

THE WEEKEND JUNCTION

MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang**palaban!!!**

CAR Survives Typhoon Juan With 5 Dead, 12 Injured



Members and volunteers of the City Disaster Coordinating Council led by Operations Center Officer Engr. Archiemor Ellamil cut trees blocking the roads and within residential areas and inspect structure damages during the height of Super Typhoon Juan. / Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – Greater awareness, better coordination and cooperation among the people, community, local government units and member agencies of the Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CRDRRMC) resulted to minimal death and injuries in the region.

This was stressed by Engr. Jojo Valera of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD-CAR) in an interview Wednesday.

Based on reports from the provinces as of 21 October, Super Typhoon Juan left the region with five persons dead and 12 injured. The two additional casualties was just reported by the Ifugao Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council today, 21 October.

Two of the death incidents, Andres Realina of Baguio

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Juan Causes 1.8M Damage to City Roads

Baguio City – its back to normal in this mountain city after the onslaught of Typhoon Juan.

In his weekly presser, Mayor Mauricio Domogan extended his gratitude to the volunteers who helped during the city's time of need.

Reports from the City Disaster Coordinating Agency (CDCC) revealed only a single house was totally destroyed while 13 were partially damaged.

A total of 340 families were evacuated during the onslaught of the ty-

phoon.

There were 3 injured and a lone casualty.

Domogan also said major road networks leading to the city remains to be open.

As per reports from the Department of Public Works and Highways, Marcos Highway, Kennon Road and Naguilian Road suffered minor slides.

The Sto. Tomas – Cabuyao Road suffered the most damage costing an estimated P600,000.00 to repair but is still passable to motorists.

Other city roads affected during the typhoon include the

Balatoc Road, Trinidad Road, Major Mane Road and Quezon Hill Road 1.

Total damage is estimated at 1.8 million pesos.

Meanwhile, Domogan clarified reports that the retaining wall of the Irisan Dumpsite has collapsed.

"It is not true", he said, during the storm, water accumulated and it over flowed.

However, I have already approved a 29 Million budget for the strengthening of the retaining wall to avoid such a thing from happening, he stressed. / paul rillorta

City Slows Down on MRF Establishment, Speeds up on Composting Plan

Why attempt to establish a facility you don't have a space for? And why hold on to something you can and should let go immediately?

The issue is the city's difficulty in locating sites for those so-called "materials recovery facilities" (MRF) where recyclable garbage is sorted out and stocked before it's sold to the junkshop.

More than two years into the attempt, only four of

17 cluster MRFs for the city's 128 barangays are operating in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act. 9003, which mandates establishment of such facilities.

The rest are non-functional or simply could not be as they're proposed to be built within parks, road-right-of-way or other areas unfit or controversial for the purpose, city environment and parks management officer

Colleen Lacsamana reported last Wednesday.

"Baka saan nga masapul ti MRF (It might be that MRFs are not necessary)," mayor Mauricio Domogan noted after Lacsamana reported on the status of the facilities in a meeting of the City Development Council with the city's barangay chiefs.

The mayor noted that some barangay officials

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Waste Board Adopts Japanese Technology to Process Garbage, end Hauling

BAGUIOCITY – The city government will take on a tested Japanese waste conversion technology to address the nagging problem on garbage with the hope of ending the financially taxing out-of-town hauling service.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan Thursday bared that the City Solid Waste Management Board in a meeting the other Friday adopted the Environmental Recycling

System (ERS) which employs the mechanical conversion of large amounts of biodegradable wastes into high-grade fertilizer as the best technology for the city's alternative waste management program pending the implementation of the engineered sanitary landfill project.

Domogan said the ERS technology was selected from a pool of waste management schemes offered to the city which the board had

pored through for the past months. The ERS came out as the most advantageous and most viable of all the offers.

An ERS machine could convert 48 tons of biodegradable wastes into compost per day which the mayor said is ideal for the city which churns out a daily waste output of 160 tons, 66 tons of which are comprised of biodegradable.

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Memorial Tree to Honor Forest Guide

A tree seedling will be planted in the forest next week-end to honor a young security guard who, for years, quietly guided children in their exploration of Busol, one of Baguio's few remaining watersheds.

The ritual planting will be in memory of Andres Realina who was killed while on duty last Monday afternoon. He was pinned down by a mature pine that got uprooted and fell on a makeshift guardhouse

inside Busol while the city was bracing itself for the brunt of super typhoon Juan's fury.

Realina, who grew up in Aurora Hill near the watershed, was buried early Saturday afternoon at the city cemetery after a funeral mass at the St. Vincent Church. He would be 36 on Nov. 30.

He is survived by his wife Marianne, 36, and children Cherry Anne, 12, and Michael Angelo, 10.

Their third child, Donald Allan, who was afflicted with Downs Syndrome, died when he was two.

City councilor Peter Fianza, who led a team from the city disaster coordinating council that responded to a distress call from Busol following the accident, suggested the memorial tree planting.

The practice of planting memorial tree to help grieving

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PNP Chief Tells Police to Review, Retrain on GMRC

BANGUED, Abra- Philippine National Police Chief Raul Bacalzo urged the police force to review and retrain in the basic virtues of courtesy, discipline and Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) as part of efforts to transform the image the police.

Bacalzo, in his message to the officers and men of the Abra-Philippine National Police in his visit to the province on Oct. 11, stressed this point as he shared the result of a survey floated three years ago as to what the general public do not want in their police force. The survey revealed that the respondents do not want a police who is arrogant, abusive and slow to respond.

Because of this, he appealed that the PNP be more serious in their effort to do their job, and not be distracted by other issues. Instead, consider these issues as

challenges and change the systems that are no longer appropriate.

Bacalzo likewise assured his men in the field that he will focus on the areas which are overlooked in the transformation program to improve the entire force especially in their system of promotion, grooming, assignment, equipment use and most of all with emphasis on the need to retrain on the basics of GMRC.

The Chief PNP said: "Let us, as an institution, be ready to renew."

In his brief interaction with the local media, he tackled three major issues: the operation of *jueteng*, the dismantling of PAGs and the conduct of Barangay and SK Election on Oct. 25, 2010.

As regards *jueteng*, Bacalzo said only 3% to 5% is now in operation throughout the

country. He challenged the PPDCs come up with a comprehensive plan to address the problem of illegal gambling, not only *jueteng*.

In response to the greater need for more security in this coming elections, Bacalzo said one company will be sent to Abra to strengthen the PNP force here and tighten police checkpoints and the serving of arrest orders to dismantle the private armed groups (PAGs) in Abra.

Bacalzo emphasized that the issue of illegal gambling, PAGs and the peaceful conduct of election depend greatly on the political leaders of Abra. The PNP can only carry out the police aspect of peace and order, it is not the PNP alone or the joint security council that could resolve the problem of unpeace and disorder but primarily the leaders and the people of Abra, he said. / Maritess Beñas/PIA-Abra

BRM Strengthens Protection of Busol Watershed

BAGUIO CITY - In efforts to protect the city's main watershed from intruders, the Busol Watershed Task Force requested the city government to issue a demolition order for two newly erected shanties the soonest.

In the regular monthly meeting of the Baguio Greening Movement (BRM), the task force identified the owners of the

shanties located along Purok 4, East Bayan inside the Busol Watershed reservation, as certain Junie and Carlos Aluda.

In a foot patrol at Tip-top, the Task Force discovered the two shanties dismantled earlier were reconstructed by the owners who are identified as heirs of Gumangan and Sumangan.

The task force composed of the Department of Envi-

ronment and Natural Resources, Baguio Water District and the Baguio City Police Office, is also asking that demolition order be issued for the illegal construction of houses of certain Mr. Walis. Daluyen, Panay, Haban and Marcelino

Baguio City Councilor and BRM Chairperson Erdolfo Balajadia said the BCPO and the city

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City Police Director David Lacdan shows the traffic schemes with only minor adjustments from the past traffic routes being implemented for the past years to ensure smooth flow of traffic this coming All Saints Day on November 1./Bong Cayabyab

COMELEC, PNP prepare for Oct. 25 polls

BAGUIO CITY - The Commission on Election (COMELEC) En banc decided that the country's Barangay and SK election slated for Monday will push through, except in several towns in Isabela that was badly affected by Typhoon Juan.

This was affirmed by COMELEC Baguio-Benguet Provincial Election Supervisor Atty Elenita Tabangin in an interview Thursday.

According to Tabangin, Baguio-Benguet is now preparing for the election but she is worried that election paraphernalia like ballots and indelible ink have not yet arrived from Manila as of Thursday.

Comelec Regional Director Atty. Julius Torres on Friday morning confirmed the non arrival yet of election paraphernalia. He is look-

ing at the delay in the delivery election paraphernalia to pose problem given the limited time left to distribute to the polling centers especially in some areas which are hardly hit by typhoon Juan.

Meantime, the Philippine National Police provincial offices in Cordillera also assured their readiness for Monday's election.

'Even though some municipalities were temporarily isolated due to typhoon Juan, we are ready. We do not have much problem here as election in Benguet has always been peaceful. In fact we are even sending a contingency to Task Force Abra to augment their police force,' Benguet Provincial Police Director Wilben Mayor said.

For Baguio City, BCPO Public Information Officer P/Supt. Engelbert Soriano also assured that de-

spite the inclement weather, they are also preparing for the coming election. 'We had just a peace covenant signing with the local candidates, along with the religious sector. We are also all set for the security preparations for the election, this Monday.'

PNP Abra and Apayao also stressed their readiness for the election. According to PNP Apayao Deputy Provincial Director, P/Sr. Supt Elmer Cereno, they are always prepared Apayao and their men are ready for deployment to all the polling places in the province.

Task Force Abra head P/Sr. Supt Roberto Soriano also confirmed that they are ready for the election. 'We are now preparing our augmentation troops which will come from Benguet, for possible deployment this weekend,' he said. / PIA

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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Dazzling "Skill"--- Or Rot?

"All of us are experts at practicing virtue from a distance," Notre Dame university president Theodoe Hesburg wryly noted. At Lower House hearings on the 2011 budget, Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo gave us a dazzling example of this "skill"—or rot.

The Pampanga congresswoman assailed a P12 billion lump-sum she stumbled across in the Education Department's budget. "There seem to be lump sums tucked in all over the place," the ex-president fumed.

Lump-sum funds are dubbed "one liners." They set aside sums without detailed programs. Release is subject to presidential discretion and often without audit.

If anybody is qualified to skewer "one liners" it is Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. As President, she squirreled P224 billion worth of "one liners" into the last budget, notes Philippine Human Development Report 2009. "That

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was 16 percent of the proposed P1.41 trillion budget."

Amnesia stoked the former President's fury over DepEd's P12 billion "one liner". Did the lady forget that she stitched a P23.6 billion "one-liner" into the same Education Department last time around?

That's is double what she now stews over. But "many of us believe wrongs are right -if done by nice people like ourselves."

Then- President Arroyo stitched scores of "one-liners" into her budgets, specially the last one. But now, she forgets. How convenient.

For verification, check "top clusters of lump sum/large ticket numbers". Here they are, as documented by PHDR 2009:

Defense Department –P45.3 billion (Remember the Euro generals?); Agriculture Department –P29.1 billion (Joc-Joc Bolante's P728 million fertilizer scam was just a pittance.)

The Public Works and Highways Department, like the Bureau of Customs, top the list of graft ridden agencies. The World Bank black-listed three Filipino companies, for rigged road construction projects. Mrs Arroyo stashed P15 billion into a DPHW "one liner".

There's more. In the Health Department, Arroyo stashed a lump sum of P12.8 billion. A one-liner of P11.5 billion was hidden in Transport and Communications and yet another –P11.1 billion in Local Governments department.

"In the spirit of transparency, it is crucial to find out which of these 'one-liners' are actually backed up by plans and programs," Philippine Human Development Report adds. Taxpayers have a right to know which are simply discretionary funds – disbursed by the whim of the President without audit.

Arroyo can not recall today. This is "the proper memory for a politician – one that knows what to remember and what to forget."

Funds for "national security" is shielded from public audit. That is understandable. But secrecy can also cover a lot of theft. These unscrutinized funds, in Arroyo's last budget, came up to P1.12 billion.

Here is how those taxpayer pesos were ladled out by the lady from Pampanga. President Estrada, set up Presidential Anti Organized Crime Commission thru Executive Order 295, PAOCC gained notoriety by involvement in Dacer-Corbito murder. It's performance is patchy. Arroyo handed it a cool half a billion pesos in a one liner last year.

Even do-nothing Vice-President Noli de Castro got a "one-liner" of –P6.0 million. "Intelligence services" for DILG secretary R. Puno amounted to a quarter of a billion --bigger than P151 million one liner for seven Armed Forces commands.....

Secrecy is essential in how these funds are used. "But it is possible to create appropriate oversight mechanisms," PHDR argues. "A bipartisan Legislative Select Committee could supervise such resources discreetly.

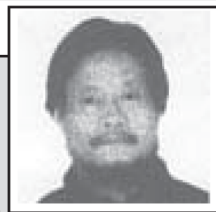
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**DAYUHAN, NAGOYO, MGA
ISKWATER, ME PROTEKTOR?**

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Dapat na mapaimbestigahan at makulong itong mga hinayupak na opisyal ng isang korporasyon na nanggoyo umano sa isang dutch national na nagbayad ng milyones para sa isang "bogus" na condominium dito sa lungsod ng Baguio. Ayon kay ginoong RONALD GROENHART, nakita raw niya sa website ang isang inaalok na condominium ng isang SJC group of companies na ang pangalan ay park avenue. Dahil gusto naman daw ni Groenhart na magretiro na "for good" dito sa 'pinas ay napili niya ang baguio na isa sa pwede niyang pahingahan kaya naman tinanggap niya ang nasabing transaksyon. Ayun, at nagbayad daw siya ng 2.6 milyon bukod sa naunang 100,000.00p na ibinayad sa korporasyon, sa pamamagitan ng "bank transfer account !!! Ang siste, nang ifollow-ap na raw nya ang kanyang nabili eh marami na raw tse tse buretse itong mga lintek na taga SJC. Ang masakit wala palang condominium na nakatayo o itinayo sa lugar na sinasabing pagtatayuan ng proyekto na PARK AVENUE, at ni isang poste ay wala man lang nakatayo, at ang masaklap, itinatatwa ngayon ng may-ari ng lote na mayroon silang joint agreement o pinag-usapan ng SJC group of companies.

Sa ganitong klase ng panloloko o ung sinasabi nilang "SCAM", hindi lang ang niloloko iyong naapektuhan kundi pati na rin ang turismo at ekonomiya ng 'pinas particular ang Baguio. Dahil sa mga pangyayari, nakapanlulumong malaman na ang nilokong dayuhan ay sa Cebu City na lamang inilipat ang "investment" na sana ay dito sa Baguio dadalhin.

Nang tanungin siya kung alam na ng kanyang mga kababayan ang nangyaring panloloko sa kanya, eh ayon ay alam na raw ng iba kaya naman nagdalawang isip na daw ang mga kababayan niya kung mag "se-settledown" pa raw sila dito sa 'pinas particular sa Baguio o hindi na.

Ayon sa impo, naka pila na raw ang reklamo ni ginoong RONALD GROENHART laban sa SJC ng kasong swindling o estafa sa opisina ng Baguio City prosecutors office. Aming aabangan kung ano ang magiging resolusyon ng piskalya sa reklamong isinampa ng nagoyong dayuhan...ABANGAN!!

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Saludo ang "diretsahan" kay apo kunsilor Edison Bilog ng Baguio City dahil sa kanyang agarang aksyon na maresolba ang reklamo na ipinaabot natin sa city council hinggil sa diumano'y panggogoyo ng isang "marketing establishment" sa isang taga Tuba, Nangalisan

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

SC order vs. UP Law profs part of 'due process'

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

"Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones." (Proverbs 3:5-8).

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SC ORDER VS. UP LAW FACULTY PART OF DUE PROCESS: I agree with the Supreme Court order directing the law professors from the UP College of Law to explain their previous call for Associate Justice Mariano del Castillo to resign on charges of plagiarism—this is giving everyone the chance to exercise their Constitutional right to due process.

This should enable Dean Marvic Leonen and his colleagues to vocalize once more why they advocated the resignation of Justice Del Castillo, as it would also enable the high court to expound once more why there was no plagiarism in one of its decisions that would warrant any resignation among its magistrates.

Transparency, after all, will serve the ends of democracy better, and will enable important information to surface and reach a bigger number of our people.

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THERE IS A "GREAT FALL" COMING TO US AS A RESULT OF RAINS, FLOODS AND WINDS: I hate to say this once again, but, unless all of us will seriously realize that there is no stopping typhoons, rains, floods and strong winds from battering our country and our people in the days to come unless we go back to God sincerely, we will not be able to save ourselves from the ever-increasing fury of these natural calamities.

I may become the laughing stock of weather and climate experts, but let me tell you that rains, floods and strong winds are coming to us because they are punishments decreed by our Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, simply because of our failure and refusal to listen to His Word and to obey Him.

Unless we listen to the Word of God once again, and unless we obey His commands truthfully once again, as Matthew 7:24-27 of the Holy Bible is saying, there is a "great fall" that Jesus Christ says is coming to us, courtesy of these rains, floods and strong winds.

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NO MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO KILL HIMSELF: Why would a returning Overseas Filipino Worker like Marlon Cueva of Lubang, Occidental Mindoro, commit suicide and kill himself as his plane was already landing at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to bring him back to his loved ones?

Reports are saying Cueva had acted strange as soon as his plane took off, asking forgiveness from everyone in the plane, although it was not clear why he was doing so. What was clear, according to some of his co-passengers, was that, he asked for the forgiveness of his sins.

The sins Cueva referred to may have been real grave, to have prompted him to take his own life. But the problem here is that, no man has the right to kill himself, no matter what his problems may be. This life is not ours, it was given to us by God, and so it is only God who has the right to say when and how it will end.

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Here come Vergara's super millions! Maghanda na kayo people!

BY GRACE BANDOY



Our lolo congressman of Baguio released his report for his 100 days in office, ala-Noynoy sans the Gloria bashing. Well, kagaya po ng madlang people, eh masyado pa hong too early para makapag-comment po tayo if your lolo did good or not sa 100 days niyang nakaupo sa trono.

Nakapag-file na daw po si lolo V ng mga bills sa Congress at nag co-author siya sa mga iba pa. Okay naman po ang mga na-file ng lolo niyo at makakatulong din po naman sa marami, maliban po sa iba na medyo sa kin po eh mukhang may personal gains ang ilan?

And ibinida po ni lolo V ang malapit nang ma-release na budgets ng kanyang mga proposed projects. Of course let's not be shocked kung ilang millions or billions na naman po ang mga ito. Sanay na po tayo sa mga milyones ni lolo V and lolo Domogan di po ba?! Milyong projects po ang sinasabi ko ha! Hindi po milyong napupunta sa laman ng bulsa nila????!

Hindi na po yata matitinag ang super friendship at Mighty Bond nilang dalawa my God, kakainggit!!! Mahirap makahanap ng ganyang klaseng partner who will stick with you through thick and thin, for better or for worse, through heaven or hell...nothing can tear them apart grabe! Hindi naman po kaya nageselos ang kanilang respective wives sa super closeness ni V and D? I think not, unless magkatabi pa silang natutulog sa gabi ha????!!

They're like Siamese twins na magkadikit sa puwet!! Always there for each other. The partnership (in crime?) is admirable.

Balik po tayo sa umaabot halos billion-peso budget ni lolo V, ang kaperahan pong yan ay budgeted for the following:

- 140 MILLION – to complete the Baguio – BLIST Circumferential Road
- 50 MILLION – para po ayusin ang City Camp lagoon at ng hindi na daw po magbaha doon
- 150 MILLION – Athletic Bowl Development
- 40 MILLION – upgrading, beautification and lighting of Burnham Park
- SOME MILLION – construction of a Flyover at the Naguilian – Bokawkan Junction, upgrading of national roads and highways
- 7 MILLION – College scholarships to 1000 poor but deserving students
- 2 MILLION – livelihood assistance to indigent families and Senior citizens
- SOME MILLION – Medical assistance to poor patients, equipments and supplies for the Baguio General Hospital
- OTHER MILLION? – other projects?

Nakakalula po ang budget ni lolo di ba?! The budget of those projects will come from the national and his PDAF kabans daw po.

Alam po natin na ang mga projects po na ganito ang ugat ng almost all of the corruption among politicians and everybody involved in these projects sa bansa natin. And in almost all of business transactions, nandiyan po lagi ang komisyon. Commissions make the business industry. Dagdagan pa yan ng ibang hocus focus, ayun at 30% percent na lang ng budget ang naiwang magagastos sa project na yan.

Kaya po mayayaman ang halos lahat ng contractors, politicians, mga nag approve-approve at nag refer-refer diyan because of the common na ganitong klaseng pangangalakal sa bansa natin.

Kaya dapat pong bantayan ng public ang mga transactions that involve public money. Dahil pera po natin ang ginagastos at binubulsa sa mga ganitong transactions.

Kung ako lang po eh, tama na po siguro ang pag-develop sa Baguio. We should be focusing more on preserving the natural beauty that's left in this city. Sementado na po lahat, mag-iwan

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1st-APLUMA!

Noynoy should ensure passage of FOI bill

NOW that the Senate has revised the Freedom of Information (FOI) Bill, the ball is in President Aquino's court to certify it as urgent so the administration's allies in Congress could work for its passage to ensure its "matuwid na daan" slogan.

Our group, 1st-APLUMA, has deemed the FOI bill important for President Aquino's mission to eradicate graft and corruption in government.

1st-APLUMA has been pushing for the passage of the bill since the 14th Congress as this would be of great help in the campaign against corruption.

The bill would give the people the right to information and government transactions affecting public interests.

The bill mandates government agencies to make available for public scrutiny, copying and reproduction all information pertaining to official acts as provided in the Constitution.

The measure also imposes a one- to six-month imprisonment on any public official or employee who prevents the exercise of the constitutional rights.

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1st-APLUMA's stand on the FOI bill goes with Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano's call to President Aquino to certify it as urgent, saying a big part of the fight against corruption would be won if the proposal is passed into law.

Cayetano believes that President Aquino, unlike the previous administration, has nothing to fear about the law.

The lawmaker said he wants a more aggressive stand from Malacañang when it comes to passing the FOI bill, which was not passed in the previous Congress.

In the meantime, while the bill is pending, Cayetano suggests that the President come up with an executive order requiring all government agencies to comply with requests for public documents.

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Malacanang, for its part, has already stressed that the Aquino administration believes that an informed citizenry is important for democracy to function properly.

Sec. Herminio Coloma Jr. of the Presidential Communications Operations Office, said that there should be adequate safeguards on the release of information involving national security and foreign relations, citizens' privacy, the protection of trade secrets, the impartiality of verdicts, and the impartiality of justice.

Coloma also said there is a need to examine the possible impact on the workload of government agencies, which might be deluged with simultaneous requests.

Pre-Emptive Measures Done By Little Kibungan Residents

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—The impact of typhoon Pepeng last year still haunts the affected families in Little Kibungan, in barangay Puguis but with their resiliency they struggle to move on guided by the lessons learned from the past experience.

With super typhoon Juan, their fears surfaced again but are now better prepared.

Some families whose houses were located on higher grounds settled back in the area but those who are located along the creeks and whose houses were washed out went to seek refuge to their relatives, rented or looked for other places to settle.

Winkle Alguin, former President of Little Kibungan Village Association said this time when they were warned to vacate, his family willingly went to the center together with the other residents as the fear is always there.

Sharing his experience during typhoon Pepeng, he admitted that there were already initial

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Watch Out For Misuse of Gov't Programs in Political Campaign - DSWD

BAGUIO CITY—The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD-CAR) is urging the public to be watchful of any misuse of national government projects and assistances to the local communities in the campaign of political aspirants for Monday's Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan election.

In an official statement released by DSWD Regional Director Porfiria Bernardez, she said 'Relief assistance should not be used for any campaign or for anyone's political advantage.'

Bernardez issued clarifications about the status of projects being implemented by DSWD that may be taken advantage of by aspiring officials.

The Food-for-Work Program which is supported by the United Nations-World Food Programme (UN-WFP) and is now on its final wave, involves the distribution of rice as assistance to the typhoon affected communities.

According to Bernardez, the public should be vigilant with the program. Any misuse, mishandling, or unfair distribution of relief assistance may be reported to local authorities or, in case of non-resolution at the local levels, grievances may be elevated to the provincial or regional office.

In line with the DSWD's Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), there have been reports that some politicians

who are running in the election allegedly threatened 4Ps beneficiaries. Accordingly, these politicians say that the beneficiaries will be delisted from the program if they will not vote for them.

Bernardez clarified that only the DSWD has the right to remove or add 4Ps beneficiaries. "We have our systems and conditions that govern the implementation of the program. While it is true that we are in partnership with the local government units and executives, it is still the DSWD that leads the implementation of the program including selection, identification, and monitoring of the beneficiaries," she said.

The Kapit-bisig

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MT. Prov Scores In Essential Health Care Program

BONTOC, Mt. Province—The Department of Education (DepEd) Mt. Province Division was adjudged as the second in the "Best Essential Health Care Program (EHCP) Exhibit" during the second School Health Summit held in Dumaguete City last September 22-24.

Representing the province were Schools Division Superintendent Mary A. Lang-ayan, DepEd Medical Officer Dr. Dalome D. Peckley, Mr. Gary Tukaki (Nurse II) and Nurse-in-Charge Ms. Arlene F. Fillag.

This event was open to all divisions which are implementing the Essential Health Care Program.

Dr. Peckley said

Mt. Province division received one LCD and one DVD player as its prize and also a special award for the implementation of the EHCP program which has already 98 percent of the elementary schools in the province with established support facilities like the construction of dental trough where the pupils use in washing their hands and brushing their teeth.

Criteria of judging the "Best EHCP Exhibit" include the information content and accomplishments like the construction of hand washing/tooth brushing facilities, toothbrush holders, innovations, issued memoranda, related

event, publicity, success stories and annual operating plan.

Other criteria are the visual display which include the layout, attractiveness, logical and self explanatory, eye-catching and well constructed; creativity and originality which include materials used, arrangement of design element and conveys a meaningful message; and presentation which include a two minute oral presentation of the exhibit and three minute discussion with judges.

The EHCP sponsored by GTZ Foundation was adopted in 16 FOURmula One provinces in the Philippines of which Mt. Province is a member. The program was pi-

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Construction Worker Electrocuted In La Trinidad

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – A construction worker was found electrocuted during the height of typhoon Juan in Bineng, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The victim was identified as Broslie Badival, 19 years old, single, a native of Kasibu, Nueva Viscaya and a resident of Central Bineng in La Trinidad.

Police investigators said that at about 10 PM on October 18, the victim asked permission from Cesar Bugtong, his employer that he

would go to the construction site and spend the night at the site.

However, at around 4:30 the next morning, Marlon Wakat, a farmer who passing by the area discovered the lifeless body of Badival still in contact with a cut power cable. He immediately reported this to the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC).

The MDRRMC immediately dispatched the Bureau of Fire protection to re-

spond to the incident and called the Benguet Electric Cooperative for assistance.

Barangay officials and the responders from the MDRRMC retrieved the body after the power cable was cut down by BENECO line men for the safety of the responders.

BENECO line men said that the cut cable that killed Badival was caused by the strong winds of typhoon Juan. Several posts and power cables were also taken down by falling trees and branches at the height of

typhoon Juan causing black outs in Baguio City and Benguet.

Meanwhile, in Baguio City, Andres Realina, a guard at the Busol Watershed died on duty when he was pinned by a falling tree

In Babalag, Rizal, Kalinga, Aileen Respicio died also from when tree pinned their house.

In Ifugao, Max Pod-itan reportedly drowned in Ahin River in Tinoc while the body of Martin Talango was found covered by mudslide in Banaue./Redjie Cawis/PIA

Watch out for Misuse

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Laban sa Kahirapan – Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHICIDSS), a World-Bank funded project, is also a barangay-based project implemented by the DSWD.

The project currently operates only in Besao, Mt. Province although it eyes scale-up by year end and early 2011. The DSWD again advises the public, particularly those in Besao and even old project areas to be vigilant of any tagging, labeling, or attribution of priority or prioritized projects under KALAHICIDSS with names of politicians or candidates.

These projects and other related on-going relief assistance or foreign-funded projects, which are measures towards poverty alleviation, are exempted from the ban imposed by the Commission on Elections.

Thus, the DSWD reiterates its call for the public to be watchful of any misuse of such projects or programs during this election period./Lito Dar/PIA

Pre-Emptive Measures

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warning from barangay officials to vacate their area and proceed to the evacuation center but this was ignored. He said who would think that the mountain from a distance would give way and reach their area. His house is located above the foot of another mountain. It was only on the next day that he evacuated with his family.

This time they are prepared with the basic things they need to bring when calamity strikes. Spiritually, the wife said their faith in God together with the people in the area became stronger. They are grateful for the help extended by both the government and the private sector.

Gloria Fred, whose family sought refuge in the home of Governor Nestor Fongwan, said alertness is important. If there are warnings of typhoons or calamities, evacuation should not be further delayed because we can never tell nor foresee what may happen. She valued the importance of keeping flashlights as power outage is experienced during calamities as well as stock of unperishable food stuff.

She admitted that she always feels fear recounting that fateful night of October 8, 2009 when she heard rolling sound causing vibrations and cannot determine where the sound was coming from. Only to find out that their village was covered by mudslide killing tens of people and toppling many houses.

Mayor Gregorio Abalos, Jr. issued a directive for the residents of Little Kibungan to evacuate. During the typhoon, Abalos together with the officials were going around the town to monitor any untoward incidents.

Barangay Captain Evelyn Ramos said upon receipt of the mayor's directive, she together with an SK representative, barangay secretary and some officials knocked on the doors of the families advising them to evacuate for their safety.

Although they have all acceded to the

call for pre-emptive evacuation to prevent any untoward incidents, Ramos stressed the vigilance of residents to voluntarily evacuate as soon as they learn of a typhoon that may hit. She said the center is always open for them.

Ramos said if warnings are issued we should not wait until something happens. We should protect the environment by planting trees, she added.

Chief of Police Freddie Lozano said preparedness is still important during calamities as this would lessen damage and loss of lives.

Kagawad John Danglipen said drainages should be cleared to avoid clogging which is one of the causes of destruction.

A year after typhoon Pepeng, the affected families are still awaiting for relocation. But they are not sold to the idea of swapping their area if they will still be paying some amount in the proposed Tawang Relocation site./Susan Aro/PIA-Benguet

MT.Prov Scores in Essential

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lotted in 35 public schools in the province for the school year 2008 – 2009. The GTZ has provided toothbrush, fluoride and hand wash soaps to 6,500 pupils. Counterpart of the pilot schools is the installation of dental troughs and racks.

To ensure the sustainability of the program, all governors belonging to the 16 FOURmula One, the province represented by then Governor Maximo Dalog signed a pledge of commitment to fully support the project and take financial responsibility.

True to his commitment the provincial government here continued the program. It has provided tooth brushes, fluoride and soap to 32,413 school children in the day care to elementary of both private and public schools for school year 2009 – 2010. The provincial government has also purchased the same items for this school year 2010 – 2011 which were given to all day care, pre school and elementary pupils both public and private schools. /Juliet B. Salay/PIA-MP

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

HILARIO EVASCO

Applicant

Case No: 2000-01-2840

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ - JITNEY Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY - KM24, LABEY, ATOK VIA ACOP TUBLAY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 15, 2010 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 14th 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

MELCHOR B. LUCERO

Applicant

Case No: 2000-BC-228

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a SCHOOL Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: FROM AND TO THEIR RESIDENCES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL WITHIN BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 8, 2010 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 8th day of October 2010.

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE
ON EXECUTION
OF REAL
PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of an Alias Writ of Execution issued by the Hon. Mia joy Oallares-Cawed, Judge of the Regional Trial Court Branch 4, Family Court of Baguio City, on March 25, 2010, in Civil Case No. 162-FC wherein REIMON LLORICK R. GUTIERREZ, REGINA G. LABO, CHELSEA JOY R. GUTIERREZ, represented herein by their mother Regina R. Gutierrez and REGINA R. GUTIERREZ are the plaintiffs and RAMON R. LABO JR. is the defendant in SUPPORT WITH APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT PENDENTE LITE for the recovery of the sum of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P336,000.00), as of October 12, 2010, with interest, and costs, etc, levy was made by Sheriff Ronaldo B. Pangan on September 17, 2010, thru the Register of Deeds of Baguio City, on the rights, interests, an participation of said defendant RAMON L. LABO JR. in the real property more particularly described as follows:

Transfer
Certificate of Title
no. T-46137
Plan Tsi-V-1435

Beginning at a point marked "T" on plan Tsi-V-1435, being S. 34-34 W.

1348.23m from Station "Limestone", Baguio Townsite;

Hence S. 68-48 W., 34.38m. to point 2;
N. 28-29 W., 33.88m. to point 3;
N. 43-20 E., 38.92m. to point 4;
S. 25-20 E., 50.44m. to point 1, point of beginning.

Containing an area of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO (1,492) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by B. L. conc. Mons. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Naguilian Road (15.00 meters wide); on the SW. along line 2-3 by Soliman Haddad; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Benjamin San Pedro and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Foster Gabol (Lot No. Psu-177900). Bearings true. This survey was executed in accordance with law and existing regulations promulgated thereunder, by Feliciano C. Liggayu, Public Land Surveyor, on March 24, 1966 and approved on April 1966.—

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of said Order of Alias Writ of Execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Section 19 of the Rules of Court, Sheriff Ronaldo B. Pangan will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, on November 10, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. At the Lobby of Justice Hall Building City of Baguio, the rights, interests and participation of defendant RAMON L. LABO., in the above-de-

scribed real property in order to satisfy said order of Alias Writ of execution, together with interests, costs, sheriff's fees and the expenses of sale.

Baguio City, Philippines, October 12, 2010.

BY: (SDG)
RONALDO B.
PANGAN
Sheriff IV

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Coy furnished: All parties

Warning: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law. Rule 39, Sec. 15

CAR Survives Typhoon Juan With 5 Dead, 12 Injuredfrom page 1

City and Aileen Respicio of Balabag, Rizal in Kalinga were pinned down by falling trees, while Broslie Badival of Kasibo, Nueva Vizcaya died of electrocution in Bineng, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The Ifugao casualties were identified as Max Pud-itan, of Abatan, Hungduan who drowned while crossing the Ahin River in Tinoc and Martin Binwag Talango Jr, 19, of Sitio Bayninan, Barangay Kinakin in Banaue town who died due to landslide.

'Comparing the casualties brought by Typhoon Pepeng last year (more than 300), our data shows minimal casualties despite the fact that typhoon Juan has a greater intensity. This is a proof on how prepared and ready the region is for typhoon Juan, Valera added.

Valera also gave credit to the local media, especially those from the radio, for their big help in disseminating accurate and timely data and advisories regarding typhoon Juan. 'With the help of the media, weather forecasts and advisories could reach even those who are in remote areas,' he said.

As per the initial report received by the OCD on damaged to property, regionwide, there were 60 houses totally destroyed and 222 houses were partially damaged. Initial report on damaged to agriculture was estimated at P125.74 million, infrastructure P151.50 million.

Even before super typhoon Juan made landfall, the Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council held an emergency meeting Monday morning, to have a situationer briefing and to get updates from each member national government line-agencies on the preparedness and actions they were undertaking.

OCD-CAR director Olivia Luces presided the meeting, which was also attended by representatives from various member agencies, including the Department of Interior and local Government, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), PAGASA, Philippine Information Agency and

from the different local media outfit.

Meantime, President Benigno S. Aquino III, in a statement Tuesday, also expressed satisfaction over the excellent handling by the national government and local government units) of the super-typhoon "Juan" (international codename Megi).

"I am very happy to report to the public that everyone has delivered. The thorough preparations of all concerned agencies are in marked contrast to the official helplessness of the past, and at present, we haven't had to ask the public to contribute outside resources," the Chief Executive said.

According to the President, minimal damage and loss of life due to Typhoon Juan can be credited to the cooperation of both the government and the people. At the same time, the President extended his deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of those who have lost their loved ones.

"This should serve as a timely reminder to all to depart ourselves from the notion that government resides or depends on one person. It is the sum of all parts, the product of group effort and individual initiative and responsiveness...we proved that, together, we can mitigate risk; and that Filipinos working together, minimized of the costs of natural disasters," the President stressed./Lito Dar/PIA

Mosh Pit

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naman ng lupa diyan na tutubuan ng puno!
Kung sabagay, pag-papaganda nga daw po ng Baguio ang purpose ni lolo para maibalik na #1 Tourism destination ang ating city.

Pero hindi po kaya lalong mabwisit ang tourists na pupunta dito kung puro flyover at kalsada ang makita nila?! Dapat taniman na lang ng puno ang every available piece of land na naiwan sa Baguio! Di pa tayo gagastos di ba?! Malinis pa ang hangin! Imbes pa na iskwan ng mga gago diyan!

Ang 100 days ni lolo?? – No Comment.

Ang projects ni lolo?? – infrastructures – I hate!!

- pro-poor – good
- beautification – tingnan ko muna kung maganda nga!

Ang budget ni lolo?? – Malaki!

- Sana nga mapunta sa totoong purpose
- Bantayan natin!

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS DEED OF SALE

This is to give notice that on September 20, 2010, the heirs of Sebastian Sabas, who died intestate at La Trinidad, Benguet on June 26, 2009, had extrajudicially settled his estate in a deed denominated as Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Deed of Sale and entered as Doc. No. 355, Page No. 68, Book No. 24, Series of 2010 in the Notarial Register of Atty. Liberato V. Tadeo of Baguio City.

Publication Dates: October 9, 16 & 23, 2010

GD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Diretsahan

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Banguet. Dahil sa kanyang aksyon, nagkaroon ng linaw para maresolba ang diumanoy panloloko ng naturang establisimento kay hapi naman lahat ang mga kinausap ni "good councilor" pagkatapos ng miting!" Kudos" kami sa iyo apo EDISON BILOG"

Totoo kaya ang ipinarating sa aking "bubuwit" na doon daw sa peoples park, Malcom Square ay may mga tao diumano na nangogoyo sa mga nakatambay na pinoy o pinay na "us veterans" at pinangangakuan na makakatanggap ang huli ng mga benepisyo bilang mga beteren at baterana kapalit ay malalaking halaga. Marami na raw ang naloloko sa ganitong klase ng raket na isang modus operandi ng mga nagpapanggap na "facilitators" para sa mga us veterans" at sa kanilang mga "benefactors"! Kung totoo ito, aba, atensyon mga kinauukulang opisyal ng "veterans association of the Philippines Baguio chapter"! Pakibusisi naman itong naibulong sa aking bubuwit, Peryod!

Dahil sa ipinarating sa amin na sumbong hinggil sa mga "illegal structure" sa may Rimando road Baguio City napilitan kami ng aking bubuwit na puntahan ang naturang lugar para alamin ang katotohanan ng sumbong at presto!, nakita namin at nakunan ng litrato ang mga ginagawang istraktura na sa aming palagay ay walang mga "building permit" at nasa "road right of way" bukod sa ang mga ito ay malalapit pa sa "creek ". Sa aming pagsisiyasat ay nalaman naming na inerekلامو nap ala ang mga ito sa mga otoridad ng mga opisyal ng ABCR BARANGAY.

Ang isang istraktura ay may nakabinbin na kasong "injunction" sa isang trial court ng Baguio City at ito ay naka arkayb sa kasalukuyan, samantalang iyong isa naman ay nakapending ang kaso sa Baguio City legal Office. Pero kung totoo ang ibinulong sa akin ng isang mataas na opisyal ng ABCR na isang mataas na opisyal umano sa city hall ang nakiki-usap sa kanya para huwag munang masyadong pansinin ang mga nasabing iskwater, aba eh, hindi na ako magtataka kung sa kangkungan pupulutin ang mga nakabinbin na kaso itong mga illegal istraktura. Lalo na pag totoo ang bulong na isa ring huwes sa Baguio ang isa rin na protector kaya pag patuloy ang usad ng konstraksyon, ibig sabihin totoo ang bulong diba apo opisyal DM as in "DON'T MIND" at judge E as in "EWAN". AMININ!!!

Waste Board Adopts Japanese

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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 a bonus feature will be that the company will also take charge of disposing the city's residual and other wastes at

no cost to the city.

The mayor however assured that the city will continue to commission the barangays to handle the recyclable wastes for their income-generating ventures.

He said the technology has been licensed by the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the ISO and the Dept. of Science and Technology and is the same scheme being used in Malabon City which operation was recently observed by a group of representatives from the city government.

Three city officials also recently observed the bigger operation in Tokyo, Japan and gave a favorably review.

The mayor said that if plans push through, the city will purchase two ERS machines costing P64 million each to be set up at the Irisan dumpsite. He said the two machines can tackle 48 tons of biodegradable wastes daily out of the 66 tons.

He said the remaining 18 tons will be processed by the city using the "turon" scheme and the backyard system developed by former punong barangay Fred Fangonon.

He said that for the by-product fertilizer, the city is given an option to market the produce on its own or course it through the company.

He said the cost of purchasing the machines would in the long run turn out to be more practical and reasonable when compared to the cost of hauling out the wastes to Capas, Tarlack which he said was estimated to have reached around P200 million.

He said the city will work out the funds required to pursue the technology along with the costs for the further stabilization of the Irisan dumpsite being the prospective site and the purchase of additional garbage trucks to further improve the collection service.

He said the requests for funding and re-alignment of funds earlier earmarked for other waste ventures had been submitted to the city council as he expressed hopes that the body will consider these as soon as possible. /A Refuerzo

Memorial Tree to honor

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families cope with mourning was initiated by the late Baguio newsman Jose "Peppot" Ilagan. On July 16, 1997, he led fellow journalists to establishing a memorial patch at the watershed in honor of those who perished in the 1990 killer earthquake that hit Northern Luzon.

Realina's tree will grow beside those earlier planted in honor of departed media practitioners of Baguio within a remote portion of the watershed.

As guard of Interlink Security, Realina was assigned to secure the integrity of the water being generated by the watershed and the pupmps and other fixtures of the Baguio Water District inside Busol.

Seeing the need for volunteers, he acted beyond his duty and served for years guiding children in their exploration of the water source and tree-planting and -tending activities under the city's Eco-walk environmental program.

Every summer, the diminutive and quiet forest guide would supervise and monitor the work of youth assigned to tree-tending and fire lane establishment within Busol under the city's Special Program for the Employment of Students with the Department of Labor and Employment.

Last May, he led members of the CDCC in their replanting of precipitous areas of the watershed which were burned by three fires last February.

Andy enlisted as a private security guard in 1996m, two years after he finished his course in general radio communications operator at the Baguio Colleges Foundation.

"I met him at the EPZA in Loakan where I was working in a company and he was assigned there as guard," Marianne recalled.

Andy served under two security agencies before transferring to Interlink, security provider for the city hall and the BWD. The shift proved practical as he was assigned to Busol, a walking distance from his home at 32 Brookspoint, Aurora Hill.

The watershed assignment provided forest therapy, aside from a greater sense of purpose in his teaching kids how to plant and care for trees.

"We were with him in some of those tree planting sessions," his widow recalled during the wake.

Next week-end, it will be Marianne's turn to lead their two kids in planting a tree in memory of their dad./Ramon Dacawi.

Editorial

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"There is no accountability in soft money. None." And that suited Mrs Arroyo and her cronies just fine.

Fuzzy responsibility multiplies temptations to dip into the cookie jar. Savings went for perks.

Analysis of past budgets show constant sources of savings were the Fisheries Modernization Program, as well as DepEd and Agriculture. Guess who were consistent recipients of savings?

The Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund. That's who. Savings were siphoned for "Christmas bonuses" and for perks by various government owned and controlled corporations."

The most notorious example set is the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) Trustees invented bonuses for themselves: mid-year, productivity, anniversary year end, meeting attendance, car loans. Other corporations followed suit.

"To have any meaningful impact, the Commission on Audit must forge stronger links with other agencies. COA must rely on the Ombudsman for investigation and prosecution. "But it is an institution that has a poor record in disposition of cases and convictions."

There will be popular support for budget. But for Arroyo to posture as leader only rubs salt in wounds left by theft. "They are not all saints who sprinkle holy water."/J.L.Mercado

City Slows Down

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get the flak from their constituents for their choices of MRF sites the turn out to be problematic. With its limited, mountainous land area, Baguio hardly has space for an MRF, much less for an "engineered sanitary landfill" also required under the law.

The alternative, as mandated by the same law setting guidelines for the country's solid waste management program, is for waste segregation at the source or the household, a campaign that initially took hold under a no-segregation, no-collection policy of the city's solid waste management board.

While this may soon be revived, the mayor spelled out urgent measures the city will adopt before the end of the year to solve the city's garbage problem and unburden itself from the cost of transporting its trash to an ESL in Capas, Tarlac.

These measures, which were endorsed by the CDC during the meeting, include the purchase of two 24-ton capacity composting machines and five additional garbage trucks and a boom truck, the improvement of the central MRF at the Irisan dumpsite and stabilization of the overloaded dumpsite closed two years ago.

The two composting machines will convert into fertilizer 48 tons of the city's daily biodegradable waste collection of 66.46 ton, the mayor noted, with the rest processed in the barangays using the eco-composting technology introduced by punong barangay Fred Fangonon of Loakan Liwanag Barangay.

Proceeds from the sale of fertilizer processed will eventually cover the return on investment and pay for the cost of operating the two machines priced at P64 million each.

The mayor explained that P65 million initially allocated in next year's budget for the hauling of the city's garbage to Capas, will instead be used for to buy the biodegradable waste reactors.

As spelled out by Lacsamana, the city's average daily garbage collection ranges between 140 to 166 tons, 66.46 of which are biodegradable, 53 tons residual, 17.2 tons recyclable, and 3.98 special waste.

Domogan said the Japanese company offering the composting machines is also willing to get the city's recyclables and residual waste

Even with things beginning to look up, city councilor and barangay council association president Joel Alangab cited the efforts of the barangay leaders in addressing the garbage problem at its height.

He specifically cited the leadership of Fangonon who introduced the simplified backyard composting technique and punong barangay Alice Dizon of Bakakeng Central./Ramon Dacawi.

BRM Strengthens protection

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government should immediately stop the unlawful construction of the houses.

The BRM and BWD will put up three guard houses for the task force use. We should be vigilant and report any illegal activities being done in the watershed, Balajadia said.

P/Supt. Constante Chinayog Jr, deputy city director for administration said that they will detail a police personnel to man the proposed guard house. In the meantime, police precinct 6 is helping the task force.

Congressman Bernardo Vergara also released P1 million from his Countrywide Development Fund for the protection of the Busol Watershed.

On the other hand, Anthony de Leon of Baguio Country Club said that they have donated P10,000 to BRM and a total of 7,000 sap-

Mining Sector Unscathed

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there is strong winds.

Two of the five recorded casualties of typhoon Juan in Cordillera were accidentally pinned down by fallen trees.

'Isa ito sa laging tinututukan ng DENR, with the onset of rainy season. We are inspecting trees, if they pose immediate danger to life or properties. We also call on the public's cooperation by inspecting the trees inside their properties or they can also call for the DENR's assistance, in inspecting the trees, so it can be properly determine if such tree needs to be cut or just need a trimming. As much as possible we want to save the tree,' Baguilat stressed.

Baguilat is also reiterating the call for the public to help in clearing clogged drainage and debris and to heed geo-hazard warnings and signages put up by the DENR in areas susceptible to landslides and flooding and landfall. He also informed that the geo-hazard mapping of the region has already been completed.

He is reminding the public to remain vigilant with PAGASA's forecast that there

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junction up to 2nd road San Carlos Heights junction. Trucks and buses are advised to take alternate routes; Marcos Highway, Lamtang, Longlong and Sta. Lucia Circumferential road (from 5 AM of Nov. 1 up to midnight of the same day).

Only water delivery, ambulance, police vehicles and officially allowed cars are allowed inside the Baguio Cemetery during the same period. Public utility jeepneys shall be re-routed, as: Guisad, Fairview and other PUJ associations using Ferguson road in going to the CBD shall take Dangwa st., or Roman Ayson to Bokawkan rd towards their designated loading terminal same route in going back to the point of origin.

Taxicabs delivering passengers to the cemetery shall go around at 2nd road, San

Carlos hts and allowed to unload passengers before the Baguio Memorial Cemetery Gate, pass through Quirino highway, turn right to Dominican road towards Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles st. going back to the CBD.

Irisan, San Carlos hts, NPC, other Naguilian PUJs Association, shall take Naguilian road in going to the CBD, turn right to Dominican rd going down to either Queen of Peace or Queen of apostles road to their terminal. They shall take their usual route in going back to point of origin. Unloading of passengers shall be at the junction of San Carlos hts, first road.

San Luis, San Roque, Asin, Nangalisan and other PUJs association shall take Asin rd., in going to the CBD. Their back route shall be San Roque rd, turn right to Dominican rd down to Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles rd to their terminal. Unloading of passengers shall be at the back of Station 1, BCPO.

Dominican PUJs in going to the CBD shall take Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles rd to their designated loading/unloading terminal. Usual route shall be used in going back to the point of origin. Unloading shall be before the ark, left side of the road going to Baguio Cemetery.

Quezon Hill PUJs in going to the CBD shall take first road, Quezon hill, turn right towards Naguilian road, turn left to Dominican road down to Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles to their designated loading/unloading terminal. Usual routes shall be used in going back to point of origin. Unloading of passengers shall be nine (9) meters from the junction of 2nd road Quezon Hill.

Public Utility Vehicles not affected by this temporary traffic re-routing shall go on with their usual routes.

A "No Parking" policy shall be strictly implemented:

- inside Baguio Cemetery;
- Naguilian road, from junction of Bokawkan rd up to the first road San Carlos hts., both sides;
- whole stretch of San Roque rd, both sides;
- San Luis road, from junction of Naguilian rd up to Queen of Angels st, both sides;
- whole stretch of Queen of Peace road, both sides;
- whole stretch of Queen of Apostles road, both sides; and
- the whole stretch of Sofia de Veyra st., both sides.

Recommended parking areas are:

- the pay parking area inside Cooyesan Plaza;
- inside Shangrila subdivision;
- inside Recoletos compound;
- Naguilian road, from opposite side of ist rd San Carlos hts up to main gate of Bermuda subdivision, parallel parking for light vehicles only;
- whole stretch of Ponce st. along Quezon Hill;

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who heads the executive committee himself assured the body that the scheme is the best possible route studied for the occasion./juliegfianza

PMA Partners with BIR on Tax Campaign

BAGUIOCITY—The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) just signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) in support of the government's tax collection and information drive.

This was announced by BIR Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Nelson Aspe, during a media briefing in his visit here for the national draw of BIR's Premyo Sa Resibo (PSR) Promo, held at the SM City Baguio last October 17.

According to Aspe, the PMA leadership said they decided to partner with BIR to show their support to the administration of President Benigno Aquino III and to erase the notion of doctors being branded as tax evaders. The PMA is composed of about

130,000 doctor nationwide.

'The group volunteered to abide with the income taxation for doctors and through the MOA, the BIR is set to educate them in terms of tax compliance. The BIR education drive will be done all over the country on every PMA forum and of their sub-associations,' Aspe said.

Aspe also stressed that the BIR, through its regional office in CAR already started the education drive during the recent convergence of PMA members from Region I, II, III and CAR in Abra.

Meanwhile, Aspe informed that tax collection at present is breakeven in as far as their tax collection target is concerned. He admitted that only two months remaining before year end, it would be hard for them to reach their increased 2010 tar-

get.

'In reaching our initial goal of P830 billion kaya, though our 2010 tax collection target was increased by P30 billion, yon mukhang hindi kakayanan. Even we expect a bigger collection this November, with the expected influx of imported Christmas products or wares. But then again December is always a lean month as far as taxes are concerned,' Aspe said.

On improving their services, Aspe announced that by next year the BIR will be investing more on Information Technology (IT), through aid assistance from some donor countries. 'Through IT, we will better improve the transparency of transaction. Together with the Bureau of Customs (BoC) we are planning to have a nationwide single window of transaction,' Aspe said. /Lito Dar/PIA

Mining Sector Unscathed by Ty Juan; Public Advised to Remain Vigilant

BAGUIOCITY—Mining companies in Benguet are back with their normal operations as Super Typhoon Juan left the region with no casualty and minimal effect as far as mining is concerned.

According to Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Executive Director Clarence Baguilat Jr., all mining

company are back to their normal operations. As per their inspections, even the tailing dams of all mines were left unscathed by the super typhoon, he added.

RED Baguilat also stressed that better preparedness and cooperation from the public and communities are big factors for the zero incident/casualty in the mining sector. 'Pre-

paredness is really the key. The mining sector was given advisory or warning early on and it is a big factor that the public really take on our advised. The media also play their part in warning or giving advisories to the public,' he added.

Meanwhile, Baguilat is advising the public to inspect trees inside their properties if they pose immediate danger to life and properties especially if

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A City Environment and Parks Management Office laborer repairs a temporary office of the City Treasurer's Office where a tarpaulin is torn apart by Super typhoon Juan./Bong Cayabyab

Oplan Kaluluwa 2010 Traffic Scheme

BAGUIO CITY—The Oplan Kaluluwa executive committee in coordination with the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) Traffic Management Unit during a meeting last week has issued a traffic re-routing scheme for the annual exodus to the city's cemeteries this coming All Saints' Day.

According to City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao, everything was prepared as planned for smooth traffic flow, but improvements may still be done until November 1.

As in previous years, it was agreed during the meeting that traffic enforcers and field training police shall be deployed in roads in the Central Business District (CBD) up to the Baguio Cemetery from 5:00 AM of November 1, until the activity is over.

This was also requested by punong barangays of affected

areas, as they have observed several violations of the no-parking rule along roads and alleys

To ensure smooth flow of traffic, a one-way scheme shall be strictly implemented during the same period of time along:

- Naguilian road, from junction of Bokawkan road up to Dominican road;

- Dominican road, from junction of Naguilian road up to Queen of Apostles road and Queen of Peace road up to Legarda rd/Palma st. intersection;

- Whole stretch of San Luis road, from junction of Naguilian road up to San Roque road;

- Whole stretch of San Roque road going up towards Naguilian/Dominican;

- Going up only, of the whole stretch of Sofia de Vera st.;

- Going up only, of the first road Quezon Hill (from junction of Naguilian road up to Ponce st.; and,

- Whole stretch of Hamada road (from Naguilian towards Queen of Peace road).

Though according to TMU head Engelbert Soriano, the use of private vehicles is discouraged to ease traffic, they are allowed to pass in front of the Baguio Cemetery, turn around at the junction of San Carlos hts 2nd road and shall be allowed to unload/load passengers in front of Baguio Cemetery then pass through Quirino highway, turn right to Lourdes/Dominican in going back to Central Business District area.

Trucks and Buses are banned along Quirino highway from Bokawkan road, Naguilian rd

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