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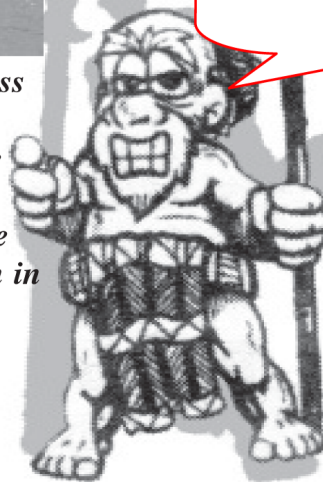
BIR Official Sentenced to Jail for Violation of Anti-Graft Law



BAGUIO CITY - "Public office is a public trust." Can negligence really send somebody to jail? Judge Fernando Vil Pamintuan of Baguio City RTC Branch will answer a big YES.

George Caburao, presently the revenue district officer [RDO] of BIR Mountain Province (and a former Assistant Chief of Special Investigation Division of BIR-CAR) was recently sentenced by Judge Pamintuan to suffer imprisonment for minimum a of 6 years **Cont. on page 10**

ATA LOSS. Law-abiding pedestrians are at a loss as to cross the street or not because of undisciplined drivers who do not follow traffic lights. The installed traffic lights found on the major streets at the central business district does not seem to apply to disobedient drivers and pedestrians alike who choose to ignore these traffic lights thus making the traffic situation in the city worse. Information campaign on traffic rules must again be launched by the city and penalize those who do not obey./Photo by Grace Bandoy



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Night Market Eyed To Address Illegal Vending

BAGUIO CITY—The city government will finalize the guidelines for the implementation of its night market project to give legitimate livelihood opportunities to itinerant vendors in the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Alay sa Kalinisan meeting last Tuesday said the Market Task Force is set to identify more areas where the night markets can be allowed and at the same time finalize the rules for the vendors to follow in the conduct of the night bazaars.

The mayor said initial guidelines agreed on were that

vendors who will be allowed to sell at the night markets will be selected through a census and screening process and they must be Baguio residents.

He said those who will be qualified will be issued proper identification cards must pay fees to the city government. They must also comply with city ordinances particularly on cleanliness and violation of any of the rules would result to confiscation of the IDs and forfeiture of the chance to join the night market.

At present, the city is allowing night vending activities in certain parts of Harrison Road from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. on a

temporary basis.

The mayor said this was allowed to continue after the traffic management branch of the city police issued a clearance that said activity was not in anyway hampering traffic flow in the area.

City market superintendent Paul Tamayo also reported that vendors who will be displaced in other areas where vending is not allowed would be absorbed in the night market.

City officials entertained the idea of conducting night and flea markets as a means of curbing illegal vending in the city./A Refuerzo

Smoke Violators Increasing in City

BAGUIO CITY—The conduct of another operation by the Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) for 5 days yielded an increase in violators.

This was revealed by the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) during the regular meeting of the Alay sa Kalinisan, Inc. (ASKI) held last Tuesday.

In the report, the team conducted roadside testing on both diesel and gas fed vehicles at Governor Pack Road, Session Road and Magsaysay Avenue from October 4 to 8.

A total of 172 vehicles were flagged, 99 for diesel and 73 for gas.

After the test, 64 vehicles (diesel fed) failed while 44 ve-

hicles (gas fed) also failed totaling 108.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan raised concern over the increasing vehicles being apprehended saying a lot of work is still to be done regarding the situation.

He said cooperation from private testing centers is needed to ensure the success of the operation.

Domogan also said a standardized testing should be in place for both private testing centers and government testing machines to avoid conflicting readings.

Domogan also appealed to operators and drivers for a regular check up of their vehicles for road worthiness, including regular change oil and tune up adding “lack of mainte-

nance” of vehicles is a big factor on failed readings.

Representatives from the public utility sector however suggested a separate inspection on gasoline stations on the quality of diesel, gas and LPG being sold.

They commented low quality gasoline will not burn easily and adds to the smoke being emitted by their vehicle.

Meanwhile, the requested dialogue between the RITMT Operation Team, Clean Air Committee and the different Public Utility Associations and its members will push through on October 21 at 8:30 am, also invited in said dialogue are Private Smoke Emission Testing Centers and interested persons./paul rillorta

Increase In Fines Eyed For Law Offenders

BAGUIO CITY—The city government seeks to put more teeth to city ordinances particularly those that deal on cleanliness and traffic order by increasing the fines for violations of these laws.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan told the Alay sa Kalinisan Team Baguio (ASKI) meeting last Tuesday that the city indeed needs to upgrade the penal provisions of the some city ordinances that had become out-

dated to better inculcate the value of discipline for which purpose these penalties are being imposed.

Some ASKI members, during the discussions, bemoaned the fact that the fines had become flimsy that some people now disregard them.

Councilor Perlita Rondez supported the call to raise the penalties lamenting that the low fines “has diminished the value of discipline” which these penalties

are supposed to uplift.

The mayor assured that these ordinances will be reviewed and recommendations of their upgrading and amendment will be submitted to the city council.

He said the updating of the fines will help in deterring violations and will supplement the ongoing effort to maintain cleanliness and peace and order in the city through an intensified imple-

mentation of related ordinances such as the anti-littering, anti-smoking, anti-spitting and other laws related to cleanliness.

Last Tuesday, the Baguio City Police Office reported before the ASKI the arrest of a total of 84 violators of traffic and cleanliness laws in the city

from October 4-11.

Police Station 7 Commander Larry Buansi said that of the number, 48 were nabbed for traffic violations, some of whom for failure to provide garbage receptacles while 26 were apprehended for jaywalking, nine for littering and one

for illegal peddling.

The offenders include 34 drivers, 19 unemployed, ten businessmen, three vendors, two students, two farmers, two laborers, a caretaker, a dispatcher, a machinist, a waiter, a service crew, an electrician, a house-

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Market Supt warns of scams in market

BAGUIOCITY - Market Superintendent Policarpio Tamayo this week warned interested individuals wanting to obtain "stall rights" in the market not to transact business with persons who represents themselves as agents.

Tamayo said reports reaching his office of unscrupulous persons collecting

money from vendors promising them with "spaces" for Block 3 should not be entertained.

He said this persons who take advantage do not have authority and are not connected in any way with the city government and their transactions are illegal.

The market task

force is still formulating guidelines for the use of Block 3 and we are still reconciling our records, he said.

Interested persons are advised to visit his office for clarification and information on certain rights in the market.

The rehabilitation of Block 3 will take a period of 220 days./paul rillorta

Nursing graduate airs plea to mend hole in hear heart

Unable to take the nursing board examinations just so her brother could finish his own nursing course, Jheremy Camacho, turned to on-line tutoring Korean students in English.

Last June, the 26-year old underwent medical examination for a call center job in Manila that would enable her to earn for her own nursing board review. The company-commissioned clinic came up with a finding, but advised her to have a 2D echocardiogram to confirm the diagnosis.

She had the test as a charity case, and was told the clinic diagnosis was right. Not fit for call center duty, she came back to Baguio where another 2D Echo validated her condition.

Doctors advised her to give up her on-line tutoring and to prepare for corrective surgery - as soon as possible to prevent life-threatening complications.

"Miss Camacho is suffering from a congenital heart disease,

Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) which was confirmed and re-confirmed by repeated 2D echocardiograms," her attending physician, Dr. Renato Manalo, wrote.

"Presently, she is asymptomatic but already presents with mild pulmonary hypertension that is developing secondary to the ASD," the doctor explained last July.

The doctor recommended open heart surgery, stressing it as urgent, "to avoid the development of Eisenmenger Complex which may render her inoperable and would have a shortened life span once this complication has set in".

The surgery would cost, at a minimum, P350,000 if done on a package deal at the Philippine Heart Center in Quezon City.

If it's any relief, the operation can be done in Baguio, with a local hospital estimating the expense at P270,000, with the waiving of surgeon's

fee and room charges.

The operation was originally set last September 27 but was reset first week of October due to fund lack. It's being reset again, to when her family is able.

Jose, Jheremy's 56-year old father, has been driving a taxi since 1984, enabling him and wife Leticia to raise four children. Adeline, the eldest child at 32, is now married and living in Manila. John Michael, 23, also took up nursing and is now a volunteer nurse at the Philippine Military Academy. Dustin is 8 and a third-grader at the SLU Laboratory School.

The Camachos live at the Carantes Compound in Camp 7 and can be contacted through Jheremy's cellphone number 09165707389. Those who can help may also contact former punong barangay Mike Amaiz of Outlook Drive Barangay at 09297699644 or Camp 7 punong barangay Marvin Binayan.

"The family used to live here at Outlook and has asked us to help reach out to people who can help Jheremy," Amaiz said./Ramon Dacawi.



REAL LEADERS TO EMULATE - No festivities, no big spending, peaceful and environmental friendly election campaign was agreed upon in a covenant by the Pinsao Pilot Project barangay official candidates. The candidates signed a covenant on the first day of campaign period not to post any election paraphernalia within the barangay but their names will be posted only in three COMELEC approved posting areas in alphabetical order, never to offer gifts, food and drinks to voters and never join in intoxicating drinking binges was agreed upon. The candidates also agreed to campaign together as one to avoid partisanship and political mudslinging./By Bong Cayabyab

City To Pounce On Parents Allowing Kids To Engage In Child Labor

BAGUIOCITY - Parents who will continue to allow their minor children to engage in child labor practices like selling plastic bags or hauling baggage at the city market and hailing taxicabs for a fee along city streets can be charged of child abuse.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan Tuesday said this can be an option for the city government if parents will not heed the city's appeal to keep their children out of the markets and the streets and instead enroll them in schools.

The mayor said that with the current campaign to stop these activities, the city resolved to round up the children and confer with their parents through the city social welfare and development office.

City market su-

perintendent Paul Tamayo reported that since the campaign, the number of children selling plastic bags has visibly decreased and this is expected to continue as the city secured the commitment of the Muslim community to which most of the children belong, through the Office of Muslim Affairs (OMA), to stop the practice.

The mayor earlier called for the meeting with the OMA to discuss possible solution to the problem.

The mayor also tasked Tamayo to investigate reports on the proliferation of street children hailing taxicabs for passengers for a fee of P5 which was suspected to be part of the activities of a syndicate.

The children were observed milling along Abanao St. jostling for positions to stop taxicabs espe-

cially during rush hours unmindful of the danger of being bumped or sideswiped by the vehicles.

In last Tuesday's meeting, Tamayo reported that the children were observed to be remitting their collections to a certain man. He said they tried to accost the children and the man but they evaded them when they ran towards a damaged fence which Tamayo said was suspected to be intentionally destroyed to allow the said children to elude an arrest.

Domogan said the city will continue to investigate the matter and will sustain rounding up these erring children and conferring with their parents.

"I hope they will cooperate with us as what we are doing are also for the good of their children," the mayor said./A Refuerzo

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.

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno

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Kindergarten 101 On Hunger

"The lola sat down and ate the rice I gave. Then, she cried," our 4-year grand-daughter Kathie explained: "There were two children with her," 7-year old sister Kristin added. "They ate the sardines I put on their rice".

Welcome to Kindergarten 101 on hunger.

Kristin is a first grader and Kathie is in kindergarten. Both study at Cebu International School. Sundays, their parents drive them to where grimy out-of-school kids cluster. The two share food packs they've prepared.

"Happiness never decreases by being shared," the Buddha taught. For now, that's enough for Kristin and Kathie.

Later, they'll learn that 17 out of every 100 youngsters can't even enrol in primary school. Then, they may see that kids they shared food had little chances for full human lives. But that'll be long after the wife and I will have passed on.

EDITORIAL

"Large numbers start dying after they are born", says the new report Winning the Numbers, Losing the War. Scrawny stunted kids here are "comparable to the prevalence of underweight children, under 5 year of age, in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In Burundi, Madagascar, and Malawi, poor nutrition stunts about half of the children, says 2010 Global Hunger Index Ineffective government, conflict, and political instability interlock. These spiral into hunger and high infant mortality.

That's a stark snapshot for "World Food Day". Over 150 nations mark, on October 16, their commitment to fill granaries —and failure to do so.

Remember the 1974 World Food Conference? Then U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger proposed a gung-ho ideal: Food and Agriculture Organization member-nations should ensure that "within a decade, no child should go to bed hungry".

It didn't work out that way.

Bolting food prices, the financial crisis and ecological corrosion saw the number of hungry people breach the one billion threshold last year. "Don't trust a hungry man to watch your rice," a Tibetan proverb cautions.

More Filipinos are hungry now than in 2000. That was when the Philippines and 188 other countries, pledged to meet Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The eight Goals set minimum targets that'd tamp down hunger, keep kids in school, cut down maternal deaths and enlarge freedoms.

MDG Goal 1 committed us to "halve the proportion of people who suffer hunger" by 2015. How far have we lagged?

About four million families today are food-short. Only four out of every 10 Filipino households get "the recommended energy intake per person," the last national nutrition survey reports. Scrub the technical jargon and that reads: Almost half of Filipinos don't get enough to eat.

Social Weather Stations tracked quarterly, since 1998, penury and empty bellies. Leery of "window dressing", SWS uses "self-rated hunger" as its main gauge. Food lack sweeps away fuzz that blurred traditional peso-and-centavo yardsticks.

Hunger levels see-sawed, SWS found. But starting June 2004, these climbed to double digit levels. They've never returned to single digit levels. And malnutrition cuts a deadly swath in the boondocks.

"The poor and excluded, in 2010, live in rural communities far from Manila," the report notes. They are the landless, homeless, jobless, underemployed, uneducated, sick, malnourished and discriminated against. Many are women, Muslims and indigenous peoples.

Chipping away at chronic hunger isn't enough. Three out of 10 kids are undernourished. Over 26 percent kids, under 5, are underweight. Those stunted crest at 28 percent. The highest incidence of ill-fed kids cluster in places like Bicol, the Zamboanga Peninsula and Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

The MDG target on hunger alleviation "is way off track" If we're to catch up, business-as-usual approaches will no longer do.

Studies of 122 developing and transition countries "show the

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MOSH PIT

*Jueteng, poker – legalize na lang!
Casino – Go na!
Baguio traffic lights – useless
pieces of sh*t!?*

BY GRACE BANDOY



Ngayon eh alam na po nating lahat kung paano sugpuin ang illegal game na Jueteng sa ating mga lugar – ibulgar ang mga operators neto!? HEHEHE, nakakapagtaka po yata na biglang nag disappear like a bubble ang Jueteng.

As in totally gone, well, at least for the meantime. Parang yung poker dens lang po yan, nabulabog ang mga lolo, kaya siyempre tago tago muna sila di ba. Jueteng, the same thing happened, nabulabog ang mga super lolo na operators niyan, so of course they have to stroll stroll muna for a while.

Like I said in my past columns, I believe legalizing the pasugalan and Jueteng, and putting up casinos here are not such bad ideas. The benefits of these compared to the alleged moral implications it may bring eh mas marami po.

Pagsusugal is self-control. It is an individual thing. Depende sa taong gumagawa. Kahit sa casino ka nagtrabaho kung hindi mo hilig ang magsugal eh hindi ka magsusugal, ganun lang po yan. Ang disiplina sa sarili eh nasa tao.

And for those na nagsusugal nga at inuubos ang pera nila dun – well, kasalanan nila yun!!! Matatanda na sila at pinili nilang gawin yun!!! Walang nag-utos sa kanilang magsugal!! And what do we fuck*ng care anyway, pera naman nila ang inuubos nila noh!! Eh di bayaan mo silang mamulubi! At least nag i-income ang gobyerno sa pagsusugal nila at nabibigyan nila ng trabaho ang maraming tao (casino employees)!

And let's not forget the charity works the PCSO has done throughout the years.

I mean, c'mon! Huwag na tayong mag sa-santo santito at santita diyan! Magsalita ang mga walang ginawang kasalanan sa mundo!! Sige nga!

Let's all be realistic about gambling. Mahirap lang ang bansa natin kaya isipin natin ang makakatulong sa mas nakakarami.

1. Ang mga kabataan eh walang hilig sa pagsusugal. Because they don't have the money para isugal. Ang mga youth would rather buy techno stuff na puwede nilang ipasikat sa mga friends nila. And they would rather bumili ng GSM Blue diyan at makipag-inuman with their barkadas. Magsugal man mga yan eh mga tig-pisong tong-its lang ang afford nila and they do it

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**ASST. CITY PROSECUTOR
ROLANDO VERGARA**
*Fixkal, Prosecutong o Public
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Bilang isang opisyal ng Linis Gobyerno, isang anti graft and corrupt practices prevention and detection NGO [www.linisgobyerno.org , email- linisgobyerno@yahoo.com] kasama sa aking tungkulin ang tumulong sa ating mga miyembro na mayroon mga isinampang mga reklamo at kaso sa ibat ibang opisina ng gobyerno laban sa mga alleged **CORRUPT INNEFICIENT AND INNEPT** Public Officials and/or Employees. Sa tinagal tagal na ng aking mga nakitang istilo ng ibat ibang mga Hues, mga Piskal, mga Pulis, mga Imbestigador, mga Abogago este Abogado, mga Medyas este Media at iba pa. Ngayon lang ako nakakita ng katulad ng istilo nitong si Fixkal este Piskal Rolando Vergara. Sayang na sayang at kaibigan ko pa naman itong piskal na ito. Ngunit kung papipiliin ako between my friends or the right and just cause ng ating mga miyembrong dukha at mga walang kaya sa buhay na ating tinutulungan sa simulate sapol aba eh malinaw ang aking pipiliin at yun ay ang panig at kapakanan ng ating mga miyembro. Makikita sa mga sumusunod na larawan ang isa natin miyembro na si ginang Julia Bay-an na nag hahain ng reklamo sa tangapan ng opisina ng Ombudsman for Luzon at nagbibigay ng kopya ng reklamo sa tangapan ni DOJ Secretary De Lima laban kay Piskal Vergara, actually tatlong reklamo ito sapagkat tatlo sa aming mga miyembro ay asar at naiinis sa piskal na ito at pati na rin ang maraming mga miyembro ng Linis Gobyerno hingil sa pinakitang hindi maganda at hindi kanais-nais na pag-asta ng isang supposed to be public prosecutor o abogado ng estado na mayroon sinumpaang tungkulin na mag bibigay serbisyo at maglilingkod for the good of the public at hindi aasta na parang isang abogado ng akusado. Ating ilalathala sa kolum na ito ang kabuoan ng reklamo at kayo mga dear readers ang humusga kung sa palagay ninyo itong si Pros. Vergara ay isang **FIXKAL, PROSECUTONG O PUBLIC SERVANT ?** In the interest of fairness, kung nais ni Pros. Vergara na mag bigay ng kanyang panig ay akin rin ihahayag ng kabuuan sa aking kolum ang kanyang panig.



Makikita si Mrs. Julia Bay-an na nag hahain ng kanyang reklamo at ng reklamo ng dalawa niyang kasamahan na si Mrs. Teresita Mendaruz at Mr. Gerry Cecilio sa tangapan ng opisina ng Ombudsman For Luzon sa Ombudsman Building , Quezon City.



Sulat ng Linis Gobyerno kasama ang reklamo ni Mrs. Bay-an, Mrs. Mendaruz at Mr. Cecilio na ibinibigay g rs. Bay-an sa tangapan ni Secretary Leila De Lima ng Department of Justice [DOJ], Manila.

AFFIDAVIT COMPLAINT

I, **JULIA BAY-AN**, of legal age, married, Filipino, with contact address at C/O Linis Gobyerno, Ground Floor PCEC Bldg., Happy Homes, Campo Siete, Baguio City and MAILING ADDRESS at PO BOX 1588, Baguio City 2600 after having been sworn into law hereby depose and state:

That I am filing a complaint for violation of the Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices Act [RA 3019] , Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees [RA 6713] and Dereliction of Duty- Art. 209 of the Revised Penal Code [RPC] against Asst. Baguio City Prosecutor **ROLANDO VERGARA** with contact address at the Baguio City Prosecutor's Office, Hall of Justice Abanao St., Baguio City;

That based on the foregoing I have strong reason to believe that the respondent had violated Sec 3 [a] of RA 3019 stated as follows :

Sec. 3. Corrupt practices of public officers. - In addition to acts or omissions of public officers already penalized by existing law, the following shall constitute corrupt practices of any public officer and are hereby declared to be unlawful:

(a) *Persuading, inducing or influencing another public officer to perform an act constituting a violation of rules and regulations duly promulgated by competent authority or an offense in connection with the official duties of the latter, or allowing himself to be persuaded, induced, or influenced to commit such violation or offense.*

Likewise RA 6713 Section 4 – a, b, c and e clearly state the following for which the respondent should observe and be reminded of :

Section 4. Norms of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees. - (A) Every public official and employee shall observe the following as standards of personal conduct in the discharge and execution of official duties:

(a) *Commitment to public interest. - Public officials and employees shall always uphold the public interest over and above personal interest. All government resources and powers of their respective offices must be employed and used efficiently, effectively, honestly and economically, particularly to avoid wastage in public funds and revenues.*

(b) *Professionalism. - Public officials and employees shall perform and discharge their duties with the highest degree of excellence, professionalism, intelligence and skill. They shall enter public service with utmost devotion and dedication to duty. They shall endeavor to discourage wrong perceptions of their roles as dispensers or peddlers of undue patronage.*

(c) *Justness and sincerity. - Public officials and employees shall remain true to the people at all times. They must act with justness and sincerity and shall not discriminate against anyone, especially the poor and the underprivileged. They shall at all times respect the rights of others, and shall refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety and public interest. They shall not dispense or extend undue favors on account of their office to their relatives whether by consanguinity or affinity except with respect to appointments of such relatives to positions considered strictly confidential or as members of their personal staff whose terms are coterminous with theirs.*

(e) *Responsiveness to the public. - Public officials and employees shall extend prompt, courteous, and adequate service to the public. Unless otherwise provided by law or*

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ensure openness of information, public consultations and hearings whenever appropriate, encourage suggestions, simplify and systematize policy, rules and procedures, avoid red tape and develop an understanding and appreciation of the socio-economic conditions prevailing in the country, especially in the depressed rural and urban areas.

Malfeasance and Misfeasance in Office [Dereliction of Duty], Art. 209 [RPC] – "Betrayal of trust by an attorney or solicitor-Revelation of secrets. – I n addition to the proper administrative action, any attorney at law or solicitor [procurador judicial] who, by any malicious breach of professional duty or of inexcusable negligence or ignorance shall prejudice his client,..."

1. That I am the private complainant at Criminal Case No 29882 for Estafa [PP versus Abelardo Casuga] presently filed at the Regional Trial Court Branch 5 before the Honorable Antonio Esteves;
2. That Asst. Baguio City Prosecutor Rolando Vergara is the trial prosecutor assigned to the RTC 5 and he is tasked to handle prosecution of the aforementioned complaint that his office had found probable cause to file and to pursue prosecution before the Court of Law;
3. That since I am a part of the urban poor and also an informal settler I cannot afford to hire the services of a private lawyer and counsel to represent me in my case at the RTC 5, hence the Linis Gobyerno had been assisting me from the very beginning with respect to the my Criminal Case at the Regional Trial Court Branch 5, Baguio City;
4. That on August 3, 2010 I had a scheduled hearing at the RTC 5, and after the hearing I had a discussion with the respondent who informed me of the following :
5. That my case is a weak and losing case and that should there be an offer for settlement coming from the Complainant, I should consider a settlement as my case is not a winning case;
6. That I should be able to get as a witness one of the security guards who is actually a party together with the Accused in the Criminal Case that I know will only be a hostile witness in my case, however, the respondent repeatedly stated that I should be able to get the security guard as a witness otherwise my case will be a losing case;
7. That after hearing the demoralizing and surprising comments from the respondent whom we know is supposed to be the public prosecutor tasked to handle prosecution of our case we immediately went to the Linis Gobyerno and reported this incident ;
8. That upon discussion with the Executive Director of Linis Gobyerno Mr. Freddie Farres, after I had related to him what the respondent had told to us, Mr. Farres informed me not to be demoralized as the respondent could have merely been expressing his opinion and discussing possible scenarios of my case;
9. That after our meeting at the Linis Gobyerno, Mr. Farres informed me that he will accompany us before the next trial date to discuss and clarify matters with the respondent;
10. That on the morning of September 2, 2010, I together with Mr. Freddie Farres and Mr. Odell Aquino went to the office of the respondent to clarify the disheartening statements of the respondent while in a discussion with the respondent Mr. Farres stated

Is it true that you stated to our members, the herein complainants, that they would have to produce the witness [security guard] otherwise they will loose their case?

Yes we need the security guard as our witness, was the reply of Asst. Prosecutor Vergara;

So how is this, as prosecutor it is your job to handle prosecution since your office had found probable cause and filed the complaint, are you still comfortable to handle prosecution ?

No I am not comfortable in prosecuting this case, you better just get a lawyer was the reply of Asst. Prosecutor Vergara;

I also asked Asst. Prosecutor Vergara, if it is true that he told the complainants our members that if in case there will be an offer for a settlement from the accused they should consider it and what was his basis for saying so has there been any offer ?

According to Asst. Prosecutor Vergara there was no offer made by the accused and his only basis is the motion for re-consideration filed by the accused, this was the reply of Asst. Prosecutor Vergara;

Furthermore, Asst. Prosecutor Vergara elaborated that if in case there is an offer they should seriously consider it even if the amount is not based on their actual claimed damages as most often than not the actual amount does not get realized and that they should consider themselves lucky to get whatever amount they can get, this was the further comment of Asst. Prosecutor Vergara;

11. That the aforesaid clarifications are just some of the questions in our dialogue with the respondent that will clearly show his attitude and refusal to handle prosecution;

12. That after which I was disheartened, distraught, demoralized and was greatly surprised as to how come the person whose duty it is to handle the prosecution of my case was acting and sounding more like the defense lawyer for the accused;

13. That since the office of the Baguio City Prosecutor in the first place had found probable cause to file the complaint, the respondent is fully aware that it is incumbent upon him and it is his duty to provide the best legal prosecution that he can provide and not act as defense counsel for the accused;

14. That the respondent is in no position to second guess and pre-judge the eventual judgment and decision of the Honorable Court when he says that my case is a weak and losing case, although now it is clear as to how come the respondent can say such things that mine is a weak and losing case is simply because the respondent will not provide the essential legal prosecution required of him;

15. Also attached to this Affidavit complaint are supporting affidavits and Linis Gobyerno letter of my two [2] witnesses Mr. Freddie Farres and Mr. Odell P. Aquino both of whom went to the respondents office to clarify the respondent's earlier pronouncements hereto attached marked and identified as Annex – "A", "B" and "C" ;

16. It is no wonder the image and reputation of the City Prosecutor's Office under the Department of Justice [DOJ] is at times questioned and put to doubt, with Prosecutor's like the respondent who act like defense counsel for the accused and encroaches on the function of a Judge with such high handed manner to be able to say that mine is a weak and losing case. However, what hurts more in the situations of the respondent to myself since I am a member of the urban poor and an informal settler only shows and re-affirms to myself that perhaps the justice system dispensed by the Baguio City Prosecutors office is in favor of the accused who happens to be a wealthy pensionado –US Citizen;

Wherefore, premises considered it is respectfully prayed from this Honorable Office that a Full Blown Investigation be conducted and after which the corresponding charge[s] be filed against the respondent.

Other relief's just and equitable are likewise prayed for.

Done this 12th day of October 2010 at Baguio City, Philippines.

Julia A. Bayan

VERIFICATION AND NON-FORUM SHOPPING

I, Julia Bayan, of legal age, married, Filipino, with contact address at C/O Linis Gobyerno, Ground Floor PCEC Bldg., Happy Homes, Campo Sico, Baguio City and MAILING ADDRESS at PO BOX 1588, Baguio City 2600 after having been sworn into law hereby depose and state:

That I am the Complainant in this complaint filed against Asst. Baguio City Prosecutor Rolando Vergara for violation of the Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices Act [RA 3019], Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees and Dereliction of Duty ;

That I have read the facts, contents of this complaint and other information contained herein and state that they are true and correct from my recollection, belief and available records;

That I have filed this complaint against the aforementioned official for alleged violation of RA 3019, RA 6713 and Dereliction of Duty only in this Honorable Ombudsman's office and have not commenced and/or filed in any other office the same complaint or in any other tribunal, court and/or any quasi judicial body;

That I promise to inform this Honorable Office within five (5) days should I learn that the same complaint has been filed with any other judicial and/or quasi judicial investigating body;

Julia A. Bayan

Julia Bayan
Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of October 2010 at Baguio City, Philippines.

OSCARO V. SANTIAGO JR.
FBI-CES/DOJ
City Prosecutor's Office
Justice Hall, Baguio City

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have examined the herein complainant and that I am satisfied that she clearly understood the contents of her declaration which was also explained to her in Pilipino and that she voluntarily caused the preparation of this four [4] pages complaint.

THE PEACE COMBATANT

Disaster Preparedness for Baguio City

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



It is disheartening to discover the official website of the Baguio City government is NOT working. I intended to see whether it has a disaster preparedness plan ready for the coming typhoon (code named Juan locally but code named Megi internationally). The dominant forecast is that the typhoon will hit land northeast of the country then hit Apayao and exit to the sea through the Ilocos Region. It is good that once the typhoon is in the Philippine area of responsibility, the weather Bureau will be making forecasts every hour, according to P-nyoy!

However, what everyone of us should now is that the typhoon path has actually five possibilities. One of the five possibilities is that being followed by PAG-ASA. However, one of the five possibilities is that the typhoon can pass through Baguio City and Benguet and exit through Pangasinan. Another one of five possibilities is that the typhoon will go northward and not hit the Philippines. The latter is probably no longer probable as we are informed by the latest weather report that the typhoon is really to hit land Sunday, 17 October.

We must monitor PAG-ASA's forecast but we must also be aware that PAG-ASA is not the only weather bureau in the world that is monitoring the typhoon. I used to track typhoon back in my elementary days out of a hobby. Recently, in the light of PAG-ASA's failure to forecast typhoon reliably, I began to monitor the weather forecasts of weather stations abroad on our own weather and typhoon. I found out that their forecasts are more reliable than our own and I concluded that the culprit probably lies in the equipment of our weather bureau.

However, a private organization in the Philippines has been better than our PAG-ASA in making weather forecasts. This private organization is that one represented by www.typhoon2000.com. How is that possible? I think the reason lies in the organization's bold use of the weather forecasts of weather bureau's abroad. In addition, the www.typhoon2000.com use not only one but several forecasting models.

What is a forecasting model? Basically, a forecasting model uses formulas on how the typhoon tract can be anticipated. The formulas themselves are based on reasonable assumptions. So if there are several forecasting models, this means that each typhoon forecasting model uses a set of assumptions.

Thus, in making forecasts, a person who is conscious that other forecasting models are available would be very careful in making his or her statement forecasts. More than this, the forecaster may even more informative if the other forecasting models are also reported. The other forecasting models would basically show the other movement possibilities for the typhoon. It would most likely inspire preparedness rather than a false sense of security for many people that their locations would not be within the path of the typhoon.

What is the point therefore? The point is that a weather forecast is only one of the several possible tracks of the typhoon. Preparedness requires that other forecasting models be reviewed as well concrete steps taken towards greater preparedness. For instance, have the city defined on the map the areas vulnerable to flooding? Suppose there is a typhoon, to what offices should the affected residents flock to when it becomes necessary? Will there be blankets? Will there be soups or noodles? What are the concrete plans? In case of strong earthquakes, where are the evacuation areas? What are the guidelines? Are they appropriate? For instance, one poster says that we can hide under the table? Is this advise appropriate given that most tables in the classrooms are frail?

A Baguio City government website is important. However, more important than this, the Baguio City government must be instructive on how we can cope with disasters. For example, it must contain all the emergency numbers as well as concrete advise on what we must do during landslide, fire, earthquake, gas attack, and various other types of disasters.

(The author can be contacted through artboquiren2040@yahoo.com, 0927-536-8431, and Facebook)

EMAIL TO THE JUNCTION OIC

Saturday, October 16, 2010

From: "Andrew Schzol" <schzolbretingshouse@yahoo.com>

To: thejunctionnews@yahoo.com

TO BAD THE VICTIM OF A SCAM MR. GROENHART - YOUR HEADLINE STORY October 9, 2010

I am from Norway, enjoying my stay here in beautiful Sagada and I am bothered by what I have read in your small newspaper, too bad for Ronal Groenhart, he must be new in the Philippines. Please do not get me wrong but the reputation of your City Prosecutor Alfredo Centeno as a _____ and _____ in his hometown Sta. Cruz Ilocos Sur is common knowledge here in Sagada, actually my friend Hans Stolenberg will not be in Sweden if not for the help of the very kind and generous Alfredo Centeno. We saw him in his office February 17 after handing him something I and he will not forget. Ask him about it.

Rupert Schzol

[Schzol-bretingshouse@yahoo.com](mailto:schzol-bretingshouse@yahoo.com)

Note: Due to the possible libelous content of the above email, we found it best to edit that portion of the email.

Junction-OIC

LETTER TO THE JUNCTION OIC

"Ka Peter" Valencia

5th August 2010

The Weekend Junction

Dear "Ka Peter".

Akin pong nabasa ang inyong sinulat sa pahayagang "The Weekend Junction" noong July 23-August 6, 2010.

Akin pong napagalaman na may nakapagbulong sa inyo na may sinalo akong "21" tao na mandurudot sa Block 3 ng Zandueta St.

Wala poi tong katotohanan. Wala po akong sinalong "21" na mandurukot. At kailan man hindi po ako sasalo ng mga mandurukot. Siguro naman po e walang fiscal na papayag na sumalo ako ng mga nahuling mandurukot lalong lalo na po kung ito ay 21.

Ako po ay galit na galit hindi lng pos a mga mandurukot kung hindi pati na rin sa mga magnanakaw. Ako po at ang aking asawa ay nabiktima na rin ng mga akyat bahay noong nakaraang taon. Kaya imposible po na aking kukunsintihin itong mga mandurukot.

Sa akin pong pagkaalala meron pong kumuha sa aking serbisyo bilang abogado tungkol sa pagkahuli ng 2 tao na kinasuhan ng "vagrancy". Bilang isang abogado at sa pagtupad ng aking sinumpaang tungkulin bilang isang abogado akin pong inalang kung ano po ang dahilan kung bakit hinuli ang dalawang taong ito.

Nakita kop o na mali po ata ang ginawang paghuli sa kanila, akin pong pinaglaban ang karapatan ng 2 taong ito. Wala pong saluhang nangyari dito dahil ang kaso ay naisampa parin at ito po ay under further investigation at sila po ay gumawa ng promise to appear.

Ito pong sistemang promise to appear ay ginagawa po hindi lamang dito sa Baguio kung hindi pos a iba't ibang panig ng Pilipinas at ito po ay naaayon sa ating batas.

Muli po, akin pong ginagarantiya sa inyo na ako po ay hindi po sasalo sa isang bagay na mali. Para po sa akin, kung siya po ay nagkamali dapat kanya itong panagutan pero kung siya naman po ay biktima ng maling gawain ay dapat naman po natin siyang ipaglaban.

Sa paghuli, ang libro po ng ating kapulisan, sa akin pong pagkakaalam, ay bukas. Dito po natin makikita kung may nahuli po silang 21 na mandurukot sa loob ng isang araw. Kung mapapatunayan man na may sinalo akong 21 na mandurukot, ako po ay nakahandang magbitiw bilang konsehal ng Baguio.

Salamat po at nawa'y naliwanagan na po kayo sa bagay na ito at nawa'y maitama nyo rin po ang naisulat nyo sa inyong artikulo na nakakasira hindi lamang po sapangalan ng inyong lingcod kung hindi pati na rin sa pangalan ng aking yumaong ama.

Lubos na gumagalang,

ATTY. EDISON R. BILOG

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

"Be proud you are a Catholic"

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LAWYERRAULREYESPOSTSSOMETHINGBETTER: Lawyer Raul Reyes usually posts "matters of the world" in the Internet e-group of the members of the Sigma Rho Fraternity of the UP College of Law, but the other day, he posted something better, one that should arrest the attention of all Roman Catholics worldwide. I am sharing the post here, for whatever it is worth.

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"BEPROUDYOUAREACATHOLIC": Excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller - a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman: "Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?"

"Do you know, the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students every day at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%. The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

"The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today.

"But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

"Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed.

"Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia while 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic problem.

"A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

"The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

"Walk with your shoulders high and you head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States.

"Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'.

"Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions. Be proud that you're a Catholic."

Happy 13th Anniversary
Greetings from:

THE
JUNCTION
Pahayagang Palaban



ATTY. ELMER DATUIN
Baguio City Councilor

1st-APLUMA!

A 'death squad for media'?

For sure, we might as well be kissing Press Freedom here in our country under P-Noy goodbye.

Dig this. Only recently while I was browsing the Internet, I chanced upon an article that should be cause for alarm for us media practitioners, especially those based in Mindanao.

An article from the website of an AM radio station said that a "death squad for media" is threatening media practitioners in Cotabato City.

Hey....! President Noy....! Are you there....there...ther...the...thrrr...!

The report said some media members in Cotabato City are receiving death threats through text messages and phone calls from members of the alleged death squad.

Among those who received threats were Director Ali Macabalang of BPI-ARMM, Noel Punzalan of the Philippines News Agency, Nash Maulana of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and other reporters from Bombo Radyo and Manila Bulletin.

The threats came after some Mindanao-based journalists began tackling some sensitive issues, including the controversial Maguindanao massacre where 57 people, including 30 media members, were brutally killed allegedly by members of the Ampatuan family.

Our group now calls on the Philippine National Police (PNP) to seriously look into the matter as putting it in the backburner would be another Maguindanao massacre in the making.

We believe that this threat is designed to silence the media on the issues regarding the massacre, especially now that the trial of the multiple murder cases against the Ampatuan has begun.

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LAST week, our website (<http://1st-apluma.yolasite.com>) started a section called "P-NOY CHRONICLES" where we highlight President Aquino's hits and misses during his administration.

For those who cannot access our webpage, we will put here the initial list of achievements and failures of P-Noy's young government.

1. MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1 RECALL (JULY 1, 2010)

— Talk about starting a six-year term on the wrong foot. The first order that came out of Malacanang Palace created a loud bang but ended with a whimper after it was recalled for fine-tuning as it would greatly affect the function of the bureaucracy.

2. BRO. ARMIN LUISTRO'S BOO-BOO (JULY 5, 2010)

— What a way for Education Secretary Bro. Armin Luistro to start his government service. On his first day at work, Luistro blasted the media for creating a big issue out of the planned sex education program for elementary students. Luistro's move prompted the Palace to arrange media seminar for its Cabinet members so as not to strain the government's relation with the press.

3. MANILA HOSTAGE CRISIS (AUG 23, 2010)

— The hostage taking of more than 20 tourists from Hong Kong by a disgruntled policeman was a major acid test for his administration where he could show the world what stuff he's made of as a leader.

4. FIRST FOREIGN VISIT (UNITED STATES FROM SEPT. 20 TO 27)

— President Aquino had been given a chance to redeem himself from the negative effects of the Manila hostage drama during his first foreign visit as President of the Philippines to the UN General Assembly in New York.

5. PRESIDENT AQUINO'S 100 DAYS IN OFFICE (Oct. 7, 2010)

During his speech at the La Consolacion College in Manila, President Aquino has cited the following as the biggest accomplishments of his 100-day old government, including a stronger economy with a stronger peso and Gross International Reserves at all-time high of \$52.3 billion on September 20. COLUMN OF ISMAELAMIGO

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
First Judicial Region
BRANCH 59
Baguio City
(ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO CITY)
IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR OR LEGITIMATION AND CANCELLATION AND/OR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR KACIE MARIE JEANELLE MADRID CORPUZ;
SPS. ABIMARH C. CORPUZ AND KRISTY M. CORPUZ,
Petitioner,
-versus-
THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY AND THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,
Respondents.
SP. PROC. NO 2052-R
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ORDER

A verified amended petition was filed by the petitioners through counsel alleged, among others, that:

"1. The spouse petitioners were married to each other on JANUARY 4, 2003, at a wedding ceremony solemnized by Rev. Fr. Ronald O Chan, of Saint William the Hermit Cathedral at San Fernando City, La Union. A copy of their marriage certificate is attached hereto and made an integral part hereof as Annex "A".

2. That prior to the said marriage of the petitioners and outside wedlock, a child, named Kacie Marie Jeanelle Madrid Corpuz was conceived and born on August 19, 2000, at Baguio City, Philippines.

3. The facts of the birth of Kacie Marie Jeanelle Madrid Corpuz were registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio; A copy of her certificate of live birth is attached hereto and made an integral part hereof as Annex "B".

4. That at the time of the conception and birth of said child, the spouses Petitioners were not disqualified by any legal impediment to marry each other; and would have been capacitated to get married had they chosen to at that time. A copy of their Respective Birth Certificates are hereto attached and made an integral part as Annex "C" and "D"

5. That however, the time of the taking of the data for the entries in our daughter's certificate of live birth it was erroneously stated that the undersigned were already married. Hence, the entry under "18 date and place of marriage" is erroneous;

6. Petitioner Kristy Corpuz was the informant when the staff of the hospital prepared the Local civil Registrar Form of Live birth of the aforementioned child at the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City;

7. Having the

best interest of their child in mind and upon the prodding of their relatives to conceal the illegitimacy of the child, Petitioners named the child as Kacie Marie Jeanelle Madrid corpus carrying Corpuz as her family name;

8. That with the subsequent marriage of the petitioners the child Kacie Marie Jeanelle Madrid Corpuz has now gained the status of a legitimate child;

9. While Kacie Marie Jeanelle Madrid corpus is still a minor, it is necessary to correct, rectify and put an end to the erroneous entry in Number 18 of the Certificate of Live Birth;

10. Unless the said entries are corrected there will continue to be a confusion and this would greatly prejudice not only the government offices where his name appears but also in all his public as well as private dealings;

11. To rectify such grave error, Petitioner humbly implore the understanding and indulgence of this Honorable Court for the rashness of their past actions that resulted in the erroneous entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of minor Kacie Marie Jeanelle Madrid Corpuz and respectfully submits the instant petition to this Honorable Court consistent with the provisions of Rule 108 of the Revised Rules of Court.

On the basis of the foregoing, the petitioners pray of this Honorable Court that after due

notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to delete the Date and place of marriage in the entry No. 18 on the Certificate of Live Birth of minor Kacie Marie Jeanelle Madrid Corpuz and the proper annotation be made pertaining to the status of the child.

Finding the petition sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio

City on December 14, 2010 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 this petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for (3) consecutive weeks.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order, together with a copy

of the petition and its annexes, be furnished the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila; the City Prosecutor of Baguio, the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, and the Civil Registrar General.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 6th day of September 2010 at Baguio City, Philippines.

ILUMINADAP CABATO
Judge

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2010

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with their friends.

What we should be really concerned with our youth ay ang pag-iinom at pakikipag gang wars nila!! Marami pong namamatay na kabataan dahil diyan! Yan ang tutukan natin, kung paano sila ilayo sa pag-inom at pagiging violent!

2. Bawal ang minors sa mga pasugalan. Kahit saang pasugalan ka pumunta eh wala kang makikitang bata promise.

3. The jobs it will create.

4. Mga may pera lang ang nagsusugal, karamihan eh mga mayayaman. Hayaan natin sila ubusin pera nila diyan noh!

5. Ibig ba sabihin pag nagsusugal ka, immoral ka na?! Masama kang tao? Anak ka ng demonyo? Wala ka ng karapatan mabuhay sa mundo? Hindi ka na puwedeng maging mabuting tao?

6. Pines Hotel and Hyatt Hotel dito sa Baguio eh may casino noon, mas mababa ba ang morality ng siyudad natin noon? Were we lesser of a city and Baguio citizens then?

7. Walang pinagkaiba sa Lotto na sugal din.

8. They will pay taxes to the government.

9. We can easily monitor them because alam natin kung nasaan sila.

10. We can penalize them for violations.

If we legalize them eh wala na po tayong mga problemang ganitong pinagtatalunan. We can focus on the other worse problems in the city like kung paano disiplinahan ang ating kabataan, ang squatters natin who are increasing by the gazillions everyday, ang pagsugpo sa mga krimen, etc...

Ang morality is a personal thing. Hindi mo puwedeng diktahan ang 94 million na tao kung ano sa kanila ang mabuti at masama. Matatalino ang mga Pilipino, we know when a thing is good or bad for us, and whatever decisions we make in our lives were borne out of our own freewill. Ang problema ng isang tao eh problema niya.

You can tell all the people of Baguio that gambling is bad for the city!!! Pero lokohin mo lelang mo, bababa lang mga

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BIR Official Sentenced to Jail for Violation of Anti-Graft Law

and 1 day to a maximum of 13 years. This stemmed from a case of violation of Sec. 3(e) of R.A. 3019 otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

In Pamintuan's decision dated October 8, 2010, it is noted that Caburao dilly-dallied in his investigation on a case of tax fraud case that was assigned to him way back 1999. Accordingly, Caburao took 3 years to make a final report on a very easy case wherein "all he has to do was to consult the B.I.R. Official Table of Capital Gains Taxes," the Decision reads. This delay has caused the delay also of the resolution of tax fraud case against spouses Benito and Lydia Areola. The complainant in this tax fraud case is Freddie J. Farres (Executive Director of an anti-graft group, Linis Gobyerno), who is also the same complainant for the case against Caburao for dereliction of duty.

The decision states that Farres and his wife bought a piece of land from spouses Areola amounting to P1.8 million. The Areolas, however declared a selling price of merely PHP500K, which was the basis of the capital gains tax paid by them. Farres maintained the cost of sale is 1.8 M evidenced by a notarized Deed of Sale, which he submitted to the BIR. This mis declaration by the Areolas prejudiced the BIR of its tax collection, much needed by the government.

Caburao, in his testimony said that he did his job in 33 days. The court said otherwise, based on documentary evidence. "The record shows that the investigation and final submission of investigation report by the accused Caburao did not take place within 33 days. What the accused was referring to finishing in 33 days was his preliminary report that he was still investigating and asking agencies and a court on the Areolas. The record further reveals that it took accused Caburao as BIR Investigator almost 3 years before he concluded this investigation and submitted a Formal Report from April 22, 1999 to January 29, 2002, despite numerous follow-ups of private complainant for the said Final Report. It even took 2 sitting B.I.R. Commissioners in the persons of Commissioners Beethoven Rualo and Guillermo Parayno to order the submission of the said Final Report, to no avail, as the same was only submitted by the accused after almost 3 years."

Simply put, it took 3 year to finish a job that can be done with dispatch on same investigation day of April 22, 1999, "before sunset of said day, literally and figuratively." What was the accused waiting for given that much delay? Or was not the accused deliberately delaying the final report for whatever reason or gain?" the Decision added.

"Clearly, the Government was damaged and prejudiced for almost 3 years in being unable to collect the said Capital Gains Tax due to the Dereliction of Duty of the accused. Taxes are the lifeblood of the Government, and any failure to its collections affects the basic social services that the Government has to

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provide for the people. Worse, if failure of the collection to taxes is brought about by some officers and employees of the B.I.R., who are mandated by law to effect an efficient and honest collection of taxes but did not, like the herein accused. ... Clearly, the guilt of the accused for the Dereliction of Duty under the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act was proven beyond reasonable doubt."

Aside from imprisonment, Caburao was also perpetually disqualified from holding a public office and is also ordered to pay actual damages in the amount of PHP 80,161.07 with legal interests from 1999 until the amount is fully paid, plus costs of suit. This reporter was trying to get in touch with Caburao but due to the City Jail schedule of visitor he was adviser to come back on the allowed schedule. Meanwhile, Farres, the Executive Director Of Linis Gobyerno stated that, the group will not be deterred from pursuing the fight against graft and corrupt practices in government./G.P.Binwagan

Mosh Pit

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yan sa La Union at payayamanin ang Thunderbird Casino noh!

The Ortegas and La Union are progressing like crazy because of the casino there, we might as well be them. And ibig sabihin ba niyan eh mas closer to God ang Baguio kesa mga taga La Union coz wala tayong casino dito?! Sagutin niyo nga yan!!!!

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Ang mga traffic lights na matatagpuan po sa major thoroughfares of the central business district ay hindi po nakakatulong to control the traffic conditions of the city, in fact, its even making things worse!!!

Mukhang ignoramous pa ho yata ang mga taga-Baguio sa pag-follow ng traffic lights na ito, drivers and pedestrians alike. People seem to not get what the red, green and orange light stands for!!

Nakaka high-blood po tumawid ng kalsada when you're trying to obey the traffic rules, pero ang mga sasakyan naman eh hindi sumusunod!! And pag nakasakay ka naman at sumusunod ang sinasakyan mo sa rules, ang mga pedestrians na pasaway naman ang gusto mong pagsasakalin sa inis!!!

Ano ba mga people of Baguio!! Ang green light po is GO!! Red is STOP!! At ang orange po para sa mga bobong drivers out there means you have to slow the fuck*ing down at tumigil at tatawid na kaming pedestrians any second!!!

Na experience ko na po a gazillion times ang sumunod sa crossing lights (tingnan ang pedestrian light sa tatawirang side, Green - tumawid ka na, Red - huwag tumawid!), pero hindi ka po makatawid

because of these mga ulol na drivers ng sasakyan na ayaw tumigil at patawirin ang pedestrians!!

Plus, may mga gagong drivers rin na titigil sa pedestrian lane mismo and how else can one cross the street kung nakabara ang mga sasakyan niyo sa pedestrian lane!!!!

May mga instances naman po na ikaw ang nakasakay eh mga pedestrians namang stupid ang ma e-encounter mo. Mga tawid na lang ng tawid sa crossing at kung saan saan pa when its not their time to cross the street. They are unaware of the pedestrian lights na dapat sundin!

There should be a MASSIVE, I mean humongous, information drive to make everyone aware of these traffic rules and regulations. And those who don't obey, whether aware sila or hindi, should be penalized!!! Para matuto ang mga pasaway sa mundo!!!

Additional income pa yan for the city of Baguio di ba people!? Para magkaroon naman ng silbi ang mga pinagkagastusang millions of pesos na traffic lights na yan!! Coz kung ganyan din lang na hindi sinusunod ang pedestrian lights na yan eh sunugin na lang mga yan!!

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window of opportunity for improving nutrition spans from conception to age two. After age two, the negative effects of undernutrition are largely irreversible," cautions the International Food Policy Research Institute in a World Food Day report.

Child undernutrition could be cut by 25-36 percent, IFPRI adds. But countries must "make nutrition, especially for young children, a political priority." Funnel where scarce taxes will do the most good - among pregnant and breastfeeding women and children in their first two years of life."

President Benigno Aquino worked in larger allocations for education, health and poverty reduction in the proposed 2011 budget. That is a modest start. "One swallow does not make a summer."

Philippine Institute of Development Studies' Rosario Manasan estimates P100.4 billion should beef up allocations for education, health, water and poverty reduction. That didn't happen when a President feasted at \$20,000 Le Cirque dinners and Tesda spent P66 million for GMAT T-shirts.

NGO coalitions offer the "Alternative Budget Initiative. These focus on where the poor are, explains Leonor Magtolis Briones, convenor of Social Watch Philippines which organized the ABI. Priority should go to agriculture and fisheries women, indigenous peoples and Mindanao.

"I don't like marshmallows," Kathie gripes. "Don't say that," her sister Kristin snaps. "Many children have nothing to eat." There is hope. Perhaps, both will come of age when officials no longer "drink the tears of orphans and play deaf to the sighs of widows."/J.L.Mercado