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Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Law Takes Effect June 1

(Manila)- The Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Law (Republic Act No. 10586) will be in full effect this coming Sunday, June 1, 2014.

Traffic law violators suspected of driving under the influence will be made to undergo a series of sobriety tests.

The **Eye Test**, which requires the driver to follow with his or her gaze an object that the law enforcer moves horizontally, around one foot away from the driver's face.

The **Walk-and-Turn Test**, wherein the driver is made to walk nine steps forward in a straight line, turn, then walk back the same distance without difficulty.

Then, there's the **One-Leg Stand**, where the driver has to stand on one leg and raise the other around six inches from the ground for about sixty seconds.

The drivers who are found to be driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs range from a minimum of three months in prison, plus a P20,000 fine. The maximum penalty is 20 years in prison, plus a P 500,000 fine./ANC News



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Dapat sana ay ma implementa ng tama at makatotohan ang Anti- Drunk and Drugged Act ng sa ganoon ay maturuan ng leksyon ang mga abusadong nag mamaneho ng sasakyan na naka-inom at inilalagay nila ang mga inosenteng buhay sa kapahamakan !!!

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I AM 100% AGAINST ANY IMMUNITY DEAL, ANY DEAL NA MAGIGING STATE WITNESS SI NAPOLES, OR ANY MEMBER OF HER FAMILY



Ine-expect natin na ibigay ngayon sa Senado ang affidavit ni Ms. Napoles. Sa isang banda, magandang development ito kasi malalaman na natin kung sino ang inaakusa niya at kung totoo o hindi. Pero tandaan po natin na ang isang affidavit ay balewala sa batas. It has no legal value if hindi siya macro-cross examine at hindi siya haharap sa mga inaakusahan niya.

Ang value nito of course, for investigators, ay magkakaroon ng lead. So ibig sabihin kung sa NBI at sa DOJ, merong mga hindi naiimbistigahan, wala silang ebidensya, magagamit itong dokumento na ito.

Pero tandaan po natin na lahat itong mga PDAF, pera ng bayan ito. So may paper trail dapat ito. Ibig sabihin, kahit banggitin ni Ms. Napoles, makikita mo kung may ebidensya o wala, kung totoo o hindi, sa pamamagitan ng COA at DBM. Kaya ako ay 100 percent against any immunity deal, any deal na magiging state witness si Ms. Napoles for two reasons:

1. Hindi siya qualified. Kailangan hindi ka most guilty, pero sa pagkakataon na ito, kahit anong paliwanag niya, most guilty siya.

2. Pangalawa, kailangan indispensable o absolutely necessary ang testimony mo. Mismong si Sec. De Lima ang nagsabi na napakalakas ng kaso, airtight. So bakit mo kailangan pa ang testimony niya? So bakit binabanggit eh dapat nakita na nila ito sa COA reports at dito sa DBM?

At anong magiging ehemplo nito, anong magiging mensahe nito sa taumbayan? Bawal magnakaw ng kaunti, pero kapag nagnakaw ka ng malaki at marami kang nakausap, huwag kang mag-alala kasi pwede ka naman mag-state witness. We have to send a very, very clear message that in the Philippines, you steal money, you go to jail.

AYUSIN MUNAANG IMMUNITY NI BENHUR AT NG MGA KASAMAAN NIYA BAGO UNAHIN ANG MGA ANAK NI NAPOLES

Doon sa immunity sa mga anak niya na nababanggit, ako'y nagtataka lang kung bakit napag-usapan na ito samantalang si Benhur at ang mga kasamahan niya ay wala pang immunity. So I would like to formally ask the DOJ and the Ombudsman,

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Doing Business in Kabayan, Benguet

The municipality of Kabayan in the province of Benguet is one destination in the upland Cordillera region that is truly blessed with natural wonders and rich customary practices of its people. The Municipality is the seat of cultural heritage in the Province and host to the 2nd highest mountain in the Philippines that is Mount Pulag.

Once known for their ancient mummification process, the industrious Kabayan towns folks have already industrialized as the town also boasts traditional weaving and food processing among its local industry. Today, this fourth class municipality is a recipient of a Grassroots Participatory Budgeting (GPB) project from the Department of Trade and Industry utilized for a skills training on food processing and beads making conducted with a good number of participants coming from the different Barangay of said town. This was the 1st GPB project implemented by DTI in the Region.

At the concluding ceremony of the food processing and beads making training, processed food products like potato and camote (sweet potato) chips including finished necklaces, bangles and earrings made from beads were displayed as added products and business line of the local entrepreneurs. DTI Baguio-Benguet Dir. Freda M. Gawisan, together with local officials led by Vice Mayor Gideon Todiano congratulated the participants in a fun filled closing program.

During the annual Bendiyang Festival, a Diskwento Caravan was likewise conducted on May 1-3, 2014 by DTI Baguio-Benguet Office in coordination with the different suppliers and distributors thru Rising Sun Commercial. Highlights of the Diskwento Caravan is the sale of basic and prime commodities offered at a lower percentage range. This activity is institutionalized and conducted regularly during the annual bendiyang festival in coordination with the Local Government Unit. This year's Diskwento Caravan generated a sale of P1.6M. Director Gawisan during the GPB launching acknowledged the full support, cooperation and fast action of the Municipal Government, a reason why a lot of government projects are being implemented in the Municipality./Art Tibaldo

Samaritans Respond to Pleas for help

More Samaritans last week came to the rescue of several kidney patients who have to maintain twice or thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for as long as they live, otherwise they won't last.

A fiftyish-looking man who declined to give his name handed P10,000 last Tuesday for patient

Manuela Battateng, a 63-year old farmer's wife from Boga, Monamon Sur, Bauko, Mt. Province who has been on dialysis treatment since October, 2012.

The same man then gave another P10,000 to Angelin Layugan-Taynan, wife of Jerry Taynan, a former policeman assigned to the La Trinidad, Benguet force who had to retire for kidney failure.

The Samaritan called Battateng's daughter, Annie Cadio, and Angelin, asking that they meet at the McDonald's branch at Km. 5, La Trinidad, Benguet. That's where he gave the twin amounts.

"He refused to identify himself but admitted he had undergone surgery for kidney ailment," Angelin recalled. "He had the intonation of a

Uncle and Nephew Undergoing Life-Time Hemodialysis Treatment

With their growing number, chances are that some kidney patients undergoing twice or thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment in order to survive are relatives.

Such are the cases of Robert Sakiwat Tomas, 24, of Buyagan, La Trinidad, Benguet and his uncle April Sakiwat, 35, of Lower Magsaysay, Baguio City, whose appeals for help were juxtaposed in an earlier article in this and other local weeklies.

Such are the cases of 46-year old Winston Bangcawayan Kilongan, and his maternal uncle, Angel Bangcawayan Sr., 71, both of Upper Brookside, Baguio City.

Winston, who serves as the treasurer of Upper Brookside with a monthly wage of P5,542, is married with a 13-year old son. Last April, experienced dizziness, severe back and stomach pain and was rushed to the hospital by his fellow barangay service workers.

The diagnosis was chronic kidney ailment. He was advised to go on twice-a-week dialysis treatment, making him the sixth in his community suffering from the debilitating and financially stressful ailment.

His uncle Angel was a former driller for a private firm in Bicol where he retired in 2010. He lives with his wife, Betty, 68, while their four children are married and raising their own families.

Angel was diagnose for end-state renal failure in January, 2012. Since then, he has been on twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment at the Baguio general Hospital and Medical Center every Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Winston, on the other hand, has his own four-hour blood-cleansing session at midnight on Monday and at 7 a.m. on Thursday, also at the BGHMC.

"Economic sufficiency of the family falls under the subsistence level, thus he is hard-up sustaining his regular and expensive twice-a-week dialysis and other medical needs," wrote social worker officer Liza Balao.

For Angel and his wife, Betty, stretching his monthly Social Security System pension of P5,500 a month would have been most probable without his eight times a month dialysis treatment pegged at P2,200 per session or P8,800 a month.

That treatment cost does not include other medications and the occasional blood transfusions he has to undergo to maintain his hemoglobin level.

People who can help this uncle and his nephew Angel's cell phone number – 09185215995 and/ or Winston's – 09065171147./Ramon Dacawi.

Kankana-ey from Bauko or somewhere in western Mt. Province.

Angelin also acknowledged the kindness of Engr. Galagal from Sablan, Benguet who visited Jerry at the hospital with a P1,200 donation.

Earlier, a head of a national government agency contributed P4,400, good for two dialysis sessions, and an equal amount for Taynan.

The same official provided P2,200 each to Robert Sakiwat Tomas, 24, of Buyagan, La Trinidad and his uncle, April Sakiwat, 35, of Lower Magsaysay, Baguio City.

Both patients are also on dialysis at the Baguio General Hospital and

Medical Center which, as of last week, counted 192 patients from various parts of Northern Luzon it is treating for kidney failure.

Also getting wind of Battateng's condition through the weekly papers here, somebody from Bontoc, Mt. Province had the driver of a Rising Sun bus deliver his or her P1,000 donation.

A Caucasian-looking man who also declined to be identified met Sakiwat's wife, Cathy (nee Mangeda) last May 22 at the Malcolm Square here with his donation of P6,600.

"He told me he's a missionary from Singapore," Cathy said.

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Mayor Calls on Plastic Ordinance Amendment

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday called on lawmakers here for the amendment of the city's plastic Ordinance.

The ordinance passed in 2007 was up for full implementation in 2012 promulgating the use of paper bags, buri bags and other biodegradable bagging containers in all supermarkets, groceries and other related business establishments citywide.

However, reports from a Legislative Tracking conducted recently on the implementation of the ordinance showed the use of paper bags may not be the best choice as alternative to plastic bags.

Domogan said, "possible amendments to the ordinance such as the use of biodegradable plastics and other alternatives should also be taken into consideration in its implementation."

The ordinance was put in place to minimize and eradicate the use of plastic bags which is a major source of waste in the city.

Domogan said, "the use of biodegradable plastic bags that can easily decompose which was not yet readily available when the ordinance was crafted needs also to be considered."

Advocating the use of paper bags and buri bags is a noble endeavour he said but should also be carefully studied in order to achieve success in its implementation.

The city government has started with the information dissemination campaign on said ordinance early in 2011 garnering mix reactions from the public.

It covers all supermarkets, groceries, and retail outlets or stores in all areas identified as commercial zones specifically stating that all are required to use paper bags, buri bags, and other biodegradable materials as containers or bags for all dry goods and groceries instead of plastic bags.

It also covers the public market Wet Section, such as fresh meat, fish, vegetables and fruits, with the provision that the goods can be packed in plastic containers or sando bags provided these are placed in shopping bags allowed by the said ordinance.

Recommended as fine for violators is one thousand pesos (P 1,000.00) for the first offense for any business establishment found to have violated the provisions of the said law.

For the second offense a fine of two thousand and five hundred pesos shall be imposed for non-compliance and a fine of five thousand pesos is imposed as penalty for the third offense.

Those found to be habitual offenders shall be meted the penalty of suspension of business and non renewal of business permit.

The mayor however proposes a more thorough study on the matter/paul rillorta

Mayor Warns Vendors on Sub-Leasing of Stalls

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday (May 28) has issued an order for the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) to investigate emerging problems in the city's public market.

This in the heels of reports that some vendors are re-leasing and sub-leasing their stalls in Blocks 3 and 4 here.

The mayor said he has

already sent a memorandum to the City Treasury Office (CTO) and the Office of the Market Superintendent to list all vendors awarded with stalls including names of those who were allocated spaces.

Domogan said, "they would be monitoring if said vendors are the ones occupying their assigned slots."

"There are allegations that there are stalls owned by only one person and we

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ASK Reports on Park MGMT

BAGUIO CITY – The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) takes the lead in sprucing up the city's parks and other areas, in preparation for Independence day, June 12, as it has for the Summer Vacation (SumVac) operations.

This was announced by Parks Division Head Jones Gas-ib during the regular Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meeting last week at the City Multi-purpose Hall, presided by Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

Cutting and clearing of dead branches and trees are on-going which complements the cleaning of garbage bins, flushing of different park areas including the fountain areas by the parks personnel.

There was also signage renewal, repainting, and arrangement of donated signs and benches for park use. Personnel of the CEPMO inspected lamp post wirings, did maintenance works and checked water levels at the three (3) fountains at the rose garden park.

Burnham Park has been recipient to visitors during the past two months, including during the Holy Week, National Youth Congress, Le Tour Philippines among many other occasions.

It has been noted too that the road and sidewalk along Lake Drive has been rehabilitated, and pay parking signages have been installed at Jadewell and near the city orchidarium.

Included in the parks report are that of the Burnham Park Security personnel with 230 apprehensions from March 28 to May 22, some violators turned over to the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO). There are young violators turned-over to the Silungan Center of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) for further guidance, and some to the CEPMO Burnham Park Office. Among the violations are illegal peddling, smoking in public, drinking alcoholic beverage, spitting, momma-spitting, soliciting money without permit, illegal parking boys, skateboard and playing. Money-making services are also prohibited in the park; manicure, henna tattoo, massage, with the violators turned-over to the parks and police office.

Some however were given stern warning, some were ordered to pay at the City Treasurer's Office for their violations, materials for money-making were confiscated, others were lectured on park regulations, while some park regulation violators rendered community service.

For the anti-graffiti campaign, there shall be an inventory and identification of graffiti-laden areas in the city with launching program next month. A city-wide awareness and information campaign with a no-tolerance policy is being advocated, as posters in English, Tagalog and Ilocano are to be distributed during the occasion.

The anti-graffiti body however appealed for materials for re-painting and repair of those destroyed by the vandals. It was known that in some areas, walls were repeatedly painted; with cleaning and re-painting done several times. Mayor Domogan thus offered a scheduled golf tournament fund-raising event to help with the expenses. He also lauded the efforts of former graffiti artists who now are helping clean up slogan-painted walls.

Villagers' cooperation are needed in reporting and removing vandals' paintings in the barangays, the mayor noted. He rued the ratio of 540 policemen on duty in three shifts for more than 500,000 citizens; including students and daytime business people from the lowlands.

For the parks however, the mayor noted the addition of several security personnel to maintain peace and order within the place./juliegfianza



New Line of Products – DTI-CAR PD Freda Gawisan (center) is shown giving inputs to the finished processed food and decorative items while provincial and municipal officials as well as participants to the GPB training looks on. / Art Tibaldo

CAR Bill Filing Needs to be Fast-Tracked

BAGUIO CITY – Cordillera region's bid for autonomy needs to be filed as a bill in the house of congress by June 13, or before the senate takes a break, it was known from Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the media Ugnayan last week.

Accordingly, the autonomy bill needs to be voted on by Cordillera constituents by March 2015, for it to be included in the 2015 national budget.

It would be very difficult; at the most, "next to impossible to convince members of the senate for a supplementary budget for the region," if the vote is not done at the earliest possible time, the mayor said. Then we may have to wait for 2019 for the organic act, as the coming elections in 2016 would deem another delay, he added.

The mayor, known to be a staunch supporter and campaigner for the autonomy bill has been instrumental in the preparation of the third working draft of the autonomy charter. A Cordillera summit was done last April 30 where local and regional officials including that of the city attended and voiced out their support for the move./juliegfianza

RITMT collects more than half million in fines in roadside tests

BAGUIO CITY – the Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) under the City Environment and Parks Management Office reported a steady decrease in vehicles failing anti-smoke belching operations being conducted here.

As per report of Wastewater, Water and Ambient Air Management Division (WAMD) Chief Engr. Moises Lozano, they have accumulated P626,400.00 in fines from motorist for the period March 27 to May 21, 2014.

For the period, they have conducted 60 operations for diesel and 49 operations for gas and lpg fed vehicles.

A total of 730 diesel fed vehicles were tested with 253 failing roadside tests while 477 passed.

For Gas and LPG fed vehicles, 441 were tested in which 150 failed while 291 passed.

The operations were done along Magsaysay Avenue, UP Drive, Session Road, Kennon Road, Buhagan Road, Bonifacio Road, Harrison Road, Naguilian Road and Leonard Wood Road.

Those who failed are 56 diesel fed public utility jeepneys (PUJ), 77 diesel fed and 139 gas/lpg fed private vehicles, 114 diesel fed and 8 gas/lpg fed taxis, 4 diesel and 3 gas/lpg fed government vehicles and 2 other public utility vehicles.

Meantime, at least 789 diesel fed and 97 gas/lpg fed vehicles voluntarily subjected their vehicles for testing for a minimal fee of P50.00.

Vehicle owners who fail in roadside monitoring tests are advised to have their vehicles undergo necessary maintenance and are required to pay Polluters fee of P1,000.00 for the first offense, P2,000 for the second offense and P3,000.00 for the third offense plus additional P100.00 for re-testing before the plate number of the vehicle is released./paul rillorta

RSVP to a Lynching

May we share some items that crossed our cluttered desk in the past turbulent week?

"It's going to be one huge lynching party." That is what would happen if the Senate were to confront Janet Napoles in the pork barrel scam, wrote Sun Star columnist Frank Malilong.

Many senators fumed after their names cropped up in the Napoles list. But will bringing back Napoles to the chamber help the search for truth in the Priority Development Assistance Fund scandal? "I doubt it... The first time she appeared before them, she knew nothing about the scam." The senators are understandably obsessed with punching holes in her story—and saving their skin.

Napoles brought this upon herself. But what's the point in making her prey to the overwhelming anger? Any Senate hearing on the Napoles list cannot be remotely justified as in aid of legislation. Nor will it be an exercise of the Senate's established oversight functions.

The Senate is not the proper forum to determine whether Napoles spoke the truth with her affidavit. That power resides in the Ombudsman and, eventually, the Sandiganbayan.

What citizens want to see now is the Department of Justice speeding up the filing of cases against all those involved in the scam, regardless of whether they appear in the Napoles list or not. It's time for the Ombudsman to bring charges and for the Sandiganbayan to hold trial without delay.

"We can't afford to turn the Napoles case into a political circus. This is a criminal case. And it rightfully belongs in the judicial system." It is not impossible that many of the senators and congressmen appearing in her list are innocent. They may have been

wrongly accused for reasons only she knows.

"But like any other citizen un-

der the same set of circumstances, they should seek relief from the courts. The Senate is not a trier of facts. The courts are. If the DOJ or the Ombudsman or the Sandiganbayan clears them, such determination of innocence would carry far more weight than any similar finding by the Senate."

The Viewpoint column "Alternative scenarios" (5/27/14) discussed Indonesia's protests against China's claiming part of the Natuna archipelago in Indonesia's Riau province. It straddles potentially large gas fields. Indonesia twice accused Beijing of claiming part of Natuna.

The column cited Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's sketch of a "good scenario" and a "less benign one" for this region's future over the next two decades.

One would be a region at peace, with countries working to secure shared interests. The other would be a region splintered by territorial disputes and protectionism. These two scenarios will play out in the context of how the United States, China and Japan interact. Lee says the next three years will be "a historic opportunity" for Asia.

"It is eerie," Hungkag e-mailed, but this column "parallels [the situation] in the Baltic states and other border states before World War II. Remember when these states were the subject of a tug-of-war between the West and Germany?"

Hungkag added: The United States was distant but later took steps to help these small states during the war. Later these states were the subject of Cold War activities between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Chinese claim the whole of the South China Sea because in their "historical records," this sea belongs to them. "If nobody resists this, then they will claim all of Asean because they assert they have [a paper trail]."

Wrote Edgar Lores: "The macrocosm of world affairs reflects the microcosm of our national affairs. The covetousness of China for resources [mirrors] ... the covetousness of our senators for pork barrel funds. The covetousness of the congressman for pork is a reflection of a man's covetousness for his neighbor's wife and goods."

The law extending the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program is set to expire by the end of June, wrote Leonardo Fuentes. The House committee on agrarian reform railroaded the approval of a bill that proposes to extend CARP.

This ignores a study by National Scientist and UP professor Raul V. Fabella, titled "CARP: Time to Let Go." After 26 years, CARP reduced agricultural productivity, drove away investments in agriculture and created a new class of farmers—the landed poor.

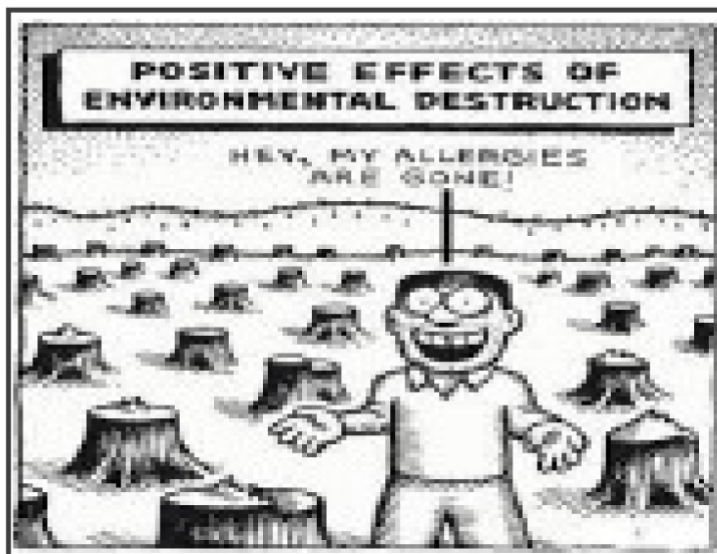
Some highlights: CARP sought to distribute 5 million hectares of land or 16 percent of total land area. In contrast, Japan's reform distributed only 1.76 million hectares comprising 4.7 percent of its land area.

There was an increase in the production of palay and corn. But a 40-percent decrease in coconut production resulted. It was an 8-percent dip in sugar harvests. The noneconomic size of farms made them into high-default risks that financing institutions avoided. "They were condemned to fail."

Slightly half the number of agrarian reform beneficiaries were organized. Thus, others missed out on government and nongovernment assistance for ARBs. Yet, more than half of them cluster below the poverty line.

Instead of continuing the fragmentation of productive agricultural lands, the government should focus its limited resources on providing support to existing reform communities. The focus should be on unglamorous but vital programs, such as irrigation, farm-to-market roads, mechanization, etc.

That'd "give the agricultural sector the much-needed boost to be more efficient and globally competitive in this era of Asean trade integration, which comes on stream next year." /Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

DUTERTE: "I DON'T WANT TO GO TO JAIL!"

BY: JESUS DUREZA



While several sectors are encouraging Mayor Rody Duterte to run for Philippine president, he has a way of saying: "THANKS, BUT NO THANKS!" His reason: "Filipinos somehow send to prison presidents starting from Erap, now Gloria and who knows, later maybe Pnoy too! No, I don't want to go to jail myself!" How can you argue against that? End of discussion.

HAZARDOUS --- Being in public office can now be "hazardous". But still, that cannot justify why some of them awarded themselves "hazard pay" by getting their dirty fingers in the cash-filled cookie jar!

CALLOUSED? -- For the first time ever, our country is facing a corruption issue in a magnitude never before experienced with the wholesale involvement of high public officials. While foreign officials resign from their high positions if faced with a controversy, not a single Pinoy official up to now has resigned -- not even a single "leave of absence" while every single day, the list grows longer and longer! Are we now a calloused people?

SYSTEMIC GAP -- There is something grievously wrong with the system. If Benhur Luy and Janet Napoles did not have a "falling out", this scam would have not been publicly known. And many officials may still merrily help themselves with the taxpayers' money. Our control systems just didn't work. So, how do we fix this?

COUNTDOWN --- There are 721 remaining days left to the May 9, 2016 national elections. In the meantime, the NAPOLIST issue is still raging with new twists and additional names. Entertaining for all voters! Let's see if our voters are more circumspect next time.

SMOKING BAN --- Unknown to many, it is not only in Davao City where there is a smoking ban in public places. This is enforced nation-wide by virtue of RA 9211 passed as early as in 2003, otherwise known as the Tobacco Regulation Act.

WORRISOME --- I'm getting more worried about the Bangsamoro agreement. I heard the MILF is admitting that the agreement signed needs constitutional amendments to implement it. Then I hear Malacanang saying there is no need to amend the Constitution. Which is which?

VS CHINA --- Vietnamese protests against China due to their territorial dispute in the South China Sea resulted to violence like burning of suspected Chinese factories in Vietnam. Lately, China has decided to evacuate 3,000 Chinese residents from Vietnam fearing more anti-Chinese violence will erupt. We are taking the peaceful option by filing our claims with the United Nations. Pinoys are more CIVILIZED.

THAI MARTIAL LAW --- The Thai Armed Forces declared martial law a few days ago. TV stations were shut down and even social media were warned to "behave". A friend from Bangkok sent word that it's peaceful there now especially that the rivals, red and blue shirted factions that caused a standoff, were warned. The generals now call the shots! Déjà vu!

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Napoles affidavit,
violation of Constitution*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground..." (Amos 5:7, the Holy Bible).

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WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH NAPOLES AFFIDAVIT NOW? There is something that the Aquino government and the Department of Justice are not telling the people, relative to the "tell all" affidavit of Janet Lim Napoles which named some 20 senators, 100 or so congressmen and other government officials as direct participants in the P10 billion pork scam: so what is to be done with that affidavit now?

What is more, while President Aquino already reacted to that affidavit by saying he was "confused" by its contents, there is no reaction at all, not even a whimper or even a sigh, from Justice Secretary Leila De Lima who, undeniably, was the one who asked Napoles to come up with a "tell all" affidavit in connection with the pork barrel scam before Napoles was to undergo a medical operation.

Indeed, considering the explosive content of the affidavit which implicated government officials in the biggest plunder case ever to hit the Philippines, the least that the President or De Lima should have done was to refer it right away to the Office of the Ombudsman for the proper preliminary investigation of those that have been named therein.

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NAPOLES AFFIDAVIT AS A BASIS FOR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION: For all intents and purposes (as we lawyers are fond of saying whenever we have run out of arguments), the affidavit of Napoles already constitutes a criminal complaint or accusation that is sufficient to start a preliminary investigation under Rules 110 and 112 of The Revised Rules of Criminal Procedure (as amended on December 01, 2000).

For one, that affidavit complies with Section 6 of Rule 110 of the foregoing Rules, which says that a "complaint... is sufficient if it states the name of the accused; the designation of the offense given by the statute; the acts or omissions complained of as constituting the offense; the name of the offended party; the approximate date of the commission of the offense; and the place where the offense was committed..."

Then, it also complies with almost all the other sections of Rule 110 which define the conditions by which a preliminary investigation under Rule 112 must and should be carried out—to determine if an offense had in fact been committed and that there is sufficient reason to believe that the persons named in the complaint were the ones who committed it.

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CULPABLE VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION: Considering the clarity of the foregoing rules of law and procedure, it was the undoubted duty of the President and of the Secretary of Justice to have acted to commence the requisite preliminary investigation pursuant to the rules of criminal procedure after receiving the Napoles affidavit.

Surely, no one can deny the fact that it is the duty of both Aquino and De Lima to prosecute criminal cases and the perpetrators of the crime. That duty to prosecute criminal cases is both Constitutional and statutory—meaning that, it is a duty that the Constitution and the laws themselves impose.

With their inaction on the Napoles "tell all" affidavit, could not the President and De Lima have committed a culpable violation the Constitution? Is this not even a case of obstruction of justice or, at least, of graft and corruption under Section 3 (e) of Republic Act 3019, which considers as graft the act of any officer which

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DSWD Expands Community-Driven Development Program to Cordillera Towns

BAGUIO CITY - Local folks in 52 municipalities in the Cordillera Administrative Region are set to be empowered in participatory planning, implementation and management of development projects as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) approved community—driven development (CDD) projects in their respective localities.

DSWD – CAR OIC Regional Director Janet Armas, in an interview, disclosed that 52 towns in the Cordillera including 25 of the 27 municipalities in the province of Abra, are among the beneficiaries of DSWD's National Community – Driven Development Program (NCDDP) for this year.

Of the 52 municipalities, 21 are new beneficiaries of the NCDDP.

"Social preparations for the CDD projects are already set this July involving around P2 million to 20M funding or a per capita (per local folk) investment of P350 to first to third class municipality and P450 to 4th to 6th class municipality", Armas stressed.

NCDDP is formerly known as KALAHI-CIDSS (Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan – Comprehensive Delivery of Social Services) and is one of the three core poverty alleviation programs of DSWD alongside the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program and the Sustainable Livelihood Program.

The program aims to empower community through participatory planning, implementation and management of local development activities; improved local governance by strengthening formal and informal institutions to become more inclusive, accountable and effective; and reduce poverty in the countryside by promoting equitable access to basic services and inclusive growth.

Under NCDDP, community development sub – projects proposed are those falling into the categories of basic social services, basic access infrastructure, community production, economic support and common services facilities; environmental protection and conservation projects and skills training and capacity building.

As of May this year, there were already 19 municipalities in Cordillera that benefitted from DSWD's CDD projects since 2011. The municipality of Besao in Mountain Province which has been recognized as best implementer of CDD projects is now on its third cycle as a beneficiary./JDP/CCD – PIA CAR

NSO – Baguio Posts All-Time High 2,070 Transactions in a Day

BAGUIO CITY - With birth certificate a requirement for school enrolment, the month of May is always the peak month for the National Statistics Office (NSO) for transactions of civil registration documents.

Last Monday, May 26, the NSO Serbilis outlet in the city recorded an all-time high of 2,070 transactions in a single day.

In an interview over PIA Hour radio program, NSO Regional Director Olivia Gulla reported that since the Baguio service outlet opened in 2006, the

2,070 transactions in a day last May 26 broke their all-time record.

NSO – Baguio recorded an average of around 900 annual daily transactions, reaching as high as 1,600 a day in 2013.

According to Gulla, as it is their mandate to assure effective service to their clients, the NSO staff have adjusted their schedules going beyond the normal, and adopted a 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. schedule for two weeks until classes open on June 2.

The Baguio service outlet is also open for two

DOH –CARO Reports Decreasing Trend in Diseases Under Surveillance

BAGUIO CITY — The Department of Health - Cordillera Administrative Regional Office (DOH-CARO) reported that diseases being monitored by its Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit had generally a significant decrease since January to the second week of May this year.

DOH Assistant Regional Director Dr. Amelita Pangilinan said that the majority of the 23 different diseases and syndromes under surveillance in the region have shown a decreasing trend since January 1 to May 10 this 2014 or Morbidity Week 1 – 19 compared to the same period last year.

Registering one of the most significant decrease is dengue with 457 and one death during the said monitoring period this year compared to the 789 cases with three deaths during the same period last year, or a 42 percent decrease.

Measles registered a 22 percent decrease from 27 cases with one death last year to 21 cases this year while influenza-like illness has a six percent decrease with 3652 cases last year compared to 3445 cases this year.

Pangilinan also assured the public that there is no cause for alarm as there is no MERS – COV (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus)- positive case monitored in the region. She affirmed that so far the only case recorded in the country is that of a male nurse who was intercepted in Manila, and reportedly acquired the virus in United Arab Emirates.

Pangilinan said the continuing decrease of cases of diseases and illness can be attributed to the collective efforts of the different stakeholders in maintaining a healthy environment for the general public particularly in the municipal and provincial and even in barangay health units regionwide.

She added that public awareness and vigilance on the different illness also help in the prevention of diseases in the region. She said that the regular conduct of kapihan media forums is a big help in advocating disease prevention to the public. The DOH sponsors a kapihan forum each month.

The media forums and interviews are avenues where the public get informed and updated of the common diseases particularly the season illnesses, on the preventive measures of illness, how to be healthy and other important reminders from the DOH.

Pangilinan reminded that despite the reported decrease of diseases, the DOH is calling on the general public to always stay healthy to prevent diseases. The public, she added, should always clean their surroundings to prevent diseases./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

Saturdays - May 24 and May 31 to accommodate clients.

Gulla called on the public to have more patience as the NSO is doing its best to continuously adjust its system and its personnel's capacity to the growing clients. She reiterated her appeal for clients not to bring along companions especially children as they add up in clogging the NSO Service outlet.

She explained that a birth certificate does not

expire, (unless for overseas use or immigration use depending on the requirement of a country of destination) so people could get their civil registration documents at their convenient time and keep a record. If there are wrong entries or corrections, adjustments can be done. This way, they avoid the queue and the rush during NSO peak months.

Gulla also advised public that for them to save time, money and ef-

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REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

OFFICE OF THE EX-
OFFICIO SHERIFF

CLEOTILDE G.
BALBERAS &
SPS. TEODORO
RAPINAN, JR. and
RITSEE RAPINAN,
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

SPS. POLICARPIO
and IRENE
HAMADA,
Defendants.

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CIVIL CASE NO.
5733-R
FOR: RECOVERY OF
OWNERSHIP AND
POSSESSION, etc.

NOTICE OF SALE
ON EXECUTION
OF REAL
PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Writ of Execution issued by ATTY. MYLENE MAY G. ADUBE-CABUAG, Clerk of Court V, Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, Baguio City on November 28, 2013 in the above-entitled case, wherein CLEOTILDE G. BALDERAS and SPS. TEODORO RAPINAN, JR. and RITZEE RAPINAN, herein referred to as plaintiffs, and SPS. POLICARPIO and IRENE HAMADA, herein referred as the defendants, cause you to be made the sum of P15,000.00 a month as reasonable rental for their occupation, use and possession of the property in question from the time of the Complaint has been filed on February 6, 2004 until they have fully vacated the same; and P20,000.00 as attorney's fees and the costs of suit.

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2014, thru the Register of

Deeds of Baguio City, levy was made upon all right, title, claim participation and interest the defendants SPS. POLICARPIO and IRENE HAMADA have or might have over the property, the property together with all improvements existing thereon which are more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO T-92408

"A parcel of land (lot A-1-B-3, Psd-CAR-01495) being a portion of Lot A-1-B, Psd-CAR-000244; situated at rurban code 131102, Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the E., along line 1-2 by Lot A-1-B-8 (Proposed Alley 4.00 m. wide) of the subd. plan; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Lot A-1-B-4 of the subd. plan; on the W., along line 3-4 by Lot A-1-C, Psd-CAR, 000244; on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 25, Fp-1279 (Property of Pistola.) Beginning at the point marked "I" x x x to the point of beginning; containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THREE (443) SQUARE METERS, more or less x x x." (complete technical description appears in the title.)

Now, therefore, by virtue of said Writ of Execution and in accordance with Sec. 18, Rule 39 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedures, the Clerk of Court VI and Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court, Baguio City or thru her deputies hereby gives notice to the parties concerned and the public in general that on June 25, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the Lobby of Hall of Justice, Baguio City, will set at Public Auction to the highest bidder, for CASH, all right, interest and participation of defendants SPS. POLICARPIO and IRENE HAMADA, in the above-described property together with all its improvements existing thereon in or-

der to satisfy the amount of judgment debt contained in Writ of Execution, plus lawful fees and expenses of Execution and Sale. Interested parties are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property described above and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, this 14th day of May 2014.

By: (SGD) ATTY.
LINDA G. MONTES-
LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI
& Ex-Officio City
Sheriff

By: (SGD) BOBBY D.
GALANO
Sheriff IV

WARNING: it is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Auction Sale on or before the date of sale under the penalty of law. Notice raffled to : The Junction Newspaper

Dates of Publication
s: May 24 and May
31, 2014

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
Branch 62

La Trinidad, Benguet

SAN VICENTE SAV-
INGS AND CREDIT
COOPERATIVE,
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

SPS. JOVITA AND
TITO ANITAP AND
ALL OTHER PER-
SONS ACTING IN
THEIR
BEHALF AND IN
THEIR INTEREST,
Defendants.

x—————x

CIVIL CASE NO.
13-CV-2915

FOR:
FORECLOSURE OF

REAL
ESTATE MORT-
GAGE
SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

The Honorable Court rendered a Decision dated 2 December 2013, the dispositive portion of which reads:

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, defendants, are hereby directed to:

1. Pay to plaintiff, within ninety (90) days from finality of this judgment, the principal amount of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php 1,200,000.00) and indemnity interest at the legal rate of Six percent (6%) per annum from 14 February 2013 until full payment of the loan obligation, which amounts to ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (Php 1,254,000.00) as of t 14 November 2013, and

2. In case defendants fail to pay the amount due within the period provided, the property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-62759 in the name of defendant Jovito S. Anitap, married to Tito Anitap, shall be sold to public auction to satisfy the judgment.

3. Pay the cost of the suit.

SO ORDERED."

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the above-mentioned Decision and failure of the defendants to pay, the undersigned will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency on 19 JUNE 2014 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, (Benguet Justice Hall) Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, the parcel of registered land, subject matter of the above-entitled case, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRASFER CERTIFI-

CATE OF TITLE NO. T-62759 REGISTER OF DEEDS OF PROVINCE OF BENGUET

"A parcel of land (Lot 3, Pcs-CAR-001067), being a portion of consolidated lots of Lots 3-A & 3-B, Psd-131114-003702. Rurban Code of 131114. Situated at Barangay of Central, Municipality of Tublay, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., & NW., along lines 1-2-3 by Lot 2 of the consolidation subdivision plan; on the NE., & SE., along lines 3-4-5 by Lot 2, Psd-1-06068; on the SW., along line 5-6 by Laoyang, on the NW., along line 6-7 by Public Land on the NE., along line 7-8 by Tublay - Baguio Road., on the SE., & NE., along line 8-9-1 by Lot 1 of the consolidation subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "I" on plan, S. 66 deg. 42'W., 767.20 m. from BLLM No. 1 Chomolpot, Mun. Of Tublay, x x x x x containing an area of TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOUR (27,904) SQUARE METERS more or less.

Prospective bidder/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any. In case of failure in the auction sale, in the stated date, time and place, the same is hereby rescheduled on 10 July 2014 at the same time and place without further notice.

Let the foregoing be published in THE JUNCTION Newspaper, for three (3) consecutive weeks and the same be posted at the Municipal Hall, and Post Office at Tublay, Benguet; Bulletin board of RTC-Occ-Benguet, RTC Branch 62, La Trinidad, Benguet for Twenty (20) days before the scheduled public auction sale pursuant to the provisions of Rule 39, of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 19th day of MAY 2014.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF

Brgy. Tinongdan Dads Express Opposition to Establishment of Small Scale Mining Facilities

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — Barangay officials of Tinongdan in Itogon, Benguet have expressed their strong opposition to the establishment of any small scale mining structures in their barangay.

Barangay officials of the town crafted Resolution No. 7 series 2014 strongly opposing the establishment or construction of small scale mining structures in the area which may pose danger to the environment and pollute and contaminate their resources.

All they want is to protect and preserve their environment and natural resources which give life to the people in the community. They also want to promote their barangay as tourist-friendly and to have a healthy community for the people to enjoy.

Facilities and structures such as gold processing plant, ball mill or milling projects within the territorial jurisdiction of the barangay pose danger to lives of human beings, animals or livestock and affect bodies of water such as creeks and rivers with various fish species as source of food, they claimed.

Also their rights as indigenous peoples/indigenous cultural communities recognized by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples should be protected as provided by the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act was implied in the measure.

There are small groups which undertake scale mining operations in Itogon apart from the large mining companies which operate in the municipality.

Tinongdan is where the

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| EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET | Binga Dam is l o - cated./ J D P - S C A - P I A C A R , Benguet |
| By: (SGD) JOSELITO F. SALES Sheriff IV | |
| Publication dates: May 24, 31 and June 7, 2014 | |

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

IN THE MATTER
OF CHANGE OF
FAMILY NAME,
STATUS, AND
CORRECTION OF
ENTRIES IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH OF
MINOR CHRIS-
TIAN LANGBIS
REYMUNDO AS-
SISTED BY HER
MOTHER, VIR-
GINIA VICENTE
LANGBIS,
Petitioner,

-versus-

ANTHONY
VILLARY
REYMUNDO, LO-
CAL
CIVIL REGIS-
TRAR OF LA
TRINIDAD,
BENGUET PROV-
INCE.
Respondents.

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SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDING CASE
NO. 14-C-1806

ORDER

Petitioner,
through counsel,
filed this verified
petition praying
that after due no-
tice, publication
and hearing, the
court orders the
Local Civil Regis-
trar of La Trinidad,
Benguet to correct
the following in
the birth certifi-
cate of Christian
Langbis
Reymundo as fol-
lows:

Family Name:
from REYMUNDO
to LANGBIS

Middle Name:
from LANGBIS to
VICENTE

Date and place

of Marriage of Par-
ents: DELETE the
entries as there
was no marriage
that took place and
declaring minor
child as an illegiti-
mate Child.

Petitioner also
prays that the name
of the Father and
all entries pertain-
ing to him be de-
leted.

WHEREFORE,
finding the peti-
tion to be sufficient
in form and sub-
stance, the court
sets it for hear on
August 20, 2014 at
9:00 o'clock in the
morning before the
Session Hall of this
Court, Benguet Provincial
Capitol, La
Trinidad, Benguet
and all persons in-
terested may ap-
pear and show
cause, if any, why
this petition should
not be granted.

Let this Or-
der be published at
the expense of the
petitioner in the
Junction Newspa-
per, a newspaper of
general circulation
in Baguio City and
Benguet Province,
once a week, for
three (3) consecu-
tive weeks, the first
publication to be
made not later than
May 18, 2014.

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 Local
Civil Registrar of
La Trinidad,
Benguet; the Junc-
tion Newspaper;
the petitioner and
counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 15th day of
May 2014 at La
Trinidad, Benguet.

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

Publication
dates: May 17, 24
and 31, 2014

DOH calls on Smokers to Observe no Tobacco Day on May 31

BAGUIO CITY -The Department of Health – Cordil-
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ing on smokers not to smoke cigarette for at least 24 hours
in celebration of the World No Tobacco Day on May 31.

DOH-CARO Regional Tobacco Coordinator Teresita
Foman-eg said that the health department is encouraging
the public especially the smokers to support the call to
reduce tobacco use around the world.

She explained that a person can resist themselves from
smoking within 4 to 24 hours if they want to and the
observance of the event will mean a lot not only to the
smokers but also to the public who are the usual victims of
second and third hand smokers.

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also in informing people about health problems. "Just like
this scenario that when smoke from the cigarette is invol-
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risk to become sick and incidentally can get a lung prob-
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The World Health Organization reports that the global
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which more than 600 000 are non-smokers dying from
breathing second-hand smoke.

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globally and is currently responsible for 10 percent of adult
deaths worldwide, it showed.

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as World No Tobacco Day, highlighting the health risks as-
sociated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to
reduce tobacco consumption.

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bacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke

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on countries to raise taxes on tobacco.

Meanwhile, Foman-eg lauded the city of Baguio for the
Anti-Smoking Ordinance prohibiting smoking in the different
public places and other establishments in the city. But she
pointed out that this still needs refinement including penalties
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JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

"Boses ng Baguio" Talent Search on

BAGUIO CITY - Do you have the talent and the guts to be
Baguio City's next singing star? Join "Boses ng Baguio - the
search for the summer capital's new singing sensation".

A project of John Glen Gaerlan, a renowned Baguio
tenor and music enthusiast, in partnership with the city's
Association of Barangay Kagawads (ABK), the search is
open to all residents of Baguio City aged 15 to 30 years old.

Qualified contestants must be certified residents of the
barangays they are representing, must not have joined/
competed in any national/international competitions and
must not have any contract with any production company
or agency.

Gaerlan, in launching the search in a kapihan media fo-
rum Wednesday, said he came up with the project in
recognition of the potentials of Baguio talents.

"Boses ng Baguio is envisioned to be annual search for
the most competitive singing sensation of Baguio City, high-
lighting the participation of the different barangays in the
city and giving them equal opportunities to showcase their
talents. Eventual winner will also represent the city in any
other singing competition outside of Baguio", Gaerlan said.

Baguio ABK president Eva Fianza reported that the
whole audition process will involve all the 128 city barangays
clustered into 10 areas. Cluster contestants will battle it out
within 6 to 8 weeks before the semi-finals.

The organizers set the semi-finals on July 27 at the SM
City Baguio, while the finals would be on August 9 at the
Baguio Convention Center.

Justin Samson, one of the contest organizers, explained
that the preliminary auditions will take place in a venue
they will assign and would run for 5 to 6 weeks.

The contest guidelines include: maximum of two con-
testants per barangay is allowed to compete; contestants
are required to prepare one song from any genre/style of
his/her choice to be sung either acapella, or with minimal
accompaniment (eg. guitar or keyboard) or with minus one;
song piece should not be less than two minutes and not
more than four minutes.; and all minus one (in MP3 format
written in cd or recorded in a flash drive) should be given to
the organizers upon registration.

The contestants will be judged based on vocal range (20
percent), vocal quality (20%), subtext/artistic interpreta-
tion (20%), level of difficulty (15%), stage presence (15%)
and audience impact (10%).

The Boses ng Baguio grand winner will be awarded
with P30,000, 1st runner- P20,000 and 2nd runner- P10,000.
Consolation prizes of P2,000 will also be awarded to the
other finalists. The Barangay represented by the winners
will also receive a pocket wifi from Smart Bro./JDP/CCD/
Michelle Joy Guillermo – PIA Intern

Power Situation

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and cooperation of indigenous communities, it will be a big boost on the energy supply here in Cordillera and the rest of the Luzon regions", Balaoing said.

Meantime, the DOE-led forum is the Cordillera leg of the department's nationwide advocacy campaign on the downstream oil industry (DOI). It was attended by representatives from the different provinces in the region, government line agencies and private stakeholders including gas station owners.

Participants were given briefing on the country's downstream oil industry, as well as on liquid fuels and on the rules that govern liquefied petroleum gas./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

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lice Regional office Cordillera (PRO - Cor) Deputy Director for Operations P/Supt. Ronald Gayo also assured the "Oplan Balik Eskuwela" preparedness of the police, with organized teams and deployment plans and police assistance desks already set for implementation.

He also assured that coordination meeting with local chief executives, barangay officials and other force multipliers are continuing to ensure the safety of schoolchildren, teachers and parents.

For the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI - CAR), Consumer Welfare and Protection Division chief Atty. Sam Gallardo reported that DTI provincial offices are continuously monitoring the availability of supplies and the compliance of traders to the Suggested Retail Price DTI released last May 7.

Gallardo also encouraged the public to be climate change- adoptive and responsible consumers, and to report to DTI any complaint about the products they buy or violations on consumer rights and welfare.

Meantime, Office of Civil Defense (OCD - CAR) Planning Officer Jesse Rey Rios assured that their Operations Center is open 24/7 (24 hours a day and 7 days a week) to monitor all activities, especially, "Oplan Balik Eskuwela". He urged the public to report to them any situation that need response or coordination to concerned agencies such as traffic or any emergency./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Baguio Team Lakay...

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Brazil 3 Finale on May 31 at the Ibirapuera gymnasium in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The Southeast Asian gold medalist who hails from Sadanga, Mountain Province will be squaring off against Brazilian Edmilson Souza who just like Eddiva had his debut in the UFC in September last year when he outpointed Felipe Arantes via split decision at UFC Fight Night 28.

UFC Brazil Finale will feature the bout between Stipe Miocic and Fabio Maldonado in the main event. /RMC-PIA CAR

Behavior Change of Stakeholders Plays Vital Role in Revitalizing Balili River

BAGUIO CITY - Behavior change of stakeholders play a vital role in the upkeep of the Balili River system.

This was underscored in a two-day Behavior Change Workshop of the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition(BRSRC) held recently.

Facilitated by Ramon Daen and Alexander Deocareza of the Harnessing the Nucleus of Strengthened Services (HARNESS) consultancy group, BRSRC members identified crucial behaviors to work on in order to achieve change.

Among these are inconsistent implementation of policies, improper segregation or garbage disposal, pig waste dumping into the river, refusal to desludge septic waste, refusal to segregate waste, absence or improper design of septic tanks, and encroachments tolerated along riverside.

While there are ongoing efforts endeavored in revitalizing the Balili River, Daen pointed out that if change is desired focus should also be given on the vital behaviors.

Daen presented the theories behind behavioral change which he said are unconsciously being applied but learning about it gives confidence in doing the right thing.

But he cautioned that most of the behavior change efforts fail because it gives focus to only one level. The various levels progress which start with personal progressing into social and finally structural levels which incorporate elements of motivation and ability, and hand in hand, the combination is called sources of influence, according to Daen.

Making the undesirable desirable, surpassing one's limit, harnessing peer pressure, design reward and demand accountability and changing the environment are the sources of influence in changing behavior so that if all are present change is inevitable, Daen pointed out.

In developing a plan for the river system, he said all of the influencers should be considered to give a sense of ownership among the stakeholders at the barangay level with the guidance of the BRSRC.

The coalition recognized the need to actively involve the community or the barangay, the forerunners in maintaining the river system, in the revitalization effort apart from the ongoing efforts and those already undertaken.

Equipped with knowledge and skills on changing attitudes and behaviors, the coalition members are expected to download these to the barangays through appropriate activities in ensuring better participation and sustainability in the upkeep of the Sagudin-Balili River.

The workshop was sponsored by the University of the Philippines- Baguio together with the Environment and Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Cordillera and Water Governance Project of the UP System./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

NSO...

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fort in going to the Baguio Service outlet for their civil registration documents., they can avail through the NSO-CAR's Batch Request Entry System with a minimal additional cost.

Under NSO's BREQS, partners are SM City Baguio, NSO Abra provincial office, Dolores, Abra local government unit; LGUs of Bakun and Kabayan in Benguet; LGUs of Bontoc, Bauko, Barlig, Paracelis and Tadian in Mountain Province ; NSO Ifugao and LGU Alfonso Lista; LGUs of Tabuk, Tinglayan, Pinukpuk and Balbalan in Kalinga, and LGUs of Conner, Luna and Kabugao in Apayao./JDP/CCD with Michelle Guillermo-PIA CAR

Developing Poro Point Airport Will Boost Tourism in Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY - Developing the San Fernando Airport within the Poro Point

Freeport Zone as an international airport will increase tourism arrivals and more business opportunities in northern Luzon.

Located in San Fernando City, La Union, it would serve as a gateway to Baguio City which is an hour drive away, as a hub to other tourist destinations in the Cordilleras, said Ed Manda, former Manila International Airport manager.

The freeport is very near the countries of Taipei, Hongkong and Vietnam which are less than two hours flight while Korea, Japan and Singapore are only four hours away, Manda said.

Time is very important when you're traveling; tourists want to reach their destination quickly and without hassle, he said.

The Poro Point Freeport Zone is managed by the government under the Bases Conversion and Development Authority. The upgrading of the airport has been lined up under the public-private-partnership program of the government

with the funding already secured last year, according to BCDA president and CEO Arnel Paciono Casanova.

Manda is currently the president of *Philippine Bamboo Foundation* promoting the Bamboo Museum where various bamboo artwork are on exhibit in the so called "White House" of Baguio City./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate of the late Juanito S. Bambalan Sr.

Notice is hereby given to the public that the heirs of the late JUANITO S. BAMBALAN SR., who died intestate on March 25, 2014 in Baguio General Hospital, Baguio City, has executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of his estate consisting of savings deposits: United Coconut Planters Bank account number 002171330692; United Coconut Planters Bank account number 002171100509 and Land Bank account number 0221-1111-76 on May 27, 2014 as per Doc. No. 127; page No. 26; Book No. CIV: Series of 2014, acknowledged before Atty. Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City

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GILBERT SIBAYAN
Applicant

Case No: 2002- CAR-021
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ACUPAN and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 20th day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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FRANCISCO P. LAVARIAS - First party
(Deceased)

DAISY P. LAVARIAS - Second Party
Applicant

Case No: 2012-CAR-494
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DEADLY --- Some interesting data. There are now 34 million Filipinos in FACEBOOK. Out of 10 Pinoys, 3.5 are connected with the Internet. This is a potent force to do national transformation and reform. Information technology can be potent, devastating and deadly. It can destroy as well as build!

SUBIC BAY --- During our brief visit at Subic Bay at Olongapo over the weekend, I saw some US naval vessels now docked at the world-class naval facilities that were moribund for years since we closed the US bases during Pres. Cory's time. I talked at the sidewalk with the locals and they were glad with the new developments. Now we've gone full circle. Pres. PNoy opened what was closed during his mother's time. Poetic justice!

SENIORS --- Several malls in Manila have "pay per use" premium restrooms @ P10 per pax. However senior citizens need not pay if they show their IDs. One time my wife Beth noticed me paying the lady attendant by the door! Later, she asked me why. "No it was not a tip, I couldn't just find my ID," I explained. That was half the truth. The other half was that she was so young and pretty that I just didn't have the heart, the industry and the patience to look for my ID in my wallet!

(Hahaha! No worries! All in the mind!)/ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/

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causes undue injury to the government or to the people as a whole?

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ayusin muna ang immunity ni Benhur at ng mga kasamahan niya because this will give the assurance to the whistleblowers na magpalit man ng administrasyon, makaupo man ang mga kakampi ni Sen. Jinggoy at Sen. Enrile, tuloy-tuloy pa din ang immunity ng mga whistleblowers.

Take the case of Jun Lozada, the star witness in the NBN-ZTE, isang whistleblower. Dahil hindi siya nabigyan ng immunity, anong nangyari?

Tuloy pa din siyang nagwiwitness sa ZTE pero may kaso siya. Ang paliwanag ng Ombudsman, iba naman ang kaso. Syempre, nasa isip ni Benhur at ng mga kasamahan niya, ako man ang nasa kalagayan niya, maiisip ko yan na sa dami ng kaso na ito, remember bawat isang congressman, senador, bawat isang ahente na banggitin mo, ibang kaso yan.

Masama naman siguro na nauna na nga si Ruby [Tuason], uunahin mo pa ang mga anak at pamilya ni Ms. Napoles kaysa sa whistleblowers. But even kay Ms. Napoles, sa mga anak niya, I would like to see the evidence muna bago sila pag-usapan sa immunity.

DAPAT MAGKAROON DIN NG CO-OPERATION AND TELL-THE-TRUTH CLAUSE SA IMMUNITY DEAL

Lastly, although I am against all of these immunity deals, sa Amerika, standard yun, na merong cooperation and tell-the-truth clause. Anong ibig sabihin nito? Kapag nahuli na nagsinungaling ka o nahuli na hindi ka nagko-cooperate, meaning may tinanong sa iyo at hindi mo sinagot o hindi totooong katotohanan, tanggal ang deal at mawawala ang deal. Kasi kung ang mangyayari ay wala itong clause na ito sa kanilang agreement, anong incentive ni Ms. Napoles na magsabi ng totoo?

Ang magiging incentive niya, kung sinong idikta sa kanya. Kapag sinabing kalaban ng administrasyon, hindi ilalagay. Kapag sinabing ang mga median ito kagalit, sila ang ilalagay sa listahan. Samantalang kung ilalagay mo doon sa affidavit at sa agreement na kapag siya ay hindi nagsabi ng totoo o hindi nagcooperate, tanggal ang deal, may disincentive na maglagay siya ng hindi totoo doon at may disincentive na may protektahan siya because anytime ay pwedeng tanggalin ang deal.

So we have to solve this problem and it will only be solved number one, kapag magkaroon ng hearing at maghaharap-harap lahat and we can tell who's telling the truth and who's lying; number two, ilabas ng gobyerno lahat ng relevant documents about this; number three, bantayan natin ang proseso. I have faith in the Ombudsman, I have faith in the DOJ, but trabaho namin ang oversight na bantayan na tama itong mga agreement na binibigay.

Lastly, nasaan ang pera? Habang ang mga grupo nila Napoles ay hawak pa din ang pera, nakakagalaw pa sila. Sa Amerika at sa Europe, ang inuuna nila, ma-freeze ang assets at ito ay pinapabalik sa gobyerno.

SI NAPOLES AY NAGTI-TNT (TAGO NG TAGO). BITBITIN NA YAN PAPUNTA SA SENADO

I talked to Sen. TG Guingona, he is going to be consulting the other members [of the BRC]. I think it is a balancing act. Hindi pwedeng i-withhold ng napakatagal ng DOJ at ng Blue Ribbon (affidavit ni Napoles) sapagkat may karapatan ang publiko na malaman ang laman nito. On the other hand, kung walang hearing, how will the people in this affidavit be able to defend themselves? Syempre, sa media, ang mga nababanggit ay may mga programa sila. But sa mga senador at congressman, ang integrity nila ay napakaimportante sa kanila. For me, it is a dual solution. Irelease kaagad and call a hearing right away.

Ang problema, si Ms. Napoles mismo,

TNT. Sasabihin niya na ready na siyang magsalita and then, yun pala the day before the operation. And then ready na siya with the affidavit pero abogado niya muna ang nagsasalita. Ngayon sinubmit na niya pero sasabihin niya three weeks to three months, sabi ng doktor niya hindi siya pwede magsalita. The affidavit is useless kung hindi pwedeng mag-swear ang tao doon at hindi siya pwedeng macros examine. I know that the public has the right to know, but we have to put some order into this.

Ako, I pose a dual solution, irelease kaagad but kung kailangan siya physically, buhatin siya at dalhin dito sa Senado para sagutin ay pwedeng gawin yun. She can refuse to answer questions. That's her right under the Constitution to not answer questions kung tingin niya mai-incriminate siya but she cannot refuse to come here. It is within the powers of the Senate to subpoena and order that she be brought here, of course, subject to the approval of the court.

GINAGAWANG CENTER OF OPERATIONS NG PANGGUGULO NI MS. NAPOLES ANG OSMAK

Katulad ng ginawa ni Ms. Napoles last time, nilaro tayong lahat. Kunyari si Secretary De Lima ang kausap niya and then mag-leak din yung asawa niya kay Senator Lacson and then si Ms. Cam meron din. Tandaan niyo hindi isolated si Ms. Napoles. I do believe na may contact pa rin siya kasama sa mga akusado na nasa building na ito.

And yun ang isang building na gusto niyang manatili sa Ospital ng Makati not because of her operation on her body but because she want to use it as a center of operation. May operation si Napoles ngayon na guluhin ang usapan. May operation si Ms. Napoles ngayon na mag-away-away ang mga whistleblowers, ang mga abogado, ang media, ang mga politika. May operation si Ms. Napoles ngayon na magsawa ang tao sa issue na ito so why will we allow her to do those operations. She wants to speak, okay but come here and speak. Kung hindi, lahat na lang ng witness, ganun. Gagawa ng secret affidavit tapos hindi pupunta dito.

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MARIO J. RUDIO
Applicant
Case No: 2002-BC-524
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(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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A woman who also opted anonymity visited Tomas at the BGHMC last May 19 and gave him P1,000. Another woman met his mother, Divina, at the McDonald's Session Rd. branch and gave another P1,000.

Still, another anonymous donor, a regular responder to patients appealing for help, provided expenses along the way of a team of paramedics from the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council that transported kidney patient Chester Raga for check-up at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Quezon City last Tuesday./ Ramon Dacawi.

Mayor Warns...

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have to find out if this is true," Domogan said.

Other reports include those manning the stalls awarded to vendors are attendants of awardees.

Allocation of stalls in Blocks 3 and 4 passes thru the BCMA.

Domogan warned vendors who do not follow the rules on the use of this stalls will no longer be allowed to sell and their stall rights will be awarded to other interested vendors. ***paul rillorta

Mount Pulag...

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and Barangay Ekip and Balete in Bokod.

She said that there were no road network in the past years and people have to walk to their respective communities through a trail. But in the past few years the area was developed and a road network which is now considered as a 'logging road' was opened..

Last year, Albas recommended to the Provincial Peace and Order Council the closure of the road.

Albas said that the joint task force would be validating the information as well as the evidences they gathered for them to file appropriate complaints and formal charges to the three individuals who are staying in the forest reserve area of Mount Pulag particularly for violation of the Forest Code of the Philippines, the Philippine Clean Water Act and the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act.

The report will also be turned over to the local government units and the DENR CENRO, PENDRO and Regional Office.

The task force was lead by the PENRO and CENRO together with the operatives from the Police Regional Office - Cordillera and the Bokod Municipal Police Office, Philippine Army 51st Infantry Battalion, National Power Corporation and members of the local media

Meanwhile, Albas called on everyone to do their share in maintaining, conserving and protecting the Mount Pulag National Park which is considered as the 'mountain of the gods'.

The Mount Pulag National Park covers 11,550 hectares were established to protect and preserve the natural features of the area such as its outstanding vegetation and wildlife. It borders Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya and Tinoc, Ifugao and Kabayan and Bokod in Benguet./JDP/RMC- PIA-CAR

Mount Pulag Continues to be Under Threat

BOKOD, Benguet — The Mount Pulag National Park is in critical state and continues to be under threat despite the actions being under taken by the different local government units and the advocacy of hundreds of mountaineers climbing the sacred mountain.

More than 10 hectares of forest land inside the Mount Pulag reservation were found to have been burned and cleared and converted into farmlands in Naubanan, Ekip in Bokod, Benguet following an investigation and survey by the joint Provincial and Municipal Anti-illegal Logging Task Force operation last week.

Mount Pulag Protected Areas Superintendent Emerita Albas said that of the three areas which the task force investigated at Naubanan, Ekip, at least 200 pine and oak trees were cut or burned down due to Illegal logging activities and more than 10 hectares of land were also converted into high

***Baguio's Team Lakay
Athletes to Fight in Brazil
and Singapore***

BAGUIO CITY — Baguio City's Team Lakay fighters are set to make another mark in the mix martial arts world in the upcoming fights in two major MMA franchises outside the country on May 30 and 31.

Former One Fighting Championship featherweight world champion Honorio "The Rock" Banario is set to redeem himself when he faces a tough Mongolian fighter on May 30 during the ONE FC 16: Honor and Glory set at the Singapore Indoor Stadium.

Banario will face Narantungalag Jadambaa at the biggest MMA promotions in Asia, almost five months after his devastating knockout loss to Japanese Koji Oishi in ONE FC 13 on Dec. 6, 2013.

value crop farming with the unabated expansion of commercial vegetable farms.

The 200 trees were located in the areas which were investigated and surveyed but hundreds more were found out to be cut down and burned along the mountain sides in Naubanan. The trees cut down were mostly for commercial use, for conversion to farmlands and for use in reported small scale mining activities in Kabayan and Bokod, Benguet.

Albas said that initial investigation they conducted showed that three areas were illegally converted into farmlands after individuals and eventually their families migrated to the areas which was supposed to be a forest reservation area and off limits to residential and commercial use.

Albas said that the area in Naubanan had fast forest denudation and uncontrolled development after a road was opened in the area which connects barangay Bashoy in Kabayan

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Banario has learned a lot from the two consecutive losses and vowed to come back as a stronger and better fighter, as he hopes to improve his current mixed martial arts records of eight wins and three losses.

His opponent, Narantungalag, will make his ONE FC debut after he became MMA pro fighter in 2004.

ONE FC 16 will be headlined by top welterweight prospects Ben Askren and Bakhtiyar Abbasov.

Meanwhile, Mark Eddiva, the first home-grown Filipino athlete who won in the Ultimate Fighting Championships Fight Night Finale in Macau, China in March this year, will again see action in the Ultimate Fighter

Power Situation in Luzon Still Normal- DOE

BAGUIO CITY - Power situation in Luzon is still normal and power reserve as of last week was pegged at more than 900 megawatts.

This was the assurance made by Department of Energy (DOE) Luzon Field Office Director Efrén Balaoing, in an interview, during the DOE- led Forum on Multi-sectoral Advocacy Campaign on Downstream Oil Industry at City Light Hotel, here, last Thursday.

The occasional rains in the Baguio-Benguet area and the upcoming rainy season that is expected to bring in rains despite the forecast of El Niño will rejuvenate the Cordillera watersheds that bring water to the lowlands and will boost the power generating capacity of Ambuklao and Binga Dam, both located in Benguet, Balaojio said.

"Ambuklao has a generating capacity of 105 MW while Binga generates 125 MW", he disclosed.

In the same interview, Balaoing also affirmed the rich potentials of Cordillera Administrative Region as far as geo-thermal power and hydro power are concerned.

He reported that there are pending applications six 6 geo-thermal plants in the region that will have a total generating capacity of 230 megawatts and 22 applications for hydro power plants that could bring in more than 700 megawatts of power supply.

"If these power generation development contracts push through, through the endorsement of local government units

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"TUG OF WAR" - City Hall employees show off their brute strength while having fun during "Tug of War" as part of City Hall Mini-Olympics and Fun Games held at the PFVR Youth Center May 29./by Bong Cayabyab

DepEd – CAR, Partners all set for June 2 Opening of Classes

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Department of Education-Cordillera Administrative Region (DepEd-CAR) and its partner agencies assured that all is set for the opening of classes in all public schools in the region on Monday, June 2.

DepEd – CAR chief administrative officer Delfin Sallidao, in a kapihan media forum last week, reported that with the simultaneous Brigada Eskwela, all public

schools are already clean and physically ready and he expressed the department's gratitude to the parents and volunteers who participated in the activity.

DepEd – CAR estimates around 330,000 Cordillera students to be back in school this June 2 - about 32,306 in kindergarten, 215,336 in elementary and 90,284 in high school.

For peace and order, Po-

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