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Pahayagang palaban!!! **Palace calls the public to report any unofficial use of government vehicles**



PAVED RIVER - The Asin Road literally transformed into a river during the unusual signal 1 heavy downpour during typhoon Nina.—By Bong Cayabyab

Malacanang has asked the public to report any unofficial use of government vehicles as part of the government's intensified energy-saving and anti-graft and corruption campaigns.

The Palace made the call as contained in Administrative Order no. 239, which prohibits all the government agencies and offices on the use of government vehicles for purposes other than official business.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, in her directive, encouraged the public to report any unofficial use of government vehicles to the Presidential Action Center (PACE).

The report shall contain, among others, the type of vehicles, plate number, and the place and time where the government vehicle is found, preferably with pictures.

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In light of China milk scare: Pia: BFAD strengthening needed to address food contamination emergencies

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today pushed for the strengthening of the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) to allow the government to respond faster and more effectively in emergency situations involving contaminated food products that threaten public safety, such as the recent issue over melamine-tainted milk from China.

"The government has to be more pro-active in safeguarding its citizens from contaminated and unsafe food, drugs and cosmetic products marketed locally, including imported products entering our borders," said Cayetano, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Health and Demography.

"BFAD has been much maligned for acting too late or behind other countries. The impression is that we only react after a public health alert has already been issued by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or elsewhere."

"But what most people don't realize is that BFAD is badly

under-funded and under-staffed to effectively carry out its monitoring and regulatory function."

"How, for instance, can we expect only 195 field inspectors [of BFAD] to effectively monitor and regulate an industry with almost 46,000 establishments all year round?" she asked.

Cayetano's proposal is contained in a proposed bill she is scheduled to sponsor in plenary seeking to strengthen the regulatory capacity of the BFAD by establishing the Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Device Administration (FDCDA).

"The bill is not only a supplementary measure to the Cheaper Medicines Act (RA 9502) which was passed earlier this year," explained the lady senator. "But in addition to monitoring the quality of drugs, this would empower BFAD to effectively address food and cosmetics contamination emergencies."

Under Cayetano's proposal, BFAD will be expanded into the FDCDA, which would be headed by

a Director-General with the rank of undersecretary.

The FDCDA will have testing laboratories in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao and field offices in every region of the country. It will also establish the agency's presence in ports of entry all over the country to test imported products for safety standards.

The bill will likewise strengthen the agency's power to conduct search and seizure and allow it to cover a wider range of products under its regulation.

Citing data from BFAD, Cayetano said the agency only had 195 staff tasked to inspect 45,747 establishments selling food, drug and cosmetic products all over the country in 2006. Some of the worst discrepancies can be found in Region IV (only 13 inspectors for 6,827 establishments or 525 per inspector), Region I (6 inspectors for 2,748 establishments or 458 per inspector) and Region III (10 inspectors 4,254 establishments or 425 per inspector).

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3 dead in Baguio due to typhoon Nina

BAGUIOCITY—Torrential rains triggered by typhoon "Nina" last week left three persons dead, ten others injured and sent some 150 families to evacuation centers.

The fatalities were Lailani Fecha, 39 who was killed in a landslide that hit her house at 150 Dominican Ext. at the height of the typhoon last Sept. 22, Lolita

Baroma, 76 and son Juan Baroma, 40, who were also pinned to death when a mounds of soil slid from the mountain and covered their home at 127 Guisad Surong barangay.

The City Disaster Coordinating Council (CDCC) chaired by Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. with city administrator Peter Fianza and city engineer Leo

Bernardez as action officers reported that the howler reported that around 150 families were moved to the various evacuation centers at the height of the typhoon.

The CDCC also recorded 52 cases of landslides, soil erosion or mud flow, 17 eroded ripraps, culverts and stairways, 19 fallen trees,

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Farinas seeks more muscle to mayor's 'action team'

BAGUIOCITY—Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas has sought the strengthening of the public order and safety division (POSD), a vital office under the city mayor's department which tackles sensitive tasks such as demolition of illegal structures and closure of illegal businesses.

In a proposed ordinance, Farinas said being the mayor's "action team," the POSD which acts as the Anti-Peddling Task Force, the Anti-Vice Task Force, the Investigation and Security Intelligence, among other duties, needs to be

strengthened by way of providing just compensation and additional manpower by upgrading position levels and the like.

"Undoubtedly, the POSD have duties and responsibilities that call not only for the implementation of the City Mayor's directives that most often result to violent retaliations from offended parties, the dedication to serve beyond the call of duty that most of the times requires them to work even from dusk 'til dawn, to face the consequences of endangering their lives and their family's on account of their job against people who

take their services personally, to defy the odds against extreme weather or whatever disaster, and other noteworthy efforts beyond given responsibilities, and yet, very much undermanned," Farinas noted.

"It is therefore a necessity to provide their just and fair compensation, and to authorize the hiring of additional personnel in order to give our laws, resolutions and ordinances, and the Mayor's Administrative Orders the proper strength and power for them to be implemented in the most efficient and effective

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On the BFAD Advisory on the Importation and Sale of China's Milk Products

The Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD), in an advisory dated September 22, has directed all licensed importers and/or distributors of registered milk products sourced from China to immediately stop temporarily from further importing distributing, selling and offering for sale Chinese milk products due to the melamine contamination crisis. The ban on the importation and sale would be in effect until the bureau issues a notice assuring the public of the

products' safety and fitness for human consumption.

Consumers were also warned not to purchase for the time being, milk products that are manufactured or sourced in China until further notice from the bureau.

The BFAD advisory, likewise, called on local officials to conduct investigation on the unauthorized importation of infant formula and milk products manufactured in China.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita ordered the Health and Trade departments and the

Bureau of Cus-

toms to intensify their watch against the entry of melamine-contaminated milk from China into the country.

Ermita said President Arroyo was "concerned" over the possible effects of such contaminated milk on the health of people, particularly on children.

Consumers are reminded not to buy repacked milk products, as well as products without labels. Consumers cannot determine the contents of the product if it doesn't have any label, and it could not be traced to its manufacturer./PIA CAR

Czech government extends P1.3-million for asin hydro plant study

BAGUIOCITY – It's beginning to sound like Christmas for the City Government-run Asin Hydroelectric Power Plants...

The Czech Republic, September 22, inked a deal with the City Government for the latter to finance the conduct of a Czech-led feasibility study (FS) that may soon see the transformation of the 1925 American-vintage Hydroelectric Power Plant I in Nangalisan, Tuba to an advanced power-generating facility endowed with the latest Czech technology.

The CZK495, 500 (P1.3-million) FS comes under the Czech Republic Development Cooperation for Local Small

Scale Project Identification Programme (CRDC).

Czech ambassador Jaroslav Ludva wasted no time visiting the AHPP1 for himself to look into the project's promise for the City of Baguio, braving typhoon Nina's relentless downpour in the morning of September 22.

Satisfied, he inked the FS deal with mayor Reynaldo Bautista afternoon of

the same day without much fun-fare.

During the Ugnayan press conference hosted by Radio ng Bayan, September 26, Bautista expressed gratitude to the Czech Republic for the grant.

He said, with the FS, the City Government may finally be able to "go it alone" operating the AHP's should the Czech Republic decide to grant rehab money

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Improvement of lighting system in the city sought

BAGUIOCITY – Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas has proposed the further improvement of the lighting system in all of the city's barangays as a means of curbing crimes.

If possible, all nooks and crannies in the city's barangays should be lighted to eliminate dark areas which serve as "favorite hang-out of drunkards, bystanders, or criminal opportunists who take advantage of the darkness of the night as cover for their malicious intents."

"It has always been a constant clamor of barangays requesting for either the replacement of lights or the installation of light posts in their areas for safety and security reasons. The absence of proper illumination on streets, alleys and barangay roads increase the prevalence of crime such as robbery and hold-ups," Farinas noted in his proposed ordinance.

"Also, a number of barangays have introduced new alleys, streets, and access roads as additional easements to their barangays that need the convenience of lights for these scant

areas and such Improved Barangay Lighting Systems must also include these infra-projects as an extension of the benefit this Ordinance intends to realize," Farinas added.

As proposed, the measure would require all barangays to make an inventory of all roads, alleys, streets, parks, and 'dark sinister places' within their respective areas of jurisdiction needing proper illumination for safety and security reasons, including therein: (a) the Location Maps of such areas, (b) a top view or sketch the barangays suggest where lights and/or lighting installations are needed, (c) a close/rough estimate on the cost of materials, labor, & amount required for the lighting project; and to submit the same to the City Council through the Committee on Barangay Affairs for collection, in order to serve as basis for the appropriation of the needed fund for the purchase, repair and installation

of an Improved Barangay Lighting System for their areas;

The Council Committee on Barangay Affairs will be requested to serve as *secretariat* for the implementation of the City's *Improved Barangay Lighting System* which entails the coordination with other line agencies and the performance of certain duties and responsibilities such as:

*the collection of the Inventories of Barangay Lighting Requirements from all barangays, their roads, alleys, streets, parks and other dark sinister places in their areas of jurisdiction;

*the forwarding of the *complete* set of Barangay Lighting Requirements to the City Engineer's Office, respectfully requesting the said Office for an ocular inspection and a Confirmation and/or a Certification if whether such inventories are: (a) truly required, (b) are over-estimated, (c) are underestimated, or otherwise (d) needing some necessary adjustments as

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PROBLEMA Sa Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB-CAR)?

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

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Tomorrow's bribe

Greasing palms will shift away from budget insertions, rice imports, fertilizer or even unmarked envelopes from politicians. In days ahead, graft will instead swirl around water.

"Growing populations will compete for shrinking water resources," delegates from 160 nations at World Water Week meeting in Stockholm agreed. "Corruption will likely become an increasingly serious problem".

Four out of ten today live in basins turning arid from water shortfalls. Burmese and Malaysians have five times more water than Filipinos. And four of us now draw water from the same well where, in 1940, one did.

"You can not wash filthy water," the Arab proverb says. Over 58 percent of groundwater here is contaminated, notes Asian Development Bank. Only half of 457 lakes and rivers meet

water standards. Sleaze jacks up price tags for water services anywhere

between 10 and 30 percent worldwide, estimates Water Integrity Network. It'd tack on \$48 billion to the cost of achieving a Millennium Development Goal: to halve, by 2015, the number of those who lack clean water.

Graft varies in size. It also goes by many names. Filipinos call bribes "lagay", Mexican cops suggest a "refresco" (a drink). "Baksheesh" is the Middle Eastern handle. North Africans use "un petit cadeau (a little gift). But there's nothing piddling about the loot.

Transparency International's list of the "World's 10 Most Corrupt Officials" claims Joseph Estrada (a.k.a. Jose Velarde) stashed \$78 billion. Corruption chewed up 30 to 40 percent of all Indonesian tsunami relief, Aceh's Anti-Corruption Movement claims.

Water corruption is starkly different. There's no substitute for water. Shortages of irreplaceable commodities stoke political unrest faster than, say a bribe, for a judicial decision. Those who straddle water reservoirs can name their price.

When taps run dry, harvests fail. Water shortages and pollution cut a deadlier swath. Worldwide, the Philippines has second largest number of children who die from diarrhea, Unicef notes. The first is China.

The number of Filipino kids hit by diarrhea is almost double those of Vietnamese, Malaysians or Koreans. In Tawi-Tawi, 82 out of every 100 residents lack safe water. (Compare that to three in Bataan and 39 in Capiz) It is obscene "if people can not drink water without courting disease or death," author Sandra Postel writes.

Warning signs are up. Davao grapples with competing hydropower and consumption demands on the Panigan-Tamugan River. Bulakenos fume that piped water from Angono, bypass their homes, en route to Metro Manila. The brand new P1.2 billion irrigation network, in San Miguel, Bohol, is water short – and must be "rehabilitated". Who got the "baksheesh"?

At an Asia-Pacific roundtable in Cebu, former President Fidel Ramos predicted: "In three years, Cebu will confront a big water problem". Tap surface water from Bohol.

Was this not President Gloria Arroyo's December 2001 speech? "Your most urgent problem is water," Ms Arroyo told: Cebuanos then. "You have several options. Decide in 30 days. Decide now."

"Well, we have news for Mr. Ramos," a Sun Star commentary said. "The problem is already here".

Metro Cebu today pumps double what its aquifers recharge. Thus, a third have been irreversibly damaged by salt intrusion. Wells are turning brackish. Water tables have slumped. All the city's rivers are biologically dead. Cebu's obsolete water agency has leaky taps in only four out of ten households. It can not provide 24 hour service.

So what makes Cebu unique? Migrants and new babies also

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DIRETSAHAN

Pinutol ang Ari!

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Sa pagbabawal ng pag-angat ng mga gatas at mga produktong galing Tsina na may sangkap na melanin, maigting ngayon ang monitoring ng BFAD, DOH at DTI para masiguro ang mahigpit na pagpapatupad sa nasabing kautusan pero ang senado, nabagalan sa aksyon ng mga naturang ahensya kaugnay dito sa "milk's care"... Uy, nagsalita ang mga super bilis kung mag-imbestia, pati yata problema sa gatas, pinasukan na rin ng pulitika... PWEH!

ooOoo

Mukhang dito na raw magtatapos ang tapatan sa rollback ng mga oil companies dahil sa pagtaas na naman sa presyo ng petrolyo sa pandaigdigang merkado.

Patay na naman si Juan dela Cruz. Ngayon pa nga lamang nakakahinga ng maluwang, mauudlot na naman... BUWISHEET!

ooOoo

Mga tiket sa Pacquiao-Dela hoya bout, ibinibenta na raw umano sa amerika... ilang tiket kaya ang binili ni manong sabit...este Chavit Singson? Sa palagay ko ay wala dahil kasama siya sa mga "Chavit" ni Pacman. Teka, ano ba siya (Singson) talaga, depyuti or badigard? Itanong kaya natin sa Malakanyang?

Totoo kaya na dehado raw itong si Pacman sa kalaban niyang si Dela Hoya? Hamak daw na mas malaki at malakas si Dela Hoya!

Diyan sila nagkakamali, dahil ang tunay na pinoy, habang nadedehado lalong tumatayang.

Pero kapag ang gobyernong pinoy na ang nangdehado sa kapwa nila pinoy...dito tiklop ang ibang Juan Dela Cruz, na NADEDENGGOY!

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Sabi ng ibang magagaling na tao sa City Hall, pumapayag na raw ang Tuba Benguet partikular sa Nangalisan na pagtayaran ng Baguio City Sanitary Landfill! Tahasang naman itong itinanggi ng mga residente sa Nangalisan, alin ba ang totoo? Aba, bilisan na po natin mga bosing ang paghahanap at sayang lamang ang itinatapon nating pera sa pagbabayad ng mga umaaangkat sa ating basura! Kunsabagay, milyones lang naman, tsikenpid lang sa inyo, di ba mga Bosing, Apo, Tsip, Ser, Madam?

ooOoo

Isang hinihinalang "salvage victim" ang natagpuan sa isang bagin sa Itogon Benguet noon lamang isang linggo... ayon sa inisyal na imbestigasyon, dinampot daw ang biktima sa may Magsaysay Avenue ng mga armadong kalalakhian at isinakay sa isang sasakyan na walang

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Boycott goods from the People's Republic of China!

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Last week, The Peace Combatant has stressed the need for corporations to adhere to their responsibilities as corporate citizens. An appeal was made for Shoemart (or its companies) to cancel its plan to construct a condominium that would destroy a mini-forest near the University of the Philippines-Baguio. It turned out however that corporations of the People's Republic of China (PRC) are far more irresponsible.

This is unfortunate because the People's Republic of China is supposedly socialist. More than any company or corporation, corporations of the People's Republic of China are supposedly proletarian or pro-workers and should be the vanguard for public welfare over profit. However, it seems that it is the other way around: many business firms of the People's Republic of China have prioritized profit over public welfare.

Close to 13,000 infants have been hospitalized, 80% under two years old with over a hundred critically ill, as a result of consuming milk tainted with melamine. Although the practice is illegal, many PRC dairy companies have reportedly added melamine to milk powder to enhance the texture, thickness, and flavor of milk.

Milk tainted with melamine has made infants vulnerable to kidney-related ailments such as the development of stones in their kidneys. Companies imbued with the values of corporate citizenship could have been discerning and more responsible. Health risks of additives could have been medically assessed for potential impact on infants and public health. Needless to say, milk is used on infants and they are more vulnerable to health risks than adults. Their fragile bodies are more sensitive than the bodies of adults. This is common sense and does not need extensive debates: the PRC companies should have subjected the melamine to health risks analyses.

More importantly, the government of the People's Republic of China should have exercised caution. It should have actively monitored its milk companies and should have acted as a vanguard of public health. By doing so, it could have been a real vanguard of the proletariat that is supposedly the character of its leading party and state. Unfortunately, it appears that the PRC has been corrupted. This is the only explanation that is plausible given the number of infants whose lives and health were placed at risk.

The only plausible explanation is that the PRC government has betrayed even the proletariat that it is supposedly serving and has become worse than the bourgeoisie that it is fighting against. What appears as corporate irresponsibility of some PRC corporations is actually a symptom of state irresponsibility. The PRC has full powers to inspect and impose standards on its corporations but it chose not to do so. The PRC could have been a leader of food and health standards but it chose to turn its back on this responsibility and have embraced the ideology of profiteering instead. The implication of this irresponsibility is too great given the huge output capacity of the PRC: PRC products can kill our babies and children!

We have the power to act, of course. We must boycott PRC products even on for a limited period. We must express to the PRC our disgust for their failure to observe an elementary principle in global citizenship: every individual and corporate citizen must act responsibly; states must act responsibly as well!

We must express this disgust in the strongest words possible: through action! We must **boycott all PRC goods even for a short-term** to force the PRC and its corporation to be responsible in the globalizing world of the 21st century! Meanwhile, we must also continue to be vigilant vis-à-vis local companies. We must continue to see to it that every corporation in the country practice good corporate citizenship. We must see to it, for examples, that large malls build rather than destroy our forests. Large malls contribute significantly to global warming and we must demand that they make large contributions as well in the movement for the world to mitigate and adapt to global warming.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Prophet of Doom

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



PROPHET OF DOOM: Last Tuesday, September 23, 2004, I appeared as the guest speaker of the Capitol Christian Leadership, a 40 year old organization of Christian and Born Again leaders in Metro Manila during its regular Tuesday breakfast meetings, and I admitted an accusation that I am a "prophet of doom."

Ever since I started reading the Holy Bible in earnest in April 2007, and getting some understanding on why people are experiencing so much hardships, dissension, and being a failure in everything they do, I have been drawn by some kind of a magnet to warn our people about more difficulties which will come their way.

From that time on, in every opportunity that presents itself to me, I talk about an impending doom—the destruction of the Filipino nation and of the Philippines—something that is promised by God in Deuteronomy 28:15 to 68 of the Bible.

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DESTRUCTION OF FILIPINOS AND OF THE COUNTRY: I have been saying that we Filipinos will all be destroyed and our country will be laid to waste, unless we all sincerely go back to God through a meticulous and serious effort to follow His laws, commands and decrees that are written in the Bible.

This is the reason why I am now being branded as a "prophet of doom" by some, especially those who hold the mistaken and dangerous belief that no matter how bad they are, no matter how far away they stray from God, He will be there for them and He is not going to punish them for their inequities.

Whatever! I think I will, by the grace of God, persevere doing this—telling our people of our demise as a nation—for as long as I will have a venue for doing so. It is time we bring back the Filipinos to God; otherwise, we will continue to suffer, and we will all burn in hell at the proper time.

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TRUST GOD, HE WILL PROVIDE: I wish to share with our readers here a very beautiful poem that I read for the first time sometime in 1983 yet, right after I became a lawyer. It goes like this:

"Prayer is the answer to every problem in life. It puts us in tune with Divine Wisdom which knows how to adjust everything perfectly. So often, we do not pray in certain situations because from our standpoint, the outlook is hopeless.

"BUT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. Nothing is so entangled it cannot be remedied. No human relationship is too strained to bring about reconciliation and understanding. No habit so deep-rooted it cannot be overcome. No one is so weak that he cannot be healed. No mind is so dull that it cannot be made brilliant."

"Whatever we need, if we trust God, He will supply it. If anything is causing worry and anxiety, let us stop rehearsing the difficulty and TRUST God for love, healing and power."

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TANONG: BATAS gud pm po! Papanong gagawin, magpa-file ako sa SSS ng disability claim. di na makakaperma employer ko kc denimanda ko sa NLRC. Ano gagawin ko? (639194719829).

SAGOT: Maraming salamat po sa tanong na ito. Ayon sa Social Security Law of 1997, kailangan talaga ang pirma ng employer para sa disability claim ng isang manggagawa nagkaroon ng sakit o pinsala habang siya ay nagtatrabaho.

Sa katunayan, may tungkuling mag-advance ng bayad ang employer sa manggagawang may disability, at pagkatapos, kukunin na lamang niya ito sa Social Security System o SSS.

Kung sa anupamang dahilan ay hindi magampanan ng employer ang tungkulin niyang ito, maaaring ideretso na lamang ang claim sa SSS, at sasamahan na lamang ito ng isang sinumpaang salaysay na nagpapaliwanag ng mga pangyayari.

PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

JOKE TIME – List of 2008 Pinoy Business Names

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1. Parlor in San Juan is named: 'Cut & Face'.
2. Wholesaler of balut in Sto. Tomas, Batangas: 'Starduck'.
3. Fast food eatery in Nueva Ecija: 'Violybee'.
4. Internet cafe opened among squatters named: 'Cafe Pindot'.
5. In Manila, there's a laundry named: 'Summa Cum Laundry'.
6. Petshop in Ortigas: 'Pussies and Bitches'.
7. A pet shop in Kamuning: 'Pakita Mo Pet Mo'.
8. Bakery: 'Bread Pit'.
9. Bank in Alabang: 'Alabank'.
10. Restaurant in Pampanga named: 'Mekeni Rogers'.
11. Restaurant in Pasig: 'Johnny's Fried Chicken: The 'Fried' of Marikina'.
12. A boxing gym: 'Blow Jab'.
13. A tombstone maker in Antipolo: 'Lito Lapida'.
14. A copy center in Sikatuna Village called: 'Pakopya ni Edgar'.
15. A beerhouse in Cavite called: 'Chickpoint'.
16. Laundromat in Sikatuna: 'Star Wash: Attack of the Clothes'.
17. Internet cafe in Taguig named: 'N@kopi@'.
18. Name of a kambing: 'Sa Goat Kita'.
19. A salon somewhere: 'Curl Up And Dye'.
20. A lugawan in Sta. Maria, Bulacan: 'Gee Congee'.
21. A water refilling station in Dapitan named: 'Wa-Thirst'.
22. A store selling feeds for chickens: 'Robocock'.
23. Shoe repair in Marikina: 'Dr. Shoe-Bago'.
24. Shoe repair store along Commonwealth: 'SHOEPERMAN: we will HEEL you, save your SOLE, and even DYE for you'.
25. Petshop: 'Petness First'.
26. Flower shop: 'Susan's Roses'.
27. Taxicab: 'Income Taxi'.
28. A 2nd hand watch store: '2nd Time Around'.
29. A squid stall in a wet market: 'Pusit to the Limit'.
30. A shrimp store: 'Hipon Coming Back'.
31. A gay lawyer's extension office: 'Nota Republic'.
32. A ceiling installer: 'Kisame Street'.
33. A car repair shop: 'Bangga ka 'day?'
34. An aquatic pet store in Malolos: 'Fish Be With You'.
35. A fishball cart named: 'Poke Poke'.
36. A beauty salon: 'Saudia Hairlines'.
37. A bakery: 'Anak Ng Tinapay'.
38. A resto along Mayon road in Manila: 'May Lisa Eatery'.
39. Laundry shop: 'Wash Your Problem'.
40. This mobile massage business name isn't funny, but their slogan is: 'Asian Mobile Massage Service: Massage only, God is watching'.
41. Ice cream parlor: 'Dila Lang Ang Katapat'.
42. Chicharon store: 'Chicha Hut'.
43. Neighborhood pizza store: 'Pizza Hot'.
44. A fishball cart near UST: 'Eat My Balls'.
45. A barbershop in Cagayan de Oro: 'Pinoy Big Barber'.
46. A Resto: 'The Last Supper'.
47. A goto resto: '?Goto Ko Pa!'
48. A peanut vendor's cart with a funny name: 'Mani ni Papa'.
49. A gym in Malolos: 'Gaymann Fitness Center'.
50. My brother's party needs business: 'Balloon-Balloonan'.
51. A Chinese restaurant in Pasig: 'Lah-Fang'.
52. A store selling fresh chicken, owned by woman named Dina: 'Dina Fresh Chicken'.

City receives Belgian gov't donation

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., last week received in behalf of the city government a Global Information System (GIS) from the Environment and Urban Department of the Saint Louis University (SLU).

The donation came as an aid from the Belgian govern-

ment, the mayor said.

The technical programmed satellite GIS would serve the Baguio City Police Office force to predict crime patterns in different areas of the city, the mayor also confirmed.

The GIS is also used in crime imaging so as to assure police visibility and tactical surveillance in crime-

prone places.

Crime patterns such as the increase or decrease during certain times and places are analyzed in the GIS for strategic distribution of the police force, the mayor said.

The donation is very useful as the city police force numbers only 550 for the whole city, the mayor ended./juliefianza

19th National Statistics Month focuses on MSME development

Baguio City – This year's Statistics Month celebration is focused on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) development.

In a memorandum dated June 23, 2008, former Socio Economic Planning Acting Secretary Augusto B. Santos, who is also the chairman of the National Statistics and Coordination Board, enjoined all agencies of the government, academic institutions and the private sector at the national and sub national levels to actively participate and support the projects and activities of the 19th National Statistics Month (NSM) Celebration.

The celebration is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 dated September 20, 1990 declaring the month of October of every year as the National Statistics Month during which all government agencies and instrumentalities of government are enjoined to evolve and implement

projects and activities that focus on the importance and value of statistics.

The month-long celebration aims to promote, enhance, and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of society and to elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.

Santos said that this year's celebration shall focus on MSME development, thus the theme "Demand-Driven Statistics: key to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development."

Santos added that activities may be undertaken by an agency in accordance with the capabilities of the participating agencies. These may be in the form of symposia, workshops, orientation seminars, exhibits, slide shows, and publication of statistical reports, indicators and other relevant information among others with

particular emphasis on the theme and the agency's selected sub-theme.

In the Cordillera, there will be a joint Kapihan with other national observances in October on September 30 as a kickoff activity. Panelists include National Statistics Office Director Olivia G. Gulla, Vice Chairperson, National Statistics Month, DTI Director Carmelita C. Usman, Chairperson, Consumer Welfare Month 2008, CONSUMERNET, and DOLE-CAR Dir. Ana C. Dione, Chairperson, Productivity Month 2008.

Other activities to be conducted jointly are as follows: exhibit on October 7-9 at SM, October 17, s "Walk Cordillera Walk" wherein participants from the CONSUMERNET, RSCC, RTWPB and NCIP will assemble at the Baguio Convention Center at 7AM then they will walk up to the Baguio Teacher's Camp Oval passing through South Drive for a hataw exercise./Mari Cruz/PIA-CAR

2008 National Literacy Awards held in Baguio City

Baguio City – The Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) conducted the 2008 National Literacy Awards at the Teachers Camp here last September 19 after it was missed out the past two years. Secretary Conrado Limcaoco, Director-General of the Philippine Information Agency was the guest of honor.

The National Literacy Awards give recognition to outstanding individuals, government and non-government organizations for their dedication, commitment and contribution to literacy education in their communities.

This year, the LCC gave awards to the top Outstanding Literacy Program, and Outstanding Local Government Units (LGUs), in each of the four LGU classification level.

For the highly urbanized City level, the outstanding LGU top awardee for its literacy programs is Davao City. This is followed by Pasay City, Cagayan De Oro City, Puerto Princesa City and General Santos City respectively.

Tagam City of Region 11 tops the LGU component city level, followed by Surigao City, Kidapawan City, Tacloban City and Sorsogon City respectively.

La Trinidad, Benguet, was among the awardees, in the Municipal level - class B category and Mayor Artemio Galwan led the group that received the award.

In his message, Limcaoco pointed out

the importance of functional literacy, not only in earning money, to make life more productive or to fight poverty, but also in achieving peace. According to him “functional literacy could help in achieving peace, as literacy also talks about peace between men”.

Limcaoco also stressed that literacy is another reason why we are a very attractive country, as far as business outsourcing or call centers are concerned as we provide the rest of the world with labor, both blue and white collar job, health care professionals and a lot of other talents. That is why functional literacy is important and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo support this 100%, he added.

The government’s anti-poverty program lists education as a primary component where literacy is recognized as one effective strategy that contributes toward a better life for the Filipinos.

The national Literacy awards is one of the highlights of the two day National Literacy Conference

that drew a large number of participants from different part of the country, almost double the 300 expected participants.

The theme of the conference is “Functional Literacy Towards a Sustainable Future”. LCC also brands the slogan, “Literasi: Laban sa Kahirapan”.

The said conference aims to assess opportunities and constraints in crafting and implementing literacy projects/programs addressed to the development of a sustainable future; to show how strategic communication may be used to encourage greater participation in literacy development and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of literacy programs; and to share experience in implementing literacy program for sustainable development. **Lito Dar/PIA

PSHS scholarship form submission on Oct. 6

BAGUIO CITY – The Philippine Science High School System (PSHSS) is accepting applications for the National Competitive Examination (NCE) on Nov. 15, 2008, in part, as preparation for the PSHS – Cordillera Region opening next school year.

The PSHS for the Cordillera Region shall be based in Baguio, while the equally new PSHS

Central Luzon Campus shall be in Clark, Angeles City, Pampanga.

Scholarship applications for school year 2009-2010, including the two new campuses, are extended until October 6.

Gifted and talented students of the Cordillera Region are invited to apply, as to the letter to Mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr., from PSHSS Executive Director Filma Brawner. This, she said is for PSHS’s “quest for excellence.”

Earlier announcements pegged the deadline date as September 15. Students who have submitted their applications need not apply again, Ms. Brawner stated in her letter.

Applicants must:

- Belong to the upper ten per cent (10%) of the graduating class of a school duly recognized by DepEd, as certified by the school princi-

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Farinas wants slogans, inspirational practices institutionalized

BAGUIO CITY – Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas has proposed an ordinance “institutionalizing existing motivational slogans and other inspirational practices of the local government and other agencies and adopting the same” for the city

of Baguio.

“The Local Government of Baguio and other agencies have introduced the longstanding and venerable practice of giving inspiration and promoting motivation to people, employees and other sectors of society in order to boost morale, enhance job performance, and foster

cooperation for their programs,” Farinas noted.

“Such inspirational and motivational programs have been well-established and have proven their worth to be effective according to their set purposes, and as such would very well benefit the City if these slo-

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BEA-CSWD to honor model citizens

BAGUIO CITY – The Baguio Elderly Assembly (BEA) and the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) will confer the prestigious Gintong Tala Achievers Award to at least 12 exceptional senior citizens here in the city who are models of exemplary senior citizens and source of inspiration.

The award rites will usher in the month-long celebration of BEA Octoberfest

2008 in consonance with Presidential Proclamation no. 470 S-1994 Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Baguio Resolution no. 054 S-2003 and strengthened by the BEA Covenant of Unity of 2003.

The special program honoring the awardees will be held at the Baguio Convention Center on October 5 starting at 8:30 in the morning. Senate President Manuel Villar, Jr., has been invited as the principal guest together with City Mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr., Congressman Mauricio Domogan and Vice

Mayor Daniel Farinas.

The Gintong Tala awardees are Rodolfo Daludao, Sr., for religious and spiritual service, Isaias Barongan, government service – executive branch; Councilor Galo Weygan, government service – legislative branch; Judge Heillia Phillips, government service – judiciary; Dr. Ruperta Vergara, education; Dr. Julie Camdas-Cabato, medicine; Carmelita Mondiguing, tourism and culture; Jo-

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Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
 LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
 AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region
 Baguio City
LUMBAS PISANDO
 Applicant
 Case No: 2000-01-2708
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 - MOTORPOOL via Buyagan and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 22th day of Sept 2008.

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

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double demands in other cities like Manila. Leaks drain supply. The frenzy well-drilling frenzy causes land subsidence, too. Most major cities and eight of 19 key basins will be parched by 2025, Japan's International Cooperation Agency forecast earlier.

"We have no water problem," scoffs Cebu Mayor Tomas Osmena. Amen chorus his city council otherwise known as "a harem of eunuchs." This is a leadership in denial. But delusion doesn't alter reality.

Lots remain unsold in Mr. Osmena's prime project: the 296-hectare South Properties. Investors balk over uncertain titles, lack of roads, power – and water. Cebu does not have the "Saudi option": to exchange oil for water. With oil spiking at \$103 this week, energy-intensive desalination has become prohibitive.

The mayor's friends, who run small water firms, would drill yet more wells into crumbling aquifers. That guarantees earlier collapse of a resource that provides over 90 percent of Cebu's water.

The mayor blocked a proposal to tap Cebu surface water developed by World Bank, Ayala and major firms. City Hall didn't bother with conservation to get "more bang for the drop." Cebu Daily News snapped: "We have water policy black holes."

Forget the 26-kilometer Bohol pipeline Mr. Ramos dusted off. "There is Imperial Cebu to watch out for," Bohol Chronicle cautioned. Boholanos buck exporting a valuable resource that Cebuanos wasted. Touche.

"We are not on a straight line path to the future," State of the World 2008 notes. "Choices must be made in the ways water is wasted or conserved, polluted or protected...valued for all its uses or simply exploited for a few."

Wise policies open the use of innovative conservation, pricing policies, investment decisions, etc. But policy paralysis guarantees that tomorrow's kids will pay baksheesh for murky water – when available./J.L.Mercado

Diretsahan

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plaka. Putol ang ari at dalawang daliri ng biktima ng natagpuan at pinaghihinalaan ng mga kaanak na mga kasamahan o mga grupo sa huweteng ang may pakana!

Mukhang delikado, at gumagala na naman ang mga "multo" sa gabi. Ingat lang mga 'igan at baka kayo na ang isunod na maibahe, magbago na kayo!.. at ano naman kaya ang sey dito ng bagong hepe ng Baguio City Police Office Kernel Wilfredo Franco, Ser, ano po ang masasabi nyu dito?

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Tatlo katao ang nauulat na namatay sa Baguio City dahil sa landslide noong kasagsagan ng bagyong "Nina" ganoon din sa Itogon Benguet na may landslide din na nangyari kunsan at may namatay na lolang inatake, o na istrok dahil sa nerbyos, ang minahan naman ang sinisisi ng mga residente sa Itogon kaya daw nagkakaroon na ng

ganitong landslides sa kanilang lugar na itinanggi naman ng Benguet Mining company.

16 minero naman ang na-trap sa loob ng isang tunnel ng minahan sa Itogon, Benguet din at mukhang nahihirapan ang mga rescue team dahil sa kahirapang pumasok sa loob, bunsod ng di maawat na pag – apaw ng tubig.

Yan ang mga trahedyang idinudulot ng mga lintek na mina mina na yan at hindi rin malayong mangyari ito sa may Camp 6 ng Kennon Road, Tuba Benguet dahil sa mga "ungas" na nagmimina at kanilang protector sa naturang lugar, atensyon Meyor bentrez ng Tuba, Benguet hinihintay nyu pa ba na may mangyari ring masamang trahedyo bago kayo kumilos? Atensyon din DENR! Huwag naman kayong tutulog tulog, kumilos din kayo! KILOOS!

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Sa ganitong sitwasyon, ang SSS na ang siyang direktang magbabayad ng benepisyo.

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BATAS PARTY LIST: Maaari na po kayong maging kasapi ng BATAS Party List, o ang Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtugayod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Ipadala po ang inyong mga pangalan at kumpletong address sa text 0919-609-64-89, o tawag sa (02) 433-74-49, (02) 433-73-53, o sa email sa www.batasnews.com, o sa batasmauricio@yahoo.com, at sa sulat sa 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

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pal, or have special aptitude in science and math, as supported by the report card and letter of recommendation (from the principal);

Be a Filipino citizen with no application as immigrant to any foreign country;

Be in good health and fit to undergo a rigorous academic program;

Be of good moral character, and, Not have taken the PSHS NCE previously.

Requirements would be:

·Fully accomplished application form from the PSHSS in duplicate.

·Two identical recent 1 by 1 ID pictures
·Non-refundable test fee (P100 for private school, free for public schools)

·Copy of report card, SY 2007-2008 and letter of recommendation if the applicant does not belong to the upper 10% of the graduating class.

Accomplished forms may be submitted to nearest DOST Regional Offices; or Provincial Science and Technology Centers, nearest PSHS campuses; or PSHSS Admissions Office, Agham road, Diliman, Quezon City 1104.

Forms are available at the PSHS campuses and Department of Science and Technology (DOST). For Cordillera applicants,

forms may be obtained at the DOST Regional office along the national highway, Km 6, La Trinidad Benguet, or downloaded from the PSHS website www.pshs.edu.ph. Inquiries may be coursed through the DOST-CAR office; tel no. 422-0979, or head office: (02) 924-0639 and (02) 926-5701./juliegfianza

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gans could be indefinitely adopted and institutionalized as Baguio morale boosters not only for the City's centennial but from then onwards."

Among the slogans proposed for adoption are as follows:

Magandang Baguio! Bangon Baguio! Bangon! Duguel Mo Salusem (Ibaloi) / Tapat Ko Linis Ko. Aso Ko, Itali Ko. First Come, First Served. Walk Baguio! Walk! Buwis Natin, Progreso Natin! Alay Sa Kalinisan BIDA KA! (Bigay Dangal sa Kabuhayan) Drug-Free Baguio Go Baguio! Go! Service with a Smile.

The proposed measure mandates that the local government, barangays and lines agencies "promote said motivational and inspirational slogans through their printing, display and advertising, through the most resourceful means such as the utilization of recyclable and reusable materials and other innovative methods, and not necessarily by the use of available monetary funds, with the purpose of conserving the same."

"Exemplary and the most remarkable display of support toward this program shall be rewarded with due recognition by the City Government of Baguio with the support of sponsoring agencies and other patrons," the proposal noted.

The measure will be tackled by the city council soon./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

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

ANNIE S. WANGDALI

Applicant

Case No: 2001-01-2536

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Vehicle For Hire Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: ABATAN, BAUKO TO ANY POINT IN REGION 1 and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 7, 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/their evidences.

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

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF

RURAL BANK OF SAGADA

Mortgagee,

-versus-

ARLENE A. SY, ARNEL ALCANTARA, herein represented
By their Attorney-in-Fact SPOUSES BENIGNO ALDEN and ANNALIZA

VALARAO *Mortgagors.*

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-18-S
Real Estate Mortgage Contract Under Act 3135 as Amended

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for the sale Under Act 3135 as amended filed by RURAL BANK OF SAGADA, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, as against ARLENE A. SY ARNEL ALCANTARA, herein represented

by their Attorney-in-Fact SPOUSES BENIGNO ALDEN and ANNELIZA VALARAO, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGORS, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 31, 2005, amounts to PESOS: TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (2,600,000.00) exclusive of interest charges and expense incurred plus 10% attorney fees of the total indebtedness, but to exclude other expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court/Ex-Oficio Sheriff thru the Sheriff-in-Charge announces that on the 20th day of October 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon there-

after, will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency at the 2nd floor Lobby Justice Hall, Baguio City, the real property including its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-86450

A parcel of Land (Lot 2-B-2, Psd-CAR- 012334) being a portion of Lot 2-B (LRC) Psd-53551, Rurban Code 131102. Situated at Res. Sec. "D", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., & NW.,

along lines 1-2-3 by Lot 2-1 (LRC) Psd-53551; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 2-A (LRC) Psd-53551; on the NE., along line 4-5 by Public Land; on the SE., along line 5-6 by Lot 2-C (LRC) Psd-53551; along line 6-7 by Lot 2-D (LRC) Psd-53551; on the SW., along line 7-8 by Lot 2-B-1; along lines 8-9-10-1 by Lot 2-B-3 (8.00 m.wide) Beginning at A point marked "1" on plan S.56 deg., 24'E., m. from Triangulation Station "D" Baguio Townsite. Containing an area of EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (8,736) SQUARE

METERS, more or less.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property and its encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, September 23, 2008

(SGD)
REMEDIOS B. REYES
Clerk of Court
VI/Ex-Oficio Sheriff

MARANI S. BACOLOD
Sheriff IV TIN No. 137-06092
Sept. 27 - Oct 4, & 11, 2008

Versoza is the next PNP Chief - Palace

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has appointed Philippine National Police (PNP) Deputy Director General Jesus Versoza as the next PNP chief, vice Director General Avelino Razon who is retiring on Sept. 27 upon reaching the mandatory retirement age for military and police personnel of 56.

Versoza's promotion to the top PNP post was announced by Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 2 (NAIA2) after the send-off ceremony for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who left for New York at 10:30 last night (Sept. 21) to address the 63rd United Nations (UN) General Assembly.

"I have the authority of the President to announce that PNP Deputy Director General Jesus Versoza shall be the incoming Chief of the Philippine National Police," Ermita told reporters who covered the

President's departure. He added that the turnover ceremonies will be held at the PNP Headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City on Sept. 27, the same day the President is scheduled to arrive from her five-day US trip.

Versoza will be the 15th chief of the PNP since its conversion on Jan. 29, 1991 from the now defunct Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police (PC-INP) under the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to its present status as a civilian police organization.

Versoza, whose three-star rank is equivalent to lieutenant general in the AFP, is currently the deputy PNP chief for administration.

A member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class of 1976, he formerly headed the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) after serving as director of PNP-Region IV (Southern Tagalog)/PIA CAR

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seph Catacutan, military service; Joey and Donna Rufino, business and trade; Henedino "Jimmy" Lozano, journalism; Constance Damian, social-civic service; and Tony Candelaria, sports.

Former city councilor and BEA executive chairman Nars Padilla said the honorees were cited primarily for their leadership excellence, highly meritorious deeds made possible through their respective profession or vocation which contributed in distinct manners to the growth and development of the community in particular and the country at large.

The calendar of events in Octoberfest 2008 include the following: Oct. 11 – Palaro and photo exhibit entitled "BEA Through The Year," Oct. 18 – Free Medical-Dental Outreach Mission; Oct. 22 – BEA Pista sa Nayon climaxed with the "Putongan" of Lola Lakambinis and cultural show and finally on Oct. 28 – "Dalawang Puso, Isang Pag-ibig," Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary renewal of vows for Baguio Elderly Couples at the Baguio Convention Center.

BEA composed of Benevolent Association of Retired Persons (BARP) Foundation headed by Professor Federico Balanag, Federation of Baguio Senior Citizens Association by Engr. Leopoldo Escano, Philippine Government Retired Employees Association, Baguio, by Eduardino Damatac and the Veterans Federation of the Philippines-CAR and the Baguio District led by Gualterio Adalim and (Ret.) Col. Napoleon Gojo, respectively. Only recently the USFIP Northern Luzon Chapter under Comdr. Robert Bellasi affiliated with the BEA. CSWDO officer Betty Fangasan is BEA's adviser./PIO

ERRATUM
In a Notice of Hearing for Extension of Validity of CPC Published in this paper issue of September 13, 2008 under Case Number 98-BC-0394 the last name Hidalgo as published should have been spelled as Hidalgo and not as erroneously published

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In a Notice of Hearing for Extension of Validity of CPC Published in this paper issue of September 13, 2008 under Case Number 88- 01- 2975 the last name Matugao as published should have been spelled as Mayugao and not as erroneously published

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
JOSIE ESPINUEVA
Applicant
Case No: 2002-BC-273
NOTICE OF HEARING
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(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Palace calls

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joined to closely coordinate and render assistance for the prompt and efficacious implementation of the directive, particularly in the identification of the reported government vehicles.

Strict compliance by all officers and employees of the government, including those of government-owned and controlled corporations, is also enjoined.

Anyone found violating any of the provisions of the order, shall be sternly dealt with in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said the continuous rise in the prices of oil in the world market calls for the government to exert efforts to promote the judicious use of the country's energy resources through intensified conservation effort and efficient utilization.

Under AO 239, all government agencies and offices are prohibited from using government vehicles for purposes other than official business.

Provided, that in every case, the trip ticket authorizing the use of the vehicle shall be displayed on the windshield or in another conspicuous place on the vehicle.

The use of government vehicles by bureaus and offices shall be authorized only through the issuance for each trip of a serially numbered ticket, duly signed by an authorized official.

These motor vehicles shall be used strictly for official business, bear government plates only, and after the office hours or during weekends and holidays kept in a garage designated/provided therefor by the bureau or office to avoid the unauthorized use.

The Order also states that the use of government vehicles on Sundays, legal holidays, or out of the regular office hours or outside the route of the officials and employees authorized to use them, or by an person other than such officials or employees, shall unless properly authorized, be prima facie evidence of violation.

The President also ordered all government agencies and offices to limit the use of government vehicles to essential activities and to review their travel program and schedules to minimize unnecessary trips./PNA

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The agency's woes are compounded by its inadequate budget. BFAD spends an average of P271 for the inspection of one establishment. To cover 45,747 establishments, BFAD would need P12.4 million, but it only has P2.4 million as inspection budget.

Additionally, around 50,954 products are registered with BFAD in 2006, but the agency was only able to test 16,000 samples of these products for safety standards due to insufficient budget and equipment./Office of Senator Pia S. Cayetano/Media Officer - Mike Ac2 -09178335000

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19 incidents of flooding, one case of trash slide, two cases of washed out drainage pipelines as of September 23, Tuesday.

The figure is expected to increase as more reports are being received by the CDCC as of Friday.

No estimate of amount for damages was released as investigations of the damaged infrastructures also continued as of Friday.

There was minimal power outage and the two main access roads, Marcos Highway and Naguilian Road, remained passable. Kennon Road was closed due to landslides.

The mayor reminded the public that requests for assistance during calamities may be coursed through the CDCC which maintains the following phone numbers: 442-1901 to 442-1905./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Farinas seeks

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means they can be carried out without fear nor favor, and to serve our citizens the only best way they should."

The proposed measure would authorize the city mayor's office to hire additional personnel for the POSD "to carry out the mayor's directives with the optimum performance it needs and with the goal of giving the best public service, security, assistance, implementation of Executive and Administrative Orders, and all other support services" that it will be required to perform.

Under the measure, the City Mayor's Office and/or the POSD division head would be requested to conduct a thorough study of their duties and responsibilities, the difficulty for their implementation, and other necessities entailed in carrying out their work, in order to assess the Number of Additional Personnel and the Just and Fair Wages and Salaries required in the performance of their duties and responsibilities in accordance to law.

This will then be submitted to the city council for approval and appropriation of the required funds.

The measure would also institutionalize the POSD's duties and responsibilities to wit:

*Anti-Peddling Task Force: a. Implementation of A.O. 604, s. 2004 and all laws and ordinances relevant to illegal peddling along the City's right-of-ways, parks and the City Market area, and other relevant directives to be issued by the City Mayor; b. Monitoring & Implementation for the clearing of ambulant vendors from sidewalks, alleys, pathways, and other areas beyond the commerce of man; c. Strict observance of the "No Biyahera" vendors within the City of Baguio; d. Maintenance of the Zero Peddling within the Central Business District; e. Proper disposal of confiscated goods to proper government offices such as the Office of Social Welfare & Dev't, Baguio City Jail, NLAB - School for the Blind, and the BGHMC; and f. Coordination with the PNP and other government offices during operations.

*As the Anti-Vice Task Force: a. Implemen-

tation of Executive Order 006 s., 2004; b. Conduct inspections & monitoring of business establishments for verification of business operator's compliance with legal requirements; c. Implementation of A.O. 40, s. 2006 otherwise known as *Banning the Issuance of New Business Permits to New Liquor dispensing, or Amusement Establishments within Identified Prohibited Zones within the City of Baguio*; d. Implementation of A.O. 59, s. 2008 known as *The Creation of a Composite Team for Linear Measurement* e. Monitoring & Inspection of Working Permits; f. Inspection of Illegal Establishments such as night spots, bars, restaurants, gambling dens, etc.

*As Investigation, Security & Intelligence: Oversees implementation of Administrative Orders, laws, and regulations; Investigation & Verification of Complaints on Illegal Construction and other related activities such as *Joint Relocation Surveys* and others; Administratively assist offices and units of the government in charge of the enforcement of all laws, City Resolutions & Ordinances relevant to Illegal Squatting and Illegal Structures and shall monitor and evaluate the results of the particular anti-illegal act and provide Security to the City Mayor, personnel, and government installations.

*Other duties: Monitoring of GMA *Tindahan sa Barangay*; Monitoring of Traffic Situations within Baguio City

Monitoring of City Ordinance violations by Business Establishments; Others as per Administrative Orders issued by the City Mayor; Others as per additional amendment to this Ordinance as *Approved* by the City Council.

* Clerical Support: Issuance of Mayor's Clearances; Serves as Process Servers for Notices of Meetings, memoranda & other communications; and Prepares & files communications regarding confiscated perishable / non-perishable goods to concerned government agencies Farinas' proposed measure will be discussed by the city council soon./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
 AND REGULATORY BOARD**
 Cordillera Administrative Region
 Baguio City
ROGEL CANAO
Applicant
Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-201
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 - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 7, 2008, 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/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 22th day of Sept 2008.

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

Czech Gov**.... from page 3**

after conclusion of the FS.

Early this year, mayor Reinaldo Bautista communicated with the Czech Republic through Czech Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Helena Bambasova hoping to interest them in rehabilitating the project under the CRDC.

Bautista in a January letter said, "We are hoping that we could utilize the facility to its full capacity to power up our vital facilities which include, among others: government offices, streetlights, traffic installations, and other local government installations."

The Czech government responded to the city's request in no time, sending experts Jaroslav Knotek and Bretislav Skacel of the Czech Renewable Energy Alliance (CREA) and PS PROFIL, to make initial assessment of the AHP's from April 9 to 13.

Bautista said the fast action of the Czech Republic on the City Government's request "was simply outstanding to say the least - it bespeaks of the Czech Republic's genuine intention of furthering amity between our countries."

Meanwhile, the Petroxy Corporation, an aggregation of South Korean investors is currently pursuing possibility of a joint venture with the City in operating the AHP's.

Petroxy is currently developing AHP's in Kapangan and Kibungan, Benguet. To date, the corporation is finalizing plans for their own FS on the Asin facilities./ISL

Improvement**.... from page 3**

to the materials, labor, and amounts the barangays have set as *close/rough* estimates;

*the submission to the City Council of the complete set of the Inventories of all Barangay Lighting Requirements as *Certified* and/or *Confirmed* by the Office of the City Engineer for City Council APPROVAL;

*the submission of the City Council Resolution approving the Inventories of all Barangay Lighting Requirements as *Certified* and/or *Confirmed* by the Office of the City Engineer to the Local Finance Committee for the issuance of a *Certification of the Availability of Funds*;

*the equitable disbursement of appropriated funds to the barangays;

*the supervision of the progress of the installation of their respective Improved Barangay Lighting Systems, the verification of the accounting and audit of their respective funds for this Ordinance's purpose; and

*other duties and responsibilities necessary for the fulfillment and completion of an Improved Barangay Lighting System for the City of Baguio;

An appropriation of P10,000,000 was proposed for the installation of the needed paraphernalia to implement the measure.

Farinas' proposal will be tackled on first reading in the body's next session./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

Search.....**.... from page 12**

awardees which would come from the "land-based" and sea-based" OFW. There would also be a total of 34 regional awardees coming from the said OFW sectors from the country's 17 regions.

In addition, special recognition and prizes will be given to the OFW families who will earn the Outstanding Achievement in Community project Award and Outstanding Project in Entrepreneurship Award. More than 2 Million pesos in cash and prizes, from OWWA and its major corporate partners, await the winners.

Selection criteria for MOFYA are as follows: 50% for wholesome OFW family relation and solidarity; 20% for civic/community involvement of OFWs and their families; 20% for success in OFW and/or family member/members education or profession; and 10% for success in managing family finances.

Nominations may come from any non-government organization (NGO), People's organization (PO), religious organizations or associations, community-based socio-civic organizations/associations and local government units (LGUs). No individual nominations shall be accepted.

Nomination period for the search will be until October 17, 2008 only. For interested parties they may inquire for the nomination criteria, nomination form and for any additional information from the OWWA-CAR Office at Benitez Court Compound, Magsaysay Avenue, 2600 Baguio City, with contact numbers (074) 445-2260, 619-4558 and 300-3658. **Lito Dar/PIA

DAR - Benguet.....**.... from page 12**

DAR. It has also non-LAD component under this program, which includes land transactions, leasehold and stock distribution option.

Ampaguey explained that DAR has also support services delivery, which includes "Social Infrastructure and local capability building, CARP funded & Foreign assisted projects, delivery of agrarian justice and the President Diosdado Macapagal Agrarian Scholarship Program (PDMASP).

Under Social Infrastructure and local capability building, DAR is involved in the launching of Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs), strengthening of People's Organization and trainings for ARBs. On CARP projects, so far DAR-Benguet had already finished almost P200 Billion worth of infrastructure projects in the province.

Under PDMASP, DAR-Benguet have 18 approved scholars this year, DAR Admin/Finance chief Mr Jesse Tayaban explained that the PDMASP is initiated by Pres Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in 2003, for the dependents of ARBs, to strengthen CARP and to commemorate RA 3844. So far, DAR-Benguet already produced 18 graduates under the said

program and there are six current scholars, Tayaban added.

Agrarian Reform Infrastructure Support Project (ARISP), which provides a package of support services designed to improve the productivity and income of selected ARCs nationwide has seven components such as; irrigation, FMR, post harvest facilities, rural water supply, agri-institutional development, agrarian information/marketing center and project management and operational support.

DAR-Benguet's ARISP is implemented in three phases. So far the office already implemented Phase I - with Taloy Norte ARC in Tuba as recipient; and Phase II - with NPC ARC in Atok and Aduyon ARC in Tublay as recipients. Meanwhile, phase III is set to be implemented from 2008-2014. Under ARISP Phase III, Bakun, Kapangan and Kibungan ARC were recommended by DAR and endorsed by the RDC.

On the CARP extension issue, Ampaguey confirmed that DAR is pushing for a 10-year extension of CARP and that they have already submitted their position to Congress. **LitoDar/PIA

Auto LPG.....**.... from page 12**

smoother combustion since LPG is gaseous and an improved engine oil life

Auto-LPG average cost is P30.00 per liter as of September. Conversion costs ranges from P28,000.00 to P28,000.00 per unit for carburetor type, P50,000.00 to P55,000.00 per unit of EFI-automatic and P12,000.00 - P15,000.00 per tricycle unit.

In interview with taxi drivers who greatly benefited from the conversion, Cardinales said they save an average of P800.00 per day or P16,000.00 for 20 days.

In Baguio City, there were already several taxi units which converted into auto-LPG with stickers sealed in their units as a requirement of the Land Transportation Office.

He said, however, there are some requirements for conversion such that it must have a good ignition and cooling system.

Among the typical performance which can be observed after conversion according to Cardinales are slight power loss, slow refueling, longer period for changing spark plugs and oil but should be tuned up after initial 1,000 kilometer mileage.

The Bureau of Products Standards of DTI issue certificate of accreditation for auto-LPG vehicle conversion shops. There are now 10 installers/ converters/ service providers nationwide duly accredited by the DTI.

The sustainability of long term supply may inevitably happen which DOE perceives and in all likelihood there will be an increase in demand of auto-LPG from the transport sector which may lead to vulnerability of LPG price fluctuation similar to the situation of gasoline and diesel. *** S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

Search on for the 2008 Model OFW Family of the Year Award (MOFYA)

Baguio City – The Overseas Workers Welfare Association (OWWA-CAR) is now accepting nominations for the 2008 search for the model OFW Family of the Year Award (MOFYA). MOFYA is an an-

nual award-giving project designed to give recognition to outstanding OFW families and to promote best practices in achieving success in all aspects of their life. This year's MOFYA award em-

phasizes on the importance of family values, and adopts the theme “Parangal sa Matatag na Pamilyang Pilipino”.

According to OWWA-CAR regional Director Manuela Peña, this year's search will have for the first time two national

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DAR – Benguet titles more than 17000 hectares in Benguet

Baguio City – The Dept of Agrarian Reform (DAR-Benguet) has titled more than 17,000 hectares of land with 16,529 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in Benguet.

Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer Robert B. Ampaguey, bared this in a radio interview adding that DAR Benguet has 7,609 hectares more to be titled, from their Comprehensive

Agrarian Reform Program scope of 24,752.5171 hectares.

Land survey and titling are part of the Land Acquisition and Distribution (LAD) component, under the “Land Tenure Improvement” program of

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Auto-LPG a cheaper fuel alternative now gaining popularity

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The auto-liquefied petroleum gasoline (LPG) industry in the country is slowly emerging and gaining interest in utilization among the transport sector such as taxi fleets, private vehicles and tricycles as an alternative fuel as it is relatively cheaper according to the Department of Energy.

for conversion without compliance to standards.

DOE issued Department Circular No. 2007-02-2002 to set the guidelines and standards in regulating the supply, hauling, storage, handling, marketing and distribution of LPG for Automotive use otherwise known as ‘Auto-LPG Rules.’

Some who underwent vehicle conversion consider practically the price reduction and savings as auto-LPG is relatively cheaper than gasoline but they may not know the other benefits according to Cardinales.

In an orientation seminar for consumer protection under the auspices of the Department of Trade and Industry – Benguet held September 25-26 at the Provincial Capitol, Robert Cardinales of DOE Oil Management Bureaus said several service providers also emerged

With the use auto-LPG, comparatively there is lesser maintenance cost as

there is cleaner engine due to absence of contaminants like lead, sulfur, aromatics. There is no deposition of carbon in the spark plug. There is

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GARANTISADONG PAMBATA - City Health Officer Florence Reyes administers anti-polio vaccine, vitamin A and deworming during the citywide Barangay Nutrition “Garantisadong Pambata” program being undertaken by the city government.— By Bong Cayabyab

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