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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **History catches up to save** **Baguio from reek**



THEY'RE SO MANY, THEY CAN'T BE SEEN. It is said, "Too much of anything is poisonous." The axiom actually applies to local drivers' eyes that, despite the barrage of no parking signs at a backstreet near Insular Life building, motorists still park nonchalantly./Monch David

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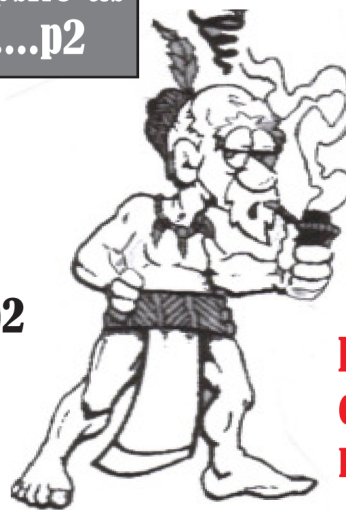
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BRM urges health buffs to join calorie burner fundraiser

BAGUIOCITY—Rapt by the “Walk, Baguio, Walk,” health cum anti-pollution advocacy of the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM) and the City Government of Baguio, Coca-Cola Company recently challenged Baguioans to prove how far walking has taken them to healthier lifestyle.

The challenge:
A 7:00am to 8:00am workout, November 8, at the Melvin Jones Football Grounds.

The wager:
P1.00 per calorie burnt to be paid by Coke directly to the BRM and the Regional Forest and Mining Multi-sectoral Protection Council (RFMMPC).
D u b b e d , “Baguio Walkers go HALika” (*HAL is acronym for Healthy and Active Lifestyle*), interested health buffs are called to register from 6:00am to 7:00am.

Event Coordinator Amy Ferrer of Grupo Sorbetero ex-

plained, “The total weight of the participants will be added; then multiplied by the length of time they will exercise; and the result will again be multiplied with a factor (degree of difficulty) in order to get actual calories burned.”

Grupo Sorbetero is Coke’s marketing arm for the project.

Over at City Hall, city councilors and mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. have endorsed the project saying “the activity

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City to buy time with Irian dumpsite as it works out landfill solution

BAGUIOCITY—The city government plans to use anew the Irian dumpsite as depository of residual wastes for the next four to five months as the city buys time to work out the establishment of an engineered sanitary landfill.

But city officials led by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas assured that the waste disposal activities at the dumpsite will be done only under controlled conditions and only after the required engineering mitigating measures have been properly instituted to ensure the safety of the facility.

To work this out, the city council last Monday also agreed to rechannel the P15 million earlier allotted for the development of a residual containment area in another area, for the implementation of the required remedial measures at the Irian dumpsite.

The plan to reopen the dumpsite as a controlled facility was hatched as the city scrambles for tem-

porary solution to curb overspending in the hauling out of wastes, another temporary remedy resorted to by the city, while it remains in the process of scouting for an appropriate location for its landfill.

Several options for landfill sites mostly located outside the city are now being studied by teams from both the city council and the waste management team but most have been discounted due to opposition by residents of the host communities.

This prompted city officials to focus attention on a proposed site at Sto. Tomas which is the only one located within the city but verification still needs to be conducted due to the presence of claims on the area.

Results of the studies done by city council teams assigned to check on the landfill options were endorsed to the council committee on environment for final recommendation.

Mayor Bautista last Thursday an-

nounced a breakthrough, the possible use of the abandoned open pit mines of Benguet Corporation in Antamok, Itogon, Benguet, but this will still take at least a year to become operational.

To compliment the immediate measures, the city council also approved a P15 million outlay for the establishment of materials recovery facilities in the barangays.

City officials also agreed to facilitate the bidding of hauling services in the hope of securing an equitable deal that would cut the city’s expenses for the hauling services.

The city will also push through with the holding of a summit to gather opinions on possible solution to the waste problem.

The City Solid Waste Management Board has been tasked to come up with the guidelines and parameters for the conduct of the summit targeted for this month./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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Banks now required to install surveillance TV camcoders

BAGUIOCITY—All banks here are now required to install closed-circuit television or CCTV with corresponding image records on their facilities as a deterrent to crimes.

The city council last Monday approved on final reading an ordinance authored by Councilor Fred Bagbagen for this purpose.

The measure was offshoot of a bank robbery that happened at the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation where eight bank employees, a

security guard and a client were killed by robbers and police had a hard time identifying the culprits to the absence of a CCTV.

As per the measure, all banks will be required to install CCTV gadgets.

“Provided, that those institutions who already have CCTV in their facilities register their installation to the Office of the City Treasurer and Baguio City Police Office; and, provided, further, that old installations should be upgraded,” the measure noted.

It will further task the City Treasurer’s Office and the Baguio City Police Office to formulate rules and regulations and steps to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

As a penalty, the city will not renew the business permits of all banks that will not comply with the provisions of the ordinance.

CCTV facilities use video cameras to transmit signal to a specific, limited set of monitors while a Digital Video Recorder (DVR) is a video recording device that uses a

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'Sayote Republic' joins APEC-style sister city summit

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr., last week, revealed Baguio is now part of a 32-international sister city pact, geared towards “bringing the city closer to the rest of the world.”

Bautista, during the “Ugnayan” press conference hosted by Radio ng Bayan (DZEQ) said 32-mayors from four corners of the world signed the “Hangzhou Declaration” firming up strategic cooperation among member-cities, October 17.

“Summed up,” the mayor said, “the declaration means ‘good is only good if it is better for all’.”

Signatories to the Hang Zhou declaration include mayors Bautista, Cia Qi (Hangzhou, China), Rahim Ettor (Agadir, Morocco), Gregorio

Sanchez Martinez (Cancun, Mexico), Anthea Serritslev (Cape Town, S. Africa), Deng Gongli (Chengdu, China), Lara Rodrigues (Curitiba, Brazil); Fukiya Kiyokazu (Fukui, Japan), Yoshihiko Narihara (Gifu, Japan), Li Zhigang (Guilin, China), Bai Jinxiang (Hohhot, China), Sun Jigang (Kaifeng, China), Zang Zhulin (Kunming, China), and Sun Ruofeng (Langzhou, China).

Also inking the pact were mayors Annika Ennerby Jansson (Lund, Sweden), Charles Sinclair (Montenegro Bay, Jamaica), Hu Xian (Nanchang, China), Chen Gang (Nanjing, China), Qian Xueming (Nanning, China), Rudy Salles (Nice, France), Titina Maccioni (Pisa, Italy), Wu Tiejun

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The mayor said the declarants vowed to enhance economic exchange and trade; science and technology sharing; manpower training and exchange; tourism and environmental protection strategies; and other areas of common interest between the Hangzhou 32.

He said, “Our world is becoming smaller and smaller with the advent of constantly improv-

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Tax amnesty okayed

BAGUIO CITY – Taxpayers may now avail of amnesty on fines, interests, surcharges and penalties surcharges on delinquent tax payments.

The city council last Monday approved on third reading an ordinance authored by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. for this purpose.

Under the measure, a “general amnesty” would be given to real property taxpayers who

are delinquent in the payment of real property taxes as of December 31, 2007.

“The amnesty shall pertain to the condonation of the entire amount of fines, interests, surcharges and

penalties, provided that the taxpayer pays all the delinquent taxes,” the measure noted.

The amnesty shall be availed of only within three months upon its approval by the city mayor.

“The applica-



HOW'S IT COOKIN' UP THERE? An electric lineman comfortably fiddles with wires packed with thousands of volts while clouds above him hint of what he may become if he mishandled the wrong wire – cooked!/*Monch David*

tion of amnesty under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Office of the City Treasurer on the form prescribed therefore,” the measure noted.

“Further, in order that said amnesty be granted the taxpayer shall explain in the form of affidavit stating the reasons such as: acts of man such as hold up and financial crisis; and fortuitous event.”

“Any taxpayer who avails of amnesty under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be exempted from any civil, criminal and administrative li-

ability arising from the violation of the Real Property Tax Code and the Revised Revenue Code of Baguio City. The exemption shall cover only properties declared under amnesty;

“No public auction of delinquent real properties shall be held during the period of amnesty.”

Aliping said allowing taxpayers to settle their obligations without the burden of

surcharges will help ease their financial woes in this time of economic crisis faced by the country.

“Taxpayers are hesitant to pay their tax delinquencies due to imposition of fines, interests, surcharges and penalties (thus the grant of amnesty) will encourage effective tax collection,” Aliping noted. /
Aileen P. Refuerzo

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Unblocking the Message

Gathered in Manila for the "Asian Conference of Religions For Peace", 350 leaders of the world's major faiths tried to turn spears in Mindanao into plowshares. The human cost of conflict there is stiff.

In just one day, 213 families, traumatized by fighting, poured into just one town: Datu Piang. International Red Cross reports. Built on marsh land, that burg already houses 24,000 evacuees. "People even shelter under stilts supporting buildings".

This daily uprooting hasn't ceased since "rouge" MILF commanders ran amok. Murder, arson and use of human shields was their protest against the Supreme Court's restraint on the memorandum on ancestral domain. "Un-Islamic", said other Muslims.

Man has the right to choose one's faith without fear of

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government intervention or harm, says the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Do Asean countries measure up to this yardstick?

Leaf through the US State Department's publication: "International Religious Freedom Report 2008." It documents how countries differ.

Majority of Filipinos are Christians. Nine out of every 10 Thais are Buddhists. Most Indonesians and Malaysians are Muslims. Their constitutions, like that of Singaporeans and Vietnamese, provide for freedom of worship.

The new Thai Constitution retains the provision that the king be Buddhist. Indonesia bans "deviant sects" like Ahmadiyya. Malaysia designates Islam as "religion of the Federation." It bans propagation of other faiths.

Manila, Jakarta, Bangkok and Singapore allow free worship, the report says. Not Burma. Yangon agents infiltrate "virtually all organizations." The junta brutally suppressed the September 2007 "Saffron Revolution": peaceful demonstrations led by Buddhist monks. Muslims are harassed. And Laos pressure Protestants to renounce their faith on threat of arrest, eviction or "re-education."

Vietnam's new laws eased curbs on religious freedom. Muslims go on the hajj. Christians celebrate Christmas and Easter. The number of monks, pastors and priests is increasing. Hanoi dialogues with the Vatican."

There are no forced conversions in Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines or Thailand. Adherence to Buddhism is key for promotion to senior posts in Burma. Vietnamese converts shy away from applying for new IDs. These state their religion

"Conversions: from Christianity to Islam is most typical among overseas Filipinos who worked in Islamic countries," the report notes. "Conversion brings social and economic benefits while abroad. Many 'converts of convenience' remain Muslim upon return." (They're) known as "Balik Islam"

Malaysia brands converts as "apostates" They're hustled to "rehabilitation" centers for coerced religious instruction Government bans Malay-language Christian materials in peninsular Malaysia. The Hindu community protest demolition of their temples.

Indonesia's central government has not overturned local laws that discriminate against minorities or women's rights. In civil registration of marriages and births or the issuance of identity cards, minorities get the short stick.

In southern Thailand, violence perpetrated by ethnic Malay Muslim Thais against ethnic Thai Buddhists sparked retaliatory killings. This overlaid political disputes with "religious and separatist overtones". Buddhist monks now fear traveling through the region.

In the Philippines, historical dispute over ancestral domain, discrimination against Muslims, migration, kidnapping for ransom and murder by bandits, like Abu Sayyaf, exacerbate tensions "Mainstream Muslim leaders reject the Abu Sayyaf's claim of religious affiliation. " Many Muslims viewed Christian proselytizing as a form

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PASUGALAN SA SLOTER HOUSE
UNTOUCHABLE DAW?
RET. GEN. ELISEO DELA PAZ DAPAT
SAMPOLAN

By RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Mga suki, ilang tulog na lang at pasko na... en op kors, ilang tulog ay bagong na naman!.. marami na naman ang nag-aalala dahil gastusan blues na naman.. at marami na namang inaanak ang maghahanap sa kanilang mga ninong at ninang!

Napakabilis talaga ng panahon oo, kasimbilis kung mangurakot ang mga buwaya sa gobyerno..kasimbilis din kung sila ay magpalusot kapag nasasangkot..kasimbilis kung pagtakpan ang mga amo at kaalyado! Kasimbilis din ito ng kanilang paghuhugas kamay at paghahanap ng butas sa mga kalaban!

Umaarangkada rin sa bilis ng panahon ang pagtaas sa mga pangunahing bilihin,... kasingbilis ng pagtaas sa aking "alta presyon" kapag naiisip ang lugmok na kahirapan ni Mang Juan dahil sa mga ibang ganid at gahaman na mga opisyal sa gobyerno..sa darating na taong 2009, ano naman kaya ang naghihintay na kapalaran ni Mang Juan Dela Cruz? Better or worst? ABANGAN

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Malapit na raw bumalik sa 'Pinas si dating U-Sec JOCJOC BOLANTE matapos na siya'y hindi pagbigyan ng mga amerikano...Gud.. eh di haharapin na niya at ipapaliwanag ang kinasangkutan niyang "Fertilizer Scam".. yan ay kung hindi siya haharapin ng mga taong gusto siyang busalan sa bibig...

Ayon naman sa DOJ, mga NBI daw ang sasalubong sa kanya para isalang daw siya sa ilang araw na "de briefing"... hindi kaya "kidnap for - good" na naman ito?...at bakit naman kailangan pa siyang "I de briefing?... hindi naman kaya para mkagawa sila ng magandang "iskrip" o talagang "signature" ang kanyang underwear?

...at paano na ang subpoena na inisyu ng senado noon?... may bisa pa kaya ito?... kung may bisa pa.. tingnan nga natin kung sino ang mas mabilis ang NBI ng DOJ o SARHENTO DE KAMAO ng senado!... sabi naman ng malakanyang, hindi raw sila makikialam sa isyung ito... baka maghuhugas kamay lang?

Naku, siguradong maaaliw na naman si Mang Juan sa masasaksihan niyang palabas na "malasadong rigodon" ng mga payasong opisyal at trapo! Bwa!ha!ha!

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Hindi sumipot si dating Police Director Eliseo Dela Paz sa ginawang pagdinig ng senado hinggil sa "euro-scandal" na kinasangkutan nito, sa halip ay si DILG Secretary Ronaldo Puno ang sumipot na datapwat naigisa ay kagyat namang nakapaghugas ng kamay!... na siya tuloy

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FPIC: Is a mere guideline higher than a law?

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



This month is Indigenous People's Month. It is fitting that we focus on a concern that is relevant to indigenous peoples. One of them is the concept of **free and prior informed consent (FPIC)** in **Republic Act (R.A.) 8371** or the **Indigenous People's Rights Act of 1997**. The law is also known as the IPRA Law.

Section 3(g) of R.A. 8371 defines a **free and prior informed consent (FPIC)** as "the consensus of all members of the indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples" and "determined in accordance with their respective customary laws and practices, free from any external manipulation, interference and coercion, and obtained after fully disclosing the intent and scope of the activity, in a language and process understandable to the community."

Thus, in the NCIP guidelines under Administrative Order No. 3 Series of 2002, signed 19 February 2002, the emphasis was on consensus provided for under the IPRA Law. Beginning 2006, however, under NCIP Administrative Order 1 Series of 2006, signed 28 July 2006, consultations for the FPIC can be limited to community leaders and representatives under Section 26(c) of the guidelines. In other words, effectively, real consensus is no longer required and the process for obtaining an FPIC certificate is shortened.

Because of changes in the FPIC procedures, several leaders of indigenous peoples have expressed a view that the new FPIC guidelines or the FPIC guidelines of 2006 (NCIPAO 3 Series of 2002) make it easier for large companies to invade the domains. Large companies can use money to divide communities and win over leaders to their side. It is also possible to select leaders that would favor a certain project or initiative into a domain.

The IPRA Law's prescription for the FPIC process to be a community consensus can be held ineffective by the 2006 FPIC guidelines. The consent given to mining companies, for example, can be done by the leaders on behalf of a community rather than by the community itself.

Datu Migketay Saway of the Talaandig Tribe of Mindanao expressed that the new FPIC guidelines will serve as an instrument to facilitate a "pangayaw" or the enslavement of the tribes. Datu Tony Lumandong, a Hiligaynon tribal leader of Misamis Oriental Mindanao, complains that the 2006 FPIC guidelines will make easier for mining companies to enter into the ancestral domains.

In the Cordillera, the Cordillera People's Alliance has described the new FPIC guidelines as something that subverts the essence and substance of the FPIC as an expression of the IP's inherent right to self-determination.

At the same time, there is another right of indigenous peoples that must be respected under the IPRA Law. This is the right related to resources in the domains of indigenous peoples that is upheld in Section 7(b) of the IPRA Law.

According to Section 7 (b) of the IPRA Law, the right to ancestral lands shall include the right to "negotiate the terms and conditions for the exploration of natural resources." Most importantly Section 7(b) of the IPRA Law supposedly gives indigenous peoples "the right to develop, control, and use land territories traditionally occupied, owned, or used" by indigenous peoples.

My guess is that other Philippine laws can be invoke to contest the rights of indigenous peoples to resources in their territories but the point is that the IPRA Law can be invoked just the same to advance the rights of indigenous peoples to natural resources in their territories.

In fact even the IPRA Law that is supposed to uphold indigenous peoples rights can be invoked to emasculate the same rights. Section 7(b) does not apply when property rights already exist prior to the signing of the law in 1997. This is articulated under Sections 7(b) and 56 of the IPRA Law.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Raul Roco party preparing for 2010 polls

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



AKSIYON DEMOKRATIKO ALIVE AND WELL: Raul Roco's Aksiyon Demokratiko, the party which the late senator, education secretary and congressman used to pursue his presidential ambition in 1998 and 2004, is alive and well, and is in fact furiously organizing to prepare for the 2010 elections.

Former Tarlac Rep. Herminio Aquino, lawyer Perfecto Yasay Jr., former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, former Immigration Deputy Commissioner Jose "Boji" Cabochan, and former Camarines Sur Rep. Simplicio "Cho" Roco, and myself, in coordination with other leaders of the party, have been meeting and undertaking arrangements to enable the party to field its candidates come election time.

What is highly inspiring at this point in the life of Aksiyon Demokratiko, which, surprisingly, continued having loyal members nationwide even after Raul Roco died, is the negotiations it is holding now with other political parties, both big and small, all of which are wanting to enter into a coalition with it.

Raul Roco's wife, Sonia (who ran for senator under the banner of the United Opposition last year), and erstwhile law partner and Aksiyon secretary general, lawyer Lorna Kapunan, are also continuing to fortify the party by regularly conferring with the various support groups that stood by Roco in his two presidential campaigns and which are equally desirous of pursuing Aksiyon Demokratiko's political ideals.

Which is just as well, considering that among the major parties at the moment which have been surviving on the basis of political patronage, only Aksiyon Demokratiko has managed to remain intact with nothing but love of country and a desire to make the lives of Filipinos better as guiding posts.

Abangan ang susunod na kabanata, in the quest for true accountability in public service and honest to goodness good governance, pursuant to Raul Roco's vision.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS: In the life of Jesus, there are two incidents which are recounted in the Bible where God Himself confirms, directly and in no uncertain terms, that Jesus is, indeed, the Son of God.

The first incident is the baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan, and the second incident is the so-called "Transfiguration" on top of the mountain. In these two incidents, God announces, in the full view and hearing of many people: "This is my son, whom I am well pleased, whom I have chosen, listen to him."

The "Transfiguration" now forms part of the Holy Rosary of the Roman Catholic Christians as its fourth mystery in its Mysteries of Light (or Luminous Mysteries), and is found in the Gospels of Matthew (17:1 to 13), Mark (9:2 to 13) and Luke (9:28 to 36).

Why is the Transfiguration an important part of Jesus' life, aside from the fact that it is an event that, like other parts of the Bible pertaining to Him, confirms His divine status as the Son of God?

It is important because the narrations of the event by Matthew, Mark and Luke indicate, with precise uniformity, that there is a "connection", as it were, between Jesus and the prophets of old, especially the important ones like Moses and Elijah, which connection on the other hand shows the continuity of God's directions for the salvation of man.

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BINGOHAN SA SLAUGHTER AREA - Ayon sa aking DPA (Deep Penetrating Angels) ito raw operator ng bingohan / peryahan sa Slaughter House area na ang pangalan ay a certain Arthur (pasensya na mga dear readers at walang tayong source na nakaka alam ng kanyang apelyedo o kung tutuo nga na ang pangalan nitong **un-touchable** na ito ay Arthur). Ayon sa bali-balita ng aking DPA ay pinag mamalaki raw nitong si Arthur na ito na **AYOS** na raw si **Mayor Peter Rey Bautista!** **AYOS** na rin daw si **CD Franco** at lalong **AYOS na AYOS** na ang kupitan este kapitan sa nasabing lugar kayat walang magagawa ang kahit na ano pang batikos ang isagawa ng mga medias este media sa kanya na puros laman mga **Media DADA!!!** Saludo ako dito sa Arthur na ito kung talagang sinabi niya ito, isipin mo **AYOS** na pala ang mga diyos-diyosan natin at walang magagawa ang mga Media-Dada?! Katunayan, mga dear readers ay mayroon nag padala ng email with attached photo (isang nag nga-ngalan RJ Tobias) hingil sa nasabing operasyon ng bingo sa nasabing lugar at ayon sa kanyang email ay ang sumusunod (bahagya lamang ito). *"The Junction News, Baguio City. Dear Sir Bombito, Magandang Hapon sa inyo. Sir, nais ko na alaman ninyo na muling nag sisimula at nag-ooperate ang isang bingo with pulat-puti, drop ball and other gambling dito sa barangay ng slaughter house sa likod ng paradahan pag pasok ninyo coming from Magsaysay ave., Para sa inyong kaalaman ay isa akong biyahero ng livestock kaya ako napupunta dito sa may slaughter house. Bagamat wala naman masama sa mag enjoy paminsan-minsan sa isang peryahan, ako ay dumadayo rin sa mga peryahan kasama ng aking pamilya, ngunit ang naka-babahaya sa akin ay ang mga iligal na pasugalan nag kadalasan ay nagiging problemang para sa aking driver at mga pahinante na kung saan ay napapasama sila sa nasabing peryahan. Sa ngayon ay, kasasahod pa lamang ng aking driver ay bumabale ulit at naubos daw sa pasugalan ang kanyang sahod"* Ayon mga dear readers ang bahagya lamang ng liham nitong si Mr. Tobias na isang biyahero na nababahaya sa nagaganap na pasugalan sa nasabing lugar. Ngunit sa aking pagtingin ay parang wala naman nagaganap na iligal na pasugalan sa nasabing lugar. Kung sabagay hindi na tayo baguhan sa istilo ng mga **UNGAS** na illegal gambling operators na ito kung saan pa-simple ang kanilang istilo ng pag-ooperate. Kaya ang ating gagawin ay ipapa monitor na lang natin ang nasabing lugar at kapag mayroon basehan ay agad natin susulatan itong mga **TOP OFFICIALS** for the to take the corresponding actions at kung dedmahin nila an ating reklamo eh di mas mabuti para ng sa ganoon ay masampahan natin sila sa kinaukulan opisina. Makikita sa baba ang ilan larawan na ipinadala sa inyong lingkod.



BENECO asked to clarify compliance with PPA refund order

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda filed a resolution "seeking clarification from the Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO)" on whether or not it has complied with the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) order to refund an "over-recovery" amounting to P33,946,939 as a result of the power firm's power purchase adjustment (PPA) from 1999 to 2004.

Tabanda recalled that the ERC on June 15, 2006 issued an order in the ERC Case No. 2001-339 (ERB Case no. 96-36 BENECO-PPA) confirming the PPA of BENECO for the period January 1999 to April 2004 resulting to an over-

recovery of said amount or equivalent to P0.0372/kWh.

ERC in said order directed BENECO "to refund the amount of P0.0372/kWh starting the next billing cycle from receipt of this Order until such time that the full amount shall have been refunded."

Specifically, BENECO was asked to do the following: Reflect the PPA refund as a separate item in the bill using the phrase "Previous Years' Adjustment on Power Cost;" Submit, within ten days from its initial implementation, a sworn statement indicating its compliance with the aforementioned directive; and accomplish and submit a report in accordance with the attached prescribed format, on or

before the 30th day of January of the succeeding year and every year thereafter until the amount shall have been fully refunded.

According to the resolution, the order was a result of the review done by the ERC on the documents submitted by BENECO after it clarified its PPA confirmation process as a result of its adoption of a new set of PPA policy guidelines on January 14, 2005.

Prior to adoption of the new guidelines, BENECO experienced the same problem, according to the resolution.

"On March 20, 2000, the then Energy Regulatory Board (now Commission, issued an Order confirming Benguet Electric Co-

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Sports: Baguio wrestlers show potential by ruling national meet

Former muay thai stand-out Edzel Ngina has turned his volunteer coaching work to wrestling. He believes that, like the other combat sports they've been into, Cordillera athletes will find gold in the mat event.

"Wrestling fits the Igorot athlete's physique, and it's an Olympic event," Ngina said to explain the shift. "Who knows, but it may well be the source of the Olympic gold we've been searching for."

Results of initial tournaments his team of beginners competed in are proving him right. Still, Ngina admits they have a long way to go in mustering support from a community that, like the rest of the country, deems a taekwondo kick more glamorous than a Greco-Roman lock.

At the 2008 Third Quarter National Championship late last September in Manila, the Baguio squad produced eight golds, 13

silvers and 10 bronze medals for the overall title against 13 other teams from all over the country.

Eight emerged double medalists, with some reducing weight to qualify for the lighter divisions and overshadow runners-up Philippine Air Force and Philippine Navy.

Their feats recalled the double gold victories in national competitions of the late Igorot wrestler and karate blackbelt James Brett.

Siblings Jerald and Daniel Bosicao accounted for the four gold-medal haul in Greco-Roman with Melchor Laoyan and Jason Siador, while Jeffrey Bosicao, Edgar Paasa, Almera Sugot and Jason Balabal added four in the freestyle.

The silvers came from Alvin Tominis, Jeffrey Bosicao, Edgar Paasa, Clifford Mariano, Jonathan Domingo, Ian Dave

Vergara and Jimzam Icao in Greco Roman, and Jonathan Domingo, Jason Siador, Cliffrod Mariano, Jomar Ninalga, Violate Lagawad and Daisy Pacyado in the freestyle.

Bronze medalists were Signum Puddong, Chester Morales, Alvin Tominis, Ian Dave Vergara, Jerald Bosikaw, Daniel Bosikaw, Signum Puddong, Chester Morales, Joy Suni and Jessie Matias.

Early this year, the team handily ruled the area competitions of the Philippine Olympic Festival in Olongapo City, a few days after Ngina organized them into a local chapter of the Wrestling Association of the Philippines.

"The team is giving us the promise of wrestling, and we hope sports supporters would look their way," Ngina said. / R a m o n Dacawi.

DOLE-DOST to hold EDSP qualifying exams on Nov. 9

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Provincial applicants for the Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration (OWWA) Education for Development Scholarship Program (EDSP) for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) dependents are set to take the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Science Education Institute (SEI) examinations on November 9, 2008 at 1:00 in the afternoon at the Saint Louis College of Bulanao.

Dr. Avelina Manganip, head of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Kalinga Field Office, her office has screened seven applicants who

passed for the qualifying examinations.

These are Krystal Rose Badong, Annadea Baldo, Arvey Dwayne Buen, Kristian Camdang, Mary Jor Lacanlale, Hazel May Layasan, and Clarissa Puddad. These fourth year high school applicants if they will pass the DOST-SEI examinations will join the other 100 qualifiers under the EDSP for school year 2008-2009 and will be entitled P60,000.00 financial assistance per year until they finish their chosen four to five year baccalaureate courses.

According to Manganip, in 2006, John Vincent Islao Saplaco from the Tabuk National High School made

it to the top 3 in the national level. He is currently enjoying the scholarship.

For those interested to apply, DOLE have set the following criteria. The applicant may fall under any of the following categories: Overseas Filipino Worker, Spouse of OFW, Parent or Child of OFW, Brother or Sister of Unmarried OFW and nephew or niece of married OFW without children.

EDSP is now on its fourth year of implementation, taking in 100 scholarship slots every year starting SY 2004-2005.

Said program is a component of the Arroyo Administration's thrust to help alleviate the economic condition of OFWs who sacrificed the social costs of overseas employment just to seek gainful employment. **ggd/PIA-Kalinga

Mom working as guard needs help

The intermittent afternoon rain hit immediately hard Wednesday, before Josephine Almeron could fully explain her medical plight. The sudden sound of the downpour startled her. She grabbed her umbrella and hastily begged leave, saying she had left her youngest child - alone at the Rizal Monument.

Earlier, the 41-year old mother of three had fetched eight-year old Frances Dane from her Grade II class at the Mabini Elementary School. They walked for sometime

until the kid complained she was tired. Josephine told her to wait at the park while she would deliver a city social welfare document to support her appeal for help.

Social worker Florecita Tul-prepared the document called "social case study report". She noted that Josephine looked better than when she first saw her last year. "She has gained weight, her hair has grown back and seems happier this time," it said.

Josephine made it through six cycles of chemotherapy last year, with support from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the congressional fund of Rep. Mauricio Domogan and the city social welfare office.

With three kids to feed, a P2,000 room rental, plus P400 in city services pay monthly, Josephine had to return to work last December, a little over a year after the solo parent was diagnosed for breast cancer.

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DENR seeks more studies on bamboo's use

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Lito Atienza is calling for more research on other possible uses of bamboo to help expand market potential of this plant which he calls "the miracle grass."

"Let's really study bamboo — it's among the strongest and most resilient plants on earth," he said Wednesday during the opening of the three-day National Bamboo Development Forum which La-

guna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) and its partners are holding at the Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC) in Pasay City.

LLDA aims to generate from the forum updated data on worldwide bamboo resources, industries and markets as well as inputs for a national development program for this grass.

Atienza noted bamboo's characteristics make it an ideal material for construction and watershed rehabilitation including addressing soil erosion.

Bamboo is also eaten as food,

made into furniture and handicraft while its extract might be used to cure cough, he continued. "In China, I even saw clothes made from bamboo," he recalled.

Atienza also believes the country must hike research on bamboo as this grass thrives nationwide.

To help promote studies on bamboo, Atienza said DENR can extend technical assistance to researchers.

"Bamboo can be among major solutions to today's problems like climate change and environmental degradation," he said. (PNA)

REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT OF BAGUIO
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 59

(Additional Family
Court of Baguio)

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION
FOR ADOPTION OF
THE MINOR
NAMED ALVIN NOEL
ALBANO ALCAN,

SPOUSES LUISITO
TIGLAO TUBIG
Also known as
LUISITO TIGLAO
TUBIG

and BETY VICENTE
ALBANO- TUBIG
also known as
BETTY or
ELIZABETH
VICENTE ALBANO-
TUBIG

Petitioners,

-VERSUS-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR
OF BAGUIO CITY
and
NOEL ASUNCION
ALCON,

Respondent.

X——X

SPL. PRO. CASE
NO. 320-A

ORDER

The petition-
ers-spouse Luisito
Tiglaio Tubig also
known as Lucito
Tiglaio Tubig and
Bety Vicente
Albano-Tubig also
known as Betty or
Elizabeth Vicente
Albano. Tubig filed
this verified
amended petition
praying that upon
due notice, publica-
tion and hearing,
judgment be ren-
dered adjudging:

"1. That minor
ALVIN NOEL

ALBANO ALCANO be
declared for illegal
intents and purpose,
the adopted child of
herein petitioners
with all the rights and
obligations of a legiti-
mate child;

"2 That his
sumame be changed
from ALCAN to
TUBIG;

"3 That the local
Civil Registrar make
the necessary changes
to the Certificate of
Live Birth of ALVIN
upon order of the
court"

Finding the peti-
tion to be sufficient in
form and substance,
let the same be heard
before the Regional

Trial Court, Branch
59, Baguio City on
January 21, 2009 at
10:30 o'clock in the
morning, at which
place, date and time,
the petitioners shall
prove their case. Any
person interested may
appear and show
cause, if any there be
why the petition
should not be granted.

Let a copy of this
Order be published at
the expense of the pe-
titioners in the Junc-
tion a newspaper of
general circulation in
the City of Baguio
and in Benguet prov-
ince once a week for
three (3) consecutive
weeks

The petitioners
are directed to make
an appointment with
the court Social
Worker for the pur-
pose of conducting
the required case
study on the minor
court the case study
not later than Janu-
ary 19, 2009.

SO ORDERED

DONE IN
CHAMBERS, this
29TH day of Septem-
ber, 2008, Baguio
City Philippines.

(SGD)
ILUMINADA P.
CABATO
Judge

Oct 11 - 18 & 25, 2008

REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
LA TRINIDAD,
BENGUET

H O M E
DEVELOPMENT
MUTUAL
FUND,

Mortgagee,

- VERSUS -

SPOUSES FRANCIS
D. NADNADEN &
MYRNA B.
NADNADEN:

Mortgagers.

X——X

Case NO. 08-ExF-
1305
For:

EXTRA-JUDICIAL,
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT
3135, AS
AMENDED
BY ACT 4148

NOTICE OF

SHERIFF'S
PUBLIC
AUCTION
SALE

Upon extra-judi-
cial petition for sale
under act 3135, as
amended, filed by
Home Development
Mutual Fund, repre-
sented by its Branch
Head, Mary Jocelyn
Necosito-Retuya, of
legal age, with postal
address at Pag-IBIG
Fund, Baguio Branch
Office, G/F Insular
Life Building,
Abanao Street Cor.
Legarda road, Baguio
City, herein--after
referred to as the
mortgagee, for the
satisfaction of the ob-
ligation of Spouses
Francis D. Nadnaden
and Myrna B. Na-
dnaden of legal
age, Filipino citizens,
with residence and
postal address at No.
85 Quezon St.,
Dagupan, Tabuk,
Kalinga, to satisfy
the mortgage obliga-
tion/indebtedness
which as of Septem-
ber 10, 2008 amounts
to NINE HUNDRED
FIFTY FIVE THOU-
SAND SEVEN HUN-
DRED EIGHTY SIX
AND ONE CENTAVO
(P 955,786.01),
Philippine Currency,
representing the
principal, interest,
insurances, am-
ortization, and
excluding sheriff's
fee and other ex-
penses relative to the

sale, the under-
signed or his duly
authorized Deputy
will SELL at public
auction on Novem-
ber 4, 2008 at 10:00
O'clock in the
morning or soon
thereafter, in front
of the main en-
trance of the
Benguet Provincial
Capitol building, La
Trinidad, Benguet,
to the highest bid-
der, for CASH, and
in Philippine Cur-
rency, the following
described property
with all its existing
improvements
thereon to sits

TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. T-58949
BENGUET

REGISTRY
A parcel of land
of Lot 4-A-4-F, psd-
Car-012259, being a
portion of Lot 4-A-
4, Psd-CAR-011731;
Turban code; 131114,
Barangay rice,
Municipality of La
"Trinidad, province
of Benguet, Island
of Luzon. Bounded
on the R., along line
1-2 by Lot 4-A-5,
Pad-CAR-01173-1;
on the E.9 along line
2-3 by Public Land;
on the S., along
line 3-4 by Lot
Is (LRC), P08-7238;
on the W.,
along line 4-5
by Lot 4-A-4-B, of
the subdivision
plan; on the Not
along line 5-g-1 by
Lot 4-A-4-ti (Road
74t) of the subdivi-

sion plan. Beginning
at the point marked
"1" on the plan being
E. 83, deg.

41'W., 1419.83 m.
from Triangulation
point "a" to point
"b" "SOUTHHOUSE"
to corner 1, thence x x x
Notice of
Sheriff's
public Auction L"-q
page - two -

8.72 dog. 23'E.,
10.01 so to point 2;
8. 17 dog. 361w.,
11.24 m, to point 3;
N. 81 dog,
17.04 a, to point 4;
N. 08 deg. 57'E.,
10.00 @o to point 5;
8. 81 dog. 03'E.,
5.80 e, to point 6;
N. 58 dog. 07'E.,
4.02 n. to point of be-
gin-

ning x x x con-
taining an area of
TWO HUNDRED
(200) SQUARE
METERS. All Corners
are PS cal. cent, none,
15 x 40 CEO.; Bear-
ings true; Date of sub-
division survey; Octo-
ber 18, 2004, executed
by Engineer

Orlando G.
Sabado and was
approved on February
2, 2005.

This Notice of
Sale will be published
in the JUNCTION, a
weekly newspaper Of
general circulation in
the City of Baguio
and in the Province of
Benguet and
suburbs, once a
week for three (3) con-
secutive sundays,
the first publica-
tion to take place at

least twenty (20) days
before the date of auc-
tion sale. Likewise,
three (3) copies of the
same will be posted in
the Barangay Hall of
Pico, municipal bul-
letin board and pub-
lic market, all it the
municipality of La
Trinidad, Benguet
and also at the:
Benguet Provincial
Capitol building, Lt
Trinidad, Benguet,
where the auction
sale shall take place.

All sealed led
bids must be submit-
ted to the under-
signed on the
abovestated time and
date.

Interested bid-
ders/buyers are
hereby enjoined to

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

La Trinidad,
Benguet Province,
Philippines, this 9th
day of October, 2008.

FOR THE
CLERK OF COURT
VI AND EX-OFFICIO
PROVINCIAL SHER-
IFF OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD)
EDUARDO C.
CATANES
Sheriff IV
TIN 19-981-886

Oct 12 - 19 & 26,
2008

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

ENID TRINIDAD

Applicant

Case No: 97-01-1633

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate
of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation
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.

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application
on November 11, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal,
Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit
his/her evidences.

At least FIVE (5) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall
publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general
circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. -
REGIONAL DIRECTOR This 23th day of October 2008.

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

Editorial

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of...depriving Muslims of homeland and cultural identity."

The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)...worked through the UN system to weaken religious freedom protections", the state department report asserts. The bloc "does not recognize the right of individuals to freely change their religion".

OIC introduces, in 1999, the concept of "defamation of Islam." Objections led to OIC broadening the title to encompass respect for all religions. "But Islam remains the only specifically mentioned faith... Introduction of the defamation concept, in effect, seeks to export the blasphemy laws, found in many OIC countries, to the international level.

This flawed concept "attempts to limit freedom of religion", the report states. "It restricts rights of individuals to disagree with or criticize religion, in particular Islam." Some use this concept to curb criticism of political structures, and restrict religious speech. Instead, this weakens religious freedom protections, including minority Muslim populations, as in China.

How does that square with: "A Common Word Between Us and You" – a letter 138 Muslim scholars wrote last year." This followed up their 2006 open letter to Pope Benedict XVI. Despite differences, they said: The two "Greatest Commandments" are an area of common ground and a link between the Qur'an, the Torah and the New Testament...To those who relish conflict, we say: our very eternal souls are all at stake if we fail to sincerely make every effort to make peace, they said. Let us vie with each other only in righteousness and good works"

Extremists threatened King Abudallah bin Ad Al Aziz for sponsoring the interfaith conference that produced "A Common Word." Christian and Muslim scholars, meeting in Yale, wrote: "Dialog is not a departure from faith. It is an essential tool in the quest for the common good." Is this message getting thru?/ J.L.Mercado

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

REYNALDO BUAN

Applicant

Case No: 2000-bc-038

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 freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - FAIRVIEW and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on November 11, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 20th day of October 2008.

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

REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad,
Benguet

M A R C I A N A
TALAKAN,

*Petitioner-
Mortgagee,*

-versus-

SPOUSES MARIA
D U Y O T
LAWANGEN, AND
JOSE LAWANGEN,
*Respondent-
Mortgagors.*

CASE NO. 08-EXF-
1306

For:

Extra-Judicial
Foreclosure
of Real Estate
Mortgage
Under Act 315, As
Amended

X——X

NOTICE OF
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by MARCIANA TALAKAN, married, of legal age, Filipino, with residence at Sagada, Mountain

Province, herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee against SPOUSES MARIA DUYOT LAWANGEN AND JOSE LAWANGEN, both of legal age, Filipinos and with residence and postal address at KC-121 Cruz, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondent-Mortgagor to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 5, 2001 amounts to THREE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND (P368,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding interest, attorney's fees and all other related expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will set a public auction on November 11, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real property with all the buildings and improvements now existing or which may hereafter be erected or constructed thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
T-22100

"A parcel of land (Lot 4-B of the subdivi-

vision plan (LRC) Psd-329615, approved as a non-subdivision project, being portion of Lot 4, Psd-1-06144; L.R.C. Record No. Free pat.), situated in the barrio of Cruz, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 3 to 4, by Lot 3, Psd-1-06144; on the SE, points 4-1, by Lot 4-A of the subdivision plan; on the SW., points 1 to 2 by Lot 8; and on the NW, points 2 to 3, by Lot 1, both of Psd-1-06144, Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N. 42 deg. 42'E., 761.83m. from triangulation station. "North Base", La Trinidad, Benguet, thence N. 51 deg. 41 (W., 14.16 m to point 2; thence N. 45 deg. 17'E., 14.50 m. to point 3'E., 12.20 m. to point 4; thence s. 36 deg. 37'W., 17.12 m. to the point of beginning; containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FOUR (204) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: points 2 and 3, by Old Ps. and the rest by P.S. Cyl. Nons. 15 x 60 cm., bearings true; date of original survey, April 20-21, 1975, and that of the subdivision survey, executed by P. Pagnas, Geodetic Engineer, on May 1975."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 2, 2008 at the same place same place and time without further notice.

Interested bidder/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said property and the encumbrances thereon, if in any there be.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation. Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 13th day of October 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

BY: (SGD) JOHN
MARIE O. OCASLA
Sheriff IV

Oct 19 & 26 Nov
2, 2008

Batas

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binibigyan ng prangkisa upang makapamasada, ang Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board ay binibigyan ng sapat na kapangyarihan upang makatiyak ito na napapaglingkurang maiigi ang sambayanan.

Kasama sa kapangyarihang ito ang pagdedesisyon kung anong mga modelong sasakyan ang papayagang patuloy na makapamasada. Dahil diyan, hindi basta-basta matututulan ng sinumang may-ari ng mga sasakyang ito ang kautusan ng LTFRB na nagkakansela ng prangkisa.

Kakailanganin ng sinumang naganais tumutol sa kautusan ng LTFRB na dumulog na muna sa hukuman upang ang hukuman ang siyang magdedesisyon kung tama ba ang

kautusan o hindi. Kung sasabihin ng hukuman na tama ang utos ng LTFRB, wala na ngang magagawa pa ang mga tumututol sa utos.

Pero kung sasabihin naman ng hukuman na mali ang utos, magkakaroon na ng batayan ang mga tumututol na ipagpatuloy ang kanilang pagtutol.

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even complied with the terms of reference of the city for a suitable ESL site, including social acceptability and environmental implications, which makes it the best choice to date."

He added, "The people of Baguio would surely be thankful for these developments that Romualdez laid on our table, October 22."

"During our conversation with the Benguet Corp exec," Bautista relayed Romualdez said Benguet Corp. owed Baguio for the development of the mining industry that made it one of the biggest mining firms in the country.

Romualdez, according to Bautista, however broached the idea of a shared ESL among Benguet, Itogon and Baguio, with Itogon reaping peso benefits from the operation of the facility.

Bautista likewise revealed, "The idea is actually not new. It was hatched during the time when congressman Mauricio Domogan was still mayor."

He added credit goes to Domogan for reaching down the deepest recesses of memory to revive the idea during a time when Baguio is beleaguered by garbage.

Should the plan merit the Itogon Government's green light, the site shall be utilized by the three local governments for a span of 30-years.

Earlier, the city's waste disposal technical working group made known Baguio's intention to purchase a sprawling 49-hectare land from one Val Carantes somewhere in the Virac-Gumatdang areas in Itogon. Some residents however claim the property is not wholly for the vendor to dispose.

"The new proposal changes a lot in our local waste disposal strategy," Bautista said adding, "the city should now consider re-aligning the P20-million allotted for land purchase for ESL in tow with the Benguet Corp. proposal."

He revealed, he is ordering drafting of a quad-partite agreement among Benguet Corp. and the local governments of Benguet, Itogon and Baguio, which shall soon be presented to the chief executives concerned.

ESL's are well controlled disposal sites requiring installation of impermeable membranes built to prohibit any leaching into groundwater system. Leachate is the liquid that results from rain and natural moisture percolating through waste.

As wastes deteriorate, they often produce foul smelling methane gas. ESL's are required to have equipment to collect and pump methane which can kill foul odor and refined as commercial fuel able to produce electric power.

Bautista said Baguio needs at least 22-hectares for its ESL project; 10-hectares of which shall be devoted for the construction of cells to capture methane.

"After the 30-year life of the ESL, the site can then be converted into a park, a tourism site, or a golf course that would continue to inject funds to the host local government unit," he added. */ISL*

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serves as an avenue to encourage others to empower themselves towards protecting the environment and promoting healthy lifestyle."

Balajadia for his part said, "BRM and the RFMMPC hope we could count on the people of Baguio to support this endeavor as they themselves will reap the benefits of a healthy environment which both the beneficiaries are trying to sustain."

"We are thus asking concerned citizens to register onsite before 7:00am and make their concern for the city be felt while having fun exercising at the same time."

Interested individuals or groups may contact the Public Information Division, Office of the Mayor at 442-2502 for details. */ISL*

Bank now..... from page 2

hard disk drive or optical disk drive, instead of a VCR tape, to record programs.

"Sometimes called personal video recorders (PVRs), DVRs are hard-drive based recording systems that allow viewers to copy TV programs for later viewing similar to videocassette records," Bagbagen explained.

"A DVR is like a VCR, but with a hard drive and without the hassles of videotapes or timers. Think "tape-less" VCR or more. DVRs record shows digitally and save them to a hard drive. All recorded programs are listed on your TV screen for playback in any order," Bagbagen noted quoting a Wikipedia account.

He said this gadget would help high security establishments like the banks monitor the daily events in their establishments especially when there are fortuitous events like bank robberies. */Aileen P. Refuerzo*

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ing technology... the declaration thus assures us of better prospects, better opportunities for our city's growth and our people's marketability in various fields of endeavors."

"Hopefully, the pact would likewise cushion our city from extreme global market fluctuations," he added.

Bautista was in Hangzhou from October 16-19. Hangzhou is the second international sister city of Baguio, which sister city pact was signed in 1978.

During a speech before the mayors, Bautista said, "Indeed, Baguio could not have grown and been known to be the bustling city had it not for the meaningful exchange it had established between governments, between organizations, and between peers-in-vocation in Baguio and Hangzhou, and our city's growing sister cities."

Thanking Hangzhou for its warm reception to the Baguio delegation he added, "Baguio is much as your city as it is ours for your ancestry have helped us weave it to be the city that it is now - peaceful, progressive, and green. */ISL*

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operative Inc's. (BENECO) PPA covering the period February 1996 to December 1998 which resulted in an over-recovery of P17,091,072 due to its failure to completely consider the components of the approved formula," the resolution further noted.

"In the said Order, BENECO was directed to make strategic adjustments on its electric power billings reflecting the correct implementation of the PPA formula in its future billings, within three years from receipt thereof, and to submit a report on its monthly implementation."

Tabanda said there is a need to request BENECO to issue a clarification on the status of the order in ERC case no. 2001-339 and also as to whether it has complied with the Order, particularly on the refund of the amount of P33,946,939.

Tabanda's measure will be discussed by the city council soon. */Aileen P. Refuerzo*

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

RAQUEL A. BUSTAMANTE
Applicant

Case No: 2007-CAR-0056

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation 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.

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on November 11, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

At least FIVE (5) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 20th day of October 2008.

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

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

JENNIFER KITONGAN

Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-2230

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 freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - FAIRVIEW and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Diretsahan

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ikinaimbyerna ni Senadora Miriam Defensor Santiago!.. Hmmm! Mukhang malalim na iringan na naman ito ng mga alipores ni PGMA.. na siya namang ikapupuntos ng oposisyon, ...Sige nga Apo Senadora sampolan mo ang mga "Ungas" na iyan! SAMPOLAN!!

ooOoo

Wala pa ring linaw kung saan ang gagawing "sanitary landfill" sa mga basura ng Baguio City. Kumbaga, ang bagal kumilos ng mga lokal na opisyal para magkaroon ng permanenteng solusyon ang problema sa basura ng siyudad. Pero mukhang mabilis silang mag apruba sa mga "gastusan ng bayan" naku, ayokong isipin na may "kumisyoner" kaya madaling maluto ang kontrata! Ano sey nyu mga Apo!

ooOoo

Ano naman kaya ang pinagkakaabalahan ng ibang konsehales ng Baguio City at mukhang lagi silang "out of town", out of town na kaya lagi ang meyor pati ba naman konsehales? Kawawa naman ang kanilang sekretarya, hindi sila ang ibinoto, pero sila ang nagtratrabaho sa napakaliit na suweldo...pero mas kawawa ang mga tao na siyang mga bumoto pero hindi mabigyan ng tamang serbisyo! Pasalubong naman diyan!

ooOoo

Ano na kaya ang nangyari sa kampanya ni Baguio City Councilor Elaine Sembrano laban sa mga mandarayang timbangan ng mga vendors sa palengke? Ayon kasi sa aking "bubuwit", nasaksihan niya ang ilang pandaraya ng mga vendors sa mga mamimili dahil sa kulang sa timbang o madaya ang kanilang timbangan. At ano naman ang ginagawa ng mga POSD na laging nakapuwesto sa palengke? At ano rin ang ginagawa ng grupo ni INSPEKTOR CAMBA ng BCPO COMPAC I na ilang metro lamang ang agwat sa palengke? Napakasimpleng operasyon lamang ito para malaman ang madadayang mga timbangan pero mukhang "tinatamad" yata ang ating POSD at mga pulis. Ano kaya ang rason, baka naman dahil may "free"? free fish, meat, and vegetables, hindi kaya?

ooOoo

Nag-umpisa na pala ulit ang bingguhan sa may Sto Niño Barangay malapit sa slaughter house, at ang opereytor umano nito ay isang "Arthur" at kaya daw naipatayo ito ay para sa fund raising "kuno" ng nasabing Barangay, sa bisa ng isang Barangay resolution

Pero, maliwanag pa sa sikat ng araw na magkakaroon ng mga ilegal na sugal base sa mga ipinatayong mga istraktura sa likod ng bingguhan.

Ang tanong, may "ayusan" na ba na nangyari kaya malakas ang loob ng opereytor na ipatayo ito at kung meron man, magkano naman kaya ang "cash-sunduan"? tingnan nga natin kung talagang "untouchable" itong si Arthur o hindi?! MANMANAN!

ooOoo

Nagrerekiamo ang mga vendors sa palengke dahil umano sa hindi patas na pagpapatupad sa kautusan ang ating POSD. ayon sa kanila, bakit daw ang mga nasa gilid ng kalsada ang hinuhuli at hindi iyong mga nasa gitna. At asan daw nila dinadala ang mga pera na nakaipit sa mga paninda ng kanilang kinukumpiska! Totoo ba ito mga katoto sa POSD? Ano sey mo Hepe GREG DELJERO pakibusisi mo naman ang naiparating na mga reklamang ito!

Ayon pa sa kanila, hindi raw nila alam ngayon kung sino ang nasusunod, ang meyor daw ba o ang NGO na ASKI? Dahil, napapansin daw nila na may mas otoriti itong ASKI kaysa kay Meyor B! totoo hu ba ito Apo Meyor B at konsehala Sembrano?, pagtuunan nyu naman ito ng pansin mga Apo! PANSININ!

ooOoo

Talamak talaga ang bentahan ng laman o prostitusyon sa may Upper Magsaysay Ave, ilang metro lamang ang layo mula sa isang presinto ng pulisya, at nakapagtataka na hindi ito pinapansin ng mga otoridad. Mapapansin ang mga gumagalang "Magsaysay Express Girls" na nag-aalok ng panadaliang aliw sa halagang P 300.00 at may kasama pang bonus na pag sinuswerte ang nakatalik ay magiging kabilang sa miyembro ng "Tulo Organization"!

Ilang dipa naman mula sa "Express Girls" ay ang massage attendants naman na nakatambay at nagtatawag ng mga parukyano, at take note na napakabata pa ng kanilang hitsura na kundi ako nagkakamali ay mga menor de edad pa! at ano naman kaya ang ginagawa ng mga lokal na opisyal hinggil dito partikular ang Baguio City Health Department? Baka hinihintay pa nila na dumami pa ang mga miyembro ng T.O. (tulo Organization) bago sila kumilos! Hoy Gising!

Mom working

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She's now on the seven-to-three day shift as security guard beside the emergency room of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center. The center has applied charity status on her case to sustain her post-chemo treatment. It means P1,500 instead of P5,000 for the cobalt planning and P130 instead of P300 per session of her on-going 30-day radiation treatment.

The generous discounts notwithstanding, it's still a tall order. As Tul-an noted in her report, Josephine stopped her maintenance medication last month. She's midway through her cobalt therapy, on credit to give her time to source out P5,400 for the complete, 30-day session. After that, she must be on a five-year maintenance dose.

So she returned to the city social welfare office last week. At the back of Tul-an's report, Josephine scribbled her permission to have her plea for support written, hoping Samaritans out there would respond. She declined the idea to have her identity withheld in the news item, even if it would intrude into her privacy.

She and her children have been living apart from her husband for sometime now, she told the social worker. She admitted it had

something to do with domestic violence. Her in-laws, however, committed to shoulder the education of the estranged couple's eldest child, 23-year old Jayson, a senior nursing student. Carla Mae, their second child, finished high school but didn't enter college because of her mother's tight budget.

Josephine can be reached at cellphone number 09217936655.

Another 41-year old mother also sought help last week, for her toddler afflicted with multi-disability due to congenital hydrocephaly and epilepsy.

Marie Yambao, a housewife, said doctors told her that her two-year and eight-month old Angelix Marie, could no longer be treated through shunting to drain extra fluid in the brain.

The baby will never become a normal child, but her family is doing its best ease her suffering, wrote social worker Nelly Ayochok. Easing means regular medication, which the baby's parents can't sustain through her father's earnings as a taxi driver.

People wanting to help may ring up Marie's number (09202923865) or visit the family at 44 Engineer's Hill.

Thanks to regular Samaritans, others in dire need of support for their medical deliverance are fighting on.

Rose Ann Cordova, a former day care worker and mother of three from Outlook Drive, recently had her post-chemo check-up for breast cancer with a P7,000 donation from Baguio expatriate Freddie de Guzman in Canada.

De Guzman also allotted P2,000 from his latest remittance of P12, 000 for another kid stricken with cerebral palsy, care of journalist Glo Tuazon.. Another P2,000 was used Thursday for the dialysis session of kidney patient Filbert Almoza. The remaining P1,000 will be for incidental expenses in a concert-for-a-cause this Tuesday.

Three years ago, de Guzman, an architect, teamed up with an Ibaloi woman and Guy Aliping in New Zealand, teamed up for Cordova's chemotherapy. De Guzman also bankrolled the six chemo treatments of Linda, a 49-year old widow and mother of nine who also survived the big C.

A banker's P1,500 enabled Nora, a mother of three on a daily maintenance for mental illness, to buy her one-year old son three cans of infant formula and food for her family. Her drug maintenance prevents her from breast-feeding her baby.

On Tuesday evening, folk musicians, tapped by singer-turned-columnist March Fianza, will do a concert at the Amarillo Folkden (former Spirits Disco). It will be for 10-year old Hodgkin's lymphoma patient Mark Anthony Viray of DPS Compound.

Their counterparts in Northern California led by Joel Aliping, Conrad Marzan and Richard Arandia, also belted out country last Oct. 11 in Daly City. Proceeds will be for a 26-year old girl suffering from vasculitis, a disease characterized by inflammation of blood vessels.

"Like in California, we hope for a crowd at the Amarillo, as it doesn't rain evenings here," Fianza said./Ramon Dacawi.

Nomination on for outstanding organic composting practice

BAGUIO CITY – The Urban Green Team is now accepting nominations for outstanding organic composting practitioner awards in the city.

The awards project is in recognition of the barangays and individuals' initiative and invaluable support to the city's program on solid waste reduction through practical and innovative methods.

This is also to recognize efforts to practice composting

as a "vital contribution to the city's thrust towards a community driven, responsible and selfless constituents to achieve environmental sustainability."

The nomination will end on October 31, 2008. Validation of entries will be done until November 7. The Urban Green team, a conglomeration of concerned government and non-government agencies working toward environmental preservation has gained support from various establish-

ments which donated cash to pursue the awards project to wit:

Makita Construction, RAJ CE Construction, SEGAL Construction, Muncal Construction, University of the Cordilleras, Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation Inc. and University of Baguio.

Prizes are at stake for the winners.

Nominations may be submitted to Forester Danny Killip at the city environment and parks management office with tel. nos. 442-8907.

Donations may be coursed through Dir. Marichu Lopez of JVOIFI with te. no. 446-2807./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

THE JUNCTION WEEKEND



BRINGING BAGUIO CLOSER TO THE WORLD. Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. signs the "Hangzhou Declaration" where 31-other cities worldwide vowed to aid each other via a strategic cooperation, Hangzhou, China, October 17./PIO

City ties up with up for research on landslide monitoring

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will link up with the University of the Philippines for the conduct of a landslide mitigation demonstration project as part of the state university's ongoing research on landslide monitoring and intervention.

The city council last Monday approved on first reading a proposed ordinance authorizing Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. to enter into a memorandum of agreement with UP on said project.

Under the MOA, the city would give a counterpart fund of P400,000 for the research project to cofinance the construction of a drainage ca-

nal and the planting of vetiver grass as part of the landslide mitigation demonstration project at the test site in barangay San Luis at Asin road here.

The said barangay was chosen as the test site for the demonstration project due to its landslide-prone contour.

"Research of UP over the area confirms the presence of land movement and a change in elevation of approximately three centimeters per month which poses a significant threat to life and property (which) can be mitigated with the construction of a drainage canal and he planting of vetiver grass on the slopes," a section of the MOA noted.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas and Councilor Antonio Tabora Jr., proponents of the measure, said the city has to provide a counterpart fund to complete the

financial requirement of P1.6 million for the project initially supported by the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute through a P1.2 million grant.

As part of the agreement, the city will undertake the

implementation of the design and to oversee the construction of the said drainage canal and the planting of vetiver grass on the slope of the demonstration site.

The research

is conducted by UP in coordination with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center "to increase awareness of the communities in landslide-prone areas of the risks, hazards, mitigation and prevention."/aileen p. refuerzo

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