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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **City Ready To Accept Offers On Asin Hydro Privatization**



BAGUIO CITY – The city government is now ready to accept offers for the privatization of the operation of the Asin minihydroelectric plants.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday said the city will soon issue notices to prospective companies who have the capability to operate and manage the facilities based on the terms of reference adopted for the purpose.

The mayor said the city council through Resolution No. 104-2009 granted him the

authority to negotiate for the operation of the power plants to maximize the facilities' income-generating potentials.

The mayor said the offers to be received by the city will be referred again to the city council for confirmation.

The city's confidence on the facilities was boosted by the encouraging results of the feasibility study conducted by experts from Czech Republic on the rehabilitation of the city's minihydroelectric plants.

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DEMOLISHED !!! - An illegal stall along Lion's Head, Kennon Road is being demolished and confiscated by the elements of the Public Order and Safety Division led by POSD team leader Benamin Tan while the Baguio's Finest provides safety and security with the presence of barangay officials last Sept. 24./ By Bong Cayabyab

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Lawmaker To Pag-Ibig Junk Plan To Hike Contributions

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday called on the Pag-IBIG Fund to junk its plan to hike the membership contribution rate, backing instead the proposal of a labor group for the agency to raise funds by expanding its coverage to include all government and private sector employees.

"If it is true that Pag-ibig now covers only 7.4 million of the potential 29.2 million members, then an increase in the membership rate is ill-advised and untimely," the 39-year-old lawmaker said.

"It also raises

questions about the direction of the agency's advertising campaign which has been funded by millions of pesos taken from contributions of members," he added.

The Pag-ibig Fund announced last Sept. 18 that it was planning to increase its membership contribution rate to further improve the agency's financial capability and meet the demands of members for more loans and benefits.

In a statement, the TUCP criticized the planned increase as "unnecessary and indefensible." The labor group pointed out that while Pag-IBIG

membership is mandatory, only one out of every four workers is actually covered by the fund.

Escudero said Pag-ibig should seriously consider the proposal of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) for the agency to raise revenues instead by expanding membership.

"This will not only increase its available funds but more importantly it will benefit more of our workers and employees," Escudero said.

At the same time, the 39-year old lawmaker asked for a full report on how the agency has spent its funds in the past nine years./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Lawmaker Presses Approval Of Bill Regulating Presentation Of Suspects To Media

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday pressed for the approval of a measure that would regulate the presentation of criminal suspects to the media.

"This measure is aimed at preventing a violation of a basic human right, which is a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Presenting suspects to the media violates this right, because it projects them to be guilty already of the crime, aside from subjecting them to humiliation," Escudero, chair of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights, said.

He said the

Senate has already approved a joint resolution which requires state authorities to regulate the practice, seeking a balance between the rights of the suspects and the right of the people to information as well as press freedom.

The resolution directs the Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies to issue implementing rules and regulations regulating the practice of presenting suspects to the media.

"We must remember that these suspects are still under investigation

when law enforcers present them to the media. It constitutes unwanted publicity that only works to besmirch their name and reputation and that of their family," Escudero said.

The resolution also directs the government to include in its rules on the regulation of this practice provisions on administrative sanctions against those who would violate the rights of the suspects.

The resolution has been passed on third reading at the Senate and is expected to be acted upon in the House of Representatives before Congress goes on recess on October 17./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Tax luxury cars, jewelry, Not text messaging

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday said lawmakers should set their sights on luxury goods such as motor vehicles and jewelry instead of taxing text messages.

"The proponents of the measure to tax text messaging seem to have a skewed sense of priority. Instead of providing tax relief to the Filipino public, they think of adding bur-

den," Escudero said in a statement.

"Taxation should be based on the ability of taxpayers to pay. We all know text messaging is prevalent among the lower socio-economic classes, that about 90 percent of mobile phone lines are pre-paid. Imposing a tax on it will hit the *masa* more than those with the capacity to pay more. So why not increase the taxes on items used by those who can

and are willing to pay, like luxury cars and jewelry?"

He explained that those who can afford to buy these luxury items certainly have the capacity to pay for more taxes, in contrast to the poor who are considered heavy text messaging users.

The senator said that text messaging has become the one of the cheapest modes of communication. For poor Filipinos, it has even become an es

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Scrap And Re-Bid RFID Project

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday called on the government to scrap and re-bid the planned Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags project to allay any fears of irregularity

and ensure that the rights of individuals are not abused.

Escudero said that aside from privacy issues, questions on the dubious procurement process and the lack of sufficient public consulta-

tions on the project have been raised.

"I ask that this project should be scrapped and re-bid to erase any suspicion of irregularity and to address legitimate concerns by

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Consumer Month Highlights use of Generic Drugs

BAGUIOCITY- The **CONSUMERNET**, an alliance of agencies supporting consumer rights and interests in the region, has lined up a series of activities to mark this year's celebration of Consumer Welfare Month (CWM) this October.

The annual celebration is in pursuant to Proclamation No. 1098 dated Sept. 26, 1997 declaring the month of October of every year as Consumer Welfare Month. This is in order to promote dissemination of sound consumer informa-

tion by both public and private sectors, including the media, on subjects such as complaints and policies affecting consumer and encourage dialogue and cooperation among consumers, business and government and broaden the scope of consumer education by heightening consumer awareness.

For this year, the Department of Health (DOH) takes the lead in the celebration of CWM with the theme "Generic Drugs; Gawang Pinoy! Galing Pinoy! Tangkilikin Natin!". The theme is an-

chored on the key policy area of the national government to protect public health and to adopt appropriate measures to promote and ensure access to affordable quality drugs and medicines for all.

In line with this, the National Consumer Affairs Council (NCAC) and DOH in cooperation with all implementers of the Consumer Act, are expected to join forces in encouraging the extensive use of generic drugs and the promotion of our own Filipino-made generic drugs.

Massive information campaign is **Cont. on page 11**



PRIME AND BASIC COMMODITIES sold in stores nationwide are regularly being monitored by operatives of the Department of Trade and Industry to verify whether they conform to the set suggested retail price (SRP) or not. The recent price monitoring activity conducted in Baguio City and Benguet by the Comprehensive Livelihood Emergency Employment Program-CLEEP monitors (in photo) showed no remarkable changes from previous reports./Art Tibaldo

Mayor Says Only Legal Stallholders Entitled To Market Spaces

BAGUIO CITY - Only legitimate stallholders are entitled to spaces at the newly built structures at the city market.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. stressed this as he announced Thursday the completion of the new market structures that replaced the burnt area particularly the vegetable proper buildings 1 and 2, sari-sari and tobacco sections.

The mayor said the city will allow only those with existing and binding contracts with the city government to occupy the stall spaces starting next week.

The legitimate occupants are properly listed in the master list being kept by the city treasurer's office.

Many vendors have reportedly complained claiming they were displaced or unceremoniously stripped of their right to stalls they claimed to have occupied for many years before the fire.

The mayor said the subject

persons who claim to have occupied stalls but are not included in the list may have just been sub-lessees of the spaces rented out by the original stallholders or just plain illegal occupants.

He said it is not the city's responsibility to accommodate them as they have no contracts with the city government.

He said on ad **Cont. on page 11**

Use Of Deceiving Lights On Market Goods Now Penalized

BAGUIO CITY - The city government will penalize vendors using "deceiving lights" to make their commodities like meat, fish, vegetables and fruits look fresh.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. signed Ordinance No. 71 series of 2009 setting penalties for persons guilty of said violation as follows: P500 fine for first offense; P1,000 for second offense; and P2,000 fine and revocation of permit to operate for the third offense.

The measure

which was introduced by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas mandates the adoption of a "lighting standard" in shops and stalls to support the ordinance.

The Baguio City Market Authority through the market superintendent's office in cooperation with the city veterinary office was tasked to recommend the best lighting condition to set the said standard.

Farinas said the measure aims to stop the nefarious practice of some market vendors to mask the quality of their products.

Farinas said consumers commonly complain that the fish or meat they meticulously buy from market stalls particularly those that use lights over mounds of

their products but the goods turned out to be not as fresh the moment these were brought home.

"It has been noticed that unscrupulous stall tenders and owners in the Baguio City Public Market have been surreptitiously installing lights that when illuminated especially onto meats and fishes tend to make them appear fresh and a whole lot more appealing to the unsuspecting buyer. Albeit it may also be claimed by innocent stall tenders and owners that they may just have simply installed these deceiving lights without malicious intent, however, this Ordinance intends to put a check to and prevent such sinister practice from persisting once and for all," Farinas noted./ aileen p. refuerzo

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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.

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno

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Three Inevitables

In 2010, Benigno Aquino, Salvador Escudero, Gilberto Teodoro or Manuel Villar may be President. Whoever is elected will inherit, from outgoing (hopefully) President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, three “inevitables”: death, taxes –and nearly 92 million Filipinos. Populationwise, we’d be 20 Singapores.

Rewind to 1940. The census, that year, informed President Manuel Quezon: there were almost 20 million Filipinos. Quezon’s successor, next year, will have five times that pre-World War II headcount.

Fast forward to 2016. Noynoy, Chiz, Gibo or Manny will step down from Malacanang. (“What about me?”, asks Erap, shackled by plunder and murder charges) He will also pass on three “inevitables”: death, taxes —and probably 101.6 million Filipinos. We’d equal eight Cambodias then.

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ignores presidents, or bishops. Not “all thy piety nor wit shall...cancel half a line,” Omar Khayam wrote.

Consider the “youth bulge”. Majority of Filipinos are young. With hormones in overdrive, many start families early, despite marriage codes that jack up minimum age. They tarry in reproductive years longer. Family planning services are patchy.

Other Asian nations have completed their “demographic transition”. That’s when death and birth rates drop, and population stabilizes at lower levels. Have we even started?

The “Asean Twins” offer a case study. Thailand and the Philippines had, in the 1970s, almost identical demographic and economic profiles. Thailand adopted a population policy. We waffled.

Today, there are almost 64 million Thais. Contrast that with 88.5 million Filipinos, our delayed 2007 census tallied. A bogged down demographic transition added 24.5 million Filipinos more. That’s almost one Malaysia.

The bitter debate over the Reproductive Health bills, meanwhile, continues. Ironically, both sides agree on key points.

All concur that the cascade of wizened ill-nourished babies, into city slums or rural hovels, short of food, medicine, clean water, etc. is a scandal. This can not continue. Otherwise, we forfeit all claims to being a humane society.

Shrill advocates or opponents of RH bills blur the fact that government and church agree on responsible parenthood.

The Catholic Bishops’ 2nd Plenary Council, for example, taught: Parents should “beget only those children they can raise up in a truly human and Christian way...The decision on number of children rests solely with parents.”

“It is legitimate for government to orient the demography of population,” the Catholic catechism says. It can do so by information, but not by coercion or “means contrary to moral law.”

All recoil from abortion. Yet, “nearly half a million Filipinas opted for underground abortions, in 2000,” notes Dr Mary Racelis formerly of Unicef. Illegal clinics and hilots ply their sub-rosa trade.

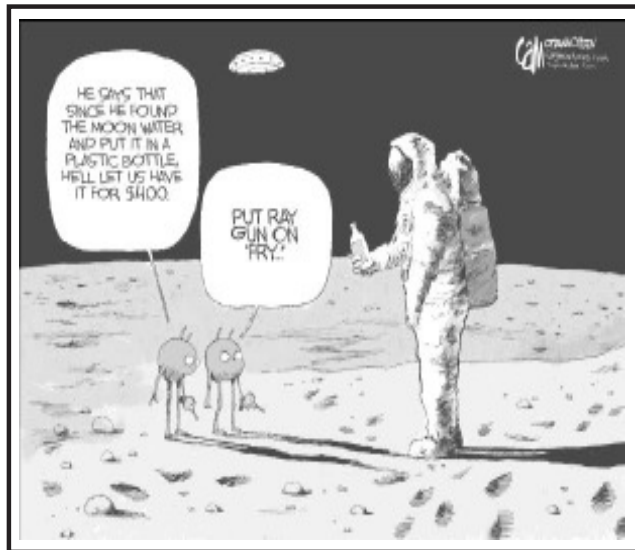
Are abortions up to 700,000 today? No one really knows. But all agree women must be helped to become informed and speak for themselves. Continued neglect would “abet the terrible reality of abortion as the only viable choice open to poor Filipino women.”

Both sides agree that families should be educated, including natural family planning methods. Almost a third (27%) of women in the poorest fifth of population want to limit their families.

But they lack access to information and services. These are essential if couples are to make family size decisions responsibly and freely. Pope John Paul II stressed. A “bahala na” attitude spills into unplanned pregnancies and abortions. Children are denied support to realize their God-given potentials.

Bucking artificial contraception is not enough, says the new book: “Natural Family Planning”. Practical programs, must replace

That’s a given. Population growth has a momentum that



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Inutil, Manhid, Bulag, Pipi at Bingi na mga opisyaales

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Dahil sa paglalabasan ng kanya- kanyang baho sina senador “Ping” Lacson at senador Jinggoy Estrada posibleng humantong ito sa pagkabuhay ulit ng mga kaso noong termino ni dating pangulong Erap katulad ng BENTAIN CASE, KURATONG BALELENG atbp., bukod sa DACER, ORBITO CASE.

Unang sinaltik ni Ping sa kanyang “PREVILEGE SPEECH” si Erap na siyang Ikinairita ni Senador jinggoy na anak ni Erap kaya bumuwelta naman ito kay Ping, ang resulta? Umalingasaw na sa baho ang arena sa Senado at ang nakakatawa NAKISAWSAW pa dito si apo PONCE ENRILE.

Kung magpapatuloy ang ganitong senaryo, mahihirapan ngayon ang oposisyon na hatakin ng malayuan ang kanilang pambato sa pagkapangulo imbes na milya, baka metro na lang ang ilalampas sa kalaban. Kunsabagay, sa larangan ng pulitika hindi natin alam kung ano ang TOTOHANAN at MORO-MORO lamang. Baka kase parte lamang ito sa plano ng mga matatalinong arkitekto ng mga PULPOL-LITIKO na maaring kagatin ng mga tanga, este... mga taga ‘Pinas na walang pakialam. Kaya mga suki, maging mapagmatyag at mapagmasid at baka mapasama pa kayo sa grupo ng mga tanga , este taga ‘Pinas na miyembro nitong sakit na hindi nagagamot, at walang ospital na nakakagamot, dito I TANGA ... este ITAGA nyu yan sa Bato....

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HANEP din ang ipinamalas ng ating lungsod ng Baguio hindi lamang dito sa ‘Pinas kundi sa buong mundo. Aba, andyan at nag-pakitang gilas tayo sa paggawa ng BIGGEST SALAD, LARGEST PIZZA, LONGEST LONGGANISA, etsetera, at hindi ba dito rin ginawa ang pinakamalaking BANDILA NG PINAS? Kaya naman nakakapagmalaki tayo kapag napag-aalaman ng iba na tayo ay tanga, este taga Baguio... Ooops teka nabanggit ko pala sa huling kulomn ko na bakit hindi rin tayo lumahok para sa record na the plentiest nabubulok na basura of the City having the longest problema sa basura. Idagdag pa dyan ang d’ most troublesome city at travelsome city mayor? Oh di ba mga suri?kaya siguro pinili ni pipols champ MANNY “PACMAN” pakyut.... Este paquiao na dito sa siyudad mag ensayo para sa darating na laban nila ni Kuto, este COTTO. Lalo na sa pag mag jogging sya sa may Irisan at ‘PRESTO’. Masustansyang hangin with matching amoy durian ang kanyang malalanhap. Tatal malapit lang naman dun ang gym na kanyang pinag-eensayuhan. Eniwey, malaking karangalan na naman dito sa siyudad na siyang napili ni Pacman na lugar na kanyang pag eensayuhan.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Comelec seeks amendment of overseas voting law

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



COMELEC SEEKS AMENDMENT OF THE OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTING LAW: The Commission on Elections is seeking an amendment of the overseas absentee voting law in an effort to entice more Filipinos abroad to register and then ultimately exercise their right to vote in any Philippine election.

According to Comelec Commissioner Armando Velasco in an interview Thursday with BATAS RADIO, the poll body wants to effect a system of registration and voting for overseas Filipinos which will no longer require the registrants to personally appear to be registered and to vote.

"We are looking into the possible use of the Internet or other computerized systems where our countrymen no longer have to leave their homes or their work to register and then vote in their places of residence or employment abroad," Velasco said.

Officials of the poll body have been conducting meetings and dialogues with concerned governmental agencies and private entities to attain this objective, Velasco added.

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560,000 FILIPINOS OVERSEAS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN MAY 2010: Right now, there are approximately 560,000 Filipinos abroad who have already registered with the Comelec for purposes of participating in the May 2010 elections under the overseas absentee voting law.

This represents an increase of almost 50 percent from the previous total number of overseas Filipino-registrants which, in 2007, stood at 300,000 more or less. Filipinos in Hong Kong account for about 90,000 registrants, while a great number come from the Middle East. Very few come from Europe, although there is a big number of Filipinos in the area.

Nevertheless, these figures pale in comparison with the estimated number of 15 million or so Filipinos who are in foreign soils, either as permanent immigrants or as temporary workers.

Velasco told BATAS RADIO Thursday the poll body is making an appeal to those already registered, and to the relatives in the Philippines of Filipinos who are abroad, to encourage others to likewise register and then participate in the country's political exercises.

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COMELEC NOW FINALIZING LIST OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS WHO CAN VOTE: Registration for overseas Filipinos who would like to vote in the May 2010 elections was terminated on August 31, 2009, pursuant to law, with the Comelec now finalizing the list of qualified overseas Filipino voters.

But for those who would like to vote in subsequent elections, Velasco said registration is usually carried out at the Philippine consular and embassy offices abroad.

Those who can register are Filipinos who are 18 years old and above and who are Filipino citizens, and who are not suffering from any disqualification as determined by Philippine laws.

The catch however is that, the intended registrants must personally appear in the consular and embassy offices and submit proof of their age and Filipino citizenship, and this is where the problem lies because not many overseas Filipinos would want to leave their work and their homes just to register.

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LOW VOTER TURNOUT AMONG OVERSEAS FILIPINOS FEARED: One big problem the Comelec faces here is seeing to it that, of the 560,000 or so who have already registered for overseas absentee voting as of August 31, 2009, many, if not all, of them will actually vote.

The record, Velasco also told BATAS RADIO Thursday, shows that in 2007, only 16.21 percent of the 300,000 or so that registered for that year. In 2004, the percentage of those who

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A MYSTERY IN THE GT

BY: JAMES S. VALEROS



In the other Administrative Regions of the country, there is nothing mysterious or even obscure about the Garage to Terminal (GT) Express Service Program of the LTFRB. The Program is open, fully disclosed and widely disseminated for all qualified applicants to avail. But not in CAR or Cordillera Administrative Region, or so it seems.

It will be recalled that as a new mode of land-based transportation service, the GT Express, as extensively explained by the LTFRB to the media and transport operators, was thought of or aimed to provide a more convenient and fast moving service using air-conditioned utility vans, compared to buses and jeepneys and much, much cheaper compared to taxis.

Incidentally, before it was re-named GT Service allegedly as a compliment to the former boss of the LTFRB General Thompson (GT) Lantion, it was first called the P2P or Point to Point Express Service during the reign of his predecessor, Chairman (Reyna) Elena Bautista. Under the present Chairman, Alberto Suansing, there is plan or rumor to appropriately rename the Program to Terminal to Terminal Service or TT Express. Except for a slight difference in the cost of fees to be shouldered by the van applicants, the P2P or the GT or the TT are one and the same banana. In all, three programs, however, nothing was intended to be mysterious or hidden.

Strangely, the GT Express Program as presently implemented under the LTFRB-CAR or DOTC-CAR has become baffling not only to the general holders of Vehicle for Hire CPCs who are sort of mandated to convert to GT Express Service, but also to the concerned public watching on the sideline in case their own interest will adversely be affected by the actualization of the Program.

For one, it now appears that the LTFRB-CAR has already accepted many such applications for CPC under the GT Express Program even in the absence of a Memorandum Circular or similar issuance coming from the Board opening the GT routes and allowing the acceptance of CPC applications for conversion thereof. Yet, this fact of acceptance of GT applications by LTFRB-CAR was not even announced or widely circulated to the van or vehicle for hire operators in CAR who have been waiting for such Memorandum Circular to signal the start of filing of application. Why?

It also appears that what are being accepted for GT Conversion are applications mostly filed by members of the Cordillera Van Federation Association Incorporated through a lone emissary or staff of one lawyer, hence, other van operators are constrained to seek membership in this Federation. Why?

Further, it appears that these GT applications accepted for filing are being processed by a separate select group of LTFRB personnel specially assigned for the purpose. If this is true, why?

Furthermore, why has the LTFRB-CAR started accepting GT applications when the AD HOC Committee of the City Council tasked to study the GT issue has not even reported its recommendation to the Council? There is only a proposed Resolution authored by Councilor Lourdes Tabanda, a member of the AD HOC Committee who can't wait any longer for the action of its Chairman, recommending the acceptance of only 132 Baguio-based vehicle for hire for conversion to GT Service pending further study and conduct of RMC survey, yet the LTFRB-CAR has been accepting silently these GT applications, why? And probably worse, why would the LTFRB-CAR allow the conversion to GT Service which in effect is a legalization of these vans or vehicles for hire which CPCs were all issued in violation of the moratorium in BLIST between the period 1998-2005 when, on the other hand, it is questioning, investigating and does not approve the renewal of CPCs of PUJs and Taxis which is found to have been issued in violation of the same moratorium I the period from 1996 to 2006? Why? Is this not selective, unfair and unjust?

These are puzzling, if not mysterious, aren't they? Nagtatanong lang naman!

Benguet to conduct CBMS provincewide

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – A Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), a diagnostic tool to assess poverty in the barangay, municipal, city, and provincial level, will soon be carried out in the province.

The session held last week granted authority to Governor Nestor Fongwan to enter into an agreement with the different municipal governments for the implementation of the CBMS.

The towns of Kapangan and Sablan are excluded as they have already completed their CBMS.

Rose Melecio of the Provincial Planning and Development Office who appeared before the members of the board said the project entails more than P2 million. The LGUs will also be sharing their

counterparts for the survey.

Melecio said P1 million will be allotted from the Provincial Integrated Health Plan while P1.5 million will be shelved from the Provincial Development Fund.

The project will be in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Vice Governor Crescencio Pacalso said the CBMS is a comprehensive undertaking which covers all concerns at the community level and on a larger scale is critical in aid of planning purposes.

Board Member Rogelio Leon, on the other hand, expressed apprehension should the LGUs utilize the data for planning purposes. They might be focusing only on the identification of infrastructure projects particularly in their annual investment plans.

He stressed the

need for paradigm shift at this time not only on infrastructure projects but also on social concerns such as health, education, nutrition.

According to the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, CBMS is an organized way of collecting information at the local level for use of local government units, national government agencies, non-government organizations, and civil society for planning, program implementation and monitoring.

It aims to provide the national and local governments with up-to-date information for policy making and program implementation. In particular, CBMS intends to fill the information gaps in diagnosing the extent of poverty at the local level, determining the causes of poverty, formulating policies and programs, identifying eligible program beneficiaries, and assessing the impact of policies and programs. / S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

PMHABBCI bats for mentally Healthy workplace

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – In every situation or undertaking, stress is always there. It depends on how one responds to it, either positively or negatively according to the Philippine Mental Health Association Baguio-Benguet Chapter Inc (PMHABBCI).

If responded negatively, then it is harmful but if responded positively, then one takes this as a challenge in coping with stress,

said Dr. Ronald Bandonill, of the National Bureau of Investigation and a member of the Board of Management of the PMHABBCI.

In line with the observance of Mental Health Month this October, the PMHABBCI held a kapihan forum last week at the Family Court at the Provincial Capitol and tackled “Mental Health in Workplace.”

A mentally healthy workplace is safe, productive, comfortable, and retains quality staff. A mentally healthy workplace is linked to lower costs, less injury, lesser absenteeism, as well as lesser turn-over.

Inability to cope with job stressors is one of the barriers to a mentally healthy workforce according to the PMHABBCI. Stress in the workplace may happen when the requirements of the job do not match the capabilities, resources, or needs of the worker.

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ily Court Judge Francis Buliyat, a member of the Board of Management, identified causes of stress in the workplace such as unclear job description, lack of focus, mistrust and unfair treatment, dealing with new requirements and procedures, random interruptions such as frequent telephone calls, mobile phone, internet, walk-in visits and spontaneous demands from supervisors or too little or too much workload.

PMHABBCI Chairperson Dr. Dionisio Claridad, a surgeon and administrator of the Baguio Medical Center, who shares his experiences as a consultant, and manager aside from being involved in extra curricular activities, emphasized time management as a big factor in minimizing stress. It gives one the ability to plan and do things one at a time which eventually becomes habitual.

Newly appointed Judge Mia Cawed, also a member of the Board of Management of the association, stressed the importance of enjoying the benefits of vacation leave. Instead of converting into cash, the employee might as well make use of the leave benefits for the purpose. Doing so produces a high quality output of staff and consequently yields a productive workplace, she added.

Cawed also hinted that visiting a psychiatrist or psychologist is a healthy practice.

Having experience in counseling, she also undergoes stress debriefing meaning she unloads herself from stress after dealing with her clients. Otherwise, she gets affected after the session, she disclosed.

Admittedly, Filipinos generally are not yet accustomed to availing of the services of a psychiatrist unlike in the western countries. There is a stigma attached that only those who have mental disorder subject themselves to a psychiatrist or psychologist according to the PMHABBCI.

Nonette Benett, a media practitioner and also a member of the association cited ways to avoid stressors in the workplace such as maintaining an open communication, giving appreciation and encouragement, giving feedbacks.

Lawrence Adube of the Baguio City Barangay Affairs Office and the secretary of the Board of Management had this to say in coping with stress in the workplace. One must have a good aura, a good feeling towards officemates. If there is anything that bothers laugh it off.

Other ways in coping with stress include taking care of one self, be realistic of one can change, learn to say no, slow down, take one step at a time, be honest with colleagues, and give solutions to problems. / S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

Health Department intensifies campaign against HIV/AIDS

BAGUIO CITY – In line with the government’s continuing effort to completely eradicate HIV/AIDS in the country, the City Health Services Office - Reproductive Health and Wellness Center (HSO-RHWC), through the initiative of the Department of Health in partnership with Global Fund, is currently conducting HIV/AIDS surveillance interviews on entertain-

ment spots and nightspots in the city.

HSO-RHWC head Dr. Celiaflor Brillantes, in an interview said the Health Department is intensifying its campaign against HIV/AIDS. In the past surveillance is only done on 10 key cities nationwide, but this year it is expanded to 23 sites and also includes other small cities.

For Baguio, the city’s HSO-RHWC, in coordination with the city’s Aids Watch

Council (AWAC) has four interviewers who are facilitating the Integrated HIV Behavioral and Serological Sentinel Surveillance System. “The surveillance is on-going and we are on track on achieving our target, aside from the usual night entertainers, we are also focusing on the freelancers (unregistered street sex workers) and the group of Men having Sex with other Men or M S M s,” Brillantes added.

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PSC Commissioner advises parents to involve children in sports

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Commissioner Akiko Thompson-Guevara of the Philippine Sports Commission is urging all parents to encourage their children to get involved in sports.

This she expressed during a live press conference organized by the members of the Kalinga Media Club (KAMEC) over DZRK Radio ng Bayan.

Thompson-Guevara said parents have the greater influence on their children so that at a very young age, they could already expose their children in different sports and encourage them to participate in any sports that interest them.

Sports she said is not only beneficial in 'keeping children out of mischief' but sports also encourage a healthy lifestyle.

"We all need

to exercise and it helps if parents encourage their children get involved in active works," she said.

Thompson-Guevara was in Kalinga to observe the progress of the first PSC Sports Development Clinic conducted in the province from September 16 to 19, 2009 in various venues in Tabuk.

She said that under her supervision, the PSC is conducting sports clinic for women nationwide but has decided to include school coaches and PE teachers in the program for their activity in the province.

"We decided to target the coaches and PE teachers from varied schools (here) because they are the ones who are really involved with our young athletes," she explained.

She revealed that at least 50 to

60 coaches participated in each sport clinic adding that "they are learning a lot" from the RP team coaches sent by the PSC to personally conduct the training. The sports clinic covered volleyball, badminton and soft ball.

Asked on how the PSC could support sports activities and development in the province, Thompson advised that requests should be coursed through the local government or provincial government in order for the PSC to give consideration.

She likewise expressed a positive view on the prospect of the PSC working together with the Department of Education in developing young athletes. She said that through sports clinic the PSC could initially support DepEd in said endeavor. / *ggdumalig/PIA Kalinga*

Health Department

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Brillantes also confirmed that HIV cases in the city is increasing. Based on data, there are already 35 cases recorded with 17 deaths and the age ranges from 17 to 45 years old. In the first half 2009 alone, they have already recorded four HIV positive cases.

"Another good thing with this surveillance is that, in coordination with the city's AWAC, it is being done side by side with peer education. Aside from the interview surveillance that we are doing, we are also education them on how to protect themselves from getting HIV," Dr Brillantes said.

Brillantes also bared that for the rest of the year, they will be preparing for the annual HIV/AIDS Conference in December, simultaneous with the commemoration of World Aids Day. RHCW will also partner with the Aids Watch Council for the preparation of other events/activities for the World Aids Day.

In another health issue, the World Health Organization (WHO) assured that there will be equitable distribution of A H1N1 pandemic vaccines once they become available. This was assured by WHO Director-General Margaret Chan, during the 60th Session of WHO Regional Committee for the

Western pacific, which was held Monday in Hongkong and was attended by DOH Sec Francisco Duque.

At present, the WHO projects that it will be able to obtain donations and funding for the procurement of at least 300 million doses of vaccine against the A H1N1 virus which will be enough to cover 15% of the population of the developing world. / *Lito Dar/PIA*

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late PEDRO REVIVIS VILLAR who died intestate on December 18, 2002 at San Antonio, Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan, consisting of realty and shares of stock, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by his surviving heirs on September 11, 2009, recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 089 on Page No. 018, Book IV, Series of 2009.

Sept 19, 26 & Oct 3, 2009

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

WILLIAM PININGEW - Vendor
RAMOS E. TACUDOG- Vendee
Applicant
Case No:98-BC-1155

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BUYAGAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 13, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 25th day of Sept. 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

FERDINAND B. SMITH
Applicant
Case No:2005-CAR-851

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - WANGAL via Buyagan and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 13, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 25th day of Sept. 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

LUCILDA C. GARLEJO
Applicant
Case No:2005-BAG-CAR-0408

NOTICE OF HEARING

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CAR) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 6, 2009 at 9:30 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

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

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Office of the Executive Sheriff of Benguet
Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet

FILE NO. 09-ExF-1379

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FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED

RICHARD B. LEBENG, Petitioner-Mortgagee,
-versus-

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

SPOUSES GEORGE APIL and CARIDAD S. APIL, as Attorneys-In-fact of I S A B E L DAGUIWEN, Respondents-Mortgagors,

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, RICHARD LEBENG, of legal age, married to Lydia K. Lebeng. Fili-

pino Citizen and with present residence at Taloy Sur, Tuba. Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of respondents-mortgagors, spouses GEORGE APIL and CARIDAD S. APIL, as attorneys-in-fact of ISABEL DAGUIWEN, with residence and postal address at Lubas, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagors, in order to secure the payment of that loan in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00). Philippine Currency, which was due as of July 25, 2004, exclusive of interest, attorney's fees which is equivalent to 10% of the total

amount due and other charges and expenses that may be incurred as a result of this foreclosure. The undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on October 7, 2009 at 11:00 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, one (1) parcel of registered land, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-28125

"Lot 2-B-2-H,

Psde-CAR-000450 As surveyed for: Isabel Daguiwen.

Location: Brgy. Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet, Boundaries SW., along line 1-2.... Lot 2-B-2-J (Existing RD. Right of Way) of the subd plan NW., along line 2-3....Lot 2-B-2-G of the subd. plan NE., along line 3-4 Lot 2-B-3, Psd-1-008115 SE., along line 4-5....Lot 2-B-2-I of the subd. plan; SW., along line 5-1... Lot 2-B-2-J (Existing Rd. Right of Way) of the subd. plan; Beginning at a point marked x x x Area: FOUR HUNDRED (400) SQUARE METERS; x x x"

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof,

if any.

In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby rescheduled on 28 October 2009 at the same time and place without need of republication.

Let the foregoing be published at THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of general circulation on September 13, 20, and 27, 2009.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 8th day of September, 2009.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET
BY : (SGD) HENRY B. LONGAY
Sheriff IV

Sept 12, 19 & 26, 2009

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

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION, Petitioner/Mortgagee,
-versus-

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under act 3135, as amended, filed by East West Banking Corporation, represented by Eduardo G. Yu, of legal age, Filipino, married, with office address at the 20th Floor PBCOM Tower, 6795 Ayala Avenue cor Herrera St., Salcedo Village, Makati City, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of Spouses Wilhemina A. Raceles and Dionisio Perfecto D. Raceles, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at No. LB-88 Lubas, La Trinidad, Benguet or at No. 1360 Dos Castillas St., Sta. Cruz, Manila, to justify the mortgage obligation/indebtedness which as of August 18, 2009 amounts to FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE SIX HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND PESOS AND EIGHTY SIX CENTAVOS (P5,929,641.86), Phil-

ippine Currency, including interest, penalty, and exclusive of sheriff's fee, attorney's fee, and other expenses relative to the sale, the undersigned sheriff or his duly authorized Deputy will SELL at public auction on October 6, 2009 at 11:00 O'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the main entrance of the Benguet Provincial Capitol building, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder, for CASH, and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all its existing improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-64510
REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF BENGUET

A parcel of land (Lot F-3-D, Psd-CAR-013556), being a portion of Lot F-3, Psd-CAR-012235; rurban code: 131110, Barangay Pico, (now Balili), Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot

F-3-C of the subdivision plan; on the SW along line 2-3 by Lot F-2, Psd-CAR-012235; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot E, Psd-27232; on the NE., along line 4-5 by Lot F-3E and along line 5-6 by Lot F-3-I (Road Lot), both of the subdivision plan; on the SE along line 6-1 by Lot F-3-B of the subdivision plan.

Beginning at the point marked "1" on plan being S.25 deg 14'E., 923.31 m. from Triangulation Station "SOUTHBASE", La Trinidad, Benguet to corner 1, thence;
S. 52 deg. 02'W., 12.29 m. to point 2;
N. 35 deg. 54'E., 14.93 m. to point 3;
N. 51 deg. 09'E., 12.27 m. to point 4;
S. 40 deg. 02'E., 11.10 m. to point 5;
S. 40 deg. 05'E., 3.96 m. to point 6;
S. 50 deg. 16'W., 1.00 m. to point of beginning

x x x containing an area of ONE HUNDRED NINETY TWO (192) SQUARE METERS. All corners are PS cyl. conc. mons. 15 x 40 cms.; Bearings True; Date of Original Survey on November 3, 1950;

Date of subdivision survey: May 10, 2005. Executed by Engineer Hubert G. Dati and was approved on April 06, 2006.

This Notice of Sale will be published on The Junction, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in the Province of Benguet and suburbs, once a week for three (3) consecutive Sundays, the first publication to take place at least twenty (20) days before the date of auction sale. Likewise, three (3) copies of the same will be posted in the Barangay Hall of Lubas, municipal bulletin board and public market, all in the municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet and also at the Benguet Provincial Capitol building bulletin board, La Trinidad, Benguet, where the auction sale shall take place.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovesated time and date.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for them-

selves the Title of the subject property of any encumbrance/s thereon, if there be any.

La Trinidad, Benguet Province, Philippines, this 10th day of September, 2009.

FOR THE CLERK OF COURT VI AND EX-OFFICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF BENGUET PROVINCE

BY: (SGD) EDUARDO C. CATANES
Sheriff IV
TIN 129-981-886

Copy Furnished: -East West Banking Corporation, 20th Floor PBCOM Tower, 6795 Ayala Avenue cor. Herrera St., Salcedo Village, Makati City; - Sps. Wilhemina A. Raceles and Dionisio Perfecto D. Raceles, No. 1360 Dos Castillas St., Sta. Cruz, Manila or No. LB-88 Lubas, La Trinidad, Benguet; and- File

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BAGUIO CITY OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF

CHINA BANKING CORPORATION
Mortgagee,

-----versus-----

JUANITO A. GIRON;
Mortgagor

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FORECLOSURE CASE 09-147-S

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE CONTRACT Under Act 3135 as Amended

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Upon extra-Judicial petition for the sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by CHINA BANKING CORPORATION, hereinafter, referred to as the MORTGAGEE, as against JUANITO A GIRON, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGOR, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 26, 2009 amounts to SEVEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN and 48/100 (Php7,498,277.48) Philippine Currency plus stipulated interest, penalties, attorney's fees but to exclude other charges incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the

Clerk of Court/Ex-Officio Sheriff thru the Sheriff-In-Charge announces that on the 9th day of October 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippines Currency at the 2nd Floor Justice Hall Lobby Baguio City, over the two (2) parcels of land together with all its improvements existing thereon, particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-90680
A parcel of Land (Lot A-4-C-5-G-2-B, Psd-CAR-014233) being a portion of Lot A-4-C-5-C-2, Psd-CAR-011286, situated at rurban code

131102, Res. Sec. "J" City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the N, along line 1-2 by lotA-4 -C-5-G-1; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot A-4-C-8, Psd-CAR-010921 (Road Right of way) on the S, along line 3-4 by Lot A-4-C-:7, Psd - CAR 010921; on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot A-4-C-5-G-2-A of the subd. plan. Beginning x x x containIng an area of FIFTY NINE (59) sq. meters more or less registered in accordance with the provisions of section 103 of the property Registration Decree in the name of JUANITO A. GIRON, of legal age, single, Filipino citizen and a

resident of 178 Woodsgate Road, Camp 7, Baguio City.
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-87691
A parcel of land Lot 4, Pcs — C4R-000941, being a portion of consolidation Lot A-4-C-70C, Psd-CAR 011846, and Lot A-4-D-3, Psd-C4R 010384 situated at rurban code 131102, Brgy. Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the N., NE., along line 1-2-3 by existing Road Lot A-4-C 7-B, Psd=CAR-011846; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 5 (Road Lot) of the consolidation subd. plan; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 2 of the consolidation subd. plan. Beginning x x x x containing an area

of ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS more or less including present and future improvements thereon.
Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real properties mentioned above and its encumbrances thereon, if any there be.
Baguio City, Philippines, September 16, 2009.
By: (SGD)REMEDIOS B. REYES
Clerk Of Court VI / Ex-Oficio Sheriff
BY: (SGD) MARANI S. BACOLOD
Copy furnished: To all parties concerned
Publication Dates: September 19, 26 and October 3, 2009

Itogon to document its political history

Realizing the need to establish a document to record the political events, leaders, ideas and whereabouts of the town, the officialdom of Itogon is considering the crafting of its political history that may be integrated in the town's school curriculum in the future.
This came about through a resolution enacting an ordinance for the conduct of a thorough research for the formulation and writing of a political history of Itogon.
Municipal Ordinance No. 39, series 2009 mandates the development of the political history of the town appro-

priating P600,000.00 to be taken from any supplemental budget appropriation.
As premised in the resolution, at their young age, it is fitting to instill in the minds and hearts of the students the value of patriotism and the love and concern of their town. This is also to imbibe in them the sacrifices of the past and present leaders in local governance and the need to recognize and underscore their significant contributions and leadership values worth emulating.
The Itogon LGU will engage and commission a research team or a research consultancy firm composed of ex-

perts and knowledgeable persons and entities who will conduct thorough and in depth research undertakings.
The research will take root from the Hispanic times to the present. It will include the identities and personal circumstances of the local chief executives, the significant events during their term of office as well as significant work contributions in the establishment and development of the town and other important details and information.
The output of the research team will also be subject to validation through the local school board as stressed in the ordinance./S.C.Aro/PIA-Benguet

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPERVISOR
Baguio City & Benguet
Governor Pack Road, Baguio City
Telephone Number: 619-2904; or email address: www.comelec_benguet@yahoo.com.ph

September 12, 2009

NOTICE

TO: ALL BARANGAY CAPTAINS
MEMBERS OF THE MASS MEDIA
ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS

FROM: ATTY. ELENITA JULIA A. TABANGIN
Provincial Election Supervisor II
Baguio City & Benguet

The last day to apply for registration, transfer of registration, change of name, validation, reactivation, change of status will be on October 31, 2009.

Please be informed that on October 26 - 31, 2009, we will be holding the above-named activities, for Baguio residents only, at the Baguio Convention Center, daily at 8:00 o'clock in the morning to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

We strongly urge all those who would wish to transact with us to proceed to the COMELEC office, immediately, during office hours to avoid inconvenience during the last days of registration. Please check with us the schedule for off-site registration in your areas.

Thank you for your cooperation.

(Sgd.) ATTY. ELENITA JULIA A. TABANGIN
Provincial Election Supervisor II
Comelec - Baguio City & Benguet

City Ready

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Based on the result of the study, the facilities if totally rehabilitated can generate a total of 24,680,000 kWh of power annually which if computed based on the “redemption value of electric energy” will be equivalent to \$2,307,580 per year.

The mayor said the positive result gave the city more leverage in its privatization plan.

The study was conducted by the PS PROFILtd. Firm and funded by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in the Philippines in the amount of \$28,000.

A summary of the study results indicated that the rehabilitation of the facilities would require a total investment cost computed based on “turnkey basis with using of first-class equipment” of \$11,602,952. This is divided into civil works rehabilitation which would cost \$6,252,545 and technological part including services at \$5,350,407.

The expected revenue was calculated from the annual energy general of 24,680,000kWh and redemption value of electric energy./aileen p. refuerzo

Editorial

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acrimony, so family needs of people, specially the neediest, are met.

The Research Institute for Mindanao Culture and Science Foundation, based at Xavier University, and Philippine Center for Population and Development, drew up this 163 page study. It examines experience in “frontier” Mindanao dioceses – Ipil, Cagayan de Oro, Isabela (Basilan) Digos and Cotabato. Other “traditional” dioceses, Capiz and Jaro among them, are analyzing the impact.

Real life experiences in scavenger areas like Payatas or rural settings as in Ipil are the book’s anchor. This compendium is a proactive response, wrote then CBCP president Angel Lagdaemo in the foreword. It is relevant for all diocesan “Family and Life” commissions.

“There is need for pastoral prudence,” Cagayan de Oro’s Archbishop Antonio Ledesma writes. But we must give an effective answer to the stark realities of unwanted pregnancies, abortions and use of contraceptives... That calls for some pastoral innovation. Duc in altum, (“Launch into the deep”)

Cagayan has an all NFP program in key parishes. It’s programs incorporate the improved Standard Days Method, which CBCP accepts. Only parishes that volunteer may join. No funds from government or foreign agencies are used. Contraceptives are excluded.

Ledesma urges an “inclusive approach” by openness to government support for NFP programs. “Some look at the risks involved,” he wrote. “I look at the hope.”

Isn’t that lifted from St. James letter of AD 50? If you say to the needy “go in peace, keep warm and eat well”, but do not give them help, “of what use is it?” “Ask Noynoy, Chiz, Gibo or Manny. Allright. Ask Erap too.

Diretsahan.....

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Hala bira idol!
ooOOOoo

Anu kaya ang ginagawa ng mga kinaaukulan diyana sa may market “under construction” na balita ko eh malapit ng matapos. Ito iyong parte ng palengke (rice and fruit section) na huling nasunog. Aba eh ginagawa kasi itong REBISADUHAN ng mga kubrador sa JUETENG ang naturang lugar in full public view at take note na merong lamesa dito na siyang ginagawa nilang rebisahan ng kanilang mga koleksyon. Itinawag namin ito ng pansin sa presidente ng market association na si ginoong Calimlim at pinagsabihan naman ang mga ito pero mukhang may IPINAGMAMALAKI ang mga lintek, hayun at tuloy pa rin ang ligaya ng mga ANAK NG HUWETENG! Hoy, kayong mga opisyal, ano ang ginagawa ninyo at mas pinili nyu pa yata ang MAGBULAGBULAGAN at MAGBINGIBINGIHAN ah? Anak kayo ng huweteng oo, HOY GISING!

ooOOOoo

Saludo ako dito sa punong barangay ng KAYANG HILLTOP na si KAPITANA JULITA SINO CRUZ dahil sa kanyang mabilis na aksyon sa mga reklamong idinulog namin sa kanya hinggil sa mga illegal na pasugalan na nasa kanyang nasasakupan. Aba, kung lahat ba naman ng mga punong barangay eh katulad kay KAPITANA SINO CRUZ, wala akong makitang dahilan para di masabing maganda at maayos ang lahat ng ating barangay dito sa siyudad ng Baguio, di ba mga kagalang galang na kupitanas..... este kapitanas pala ng KAGITINGAN at SALUD MITRA barangay?

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KAYA PALA hindi maayos ayos ang mga problema natin sa komunidad ay dahil sa pagiging INUTIL at MANHID o sa pagiging BULAG, PIPi at BINGI ng mga otoridad at dahil na rin mismo sa kawalan ng kooperasyon ng ating mga konsernadong pipol.

Katulad sa Problema ng trapiko dito sa may kayang hilltop kunsaan gusto ng kapitana dito na ayusin ang matagal nang problema sa mga pampasaherong pumaparada o LOADING at UNLOADING area. Ayon kay apo kapitana, tatlong unit lamang daw ang dapat na nakaparada sa loading area pero hindi umano ito nasusunod kaya’t nagpatawag ito ng isang pagpupulong para sana maresolba ito at iba pang isyu na problemang trapiko sa kanilng barangay, pero ni isa raw sa ipinatawag katulad ng LTO, BCPO TRAFFIC DIVISION, at kinatawan ng kanilang JEEPNEY ASSOCIATION ay wala daw pumunta.

Atensyon councilor THOMAS “ROCKY” BALISONG committee chairman ng transportation at FEDERICO “BONG” MANDAPAT Jr., ng LTRFB-CAR, DOTC baka puwedeng aksyunan nyu naman ito mga ser! At kayong mga taga, LTO at traffic ng BCPO, ganun din sa inyong mga opereytor ng mga pampasaherong jeep na pumapasada diyana sa hilltop kayang wag naman sana kayong INUTIL at MANHID ano?..... at magkaroon naman sana kayo ng “SENSE” of SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY perpod!!

Batas

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voted was higher—64 percent approximately—presumably because it was a presidential elections, just like May 2010.

This is the reason why the Comelec intends to go on a massive information dissemination campaign, Velasco explained. He said the poll body is also intending to put up voting centers near the homes and places of work of overseas Filipinos.

Velasco said further that the Comelec is also trying its best to utilize the automated system of elections for overseas Filipinos, although the most practical system now is the old system of overseas voting—by registered mail, or by personally casting their votes at the consular and embassy offices of the Philippines.

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BATAS NG DIYOS: “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them....” (2 Timothy 1-5).

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late IGNACTO WAKAT, who died intestate on January 5, 2002 in Pongayan Kapangan Benguet, consisting of a parcel of land situated at Pongayan Kapangan Benguet which is covered under Cadastral Survey No 13837, lot No 1088- D, has been the subject of an Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights as per Doc No. 173; Page No. 35; Book No. II; Series No. 2009 of the Notarial Registry of ATTY. JOHN B. BALAO-AS of Baguio City.

Sept 12, 19 & 26, 2009

Tax Luxury

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sential part of life.
 "If the government has conceded that it cannot improve its tax collection efficiency nor curb corruption in revenue-generating agencies, then it should at least tax those who are better off, not those who have less," the 39-year old senator said.

The ways and means committee of the House of Representatives recently approved a proposal to impose a five-centavo tax on text messages, highlighting a "no pass-on" provision in the measure to supposedly insulate the people from the tax.

"The no pass-on provision is useless and ill-conceived. Ensuring compliance will be virtually impossible. This measure should be stopped dead in its tracks and be prevented from moving forward," Escudero said.

The senator vowed to block the proposal if and when it reaches the Senate./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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various sectors about possible unwarranted state intrusion into their private lives," Escudero, chair of the Senate committee on justice and human rights, said.

"The DOTC should re-do the whole procurement process. It should also conduct exhaustive consultations so the people will know how this project will, if at all, better their lives," he said.

For a one-time fee of P350.00, the LTO plans to install tiny radio-frequency ID (RFID) tags on some 4,760,593 vehicles that will be registered starting October 1, 2009. It expects to raise P1.6 billion in revenues from the project.

The RFID chip, which is the size of a computer chip, can hold information on the vehicle and its owner, and can be monitored anytime of the day through the use of RDIF readers.

Escudero said LTO officials should clarify what information will be stored in these RFIDs, saying that the unscrupulous in government could use the RFID tags as a means to spy on critics of the administration or for other illegal activities.

"With barely nine months left into its term, this administration should go slow on multi-billion peso projects that give people the impression that it is out on a midnight-deal spree," he said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Consumer Month

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also encouraged on the use of generic drugs by emphasizing the scientific basis of its use in order that the public may become aware and cognizant of the generic drugs' therapeutic effectiveness.

The celebration will kickoff on October 1 with an opening program to start at 9AM followed by opening of exhibit and a kapihan forum to start at 10AM, at the People's Park.

Other activities lined up include a Lakad Pagdiriwang from Baguio Convention Center down to Harrison Road and ends at Melvin Jones for a Hataw on October 21, a radio and

TV interviews over DZWT and Mt. View Cable TV respectively. A joint Monitoring by the members of CONSUMERNET will be conducted on October 7 and 14 at major trading centers in Baguio and Beguet areas.

There will be an in house diskwento at selected business centers in Baguio-Benguet wherein business establishments will be giving out discounts on selected commodities.

The National Food Authority (NFA) will be conducting a rolling store on October 9 at Fairview barangay, October 16 at Trancoville, Oct 23 Kayang Extension, and October 30 Asin road.

The closing ceremonies will be highlighted by an Extemporaneous Speech Contest and Regional Quiz Bee to be held 2PM on October 28 at the University of the Cordilleras (UC) Hall./Mari Cruz/PIA

Mayor says

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vantage gained from the market improvement project was that it gave the city the chance to purge the said area of illegal vendors and stem the practice of sub-leasing which is also not allowed by the city government. The project also ensured fairness as all stalls were constructed in uniform sizes.

The stalls – numbering 200 at the vegetable section, 56 at the sari-sari section and 20 at the tobacco section – will be distributed equitably to the legitimate grantees, the mayor said.

The project amounting P12 million was undertaken by administration to rebuild the burned area where 238 stalls were razed by the fire and improve the façade of the market.

Mayor Bautista earlier assured that the structures to be built will all be temporary or collapsible so these can be easily dismantled should the full-blown market development project be implemented. in deference to the contract with the Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation (Uniwide) which had been declared binding by the courts.

CBAO head Engr. Oscar Flores earlier assured that the space allotment for the vendors in the structure was made equitably based on the original area allotted for said sections.

He said the spaces allotted to the vendors are of equal size and that the number of stalls in the plan corresponds to the number of legitimate vendors affected by the fire thus nobody will be displaced.

He said the space extensions made by the vendors themselves were removed in the new structures thus the area of the stalls was inevitably reduced.

Bautista said that in the new building, the city will prohibit the vendors from putting up additional constructions like mezzanines or space extensions./aileen p. refuerzo

"Walk for Life"

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persons as well as address their needs. The annual celebration also seeks to recognize the important contribution of older persons in nation building.

Likewise, the Elderly Filipino Week celebration seeks to advocate for the full implementation of laws benefiting senior citizens, particularly Republic Act 9257, the Expanded Senior Citizens Act. It also supports of the passage of Social Pension for Older Persons and other pending legislations for older persons.

Other activities include poster-making contest on October 2; Dalaw Kalinga for Visitorless, Indigent, Sick and Old (VISO) Prisoners at National Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa City and Correctional Institute for Women in Mandaluyong City on October 2-3. The Kimona ni Lola Fashion Show will be held at DSWD Central Office in Batasan Hills, Quezon City on October 3 where older persons ramp on stage wearing their special-designed 'kimonas'

The members of the EFW national steering committee chaired by the DSWD are the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Coalition of Services of the Elderly (COSE), Federation of Senior Citizen's Association of the Philippines (FSCAP), SM Foundation, Inc., Philippine Information Agency (PIA) and

DZAS- Far Eastern Broadcasting Corp./PIA

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 Cordillera Administrative Region
 Baguio City

CHRISTOPHER SARMIENTO

Applicant

Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-509

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 13, 2009 at 9:00A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS: the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 25th day of Sept. 2009.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
 Hearing Officer

DOLE To Give Vending Carts To 100 Ambulant Vendors In Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY – About 100 qualified ambulant vendors in the region will be receiving free vending carts or “Kariton,” from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as it focuses on giving assistance to the informal sector through its “Nego-Kart” program this last quarter of this year.

According to DOLE-CAR Director Atty. Ana Dione, the Nego-Kart program, is project in partnership with the different Local Government Units (LGUs), which aims to assist ambulant vendors in major cities nationwide in making their existing livelihood undertakings grow into profitable and sustainable businesses.

Dione explained THAT the Nego-Kart project may vary depending on the needs of the ambulant vendors in each area. For Baguio City, Dione said they will be initially giving vegetables ferrying carts to vegetable sellers in Baguio and La Trinidad.

“Next month will initially give five vegetable ferrying carts each to five qualified beneficiaries in Baguio and La Trinidad. By December, we hope to give about 30 carts and by March of next year we hope to

achieve our target of giving out 100 carts,” Dione said.

Dione said the cost limit for each Nego-Kart assistance is P15,000. A vegetable ferrying cart will cost about P7,000 and the rest will go to beneficiary as a working capital.

The DOLE director also announced that for the last quarter of this year, DOLE will also be giving 20 “starter kits” to small time entrepreneurs, like hair cutters and manicurists to enhance their work.

For the Out of School Youths (OSYs), the DOLE will have the “Kabataan IT” program, an information technology appreciation course wherein former OSYs who graduated from their “Mega-Byte” project will teach a 22-hours basic computer/IT course to other OSYs. “Aside from providing IT appreciation course to OSYs, we will also be giving employment opportunity to the OSY instructor, as we will be providing them stipend of about P4,000 each, for the 22-hour course,” Dione said.

In support to the Micro-Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), CAR will be joining the Productivity Olympics next month. Among

the entries are the Tartland Pasarabo, Good Shepherd, Baguio-Benguet Consumer Credit Cooperative Inc (BCCCCI) and Carlos Bamboo Crafts (Abra), which Dione said are already practicing good productivity.

Meanwhile, Dione confirmed that the employment rate in Cordillera remains stable, as the latest National Statistics Office Labor Force Survey shows an increase in employment rate nationwide.

“Cordillera only has about 677,000 - 700,000 participating in the labor force and it is not even a fraction of 1% compared to the national figure. Ang significance nito, maliit tayo, pero hindi naman nawawalan ng trabaho ang mga kababayan natin. Wala na rin kaming natatanggap na report ng displacement due to the global financial crisis,” Dione added. /Lito Dar/PIA



REGISTER AND VOTE – Secretary to the Mayor Atty. Ron Perez shares light moments with COMELEC personnel during the OFF-SITE Registration Program of the COMELEC conducted at District 19./By Bong Cayabyab

“Walk for Life” kicks off Elderly Filipino Week

The Department of Social Welfare and Development and the National Steering Committee leads with other government agencies, non government organizations and senior citizens associations in the celebration of the Elderly Filipino Week on October 1-7.

“Walk for Life” ushers in the week-long celebration of Elderly Filipino Week. The partici-

pants will traverse in the vicinity of SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City starting at 6:30 am where program will be held at the SM Mall of Music Hall.

The Elderly Filipino Week underscores the important role that older persons as models for today’s generation. This significant role is echoed in this year’s theme, Nakatatanda:Dangal

ng Bayan, Noon at Ngayon.

Proclamation No. 470 issued by former President Fidel V. Ramos, declaring October 1 to 7 as “Linggo ng Nakatatandang Pilipino,” or the Elderly Filipino Week, aims to bring the public’s attention to the

plight of older
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