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Penalty for Nailing on Trees Upgraded



Trees for cutting at Camp John Hay. /Photo source Facebook page of Grace Bandy

BAGUIO CITY – The city council upgraded the penalty for nailing or bolting any signs or structures to any part of a tree.

The body approved on final reading Ordinance No. 6 series of 2012 to amend Ordinance No. 5 series of 1990 for this purpose and upgraded the penalty now to a fine of P5,000 or 30-day imprisonment or both upon the discretion of the court.

The ordinance prohibits the “nailing/bolting of structures of any kind, signs, advertisements, information campaigns, placards, including the stringing of streamers with wires, electric cords and cable TV guy wires to any part of a tree.”

Originally, the measure imposes fines ranging from P200-P800 and five to 20 days of imprisonment.

Proponent Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia stressed the need to update the penalty for the measure to serve as deterrent to said violation. – A Refuerzo

Maganda yan panukala na yan na taasan ang penalty sa mga sumisira sa mga puno, Ngunit nakalulungkot sapagkat maraming mga developers ang nagpupumilit na pumutol ng maraming puno

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NFA Assures Sufficient Rice Supply for Baguio-Benguet

BAGUIO CITY - There is sufficient rice supply for the Baguio-Benguet area even until the lean months or after the summer harvest season assured National Food Authority - Baguio Administrator Nicanor Rosario.

Rosario disclosed that as of February 27, 2012, NFA has a buffer stock of 67,312 (50 kilogram) bags of rice composed of 51,380 bags of newly milled local rice and 15,932 bags of imported rice.

"There will be about 20,000 more bags that will come this March and we are also waiting for a stock transfer from other provinces/regions and more or less we will be having around 200,000 bags for our rice supply this year", Rosario said.

NFA-Baguio Economist III Celia Soriano explained that taking in account the daily average consumption of 4,520 bags here in Baguio-Benguet, NFA's present inventory of 67,312 bags, could cover such requirement up to 15 days. However, with the influx of commercial rice in the market and the current daily average sale, the current NFA stock will last up to 182 days, she said.

Rosario also informed that based on their monitoring, the price of rice in the market remains stable. NFA rice is sold at the market price of P27 per kilo for the local variety and P29 per kilo for the imported variety.

Meantime, Rosario also bared that the NFA's I-Rice (Iron fortified rice) program is now gaining wide public support and acceptance. According to Rosario, they are aiming for 100 percent usage of I-rice, wherein the NFA is doing mixing or iron fortification of their rice supply that are up for distribution./JDPLD-PIA CAR

Alien Businessmen urged to get Job Generation Visa

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Immigration (BI) is urging foreign nationals here to employ more Filipino workers so they can avail a visa that would enable them to stay indefinitely in the country.

In a presentation by Mylene Victoria of the BI Baguio field office during the first regular meeting of the Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (RLECC) held recently, she reported that one of their program is the issuance of a Special Visa for Employment Gen-

eration (SVEG).

She informed that the SVEG is a special non-immigrant visa issued to a foreigner who shall employ at least ten Filipinos in a lawful and sustainable enterprise, trade or industry in the Philippines. The foreign national shall actually, directly and exclusively engage in a viable and sustainable investment in the Philippines and perform management acts or the authority to hire, promote and dismiss employees therein, she said.

Victoria elaborated that the employment of at ten

Filipino workers shall be for managerial, executive, professional, technical, skilled or unskilled positions in a business activity, investment, enterprise or industry in the Philippines, excluding personal employees of the foreign national such as household workers and the like.

"Foreign nationals who are granted SVEG shall be considered special non-immigrants with multiple entry privileges and conditional extended stay, without need of prior departure from the Philippines," Victoria added.

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Anti-Treasure Hunting Body Beefed up

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week beefed up the Baguio City Anti-Treasure-Hunting Task Force to better address mounting complaints on alleged treasure-hunting activities in various parts of the city.

The mayor, in Administrative Order No. 27, reconstituted the task force to be chaired by the city administrator and authorized the body to conduct inspections and monitoring activities on the reported incidents.

"The numerous complaints of concerned residents in the different barangays against the alleged indiscriminate diggings by unscrupulous fortune hunters is considered to be alarming and that the same must be appropriately addressed in accordance to existing laws, rules and ordinances governing the said concern," the mayor noted.

Treasure-hunting activities have been declared unlawful under Ordinance No. 525 series of 1970.

The mayor said representatives of the city government and the Cordillera office of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB-CAR) agreed to create a composite team to look into the reported treasure-hunting activities.

The composite task force is composed of the head of the public order and safety division, the city director of the city police office, the regional director of the MGB-CAR, the city building official, the executive assistant III of the city mayor's office, the punong barangays concerned and the secretariat.

It will be tasked to inspect reported treasure-hunting activities; coordinate with concerned government agencies and neighboring local governments on existing activities in disputed areas; and monitor activities in the barangays to ensure that said activities have stopped.

The task force is also required to submit a monthly report to the city mayor on the activities undertaken to curb the problem on treasure-hunting./A Refuerzo

Crackdown on Illegal Businesses Continues

BAGUIO CITY - The city government will continue the crackdown on illegal business establishments operating in the city without the required business permits, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said on Wednesday.

The campaign started in 2010 upon the mayor's assumption into office, resulted to the padlocking of 660 establishments last year.

The mayor said the drive will continue this year with the city monitoring team conducting year-round inspections of business establishments.

The team is composed of combined forces from the city licensing office under Cristio Lagyop, the public order and safety division under Fernando Moyaen and the city police under Supt. David Lacdan.

Volunteers from the private sector particularly the Bantay Baguio Movement are expected to beef up the city government team, according to the mayor.

Last week, the city padlocked a notorious nightspot along Bokawan Road here which was the subject of complaints for pros-

titution and for being a nuisance..

The mayor said the owners of Monroe disco bar failed to show a business permit prompting the city to close it immediately.

Another establishment, an aeronautics school along Legarda Road is now the subject of an investigation by a city team after students filed a complaint alleging that the school has no registration with government agencies and definite curriculum, is charging excessive tuition fees and is imposing unreasonable penalty for delayed payment of

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DENR-CAR Reports Increase In Confiscated Forest Products, Tools

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Cordillera Administrative Region (DENR-CAR) has reported a significant increase in confiscation of forest products, tools, equipment and conveyances in the region for 2011, in line with its mandate under Executive Order No. 23.

The executive order, signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on February 2011, declares a moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in the natural and residual forests and creates an anti-illegal logging task force.

DENR-CAR Forest Management Service Regional Technical Director Augusto Lagon reported that in 2011, the agency has recorded a total confiscation of about 137.49 cubic meters (cu.m.) of lumber and furniture all over the region. The record posted significant increase compared to the 11.25 cu.m. of illegal material confiscated in 2010.

The province of Benguet recorded 47.42 cu.m. of confiscation. Apayao confiscated 29.29 cu.m. Mt. Province had 23.76 cu.m. of confiscated materials, while Abra, Ifugao and Kalinga confiscated 13 cu.m., 12.01 cu.m. and 12.01 cu.m., respectively.

Lagon also reported that in the 2011 implementation of environmental and natural resources laws in Cordillera, 27 conveyances and 15 chainsaws were also confiscated while 31 cases were filed in court.

He also reported that they have convened 44 Anti-illegal Logging Task Forces (AILTF) from the regional, to provincial down to municipal and city level all over the region./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Former DOT Sec Highlights Importance of Culture for a Sustainable Tourism Sector

BAGUIO CITY - Culture is sustainable tourism and what all we have to do is for us to work together and focus on the culture of every province and enhance it to bring in sustainable growth to our tourism sector.

Thus stressed former Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Gulliermina 'Mina' Gabor in her keynote address during the 4th National Tourism Convention which opened today at the Multi-purpose Hall of Baguio Country Club. More than 600 officials and students of tourism-related educational institutions from all over the country are participating in this event.

According to Gabor, culture and tourism are like love and marriage that anyone cannot have without each other. Through our country's rich and diversified culture, 'we can showcase education, health and wellness, conservation (of the environment, indigenous animal species and our rich fauna and flora), community development, people tourism, peace and business, among others, she said.

"We just have to be creative and innovative as culture is all around us. We are awash with culture that we can share with the rest of the world", Gabor added.

The number one example of our culture is our 'Bayanihan' – working together, helping each other, she said.

Gabor stressed that pure culture is sustainable tourism and that all we need to do is to look at the culture of every province, work around it, and enhance it.

She also disclosed that it is a global vision that for 2014 to 2024, it would be a 'Decade of Action for Sustainable Tourism'. If only the world would work together, up to 50 million jobs could be created.

The 4th National Tourism Convention is spearheaded by the Baguio chapter of Tourism Educators and Movers of the Philippines (TEAM Philippines) and the League of Tourism Students of the Philippines (LTSP)

Among the resource persons in the said convention were, Tourism Congress VP for Luzon and Hotel and Restaurants Association of Baguio (HRAB) President Anthony De Leon, John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) Dr. Jamie Eloise Agbayani, Merriam College Human Resource Director Noel Racho, and Team Philippines, Chairman Emeritus Dr. Robert Lim Joseph.

Former DOT Secretary Governor Richard 'Dick' Gordon also gave an inspirational talk. /JDP/LD-PIA CAR



Si Bb. Liah Bassig-Duero ay nag-pakalbo upang iprotesta ang kawalan ng "transparency" sa loob ng PUP na sa kanyang opinyon ay tunay na sumasalamin sa lipunang Pilipino. Ang ilang estudyante mula sa PUP upang i-protesta ang di umano'y korupsiyon sa loob ng eskwelahan. Matapos isapubliko ang isang ulat mula sa Commission on Audit (COA) na dumetalye sa higit P4-Milyong pondong nawawala sa pondo ng Konseho ng Mag-aaral mula 2006.

DPWH Cordillera Fastracks Repair of Major Roads to Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-Cordillera is preparing all the main roads going to the to this mountain resort for safe and leisure trip for motorists coming up for the Holy Week and long summer vacation

DPWH Cordillera regional director Edilberto Carabacan said he has instructed his district engineers to fastrack the projects repair taking advantage of the good weather to finish the works.

With the expected exodus of tourists to the city

to escape the sweltering heat in the lowlands and metropolis, "it is greatly expected that all national highways, especially Marcos Highway, Kennon and Naguilian Roads shall be thoroughly maintained and always kept in good shape for safer travel and to ensure uninterrupted transport flow all over the region during the summer season, Carabacan said.

The scenic Kennon road which is the shortest way and preferred route by motorists to Baguio will be continually improved especially the weak

bridges which needs repair, he said.

With good roads the travel of motorist is faster, bring tourism and faster transport of goods for a better flow of business, Carabacan added.

Aside from ensuring good road condition, the DPWH is also coordinating with various agencies for the set up of the "Lakbay Alalay" motorist assistance centers in strategic locations along national highways to respond to emergency situations. The program provides free roadside emergency repair assistance to motorists./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

Couples can Check If Marriage Solemnizing Officer is Legal-NSO

BAGUIO CITY - Couples who are planning to wed, may it be a church, other sects or a civil wedding, can always check if their marriage Solemnizing Officer is legally registered to ensure that their marriage will be valid.

National Statistic Office-Cordillera (NSO-CAR) Regional Director Olivia Gulla, in an interview, ex-

plained that as provided for under Executive No. 209 or the Family Code of the Philippines, marriage solemnizing officers of churches and sects must be legally registered with the NSO.

According to Gulla, each legally registered solemnizing officer is issued a Certificate of Registration of Authority to Solemnize Marriage

(CRASM).

She informed that the public, especially would-be couples, can check in the NSO's Solemnizing Officer Information System through the internet or by logging on to sois.census.gov.ph.

In the Cordillera, as 2011, Gulla said there are 296 registered SOs including

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People Power “Hijack”?

Filipinos mark Sunday the 26th anniversary of toppling a dictator without bloodshed. That flower-in-the-gun-barrel model is refracted in Ghandi's march to protest the Salt Tax in 1930 to Czechoslovakia's “Velvet Revolution of 1988 and Tunisia's “Jasmine Revolt” last year.

People Power never offered a one-size-fits-all pattern. Uzbekistan's brutal suppression of demonstrators showed that. So does Syria's unshaken spilling of blood.

For 11 months now, Syrians staged “People Power” rallies, after mosque prayers. They seek freedoms that Filipinos, since Edsa I, take for granted. In response, President Bashar al-Assad sent his tanks in. Over 5,000 civilians have been killed.

“They call it the widows basement,” wrote Marie Colvin of London's Sunday Times, before a shell killed her Thursday,

along with
French photog-
rapher Remi

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Ochlik. “Over 300 huddle in this wood factory cellar.

“(One) is 20-year-old Noor, who lost her husband and home to shells. Our house was hit by a rocket so 17 of us stay in one room,” she recalls as daughter Mimi 3 and son Mohamed 5, cling to her.

“We had nothing but sugar and water for two days and my husband went to find food.” It was the last time she saw Maziad, 30, a mobile phone repairman “He was torn to pieces by a mortar shell.” For Noor, it was a double tragedy. Adnan, her 27-year-old brother, was killed at Maziad's side. Everyone in the cellar has a similar story of death”

“Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable”, In 1962, US President John Kennedy warned: Fast forward to Russia and China's veto of an Arab League peacekeeper plan. That emboldened Assad to slaughter even more.

“Those who take by the sword will die by the sword.” Assad need not look far to see his future. Libya's Moammar Ghaddafi of Libya cowered in a gutter when shot to death. Bosnia's Radovan Karadzic is detained Scheveningen, accused of war crimes.

In contrast, democratic space broadens, albeit jerkily, in a Burma where, only three years back, military tatmadaws smashed the peaceful “Saffron Revolution”. Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi with 651 political prisoners were released. Ceasefire agreements with ethnic minority rebels have been signed. Restrictions on campaigning were scrapped after National League for Democracy complained.

“Reforms leave many disorientated by the pace of change,” UK's Guardian noted. Crowds in Rangoon “clapped as they watched images of monks demonstrating and police baton charges on a big outdoor screen. Incredible,” said a journalist. “Only months ago, (this would lead to a lengthy prison sentence.”)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations agreed that Burma chair the regional body in 2014. Asean observers will monitor 1 April elections for 48 parliamentary seats. European Union and the US whittled down sanctions.

This schizophrenic international context is backdrop for a 26th Edsa Anniversary debate if “People Power” would hijacked? Why? To extricate, from impeachment's bog a Supreme Court chief justice who can not get his math right, whether on glitzy condos or statements of assets and liabilities.

Justice Renato Corona's defense counsel repeatedly threatens to end impeachment on grounds of mistrial.” Some 7,000 Iglesia Ni Kristo demonstrators, waving identically printed posters, rallied for a teary Corona and wife.

INC says it's Feb 28 rally at Quirino Grandstand would be “a Bible exposition”. “We take their word for it,” Malacañang said. “Leaks” say otherwise. The pro-Corona INC would air “demands” on the impeachment, foreshadowed in their “dry run” rally. That's speculation — for now.

An INK rally, cheek-by-jowl with Edsa's anniversary, differs from historical patterns. INC were “no-shows” at the two earlier People Power revolts, since it backed Ferdinand Marcos and Joseph Estrada.

INC adherents make up 2.3% of the population, Philippine Demographic Profile 2012 shows But that small base is parlayed into political clout by INC bloc voting. Between 68 and 84 percent of members vote for candidates, handpicked by leadership, ABS-CBN surveys reveal.

Impeachment trial chair Juan Ponce Enrile slammed the door on threats to abort impeachment on grounds of mistrial, noted Inquirer's Amando Doronila. “He'd not

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

How To Recover From PANAGBENGA 2012

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



PANAGBENGA is probably one of the worst disaster for some of our citizens since World War II, the 1990 earthquakes, the uncollected garbage of 2010 and 2011, and the worst typhoons experienced by our city.

Consider these:

- Restaurant owners in Session Road are competed against by food stalls that mushroomed right in the middle of the road
- Proliferation of garbage in the barangays in the midst of festivities in Panagbenga (not to mention the endless proliferation of refuse right in the middle of Session Road)
- Mindless road repairs of what seems to be good roads (front for further graft and corruption?) that resulted into the dislocation of many small businesses of the city

Did PANAGBENGA contribute to the coffers of businesses in Baguio? Hardly. Most likely, a number of tourists did climb up to Baguio during the PANAGBENGA parade itself but the large majority of them returned to their localities the same day or next day.

There have been marginal beneficiaries, perhaps 15 tons of flowers were bought because of the parade. However, to make a claim the flower industry benefitted from PANAGBENGA would be something else. Even without PANAGBENGA, Valentine's day and the Valentine's day month would provide enough reason for many people to come up to Baguio.

In fact, a larger number of romantics with a greater volume of money to spend would probably come up to Baguio if there is no PANAGBENGA because sure a city full of garbage and food stalls selling fish balls and Swawarma doesn't make a good ambience for romance. It also doesn't seem sweet on a Valentine's month to invite your sweetheart to round up the tiangges selling bargain fancy jewelry, food, and the like.

Now, the question is: how do we recover from a disaster that is PANAGBENGA?

Here are the takes of the PEACE COMBATANT:

First, let us clean our garbage. Do it fast, do it now. Leave no impression that Baguio is a dirty city.

Second, address the traffic jams that have been worsened by the poorly-thought diggings implemented close to and during the PANAGBENGA season.

Third, advertise or market the city as the best place in the Philippines for spiritual reflections and family bonding during the Holy Week. The spiritual reflections can be with one's community, religious group, or family.

Project the good sceneries of Baguio and surrounding municipalities as showcases of nature: here we can promote both the love for nature as well as the love for all the positive elements not only of Baguio but also of her surrounding municipalities.

Baguio has a good reserve of hotels, seminar, reflection houses, and transient houses for families. We promote not only tourism but also bonding for families. Essentially, we also promote positive values. We also promote reflection, whether the reflection is faith or cerebral-inspired.

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

You Can't Abolish This Senate

BY: JESUS DUREZA



Junior Chamber International (JCI) senators need not go for an election to hold office. They also do not have to worry about expiration of terms of office, either. They have fixed terms – for a lifetime. In the old martial law days, while the Philippine senate was closed down, the JCI senate continued. Former President Marcos (was he a JCI senator too?) with his draconian authority, did not have the power to abolish it.

JCI senators get their mandate from the international JCI organization as recognition for their good performance starting from their younger days as members of the Junior Chamber called Jaycees. Under the rules, when you reach 40 years old, you automatically “expire” as a Jaycee (obviously no longer a “junior”). Then you qualify, if nominated for exemplary work, to be a JCI senator.

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PRESIDENT TONY CERILLES —Last Friday night, the JCI Senate officials, (not really all with grey hair – thanks to Wella or Revlon) descended on Davao City from all over the country. Led by its newly installed national president, Tony Cerilles of Zamboanga del sur who is also incumbent Zambo governor, they came as guests during the Davao JCI Senate induction led by Lawyer Art Tan. With President Tony was his wife, Congresswoman Auring Cerilles.

It was a reunion of sorts for me with my former Davao Jaycee buddies. So with our out-of-town guests. Tony was in congress at the time I was there. Then I worked closely with Auring while she was governor during my government work for Mindanao. Our colleague in Congress from Lanao, Abdullah “Bobby” Dimaporo came with his wife, now Congresswoman Imelda “Angging” Dimaporo.

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MARRIAGE & PEACE —Let me digress briefly. Many may not know this. The marriage years ago of Bobby with Angging ended the pre-martial law “war” between two warring clans in Lanao: the Dimaporos and the Quibranzas. The union brought instant peace to troubled Lanao. Who “tamed” who was not clear then. But today, it’s obvious Angging governs (as congresswoman) and Bobby who is back to private life submits (as her constituent.) Their son, Khalid is now governor of Lanao del Norte and is a new breed of a leader. Well, Khalid is turning out to be a better stock of a cross breed.

TROUBLED LAND —I recall during pre-martial law years (before 1972) I was a young journalist and correspondent of the old Manila Times then and I used to shuttle between law school classes at Ateneo de Davao and the troubled areas of Lanao. I was dispatched in many occasions to cover the conflict between the Christian “Ilagas” and the “blackshirts” of the Muslim warlords. I cannot forget hiding behind cement posts and frantically radioing for the TIMES “Newsboy” helicopter to pick me up high in the mountainside of Nunungan town while firing was going on between policemen and horse-back riding armed goons out to hijack ballot boxes. I was one of the first to reach the massacre site at Kauswagan when Army men fired at busloads of civilians and armed men at a checkpoint at the close of voting hours. Oh those unforgettables.

But Lanao today is a far cry from the Lanao I used to know. For the better. Much of the credit for this goes to the leadership of Bobby and Angging. And the rest of the Lanao leaders and constituents who do not wish to look back to those dark days of conflict.

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JAYCEE CREED —Back to the JCI event. I listened intently as President Tony spoke. I just realized that the “Jaycee Creed”, around which he wove his narratives and messages, could be most appropriate for all — those in the private sector — and most especially for those in government. All Jaycees are supposed to memorize it by heart. And Tony simply admonished us: “Just do what it says”. The creed speaks of faith in God, brother of men, economic justice through free men and free enterprise, human personality, rule of law and service to humanity.

The JCI Senate Philippines present advocacies under President Tony are responsible mining (not anti mining); sustainable forest management, resolution of Mindanao conflict, business-friendly policy and strengthening LGU devolution.

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Bobby, Angging and I, together with **Cont. on page 10**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

INC And Withdrawal of Corona Charges

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: “... I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me...” (Psalm 120:1, the Holy Bible).

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WANT INCREASED SEX DRIVE? TRY VIRGIN COCONUT OIL: Now, there is proof that men and women taking at least three tablespoons of virgin coconut oil everyday can achieve a significant increase in sexual activity. A study conducted by a group of doctors from the University of Sto. Tomas (UST) and commissioned by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) confirmed this to be so.

Agriculture Secretary Proceso Alcala announced the results of the study as he presided over a press conference held at the PCA last Wednesday, February 29, 2012, in the presence of the UST doctors, Reynaldo Gabriel Naranjilla, C. A. Binag ang Bobby Santiago, PCA Administrator Euclides G. Forbes, and PCA public information officer Thelma Tolentino.

What are the interest of the Department of Agriculture and the PCA over the study showing increased sexual activity among regular users of virgin coconut oil? Well, since Filipinos are always interested to increase their sexual activity, they are expected to increase their consumption of virgin coconut oil, which, in turn, will necessarily increase demand for coconut.

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MASSIVE COCONUT REPLANTING SET: Other significant items during the press conference: about P900 million has been allotted by the DA and the PCA for massive coconut planting or replanting and fertilization program nationwide; coconut export earnings for 2011 increased by 20.28% compared to 2010 earnings; P60 million has been earmarked for the implementation of PCA's “kasaganaan sa niyugan ay kaunlaran ng bayan” (KAANIB) project.

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MIRIAM'S OUTBURTS: Come to think of it, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago has every reason to be angry during the day-to-day hearing in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona. First and foremost, it was clear, from the start, that congressmen-prosecutors were lacking in evidence to pursue the eight articles of impeachment against Corona.

Then, the congressmen-prosecutors showed lack of savvy in proving the accusations which were not withdrawn by them. Furthermore, they were unable to compel the appearance of witnesses whom they wanted to present. And finally, they even had to withdraw five of the eight charges against Corona. With a prosecution team like this, Santiago could not be faulted for exploding every now and then.

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INC RALLY AND WITHDRAWAL OF CORONA CHARGES: Was it a coincidence that, as millions of Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) members gathered at the Luneta and other parts of the Philippines last February 28, 2012, lead congressman-prosecutor and Iloilo Rep. Niel Tupas was withdrawing five of the eight articles of impeachment against Corona?

Is there truth to the claim of defense lawyers that the prosecution was spooked by the sheer number of INC members who joined the Tuesday event which, despite its having billed as a “Grand Evangelical Mission”, was actually a “rally for the rule of law”— and, therefore, was an expression of support for Corona and disapproval of efforts to impeach him?

Is it also true that the order to withdraw five of the eight articles of impeachment came from frantic leaders of government who were seized by fear of a possible withdrawal of support not only for the national leadership, but also for themselves especially because the 2013 elections is just around the corner?

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No Vital PT Counsel

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR



Didn't the Iglesia ni Cristo supported President Noy in the 2010 elections? We strongly believe they did. But how come, His Excellency did not even show a hint of solid support to their huge Evangelical Mission gathering yesterday, Tuesday, Feb. 28? A tabloid claimed P-Noy opted to watch a film docu instead.

Actually, a Kapatid neighbour of yours truly, proudly claimed that if not of their solid support to President Noy in the 2010 national elections Erap Estrada could have been our President of today.

Whether we'll agree or not, he may have a point in there.

Huge as the number of their ilk that converged at the Quirino grandstand Tuesday, the defense team in Chief Justice Corona's impeachment trial which is skippered by one of their kind in former chief justice Serafin Cuevas also loomed large over the prosecution team (PT) which unceremoniously withdrew five (5) Articles of Impeachment particularly Articles 1, 4, 5, 6, & 8.

Maybe am too old for my age of 48 compared to the average age of the PT but methinks what they are doing in the Impeachment Court, or in PR parlance, in terms of image effect is far from getting the needed understanding and sympathy from the public guilty or not guilty their target of impeachment may be.

Except of course to those who are hell bent in removing Chief Justice Renato Corona from office and those blindly driven by hate even before their purported truckloads of evidence started pouring in and presented therein.

Another antic by private prosecutor in Atty. Vitalino Aguirre inside the impeachment court Wednesday proved fatal as well as counter-productive in as much as gaining public empathy and that of the Senator Judges especially when one of their kind got affronted by his "hear no evil" actuation.

The reporter instinct in me instantly kicked in when I saw Atty. Aguirre covering his ears with both hands while the gentlewoman from Iloilo in Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago was on the rostrum pouring out her sentiments why the prosecution be needing until 2 p.m. March 12, 2012 to supposedly prepare their last presentation of evidence against CJ Corona.

Aguirre's actuation was indeed front page material but a big drawback, for all intents and purposes, to the cause of the prosecution team.

Chief prosecutor Neil Tupas (also of Iloilo), who methinks should minimize showing bad image, counter-productive half-smiles inside the Impeachment Court, allegedly advised Aguirre to apologize before the IC and most especially to Sen. Miriam.

But lo and behold, the counsel, who for us is no more of vital importance to the prosecution's cause, unloaded further ill-advised, counter-productive tirades against the gentlewoman from Iloilo.

This only fanned further the winds and collective feeling of disgust not just from the gentlewoman from Iloilo but the whole IC senator-judges led by Sen. Jinggoy Estrada.

A case of court contempt and the IC senator-judges' collective decision against Atty. Vitalino Aguirre, who has proven himself and to the Filipino people of no vital importance to the prosecution team's cause, is forthcoming this coming Monday.

He may be put behind bars at the Senate's holding area either for one or more days depending on the gravity or findings of his actuation inside the IC.

If indeed, Aguirre's antic was intended to add glitter to the not-so-convincing stand of the prosecution, he simply did it the other way.

But we are not only sure if Atty. Aguirre's un-gentlemanly actuation was in fact a subtle tactic intended as a subtle tactic to subtly stack up more points in favour of the defence team of CJ Corona. Applause!

And President Noy won't be any happier. Methinks, Atty. Aguirre, who stood legal counsel before to Hubert Webb and Sen. Panfilo Lacson, do not deserve to earn a dime for his day inside the IC Wednesday.

Anyways, truth to be told, and as we all know, as Roman Catholics deifies or idolizes the Pope sitting in the Vatican so are all lawyers deifies and idolizes any Chief Justice sitting in any Supreme Court be it here in the Philippines or elsewhere.

And as priests are loyally attracted to the Vatican, so are lawyers to the (or any) Supreme Vatican err, Court.

Remember Aguirre is a lawyer. And **Cont. on page 11**

OCD Asks Residents, LGU to be Ready for Possible Quakes

BAGUIO CITY - The Office of the Civil Defense has advised everyone to stay alert at all times for possible earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

The Philippines is located in the Pacific Ring of Fire where many incidents of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur in the basin of the ocean.

"We need to be ready and alert at all times," said National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) executive director Benito Ramos during the seminar on Incident Command System (ICS) at the Subic International Hotel last week.

"We are experiencing the effects and the impact of climate change especially that 70 percent of our communities are located in coastal areas making it vulnerable to disasters," Ramos explained.

"We should be on our toes all the time, staying alert 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any eventuality. Safety should be part of our everyday life," Ramos said.

Ramos added that the local government units should strengthen their search and rescue capabilities, give training to responders and invest in equipment, so that when there is an emergency, they are ready to respond.

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DA-CAR Promotes Planting of Indigenous Vegetables

BAGUIO CITY—The Department of Agriculture (DA)-Cordillera released a total amount of P900,000 to farmer beneficiaries in the province to promote and generate indigenous vegetables.

According to DA Cordillera regional executive director Marilyn V. Sta. Catalina, the assistance is part of the government's thrust to involve all stakeholders in the nation's food security and sufficiency programs.

Indigenous vegetables, Sta. Catalina said, refers to species native to or originating from a particular place or environment which includes species that are naturalized or varieties that have evolved in the area. Aside from boosting food security and promoting sustainable farming system, indigenous vegetables have other important value in terms of its ecological, agronomic, health and cultural value, she said.

The indigenous vegetable planting materials distributed in the province are malunggay, amaranth, labong (bamboo), and pako (fern) including aretalinum, himbabo, alugbati, saluyot, katuray, ampalaya, kulitis, kangkong, and taro.

Recipients are the Nagapanan Farmer's Association in Danglas, Bucloc Farmer's Association in Bucloc, Macarcarmay Farmer's Association in Bangued; and municipalities of Daguioman, La Paz, Baay-Licuan, Pilar, Tayum and Bangued.

Sta. Catalina said interested farmer associations are encouraged to submit project proposals with recommendations by their respective local government units to the High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) of the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office./JDP/JBZ -PIA CAR

Benguet Reorganizes Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Council

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Benguet Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Council (BENRC) was recently reorganized

in line with the devolution of functions of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the local government units.

Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code has given the LGU responsibilities, functions and authority in providing

basic services to their constituents and further empowers the LGUs to become viable for local and national development. Guidelines for the transfer and implementation of certain DENR functions devolved to the LGU pursuant to RA 7160 and Executive Order Nos. 192 and 503 of the Office of the President is issued under DENR Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 30 series 1992.

Gov. Nestor Fongwan, who chairs the BENRC, issued AO No. 2012-

03 entitled "Reorganizing the BENRC" last February 13, 2012. The BENRC is composed of LGU officials, DENR officials, representatives from concerned agencies, professionals and civic groups, and other NGOs determined by DENR and LGUs.

The council's role is to review and recommend the implementation of programs and projects and perform oversight functions in matters pertaining to environment and natural resources.

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BI Implements new Guidelines for Departing Passengers

BAGUIO CITY —

The Bureau of Immigration (BI) will strictly implement the new promulgated guidelines on establishing formalities for international-bound passengers in all airports and seaports in the country.

Mylene Victoria of the BI Baguio Field Office reported during the Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (RLECC) meeting that the said guidelines was formulated by the Technical Working Group (TWG) convened by the Department of Justice pursuant to the resolution of the principal members of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) in a special meeting held on October 17, 2011.

"The guidelines outline the procedures and requirements for the (BIs) assessment of international-bound travelers based on four categories – tourists, Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), immigrants and permanent residents, and special classes of passengers," Victoria said.

The guidelines also set the standards which immigration officers should adhere to in enforcing measures designed to prevent the departure of suspected human trafficking and illegal recruitment victims, based on the principles of courtesy, accountability, responsibility, as well as efficiency and service as enunciated by the Bureau of Immigration's "BI-CARES" program, she said.

The "BI-CARES" program aims to address complaints by passengers who were not cleared for departure on suspicion of being human trafficking victims and undocumented overseas contract workers./JDP/MC-PIA CAR

Police Vigilance, Pro Active Strategies keep Banaue Town Crime-Free

BANAUE, Ifugao - The pro-active strategies, vigilance of the police force and community cooperation continue to sustain the peaceful condition in this tourist town with no crime incident reported for the year yet.

PSI Leo Apolonio Paddaon, the Chief of Police, said that the PNP here is continuously conducting various barangay visitation/patrol and constant inspection of vital installations such as Smart and Globe cell site, Banaue Savings, Phil Tel, Banaue Multi Purpose and Banaue Municipal Hall.

The policemen are continuously implementing campaign against illegal gambling, illegal logging, illegal drugs, other special laws and municipal and barangay ordinances.

"We also conduct lectures on illegal drugs, illegal gambling, Republic Act 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act and RA 9262 (Violence Against Women and Children).

Moreover, he attributed the zero crime rate to the active participation of the Barangay Protection Action Teams whom he considers as their partners in crime prevention and on Internal Security Operations (ISO). He also informed that they have organized Barangay Peace and Order Council within the crime prone areas as pilot areas namely; Barangays Viewpoint, Tamanan, Bocos and Poblacion.

"We conduct monthly visits to all the barangays here conducting lectures to barangay officials and tanods for the maintenance of peace and order within their barangay.

Aside from providing protection to the residents, they also give assistance and protection to local and foreign tourists who visit the Banaue Rice Terrace and other tourist spots in the area.

Paddaon bared that the MPS intends to implement the Pulis sa Barangay program of the national government to strengthen the partnership of the police to the barangays in which every barangay has one assigned police officer to monitor and give assistance to any problem that disturb peace and order.

Another program which will soon be implemented is the 'Pulis ko Teacher ko' which seeks to strengthen a close partnership of the schools and the police wherein every quarter a team from this station will conduct school visitations and conduct info drive to the pupils and students.

He said that they also conduct school based activities such as distribution of notebooks, pencils, erasers to the far flung elementary schools of Barangays Bangaan, Anaba and Ducligan.

Paddaon also bared that since this town is a landslide-prone area, his office will coordinate with the local government unit of Banaue for the conduct of a search and rescue training and for the purchase of search and rescue equipments./JDP/VDB -PIA CAR, Ifugao

DOH Reiterates Advocacy on Awareness and Control of Leprosy

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health again reiterates its advocacy for awareness and control of leprosy in the country as it remains a threat among Filipinos.

The World Health Organization has recently warned that the battle against leprosy is not yet over with more than 5,000 new cases being reported yearly particularly in the Western Pacific

Region where the Philippines is situated.

DOH Secretary Enrique Ona in a recent statement reported that in 2010 alone, the Philippines recorded 2,041 new cases of leprosy, which is the highest among the Western Pacific Region countries.

According City Health Services Office (HSO) Medical Officer V, Dr. Celiaflor Brillantes, one of

DOH's advocacy partner in the Cordillera, leprosy is treatable and the health sector already has the capability to do so.

"Leprosy is quite long to treat but the DOH, as well as the City HSO, gives a free one year treatment for such disease," Brillantes said.

"A leprosy bacteria has an incubation period of one to

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Mt. Province Allots Funds for Heirloom Rice Farmers

BONTOC, Mt.

Province — In support to local farmers in the province particularly the heirloom rice producers, the provincial government has allotted the amount of P200,000.00 to procure heirloom rice from the farmers.

According to Jovita Camso of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist and also the Heirloom Rice Coordinator here, the P200,000.00 was used to procure heirloom rice at an export price of P60-P80 per kilo. Some of the procured rice were sold to the provincial government employees at a subsidized price of P50-P60 per kilo and the remaining rice will be sold during the agro-industrial trade fair of the 2012 Lang-ay Festival on April.

Camso said there are 100 farmers producing heirloom rice who organized themselves and formed the Provincial Rice Terraces Farmers Cooperative where they will bring together their palay for processing since the province was given a customized rice mill machine which was provided by the revitalized Indigenous Cordilleras Entrepreneur (RICE) Inc. and the Department of Agriculture-Cordillera Regional Office.

Camso said the cooperative which is composed of 100 farmers coming from the municipalities of Barlig, Bauko, Natonin, Sadanga and Tadian started exporting heirloom rice in 2008.

For the period 2008 to 2011, these farmers were able to export 15.4 tons of heirloom rice with a total sales of P980,668.67 which were bought by the 8th Wonder Corporation, Montana, USA through the RICE Inc.

Camso said farmers who are interested to join this group of farmers are advised first to observe three consecutive years of farming without using chemical inputs, instead use organic inputs./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

35 Women Entrepreneurs Undergo Gender Sensitivity Training

KIANGAN, Ifugao - Thirty five women micro-entrepreneurs here attended a two-day training on Gender Sensitivity at the Ibulao Bread and Breakfast Hotel here in efforts to increase their awareness or knowledge on gender and development concepts and social protection schemes.

The training sponsored by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office headed by Celstina Talosig aims to empower the women to combat gender-related issues and concerns

and to prevent the occurrence of more gender related dilemmas.

Women play an important role in influencing the growth of children especially on how they deal with their environment and as women entrepreneurs there is a need to let them be aware and be sensitive to the gender issues as part of their empowerment, Talosig said.

The principle of non-discrimination is the cornerstone of human principles and discrimination based on sex is among the forms prohibited although masculinity

and femininity are culturally constructed and socially determined attributes, she added.

Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer Joseline Niwane discussed the topics on Gender as a Social Contract, Gender and the Role of Social Institution, An Overview of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Women, Equality and Equity in Indigenous People Cultures: Changes and Influences and Gender Sensitivity and Social Protection./JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao

CARP Land Distribution in Cordillera 90% Complete

BAGUIO CITY - The regional office of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in the region announced that it has distributed a total of 89,000 hectares of land to beneficiaries which is about 90 percent of total coverage of 105,000 hectares for the whole Cordillera region.

DAR Officer-In-Charge Franklin Cocoy informed that one of the land tenure improvement directions for 2012 to 2014 is to finish the land distribution under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

He said Republic Act 9700 or the CARPER law mandates DAR to finish land distribution up to 2014 and that landless farmers must be given at least three hectares of land which they could till to earn a living and to help improve food security, especially in identified agrarian reform communities.

Cocoy likewise stated that out of the remaining 16,000 hectares for distribution, 8,000 hectares will be distributed on time while the remaining 8,000 have issues that have to be resolved such as boundary disputes and overlapping claims and other concerns.

For this year, at least 1,200 hectares of land are expected to be distributed to farmer beneficiaries, Cocoy added. /JDP/MC -PIA CAR

Canadian Team Shares Disaster Preparedness Programs to Benguet

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — A team of Canadian experts was recently in town to share their country's disaster preparedness programs and to learn from local experiences.

Manitoba Emergency Measures Executive Director Chuck Sanderson, in a forum on Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Climate Change Adaptation held recently at the provincial capitol, shared that the Canadian approach to disaster preparedness is to delegate responsibility at the community level. The ultimate goal in disaster preparedness rests

upon community resilience, he said.

According to Sanderson, public education is done through individual campaigns and they build up the capabilities of the people providing them a 72-hour survival guide.

Business and community guidelines are in place such that they will not be interrupted to the highest degree, Sanderson said. For a few hours after disaster, using superior weather media, advisories are issued for people to be kept posted. In case of bad weather signs, people are advised to hold on and take necessary precautions, he further said.

In huge disasters, people need to take care of themselves, said Sanderson. They do not expect emergency measures in their doorstep for the first three days as resources are going to those most in need, he added.

From the sharing of Governor Nestor Fongwan on the numerous experiences of Benguet on disasters particularly typhoons, Sanderson claimed the magnitude of events that hit the province exceeds those in Manitoba but some of the processes followed are similar.

Sanderson lauded the disaster preparedness framework of the country,

the Strategic National Action Plan for 2009-2019, which he said uses all the right concepts through multi-sectoral involvement. This kind of plan, he said is lacking in Canada and which he hopes to recommend for the adoption in his country.

But they have preparedness measures that respond to the highest degree in the absence of legislation, policy and a hierarchy system. Sanderson stressed the disaster management approach they employ which is the implementation of a "prevention / preparedness paradigm" among stakeholders such as citizens, businesses,

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

ELENA L. CARAMÉ
Applicants

Case No: 2010-CAR-534

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on March 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director in his 29th day of February 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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

WILSON O. CAPEGSAN,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

JIMMY ECKMAN,
Respondent-Mortgagor,

CASE NO. 12-EXF-1559

FOR

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by petitioner-mortgagee WILSON O.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Branch 8
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN RE : PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION AND TO SUPPLY THE ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF HARVEY ROSE DONGGA - AS TELIAKEN,

HARVEY ROSE DONGGA - AS TELIAKEN,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET PROVINCE AND THE NATIONAL STA-

CAPEGSAN, of legal age, single, Filipino and with postal address at IB-43, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet against respondent – mortgagor JIMMY ECKMAN, of legal age, single, Filipino and with residence and postal address at Alno, La Trinidad, Benguet, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS [P 800,000.00] PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding attorney's fees, publication costs, sheriff's fees and other incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on MARCH 21, 2012 at 11:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following real properties to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-53558
Lot : Lot 5
Psd 13110-002199
[AR]

As surveyed for : JIMMY ECKMAN
TISTICS OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, QUEZON CITY,

Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASE NO. 12-C-1725

X——X

ORDER

Petitioner through counsel filed a petition praying that after due notice and hearing, this court issues an Order directing the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office to correct the following entries in her Certificate of Live Birth;

1. Name of the petitioner from "HARVEY" to "HARVEY ROSE";
2. Gender of the petitioner from "MALE" to "FEMALE";

Location :
Alno, La Trinidad, Benguet
Boundaries :
NE., along line 1-2 ... Lot 6, subd. Plan;
SE., along line 2-3-4-5-6-7 ... Lot 10, subd. Plan;
SW., along line 7-8... Pedro Bassit NW., along line 8-1... Public Land
Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N. 57 deg., 26' W., 457.16 m. from "BLM No. 1", Alno La Trinidad, Benguet, thence :
1-2 S. 24 deg., 59'E., 134.00 m.
2-3 N. 57 deg., 10' W., 12.15 m.
3-4 S. 84 deg., 11' W., 12.82 m.
4-5 S. 15 deg., 33' W., 7.09 m.
5-6 S. 48 deg., 31' W., 37.50 m.
6-7 S. 56 deg., 51' W., 60.06 m.
7-8 N. 68 deg., 38' W., 54.60 m.
8-1 N. 31 deg., 14'E., 188.06 m.
Bearings: TRUE
Area : TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE [12, 379] SQUARE METERS.
Coordinates of corner 1 : 22791.80 N. 20282.38 E
Title No. : O.C.T. No. 1467
Original Lot No. : F-52707
Date of Original Survey : July 13,

3. Place of marriage of petitioner's parents from "Tuba, Benguet" to "Itogon Benguet".

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on May 15, 2012 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning in the court room of this court, Room 202, 2nd floor, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet.

All persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date it shall be held on April 24, 2012 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 17th day of February 2012 at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) WINSTON P. DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates: February 25, March 3 and 10, 2012

made not later than February 26, 2012.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; National Statistics Office, Quezon City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet Province, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; The Junction Newspaper; the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

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

By: (SGD) MARYBELLE L. DEMOT MARINAS
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates : February 25, March 3 and 10, 2012

Republic of the Philippines
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

RODERICA BANCIFRA
Applicants

Case No: 2003-CAR-1175

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director in his 21st day of February 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

MILER M. MEDINA
Applicants

Case No: 97-BC-692

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on March 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director in his 29th day of February 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

OCD

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To have an effective search and rescue in a disaster scenario, the ICS must be institutionalized for an organized and faster flow of saving lives and properties, Ramos reiterated. /JDP/JB/PIA CAR

Advocacy Mindanow

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former Vice Mayor Louie Bonguyan were recruited by Tony to do work for Mindanao. Gensan stalwart, Lawyer Biebic Garcia, by the way is JCI senate vice president for the island region while Perbs Balchand is national JCI director.

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Let me share the Jaycee creed:

"I believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That brotherhood of men transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That government is of laws and not of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life."

* * *

I hope I didn't miss a word. Those were ages ago.

Then, I heard someone in our table saying: "Someone should teach President Noyonoy the Jaycee creed".

Indeed!

1st - Apluma

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somebody somewhere may have already covertly texted him: "Thank you, companero. Nice job!"

Well, Malacanang may really have underestimated CJ Corona appointed by former PGMA or whatever.

In the House, it could be a numbers and pork barrel game as well as in the Senate, but with a twist.

In the Senate you can easily pinpoint them pros and cons because of their minimal number but minimal as they are, they are extra careful not to hurt the legal sensibilities of Supreme Court.

Let me put it this way: When you are big, your legal cases are as big as you are.

And who knows, just by being nice in the trial it could work wonders to some of their pending legal cases. Yes, to some. Of course, you know them.

But still, for us, that depends on how good the prosecution presents not only their supposed air-tight impeachment evidence but their legal acumen or skills and foremost their image.

Image is everything.

Just a piece of unsolicited advice: Cong. Neil, as skipper of the PT, please avoid showing those counter-productive half-smiles; unnecessary, look of not-so-sure moves and advice the rest of your team to always look attentive, business-like and look straight in the eyes who may talking inside the IC. This will drop that intimidated image your team.

Editorial

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allow a disruption that might lead to another People Power Revolution... The collapse of Estrada impeachment, in 2001, haunts everybody"...People watch if the impeachment court ends up in the s t r e e t s ..."

"Corona's supporters want to rally in support of him? Fine," wrote Inquirer Conrad Quiros.. "There's People Power to show what the rest of this country thinks about him, about justices who... circle(d) wagons around him..."People Power need be con-

fining to ousting tyrants and usurpers.... It can always be used to right wrongs."

Morning after the 26th Edsa I rites, the trial resumes its plodding probe. The chief justice ignored Black & White Movement calls: Issue "a simple letter of consent that would allow the court to open (his) dollar accounts."

Is July 15, 2003 too far to remember? That was when the Supreme Court (GR 152154) played Marcoses for secreting loot in Swiss accounts and shell foundations. Ferdinand and Imelda signed as "William Saunders" and "Jane Ryan".

The Court ordered \$658,175,373 from the Marcoses stash forfeited to government, over objections by Imelda and now senator-judge Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.

Decesion ponente? Justice Renato Corona./Juan L. Mercado

Alien Businessmen

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SVEG holders are exempt from securing Special Return Certificates and Exit Clearance Certificates. However, they shall be required to submit and/or file their annual report pursuant to the requirements of the Alien Registration Act of 1950, as amended.

The privileges of SVEG may extend to the legal spouse of the qualified foreign national as well as their unmarried children below 18 years of age, whether legitimate, illegitimate or adopted, according to Victoria.

The SVEG may be cancelled based on the following grounds: upon finding that it was obtained through fraud or willful misrepresentation of material facts; Upon conviction by final judgment of the SVEG holder for a crime or offense in the Philippines; upon final determination of the Board of Commissioner that the SVEG holder poses a risk to the general welfare or national security; upon the death of the principal SVEG holder, in which case, the SVEG of any dependents shall also be revoked; Withdrawal of investment or termination of the operation of the business activity, investment, enterprise or industry, except when there is only a change in the type of business activity, investment, enterprise or industry duly notified to the Bureau of Immigration at least 30 days before the actual closure or change of the type of business./JDP/MC-PIA CAR

Crackdown on Illegal

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fees, has no outdoor activities as promised and that it is located above a bar.

The mayor formed a composite team headed by city administrator Carlos Canilao to investigate the operation of Al Indigo Airline College.

"There is a need to organize a composite team to investigate the legality of the school's operation to prevent students and their parents from being hoodwinked into paying excessive tuition fees since most then have already paid at least P50,500 to P64,000 per student," the mayor noted.

The team was given 15 days to submit its findings and recommendations on the subject. The city's procedures on the closure of illegal business operations as set by the city treasurer's office under city treasurer Thelma Manaois are as follows:

- Non-complying business firms will be issued a notice to stop business operation and will be given five working days to comply with the permit requirements;

- After the deadline, a second and final inspection will be conducted by the permits and licensing division (PLD) to check if the establishment has complied;

- If the business establishment still fails to comply, an administrative order for the closure will be prepared and signed by the city mayor for closure and will be implemented immediately;

- The establishment will be allowed only to open if he secured the required permit and an administrative order lifting the closure order has been issued also by the city mayor./A Refuerzo

Couple can Check

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those belong to some cultural groups in the region. Per province breakdown, in Abra there are 33 registered SO, Benguet – 168, Ifugao – 25, Kalinga – 37, Apayao – 13 and Mountain Province – 20.

Meanwhile, as NSO is winding up the observance of Civil Registration Month this February, Gulla reiterated the reminder to the public of the importance of every citizen's obligation and duty to ensure all vital events that occur in life of each individual, like birth, marriage and death, or concerning civil status of a person, are legally registered. /JDP/LD-PIA CAR

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

PANCHO ALINOS

Applicants

Case No: 92-CAR-533

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 and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM - AWAN via QUEZON HILL and vice versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 14, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER-Regional Director this 22nd day of February 2012.

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

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

RAMOS E. TACUDOG

Applicants

Case No: 98-BC-119

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 and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - MOTORPOOL, WANGAL and vice versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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Attorney IV

Group Turns to Court

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tected by the Philippine Cultural Heritage Law.

The group also questions the clearances issued to SM Primeholdings by the government offices concerned stating no public consultation was done prior to issuing an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

During the public consultation, SM Primeholdings was given a chance to present its re-development plans to the public.

An audio-visual presentation detailing how the project will be implemented was shown which is said to generate more jobs and revenue for the city.

It also incorporates a 7-storey green building with spacious dining and retail outlets which is a registered LEED project.

However, Dr. Michael Bengwayan said the SM project is not yet an LEED certified project as per an email from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

Committee on Environment Chairman Erdolfo Balajadia said his fellow councilors will be given the chance to ask questions during the continuation of the public hearing Monday as no decision has been arrived at as it needs to hear more views from the public.

Meantime, the case which was filed by the group has been raffled to the Regional Trial Court Branch 5 under Judge Antonio Estevez who has set the case for hearing on March 15./paul rillorta

City Gears

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*Liaison for Visiting National Officials for the duration of SUMVAC chaired by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda;

*Summer Health and Environmental Programs — Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia;

*Tourism and Special Events/Promotions and Marketing/Conventions — Councilor Datuin;

*Summer Arts Expo, Cultural Market and Trade Fair of Expositions — Councilor Perlita Chan-Rondez;

*National and Regional Summer Tourism Program — Councilor Richard Carino;

*Jobs' Fair/Labor Day activities, city human resource management officer — Dr. Estrella Bisquera;

*Communications Groups, Peace, Security and Traffic Assistance — Councilor Edison Bilog;

*Media Relations and Search for Lucky Summer Visitors — Philippine Information Agency regional director Helen Tibaldo;

*Church/Holy Week activities — Councilor Phillian Louise Weygan-Allan;

*Barangay Fiesta — Councilor Joel Alangsab;

*Summer Sports Activities — Councilor Karminn Cheryl Dinney Yangot;

*Streamers, Road Signs Maintenance — city building and architecture office Engr. Oscar Flores;

*Physical Arrangements and Logistics — General Services Officer Romeo Concio;

*Secretariat — city administrator's office and city tourism and special events division.

The heads of the various committees will take on the following duties:

*To oversee the proper implementation of the various activities set under SUMVAC 2011;

*To organize working committees, selecting individuals from private and public organizations and offices that would plan out and rationalize programs;

*To seek ways and means for all the activities are properly supported; and

*To head their respective committees in preparing policies, guidelines and measures that would ensure the success of their respective programs./A Refuerzo

Panagbenga 2012 Ends

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A silent drill shall be performed by PMA cadets, and a raffle for early comers shall be done; with limited tickets to be given out.

A grand fireworks display which for years has wowed Baguio locals and tourists, follows at the same venue towards the evening.

Mayor Domogan again thanked the participants, young and old alike, to all the activities from the opening day up to the very last minute. "We could not have handled a festival of this magnitude without your support," the mayor said.

Other Panagbenga activities, such as the open Scrabble tournament, extend up to the middle of March, and the landscaping, roadside garden, Cleanest and Greenest Barangay, up to May this year.

"Our very own flower festival serves as a thanksgiving to remind us of nature as God's blessings, and our obligation to care for it with concerted efforts. This would unite us, the people of Baguio for the development and improvement of the city we love," the mayor said.

In addition, the festival should promote cultural identity with the profusion of beautiful flowers, to the global world of tourism as being actively promoted for Baguio. The mayor himself has observed a vast profusion of tourists in the city, as he noticed people from Aparri, Aurora, Bataan, Manila, and those from the south. "Locals have been lost in a sea of strangers' faces," he said, as he gazed around, marching down Session road to the Athletic Bowl during the streetdancing and float parades.

Observers also say that business has been booming in the city since the Panagbenga opening and this should serve as encouragement to businessmen and inspiration to soon-to-be entrepreneurs. "Good business practices should be sustained, as it gets the city's revenue up," the mayor said. Inns, hotels, pension houses, lodging houses and even private homes were filled and even Burnham Park had overnight tent residents, which the mayor said had to be dealt with, next year.

Mayor Domogan also noticed that national newspapers bannered photos of the Panagbenga crowds in the city the next day after. And not just the national media are here, even international press watched, he added. Observers have also commented on how the flower festival; streetdancing performances and flower floats; are of "international quality," the mayor proudly said.

A post-evaluation meeting shall be done, as well as validation of the number of tourists who came to the city, the mayor said, as tourist estimates run up to a million-and-half spectators who lined up the roads up to the Athletic Bowl.

Funding, housing, services, transport and other amenities shall be discussed during the meeting. Improvements on various aspects of the Panagbenga festival shall be looked into, the mayor ended./juliegfianza

The Peace Combatant

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Of course, there is no suggestion here to make our Holy Week sad and funless because the Holy Week is supposedly a commemoration of man's deliverance from sin through the sacrifice of the Jesus. There is no harm in having fun during the Holy Week provided we prioritize on promoting Baguio as the best place for reflection and family bonding during the Holy Week.

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

Benguet Reorganizes

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DENR functions are devolved to the LGU, DENR remains as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, protection, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources and the promotion of sustainable development.

On the other hand, the LGUs shall share with the national government, particularly the DENR, the responsibility in the sustainable management and development of the environment and natural resources within their territorial jurisdiction.

Among the devolved functions include forest management, protected areas and wildlife, environmental management, mines and geo-sciences development, and land management. /SCA PIA-CAR/Benguet

Canadian Team

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governments, institutions.

To sum it up, the Canadians work within the four pillars of emergency management such as preparedness through the development of plans, mitigation/reduction through the management or elimination of risk, response through implementation of a plan in response to an event, and recovery using steps to ensure the return of normal conditions./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR/Benguet

DOH

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30 years, and can manifest anytime within that period once a person's (host) immune system goes down. Sometimes, leprosy do not manifest pain or symptoms, just a lesion in which we could only positively identify through a laboratory test of a tissue from the skin where the lesion is", Brillantes explained. She advised the public with lingering lesion and those people who are in contact with Leprosy patients to go for a skin examination. For the City HSO, Brillantes disclosed that they have eight leprosy patients since 2010 but only one is from Baguio City who was detected last year. The rest are from the other provinces here in Cordillera as well as from the lowlands.

While cases in the city and Cordillera remain low, she reiterates that leprosy remains a health threat especially to the people who are in close contact with a person with leprosy.

According to Brillantes, the stigma of having such disease still remains to be a factor why some do not come out for testing or treatment. Thus, the health sector is strengthening its advocacy on this.

Every third week of February, DOH spearheads the observance of Leprosy Prevention and Control Week./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Alderman Pushes for City Opposition to SM Tree Cutting or Earth Baling

In a bid to bolster opposition to the planned redevelopment project of mall retail giant ShoeMart Development Corporation (SM) at its property at the Luneta hill, here in the city, Honorable City Councilor Richard A. Cariño filed last February 27, 2012 a proposed resolution entitled "opposing the cutting, pruning and/or earth baling of trees at the Luneta Hill by Shoe Mart Development Corporation and requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the City Government of Baguio to withdraw all permits issued relative to the project.

In his proposed resolution, Cariño cited the fact that SM plans to build a three storey extension of its existing mall in the City in a forested area between SM City Baguio and the University of the Cordilleras as revealed in a letter dated January 18, 2012 of Engr. Marc Janssen T. Pe, Mall Manager, together with other documents it submitted to the City, showing the overview and perspective of the redevelopment plans of SM Baguio Mall expansion project, and that while SM said that no trees will be cut in the said project their plans include the earth baling and transfer of one hundred eighty two (182) trees with no guaranty of survival. He further explained that along with the earth baling of the 182 trees will be massive earthmoving of the land where the trees were originally planted and this will ostensibly affect the watershed and disturb the existing aquifers in that part of the city.

In expressing his opposition to the planned redevelopment of SM, the alderman also revealed that while SM was able to obtain an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) this was accomplished apparently without the required indorsement of the local government. According to Cariño, it is the duty of every local government unit to protect the environment for the general welfare of its constituents consistent and in accordance with Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution which provides that, "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature". Further, the councilor stressed that his proposed resolution is consistent with the City's stand as declared in Resolution No. 288, series of 2008, entitled "Opposing Any Plan of SM Development Corporation or Any Other Person to Cut Trees or Construct a Building Within the Tree-Planted Area at The Baguio Convention Center.

It can be recalled that last Monday, the Committee on Health and Sanitation, Ecology and Environmental Protection of the City Council chaired by Honorable City Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia conducted a public hearing and consultation to listen and solicit the various views on the planned redevelopment and expansion project of SM.

City Gears up for Summer Vacation

BAGUIOCITY—The city government will mount anew the "Summer Vacation (SUMVAC) in Baguio," the city's annual calendar of summer activities for residents and tourists expected anew to flock to the city for the long break.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week reorganized the working committees for the SUMVAC to begin ground preparations for the activities in collaboration with the private sector.

The mayor and council committee on tourism and special events chair Councilor Elmer Datuin will chair the operations committee which will spearhead the activities and provide various attractions from March to May.

Rep. Bernardo Vergara will serve as honorary chair while Vice Mayor Daniel

Farinas will act as vice chair. City administrator Carlos Canilao will serve as action officer.

As in the past years, the calendar is expected to offer a mishmash of religious, cultural, historical, environmental, sports and medical activities with the following working committees:

*Araw ng Kagitingan and K a f a g w a y April: Liberation of Baguio to be chaired by Councilor Peter Fianza;

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The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!



PCR officers give lecture to the pupils and emphasized that the police are friendly forces

Group Turns to Court for Refuge Against SM Expansion

BAGUIOCITY – the City Council Committee on Environment will continue its public hearing on the proposed SM expansion project come Monday despite the filing of Civil Charges against SM and some government agencies by the group of environmentalists opposed to the cutting and earth baling of trees.

The group was represented by lawyers Cheryl Daytec-Yangot, Christopher donaal, Jansen Nacar, Jado Rafael Bognadon, Chris-

tian Sia and Maria Cristina Yambot.

During the deliberations Monday, Atty. Yangot revealed the group filed for an Injunction against SM Investments Corporation, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Sec. Ramon Paje, Atty. Juan Miguel Cuna of DENR-Environmental Management Bureau and Sec. Rogelio Singson of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

A prayer for a Temporary Environmental Protection Order (TEPO)

against the malls expansion has also been attached.

Accordingly, provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution has been disregarded primarily "the state shall advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature" and international treaties which the country is a signatory of.

University of the Philippines Baguio chancellor Priscilla Macasantos also said the area is considered a 'Heritage Site' which is pro-

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Panagbenga 2012 Ends

BAGUIOCITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan is raring to plan for Panagbenga 2013, with observations from activities of the Baguio Flower Festival 2012 as the closing program goes on today and the Session Road in Bloom and Market Encounter winding up their goings-on in their respective venues.

Though with much fanfare, there are lessons learned from Panagbenga 2012 which we should study and with the improvements, incorporate for the betterment of the 2013 Baguio Flower Festival. There ought to be innovations next year, that which viewers should expect and look forward to, the city's top executive said.

The flower festival ends this Sunday afternoon, with the closing program at the Athletic Bowl. An awarding for winners shall be done, interspersed with winning performances in the streetdancing and drum and lyre parades. Dancing contingents from Kabayan, Benguet; Tabuk, Kalinga and other cordillera groups shall perform their winning pieces; as with the Baguio Central School, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial Elementary and Special Education Schools who won the drum and lyre competition, opening day, Feb. 1

The flower float winners shall also be awarded for their artistic creations which rolled along main thoroughfares last Sunday, while the Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) and Philippine Military Academy (PMA) bands shall provide accompaniment for the Pambansang Awit, Baguio Hymn and March.

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