each in Abra, Apayao, Kalinga, Mt. Province and Baguio City.

Beneficiaries are IPs from the ethnolinguistic groups of Ayangan, Bago, Ibaloi, Isneg, I'wak, Kankanaey, Kalanguya, Tuwali, Tingguian and others, Navarro said.

Benguet has the largest CADT area at 257,550.50 hectares or 76.5 percent of all ancestral domains in the region. Ifugao has 47,187.53 hectares or 14.0 percent while Apayao has the third largest with 11,268.03 hectares or 3.3 percent.

Happy Hollow in Baguio City is the smallest ancestral domain in the region at 146.42 hectares or only 0.04 percent of total area awarded. Other CAR provinces each comprised less than three percent of the total.

Eight of the CADTs were awarded in 2008, five in 2009, two each in 2004 and 2006 and one each in 2002, 2005 and 2010. No CADT was awarded in CAR for the years

More Than 200,000 Children in CAR Set to Benefit from Expanded Child Health Program

BAGUIOCITY - The Department of Health recently announced that it will be expanding the child health program next year with P2 billion allocation.

The health guarantee is a long Pambata or GP program, a package of health services that has traditionally been

given to children below six years, will now be also offered even for school aged children and will also include additional and appropriate services.

According to DOH-CAR Health Operations Division Head, Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, the 2011 P2B budget allocated is a welcome development as it benefit

more than 200,000 children in Cordillera.

The 2011 GP budget is about five fold increase compared to the P325 million budget this year. For this year, the GP targets in Cordillera are about 23,000 6-11 months and 183,000 12 to 59 months old children,' Pangilinan stressed.

The health de-
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HPG-CAR - IN ACTION : At right is PSUPT BUENAVENTURA D MASIGAN, Chief Intelligence and Investigation Section and the HPG Team effecting the arrest of one (1) wanted person identified as Armando T. De Leon at Malcolm Square, Plaza, Baguio City by virtue of Warrant of Arrest issued by Hon. DANILO CAMACHO, RTC Judge, Branch 62, La Trinidad, Benguet and case was docketed under Criminal Case No. 10-CR-8180 for violation of RA 6539 (Anti Carnapping Act of 1972) as amended by Sec. 20 of RA7959.

2003 and 2007.

According to Navarro, Benguet has the distinction of having been awarded with the very first CADT in the Philippines when CADT No. CAR-BAK-0702-001 covering a total of 29,444.34 hectares was awarded on February 2002 to the Bago and Kankanaey

of Bakun, Benguet.

NSCB Resolution No. 5, series of 2008 defines 'indigenous peoples as group of people or homogenous societies identified by self-ascription and ascription by others, who have continuously lived as organized community on communally bounded

and defined territory, and who have, under claims of ownership since time immemorial, occupied, possessed customs, tradition and other distinctive cultural traits, or who have, through resistance to political, social and cultural inroads of colonization, non-indigenous reli-

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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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No Free Drinks

LAS VEGAS, Nevada — “There is no such thing as a free drink.”

That’s true in the hundreds of bars and gambling casinos that line “The Strip”. This 6.8 kilometer stretch crams in 19 of the world’s largest hotels with 67,000 rooms. They jostle for headlines, blotting out Las Vegas divorce mills and suicides.

Less noticed is the city’s slow climb out from the last recession. Unemployment crested at 14.7 percent, highest in the U.S., New York Times notes (It was 3.8 percent a decade ago) Construction is the other economic pillar of Nevada. That, too hasn’t recovered.

City leaders wager that gambling revenues will rise as the recession peters out. They look over their shoulders, meanwhile, at Macau. The former Portuguese colony overtook Las Vegas as the world’s No. 1 gambling market in 2006.

EDITORIAL

Macau hasn’t relinquished that lead since. In Macau casinos “there is no

such thing as a free drink” either.

Las Vegas also apply that axiom to a water crunch Nine out of every 10 liters that they use to gargle, wash in or drink, is pumped from the Colorado River.—blistered by a severe drought last year. That’s an “all-bets-on-one-throw” game.

This eerily resembles Metro Cebu. Over 95 percent of water is siphoned from narrow limestone aquifers. That’s double what they can recharge. The “overdraft” sent water levels plummeting Sea water contaminates irreversibly these underground reservoirs.

Is this a replay of how Los Angeles siphoned water away from Owens Valley in 1913? That turned a 100-square-mile lake into a desert. Today, it lofts up clouds of cadmium and iron. Groundwater pumping lowered water table in parts of Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas by more than 100 ft., the U.S. Geological Survey warns.

As in major Philippine cities, population in Las Vegas has soared. The headcount here doubled since 1990. That surge comes mostly from migrants. Poker chips and slot jackpots are magnets.

In contrast, high birth rates declined slowly in Metro Manila, Iloilo or Davao. These interlocked with high numbers of those who swapped rural poverty for urban slum penury.

For both cities, to do nothing is a prescription for disaster. Southern Nevada Water Authority, therefore, proposed to build a 285-mile pipeline to haul groundwater from six valleys in eastern Nevada. That’d stave off dry taps in casinos and homes.

“The debate over a plan to pump water out of the Nevada desert could be the next battle in the war over the West’s most vital natural resource,” writes Alex Hutchinson No similar debate has taken place in the Philippines—so far.

While mayor of Cebu, now-Rep Toma s Osmena chose to do precisely nothing. He derailed proposals to pipe in surface water from outlying towns. Thus, Cebu today is saddled with the country’s most critical emerging water crisis.”

“There is no such thing as a free drink.” Water will emerge as a major development issue sooner rather than later, stressed 2,500 experts at the 20th World Water Week in Stockholm late last year.

“Sanitation and water are not just targets or sectors. They are the fundamental basis for life and indispensable to sustainable development”, their statement said. Governments and UN’s High Level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals must pay more attention to water and sanitation.

UN Environment Programme suggests: Look at how countries vary in their use of a common resource —:rainwater.

Almost 86 percent of Singapore’s high-rise buildings collect rainwater. Roof water whittled down water bills for Singaporeans from S\$1.17 per cubic meter down to S\$0.96.

At Manila International Airport, rainwater sloshes down to the sea. In contrast, Chiangi Airport in Singapore impounds rainfall, from runways and green areas, into two reservoirs. Collected treated water accounts for 28 percent to 33 percent of total supplies at the

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**MADAM FISCAL – Bakit o
Bakit ???**

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Sino kaya itong lady prosekyutong...este prosekyutor na ayon sa bulong eh mukhang idinidiin pa ang nagrereklamo sa halip na ito ay tulungan para sa ikalalakas ng kaso laban sa akusado.

Ganito yun, inireklamo ni Miss X si Misis Y ng kasong estafa sa opisina ng City prosekutong...este prosekyutor dahil umano sa pera na kinuha ni Miss Y kay Miss X para sa isang trabaho na hindi naman diumano trinabaho nang una. Kinatigan ng prosekyutor opis ang reklamo base sa mga ebidensya na inilatag ng mgakabilang panig. Ang resolusyon ay maliwang na merong kaso nga na estafa. Nag-isyu ngayon ng “waranto de aresto” ang korte na naatasang humawak sa nasabing kaso kun saan nag “voluntary surrender” si Misis Y. Sa unang hearing ay sinikap ng huwes na magkaroon ng “settlement” ang magkabilang panig pero hindi pumayag si Misis X na siyang nagrereklamo kaya’t iniskedyul ulit ang susunod na “hearing”. Sa pangalawang hearing, ay inulit ulit ng hukom na pag-ayusin ang dalawa pero tumanggi ulit si Misis X, at ang ipinagtataka ni Misis X ay itong si madame piskal na ipinamukha pa raw mandin sa harapan ng huwes ang kuwestiyunabing personalidad ni Misis Y? Namputsa, kung totoo ito, hanep talaga itong si piskal at mukhang hindi ito pabor sa resolusyon na ginawa ng kanyang kapuwa piskal? Siya ba ay pampublikong taga-usig o tagapagtanggol o “none of the above”? heto po ang maliwanag madame piskal, ang pera kahit kanino nanggaling, basta’t kung sino ang nagbitaw at kung kanino nakipag-usap o nakipag-transak ang taong kumuha ng pera ay may karapatan na magreklamo, mahirap bang intindihin yun?

Hay, hindi ko tuloy alam kung NAGTATANGA-TANGAHAN, o NAGBOBOBABOBABAHAN itong si madam piskal o talagang ganun nga siya, dahil kung “none of da above” siya puwes, maring may “cash-sunduan” hindi kaya? NAGTATANONG LAMANG PO!!!!

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Hanggang ngayon ay naglipana pa rin ang mga kolum na sasakyan katulad ang mga iba na sasakyang “van for hire” sa may Otek St, (Caltex) at (tapat ng andok’s), sa may Governor Pack Road, at sa may Dangwa Station.

Alam na kaya ito ng DOTC-LTRFB, CAR at BCPO TMD? Kung hindi pa, bakit mukhang BULAG, PIPI at BINGI na hindi nila ito napapansin? At kung alam naman, Bahkeet BULAG, PIPI at BINGI pa rin?...

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1st-APLUMA!

The word is not enough...

Seemingly, the word "sorry" is not enough and for that, methinks P-Noy should not let the official behind the "wine sucks" and "walang pogi dito" tweets from Vietnam go unpunished.

Simply put, whenever us Filipinos go visit friends and relatives to town fiestas or whatever the occasion may be, it is but a big no-no to drop unkind words within earshot of hosts as "walang kwenta and pagkain nila" or sociably, "the food sucks," or any of the same kind.

That's plain and simple act unbecoming or grossly being unkind to hosts.

The solution to "sucking situations" is just to keep silent so as not to embarrass our hosts. Or better yet, go to the nearest "turo-turo" and eat your heart out of your favorite adobo or whatever and then go back in and say "ohhh...nice food/wine thank you."

Another solution is, slap the blunderer with a punitive measure fit for a blundering public official on foreign land so as to remind him/her of his/her misdeed.

Send in your bets for they will let this pass anew.

Sound check: Presidential Communications Office for Strategic Planning and Development (PCOSPD) head Ricky Carandang is now calling the tweets made by Mai Misláng as a closed book.

But this should not be the case as the comments made by the PCOSPD Assistant Secretary has tarnished the image of no less than the President. (Or, maybe they are slowly getting used to it?)

Now, people are criticizing Noynoy for appointing people like Misláng, who, cluelessly has destroyed the image of the young administration in international stage.

Misláng should know that she is now a public official and should act with dignity and respect as she carries the image of the President with her anywhere she goes.

If Misláng, or any official of the Aquino Cabinet, do not know how to behave themselves, especially during international forum where the Philippines is being highlighted, then they should not be included in the delegation or should be removed from office outright.

The Filipino people do not need officials like Misláng who put the country in bad light.

1st-APLUMA public service

The Unang Alyansang Pag-asa ng Lahi at Uring Mamamahayag-Manggagawa (1st-APLUMA), which I head, is appealing to all kind-hearted individuals to help a grandmother who has stage 3 cervical carcinoma.

Liberty Cariaga, 67 needs to complete six chemotherapy sessions at the Philippine General Hospital amounting to P60,000 per session.

Donations and other help can be coursed through Liberty's daughter-in-law Jovelyn, who can be reached at 0906-6496539. Her account number with Philippine National Bank (Las Piñas branch) is 421117900012.

Also, 1ST-APLUMA announced that it can serve as conduit to government, private agencies and private individuals that are providing free medical help to the poor.

With the help of our friends from media and some government agencies, we can help seek help for those who are in need of medical assistance.

Those who have medical problems can log-on to 1st-APLUMA's website (<http://1st-apluma.yolasite.com>) and give all the details through its Public Serbilis section.

email your feedbacks to esns03@yahoo.com.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Obama party rout: seen two years ago yet

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



OBAMA PARTY ROUT, ALREADY EXPECTED TWO YEARS AGO: The rout that candidates from the Democratic Party of US President Barack Obama suffered in the hands of American voters Tuesday, November 3, 2010, is something that I expected to happen as early as two years ago, when Obama was inaugurated as the 44th American, and first Black, president.

I wrote an article indicating my great worry then that Obama's presidency will also fail, simply because in his speech celebrating his victory he failed to mention what God's role will be in his administration. Here is that article, written November 6, 2008:

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WORRIES ABOUT OBAMA VICTORY SPEECH: "Something worries me about the victory speech of US President-Elect Barack Obama. Something is telling me that there is something wrong somewhere, even if the whole word is now toasting his impressive win over his rival, John McCain. There is something terribly missing in that speech.

"While Obama tried hard to impart a ray of hope to Americans and to all the peoples of the world with his invocation of what he called as the 'timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people', the phrase 'yes, we can', it is clear to me his presidency likewise may not be able to do something to solve the ills and maladies pervading his country, and for which very reason he was elected president.

"Why? I don't know if you noticed, but, whether wittingly or unwittingly, or whether it is brought about by the giddiness of victory or by some other factor, the 44th President of the United States of America, the one single individual who can make a difference in putting an end to the sufferings of all the world, glaringly failed to include God in his plan of governance.

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GOD HAS NO PART IN OBAMA GOV'T: "I listened intently to that speech while Obama was delivering it for the first time, live via CNN, and I read and re-read it again from the Internet thereafter, but, indeed, except for the usual mandatory invocation of God's blessings upon America at the end of the speech, God seems not to have any part at all in how Obama will discharge his duties and responsibilities at the White House come January 2009.

"And this is where my misgivings come in. The undeniable fact is that recent events have shown that, contrary to Obama's 'yes we can' mantra, Americans no longer 'can', as it were.

"See how America has become powerless to solve, by itself, the economic meltdown that has hit its oldest banks and other businesses, requiring it to accept the humiliation of seeking the help of China, Russia and Middle East Countries?

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ELECTIONS 2008 ANOTHER USELESS EXERCISE: "At this point in its history, something is telling the United States and all Americans that, unlike in the past, they no longer can, by themselves, solve the ills of their nation, and that they have to turn to the true solution of all its woes, which is God.

"If America, under Obama, does not realize this immutable truth that without God Americans can do nothing, Elections 2008 would have been another useless exercise."

La Trinidad Notes 70 Percent Decrease Of Dengue Cases

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Dengue cases in this capital town has decreased by 70 percent since August this year.

Mayor Gregorio Abalos attributed the decrease of cases to the concerted efforts being undertaken by the community in partnership with the municipal government and the Department of Health.

Abalos said that the 9 o'clock habit that the municipal government started

was a big factor in the decrease of dengue cases.

The 9 o'clock habit is a clean-up drive that was started by the municipal officials in the different barangays. This is focused on the destruction of possible dengue breeding grounds such as gutters, tires, bottles, and stagnant water and even creeks and canals.

Abalos stressed that the 9 o'clock habit clean up drive done every Saturdays

by the barangay officials and their constituents will continue not only for the prevention of dengue but also for the promotion of cleanliness in the different communities in the municipality.

Abalos added that the municipal government together with the DOH has also strengthened the Barangay Health Response Teams to make people in the barangays be aware of the dengue disease, its signs and

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More Than 200 Entreps Benefit From Livelihood Enhancement Program

BONTOC, Mt. Province - Some 214 micro-entrepreneurs and 50 members of the Sagada Environmental Guides Association (SEGA) are set to benefit from the Livelihood Enhancement Program of the Department of Labor and Employment.

All these applicants were assessed and evaluated by the DOLE and qualified as beneficiaries under the implementing rules of the program.

Jocelyn Culaling of DOLE provincial office said the province is given P1Million for the implementation of the program but stressed that it will not be given in cash but in terms of raw materials and equipment purposely for the enhancement of their livelihood projects to help them increase their production and primarily to increase their family income.

Culaling said P151,680.00 of the P1Million is allotted to the 50 members of the SEGA for the ac-

quisition of tour guiding equipment.

The remaining amount will be used to purchase the needs of the 214 individuals who applied in this program such as vegetable gardeners, food processors, vegetable vendors, masseurs, ambulant vendors, small coffee shop owners and those engage in broom making, and rice wine making.

Culaling said materials/equipment needed are hose for watering plants, plastic drums for water storage and organic fertilizer processing for the farmers/gardeners; crates for vegetables, weighing scales, big umbrellas for the vegetable vendors; gas stoves, big pots, steamers for food processors; additional perculator, thermos, cups for small coffee shop owners; additional needs like foam, towels, bed sheets and pillows for masseurs; and also tools which are needed in broom making and rice wine making.

To ensure con-

tinuous and successful project implementation, the agency enters into a memorandum of agreement with each of the micro-entrepreneur. Under the MOA, it is provided that the beneficiary shall use the livelihood assistance provided by DOLE to its fullest and exclusively for the enhancement of the livelihood project that was approved, submit status report of project implementation monthly basis starting upon release of assistance for a period of one year, keeps and maintains equipments purchased out of the assistance for use of the project and not for other purposes.

It is also provided in the MOA that in case of any unauthorized deviation or modification in the implementation of the approved project by the beneficiary, he shall be obliged to return to DOLE whatsoever equipment bought out of the assistance. /Juliet B. Saley/PIA-MP

Kalinga Tribe, Exploration Firm Agree On A 60-40 Sharing Scheme

T A B U K , Kalinga - A tribal association and mineral deposit explorer that signed a pact to explore oil within the ancestral domain of the Guilayon tribe here agreed on a 60-40 sharing on net in-

come in favor of the group and the government.

In a production sharing contract signed between the Salibad Miners Association Inc. (SMAI) and the MCC Capital Project Co. Ltd.

(MCC) last month, the SMAI granted the MCC exclusive exploration and development authorization for an initial 25 years to explore mineral deposits within the ancestral domain

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Thanksgiving fun shoot set Nov. 12-13

TUBA, Benguet - So far, no member of the Philippine Practical Shooting Association (PPSA) violated the gun ban imposed by the Commission on Election (COMELEC) for the October 25, 2010 Sanguniang Kabataan and Barangay elections. The gun ban shall be lifted on November 10.

In celebration of this, a shoot fest dubbed as "Thanksgiving Fun Shoot" is scheduled on November 12 and 13 at the Prime Hills Firing Range and sponsored by the Metro Baguio Practical Shooting Association (MBPSA).

Gilbert Atioan, MBPSA President said PPSA members are responsible gun owners and law abiding. 'We thank all the shooters for observing the gun ban period and it is very fitting for us to go out firing our firearm after 47 days of COMELEC gun ban', he said.

The fun shoot is with five stages with a minimum of 101 rounds and a registration fee of P500.00/

Trophies await the winning shooters in the following divisions; open, standard, and production. A special award for the Tyro (begin-

ner) is at stake.

'We have so many things to thank for, it is been a while since shooters did not see each other. The activity is a venue to rekindle camaraderie and we will also share our experience in the Australasia', Atioan, a world shooter, said.

Atioan together with fellow MBPSA members Demy Arcano and June Santos joined the Australasia 2010 held last October 16 to 23 in Singapore which participated in by 52 countries worldwide. /joseph b zambrano/pia

Will Bioengineering be the answer to Landslide prone areas ?

MANKAYAN, Benguet - Bio-engineering technology may yet be the solution to the recurring problem on landslide prone areas such as the province and the Cordillera Region as a whole.

Bioengineering combines the use of grass, shrubs and trees to control soil erosion and maintain soil stability.

Nepal adapted the technology in mitigating landslide problems which occur under natural conditions aggravated by inad-

equate conservation measures. The country has mountainous terrain of which majority of the area is characterized by steep hills and mountains. Accordingly, landslide is considered as one of the biggest disasters commonly experienced in the country.

House Committee Chair on Public Works Congressman Ronald Cosalan stressed in an earlier meeting here of the Infrastructure Monitoring Advisory Group (IMAG) for

the Cervantes-Mankayan-Abatan road project that bio-engineering is now a requirement in road construction projects.

He said that this is a must for national roads but admitted that the technology has not yet been tried in the region and requires further study.

Regional Development Council Private Sector Representative Dr. Julie Cabato suggested that nevertheless as a policy, bio-engineering should be a requirement for contractors in un-

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Domogan vows to fast-track new waste technology

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday vowed to fast-track the adoption and installation of the new waste conversion technology before the year ends.

“We have to remember that time is of the essence here as even the city’s budget will be affected if we will not act on this with dispatch,” the mayor told the Ugnayang Panlungsod press briefing.

The mayor earlier that morning asked the city council and other sectors attending the multi-sectoral forum where the alternative waste technology proposals were discussed to present a better waste management solution for consideration by the city government other than the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) which has been selected by the executive department and the City Solid Waste Management Board (CSWMB) as the best technology so far.

“If you have come up with a better solution, then forward it to us so we can consider it but let me remind you that time is of the essence here so if you can, submit your chosen solutions as soon as possible,” the mayor told the forum.

The mayor during the city council session last week warned that if the city fails to act on the new waste technology, then the city budget will be affected since they did not include any allocation for hauling in the financial plan.

He said the city executive will have to revise the proposed budget to include the budget for hauling if the new waste technology will not materialize.

What is worse, according to the mayor, the city will remain tied up with hauling service that has been affecting the city’s resources.

“We have to do something to stop hauling and we should do it before the year ends so our target is to have the new technology installed before the year ends and if no one can come up with other solution then we will fast-track the installation of the ERS,” the mayor said.

The city council the other week approved a P128 million appropriation for the procurement of an “appropriate and most beneficial technology” for the city’s solid waste management program and authorized Domogan to pursue a deal for this purpose.

This was however on condition that the hat the procedures under the procurement law or Republic Act No. 9184 will be strictly followed in all the transactions to avoid any legal problem.

The CSWMB which the mayor heads earlier adopted the ERS which employs the mechanical conversion of large amounts of biodegradable wastes into high-grade fertilizer as the best waste management technology among the offers received by the city.

The city plans to purchase two ERS machines costing P64 million each to be set up at the Irisan dumpsite.

The mayor said the two machines can tackle 48 tons of biodegradable wastes daily out of the 66 tons daily biodegradable waste output of the city.

Attached in the offer would be the installation and commissioning of the machines by Japanese technicians and training of city personnel who will be in charge of the operation with one-year warranty to be undertaken by the Manila-based Pro Tech Machinery Corporation as the authorized representative of the Japanese company Shimizu and Company Ltd. to the Philippines.

Domogan said the company will also take charge of disposing the city’s residual and other wastes at no cost to the city./A Refuerzo

DENR Staff House Guttled By Fire

BAGUIO CITY – A Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) staff house in Baguio City was burned down Wednesday morning last week which authorities believed to have been caused by overloaded electrical system or short circuit lines.

Fire Officer Joe Dagson said fire engulfed the DENR staff house located at the City Environment and Natural Resources Office compound in barangay Gibraltar. Estimated cost of damages was placed at P100,000.00.

Initial investigation showed that at about 10:00AM of November 3, residents noticed smoke coming from a room of the staff house that prompted them to alarm the caretaker and call the Baguio Fire Department.

The caretaker,

Rosalie Ursulum, was taking a bath when the residents alarmed her. She then carried her two sons and rushed to the nearby CENRO office.

CENRO staff who were having a meeting then rushed to the burning house and saved some things and started to put off the fire with water hose and pale of water.

At around 10:10, the first responders from the BFD arrived at the scene with their firefighting equipment and predator truck. Fire out was declared at 10:25.

Dagson said that the fire started at the room of Clariza Valdez, a niece of the caretaker. Valdez was in school when the incident happened.

The staff house was occupied by the caretaker and her family and DENR Administrator Johnny Calimag. Fortunately the room of Calimag was only partially damaged while the caretakers room and the living room was totally en-

gulfed in fire.

Baguio Fire Chief Richard Villanueva said that the fire spread fast because the house was an old structure and made of light materials.

Villanueva explained that the cause of fire maybe from an overloaded electrical system or short circuit lines. It is also possible that the wiring system maybe damaged because of the old status of the staff house, he said.

With this incident, Villanueva is again reiterating the reminder to the public to regularly inspect their electrical system and to have buildings maintenance.

Meanwhile, Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan has ordered the closure of several establishments in the city that are fire hazard and have no business permits on the recommendation of the BFP./Redjie Cawis/PIA

3 LGUS in MT. PROV. to implement spes this christmas break

BONTOC, Mt. Province – Three local government units in the province have pledged to implement Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) this Christmas vacation.

According to Jocelyn Culaling of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the SPES is participated by the municipalities of Barlig, Bontoc and Natonin. They have committed a total amount of P120,000.00 repre-

senting their 60 percent counterpart. The 40 percent is the counterpart of DOLE.

Of the total amount, the municipality of Barlig has committed P60,000.00; Natonin, P50,000.00; and Bontoc, P10,000.00.

Culaling said students will be hired for ten days and will be paid a salary computed based on the income classification of the municipality.

Meanwhile, DOLE has released its 40 percent counterpart in the form of education vouchers as payment for salaries of students in the province

who worked under the SPES last summer.

Culaling said there were students who already claimed their salaries but still waiting for the others to come.

She explained that the delay in the payment of salaries is due to the delayed submission of required documents. One requirement for them to be paid is their proof of enrollment which should have been submitted to the agency after they have already enrolled especially those students who are enrolled outside the province. /Juliet B. Saley/PIA-MP

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REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
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REGION
OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
La Trinidad.
Benguet

H O M E
DEVELOPMENT
MUTUAL FUND
(HDMF),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

RAMON E.
BELTRAN,
Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 10-ExF-
1448
FOR

EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF

REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER
ACT NO. 3135, AS
AMENDED

SHERIFF'S
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale Under Act 3135, as amended filed by Home Development Mutual Fund, represented by its Department Manager III, Jerome P. Avila, hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of Mortgagor Ramon E. Beltran of legal age, married, Filipino, with residence and postal address at Blk. 13 Lot 18 Marville Homes Subd. Tadiangan, Tuba Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagor, in order to satisfy the mort-

gage indebtedness to the mortgagee which as of September 21, 2010 amounts to ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND SIXTY THREE PESOS AND 01/100 (Php. 1,354,063.01) Philippine Currency including interest and penalty charges and attorney's fees equivalent to TEN (10%) percent of the total indebtedness plus expenses of foreclosure.

That the undersigned sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on November 24, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the hereunder described real property, together with

all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. T-67043
(Register of Deeds-
Province of
Benguet)

A parcel of land (lot 18, blk. 13, Psd-131113-006700) being a portion of Lot 1-A, Psu-1-001213), situated at Barangay Irisan, Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon, Bounded on the NE, along line 1-2 by lot 20, Block 13 of the subd., plan on the SE., along line 2-3 by Road 13 (4.50 m. wide); on the SW along line 3-4 by Lot 16; on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 17, both block 13 of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point mark "1" on plan being S. 86 deg. 24' W., 2402.47 m. from Triangulation Sta. LIMESTONE, Baguio

Townsite to corner 1, thence; s. 43 deg., 16'E., 11.50 m. to point 2;

S. 46 deg., 44'W., 3.48 m. to point 3; N. 43 deg., 16'W., 11.50 m., to point 4;

N. 46 deg., 44'E., 3.48 m. to point of beginning;

Containing an area of FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows; all points by PS cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40 cms., Bearing true ; Date of original survey on May 15-16, 1922. Date of subdivision survey on May 18-24, 1998, executed by Engr. Ferdinand D. Mateo under the supervision of Engr. Antonio V. Abyado and was approved on 11 Dec. 1998.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned

on the above time and date.

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above described property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby re-scheduled on December 15, 2010 at the same time and place without need of republishation.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, this 28th
day of October,
2010.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET
BY:

By: (SDG)
Gregorio G. Tadeo
Sheriff IV

October 30, 2010
and November 6,
13, 2010

BRM Stresses Importance Of Busol Watershed To Baguio City's Water Supply

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barangays.

This is how important the protection and preservation of the Busol watershed is to the city as stressed by City Councilor and Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM) Chairman Erdolfo Balajadia in a kapihan forum Thursday .

According to Balajadia, if the people of Baguio will not work together for the protection of Busol and if the encroachment or establishment of illegal structures in the said watershed continues, then there will come a time that the city's water supply will be threatened. 'Kapag nawala ang tubig ng Busol, malaki ang magiging impact nito sa Baguio,' he pointed out.

Baguio Water District (BWD) Assistant General Manager Engr. Salvador Royeca also stressed the need to preserve the Busol watershed so as to avoid a problem in the future . He explained that 30 percent of the water being supplied by BWD comes from Busol and at present they are already managing the distribution of the available supply of water just to provide for the needs of the people.

Royeca said the BWD presently produces 50-55 thousand cubic meters of water a day, which is already below the average daily demand of 55-60 thousand cubic meters.

BWD Watershed Officer Joel Wadwadan also affirmed that the worst threat for Busol is the continuing encroachment of illegal structures in the said watershed.

Stressing the importance of Busol watershed for the city of Baguio, its residents and the future generation, Balajadia announced that even with limited funds, the BRM will continue to work and fight for its protection and rehabilitation.

Balajadia also appealed to the city government and heads of concerned government line agencies to provide more effort in such endeavor. 'The government has its share of work, though I think the government is not doing enough,' Balajadia said.

In the same forum, La Trinidad, Benguet Mayor Gregorio Abalos said he is partnering with BRM in the preservation of what remains to be saved in the Busol Watershed.

La Trinidad covers 224 hectares of Busol, and its protection is also one of the priorities of his administration, Abalos said. 'We have to act on it now. We need to look at its present situation, make a study and somehow formulate a new strategy,' he said.

Abalos informed that they will be organizing their own La Trinidad Regreening Movement, not only for Busol but for the whole municipality. He added that he is already talking with the settlers in the La Trinidad side of Busol for a pos-

sible stewardship agreement. This would involve guarding of their own areas and ensuring that no more additional structure will be constructed in the watershed. He is also considering the plan of fencing the areas that are not yet occupied.

Meanwhile, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR) Regional Executive Director Clarence Baguilat Jr. stressed that there should be no human activity in Busol being a watershed and protected area.

He also agreed with La Trinidad Mayor Abalos that Busol should be seen as what is it today and ensure that there will be no more new encroachment or structures to be established there.

According to Baguilat, the cooperation of everybody is needed especially in putting up additional teams that will guard Busol 24 hours a day and seven days a week to protect and rehabilitate Busol,

'We also need hard decisions and political will to address the encroachment problem in the area,' Baguilat said.

In the rehabilitation and continuous use of Busol as a water source, Baguilat also stressed the need for a study of its present state which will include testing its water quality and quantity, and the need to assess effect of fertilizer, pesticides, septic tanks from the human structures and the effect of other human activities on the water supply coming from Busol. /Lito Dar/PIA

REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 4
BAGUIO CITY
FAMILY COURT OF
BAGUIO CITY

IN THE MATTER OF
PETITION
FOR
LEGITIMATION
AND
CORRECTION OF
ENTRIES
IN THE RECORD OF
BIRTH OF MINOR
CHILD VINCENT
REUBEN STA. ANA
GUERRERO

VINCENT REUBEN
STA. ANA
GUERRERO
HEREIN ASSISTED
BY HIS PARENTS
SPS. ROBERT LEON
G. GUERRERO AND
MORENA STA. ANA
GUERRERO,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY
AND THE
NATIONAL
STATISTICS OFFICE
Respondents.

SP. PROC. CASE NO
2061-R

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ORDER

The above-entitled verified Amended Petition was filed by the Petitioner, through counsel and unto this Honorable Court, which states that:

1. Petitioner VINCENT REUBEN STA. ANA GUERRERO IS A MINOR BEING SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE UPON THE FILING OF THIS PETITION, Filipino citizen, while co-petitioner parents the SPS. ROBERT LEON G. GUERRERO AND MORENA STA. ANA GUERRERO are of legal age, Filipino citizen and all of them residents of #A-97

LTHCI Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines where they may be served with summons, notices and other processes of the Honorable Court;

2. Respondent Civil Registry of Baguio City is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc., and can be served with summons at the Baguio Health Center, Baguio City while respondent National Statistics Office is also a government agency and it is being impleaded a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address in Baguio City.

3. Co-petitioner spouses are the biological parents of VINCENT REUBEN STA. ANA GUERRERO wherein the latter was born on April 29, 1994 at the Baguio Medical Center, Inc., Baguio City;

4. That the facts of birth of said minor child was duly registered in the office of the Civil Registry of Baguio City as evidenced by hereto attached CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH marked as ANNEX "A" and made part hereof;

5. At the time of the birth of minor child, herein petitioner, MORENA C. STA. ANA GUERRERO and her child's father, ROBERT LEON G. GUERRERO were not married but an information was given by the former that they were married on July 31, 1991, in Makati, Metro Manila but in truth and in fact, no such marriage took place;

6. Petitioner MORENA STA. ANA GUERRERO was the informant during the preparation of the birth certificate of VINCENT REUBEN immediately after she gave birth for which

reason which she might misunderstood some of the questions being asked of her particularly the date of marriage given by the effect of drugs administered to her during her childbirth;

7. The honest mistake done by the petitioner when he supplied the date of marriage tends to show that VINCENT REUBEN was LEGITIMATE child when in truth and in fact he was born outside wedlock hence, supposed to be illegitimate but nonetheless ROBERT LEON and MORENA subsequently got married on January 28, 1997 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Baguio City as evidenced by their CERIFICATE OF MARRIAGE hereto attached as ANNEX "B" and made part hereof;

8. Hence, the petitioners desire that the affected entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of Vincent Reuben be changed to reflect his true and correct status from legitimate to legitimated, to reflect the true and correct date and place of marriage of petitioner spouses which is January 28, 1997 in Baguio City and not July 31, 1991 in Makati, Metro Manila;

9. This petition is not sought to conceal, mislead and misrepresent the petitioner's nor escape any obligation of whatever nature and kind. On the contrary, this petition is sought to reflect the true and correct status of the minor child and to apprise the public of the true, correct and lawful date and place of marriage of petitioner spouses.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed that after due notice, publication and hearing, the Honorable Court grants the petition by issuing an ORDER as follows:

1. Declaring the minor child, VINCENT REUBEN STA. ANA GUERRERO as LEGITIMATED.

2. To expunge from his record of birth the date and place of the marriage of his parents which is July 31, 1991 in Makati, Metro Manila and instead the Date and Place of marriage of his parents which was solemnized on January 28, 1997 in Baguio City be indicated.

Finding the Amended Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 4, Baguio City, on December 15, 2010, at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place date and time, the Petitioners shall prove her case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why said Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner in The Junction newspaper, a local newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Northern Luzon, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before a foresaid hearing.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the solicitor General, Makati city, the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the Office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio, and the Petitioner and Counsel.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN this 8th day of
October, 2010, at
Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SDG) MIA JOY
C. OALLARES-
CAWED
Presiding Judge

October 30, 2010 and
November 6, 13,
2010

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

PROSPERO T. MATABA JR.

Applicant

Case No: 2006-CAR-0332

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on November 22, 2010 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - OFFICER-IN-CHARGE this 3rd day of November 2010.

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

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

MARY JOY RAPUSO

Applicant

Case No: 97-BC-1052

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-JITNEY Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA LA TRINIDAD 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 November 15, 2010 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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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 - OFFICER-IN-CHARGE this 22th day of October 2010.

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

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

JOSEPH BIKOTKOT

Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-2169

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY PLAZA - ST. PATRICK-DOGAN-NPC 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 November 22, 2010 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - OFFICER-IN-CHARGE this 2nd day of November 2010.

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

DOLE Focuses on Job-Skills

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high unemployment rate of six percent or 44,000 of labor force are unemployed while 18.9 percent or 132,000 of employed workers are under-employed.

'Maraming trabaho, ang problema ay job at skills mismatch. Hindi nagkakatatap o nagkikita ang mga available supplies ng skills natin sa pangangailangan ng mga industry o employer,' Bacolong said.

'The SRS will be linked with the database of other related agencies such as the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), to reduce job search searching/hunting period, process and cost.

'Lahat ng nangangailangan ng trabaho malilista dito ang mga skills nila, gayundin ang mga klase ng trabaho na bakante at hinahanap ng mga industries, locally and abroad. Sa pamamagitan ng SRS magkikita ang nangangailangan ng trabaho at ang mga employers,' Bacolong said.

The SRS is a one-time registration as the information will only need to be updated if necessary such as when the registrant already got a job or has acquired additional skills or working experience.

This could also help government in formulating policies or in decision making like looking at what other skills TESDA needs to develop in response to the growing skills demand of the industry, locally and abroad, Bacolong added.

DOLE-CAR has recently launched the SRS in Baguio City in partnership with City's Public Employment Service Office and the different barangays. Bacolong reported that they have also already encoded to the SRS database the job seekers who registered during the Baguio Day Jobs Fair held last September 29-30.

Bacolong is urging all job seekers including the new graduates to register on the SRS, either through their barangays or by going directly to the DOLE Regional Office in Engineer's Hill, Baguio City.

One does need not to be a permanent Baguio resident to register as the database will eventually be linked nationwide through DOLE's PhilJobNet, according to Bacolong. / Lito Dar/PIA

Tug-of-War Over

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protagonist's strategy from "appeal to pity" to "wanton disregard for authority," the City Legal Office cocked legal guns against Sinot, March 30, 2009 at the behest of council members seeking bid out AHR operations.

Apparently, a number of bidders were lining up, expressing interest in running the facility, which according to local officials, can be more beneficial to the city government. The complaint was docketed as civil case No. 293.

Sinot averred there are nil legal bases for plaintiff to claim the AHR as it is titled in the name of one Lucio Ramirez. He added half the

subject property is his own.

But the City, represented by Attorney IV Dennis Ernesto Ruiz argued Baguio bought the AHR from one Lucio Ramirez sometime in 1935 with a proviso that the same be maintained as a "public bath house and swimming pool."

Sometime in 1967, adverse claimant Bernardo Catbagan, Jr. filed a case of recovery of property against Baguio over the said lot. The case dragged on until the City was eventually ruled as the property's rightful owner.

In 1976 however, Catbagan secured a 20-year lease contract with the city to operate the AHSR. The lease expired 1996.

Before termination however, Sinot assumed operations of the AHR in 1994 without authority from the city government. His predecessor Catbagan died the same year.

The MCTC decided, "[O]wnership over the property had already been ruled upon, defendant can no longer refute [the same]."

"Further, the claim of [Sinot] that only half the resort complex is within the [city's] property... has no leg to stand on because said portion constitutes an easement of the Asin River."

Article 51 of Presidential Decree (PD) 1067, the court cited, "...reserves the margins of the river to the easement of public use in the interest of recreation, navigation, floatage, fishing and salvage."

It likewise ruled Sinot's occupation of the AHR was merely "with tolerance" of the city which means, "[H]e is necessarily bound by an implied promise that he will vacate the same upon demand."

Ruiz for his part said hearing on the city's motion for execution is scheduled next week, even as Sinot filed notice of appeal. /isl

More than 200,000 Children

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partment is now giving more focus on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals thus child health is one of our priorities,' Pangilinan said. She explained that the expanded GP program will be big help in child health promotion and for providing enough essential vaccines, micro-nutrient supplements and de-worming tablets.

'The GP program does not only provides essential vaccines, vitamin A supplements and deworming, it also includes promotion of other health behavior such as maternal health, oral health of children, proper hand washing, proper toilet use and other promotions of essential child health care,' Pangilinan added.

In line with the UN MDG goal of improving child and maternal health, Pangilinan reported that that based on the national standard, the Cordillera region has meet the target. On the regional level though, much is still wanting especially on neo-natal health care with still packets of low performing municipalities especially in the remote areas.

In a press statement, DOH Secretary Ona announced that the new GP will highlight health-promoting behaviors that parents, caregivers, teachers, leaders and children themselves can do in their respective spheres

of influence. Aside from health facilities, the new-GP will go into homes, in schools, in daycare centers, and in other setting where the children are. /Lito Dar/PIA

Ancestral Domain

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gions and culture, become historically differentiated from the majority of Filipinos'.

'IPs shall likewise include peoples who are regarded as indigenous on account of their descent from the populations which inhabited the country, at the time of conquest or colonization, or at the time of inroads of non-indigenous religions and cultures, or the establishment of present state boundaries, who retain some or all of their own social, economic, cultural and political institutions, but who may have been displaced from their traditional domains or who may have resettled outside their ancestral domains.'

The Cordillera Region is inhabited by more 90 percent IPs./PIA

Editorial

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airport. Savings: \$ 390,000 yearly.

In Tokyo, the 8,400 square meters rooftop of Ryogoku Kokugikan Sumo-wrestling Arena funnels rainwater into underground storage tanks. The example is catching on,

Thailand offers loans and technical help to build 1,000 to 3,000-liter jars. A family of six is assured sufficient rainwater during the dry season.

In Bangladesh, rainwater provides drinking water, specially in areas where arsenic contaminates wells. Over 1,000 rainwater harvesting systems have been installed.

Indonesia requires that all buildings install an infiltration well. The rule applies to Yogyakarta, West and Central Java. This could tamp the 53 percent water deficit down to 37 percent.

In Capiz here, Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) provided \$200 loans, payable in three years, to build 500 rainwater storage tanks. Each tank is linked to an income-generating activity, like rearing pigs. This innovative mechanism whittled down water subsidies.

Whatever happened to the rainwater conservation project by 278 households in Barangay Villahermosa in Camotes Island? Local government and townspeople shared the cost of this pioneering program.

Magsaysay awardee Antonio Opposa led Global Legal Action on Climate Change in asking the Supreme Court: issue a writ of mandamus that'd compel local governments to implement the Rainwater Collector and Springs Development Law.

Enacted in 1989, RA 6716 directed that 100,000 rainwater collectors were to be completed in three years. Only four were actually built.

By decisive action, PNoy's administration can resurrect this program from mummified law. That would impact he lives of ordinary Filipinos. After all, "there is no such thing as a free drink."

Diretsahan

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Bakit kaya hindi maipasara sara itong mga painuman sa may Abanao St. na prente ng mga menor de edad, mga mandurukot, isnatser, holduper, prostityut, atbp? Samantalang ang impo ay wala silang business permit, at kung meron man ay hindi ito at ibang linya ang kanilang aplikasyon? O totoo ang bulong na eatery o restoran ang kanilang lisensya pero ginawa nilang videoke bar, o painuman ang kanilang operasyon? Bawal kasi ang painuman sa malalapit na mga pampublikong opisina,

Paaralan, simbahan, parke etcetera kaya gumawa na lamang sila ng palusot na sistema para mabigyan sila ng lisensya.

Teka totoo kaya ang ibinulong sa amin ng ibang kasamahan na mga pulis na inakusyonan na raw nila itong mga nabanggit na establisimento, pero magpahanggang ngayon ay nakabinbin pa rin daw sa city Hall ang kanilang rekomendasyon?

At totoo rin ba na karamihan sa sakit din ng ulo ng ating pulisya ay itong mga painuman sa may itaas ng Maharlika Buliding? At ano naman ang ginagawa ng PERMITS AND LISCENCING OFFICE? Atensyon apo CRISTO LAGYOP, sir, pakituunan mo naman ito ng pansin, PERYOD

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Gusto ko pa sanang saluduhan ang BCPO Station 3 (Pacdal) sa pagrkober nila sa isang bomba na nakabaon sa lupa mula sa "construction site" na pag-aari ng isang GINANG ROSIE LAM sa may Lauback Rd. noong ika 6 ng Nobyembre, 2010. Kaya lamang aksidenteng nahukaw raw ito ng mga trabahador sa konstraksyon at ipinagbigay alam agad sa amin ng isang kaibigan na pamangkin ng caretaker, na agad naman nam-ing inireport sa BCPO-SWAT. Ang siste, nang imonitor na ng hepe ng SWAT ang Station 3 ay binunot na raw ang nasabing bomba na hindi man lang iki noordineyt sa kanila! Anak ng, bakit naman ganun ha, kayo diyan sa station 3? Alam nyu naman na bomba yan dapat itinimbre nyu muna sa SWAT bago nyu pinakialaman, eh paano kung me nangyaring di kanais nais dahil sa inyong ginawa? HESUS PATAWARIN!!!

Nutrition Council

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Division, NPRRTC, CSWDO, City Health Office, CHO Sanitation Division, CHO Population Division, CHO Nursing Division, CHO Dental Division, Liga ng mga Barangay, PNRC, Save Our School Children Foundation, Inc, Barangay Nutrition Scholars Association, Association of Barangay Nutrition Action Officers and Young Ladies Association for Charity./paul rillorta

Food Processors undergo

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ees do exercise activities for the first day tapping their hair or clothes with their fingers. Afterwhich the same fingers were used to touch a petri dish containing a culture medium for micro-organism growth.

The following day, they were able to see

the growth of plenty of microbes which emanated from the hair and clothes.

The exercise was simple yet a lesson for those in the food industry of the importance of proper handling, according to Inumpa.

He said GMP increases and prolongs shelf life of processed products and also is essential for the safety of consumers.

Topics discussed in the training were proper hygiene such as thorough handwashing and personal hygiene such as health considerations, biological, chemical and physical hazards, and cross-contamination if product is not packed properly which may cause the spoilage or contamination of the other.

A food handler must be conscious of the condition of food contact surfaces such as working table which is a habitat of micro-organisms, Inumpa said.

Raw material specification is also critical even if these are to be cooked should be fresh. He said never mix together those with good condition and about to spoil as these would affect shelf life and quality.

Inumpa stressed that pest control is also crucial. The presence of cockroaches, rats, flies in the working area should be avoided to prevent contamination.

For those applying for Bureau of Food and Drugs accreditation, Inumpa said even if participants were able to finish the GMP training, BFAD will still validate the work area of the applicant. BFAD is a plus factor in the quality assurance of a product./S.C. Aro/PIA

La Trinidad Notes 70 Percent

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symptoms and how to prevent it.

In August, the DOH reported barangays Poblacion, Pico, Betag, Balili, Bahong, Alapang and Puguis as hot spots due to rapid increase of dengue cases.

Dengue cases in Cordillera now stand at 5,869 with 14 deaths, a 247 percent increase compared to the 1,689 cases recorded during the same period last year. Per provincial breakdown, recorded cases in Abra stand at 357, 159 in Apayao, 1,236 in Baguio City, Benguet - 1048, Ifugao - 1,048, Kalinga- 989 and Mountain Province - 839. 193 other non-CAR cases were also treated in various hospitals in the region.

Majority of the reported cases are of the younger age brackets with 39 percent coming from 11-20 years age group and 27 percent comes from 1-10 years old.

According to DOH Dengue Coordinator Dr. Alexei Marrero, dengue cases in Cordillera is down from a peak of 600 cases a week recorded in August to about 150 cases a week in October.

Dr Marrero also confirmed that though there was no dengue outbreak reported, clustering of cases are still being noted in some areas especially in the municipalities of Lamut, Kiangnan, Mayoyao, Lagawe and Banaue in Ifugao; Tabuk in Kalinga and Sadanga in Mountain Province.

For Benguet clustering of cases were monitored in some areas in Itogon, La Trinidad and Mankayan. For Baguio City, clustering of

cases were also noted in barangay Irisan, Asin, Bakakeng Central and North, Fairview, Kias, Loacan Proper, QM upper, San Luis, San Vicente and St. Joseph Village./Redjie Cawis PIA

Kalinga Tribe, Exploration

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of the clan.

The SMAI has ancestral domain consisting of 844,000 hectares which are said to be rich in mineral deposits including gold, silver, copper, oil and natural gas.

Under the contract, the United Kingdom-based MCC shall undertake exploration, exploitation and development, processing and marketing of mineral deposits found in the exploration perimeter.

According to the contract signed on October 8 this year, the production benefits resulting from the operation shall be shared between the parties in accordance with applicable local laws and mutual agreement.

MCC, which has a Philippine office at 4961B Arnaiz St., Makati City, also agreed to divest a percentage of its revenues in social housing, clinics, schools, water and sanitation, utilities and related expenses.

During the initial exploration, MCC will undertake seismic survey, drill exploratory wells in accordance with good international industry practices and standards.

The mining company vowed to take necessary actions for the protection of the environment and shall take any reasonable steps in order to ensure that all facilities and equipments used for the requirements of the operations are in good working condition during the term of the contract. It also promised to rehabilitate the mined site upon the completion of each operation.

MCC shall also take all necessary precautions to prevent pollution of the area and observe the provisions of the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution.

The explorer assured priority employment for the local populace. It will also contribute to the training of personnel in order to allow them access to any position that requires such skill.

In the event that MCC violates its work commitment, the clan has the right to levy a negotiable penalty and/ or rescind the contract exclusivity./Peter A. Balocnit/ PIA-Kalinga

Will Bioengineering

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dertaking road construction regardless of any road classification.

Cosalan also clarified that bioengineering is just a part of an environmental management plan (EMP) of a road project. An EMP is required of all foreign funded road projects before the release of funds.

Meanwhile, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Guillermo Fianza suggested the conduct of monitoring as to the compliance of the environmental management plan of the Cervantes-Mankayan-Abatan arterial road. /S.C. Aro/PIA

Traffic Scheme Proposed

BAGUIO CITY- Coupled with commendations for the peaceful and orderly All Saints' and All Souls' days, Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week admitted that the traffic scheme contributed to a "not so very congested" two-day celebration.

Thus the whole or part of the implemented Oplan Kaluluwa traffic re-routing scheme may be adapted for Naguilian road, after thorough discussion in the Traffic and Transport Management Committee (TTMC), the mayor said.

This would include the one-way traffic scheme along Naguilian, Bokawkan, and Dominican roads; Queen of Apostles and Queen of Peace, Legarda road and Palma street intersection.

San Luis road from Naguilian road up to San Roque road; both Sofia de

Vera st. and Quezon hill to Ponce street, going up; and Hamada road would be affected.

If approved, Lourdes and Dominican roads would be used by PUVs as route to the Central Business District (CBD) area.

Public utility jeepneys: such as Guisad, Fairview and other PUJ associations using Ferguson road to the CBD would then use Dangwa st., or Roman Ayson to Bokawkan rd to and from their terminals.

Other roads such as Dominican road, Queen of Peace, Queen of Apostles st. may be used by PUV lines such as Irisan, San Carlos heights, NPC, and other Naguilian PUJ Association in going to the CBD.

For San Luis, San Roque, Asin, Nangalisan and other PUJs association, Asin rd., shall be used in going to the

CBD, while their route back to their terminal shall be San Roque rd, Dominican rd and Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles rd.

For Dominican PUJs, Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles rd shall be used as going to their terminal. Usual route shall be used in going back to the point of origin.

"No Parking" policies shall also be strictly implemented along the roads to ensure smooth flow of traffic. Marcos Highway, Lamtang, Longlong roads and the Sta. Lucia Circumferential road as alternative routes for trucks and buses shall also be looked into.

According to the mayor, the safest roads with the least traveling time for the riding public and the PUV associations plying the Naguilian area is the major concern of the TTMC, thus the possibility of adapting the route. /juliiegfianza

Food Processors Undergo Training On Good Manufacturing Practices

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – Some food processors in the province have proven that the slightest contaminant could entirely affect the quality and shelf life of a product.

This was an eye opener for some 33 participants who under-

went good manufacturing practices (GMP) training recently conducted by the Provincial Science and Technology Center of the Department of Science and Technology.

PSTC-DOST

Benguet Provincial Head, Dr. Arnold Inumpa said the trainees during the two-day activity realized the presence of micro-organisms everywhere.

To illustrate, Inumpa had the train-

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2 MILLION FOR BGHMC INDIGENT PATIENTS. Congressman Bernardo Vergara signs a MOA with BGHMC Director Manuel Factora allocating 2 Million Pesos from his congressional and personal fund to benefit well-screened indigent patients admitted at the said hospital. Vergara's funds will be released soon and is budgeted for infrastructures and other tourism-related projects. /Grace Bandoy

Nutrition Council reorganized

Baguio City – the Baguio City Nutrition Council has been reconstituted with the signing of Administrative Order No. 164 by City mayor Mauricio Domogan this week.

The reconstitution of its membership following the change in leadership is needed to enhance the implementation of programs, projects and advocacies that will cater to the nutri-

tional needs of local residents, the AO states.

The city's Nutrition Council is composed of the Executive Committee chaired by the city mayor and the City Health Officer is the City Nutrition Action Officer.

Its members are the City Nutrition Program Coordinator, City Local Government Operations Officer, the Regional Di-

rector of the Department of Agriculture, the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Chief, the City Schools Division Superintendent, the Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology, the Director of the Northern Philippines Rootcrops Research and Training Center (NPRRTC), the City Social Welfare and Development Officer and Liga ng mga Barangay President.

Other members from the private sec-

tor also include a representative of the Philippine National Red Cross, the president of the Nutritionist-Dietician's Association of the Philippines Baguio Chapter, a representative of the Mountain Province Mission-SDA, a representative of Save Our Children Foundation, Inc, a representative of the Baguio City Nutrition Multipurpose Cooperative and a representative of the Young Ladies Association for Charity.

A Technical Work-

ing Group was also established and its members include the representatives from the DILG Baguio City Field Office, DTI Baguio-

Benguet Office, Department of Agriculture-CAR, BGHMC Dietary Department, BGHMC Under Five Clinic, City's School

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