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Pahayagang palaban!!! Imported And Smuggled Veggies Affect Benguet Traders



BAGUIO CITY – Vegetable trading in Benguet is getting back to normal after the recent typhoons particularly “Pepeng”, that wrought millions of damages to the province’s agriculture sector and have jacked-up the prices of veggies.

Department of Agriculture Agri-business Marketing Assistance Division (DA-AMAD) head Pat Ananayo, asserted

this in radio interview Tuesday.

According to Ananayo, vegetables farmers are now harvesting the remainder of their crops, while those who have harvested after the typhoon are immediately re-planting, hoping to have their next harvest by December, January and February.

Ananayo also asserted
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ALWAYS ON GUARD - City officials headed by Acting mayor Daniel Farinas present a Plaque of Commendation to JO1 Arsenio Domede, Jr. and JO2 Michael Montes for their alertness and vigilance leading to the apprehension of a female visitor caught "smuggling" a sachet containing 0.30 grams of shabu for a city jail inmate. With them is City Jail Warden Rebecca Pawid during a simple rite last Nov. 9. /By Bong Cayabyab

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BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



City To Pursue MRF To Solve Garbage Maze

BAGUIO CITY – There’s a way out of the garbage mess apart from hauling out the refuse to sanitary facilities elsewhere.

Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas Thursday announced that the city will pursue the establishment of materials recovery facilities as a priority long-term waste management solution after the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) offered its waste disposal site for the establishment of a materials recovery facility to serve at least 12 barangays near the academy.

He said the city plans to construct a covered court-style structure and set up two machines that could process 50 tons of wastes each per eight hours at the PMA’s five-hectare site which he along with city administrator Peter Fianza, executive assistant Engr. Antonio Bautista and members of the City Solid Waste Management Board inspected early this week.

The technology will be copied from the facilities being used in Cavite City which Farinas and Fianza along with Councilor Antonio Tabora Jr. also inspected last Wednesday.

Farinas said they will approve a memorandum of agreement with PMA on the linkage which will be submitted to the city council for confirmation. The body last Monday approved a resolution which authorized the mayor to initiate a joint venture with PMA and with Camp John Hay Management Corporation on the set up of said MRFs and to sign a MOA as needed.

Farinas said the city intends to fast-track the project and that to facilitate its implementation, he had recommended the adoption of the MRF project to the city council. He said an expert has been invited to present the project to the body on November 16.

In his letter to the city council, Farinas also recommended the

“fast-tracking of the procurement and installation of MRF machines and equipment which will include conveyors, mixers, bio-reactors and other machines that could process wastes into useful materials.

He said the city could use funds available for waste management or avail of other resources including loans being offered to the city to complete the machinery requirements of the MRFs.

According to Farinas, the city-PMA linkage was broached during a meeting with Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro and PMA officials led by Supt. Leonardo Calderon and PMA solid waste management head Col. Nilo Perfecto who bared that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had directed the PMA to assist the city government on the garbage concern.

The MRF will be operated by the so-called insular prisoners of the academy saving the city manpower expenses.

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Lawmaker Pushes Congress Okay Of Whistleblower Bills

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday pushed for the approval of twin measures that would empower Congress to craft its own witness protection program and set up a reward system for whistleblowers of graft and corruption in government.

“Jun Lozada and Joey de Venecia would have benefited from these proposals if they had been passed and signed into law. These are meant encourage

those who have witnessed crimes, especially graft and corruption in government, to come forward and testify against perpetrators,” said the 40-year old lawmaker, who chairs the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

The senator said that the committee has approved the bills on the protection, security and benefits of whistleblowers and amendments to the

Witness Protection and Benefits Act to allow the Senate and the House of Representatives to have its own witness protection program.

Escudero said the current law on witness protection only empowers the Department of Justice to manage the program and the amendment seeks to allow both houses of Congress to promulgate their own for witnesses or resource persons in congressional investigations in aid of legislation.

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ADB Announces Asia-Pacific Climate Change Video Contest

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced a new video competition – My View: The Asia-Pacific Climate Change Video Contest – to promote awareness of climate change, stimulate debate, and encourage climate change solutions in the lead-up to the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.

No area of the world is more vulnerable to climate change than Asia and the Pacific, with the region’s families, food supplies, and financial prosperity at risk. The poor face the greatest threat because of their high dependence on natural resources and limited livelihood and mobility options.

While the situation is critical, there

are already low-cost measures that nations can undertake to better protect the region’s people, economy and environment.

“Every person can play an important role in our collective fight against climate change,” said Ann Quon, Principal Director of ADB’s External Relations Department. “We hope people will use this contest as an opportunity

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Council Okays Ordinance Limiting Operation Time Of Liquor Establishments

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday approved on final reading an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1 series of 1990 or the Liquor Code of the city by prescribing the hours of operations of liquor-dispensing establishments similar to the scheme adopted at the time of former mayor Braulio Yaranon in 2005.

The measure which was authored by Councilors Galo Weygan, Rocky Thomas Balisong, Perlita Rondez, Richard Cariño, Fred Bagbagen, Isabelo Cosalan Jr., Elaine Sembrano and Antonio Tabora Jr. was an offshoot of the positive effect of the implementation of Administrative Order No. 114 series of 2005 implemented by former mayor Yaranon which limited the time of operation of said establishments to certain hours as a means of curbing crime incidents in the city.

“There is a good salutary effect and accepted by the general public on the implementation of Administrative Order Nr. 114, Series of 2005. Residents have realized that there is a need for peace and serenity during the night when people are supposed to be resting for the next day’s work,” the proponents noted.

As approved, additional sections under Article 4 of Chapter II of the Liquor Code were inserted to the original ordinance to provide the hours of operations of said establishments.

The time of operation for night-clubs, cocktail lounges, beer gardens, bars with dancing, duly accredited tourism-oriented firms, bar, discopads and cabarets would be from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Ordinary beer garden without dancing, cocktail lounge or bar without dancing, cocktail lounge, folkhouses or folden serving beer only, restaurants with liquor, bar or coffee shops serving beer or liquor and internet cafes will be allowed to operated from 3:00 p.m. to 12 noon.

The prescribed time for liquor dealers or retailers which serve liquor not to be consumed within the premises and for liquor stores which sell by the bottle and consumed within the premises would be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The approved penalties for owner, operator, proprietor, manager or person in charge of any establishment violating said provision would be: first offense – a fine of P2,000 with written

warning; second offense – a fine of P4,000 with closure of the establishment and revocation of the business permit; and third and subsequent offenses – a fine of P6,000 with permanent closure of the establishment and imprisonment of 15 days upon discretion of the court or 15 days community service.

In the ordinance, it was noted that there were questions raised by some affected businessmen on the legality of said order but before its issuance, the city legal office issued an opinion that it is “in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances.”

“A review of Ordinance Nr. 25, s. 1987, shows that it has provisions on hours of operation of the so-called sin business or amusement centers; while Ordinance Nr. 01, s. 1990, known as the Liquor Code, is entirely silent on the hours of operation which may have been inadvertently omitted. This provision should be restored for it is the essence of any ordinance that it should be regulatory and should imposed the hours of operation as practiced in many other cities, municipalities, and barangays, as it will enhance the promotion of peace and tranquility in the community,” the proponents said./aileen.p.refuerzo

DA Urges Farmers Help Mitigate The Effect Of Climate Change

BAGUIO CITY – The country’s agriculture is one of the vulnerable sector that can be severely affected by climate change what experienced during the onslaught of typhoon “Pepeng,” wherein millions worth of damages on agricultural products and infrastructures were recorded in Northern Luzon.

In an interview with Department of Agriculture Agribusiness Marketing Assistance Division (DA-AMAD) head Pat Ananayo, he confirmed that the agri-sector was heavily affected by the recent strong or super typhoons, which some experts believe can be attributed to climate change.

According to Ananayo, the damage brought to the

region’s agricultural sector can be attributed to the improper or inappropriate use of our environmental resources and the farmers, in a way, contribute to the problem, as some of them are expanding their farming into forested and watershed areas.

To mitigate climate change, Ananayo stressed that farmers should also do their part and help in securing the proper protection of watersheds and forest reservations, wherein drinking and irrigation water come from. These also help in providing a normal temperature or mitigate global warming.

Ananayo also explained that 70 to 80 percent of farmers in Cordillera are depending on farming alone, and it be a difficult situation if

there would be no more forest/watershed to sustain their irrigation. He encouraged farmers to help in rebuilding and protecting water resources and not to expand their farming in such areas, for the future generation.

According to Ananayo, aside from the food security program, DA is also supporting other agribusiness venture, like the honey bee industry which has a strong potential in the region and can be a big help in the enhancement of the environment.

Honey bees help, by way of the natural or environmental pollination, which enhances the development of more fruits and seeds production, aside from the other honeybee products that are beneficial to the people, Ananayo said./Lito Dar/PIA

No-Segregation-No-Collection Policy On Again

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will strictly implement anew the no-segregation-no-collection policy on waste collection in all areas of the city beginning December 1.

Acting Mayor Daniel Farinas said that pending the adoption of a permanent waste disposal system, the city should employ stricter mea-

sures to contribute to the orderly disposal operations and to the reduction of the waste outputs.

The city’s waste collection scheme normalized last week after the city council approved a P25 million appropriation for the hauling out of garbage to Capas, Tarlac. The fund will cover hauling, tipping fee, gasoline, per diems and repair

expenses until December this year.

As per the public advisory issued by the acting mayor, the strict segregation requirement will be imposed on all barangays, the public market, institutional areas, highways and the central business district.

“Unpacked or scattered residual wastes will not be collected and

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

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Beatifying the Crooks

"It is outrageous, unacceptable and unbelievable", fumed the usually unflappable Sr. Mary John Mananzan. The co-chair of the Association of Major Religious Superiors flayed the Blue Ribbon Committee's report on the rigged \$329-million National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp.

The report swept in the President, the First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, Secretary Romulo Neri, ex-commissioner Benjamin Abalos. But it also dragged into the muck those who blew the whistle on the ZTE scam: Consultant Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada and businessman Jose de Venecia III.

Son of the former House Speaker, De Venecia testified that bribery and overpricing studded the project to wire digitally the nation's bureaucracy. Government agents kidnapped Lozada to prevent him from testifying "Back off," both were told.

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Cost overruns (bukols) padded the cost, Lozada told Senate probers. A \$132 million, project bloated into a \$329 million fraud, after the President teed off with ZTE officials, Lozada has, since then, been fired, harassed and sued.

La Salle brothers and Catholic nuns took Lozada and his family under their wings after Lozada testified." (Lozada) is the person who wanted the truth to come out... And this is what he gets," Sister Mananzan said "How is that possible?"

It is possible Sister. Onli in da Pilipins.

"In this country, those who horsewhip money changers out of the temple often end up excoriated," the regional Sun Star daily noted. "The ultimate perversion is to beatify the crooks and crucify the whistleblowers."

You want a yardstick to gauge if government means business about curbing sleaze? Check if it protects—or harasses—"whistleblowers": those men and women who risk jobs, ostracism, and sometimes their lives, to expose crime.

"Governments must create an environment that encourages, instead of penalizing, citizens who denounce venality," declared 135 countries attending the 9th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Durham, South Africa. The Philippines dutifully signed that document.

Half a decade after Durham, "the kind and extent of support that a legitimate whistleblower should be able to expect (remains) unclear," says the Asian Institute of Management study: "Whistle Blowing in the Philippines: Awareness, Attitudes and Structures."

The classic case goes back to 1997. Ensign Philip Pestano denounced, misuse of Navy boats to haul illegal lumber and drugs. He was shot in his cabin. Suicide, the Navy ruled within 24 hours. Murder most foul, a Senate investigation found. Yet, 12 years after the rubout, the Military Ombudsman hasn't budged beyond securing counter-affidavits. Gilbert Teodoro will leave the Defense Department without resolving the case.

Ask Acsa Ramirez of Land Bank. Government should have pinned a medal on her for skewering a tax scam. NBI agents instead shoved Ramirez into a police lineup of crooks while cameras panned on President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's smile.

Government grudgingly backtracked later. But damage had been inflicted: the presidential photo op squelched a thousand potential whistleblowers.

Or ask Admiral Guillermo Wong. This Philippine Military Academy officer denounced Marine purchases of substandard Kelvar helmets and malfunctioning HK-MP5 assault rifles. Grafters lit into a P64.9 million allocation and left a military camp bereft of roads, water, sewerage, lights—and P266 in the till. The admiral found himself on "floating status": an

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Pakners In Crime

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



ALIN ang dapat o ANO ba ang dapat dito sa problema ng basura!! Baguio inaprubahan ng konseho ang halagang 25 MILYONES para sa paghahakot ng basura hanggang Disyembre, samantalang nauna nang pinabuksan muli ng butihing Meyor ang IRISAN DUMPSITE para doon ulit itapon ang mga basura.... Di yata magkasundo ang PAA at ULO.....Ang tawag diyan.... "PALO DE SEBO....Paa at ulo puros sebo Bwa Ha Ha!!! Pareho kasing kumuha ng batang ipupukpok sa kanilang ulo.

KUNGSABAGAY, Nakikisimpatiya ako sa dinaranas na problema sa basura ang kasalukuyang administrasyon.... Na kanilang minana sa mga nagdaang administrasyon... Tabi tabi lang po sa mga opisyal ngaun na kasali sa administrasyon na nag-opisina noon sa Baguio Convention Center. Wala na sana tayong problema sa basura ngayon kung hindi naging gahaman sa pera ang mga opisyal na nakaupo noon nang alukin ang lungsod ng isang "Foreign Company" na magtayo dito ng isang "Waste Disposal System" na hindi lamang "Waste Disposal" kundi magkaroon pa ng pera ang lungsod mula sa mga "Finished Products" na pwedeng I Export mula sa mga nakokolektang basura. Ang siste, mga mukhang pera ang mga ungas na opisyal, humihingi sila ng malaking datung mula sa "Proponents" bago nila aprubahan ang proyekto, nadismaya tuloy ang mga taong gustong maituloy ang napakagandang alok na ito, pero mas nanlumo at nadismaya ang mismong dayuhan na may-ari ng kumpanya. Masyado raw "suwapang" at "buwaya" ang mga opisyal. Totoo ba ito o hindi? Op kors totoo ito mga suki dahil mismong kapatid ko na isang inhinyero ang naging saksi sa mga naging pag-uusap na naganap sa mga "Proponents" at opisyal ng lungsod! At sino sino naman sila? Ang isa sa kanila ay dating Meyor na kasalukuyang nasa "High Position". Ang isa ay dating Meyor at kongresman. Este Kongresman na gustong magkaroon ng "comeback" ang tawag nga sa 2 "Political Figure" na ito ay "Pakners in Crime"! At kasama rin dito ang dating Bise Mayor na may mataas na posisyon ngayon at isama na rin natin ang 2 dating Onsehal...Este Konsehal na ngayon ay parehong naka "Rest in Peace"! Ang isa naman ay dating Konsehal na naging "First Lady" pa dito sa lungsod. Ang iba naman ay mga "Bygones" na o ung mga tinatawag nilang mga "nalaos" na!

Oh dib a mga suki, na kung hindi lamang naging mga ganid sa datung ang mga ungas na opisyaales na ito ay hindi sana tayo

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Medyas na Sep-Sep B ___ !!!
The Team to Beat !!!*

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Oks itong si Mister Sep-Sep B ___ na medyas na ito ha!!! Eto kasing medyas na ito, nung minsan ay may ina-arbor sa atin na isa niyang kaibigan na ating sinampahan ng kaso for unjust vexation, problema naman kasi, etong si kaibigan ni Mr. Medyas ay isa ring akala mo kung sino at kinaiinisan ng marami rin kapwa media. Eh itong si Mr. Sep-Sep B ___ (SSB) medyas ay pumapadrino na akala mo kung sino pa kung pumapel nuong may hearing kami sa opisina ng barangay. Kaya mukhang napahiya ata itong si Mr. SSB ng hindi ko siya napagbigyan at tinuloy ko pa rin yung kaso na nasampa rin sa husgado - Muncial Trial Court (MTC); at nuong nagkaroon kami ng mediation sa PMC nung nag-sorry (written apology) yun kanyang kaibigan ay akin na ring inurong ang demanda. Sa madalit salita, bokya si Mr. SSB at hindi siya naka-arbor, kahit na feeling papogi-pogi at pa-porma-porma boy si kolokoy. Ang problema kasi sa mga ibang feeling na akala mo kung sino, porke't nakakapag rubbing elbows ka paminsan-minsan sa mga may kaya sa Country Club ay akala na nila ay kabaro na nila yun mga yun. Dapat kasi sa mga ganitong mga trying hard (to live up with the joneses, ika nga!!!) ay tumingin sa salamin at baka mahimasmasan kayo (ka)! Ngayon kung hindi pa oobra yan aba eh, kuha ka ng bato at ipalo mo sa ulo mo, or better yet pa-sagasa ka sa 10 wheeler sa Marcos Hiway (he!he! jok lang pre, wag ka papasagasa, mababawasan ang SSB sa mundo). Teka nga pala mga dear readers, daddak ako ng daddak dito, marahil ay gusto ninyo malaman kung sino ang medias na aking tinutukoy? I think nabanggit ni Atty. James Valeros sa kanyang kolum sa issue na ito kung sino ang SSB na ito. Hoy Mr. SSB, umayos ka jan unless gusto mong i-expose ko lahat ang baho mo at ng iyong angkan. Alam niyo naman mga dear readers, mayroon din naman tayong konting IK (Intelligence Konti), konti nga lang ngunit matimbang naman.

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Election fever na muli mga dear readers! Marami ng mga kombinasyon at mga alyansa ang pinapalutang sa ngayon na sila-sila daw ang mag sasama-sama sa hirap at ginhawa este sa sarap, sarap at sarap lang pala. Meron jan trio of the **MATITIGAS** ang ULO - the Bernie V (V as in Voltes 5) for Tongressman, the Mauricio D for Mayor and the Danny F for Vice Mayor. Patay tayong lahat mga dear readers, ito sigurado ang the Team to Beat pagdating sa dami ng SALAPI. Hindi pa natin alam kung sino-sino ang kanilang mga konsehales at malamang ay puros mga mucho dinero din ang kanilang mga konsehales (may isa o dalawang beho daw)? Pagdating sa dami ng SALAPI ng partido o grupo na ito, tabi -tabi kayong lahat jan. Meron din naman yun grupo ni Atty. Ed Avila for Tongressman, Engr. Butch Mandapat for Mayor, teka pala sino ba ang kanilang Vice, si Konsehal Lulu Tabanda kaya? Meron din yun grupo ni Atty. Jose Molintas for Mayor, na kasama daw ni Atty. Olowan for Vice Mayor, sino kaya ang kanilang Tongressman? Meron din yun grupo ni My Friend, My Idol, the one, the only MR. LBY (siya dapat ang naging Mayor ngayon, kinapos lang ng konting pondo kaya na-lintik na tuloy) at sino kaya ang Tongressman at Vice Mayor ng partido Liberal kung saan si Mr. LBY ang siyang Regional Chairman? Meron din grupo si Konsehal Elaine Sembrano, meron din grupo si dating Mayor "Lolo" Braulio Yaranon, meron din grupo si APO Rocky Thomas Balisong (na siyang tatakbo for Tongressman). Kaya mga dear readers, isang bagay sa aking pananaw ang mangyayari, dala ng maraming tatakbo as Mayor, aba eh, mukhang tapos na ang boxing at si Apo Morris Domogan ang lalabas as Mayor, Hep!Hep! - Morris! Morris! Morris! Kaya kayong mga gusto mag Mayor, aba eh mag usap-usap kayo at magkaisa at mag kasundo para sa isang stratehiya para ma lampasan ninyo ang kampo ng kadiliman este kampo ng kaginhawaan. Otherwise, you can all start kissing

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FAIR AND SQUARE

TIDBITS

BY: JAMES S. VALEROS



No matter what had been said by one Mr. Andrew Peñero during the awarding night of the 1st DOTC-CAR Golf Tournament at the Baguio Country Club on 9 November 2009 about this weekly newspaper not being read, probably it was an act to appease or in defense of Regional Director Mandapat who was being asked to clarify for transparency by Linis Gobyerno which was published in the Junction, still I will continue to write articles in this weekly. At least, this is a better indulgence than making "papogi" or ingratiating oneself to one's host. Unethical and unbecoming! In the first place, Atty. Mandapat does not need it. He can ably defend himself as he actually did.

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Following-up the status of my complaint filed with the Ethics Committee of the City Council against Councilor Rocky Balisong some 7 months ago, I asked its Chairman, Councilor Galo Weygan, whether or not the complaint or the case can still be resolved by the Council before the onset of the 2010 election ban. And he said: "OO NAMAN!"

SANA MAGDILANG ANGHEL KA, Councilor Weygan! Otherwise, some people who have been of the idea that in the Council the Honorable Councilors scratch each others' back, will lose faith in you. *Sayang din ang mga boto nila!*

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In the Board en banc's hearing on 24 August 2009 at Pacdal, Baguio City, Chairman Alberto Suansing of LTFRB happened to advance the opinion that if he were to be followed (and not the DOTC Secretary), he would extend the operational life of a phased-out taxi unit, provided it passes the inspection for road worthiness by MVIS or Motor Vehicle Inspection Station.

Some LTFRB-CAR personnel, jumping the gun on Chairman Suansing, so to speak, accepted the filing of CPC applications of phased-out taxis filed by fixers. Now, one applicant is cursing, his wife crying, because his application can never be approved unless the DOTC Secretary adopt the personal opinion of Chairman Suansing. **At present the DOTC's phased-out policy is based on date of manufacture, not road worthiness.**

The moral lesson of the story is: **Applicants for franchises should not secure the services of lawyering fixers.**

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As to who authorized the Aurora Hill and Trancoville jeepneys to operate as Express or Loop Service under the New Traffic Scheme of the City and thus encroach upon the routes exclusively designated for the Green Trunkline jeepneys (PNR, Campo Sioco, Scout Barrio, Hillside jeepneys, etc...) is, up to now, a sixty four thousand dollar question to the TTMC or the Transportation Traffic Management Committee headed by the Honorable Mayor, no less. **The TTMC has no ready answer to the question, even if it is being pinpointed to by the Aurora Hill and Trancoville operators. It is like searching for the garbage culprit!**

So, just like the suffering city residents deprived of regular garbage collection, the deprived Green Trunkline operators are likewise suffering from loss of income for about one year and eight months now due to the encroachment of their lines by Aurora Hill and Trancoville jeepneys under the seemingly permanent experimental New Traffic Scheme under Adm. Order No. 014, Series of 2008.

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BY THE WAY, if there are still owners of phased out taxis who have not obtained or who cannot secure yellow stickers for their units from the LTO, I was told they may inquire from someone in Room 207 of the Cabiles Bldg. located in front of the LTO (not Atty. Addog who happened to be just holding office thereat) wherefrom one of my clients was able to obtain his yellow stickers for his phase out taxi for a fee, of course. 7T daw ang binigay niya.

I am just wondering if this enterprising scheme is not known to LTO personnel. They probably do, but to be sure, those interested are advised to ask the LTO first before going to Room 207.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Prayers for Manny Pacquiao

BY: BATAS MAURICIO

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PRAYERS FOR MANNY PACQUIAO: It is two to three days to go before the Manny Pacquiao-Miguel Cotto November 15, 2009 fight in Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, USA as I am writing this, and the stage seems set for Pacquiao's clinching his historic seventh world title in as many divisions, but I continue to be hounded by a prediction that he is going to lose this one.

I am praying that the prediction will not come true, but I remember having received it right after Pacquiao's sensational second round knock-out of Ricky Hatton from a listener of mine in my radio program "Kakampi Mo Ang Batas" over station DYMS Aksiyon Radyo of Catbalogan City, which prompted me to write an article about it on May 6, 2009.

The listener did not give any reason for his prediction but, just so Pacquiao, his trainers, handlers and advisers will take heed, I am reproducing that article here, together with other articles I wrote about Pacquiao, in the spirit of fraternal concern. Here are those articles:

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"PACQUIAO TO LOSE IN HIS NEXT FIGHT: PREDICTION: Even as Manny Pacquiao and all Filipinos continue to revel over his sensational second round knock-out victory over Ricky Hatton Sunday, his advisers and trainers must take pains to ensure that the Filipino boxer remains strong in his faith in God in the days to come.

"This is so because, as talks of his next fight start to hog the headlines once again, there is a Filipino from Catbalogan City, Western Samar, who is saying that Pacquiao is going to be defeated in his coming ring assignment.

"This Filipino is a regular listener of mine over DYMS Aksiyon Radyo in Catbalogan City, at the program "Kakampi Mo Ang Batas" which is aired daily from Mondays to Fridays, at 11 in the morning (Philippine time), and simulcast worldwide through www.samarnews.com.

"In one of his text messages to me, the listener said: 'mark my word...Pacquiao is going to lose in his next fight, whoever his opponent will be...'

"I found it eerie that the text message came to me right after I wrote in this column that Pacquiao is sure to be defeated in his succeeding fight, whoever he will be up against, if he stops displaying his faith in, and reverence for, God.

"By the way, that column was prompted by reports giving Pacquiao all the credit for his stunning victory over Hatton and his previous opponents, sidelining God's role in those victories...."

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"PACQUIAO'S GIVING GLORY TO GOD CLINCHED THE FIGHT FOR HIM: To those who scoffed at what I wrote here in this column that God is going to favor Manny Pacquiao in the famed

THE PEACE COMBATANT

Solving the garbage problem of Baguio City

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



By the yearend, Baguio is expected to have spent around P150 million for its garbage but the garbage problem will be far from being solved. The expenditure is about 15% of Baguio City's budget estimated at P900 to P1 billion. Yet, even with the gargantuan expenditure, most of the garbage is simply swept under the rug. In many barangays, garbage is actually not collected and residents are told not to expect the garbage trucks.

Residents are told not to expect the garbage truck to come at their usual arrival times. Implication: households will have to find ways to dispose their garbage without the city's assistance. Unfortunately, most of the households are probably unprepared. Most do not have a compost pit. Even if a household own a compost pit, a lot of the garbage is non-biodegradable.

Many do not have a yard. Many households rent a small room or a small apartment unit with little space or no space for environment-friendly ways of disposing their garbage. Many households will probably resort to burning, which is not environment-friendly. Burning is pollutive and, worst, it will contribute to global warming as greenhouse gases are released during the process of burning the garbage. Sadly, this is all happening on Baguio's centennial year.

100 years from now, succeeding generations will see the pictures of our garbage in the electronic archives. The generations of year 2109 will probably have solved the garbage problem by that time and they will probably chuckle at the helplessness and lack of foresight of our generation.

They will probably associate the names of our local officials with our garbage problem. Worst, if solving the garbage problem will be tainted with corruption, our generation and our city officials will be associated not only with garbage but also with corruption.

One "redeeming" aspect, however, is that corruption and garbage are one of the same thing. Garbage is material waste while corruption is a manifestation of a wasted moral compass.

The good news is that there is actually a set of solutions worth considering by our local officials.

One, Baguio City's official can invite proposals from the private sector to solve the garbage problem. A technical summary must be prepared by the City that can be the basis for the submission of proposals from environmentalists or companies engaged in environment-friendly garbage management systems. The invitation to submit proposals can be extended even to foreign firms engaged in environment-friendly solutions on garbage management. There must be ample time to make announcements and solicit proposals worldwide.

Two, Baguio City must convene a forum where proponents can present their proposals so feedbacks can immediately be solicited from citizens. There must be ample time for citizens and civil society organizations to assess proposals and submit their feedbacks or even counterproposals.

Three, Baguio City can asked the assistance of foreign funders for the concern. We can even solicit grants for the garbage problem especially when we can justify its importance given the impact of the problem on carbon footprints or release of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

We can solve the garbage problem. Allocating even only P50 million (compared to the P150 million we have allocated today for the garbage) can easily fetch a P500 million loan payable over a long period. A P500 million loan can be our counterpart for any possible grant the can be tapped. Of course, the best thing is a 100% grant for the problem but this will not be likely.

Our officials must act fast. The garbage can be an election issue in 2010.

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CORDI NAWI

*The Papal Letter on Sunday
(19th of a Series)*

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN

**Caesar's Limited Jurisdiction**

Although the Roman Pontiff and some nominal Protestants are seeking governmental help in establishing a Sunday civil law, does a government have the right to impose a civil holy day? Jesus Christ taught that we are to render to Caesar only what belongs to him. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's." Matthew 22:21. Caesar, the Roman Emperor, was the head of the civil government of Christ's day.

God's Ten Commandments delineate both God's matters and Caesar's limited civil jurisdiction. The first four commandments of God's law define our responsibility to God; the other six, our responsibility towards our neighbor. These six commands deal with civil matters-issues relating to relationships with other people. Caesar, or any earthly government, has the authority to impose laws regulating (5) parental rights, (6) murder, (7) adultery, (8) theft, (9) lying, and (10) premeditated (intentional) breaking of civil law-but he has no Biblical right to set up laws regulating the first four parts of God's law, including the Sabbath commandment.

In other words, the first four commandments of god's law have nothing to do with our neighbor. They strictly define our relationship to God and command us not to (1) have other gods before the Creator God, (2) make and worship images, (3) take God's name in vain, and (4) work on God's holy Sabbath day.

Jesus taught us to render to God what is God's but not to render to Caesar what is God's. The Sabbath was written on the tablet of stone defining our love towards God. Sabbath observance must be free-will worship to God. Caesar can not mandate Sabbath or Sunday observance. Nor is he to mandate Sabbath desecration.

The apostle Paul further discusses this issue in Romans 13. Paul says, "Let every soul be subject unto the high powers... Whosoever therefore resisteth power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." Verse 1, 2. Paul says that earthly governors as ministers of God have the right to impose tribute and custom and to be feared and honored. Romans 13:6,7. Any who refuse to render to earthly governments what is scripturally lawful will be damned by God.

However, Paul limits the jurisdiction of earthly governments to what entails "loving your neighbor." "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment [Honor your father and mother], it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Romans 13:8,9. Notice that Paul did not mention polytheism, idolatry, blasphemy, of Sabbath observance, which are binding but belong to the first tablet of the Ten Commandments-to God's matters. Caesar is to grant religious liberty regarding the first four commandments.

Hence, what is a faithful, God-fearing, and Bible-believing Christian to do if Caesar of the pope demands the observance of Sunday as a religious and civil holiday? The three friends of Daniel, when confronted with a similar situation regarding idolatry, replied. "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter... Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Daniel 3:16,18. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego disobeyed the order of Nebuchadnezzar, because he is demanding from them what was not lawful. Peter-when confronted by another earthly court, the Sanhedrin, which wanted to limit his religious liberty-refused to comply with the government's demands. "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29.

"The question of intense interest to every soul is, What hath God said? We are to read His Word and obey it, not swerving one jot

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Marginal group joins efforts to control global warming

TABUK, Kalinga – Battling effects of climate change is getting support from marginalized groups in the hinterlands of the country specially those living in the uplands and near rivers.

Believing that because they have all the things nature could provide, they would be spared from the effects of global warming and did not care about this growing world concern.

But at present, they are now involved in caring for mother earth as they learned lessons when natural calamities struck them and left devastating effects on their lives, properties and habitat.

This was how Joel Cubit, project coordinator of the Tabuk Lumin-awaan Center (TLC), a church-base non-government organization that contracted agro-forest projects from Heifer Interna-

tional Philippines (HIP) describes changes taking place on the perspective of communities on the urgency to raise animals and plant trees.

Recently, 1,000 fruit tree seedlings were planted by 46 families at Cogawe this town, a component activity of a livelihood project that aims at improving the environment and producing food. 46 cows and 46 goats aside from chickens were distributed to said families last year.

Cubit said improving the environment is one of the 12 core values of TLC-HIP and aside from maintaining a reforested area established by a Belgian Catholic priest Fr. Bernard Erkens, partner families from Cogawe planted these fruit tree seedlings on communal lands, individual lots, school grounds and respective backyards.

He said the com-

munity also established a forage and went on mass propagation of napphire grass for their animals which will on the process help maintain oxygen balance produced from both sources for the atmosphere.

To further strengthen community livelihood and efforts on environmental protection to control climate change, the 46 partner families of (TLC-HIP) were oriented by Carlos Tombali of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) here how to be organized into an organization.

"They were organized on November 8 and DOLE is assisting them register their organization with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in order for the group to have a legal entity in seeking more livelihood projects from government", Tombali said./ Peter A. Balocnit/PIA-Kalinga

More Ifugaos plant trees to preserve environment

L A G A W E , Ifugao - The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) here distributed thousand of seedling to interested individuals for them to plant especially in landslide-prone areas in the province.

Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer Henry Valeros said that they are glad that people are volunteering to plant trees. "Our seedlings are almost consumed because many people are

coming to our office to get to be planted in their communities," Valeros said. This is an indication that people are now becoming aware of their role in the preservation of the environment, he added.

He believes that when the people plant the trees themselves they will be encouraged to protect and nurture it and even guard the said trees from illegal cutters in the future. He advised the people to plant deep rooted species such as narra, acacia and mahogany. These

species really prevent soil erosion, Valeros said.

With 89% of the total land area which is classified as forest land, Valeros said that the conversion of the said land into agriculture and residential are some causes of erosion here in the province especially in the municipalities of Kiangon, Tinoc and Banaue.

This is a wake up call to the government, peoples' organizations and the community to act together before it is too late, he said./Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao

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

IN THE MATTER
OF PETITION
FOR THE
CHANGE OF
STATUS/
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NAME OF MARK
C. MANGAOANG
FROM MARK M.
POMONDON
WITH CORREC-
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OF ENTRY,

MARK M.
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Petitioner,

VERSUS

THE LOCAL
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TRAR OF BAGUIO
CITY and THE
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REGISTRAR OF
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Respondents,

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SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
09-C-1584

ORDER

Petitioner,
through counsel,
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following in his
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WHEREFORE,
finding the petition
to be sufficient in
form and substance,
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Session Hall of this
Court, Capitol, La
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pear and show
cause, if any, why
this petition should
not be granted.

Let this Order
be published at the
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titioner in the
Junction, a
newspaper of
general circulation
in Baguio City and
Benguet Province,
once a week, for
three(3) con-
secutive weeks, the
first publication to
be made not later
than November 15,
2009.

Furnish copies
hereof together
with a copy of the
petition and its an-
nexes to the Office
of the Solicitor
General, Makati
City; the Provin-
cial Prosecutor of
Benguet; the City
Civil Registrar of
Baguio City; the
Junction; the peti-
tioner and coun-
sel.

SO ORDERED.

This 10th day of
November 2009 at
La Trinidad,
Benguet.

By: (SGD)
FRANCIS A.
BULIYAT SR.
Presiding Judge
November 14 ,
21 & 8, 2009

DOH conducts Trainor's Training for new Malaria Treatment Protocol

BAGUIO CITY – The Center for Health and Development (CHD-CAR) conducted a Trainor's Training on Malaria Treatment Protocol last week pursuant to the recent DOH Administrative Order (AO) 2009-0001 regarding the revised policy and guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of malaria.

According to Dr Alexei Marrero of CHD-CAR, there are some policy changes in the treatment of Malaria as stipulated in the said AO, thus the training of physicians from Ifugao, Benguet, Baguio and the CHD-CAR Regional Office, for the effective implementation of such changes.

The participants will then be the one who will go around their respective provinces to train the hospitals and Rural Health Units about the changes, Marrero added.

Marrero bared that a major policy change is the first line drug for malaria which is now Artemetherlumefantrine or known by its brand name CoArtem. Field clinical trials show that CoArtem is more effective than the chloroquine-sulphadoxine, which used to be the first line drug, wherein recent studies show increasing cases of drug-resistance.

This November, the Heath Department is also commemorating Malaria Awareness Month. Locally, CHD-CAR will be conducting a Regional Launching of the Malaria Awareness Month on Nov. 18 in Paracelis, Mountain Province. Invited guests were the governors of Mountain Province and Ifugao, as well as the mayors of Alfonso Lista, Mayoyao, Hingyon and Aginaldo in Ifugao and the mayor of Natonin, Mountain Province.

Dr Marrero confirmed that malaria cases in the region have dramatically decreased through the years, especially in Apayao, though he also stressed that there are still some places, like Paracelis, that continue to register cases.

"Our goal is to eliminate malaria in CAR by 2020 and we are on the right track as all malaria endemic provinces have already registered a decrease in the number of cases of malaria as of third quarter this year," Marrero added.

In a related issue, Dr Marrero, who is also the Anti-dengue coordinator of CHD-CAR, confirmed that the recorded a total admitted cases of dengue in the region is 1,538, as of October 30, or roughly 90 percent increase compared to the cases registered within the same period last year.

Marrero informed that Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mt. Province have registered an increase in the number of cases, compared to 2008, while Abra and Baguio have registered a decrease in the number of admitted dengue cases.

Marrero thus reminded the public that the threat of dengue is still there, that is why the need to maintain cleanliness in homes and surroundings, as this is still the most effective way of fighting used as curtains) to selected public schools in the region.

He also reminded the public to continuously follow the "4S Against Dengue" program of the Health Department and to participate in the 4'O Clock (anti-dengue) habit. He also urged barangays and schools to activate their dengue brigades.

The CHD-CAR is continuously providing logistics (such as medicines, diagnostic kits, IEC materials, insecticides for fogging and larvicides) and technical support to the local government units especially in the identified dengue hot spots in the region. CHD-CAR also provides long lasting insecticide treated nets/Lito Dar/PIA

Kalinga Brew in demand in China

TABUK, Kalinga – Finding outlets in international markets, Kalinga Brew is now in demand in China with its book order of ten tons worth P5 million.

According to its proprietor Antuza Refalda, Kalinga Brew is one of the 27 processed foods manufactured in the Philippines exhibited in China during the 6th China-ASEAN Expo held at Nanning, Guangxi from October 18-25 this year. The

total order will be delivered in 12 months until the next Expo next year, she said.

Refalda said she brought to China 500 kilos and was sold out in the first two days of the weeklong exhibit. "Chinese are now declining tea and looking for Kalinga coffee because they claim it has a wonderful aroma and convincing taste, and believe it has also medicinal value to them", she added.

"Philippine exhibits broke the

record as the highest in sales among participants from countries half of the globe", Refalda enthusiastically said.

Described by patrons in five countries as the 'best brewed coffee in the world', Kalinga brewed coffee gained its trade mark in the global market when introduced by Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in their workplace abroad.

That was the first taste of the

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nakakaranas ng ganitong problema sa Basura, sa halip kumikita na, sana at me mga trabaho na ang karamihan sa mga tambay, diba apo CORNELIA LACSAMANA?...At usapang CITY HALL din lang naman alam nyu ba mga suki na kaya usad pagong kundi man kinakain na ng alikabok ang mga papeles na dapat maasikaso sa mga OPISINA DE GOBYERNO ay dahil na rin sa istay! ng ibang mga kawani? Kalimitan kasi na ang nababagsakan ng sisi sa mga hindi nakaka-usad na mga papeles ay ang mga Department Heads, Katulad na lamang itong mga kawani sa Accounting Office ng Department of Audit o Auditors Office sa lungsod. Kundi ko pa nakita at naka-usap mismo si GNG. ANTONIO TABIN, eh baka inabot na ng siyam siyam ang papeles na pina follow-ap ko doon. Aba eh andun lang kasi sa kanilang mesa ang papeles na halos kainin na ng alikabok eh pwede pala nila itong isumita kay apo TABIN para mapiirmahan, hindi nila ito ginawa,... O baka naman kelangan lang ng "Padulas" ha kayo diyan! Nakuu apo Ser ANTONIO TABIN itabi tabi mo na ang iba mong walang kuwentang mga tauhan! MAG-AMOY AMOY KA NA SER!

Gusto ko palang SALUDUHAN ang mga SUMALAKAY at NAGPAHINTO sa illegal na sugalan ng isang bilyaran sa panulukan ng Ferguson Road at Naguillan Road. Dahil sa eksposey na ating ginawa eh inaksiyonan agad ito ng pinagsanib na puwersa ng "Intelligence Division" at Station I ng BCPO sa pangunguna ni Inspektor DEO GARCIA ng Station I. "Kudos" po sa inyo mga ser at sana ay tularan kayo ng ibang estasyon na hangang ngayon ay nananatiling BULAG, PIPI, BINGI at MANHID!
MORE POWER MGA APO!!!

Pinupuna at Pinapansin

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your ASSES Goodbye, hi!hi!hi!hi! Hindi, siguro kailangan maging isang experyensadong political analyst para magbigay ng ganitong assessment, hindi ba mga dear readers?. Pagdating naman sa laban para Tongressman, aba eh, kapag nilaban mo si Apo Bernie the Vergara laban kay Apo Rocky (Mr. Knife) Balisong and Apo Edgar Avila, at si Apo Peter Rey (The BASURA MAN) Bautista, aba, maganda-ganda ang laban, wait and see tayo jan (ngunit baka maka round two muli si the Basura Man jan!!!), bantayan mabuti!!!
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Abangan sa susunod na isyu ng pahayagang ito mga dear readers at ating sasagutin ang mga komento ni Kagalang-galang na DOTC Regional Director Federico Mandapat sa kanyang liham na ating pinublish noong nakaraang issue ng pahayagang ito sa LG Komentaryo section.

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or title from its requirements, but acting irrelative of human traditions and jurisdiction".

"The Constitution (of the U.S.A.) guarantees, in the most explicit terms, the inviolability of conscience... Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"The framers of the Constitution recognized the eternal principle that man's relation with his God is above human legislation, and his rights of conscience inalienable. Reasoning was not necessary to establish this truth; we are conscious of it in our own bosoms. It is this consciousness which, in defiance of human laws, has sustained so many martyrs in tortures and flames. They felt that their duty to God was superior to human enactments, and that man could exercise no authority over their consciences. It is an inborn principle which nothing can eradicate."-Congressional documents (U.S.A.) serial no. 200, document no. 271."

Even the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's laws over men's laws. When the law of men contradicts the law of God, Christians are to obey God rather than men. Likewise, obedience to God's fourth commandment takes precedence over any human law mandating Sunday observance.

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Batas

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'Battle of the East and the West', because, as between him and Ricky Hatton Pacquiao publicly honored God more with his actions and statements, God has proven you wrong.

"Pacquiao is no longer just a prized fighter, no longer just the best pound for pound fighter the world has seen, but, even more important, he is a fighter who is not ashamed to glorify God and the Virgin Mother with his thoughts, words and deeds, and God has returned the compliment, as it were.

"Manny is going to soar even higher, not only in boxing but in other things as well, if he continues to give glory to God and to the Virgin Mary in whatever he thinks, says or does.

"Deuteronomy 28:1-2 of the Holy Bible says: 'If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God...'

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ESTATE OF THE LATE
Sps. MOISES AND MARILYN TIKCHAP Rep.
By: Sheldon Mark G. Tikchap
Applicant

Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-0393
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 PLAZA - FAIRVIEW and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 7, 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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 6th day of November 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

ERNESTO V. VALLEJO
Applicant

Case No:96-01-955
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate 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.

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Baguio City

ESTATE OF THE LATE
GASILANG GOYGOYEN Rep. By: Pilar G.
Miranda
Applicant

Case No: 97-BC-750
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 PLAZA - ROMANA AYSON ROAD, AVELINO EXTENSION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

Imported and Smuggled

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sured the public that farmers are finding ways to replenish the supply of vegetables, as they themselves do not want to have a shortage in supply. He, however, noted that veggie supply this December may be lesser than that of December last year.

Ananayo also stressed that Benguet vegetable traders are complaining that the influx of legally imported and smuggled vegetables in the country have further affected their plight, as Metro Manila consumers preferred the cheaper imported veggies. He explained that the volume of vegetable supply is not totally affected, though traders are wary that their vegetables products will not be immediately purchased or disposed by their outlet in Metro Manila.

Among the Benguet vegetables affected by veggie importation/smuggling are carrots, lettuce, potato, cabbage. Even the bulb onions and garlic which are also produced in the lowlands are affected.

Ananayo explained that currently there is no existing policy that gives DA the power to stop the importation. There is also nothing wrong about the importation, as long as it legal and when the government determined that it is needed, because taxes can also be collected, Ananayo said. But he admitted that it is hard to determine the exact required volume of veggies (to be imported), as there is no specific "consumption per capita" data available for vegetables unlike in rice.

He also acknowledged that it is hard to monitor smuggled goods since there are many entry points that smuggler uses and if such veggies are already mix with the local ones, there is no more way to recognize or determine if the veggies they are selling are smuggled.

On government's assistance to the farmers adversely affected by typhoon "Pepeng," Ananayo assured that it will be forthcoming as the DA and other government agencies, such as the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) are now working for possible sourcing-out of funds. As an initial step, the DA is now having consultations and workshops with their partner LGUs, to determine the favorable assistance for the farmers in their respective areas.

In relation to this, Ananayo is calling on all Benguet councilors heading the LGU Committee on Agriculture, Agriculture technician and Municipal Agriculture Officers, to take the initiative on reviewing or re-validate their listings/data on the actual damages by each affected farmers in their locality./Lito Dar/PIA

ADB Announces

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nity to share their views, take a stand and make videos that can make a difference."

There are no age restrictions for the contest. Citizens of any one of ADB's 67 member countries are eligible to participate.

Over \$10,000 worth of prizes are being offered in three categories for the best videos about climate change in Asia and the Pacific.

"Video has the power to open minds and inspire change, and I hope people across the region and the world will share their vision about how we can solve the climate crisis," said Pepe Diokno, the

22-year-old winner of the 2009 Venice International Film Festival 'Lion of the Future' award for his first feature film, Engkwentro (Clash). Mr. Diokno is one of My View's judges.

Other judges include: Lynden Barber, an internationally regarded film critic and former Artistic Director of the Sydney Film Festival; Zhu Wen, an international award-winning film director and writer from the People's Republic of China; Brillante Mendoza, the internationally acclaimed Filipino filmmaker who won this year's Cannes Film Festival Best Director award; and Jabeen Merchant, a renowned Bollywood feature films and many award winning documentaries.

Registration for the contest is easy. Applicants need only complete a short online registration form, and upload their videos to YouTube.com or Youku.com.

"This is an exciting opportunity for people from around the world to put their creativity and imagination to work," said Ms. Quon. "You don't need expensive equipment; you can even use your mobile phone.

All you really need is a passion to communicate your vision of what people and nations can do to address the climate change crisis."/MDA

No Segregation

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barangays officials should to it that strict compliance be observed to assure collection," the advisory warned.

He said the segregation and collection of recyclable and biodegradable components shall be the responsibility of the barangays and the collection of residual wastes will be done by the city through the city environment and parks management office. The collection will be done once a week based on the existing schedule.

"It is strictly prohibited for residential barangays to bring or dump their generated biodegradable and residuals to CBD, Market, National Roads and highways where collection is being done on daily basis."

Farinas directed the barangays to utilize available spaces in their areas to manage the biodegradable wastes and to avail of the services of the private junkshops in the city in selling the recyclable wastes if they have no MRFs.

Farinas said that to help in the waste reduction, the city allowed 150 waste pickers to conduct secondary sorting at the Irisan transfer station subject to conditions.

Among the conditions was that the waste pickers must produce a daily quota of 20-25 kilos of Qualified Residual Plastics (QRPs) from the station for processing by the Holcim cement plant in Bacnotan, La Union pursuant to an existing agreement between the city and the cement company.

Farinas said that this will enable the city to save P88,000 of tipping fee per month./Aileen P. Refuerzo

<p>Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City</p> <p>ALEX TAMONDONG - Vendor JOEMARIE R. ALAWIG - Vendee Applicant Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-0002</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING</p> <p>This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 7, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.</p> <p>WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 6th day of November 2009.</p> <p>(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR. Hearing Officer</p>	<p>Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City</p> <p>ESTATE OF THE LATE Sps. MOISES AND MARILYN TIKCHAP RE. By: Sheldon Mark G. Tikchaph Applicant Case No:2002-BC-288</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING</p> <p>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 PLAZA - GUIADAD and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 7, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.</p> <p>WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 6th day of November 2009.</p> <p>(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR. Hearing Officer</p>
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office table with a telephone connected to nowhere.

High profile cases abroad illustrate how "snitchers" curb corporate graft or government crimes. FBI's Mark Felt as "Deep Throat" leaked the Watergate scandal to the Washington Post, ultimately forcing US President Richard Nixon to quit.

Some blow the whistle alone, others as part of their jobs. The Constitution's prohibition of prior restraint and censorship make the press a chartered whistleblower. Inquirer columnist Solita Monsod has ripped apart corruption studding Taipan Lucio Tan's firms.

Many countries recognize the societal value of whistleblowers. They adopt laws to ensure that whistleblowers have institutional protection against retaliation. Thus, South Africa has a Protected Disclosure Law. The US Labor Department safeguards, by federal law, those who expose malfeasance. Individual states like Illinois have "whistleblower" ordinances.

Protection of whistleblowers here from retaliation is spotty. Filipinos shy away from confrontations. "Don't get involved for peace of mind" is the counsel often peddled. But "every failure to recover proceeds of corruption," the Durham Statement warns, "feeds its growth."

There've been some notable—and welcome—exceptions. Equitable Bank's Clarissa Ocampo revealed President Joseph Estrada signed as "Jose Velarde" a multi million "guarantee," for crony William Gatchalian. People Power 2 backed Ocampo.

The Philippines needs "an explicit policy that will govern whistle blowing," the AIM study asserts. The President, First Gentleman and cronies are scot-free in the ZTE scam. When whistleblowers end up as the accused, it's time to ask if today's policy is to canonize crooks as accusers./J.L.Mercao

City to Pursue**..... from page 2**

John Hay MRF, Farinas said he had proposed a linkage with the CJHMC and if approved, the city could pursue a technology being used in Boracay.

For the smaller MRF sited located in some barangays, he said the city could adopt methods observed in MRFs located in Quezon City which they also inspected along with the Cavite facility.

He said he also requested the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources to help the city by facilitating the needed permits and documents needed for the establishment of these facilities.

He said guidelines on the operation of these MRFs will be also adopted by the city government soon./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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"However, as in the cases of Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada, Sandra Cam, Michaelangelo Zuce and many others who have come forward and disclosed what they know of wrongdoing in the government, Congress remains powerless to provide them protection," he said.

Under the proposed measure, the Senate or House can promulgate their own rules in implementing their respective Witness Protection, Security and Benefits Program for qualified witnesses.

The other measure, the proposed Whistleblowers Act, sets up a reward system for those who will step forward and expose graft and corruption in government.

The highest reward is P5 million if the testimony of the whistleblower involves a public official with a salary grade of 33. The reward ranges from P50,000 to P5 million, depending on the salary grade of the official involved, which is from SG 1 to 33.

"All forms of graft and corruption punishable under our laws are included in this measure," Escudero said.

Also, whistleblowers can come from the public and private sectors for as long as their disclosure proves to be necessary in the prosecution of the criminal offense of graft and corruption.

Escudero said under the bill, the Office of the Ombudsman shall institute a "Whistleblower's Program" in order to carry out the spirit of the law.

"Aside from the reward, the whistleblower will be entitled to several other benefits such as protection and security. They shall be protected from retaliatory acts in connection to their disclosures from their employers and a whole gamut of other benefits under the law," he said.

The senator said these two measures are principally aimed at curbing graft and corruption in government and punish those responsible, although it also allows for a much wider application./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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predicaments that hounded previous elections.

Smartmatic - TIM, Presentation and Demonstration Specialist Gaye Cabalo educated the participants on the election automation process and gave a demonstration regarding the use and the capability of the automated voting machine or the Precinct Count Optical System (PCOS) machine.

Cabalo explained that the automated election, through the use of PCOS machines, is a paper-based automated election system, which will provide a "no human intervention ballot counting." She also assured the public that voting using the PCOS would be very simple or easy, as they will only undergo the usual voting process, then shade (by the use of markers) the oval opposite the candidates on their ballot, insert their ballot to the machine if they are done and then go again to the usual

voting process.

Smartmatic-TIM and the COMELEC have already proof-tested the machines, Cabalo assured adding that all the security measures under manual election system are still applicable and security is further strengthened through automation, by the use of passwords, Personal Identification Numbers (PIN), digital signature and encryption.

Cabalo urged the voting public to go out and exercise their right vote as she reiterated that voting using the PCOS machine would be very simple and easy. She also advised the voting public to be vigilant as automation cannot address the problem of vote-buying and election violence as these are caused by human interventions.

In a statement, Velasco also assured that the COMELEC is all set for the implementation of the 2010 automated polls and that they are expecting the full delivery of the 82,136 PCOS machines by February 2010.

Velasco also assured that power interruptions would not be a problem as the machines include a battery pack, which could last up to 16 hours. Also included in the total number of machines to be delivered are 2,000 spare units, which will also be distributed or positioned nationwide, especially, on possible (voting) risk areas, he said./Lito Dar/PIA

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aimed at providing an alternative pathway of learning for OSY and adults who are basically literate but who have not completed the 10 years of basic education as mandated by the constitution. Through this program, school dropouts are able to complete elementary and high school education outside the formal school system./Lito Dar/PIA

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new product and it spread to small coffee shops also managed by OFWs particularly in Hongkong, Singapore and the Middle East. "Kalinga Brew will be introduced in Thailand and Australia next year", Refalda said.

Meanwhile, DOST Provincial Officer Alfonso Berto said their office provided Antuza this year a zero-interest loan for a new coffee processing equipment procured last October worth P910,000.00.

The overseas merchant caravan was organized and financed by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM) of DTI.

Under the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area, trade opportunities were opened for the Philippines and other ASEAN countries in agriculture, infrastructure, and tourism.

The 6th China-ASEAN Expo serves as a testament in celebrating friendship and cooperation between China and the Philippines towards shared growth and development. /Peter A. Balocnit/ PIA-Kalinga

COMELEC Briefs Baguio Voters, Media On Election Automation

BAGUIOCITY— The Commission on Election (COMELEC) and Smartmatic-TIM, conducted voters education on election automation in the city last week.

The first session was conducted morning of November 9 at the Saint Louis University (SLU) Burgos gymnasium in coordination with various organizations and departments.

In the afternoon, the COMELEC and

Smartmatic-TIM also provided the same briefing and orientation on the members of the local media, which was also aired live over DZEQ – Radyo ng Bayan Baguio.

In the SLU briefing, COMELEC Commissioner Armando Velasco gave a briefing and updates regarding the May 2010 election, which include important amendments on the country's Omnibus Election Code,

COMELEC resolutions, election statistics and election schedule of activities.

According to Velasco, there are already 44 million registered voters nationwide and that they are expecting the number to reach 47 million, once the voters list is finalized before the end of November. Velasco also stressed optimism that with the election automation and with the help or active participation of the public, the Filipinos could overcome

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DepEd-CAR invites Education Service Provider on ALS Contracting Scheme Program

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Education (DepED-CAR) is inviting all interested Education Service Providers for the implementation of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Unified Contracting Scheme Programs to Out-of-school youth (OSY) in all seven school divisions in the region.

According to DepED-CAR ALS chief Gloria Felipe, the Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS), implements two major non-formal education programs namely, Basic Literacy Program (BLP) and the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E). In order to standardize program operations and ensure increase participation, efficiency and effective-

ness of program delivery, there is now a consolidation of the funds as well as unification of the guidelines for service contracting, regarding the implementation of the two programs.

In relation to this, DepEd is inviting service provider, which may either be a private organization, private/state university, college or government organization. Qualifications of service provider are found in the enclosures of DepED Memo No. 443, series of 2007, which may be secured at each Division Office or at the DepED Regional Office in Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Felipe explained that a service provider for the said ALS programs will be paid P100,000 for each class of 100 OSYs or older people. For the School Division of

Abra, eight classes are open for the said contracting scheme, two classes each in Apayao and Baguio City, four each in Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mt. Province.

Felipe advised interested education service provider to submit their proposal the soonest possible time, as there will be a training- workshop that will be conducted for them at the Regional Office Conference Hall on December 1-4, 2009. The next batch of classes will start in January 2010.

The BALS- BLP is a program aimed at eradicating illiteracy among out-of-school-youth (OSY) and adults by developing basic literacy skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

Meantime, the A&E is a program

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Police and the military are covered by EC law

An advisory was issued recently by the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) in response to complaints from the employees of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) arising from the non- acceptance by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) of their employees' compensation claims solely on the absence of GSIS Insurance policy numbers.

The ECC declared that despite the exclusion of soldiers and policemen from coverage under the Government Service Insurance Act of 1997 (Republic Act No. 8291), they are still covered by the Employees' Compen-

sation Law (PD 626, as amended). The ECC pointed to Article 168 of the law which clearly provides that coverage in the State Insurance Fund is compulsory to all employees and their employees not over 60 years old.

Article 167 (g1) of PD 626, as amended, provides that the term "employee" includes members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The Philippine National Police at the time of effectivity of PD 626 on January 1, 1975 was one of the major services of the AFP. The defunct Philippine Constabulary- Integrated National Police (PC-INP) was the predecessor of the PNP.

In addition, Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure for the Filing and Disposition of Employees' Compen-

sation Claims does not require a GSIS policy number.

Coverage under the Employees' Compensation Program entitles a worker or his dependents to income, medical, rehabilitation, as well as death benefits once a covered employee suffers from a work-related

sickness, injury, disability or death./ PIA

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