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

Guidelines on Bingo Socials Issued

TRAFFIC MESS - As tyhoon "Dindo" unleashes rains the motorists were forced to slow down to avoid flooded potholes created by roads under construction creating more traffic mess in the city. Mayor Mauricio Domogan earlier warned road contractors to strictly follow the deadline of project contract schedules or face sanctions/blacklisted by the city government.— By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – Bingo social activities must be covered by a barangay resolution and a project proposal detailing where the proceeds would go and the duration must not exceed 15 days.

Thus were among the guidelines issued by Mayor Mauricio Domogan to keep bingo social activities in line and prevent abuse of the Court of Appeals decision upholding the legality of such activities.

The mayor in his Administrative Order No. 79 series of 2012 said, "There is a need to come out with the appropriate guidelines in order to prevent bingo social organizers from using the fund-raising activities as guise for gambling activities and defeat the purpose of the Local Government Code n relation to the conduct of barangay fund-raising activities."

He said the city government has received numerous verbal and written complaints that the supposed bingo social activities sponsored by the barangays are being converted into gambling dens at night until the wee hours of the morning. He said there were also complains that these activities are becoming public nuisance.

During last Wednesday's Ugnayang Panlungsod press briefing, the mayor disclosed Cont. on page 10

Guidelines on Bingo Socials, ang dami ninyong kiao-kiao!!! AGA AMO TAYON. Basahin lang ang PD 1602 the Anti Gambling Law.

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Mayor Assures Remedial Measures at Dumpsite for Rainy Season

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday assured that remedial measures are in place at the Irisan dumpsite to prevent another trash slide with the onset of the typhoon season.

The mayor said that concerned offices undertook clearing of water passageways and drainage canals around the site to prevent any water buildup and safeguard the remaining inert wastes still deposited in the area.

He said covering the inert wastes to prevent water from seeping in will also be undertaken along with other safety measures to ensure that the wastes will not cascade.

The mayor said other safety be instituted by the city engineering office and the city building and architecture office while the city is waiting for the completion of the documentary requirements preparatory to the implementation of the restoration work for the collapsed retaining wall to be funded by the P80 million approved by Malacanang recently through the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

He said the city is currently completing the procedural and documentary requirements with the DPWH and will be ready to award the project to a qualified contractor once the process has been completed.

He said the city's Bids and Awards Committee decided to employ the fastest means allowed by law to award the project so that it will be implemented and completed soon./A Refuerzo

City Officials Focus on Equal Access to the Urban Space

City officials spent most of last Monday discussing equal access to the urban landscape, not only for car owners but for the carless.

City officials began workday Monday with a breakfast meeting focusing on the constriction of the city's inherently narrow barangay roads by car and jeepney owners who use these as on-street parking areas.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said he will take up with barangay captains the need for their grassroots councils to designate vacant lots as vehicle parking areas and to clear streets and alleys of these overnight or even day obstructions.

He noted that even some road expansion projects end up as vehicle parking areas, thereby defeating their original purpose of unclogging traffic snarls.

The increasing number of vehicles availing of on-street parking also appears to render ineffective the requirement of the Land Transportation Office for vehicle owners to submit photographs of their units parked in their private garages as a condition for their units' registration.

Vehicle clogging of passageways prove costly during emergencies. A case in point was an after-operation report of the Baguio fire station which said that its response to a residential fire at Gibraltar Barangay last year was blocked by vehicles obstructing the narrow road.

Over at the city council, the body denied a request of Honeymoon-Holy Ghost Barangay to construct a satellite market along the widened portion of Holy Ghost Road.

The local legislature, on the other hand, is keen on approving a proposed ordinance of vice-mayor Daniel Farinas regulating the conduct of street parades and motorcades that worsen

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Gender Sensitivity is a Two-Way Affair - Alangsab

Why not also launch an annual search for Baguio's outstanding father?

City councilor Joel Alangsab told the city council last Monday that the city should adopt an award program honoring fathers, side-by-side with – or in the aftermath of - the already existing but not fully implemented search for Baguio's outstanding mother.

To be gender-sensitive, he said.

His proposal came at the end of discussions to strengthen Ordinance 14, passed in 2007, which mandates the city to annually search for the city's model of motherhood.

If any of the other city councilors agreed with Alangsab's view, no one said so.

What was clear was the body agreed to ask city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan to appear before the local legislature and recommend guidelines in the conduct of the "Annual Search for the Most Outstanding Mother in the City of Baguio", and ordinance introduced by then city councilor Faustino Olowan.

In an amendatory ordinance up for second reading, councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, an advocate of women's rights and gender sensitivity, called for the drafting of the guidelines by the city social welfare officer.

Tabanda said that instead of the search being conducted in March to coincide with International Women's Day as provided for in the original ordinance, it would be more fitting to have it in May, to coincide with Mother's Day, which is observed on its second Sunday.

"Motherhood as a gift and as a responsibility entails extraordinary strength and heart especially in nurturing and maintaining a family where members especially children first learn how to be responsible and productive citizens of the land," read the explanatory note of Ordinance 14-2007.

"A fitting tribute is but proper in due recognition of the remarkable role of women as mothers or housewives, as family builders, being looked up to as the light and guide of every Filipino family," the explanatory note added.

The city council

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Public School Teacher, Teacher's Husband In Search of Samaritans

However they try, two seriously ill patients could no longer cope with the all-too-glaring mismatch between income and medical insurance on one hand and the costs of battling serious illness on the other.

So 42-year old Elenita Soriano, diagnosed for cancer last April, and 52-year old Manuel Boaging, suffering from total kidney failure since last year, asked, through relatives, that their cases be written about, so Samaritans out there would know and respond.

Writing about their afflictions can be intrusive, as it means delving into their personal circumstances. Still, they know these have to be told for Samaritans to be able to relate to them.

Soriano, solo parent of four and a teacher at the Rizal Elementary School here, is afflicted with thyroid cancer that has already affected her pelvic bone. She is into a 30-day radiotherapy session in Dagupan city as such treatment is not available in Baguio. The medical certificate issued last May also recommended complete thyroidectomy (surgical removal of the thyroid gland) and radioactive iodine ablation (dose of radioactive iodine).

She has been singlehandedly raising her four kids since in 2008, the year her husband left home.

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Barangays Urged to Address Parking Problem

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday urged barangay officials to address the problem on parking along barangay roads by allotting available lots within their jurisdiction as a common parking space for lease to vehicle-owning residents.

"I encourage the barangays to look for empty lots and designate the same as common parking spaces where vehicle owners can park for a fee. This could solve the parking problem and at the same time become a revenue source for the barangays," the mayor said.

He said the barangays could follow the lead of Pinsao Pilot and other barangays which designated a vacant lot as parking space for its residents saying the system has really worked for these barangays.

The mayor however asked residents with available spaces in their residences to prioritize the parking of their own vehicles within their properties to avoid adding to the problem.

But for those who really have no option for parking, the common parking area will be the best remedy, he said.

He said barangay roads along with city and national roads must be cleared of parked vehicles as they are often used as alternate routes when main roads are saturated especially during rush hours.

The rampant parking along barangay roads has been blamed for traffic congestions and delay in the delivery of services like during garbage collection schedules and emergency situations like fire incidents./A Refuerzo

BAGUIO'S NEW PROSECUTOR - Atty. Josie T. Cerna-Peralta, a former city hall employee who rose from the ranks and passed the bar exams this year, takes her oath of office as Associate Prosecution Attorney II before Regional Prosecutor and OIC NBI Director Nonnatus Caesar R. Rojas at NBI main office in Manila last June 25. Witnessing the oath taking ceremony are Deputy City Prosecutor and OIC City Prosecutor of Baguio City Gloria Caranto-Agunos and Senior Administrative Assistant I Christie D.V. Napenas./BC pio-cmo photo release

Parking Prohibition Along Bokawkan Road Approved

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved on third and final reading an ordinance prohibiting parking along Bokawkan Road from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The parking ban will cover all types of vehicles including government-owned ones on any portion of the road or sidewalk of the road now known as Buhagan Road.

Authored by Councilor Richard Carino, the measure will mete violators with a P1,000 fine.

Unattended vehicles left on the road or sidewalk shall be towed away or their plates removed.

"Buhagan Road is a major thoroughfare connecting the Central Business District and several barangays in the City. It has been observed that vehicular traffic is impeded especially during daytime because of several vehicles, private and public, parked along the stretch of the road," Carino noted.

"Invoking the city government's police power and the general welfare clause provided for under the Local Government Code, there is a need to regulate the flow of traffic in the said area."/A Refuerzo

Expedite Project Implementation — Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday directed concerned offices to expedite all pending projects of the city government to avoid any technicality that may result to the voiding of the budget earmarked for these projects.

The mayor, during the department heads' meeting, authorized city engineer Leo Bernardez and city buildings and architecture officer Oscar Flores to hire additional engineering aides to complete the program of work requirements for all the pending projects.

He said the city needs to speed up the implementation of both old and new projects in face of the looming "zero budgeting policy" that calls for the reversion of funds allotted for projects that remained unimplemented at the end of the year, as reported during the meeting by Councilor Philian Louise Weygan-Allan.

The mayor said the city has numerous project backlogs since 2009 due to delays in the previous administration's budget approval. He said the city has been working to complete the old projects and this has been causing delay in the new ones scheduled for the current year.

He said the hiring of additional personnel will help speed up the completion of requirements so that the funds for the new projects can be obligated as soon as possible.

The city has seven major and 100 miscellaneous projects lined up for implementation this year while several projects budgeted from 2009 to 2011 are also awaiting prosecution.

These projects are funded either from the 20 percent Local Development Fund, the capital outlay or from the Priority Development Assistance Fund of Rep. Bernardo Vergara as co-financed by the city./A Refuerzo

City Supports Plan for Baguio Conservation as National Asset; Dad Seeks City Involvement in Planning

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved a resolution supporting President Aquino's order for the drawing up of a comprehensive environment zoning plan for the conservation of the city along with Boracay as national assets.

In a resolution proposed by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, the body welcomed the President's move that seeks to bring back the city's old rustic charm.

However, the city government must be involved in the said plan, according to Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. who in a proposed resolution asked the President to include the city government of Baguio and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in the inter-agency body created to map our said plan.

"The city government as the primary stakeholder must be involved to make certain local grassroot participation to whatever environmental plan conceived, including the enactment, ratification or implementation of necessary support local ordinances, resolutions, development programs and projects," Cosalan noted.

He said the plan "is a direct intervention into the local development plan that must be in coordination with the city government to ensure that it conforms to the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) currently being updated."

He said the NCIP must also be involved due to the presence of ancestral land claims over environmentally critical lands like forest, watershed, aquifers and parks of ecological importance, recognized by the government through the NCIP and are either issued Certificate of Ancestral Domain/Land Titles (CADT/CALT) pursuant to R. A. 8371 also known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act."

"Involving the indigenous peoples and ancestral land owners in the formulation of an environment plan for the City of Baguio would facilitate the preparation of the said plan and ensuring the proper implementation of the same through the partnership of the concerned National Line Agencies, the Local Government of Baguio and other stakeholders particularly the CADT/CALT possessors," he said.

The President issued a memorandum on March 27, 2012 directing the Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse M. Robredo, Department of Environment and natural Resources Secretary Ramon Jesus P. Paje, Department of Tourism Secretary Ramon R. Jimenez and Department of Justice Secretary Leila M. De Lima to draw a comprehensive environment zoning plan for the conservation of Baguio City and Boracay as National Assets./A Refuerzo

Rare Prism

Who of the kids will die? Who will get a more-than-even chance to achieve full lives? "Seventy is the sum of our years, eighty if we are strong," the Psalmist writes. More important, how do we ensure that, in the future, youngsters need no longer slump into premature graves?

Today's headlines and evening news bulletins swirl around Erap getting fed up with Senator 'Koko" Pimentel's reluctance play ball with opposition, Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim's word brawl with Vice Mayor Francisco Damagoso to Abu Sayyaf kidnapping of a Jordinian journalist.

In contrast, a barely-noticed conference in Cebu City mid-June analyzed "Early Life Determinants of Health and Well Being'. Organized by the Consortium of Health Orientated Research in Transitioning Societies, the meeting examined child-health issues with a rare international prism: studies that tracked children across generations.

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"Longitudinal analysis" is rare. Countries assembled, under the Consortium's umbrella, are from the Philippines, Brazil, India, South Africa and Guatemala. These five have on-going birth cohort studies that cover close to 11,000 individuals. All had "at least 15 years or more of follow up."

Brazil failed to track 17 percent of infants, studied by Universidad Federal de Pelotas, into adulthood. In contrast, the Cebu Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Survey (CLHNS), at University of San Carlos, lost contact with only one percent of 3080 mothers and infants, from 243 barangays, it first examined in 1983.

"Cebu study findings shaped the first World Bank health financing strategy," University of North Carolina Barry Popkin wrote. Cebu research was "instrumental" in Unicef policy on breast-milk substitutes and Asian Development programs on early child development. A Harvard University team used CLHNS for analysis of two long-term vaccination programs.

Over the last 28 years, USC's Office of Population Studies (OPS) conducted seven follow-up surveys. CLNHS data anchor 125 international and national research projects. They range from pre-birth malnutrition's effect on blood pressure and early onset of menstruation to parental and peer pressure on young adult sexual behavior.

Yesterday's Cebu infants are today's adults. Some are parents and hold down jobs. There are school dropouts. A number have died and 136 moved out. One is an OFW worker in Iceland.

These life-changes are mirrored in the analysis. In CLHNS' early years, focus was on infant feeding, birth spacing to nutritional status. In the 1990s, attention shifted to childhood stunting and entry-into-school development. As kids emerged into young adults, the spotlight turned to "early life factors that predict schooling and academic achievement."

CLHNS mothers were followed to learn about their long term patterns of health, birth spacing to diet and work patterns, noted the "International Journal of Epidemology". CLHNS is "one of the few sources for long analysis of intimate partner violence…and consequences for women and young adults".

In 2011, San Carlos completed it's examination of new pregnancies and birth outcomes among those who were once 1983 infants. This "makes CLHNS a three generation study."

Linda Adair of North Carolina University and Judith Borja of San Carlos OPS presented findings on breastfeeding in 17 urban barangays and 16 rural villages. Breastfeeding had declined. As an alternative, mothers fed their babies milk formulas. Others used diluted condensed milk. Diarrhea was related to babies who were fed substitute milk, they found. Four in ten of babies who were not breastfed, and lived in poor conditions, proved vulnerable to diseases.

Cesar Victoria of Brazil cobbled the Consortium into it's present structure. "The bottom line" for decisive intervention in form is in the first 24 months of the child's life. "Act here," he urged. Dividends in the child's health dwindle in the later months. "Maternal and child under nutrition have adverse consequences for adult and health capital."

Some of the fallout emerge from comparison of data. Malnourished pregnant mothers result in "stunting, lower attained schooling, reduced adult income" and wizened "underweight offspring."

"Children who are undernourished in early life, and then gain weight rapidly after infancy, are at high risk of chronic disease, "Linda Richter from South Africa. University Cont. on page 10

1st-APLUMA!

KABUHAYAN 101- Sari-Saring Food Products

By: Ismael Amigo Sr

Sadya, sandamakmak pa ang mga food products na maaring gawing pangkabuhayan sa metropolis o kahit saan mang mataong lugar gaya ng mga malls, palengke atbp.

Nariyan na ang siomai, lahat ng uri ng balls, mga kakanin atbp ngunit madami pang iba.

Ayaw ko sanang sulatin ito baka magalit sa akin ang aking butihing may bahay na isang Nutritionist-Dietitian.

Ngunit, datapwat, gayunpaman bibigyan ko pa rin kayo dear readers ng hint o ideya na puwede niyo rin pong gawing pangkabuhayan na galing nga sa namasdan ko sa aking maybahay kahapon bago namanghali.

Pauna ko pong sasabihin sa inyo na akoy kanyang "official taster" lamang sa kanyang mga inihahain sa amin ng aking mga anak kung siya po ay may oras gumawa o magluto ng ulam, pastries atbp.

Kahapon, sa isang iglap hayan patitikimin na tayo ng isa sa kanyang mga tinaguriang "masterpieces."

Egg tart ang sa iglap ay may luto na mula sa oven kalakip ang masarap na simoy ng hangin.

Ang bunso ko na si Athena Nayomi na first year high school sa Sto. Tomas Academy dito sa amin sa Sto. Tomas, Batangas, ang siyang naghatid sa akin ng isang piraso para sa "official tasting."

Ngunit siyempre, katulong din ng asawa kong si Bobitte ang isa ko pang anak na nag-aaral sa UST na si Astrid Niana ang katulong niya sa paglatag ng mga "crust" sa baking pan habang si Manang "The Coal Mine" Mina naman ang taga-salang sa oven.

"Gandahan niyo mga anak, dapat walang butas ang mga crust," naulinigan kong habilin niya sa mga ito at "Manang dapat fifteen (15) minutes lang ang mga iyan sa oven ha." "Orasan mo."

"Kapag nagkulay brown na ang ibabaw okay na ang mga iyan," dagdag pa niya.

Gaya ng ating nasabi parang sa isang iglap lang ay may finished product na siya ng aming tinatawag na "Egg Tart!"

Sadya, egg tart po ang mga ito't mga cute at maliliit lamang po silang klase ng egg pie na ating nakasanayan at hinihiwa ng parang sa pizza pie, 1/8 triangular slices.

Alam niyo ba na ang isa sa mga ito sa medyo high-end na bakery sa may gilid ng Market-Market sa bandang stop-light sa tawiran patungong Serendra at Boni Highstreet ay benebenta ang mga ito sa halagang P36 ang isa?

Opo, medyo may kamahalan. Mahal din kasi seguro ang upa nila sa puwesto.

Try niyo pong bumili ng kahit isa lang kung magagawi kayo ron upang malaman niyo ang lasa ng ating paksa sa araw na ito.

Ngunit siyempre naman sasabihin kong mas masarap pa riyan ang gawa ng misis ko baka mapagalitan tayo.

Ang pinupunto po ng inyong lingkod ay hindi ang galing ng aking butihing asawa sa baking o maging sa cooking kundi sa akin pong namasdan ay maari niyo po itong maging uri ng isang kabuhayan. Cont. on page 10

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Justice Carpio as CJ

By: Jesus Dureza

JUSTICE CARPIO — There's a guy who's been silent but had shown all these years his independence of mind and judicial fortitude.

Justice Antonio Carpio was even bypassed in the past. But he kept his quiet dignity. It's not because he is a Davaoeño that I am rooting for him. But he deserves to be seriously considered Chief Justice, as he is the most senior Supreme Court justice now. He knows the ills of the judiciary and by being an insider; he is in the best position to deal with the internal dynamics and the imperatives. If indeed there is a need to do some reforms in the judiciary, let this be done by the judiciary itself. The constitutional fiction of departmental independence, co -equalness and separation will be better served that way. Appointing the most senior and seating insider who kept his nose above the political fray in the previous administration will be best.

In fact, Justice Carpio was a consistent dissenter in his decisions during the GMA administration although he was appointed to the Supreme Court by former President Arroyo herself. Returning to the time-honored and tested seniority rule in the highest tribunal will further insulate it from the undignified circus that goes with the scramble for the post every time a vacancy exists. This is that we are seeing today. And what we saw in the past. Let's not perpetuate an aberration.

If indeed President PNoy's move is to reform the judiciary and make it truly independent, he must, first and foremost, make it independent from him. Choosing known loyalists will make a mockery of his publicly avowed reforms and will confirm criticisms that he got CJ Corona removed because he wanted to have full control of the Supreme Court. Appointing Justice Carpio will be solomonic.That's my unsolicited advice, Mr. President. (Ooops, I forgot I'm no longer presidential adviser!)

PACMAN TIDBITS: With the WBO finding Pacman the true winner, if I were Bradley, I'll also return the title. But Pacman publicly said he would reject it and would rather retake it in the rematch. The problem is with the money that changed hands in the betting. Will the winning bettors return? I doubt it. That's where the real problem lies.

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A Facebook friend, Davaoeña US resident Choda Cuevo commented re Pacman-Bradley issue: "It's not about MANNY. It's all about MONEY!"

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My friend, Col Art Evangelista, PNP officer commented that it looks like a conspiracy because big money promoters in the boxing world are now grooming Bradley due to Pacman's rumored early retirement. So launching a new moneymaking machine, huh? Not cool!

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CHINA RULES —I'm halfway reading Martin Jacques' book WHEN CHINA RULES THE WORLD. It predicts that by 2025, China's economy will outrun all others (Japan, EU etc.) and will be a close second to the United States. But by 2050, China will be way ahead with her economy doubly bigger than the US. India will be close behind while Indonesia will be a major player. All of today's advanced countries will lag behind. Watch out!

BIG POPULATION –Don't we all notice that the bigger the population, the best chance there is to grow economically big? China, India, Indonesia are examples. The countries that have lesser population growth like those in Europe will eventually fall by the wayside. So what's all this hoopla about population control? All we need to do is put our acts together, not to cut down on birth, but on responding to the needs of more people being born.

Filipinos are good anywhere in the world. Let's not worry about multiplying like rabbits or about our ballooning population. In fact, we should have more of our kind to populate the Earth and not unduly interfere with God's wonder of creation.

The big question is: Are we preparing ourselves to deal with this?

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STEM CELL THERAPY — I'm also reading another book "THE STEM CELL HOPE" I picked up from the National bookstore. It tells about how stem cell medicine can change our lives. Fresh stem cell treatment is a simple procedure where stem cells extracted from newborn baby's umbilical Cont. on page 10

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

JBC Row May Justify SCJustices' Ouster

By: Batas Mauricio

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "… maintain justice in the courts…" (Amos 5:15, the Holy Bible).

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VINDICATION ON JBC MEMBERSHIP: I thank God, in the name of Jesus, that former Solicitor General Francisco Chavez is filing a petition to question the constitutionality of a Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) which includes two representatives from Congress—one from the House of Representatives and one from the Senate—considering the provision of the 1987 Constitution which says only "a representative from Congress" must sit at the JBC.

This is a question that I first raised in this very column about a year or two ago, on account of an interview I had with former Associate Justice Leonardo Quisumbing, long before Chavez and other legal luminaries started talking about it. Modesty aside, I now feel that what is happening is a vindication from God, that something that I wrote about here is to be resolved with finality by the high tribunal.

Come to think of it, however, this JBC controversy may yet provide President Aquino a compelling excuse and irresistible justification to ask all the sitting justices of the Supreme Court, who were appointed under an illegal JBC with two representatives from Congress, to resign *en masse*, on the ground that their appointments did not follow the Constitution, were unconstitutional, and thus are not at all valid.

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JBC ROW MAY JUSTIFY PNOY SEEKING RESIGNATION OF SC JUSTICES: Why am I saying this? Simple. The 1987 Constitution provides: "A Judicial and Bar Council is hereby created under the supervision of the Supreme Court composed of the Chief Justice… the Secretary of Justice, and a representative of the Congress… a representative of the Integrated Bar, a professor of law, a retired member of the Supreme Court and a representative of the private sector."

This provision can be found under Section 8 (1), Art. VIII of the Charter, and the part which is important here is the phrase "and a representative of the Congress". Surely, this means that only one representative from Congress is to sit at the JBC, no more, no less. Any deviation from this Constitutional provision, as what is happening now, would render the JBC composition violative of the Constitution.

With a composition that violates the Constitution, anything that the JBC did, is doing, or will do, would be unconstitutional. And since everything that an illegal and unconstitutional JBC had done, is doing, or will do, would be violative of the Constitution, any and all of the recommendations or nominations it earlier submitted to the President, while two congressional representatives were sitting as its members, would likewise be null and void.

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ALL APPOINTMENTS TO THE JUDICIARY WITH AN ILLEGAL JBC ARE NULL AND VOID: When did this "phenomenon" start to happen—I mean, when did the JBC start having two representatives of Congress sitting together? Reports are saying it started in 2001, when Hilario Davide was the Chief Justice.

Quite clearly, therefore, all appointments to the Supreme Court, and even in the entire judicial branch of government, which passed through the screening of the illegally-constituted JBC, from 2001 up to now, are all null and void.

With a null and void appointment, Cont. on page 9

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Mayor Cites Outgoing City Treasurer

BAGUIO CITY – A month to her retirement, city treasurer Thelma Manaois has been cited by Mayor Mauricio Domogan as a "cheerful, dynamic and compassionate leader."

Manaois served notice of her upcoming retirement on July 23, her 65th birthday at which time, she said, "I shall have served the city government exactly 39 years, seven months and 22 days."

"Our consolidated words of gratitude cannot fully compensate (for) the invaluable service that you have rendered the people of Baguio over the past four decades, thus, we are happy that you will be able to enjoy private life and sad at the same time because we will be missing a cheerful, dynamic and compassionate leader," the mayor wrote Manaois.

"We will always be behind you in whatever endeavor you will undertake upon leaving public service with our hope and prayers that you will continue to be the Ms. Manaois we know."

Domogan endorsed Manaois' appointment as city treasurer in 1999.

"The annual budget of the city at that time was P425 million and has consistently gone uphill to P1.168 billion during my incumbency," Manaois recalled.

"My proper direction and guidance coupled by the unrelenting work attitudes of my staff helped me make a big turnaround in the city treasury service elevating its performance to greater heights, a place where it rightfully belongs," Manaois said.

Manaois recommended assistant city treasurer Alicia Onosa to take charge of the office after her retirement until the appointment of a permanent treasurer.

"Having served in this office for (almost 36 years), (Onosa) has a well-rounded knowledge of the workflow and operations of the office," she said./A Refuerzo

PDEA to Open Field Team Office in Kalinga

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - In an effort to curb the proliferation of illegal drugs in the province, a field office of the Philippine Drugs Enforcement Authority (PDEA) shall be established here.

Tabuk City Mayor Ferdinand B. Tubban disclosed that Cordillera Police Regional Director Benjamin Magalong has approved the request of the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) for the assignment of PDEA field team to Kalinga and has ordered the assignment of PDEA field team to be based in the city.

Gov. Jocel C. Baac, who is the PPOC Chairman, said the PDEA team shall closely work with the entire peace authority of the province to rid Kalinga from illegal drugs, which is a priority program of his administra-

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PNP Ladies Club Distributes School Supplies, Chairs in Ifugao

HINGYON, Ifugao — The Ladies Club of the Police Regional Office-Cordillera Region distributed 100 school bags and donated 60 arm chairs to school children in Bangtinon Elementary School in Barangay Bangtinon, a depressed barangay here.

Another 250 bags with school supplies were distributed to children in Baguinge Elementary School in Kiangan town.

Mrs. Arlyn Magalong, wife of Cordillera Police Regional Director PCSupt. Benjamin Magalong, and the Club Coordinator, said this activity is part of their outreach program to help school children especially in far flung barangays in the region. "We had been going around the different provinces in the Cordillera to distribute these things as our way of helping parents so that they will no longer be hard up in buying the said supplies for their kids," she said.

Barangay Captain Martin Palguitang Sr. thanked the PNP ladies club for the help they extended to the children adding that their visit to this barangay is an indication that there are still people who cares for the welfare of their fellowmen who are in need.

Moreover, Schools Division Superintendent Estella Carino, District Supervisor Anthony Galangi and School head Janeline Abella were very grateful for the said donations which they believe will inspire the children to do their best in their studies.

On the other hand, parents Mary Bangaona, 29 and Myrna Licubon, 34, said that they are glad and grateful for the said assistance which they consider as a blessing since it is a big help to them as they need not spend for school bags of their children . PI Jeffrey Vicente, the Chief of Police here said that activities like this will create a closer relationship between the people and the PNP.

Aside from the Brigada Eskwela which the PNP participates annually, our constant interaction with the schools and the community will make the people feel that we are not only peace keeping officers but we are their partners in responding to their economic situation, Vicente said./JDP/VDB- PIA-CAR,Ifugao

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

FRANCISCO P. LAVARIAS - Vendor
BENJIE P. LAVARIAS- Vendee
Applicants

Case No:98-BC-0574/2012-CAR-550

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an for application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM - AWAN via QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 27th day of June 2012.

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

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

BRUCE B. GOMGOM - O
Applicants

Case:2012-CAR-526

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK - for- Hire (TH) Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT OF LUZON and Vice Versa with the use of two (2) Units.

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

FRANCISCO P. LAVARIAS - Vendor
BENEDICT P. LAVARIAS- Vendee
Applicants

Case No:2002-CAR-098/2012-CAR-528

NOTICE OF HEARING

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RODRIGO B. LUIS - Vendor
JOCELYN A. PANAYO - Vendee
Applicants

Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-2081/2012-CAR-544

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an for application for Sale and Transfer with Extention of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of 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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AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ELEAZAR AKIA
Applicants
Case:2006-CAR-238

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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Baguio City

EMILIA PICART
Applicants
Case:99-01-544

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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Cordillera Administrative Region
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EMILIA PICART
Applicants
Case:99-01-543

NOTICE OF HEARING

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ALBERT CARAME, JR.
Applicants
Case:2007-CAR-372

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extensionh of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: SITIO LAMTANG / IRISAN - CORNER PUGUIS ROAD (BRGY. LONGLONG) JUNCTION via Lamtang Cookpit Junction, Lamtang Road, Longlong Road, up to corner Puguis Road (Brgy. Longlong Junction) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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

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AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

PONCE CARAME
Applicants
Case:2007-CAR-373

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ROBERTO GUIEB
Applicants
Case:95-CAR-026

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extensionh of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of 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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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 26th day of June 2012.

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

ROBERTO & MARYANN GUIEB
Applicants
Case:2002-BC-359

NOTICE OF HEARING

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RAQUEL A. BUSTAMANTE - Vendor
AUREA A. ANGARA- Vendee
Applicants
Case No:2004-BAG-820/2012-CAR-529

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Baguio City

FRANCISCO P. LAVARIAS - Vendor
LERIO L. BUCLAY- Vendee
Applicants
Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-1372/2012-CAR-551

NOTICE OF HEARING

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The province had earlier created the Provincial Anti-illegal Drugs Committee under the PPOC.

Intensified operation by the police and anti-illegal drugs agents here has resulted to the discovery and destruction of 25,000 fully grown marijuana plants and arrest of suspected "shabu" pushers over the weekend.

To sustain the campaign, continuing information and education drive is being conducted by anti-illegal drugs groups through media and inter-personal communication on target sectors in the province. (JDP/LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga)

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

RODOLFO BECYA,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

REVELINDA B. BARENG,
Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: 12-ExF-1572

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended, filed by RODOLFO BECYA, with principal place of business address at Tabangaoen, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of REVELINDA B. BARENG, with residence and postal address at 1Marymount Compound, La Vista, Quezon City, herein referred as the Mortgagors, in real estate mortgage duly executed on May 10, 2011.

Thant as of 06 June 2012, the above-named mortgagor, REVELINDA B. BARENG, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P219,000.00), Philippine Burrency, including penalties, and charges, notarial fees and other necessary expenses incurred by the Mortgagee in the enforcement of the Extra judicial Foreclosure Case and other incidental expenses of the foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 10 July 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter infront of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Benguet Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements erected thereon to the following described properties to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-61500

REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF PROVINCE OF BENGUET

"A parcel of land (Lot 1-B-2-A, Psd-CAR-013684), being a portion of Lot 1-B-2, Psd-012195. Rurban Code of 131110. Situated at Barangay Pico, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by along line 3-4 by Lot 1-B-2-C, both of the subdivision plan; and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 1-B-9 (Road Lot 6.50 m. wide) Psd-CAR-012195. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N.13 deg. 40'W., 2380.32 m. from Triangulation Station "LIMESTONE", Baguio Townsite, thence

N. 85 deg. 25'E., 9.64 m. to point 2; S. 12 DEG. 18'E., 11.50 m. to point 3;

S. 85 deg. 25'W., 9.64 m. to point 4; N. 12 deg. 18'W., 11.50 m. to point of beginning. Containing an area of ONE HUNDRED TEN (110) SQUARE METERS more or less. x x x x x x x.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Interested/ Prospective buyers/ bidders may investigate to the titles themselves the properties herein above-described encumbrances thereof, if any there be.

In the event that he said auction sale in the state date, time, and place shall not proceed, it shall be held on 31 July 2012 without need of further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 14th day of June 2012.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET
By:

By:(SGD)
JOSELITO F. SALES
Sheriff IV

cc . RODOLFO BECYA
REVELINDA B. BARENG

Publication Dates : June 16, 23 and 30, 2012

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION AND SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Intestate Estate of MALICCHAN who died on March 1, 1960, at Kadaclan, Barlig Mt. Province and covered under Tax Declaration No. 5419 with an area of .0290 hec., has been the subject of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Affidavit of Self Adjudication an Simultaneous Waiver of Rights executed by his lone heir on June 4, 2012 as per document No. 103, page No. 21, Book No. VIII, Series of 2012 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. John B. Balao-as of Baguio City, Philippines.

Publication Dates: June 16, 23 & 30, 2012

Walter William's Journalist's Creed

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

I believe in the profession of Journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.

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

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

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

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

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

VCTOR B. MATIAS JR.,
Petitioner,

-versus-

LAILANIE O. PARAN-MATIAS,
Respondent,

SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 12-E-0135

For:

DECLARATION OF PRESUMPTIVE DEATH OF ABSENTEE SPOUSE

X————X

ORDER

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

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form an substance, the Court sets it for hearing on September 12, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before thhe Session Hall of this Court, Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner at The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio-Benguet, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks , the first publication to be made not later than June 24, 2012.

Furnish a copy hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General , Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the National Statistics Office, Manila; Local Civil Registrar of Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya,; the absentee at her last known address at Daclan, Bokod, Benguet, wher summons and copuirt processes may be served; and the petitioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

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

Publication Dates June 23, 30 & July 7, 2012

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

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

ARRIANNE A. UDA AND ADRIYEL A. UDA
Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY
Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 2201-R

X———X

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

Arrianne A. Uda an Adriyel A. Uda, filed a verified petition praying that after due notice, publication an hearing, a judgement be rendered directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to correct entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Arriane A. Uda particularly : 1.) the date an place of marriage of parents from "March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City" to "not applicable" , 2.) the age of the mother at the time of the childs birth from "30 years" to " 29 years" , 3.) the middle name of the father from "Cirilo" to "Cerilo", 4.) the age of the father at the time of the childs birth from "33 years" to "32 years" , and 5.) paragraph 5 of the affidavit of delayed registration found on page 2 of her Certificate of Live Birth correcting the ate and place of marriage of parents from " March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City" to "not applicable ". The petition further prays that the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City be likewise directed to correct entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Adriyel A. Uda particularly, 1.) the date an place of marriage of parents from "March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City" to "not applicable" , 2.) the middle name of the father from "Cirilo" to "Cerilo", 3.) the age of the mother at the time of the childs birth from "32 years" to " 34 years", 4.) the age of the father at the time of the childs birth from "32 years" to "37 years". Jointly they are praying that they be declared as "Legitimized" children of spouses Edward C. Uda and Paz P. Alcedo.

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

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

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

Also, let this Notice Of Initial Hearing be published at the expense of the petitioners at the Junction Newspaper, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and the whole Cordillera Region, the last publication of which shall not be later than the date of initial hearing.

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

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

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

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

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

GEORGE A. ROSARIO
Applicants
Case:2005-BENG-CAR-248

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on July 11, 2012 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/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 18th day of June 2012. **(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR**
Attorney IV

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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the only honorable way for all Supreme Court justices and other members of the judicial branch affected by this Constitutional infirmity is to resign and give up their positions. That would be upholding the rule of law, first and foremost, which is something that all of them swore to, anyway.

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REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68 and 0922 833 43 96. Email me at batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

Guidelines on Bingo Socials Issued.....from page1

that a number of bingo sa barangay activities have been ordered closed for various violations.

The mayor said the guidelines are within the ambit of the Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 and are not contrary to the recent decision of the CA.

"Article 101 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines allows the barangays to conduct their own fund-raising activities without securing the necessary permits from the concerned local governments and national government agencies, provided that, such fund-raising activities shall comply with national policy standards and regulations on morals, health and safety of the persons participating therein," the mayor noted.

He said barangays also need to secure a special permit from City Hall if the venue of the activity is not an exclusive property of the barangay. He said the specific hours of operation will be indicated in the permit.

The complete guidelines are as follows:

*No bingo social activity shall be conducted in the 128 barangays of the city without an approved Barangay Resolution authorizing the same provided that, it is duly supported by a Project Proposal detailing the purposes by which the generated funds will be used, and that the barangay bingo social shall only be given a maximum duration of 15 days without extension;

*Organizers of the barangay bingo socials in the different barangays shall not be allowed to start such fund-raising activity without presenting to the City Mayor the duly approved Barangay Resolution, stating among others the place where such activity will be undertaken, the duration of the activity and the Project proposal relative thereto. Organizers who start their bingo social activity without having informed the City Government shall be automatically barred from pursuing such event;

*Organizers shall submit an audited financial statement on the proceeds of the activity three days after the termination of the activity. Failure of the organizers to comply with the same shall be a ground to disqualify them from conducting future bingo socials in the barangays;

*No bingo social activity shall be conducted in identified parks and playgrounds duly registered under the barangay of city;

*Strictly no gambling of any form shall be allowed and the Baguio City Police Office shall be tasked to closely monitor the bingo social activity and shall automatically close their operations once the organizers shall been found to be tolerating or allowing gambling instead of the regular bingo games;

*Prizes to be offered by the bingo social organizers shall all be in kind and cash prizes are not allowed during the duration of the activity;

*Individuals below 18 years of age shall not be allowed to play bingo or loiter around the place where the activity is being done./A Refuerzo.

Advocacy Mindanow.....

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cords or from bone marrow or from the fetus of specially grown sheep (Marino) are injected and which can cure and rejuvenate a person. No operation needed and no rejection dangers nor adverse effects. It can be the much-awaited "elixir of youth" because it is said to reverse the aging process with the young stem cells propagating and taking over one's old aging and sick cells. It can cure sick organs.

I was told noted fresh stem cell beneficiaries are Senate President Enrile, President Erap Estrada, former first Lady Imelda Marcos, among others, including Davao's own Don Tony Floirendo. I heard about Don Tony's foray into stem cell therapy in his trips to Switzerland many years ago . (For how can you explain his energy now for such an advanced age!) His son Tonyboy even marvels at his father's staying power not only in the poker table but in horse racing, travels and still keeping close tab of the Floirendo business empire. (Staying power in all fields, Tonyboy would insist with a naughty wink!)

P1 MILLION — I saw a brochure a few days ago. A medical center in Germany called VILLA MEDICA (go Google it!) even has a 4-day stay-in treatment package in its plush resort -like facilities. It reportedly costs US$25,000 (about one million pesos). A friend, kidney doctor in Manila will personally visit the facilities soon and check. I'll write about the results of her trip. Some medical centers in Manila have started their own stem cell treatment units lately, too.

So, if there's someone having a baby in the family soon, go check with your doctor about that disposable umbilical cord, reportedly a source of stem cells. But don't start butchering your pregnant "karneros"(Okay if for lechon or kaldereta). The tested therapy is using the so-called Marino sheep breed specially raised under controlled conditions in the European clinics.

REACTIONS — Here are a few reactions from the mail:

ENGR ROBERT "Boyet" QUINTO : "About the rice sufficiency issue, I think we have to leave the rice to the best producers and concentrate on where we are best, Bananas. I was told that the per capita consumption of rice by the Japanese are much lower than their consumption of banana. They are one of the most healthy people in the world. We should educate Filipinos to eat more bananas since it is healthier food than rice. Better too for our economy."

MY COMMENTS: The name of the game today is complementarity in this shrinking global village. If it is much cheaper to buy rice from our Asian neighbors, to make up for our rice production shortfall, then let's buy from them. There's no point forcing it (and causing economic distortions) when it will be cheaper to get it somewhere else. Let's concentrate, indeed, where we are best.)

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MAMERTO "Mert" MARCELO JR : "Jess Dureza was in the Cabinet of GMA and an old friend in Davao from way back. He and his "friend" Party-list Cong Luz Ilagan (Gabriela) studied together at the Ateneo de Davao U in the early 19602 s. I, as a Jesuit was also in their batch. See what a Jesuit education can make out of individuals.? Jess is contra-divorce while Luz is pro-divorce, of course with divergent reasons! BTW, Larry Ilagan, the late husband of Luz (also from ADDU) was a fierce human rights lawyer in Davao. (Was he not killed during martial law, in the late 19702 s?) Where does that leave me?"

MY COMMENTS: Luz and I truly ARE friends, without the (") symbols, Mert! Larry was detained during martial law but later died due to health reasons. Mert whom we called then "Brother Marcelo" later "divorced" from the Jesuits and the last time I heard, he's an accomplished business executive somewhere. Cool!

1st - Apluma

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Seguro naman ay hindi na lingid sa inyong kaalaman ang mga food cart ng Bibingkinitan na makikita niyo po saan mang dako ng mga SM malls.

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1st-APLUMA (1st-Alliance of Provincial News Practitioners)

Editorial

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of Witwatersand reported. "Prevention of maternal and child under nutrition is a long term investment. (It) benefits both the current generation and their children…"

Members differed in patterns of child growth, in both length and height. "Guatemala and Cebu showed marked growth failure in early childhood. Brazil growth hewed to international standards. South Africa and India showed intermediate patterns.

Data from the five participating countries underscore that children from low and middle income countries, who're assisted in the "first and possibly in the second year of life show improved human capitral indicators as adults". They are also less prone to the "increased risk of chronic diseases in later life."

Present Consortium findings "in a format that policymakers can understand," urged Florentino Solon of Nutrition Center of the Philippines who conceptualized CLHNS with the late SVD Father Wilhelm Fleiger... "Policy-making is in the hands of politicians. How do you convince these politicians to implement these them?"

For a start, slam them with the American psychiatrist Karl Menninger's warning in his book :"The "Human Mind": "What's done to children, they will do to society."/ Juan L. Mercado

Gender Sensitivity

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in 2007 set aside P100,000 "as initial funding requirement for prizes and other operational expenses" , specifically 80 percent of the amount going to prizes and incentives and 20 percent "for operational and capability-building program".

While airing his proposal for a counterpart search for the city's outstanding father, Alangsab did not indicate whether he will file an enabling ordinance in keeping with his push for gender sensitivity.

Father's Day is on the third Sunday in June, about five Sunday's after Mother's Day. / Ramon Dacawi.

Public School

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That was after she filed a case of domestic violence against him.

To support her kids, she applied for loans. Additional loans to cover the costs of her medical diagnosis and treatment further whittled down her net pay to P6,000 a month.

Five thousand pesos now go to house rental, food and medication while she goes for her daily radiotherapy session. (With the cobalt radiation facility at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center out of order for years now, local patients needing the therapy have to go as far down to Pampanga and Metro-Manila.)

Elenita's two eldest daughters now have families of their own. Jereal, her third, is a third year college academic scholar while son Jonathan, 16, is in third year high school.

Boaging, father to three children and native of Bauko, Mt. Province, had been exposed to hard labor since he quit school in third year high due to financial limitations. March last year, he quit as jeepney driver due to his ailment.

That leaves his wife, Maria Corazon Saturnina, also of Bauko and Cervantes, Ilocos Sur, as the sole breadwinner. Her income as an English and Filipino teacher at the Quezon Hill Elementary School is supposed to be P27,000 a month but has been reduced to P3,000 due to loans she acquired to sustain her husband's treatment.

Evening of June 20, she and two others with relatives also undergoing dialysis treatment took the bus for Quezon city. They could not be accommodated in a van dispatched by the city social welfare and development office, also for the purpose.

Before dawn, all 13 from Baguio were at the daily queue of hundreds of the needy from all over seeking support from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. . At day's end, the 13 were on their way back to Baguio, relief etched on their faces.

Each tucked a PCSO-issued guarantee letter notifying the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center to charge to the lottery office P17,600 worth of dialysis sessions for their relatives. Two patients – Amor Orpilla, 31, and Mary Grace Binay-an,23 – clutched guarantee letters for P20,000 each.

The fund guarantee letter Maria Corazon obtained will cover her husband Manuel's treatment until the middle of July. It gave her family temporary respite from the daily pressure of figuring out how to fund the next dialysis session that comes every Wednesday and Saturday.

Dialysis treatment is for life. Treatment also requires occasional need for blood transfusion to stabilize hemoglobin count, aside from expensive injections of human albumin.

The alternative is a kidney transplant, that is, if the patient fit, can find an organ donor and over a million pesos for the procedure, recovery for a year and maintenance.

For teacher Elenita, there's no time to take the PCSO queue and wait for processing of fund support as her condition continues to deteriorate. Aware of this, her fellow teachers had contributed to her fight. With nowhere to go, she appealed for support from Samaritans out there.

Donors may ring up Manuel or his wife at cellphone number 09185260813 or visit him at 070 Purok 25, Upper San Carlos Heights, Irisan, Baguio City.

They may call Elenita's daughter, Jereal, at 09086522508./amon Dacawi.

City Officials Focus

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traffic woes, especially during rush hours.

The council deferred approval of the same on second reading pending definition, as requested by councilor Perlita Rondez, of "rush" or "peak hours" during which Farinas proposed to prohibit parades and the like. The council likewise agreed to subject the proposal to a public hearing.

"With the volume of vehicles and pedestrian population using the very limited road space especially within the central business district, traffic flow in one section greatly affects other stretches of road and streets, particularly so when vehicles are stalled or roads and streets are closed or are also used for parades and related street activities," Farinas said.

On the request of outgoing chancellor Priscilla Macansantos of the University of the Philippines-Baguio to restore the UP Drive into a two-way lane, the city council decided that the present one-way-going up route be maintained until the road development project in the area has been completed.

Macansantos and the UP community noted the one-way-up scheme imposed on an experimental basis has triggered pollution problems from vehicle exhaust emissions. An alternative, she said, is to reverse the traffic route to one-way-down.

Meanwhile, some city councilors are beginning to question the wisdom of closing some of the pedestrian lanes along Session Road that, together with the construction of overpasses, makes mobility in the central business district difficult for elderly pedestrians and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

City Ordinance 108 passed in 2008 provides vehicle parking slots and pedestrian lanes for PWDs and Ordinance 32 passed the following year provides additional blue lane pedestrian crossings for Abanao St., Session Rd., Harrison Rd. City Hall area, Magsaysay Avenue to the city market and other areas near commercial establishments.

The cue for a shift in priority or orientation comes from Dr. Enrique Penalosa, one-time mayor of Bogota, Colombia and a fellow on urban planning for New York University who established a busing system called Transmilenio, "So the banker can sit beside the laundrywoman during carless days".

Penalosa designated carless days, specifically for private vehicles. Private car owners protested but they lost in a referendum as there are more people without cars in Bogota.

"A city is made for people, not for cars," he said. "Throughout history, there were more people killed by cars than by wild animals in the forest."

He stressed people without cars have equal right to the urban space as much as those who have. Concretely, he established the longest bicycle lane in any city and some of the longest sidewalks.

Here, commercial establishment owners along Session Road, the city's main street, are opposed to a plan of the city to convert the inclined main street into a pedestrian's promenade and free of vehicles./Ramon Dacawi.

Baguio Inks

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Pangasinan; Bacolod; Daet, Camarines Norte; Davao; Lucena; Lopez, Quezon; Ormoc; Pavia, Iloilo among others.

The city also enjoys sister city relations with Vallejo, California, Hanyu and Wakkanai, japan,Hangzou, China, Taebek, South Korea, Vaughan, Canada, Guam, Taxco, Mexico; Shepparton, Australia; Staffanstorp, Sweden; Palmerston, New Zealand; Mt. Hagen, Western Highlands, Papua New Guinea, Cusco, Peru and many more.

The city has assigned a portion of Botanical Park named 'Sister-City Gardens' to highlight this friendship. /paul rillorta

Support for HB 6203

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quirement: at least 1.63 meters (5'3") tall for males and at least 1.57 meters (5'1") tall for females.

The proposal of Councilor Bilog, chair of the committee of Human Rights, Justice, Public Protection, Peace and Order, is anchored on Article VII of the Universal Declaration of Human rights: "All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination."

The proposal also states that under Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution, "the goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the under-privileged."

"The height requirement, has denied a good number of possible candidates mostly women, the opportunity to serve the country, with the enactment of the legislative measure would effectively address this concern."

"Height, should not be a restriction for people who want to serve the country as police, fire and jail officer provided they possess other qualifications required in the effective performance of their duties," Councilor Bilog said in the resolution.

Copies of the resolution shall be furnished to Baguio's lone representative to the Congress Bernardo Vergara for his indorsement.

Indigenous People (IPs); specifically Cordillerans would be benefited from this legislation, though they could avail of Certificate of Confirmation of Tribal Membership which serves as waiver to the height requirement when applying as police, jail and fire officer./ juliegfianza

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Domogan Maintains Party Affiliation

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has dismissed speculations that he would change political affiliations here.

'I will remain with lakas-CMD because I still adhere to their ideals, programs and platforms,' he stressed.

Domogan was reacting to questions asked by Media during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser, Wednesday on the possibility of him transferring alliances to the administration's Liberal Party (LP).

Domogan said 'even without me changing political parties, I am still supportive of the thrust of the administration for good governance'.

It can be recalled that President Benigno Aquino III administered the Oath of new LP members of the Cordilleras in la Trinidad, Benguet Monday (June 25).

Over 300 new members were sworn-in at the Benguet State University grounds led by Transportation and Communications Secretary and LP President Manuel Roxas and Department of Interior and Local Government Jessie Robredo.

'Although there is really an advantage if you are a party member to the ruling party', Domogan said.

'But I don't want to be branded as a 'political butterfly', as long as I believe in the thrust and direction of the party I am in, I will stay', He added.

Presently, the Philippines enjoy a multi-party system where politicians can change alliances quickly.

Senate Bill No. 3214 or the Political Party Development Act filed by Senators Edgardo Angara, Jingjoy Estrada, Miriam Defensor Santiago and Franklin Drilon which seeks to institutionalize a strong party system in the country but remains pending in the 15th congress.

The measure aims to institutionalize reforms in the financing of electoral campaigns, promote accountability and transparency, provide financial subsidies to political parties, promote party loyalty and discipline, encourage and support continuing voters education and civic literacy programs through political parties./paul rillorta

Baguio Inks Ties with More Cities

BAGUIO CITY – the city government will establish sisterhood ties with four more cities paving the way for stronger regional exchanges here.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan signed four separate resolutions previously introduced by Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda and Elmer Datuin which was unanimously approved by the body warmly accepting the Municipality of Dalaguete, Province of Cebu, Municipality of Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Municipality of Libon, Albay and Municipality of Pudtol, Apayao as the newest sister cities of Baguio.

Domogan said, 'forging sister city ties with these municipalities will ensure stronger cooperation and enhance better exchanges'.

The agreement is expected to further enhance ties in the field of tourism promotion, improving community partnerships and fostering bilateral development in areas of parallel interest.

'Cooperative effort to push investments, commerce and trade, tourism, culture and social exchanges between LGU's will be beneficial to all', Domogan said.

Forging sister city ties has been emphasized during the Philippine Sisterhood and Twinning Association-Baguio Chapter (PHISTA-BCC)meetings seen to boost friendship and cooperation among LGU's.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed to formalize the friendship ties.

Meantime, a resolution to forge sisterhood ties with Mission Viejo, California by Councilor Philian Louise Weygan-Allan is also in line.

Other LGU's who have forged sister city ties with Baguio are Calbayog, Samar; Daet, Camarines Norte; Munoz, Nueva Ecija; Zamboanga; Dipaculao, Aurora; Alaminos,

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IS IT REALLY CLEAN?... Councilor Philian Weygan-Allan and City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana wanted to make sure of the cleanliness of the facilty during a meeting with R&R Management and Sanitary Service to comply with the Memorandum of Agreement entered with the city government which is under review by the City Council./ By Bong Cayabyab

Dads to Investigate Tree Cutting Activities in City

BAGUIO CITY – an investigation will be conducted on the reported tree cutting activities here despite the absence of permits issued by the Department of environment and natural Resources (DENR).

The resolution introduced by Councilor Elmer Datuin calling for an investigation in aid of legislation the alleged on-going tree cutting activities within the city of Baguio has been approved unanimously.

The resolution is based on reports that applicants who have pending requests for tree cutting permits with the DENR have actually started cutting trees despite the non-issuance of the needed documents.

'The report is alarming as some sectors are now resorting to illegal practice which may lead to uncontrollable tree cutting activities in the city', Datuin said.

It can be recalled that several Pine trees were removed from road-widening projects in the city despite the absence of tree cutting permits which have caused public uproar.

Datuin emphasized the need to investigate this illegal activities to enable the city government to enact legislative measures in protecting the general welfare and the environment.

Meantime, Mayor Mauricio Domogan has strengthened the process of issuing 'emergency Tree Cutting Permits' for trees which pose imminent danger to life and property.

The mayor included representatives of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) of the DENR to be part of the city's inspection and investigation committee.

Domogan said, 'it is this time of the year where his office receives a bulk of requests for emergency tree cutting permits especially when there is a typhoon'.

The mayor clarified however that 'emergency tree cutting permits' being issued only covers the trees that pose danger to life and property./paul rillorta

Support for HB 6203 Approved

BAGUIO CITY - The city council last week approved the proposed resolution of Councilor Edison Bilog supporting house Bill 6203, for the removal of the height requirement for police, fire and jail officers.

House Bill 6203 is proposed by Cebu Representative Pablo John Garcia which seeks to amend RA 6875 and RA 9263. The measures created the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and provided provisions professionalizing said government agencies which included a height re-

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