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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Robredo Bans Pols' Faces, Names in Anti-Poverty Program



Parks are also for dogs but owners of canine like that of pit bulls should be wary of their responsibility to keep their dog on leash and under watch for the safety of parkgoers./Bong Cayabyab

While Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago's "anti-epal" bill still has to go through the legislative grind, Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo has done it administratively, issuing a memorandum circular banning display of pictures and names of government officials in posters and streamers announcing the government's anti-poverty program.

It's "in the spirit of good governance, transparency and accountability", Robredo said in Memorandum Circular 2012-44 dated last March 6, copies of which were sent to provincial governors, city and town mayors, DILG regional directors and others concerned.

Santiago's bill, "Act Prohibiting Public Officers from Claiming Credit through Signage Announcing a Public Works Project", would prohibit public servants – elected or appointed – from placing their names and pictures on billboards announcing infrastructure projects, making it appear as if they had funded the same.

In filing the bill, Santiago said this practice promotes "a culture of political patronage and corruption, aside from it being pointless and highly unethical".

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Trade Fairs now Totally Banned in Parks

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved on final reading an ordinance “totally disallowing the conduct of trade fairs” in parks and government-owned facilities.

The body approved the proposed ordinance authored by Councilor Richard Carino which amended for the third time the original trade fair measure Ordinance No. 49 series of 1994.

“The conduct of trade fairs have been depriving local enterprises of earning opportunities caused by the abuse of some businessmen who openly violate the conditions set forth in the Trade Fair Ordinance of 1994,” the measure notes.

He said “numerous complaints have been received from concerned citizens on the irregularities and infractions committed in the conduct of trade fairs in the city.”

As per policy, the city now will allow “only trade fairs for a period of not exceeding 15 days in suitable private places only and to totally disallow the conduct of trade fairs and other similar activities in all city-owned or city managed public properties and facilities that promote agricultural, industrial, indigenous and commercial products, crafts, and other merchandise through inter-regional trading that will foster better livelihood opportunities, enhance local tourism and help advance economic development.”/A Refuerzo

Lawmaker Warns of Threats from Rise in Sea Level to Communities

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano urged the government to address the absent or lack of preparation for climate change related calamities in areas where increases in sea levels pose immediate threats to communities.

He said tropical cyclones and flashfloods that killed and displaced hundreds of thousands of people in Mindanao and the Visayas last year and previous calamities caused like typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng should serve as crucial lessons for the government to learn from.

Senator Cayetano was alarmed by the recent study of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) that identifies the Philippines as the world's most vulnerable countries to climate change. The country ranks 5th globally in terms of the number of people to be affected by sea level rise.

The ADB report titled “Addressing Climate Change and Migration in Asia and the Pacific” acknowledged that sea level rise is already seriously threatening communities with coastal flooding with most of them found in Southeast Asian countries like the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar.

Cayetano said as an archipelagic country, a large number of population live in coastal areas and most of them are poor families living in shanties.

“Efforts must be made to identify areas that are at serious risks on account of rise in sea level so adequate planning and preparations can be made,” he said.

The ADB report recommended that governments must invest heavily on improving urban infrastructure resilient to harsh calamities and basic services to people in times of these disasters such as health, water and sanitation and education for displaced schoolchildren.

“We can no longer afford to simply take risks when flashfloods and typhoons hit any part of our country. Our poor people are constantly helpless due to lack of government programs and strategies for their timely safe evacuation them to safer places,” said Cayetano.

He said donations and relief operations are short-term programs and do not address the main issues for mitigating the impact of climate change in the Philippines./Office Of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

City Adopts Non-Monetary Compensation for Overtime Work

Instead of pay, city employees rendering overtime work will now be paid with compensatory overtime credit (COC) excusing them from work for a period equal to or 1.5 times more than the hours of overtime work rendered.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan recently signed Administrative Order 37 ordering the adoption of the non-monetary remuneration for overtime services as an austerity measure in the local government.

The compensatory time-off scheme shall “cover employees holding salary Grade 24 positions and below who are not receiving representation and travel allowance (RATA), under permanent, temporary or casual status and contractual personnel whose employment is in the nature of a regular employee”.

Exempted are elective officials, department and assistant department heads and employees holding salary grade 20 positions and above who are receiving RATA, as in the case of personnel devolved from national agencies.

The mayor said the shift is in accordance with the implementing rules of the Administrative Code of 1987 the city government handbook and circulars from the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Budget and Management which provide for non-monetary remuneration for overtime services.

According to the implementing guidelines, COC will be equal to number of hours of overtime services x 1 on weekdays and number of hours x 1.5 for services rendered on week-ends, holidays and scheduled days off.

An employee may accrue not more than 40 hours COC in a month and in no instance shall the unexpended balance exceed 120 hours. The COC should be used within the year it is earned until the following year.

The overtime credit can not be used to offset undertime or tardiness incurred during regular working days, not convertible to cash and can not be added to regular leave credits./Ramon Dacawi.

Samaritans Pooling for Treatment of 53-Year Old Mother

At the barest, 53-year old cancer patient Amparo Rivera was still P8,900 short last week of what she needs for her 25-day radiation therapy at the Philippine Lung Center in Quezon City.

Ricky Martes, her eldest son, had arranged just then her daily treatment set to begin on April 10, just after Lent, a day after the 70th anniversary of the “Fall of Bataan”.

Coming back from the center and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Of-

fice last Thursday, Ricky figured out what was on hand, in relation to the shortfall that, he hoped, would be raised before his mother starts her treatment.

He had brought home a PCSO guarantee letter for P30,000. That would cover, exactly to the last centavo, the treatment cost at P1,200 per day x 25 days.

Still, he would need P18,000 for the physician's or professional fee and P7,900 for the planning, or a total of P25,900. He was told

both would have to be paid in cash. Otherwise, he would use a P5,000 letter guarantee from the office of Senator Antonio Trillanes IV.

S h o s h i n Kinderhilfe, the small foundation established by former world karate champion Julian Chees in southern Germany, had sent P10,000 through Western Union. That whittled down the cash needed to P15,900.

Earlier, in response to the appeal of his mother, news readers pooled a total of P11,000 in cash donations from indi-

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DOE Encourages PUVs to use Alternative Fuels

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Energy is encouraging public utility vehicles in the city to use alternative means of powering their vehicles in more economical way.

DOE Luzon Field Office Director Efren Balaoing Jr. said that the DOE has started the Alternative Fuels Program where they are promoting the use of other power source and fuel to be used by the public transport.

Balaoing, who was a speaker in the Seminar on Electricity Conservation in Households and Schools in Baguio last Tuesday, explained that the Alternative Fuels Program is the use of substantially non-petroleum which is consumed to provide energy to power an engine and yield energy security and environmental benefits.

The DOE is implementing a long-term Alternative Fuels Program to reduce the dependence on imported oil and provide cheaper and more environment-friendly alternatives to fossil fuels.

Through the said program, the DOE intends to tap the country's domestic produce as viable sources of energy. The goal is to develop indigenous and renewable energy fuels for long term energy security, which will be a pillar of our country's sustainable growth.

Balaoing also disclosed that the budget for the E-trike or the electronic tricycle from the Asian Development Banked has been approved. This will be used for the promotion of the E-trike nationwide.

He explained that nationwide Best E-trike Design contest was recently done as one way of involving the stakeholders in the advocacy of using cleaner technology and at the same time come up with a design which will be used in creating the pilot model of an e-trike.

Several areas in Metro Manila are now using the e-trike particularly Mandaluyong and Taguig while Makati is using an E-jeep powered through solar energy.

Meanwhile, 1-UTAK vice president Perfecto Itliong Jr. said that several taxi units in the city have converted and are using liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) which is more cheaper than gas or diesel.

Itliong asked the government to help in the conversion of gas and diesel to LPG since it costs more than the operators and drivers can afford. Conversion of engines to LPG cost P18,000 up./RC-PIA

Council Committee Admits Lack Of Authority to Stop Sm Tree Plan; Asks SM to Redesign Dev't to Save Trees

BAGUIO CITY – The city council committee studying the SM Baguio expansion project and tree-earthballing concerns admitted that the august body has no authority to stop SM's plan to earthball 182 trees for its expansion project.

The committee on health, sanitation and environment headed by Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia however asked SM Baguio to consider redesigning its expansion project to reduce the number of trees to be affected by the project.

In a committee recommendation discussed by the council last Monday, the committee also suggested the creation of a multi-sectoral

committee to monitor the implementation of the SM expansion project and ensure that it is complying with the company's development commitments.

The body last Monday failed to act on the committee recommendation as it decided to adjourn early after some members figured in a heated exchange while discussing the committee report.

In its report, the committee said the city council "is not the proper body to rule" on the clamor "to stop the plan of SM Baguio to cut and earth-ball 182 trees for reasons varying from environmental and health concerns to even cultural concerns (as well as) the

issue of ownership over the property..."

"Otherwise, it would be arrogating unto itself power that does not belong to it," the committee said noting that the authority to cancel tree-cutting and earth-balling permit rests with the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), building permit with the city building and architecture office and the resolution of the land ownership issues is within the province of the courts.

The body said a committee composed of government and non-government agencies should be created to serve as "watchdog" for SM expansion. **Cont. on page 9**

"FREEZING COLD" – New nurse volunteers of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (CDRRMC) fights the cold during Search and Rescue training at the Burnham Park Swimming Pool March 29 to prepare them for emergency situations./Paul Rillorta



DTI Usec Pushes for Review of Supply Chain of Benguet Veggies

BAGUIO CITY - Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Undersecretary Zenaida Maglaya stressed the need to review the supply chain of Benguet vegetables from the farmers to the end users or to the consumers particularly to the markets in Metro Manila.

Maglaya, in her visit in Baguio took time to personally see and monitor the actual situation of vegetable farmers and trading in Benguet, amid recent media report of the alleged big impact of the increasing fuel prices in vegetable trading in

this part of the country even as their monitoring result in Metro Manila area showed that supply and prices of vegetables remain stable.

According to Maglaya, such report surfaced in Manila during the hype of the recent transport caravan against the fuel hike increases and suddenly toned down after a week.

During the press conference with Maglaya here, Agot Balanoy, a leader of an advocacy group which represents both farmers and buyers in La Trinidad Benguet's

Trading Post, belied such report.

According to Balanoy, though the fuel price hike have somehow affected transportation cost of Benguet vegetables from the farmlands to the trading post in La Trinidad, the current over-supply of farm outputs have the bigger effect on farmers as it is bringing down the selling price of vegetables.

For the trader's side, Balanoy said that though the increase in fuel prices also has an effect on the cost of trading vegetables based on their monitoring the volume of trucks

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BFAD Orders Closure of John Hay Springs

The Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) ordered closure of the Sobrepena-affiliated company, John Hay Springs Inc. (JHSI) yesterday for operating a water refilling facility, manufacturing and distributing bottled drinking water within and outside the John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) without the necessary permits and Certificate of Registration from BFAD. A cease and desist order was issued upon BFAD's inspection of JHSI's bottling facilities to mitigate any risk of harming public health and safety.

Observers note that Sobrepena-led companies have a distinctive business practice of earning revenues for its owners while compromising public interest, and a propensity to violate laws, rules and regulations at the risk of the consuming and buying public. In this case, they operated facilities that posed dangers to public health and safety.

Based on BFAD records, JHSI's operations are only limited to water refilling, and not bottling operations. The permit as refilling station has expired on December 31, 2008. No permits were ever is-

sued to JHSI to engage in water bottling operations.

JHSI was also found to be distributing bottled water to enterprises operating inside the JHSEZ despite the lack of permits. JHSI's sales of bottled water have been confirmed through sample buying operations jointly done by the BFAD Cordillera Administrative Region.

JHSI is an affiliated company of the John Hay Water Systems Inc. (JHWSI), the operator of the water facility inside the JHSEZ. Both companies are part of the joint venture agree- **Cont. on page 10**

“Once More — With Feeling”

That's the title of a Broadway 2001 musical on, of all things, vampires. There are no vampires on our Supreme Court. But once again, Arroyo justices flipped, then flopped on a decision they've repeatedly declared “final and executory.”

No. The magistrates didn't cartwheel again on 16 towns masquerading as cities. In four reversals, the Court whacked 16 towns back into cities. Dizzy.

Get set for more vertigo. In a new reversal on the 14 — that's right, 14 — year old Flight Attendants and Stewards Association case, the tribunal decided to reopen a case it had ruled four times as settled. Justices here cartwheel whenever Marcos

former justice secretary sends a postman to know on their

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door.

The Court directing the case be raffled either to Justices Bersamin or Vicente Peralta. members of the originally division that ruled on the case. PAL's second motion for reconsideration PAL may now be resolved.

Supreme Court decisions are “final not because we are infallible”, Justice Robert Jackson noted “They are infallible because we are final.” Ah, but in the Arroyo Court, “final” is “tentative”, “decisive” is “changeable” and “terminal” is “incomplete.”

Judicial fickleness “opened a Pandora's box full of future troubles for Philippine judicial decision-making” Justice Ma. Lourdes Sereno wrote in her 52-page dissent.

Backed by the mint-new Justice Estela Perlas-Bernabe, Sereno pointed out the majority's ruling “opened for review a decision on the merits that had been unanimously agreed on.”

At least 10 justices, sitting in three differently constituted divisions of this court, affirmed for a staggering third time” the decision as final — only to recall it.

“This (is) extreme ‘flipping’. Worse, it was prompted not even by a formal motion for reconsideration “ by PAL. Four letters from the airline's lawyer did the trick. “(They) were addressed not to the court, but only to the clerk of court.”

“How can a mere letter suffice as a pleading in a Supreme Court case?” Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago snapped in a press conference on the FASAP decision reversal last year. The Court's rules thumb down any second motion for reconsideration filed without prior permission.

Justices, nonetheless, scrambled to reconsider a “final decision” on the basis of a letter. “You are not allowed to talk to a Supreme Court justice... What credibility would be left... (if the Court) declares in one breath that this is final... then entertains an ordinary letter?”

Only if judgment was “legally erroneous,” “patently unjust” and “worked irreparable damage,” is a reversal permitted, Santiago added. “Labin tatlong taon iyang (Fasap case) nakabinbin,” she pointed out.

Assume the Fasap decision was issued by the wrong division, that's a technicality, Santiago said. Will that overturn 13 years of litigation? The Court's record “is spotty,” It should “take remedial steps” on its rules.

“I am angry because... I fear that the citizenry might turn its back on the bulwark of our civil liberties. If the Court loses its credibility, it will be impossible to regain it in a number of years.

(Contrast that with the US Federal Court's sentencing of former hedge fund manager Raj Rajaratnam to 11 years in jail, plus a \$10-million fine, for insider trading. It took less than two years to bring the case from trial to prison.)

“Mendoza's letters should have been simply “noted.”, Sereno said. “The circumstances under which this flipping was made are so curiously strange.”

“(Here) five justices voted to deny a second motion for reconsideration. (In effect, they) themselves initiated moves to prevent their promulgated decision from ever becoming final.”

The just thing to do was for the “court en banc (to) revoke the recall of the Sept. 7, 2011, resolution and return the case to the Second Division. There, it should be reinstated for “finality of the ruling that declared the retrenchments illegal.

The majority wanted to write “finis to the Fasap case. Sereno added, Instead, it “has opened the floodgates anew for a fourth review of the main case.

“The recall produced the very effect or perception that Justice Brion, speaking for the majority, wanted to avoid : flip-flopping on cases decided with finality on

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POSITIVE EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION

Hey my allergies are gone!! I have beautiful pine wood panelling's !!



1st-APLUMA!

Thieves still hounds
EDSA buses

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR

This should serve a strong warning to the public at large.

Unknown to police authorities (we don't only know whether they are in cahoots or not) including the Metro Manila Development Authority, thieves still thrive among buses plying Efipanio Delos Santos Avenue, or EDSA for short, route.

I still have my ticket with me. I kept it intentionally to serve as concrete evidence of my unfortunate riding experience with **Malanday Metro Link** bus last Friday (24 March 2012) in the concrete jungle of Metro Manila.

A part of my job, I had a 4p.m. interview schedule to attend to for my client in Leder Interia on #9 Scout Madrinan St., Quezon City that day so I just took an aircon bus, unfortunately that would be Malanday Metro Link, at SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City after bidding farewell to my wife and daughter and convincing them to just take with them our car back home to Sto.Tomas, Batangas.

I made myself comfortable so I chose a chair near the door of the bus and it proved to be a fatal mistake.

Shortly after the bus traversed the Ortigas Avenue flyover in EDSA, three middle-aged men alighted at a place you wouldn't think robbers will strike — at Corinthian Gardens.

Sudden as it was, it took me several seconds before I came to my senses that my gold bracelet was already gone and now on the hands on the last man of the three that just alighted at Corinthian Gardens along EDSA.

His devilish grin of his demeaning success is still very fresh in mind along with the feeling of disappointment on the quality of service of our law enforcers who are supposed to provide us some measure of security and protection while we are out on the streets.

Maybe it's time to bring back FM (Ferdinand Marcos)'s gunslinging Secret Marshalls commissioned to do nothing but ride buses plying EDSA to protect passengers and commuters.

It was something like giving lawless elements victimizing hapless passengers a dose of their own medicine for they (Secret Marshalls) have had a radical mission order licensed to kill the thieves on sight as need be.

It's somewhat harsh but when the situation merits it, it is but allowed by law of man as soldiers are licensed to kill the enemy on contact.

Harsh lesson for criminals but it could save the lives of good men doing good, honest jobs.

Paging concerned agencies, the Philippine National Police, MMDA and other law enforcement units to act on this matter because there is a big possibility that mine is not an isolated case, meaning, each passing day, EDSA claims hapless victims of thievery.

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

China Stops Bananas

BY: JESUS DUREZA



BANANAS REJECTED — There are new dangers facing our banana industry and this can be due to our government's mishandling of the Spratly's issue with China. I gathered the Chinese suddenly did not allow entry of a big shipment of SUMIFRU from Mindanao citing quarantine issues. I suspect this is not about "pests" or quality of the fresh fruits. It's all about politics. I am bothered at the way public statements are issued by Malacanang and officials. They're not in the usual balanced, cool and diplomatic tones. They sound belligerent.

Banana Foundation chief Steve Antig said losing the China market involves 70 million boxes a year, 20,000 hectares and about 60,000 employees, direct and indirect, losing their jobs.

Mishandling by our government of diplomacy with China on the Spratly's issue will put us all in trouble.

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ATENEO LETTER — Two issues ago, I wrote in this corner about my personal dismay on how Ateneo de Davao University new president and rector, Fr Joel Tabora, SJ bypassed Ateneo's board of trustees in unduly and unilaterally converting the Ateneo campus into an exclusive haven for the anti mining sector in a recent mining forum. Worse, Ateneo not only excluded but even evicted pro mining persons. I thought all along that Ateneo was open to all diverse views and was a free market of ideas.

A letter to the editor (published elsewhere in this issue) was sent by Fr. Tabora's assistant accusing me of publishing an "outright lie" and denied that there was such an eviction. I wrote back to Ateneo and told them I am an "old fashioned" reporter. I check my facts before I write. A case in point: a communications man from Manila related to me how he went through such an embarrassing experience. He was told to leave the room when the organizers spotted him inside the venue without a registration badge on his shirt lapel. He was already inside the venue for a while. He first argued that he came because he thought (erroneously) that it was open to the public and he was there merely to listen and not express his views. But he was told to leave nevertheless. Then I got another email recently which said that Mr. John Doughty also went through the same travail. He arrived at the venue with a Canadian guest who was warmly welcomed with open arms. However, John was asked to leave by the organizers. When he checked later why his Canadian companion was allowed to stay, he found out that the Canadian guest was anti mining. John, unfortunately for him, was not!

The Ateneo assistant letter-writer sounded like other anti mining elements: cocky and parading themselves as if they have the exclusive monopoly of the truth, love of country and care for the environment. No further comment.

POWER SHORTAGE — The shortage of power causing brownouts in some areas in Mindanao is worrisome. We must have more generating capacities. It takes at least 5 years from start of construction before a new power plant becomes operational. Note that our water levels in Lake Lanao are still ok. Expect the worse with the onset of summer months. Mindanao's power is more than 50% hydro mainly from the Agus plants in Lanao and the Pulangi hydros in Bukidnon. Note the sudden spike in your electric bills.

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NUR MISUARI — What's this I heard about a walk-out by the MNLF panel in the recent meeting in Bandung, Indonesia during the review of the implementation of the GRP-MNLF 1996 peace agreement? I was told it triggered the re-unification of the MNLF under Nur Misuari's leadership.

In the meantime, reports about the on-going peace talks with the MILF do not look encouraging. This is a crucial period. The Palace must handle this adroitly.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Cojuangcos fully Paid
Luisita loans*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... and the truth shall make you free..." (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in John 8:32, the Holy Bible).

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THE TRUTH ON LUISITA, BASED ON GOV'T DOCUMENTS: Henceforth, whenever anyone talks about distributing the lands comprising Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac, it is important—and mandatory even—to look into the basic documents that enabled a company owned by the Cojuangco Family to buy the estate in 1958. Any discussion about Luisita land distribution without looking into those documents is pure and simple propaganda.

By looking at the documents which the government itself, in 1958, imposed upon the Cojuangcos as a pre-requisite to the purchase of Hacienda Luisita, the truth about distributing the estate will come out and be readily understood. This should also unmask the real motive of those using the issue in their commentaries and public discourses.

Now what is the truth? The truth is that, under Resolution No. 3203, as amended by Resolution No. 356, Series of 1958, of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), the lands in Hacienda Luisita can be distributed only when there are tenants tilling the lands, when conditions exist requiring the distribution of the lands under the Land Tenure Act, and when the lands have been paid for.

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GSIS INVOLVEMENT IN LUISITA ACQUISITION: Now, how did the GSIS get involved in the acquisition of Luisita by the Cojuangco family? Well, GSIS extended a loan to a company owned by the Cojuangcos to enable it to buy Luisita and, as a pre-requisite to the grant of the loan, it passed Resolution No. 3203, as amended by Resolution No. 356, Series of 1958.

What did these Resolutions provide? Here it is: "...That the lots comprising the Hacienda Luisita shall be subdivided by the applicant-corporation and sold at cost to the tenants, should there be any, and whenever conditions should exist warranting such action under the provisions of the Land Tenure Act."

As I wrote here in a previous column, these Resolutions actually imposed three conditions before the lands of the Hacienda could be distributed to anyone—one, there must be tenants working on the lands, two, conditions must exist requiring the distribution of the lands, and three, the tenants must have paid for the lands.

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COJUANGCOS FULLY PAID LUISITA LOANS: At present, there are concerns against the Cojuangcos being paid for the lands that will be distributed to qualified tenants, and the argument is that they should no longer be paid because they merely borrowed from the GSIS the money they used to buy the Hacienda in 1958, and that the government even guaranteed the payment of the loan in dollars.

But, as the Supreme Court itself noted in the case of "Hacienda Luisita Incorporated, etc. vs. Presidential Agrarian Reform Council, et. al.", G.R. No. 17101, July 5, 2011, the Cojuangcos fully paid the loan extended to them, through their own money, generated by their management and operation of the Hacienda.

Likewise, as far as the dollar guarantee is concerned, it did not mean that the government would itself be paying any dollar for the Cojuangco loan. The guarantee was that the government would make sure it would convert the Cojuangco pesos into dollars, so the Cojuangcos could pay the loan, which they did, without the government shelling out even a single dollar. More of this next issue!

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City Nets 145M in Tax Collections for 3 Months

BAGUIO CITY – in a fitting ceremony Monday (March 26), City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas expressed satisfaction over the tax collection campaign of the City Treasury Office (CTO) here.

In a report submitted by City Treasurer Thelma Manaois to the mayor, a total of P143,367,901.02 has already been collected by the said office representing gross business tax collections as of March 20.

With this, the CTO has named the top ten Business Taxpayers of the city for 2012.

They are; SM Prime Holdings which paid P4,986,896.91, Mainstream Business Incorporated (SM Department Store) which paid P3,997,928.78, Supervalu Incorporated (SM Grocery) which paid P1,912,219.70, Baguio Country Club-P1,561,191.65, Goldrich Corporation-P1,484,289.00, Coca-Cola Bottlers Incorporated-P1,374,162.22, TEAM (Philippines) Energy Corporation-P1,300,742.25, San Miguel Corporation-P1,201,366.59, Kintetsu World Express-P1,127,050.83 and Holcim Philippines-P734,802.80.

From among the hundreds of Real property Tax payers, the city also named the top ten which are; SM Prime Holdings, Incorporated, Baguio Country Club, Jarco Realty and Development Corporation (Baguio Center Mall), SM Investment Corporation, Strategic Investment and Development Corporation (Maharlika Livelihood Center), San-an Investment Corporation (Cooyesan Mall), the Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Mt. Province (Porta Vaga), Baguio Golden Sun Corporation (Hotel Veniz), Adolfo Realty Corporation (Hotel Elizabeth) and Pacific Land and Building Corporation (Abanao Square).

They were all honored Monday (March 26) during the Flag Raising ceremony at city hall.

Manaois also said there are about 12,764 taxpayers who have been issued clearances, 12,691 assessed and about 12,638 who paid.

As of March 29, a total of P145,742,032.18 from business taxes have been collected.

Domogan said, 'the intensified tax collection being undertaken by the city will go back to the people in terms of better services and projects'./paul rillorta

Sports Promo Council Proposed

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Peter Fianza has proposed the creation of the Baguio City Sports Promotion and Development Council to oversee the implementation of the city's sports programs.

In a proposed ordinance, Fianza said it is high time for the city to form the sports body pursuant to Executive Or-

der No. 63 of then President Fidel V. Ramos creating the national, regional, provincial, city, municipal and barangay Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils (PFSDCs).

"In March, 2004, the city conducted a sports summit aimed towards the finalization of a comprehensive sports development program for the city. But then faced

with many independent concerns of represented sports groups, the summit concluded recommending among others, the need for a holistic view in the finalization of the sports development program and the creation of an independent sports advisory body. Also, in a sports clinic conducted in 2008, the

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City to Pursue Rainwater Harvest Facilities

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will pursue the establishment of rainwater harvesting facilities to address the city's problem on dwindling water supply.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last Monday said that apart from the pioneering underground water catch basin project being planned at the Baguio Convention Center grounds, the city will also look into the improvement of

the existing catchment basin at the Quezon Hill-San Carlos Heights area which proved ineffective in impounding water due to rapid evaporation rate.

The mayor said city will look into possible remedies to improve the water retention capability of the reservoir which was constructed during the time of former President Fidel Ramos

The mayor said the city will also

work on the mandatory establishment of rainwater catchment facilities in available spaces in barangays, schools and other establishments.

He asked Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda who proposed a resolution on said concern to convert her proposal into an ordinance to put more teeth to the measure.

In her proposal, Tabanda wants the Baguio Water Dis-

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Dads to Keep Tabs on Public Land Appraisal

BAGUIO CITY – The city council wants to keep tabs on the schedule of public land appraisal following reports that the land valuation in the city has dramatically increased and that this has contributed to the confusion on land disposition process involving the Residential Free Patent Application (RFPA).

The body approved a resolution asking the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Benguet to furnish the city council with the schedule of the latest appraisal and the basis of computation of the same.

Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. said, "Information has been persistent that Townsite Sales Application (TSA) and Miscellaneous Sales Applications (MSA) applicants are being urged to relinquish their applications in favor of the RFPA for the reason that the land valuation of public lands in the City of Baguio has dramatically increased."

The city, being a Townsite Reservation, uses the TSA, MSA and just recently the RFPA modes of acquiring public lands.

"Such information has led to confusion among public land applicants and has sent a wrong notion to the public that converting their applications to RFPA would spare them time and money," Cosalan said.

He stressed that "considering the basic requirements and conditions for a free patent application among others, such as the land area, zoning and period of occupancy, not all areas with pending TSAs and MSAs are qualified under the Residential Free Patent Act."

He said PENRO has been authorized by virtue of Administrative Order No. 38, series of 1990, of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to "approve(s) appraisal of public land and issue(s) authority to conduct bidding on sales and leases for areas. He said the schedule of the latest appraisal would guide the body in acting on the prevailing misconception on the RFPA./ A Refuerzo

Baguio Preps up for Le Tour De Filipinas

BAGUIO CITY – this mountain resort will once again witness the culmination of a four-day cycling race come April 17.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said, 'Le Tour de Filipinas' the biggest cycling event in the country will surely highlight the city of Pines and its neighboring provinces not only locally but internationally as well.

The mayor said, the city has always supported this kind of event which is held every year and has promoted the sports of cycling to the Filipino people.

Padyak Pinoy - Le Tour de Filipinas, the international cycling tour will hold the grueling multi-stage cycling event in the country for the third year on April 14 to 17.

This time, the road cycling event will fire-off in Sta. Ana, Cagayan on April 14 for a 155 kilometers run for the first day heading towards Tuguegarao.

For the second day, riders will ride a 110 kilometers stretch from Tuguegarao to Cauayan, Isabela.

The third day of the races will pass through 102 kilometers of country roads from Cauayan to Bayombong and will finally ascend the treacherous 153 kilometer mountainous Cordillera's in the final lap to its stop in the Summer Capital's Burnham Park.

An estimated 85 foreign riders from Iran, Netherlands, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei, Singapore, South Africa, Mongolia and other countries will join the race along with their local counterparts.

Prizes for the Best Young Rider, King of the Mountain, Best in Sprint will be given while a special prize for the top five local teams is up for grabs.

The Le Tour de Filipinas is sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the highest body in the world of cycling sports./paul rillorta

City Joins Call for Lifting of Evat on Oil Products

spiraling cost of fuel in the country.

BAGUIO CITY – The city government has joined the growing call for the lifting of the Expanded Value Added Tax (EVAT) imposition on petroleum products to ease the effects of

The city council approved Resolution No. 51 authored by Councilor Edison Bilog requesting the House of Representatives to amend the law that imposed the EVAT on petroleum products.

"It is high time to remove EVAT since from 2005, our economy has been doing good and there is no more basis for such a high EVAT on crude oil and gasoline," the resolution noted.

Bilog said the

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Paper Bag Ordinance Pushed

The City Government of Baguio is gearing itself up in preparation for the full implementation and enforcement of City Ordinance Numbered 26 series of 2007 otherwise known as the 'Baguio City Paper Bag Ordinance'.

The year 2012 is actually the target period for the effective implementation of the said ordinance as contained in its title which states "Promulgating the use of Paper Bags, Buri Bags and other Biodegradable bagging containers in all supermarkets, groceries and other related retail business establishments in the City of Baguio by year 2012". This means that this year will see the fullest implementation of the said law.

It can be recalled that the City Council in 2007 approved the said ordinance to address the growing concerns and problems brought about solid waste and in compliance with the mandate of Republic Act 9003, more particularly Section 2 thereof which provides among others for the institutionalization of public participation in the development and implementation of integrated, comprehensive and ecological waste management programs. The said law was also enacted by the august body to promote recycling as part of the waste management program of the City. It can be recalled that waste recycling is an activity that is vital in the effective control of wastes and the recovery of common recyclable materials such as waste papers, scrap iron and bottles.

The City Council in approving the said law also recognized that one of the major waste materials that is seen clogging waterways, strewn on the streets and roads are plastics like plastic bags and food wrappers and that to be able to successfully launch and sustain an effective waste management program for the City of Baguio, sources of wastes should be properly looked into so as to control and regulate waste generation in the City.

Likewise in line with the implementation of the said ordinance, the City Council has begun a massive information dissemination campaign this year in order to inform the public about the said law. As ordained, the said law shall cover all supermarkets, groceries, and retail outlets or stores in all areas identified as commercial zones, and that all are required to use paper bags, buri bags, and other biodegradable materials as containers or bags for all dry goods and groceries instead of plastic bags. Also, good sold in the City Public Market Wet Section, such as fresh meat, fish, vegetables and fruits, may be packed in plastic containers or sando bags provided these are placed in shopping bags allowed by the said ordinance.

As part of public participation, the law will also require shoppers and customers in the City Public Market to provide themselves with shopping bags such as those enumerated in the ordinance or other sturdy, reusable shopping bags, crates or boxes, except plastic and sando bags.

To enforce the said ordinance, a fine of one thousand pesos (P 1,000.00) for the first offense shall be imposed on any business establishment found to have violated the provisions of the said law. For the second offense a fine of two thousand and five hundred pesos shall be imposed for non compliance and a fine of five thousand pesos is imposed as penalty for the third offense. Those found to be habitual offenders shall be meted the penalty of suspension of business and non renewal of business permit./SP Press Release

Kalinga Town Promotes Unoy Fest as Cultural Heritage

TINGLAYAN, Kalinga - In celebration of its 49th founding anniversary, Mayor Fernando Abay is pushing for the promotion of the "Unoy Festival" not only as one of the prime festivals in the province but as a cultural heritage.

According to the mayor, the Unoy Festival should be promoted as the province contribution to the nation's cultural heritage as it depicts a traditional way of the people which is still being practiced today.

The word "unoy" denotes a perspective of excellence in the local lingua. It is used to classify certain products or crops with excellent quality such as the "unoy" rice, which is now getting known for its superiority and health benefits.

Featured during the festivities are the local products that

were showcased during the "Unoy Trade Fair" and the Agro-Ethnic Parade participated by the 20 barangays of the municipality.

Abay also appealed for the people's support and cooperation to ensure the successful implementation of all government programs in the locality.

All government efforts he said are geared towards the progress and development of the locality and its people and

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Benguet Town gets Another Barangay Food Terminal

KABAYAN, Benguet - The Department of Agriculture (DAR) - Cordillera Regional Field Office recently launched here the fifth Barangay Food Terminal (BFT) where the recipient is the Bashoy Farmers' Cooperative.

The other four BFTs are in barangay's Tawangan, Lusod, Adaoay and Gusaran.

The BFT project is aimed as market outlets for small farmers and provides cheaper basic food commodities to every family in the community. It offers safe and affordable food to its clientele.

Municipal mayor Faustino Aquisan said that the BFT is very important for the people of Kabayan especially for the farmers as this will greatly help them in their livelihood. This he said serves as a mirror of unity and peace in Bashoy.

The BFT was granted an amount of P200, 000.00 for operating facilities like refrigerator, cooler, crates display racks and weighing scale, wage goods and others./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

140 Franchises Open for Application in Kalinga

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Department of Transportation and Communication, Cordillera Administrative Region (DOTC-CAR) Director Celina Claver called on members of the Kalinga Transport Services and Development Cooperative and Northlandia transport groups with green plate vans to apply for franchises immediately.

This is our last call for those operating green plate vans to process your papers immediately, Claver said noting that there are only 18 yellow plate vans legally plying the Tabuk City-Tuguegarao City route.

Claver also disclosed that there are 140 franchises open for application in Kalinga. She said that out of 171 open franchises, only 31 applications were granted. The approved applications are far below the number of jeepneys plying the Tabuk city route to the seven municipalities of Kalinga and to other provinces.

"There are 19 approved routes for Kalinga however only 31 applications for the 171 franchises were granted by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB)," she said adding this means that only 31 public utility vehicles (PUVs) are legally servicing the 19 routes.

There are five yellow plate jeepneys serving the Tabuk-Lubuagan route, seven along the Tabuk-Pinukpuk route, and seven also towards Paracelis, Mt. Province. No approved franchise application for jeepneys plying the Tabuk to Tanudan, Tinglayan, Pasil, and Balbalan routes, she said.

Claver enjoined drivers and operators to apply for franchises in order to legalize their operation and for the safety of the riding public.

Acting on the request of local officials and jeepney operators, Claver announced during the recent meeting with transport groups here that within two months, the moratorium on the granting of franchise will be lifted./JDP/PB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

Luistro Inaugurates Ifugao Indigenous School

BANAUW, Ifugao - Education Secretary Armin Lusitro inaugurated recently the Ifugao Indigenous School at the Gohang National High School here which coincided with the school's 18th commencement exercises.

Dubbed as Special Secondary School for the Conservation of the Ifugao Rice Terraces (SSCIRT), it is piloted at the Gohang National High School at Barangay Gohang in support to Department of Educa-

tion Order 62 series of 2012 or the policy framework of DepEd for indigenous peoples' education.

Luistro, in his message to the graduates, parents, visitors and the faculty members, stressed that as indigenous peoples they have special education needs which are effective to them. "Our educational system must be responsive to where we are and who will be able to craft a special high school which will enable us to understand the art and science of our cultural practices

such as the "payo" (rice terraces) that we never find in books," Luistro said.

This aims to provide culturally appropriate education that is responsive to their context, respects their identities and promotes the value of their traditional knowledge, skills, and other aspects of their cultural heritage.

Luistro challenged the young ones to come back to their home place and find out the Science that is responsive to a unique learning

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

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION OF MINOR MARK GREGORY LUSADA QUIAO AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH,

VIRGINIA N. LUSADA AND GONZALES G. QUIAO,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET and the NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,

Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 12-C-1732

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ORDER

Petitioners, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Mark Gregory Lusada Quiao as follows:

FIRST NAME : From Blank to MARK GREGORY

MIDDLE NAME : from Ngamilot to LUSADA

LAST NAME : from Lusada to QUIAO

GENDER : from Female to MALE

And supply the FATHER'S INFORMATION as follows:

Name : G O N Z A L E S GAPACAN QUIAO

Citizenship : Filipino

Religion : Roman Catholic

Occupation : laborer

Ag at the time of birth: 30

And likewise supply, Date and Place of Marriage of Parents: September 27, 2007, Baguio City and to declare the child as legitimated.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on May 2,

2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and 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, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks the first publication to be made not later than March 18, 2012.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition

and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction Newspaper; the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 15th day of March 2012 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

Publication Dates : March 17, 24 and 31, 2012

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

DIZON M. NAYOYOS
Applicants
Case 2007-CAR-0184

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 - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on April 18, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRB Office, Paadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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 by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidence 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 on this 27th day of March 2012.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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Regional Trial Court
Branch 7
Baguio City

Petitioner,

-versus-

OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR - BAGUIO AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE OF BAGUIO CITY,

Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE
NO. 2181-R

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NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

A verified petition was filed by Rose Marie Pucay-Epi on behalf of Catalina Okubo-Pucay alleging therein among others she is the daughter of Mauricio Pucay and Catalina Okubo-Pucay; that Catalina Okubo-Pucay was born on November 15, 1930 in Baguio City and

passed away on October 9, 2009; that when petitioner went to get a copy of the Certificate of Live Birth of her mother from the National Statistics Office-Baguio City, she was told that there are two [2] Certificates of Live Birth registered in the name of Catalina Okubo-Pucay, that the certificate of Live Birth under Registry Number 4121-J-82 was registered first on October 22, 1982 and was registered again on July 6, 1994 as shown in Registry Number 94-02 that the certificate of live birth registered on October 22, 1982 under Registry Number 4121-J-82 is the one that will be recognized by law for being the document earlier registered after her birth; that there is a need to correct certain entries in the birth certificate under Registry Number 4121-J- 82 particularly the date of birth from Nov. 15, 1932 to Nov. 15, 1930

the age of father from 33 years old to 36 years old and mother's age from 26 years old to 22 years old and the date and place of marriage of parents "by native custom-1929 " to "May 11, 1927 Baguio Cathedral , Baguio City " , that there is a need to cancel the Certificate of Live Birth of the late Catalina Okubo-Pucay under Registry Number 94-02 registered on July 6, 1994, for being the later birth record registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City ; that there is a need to retain her certificate of live birth under Registry Number 4121-J-82 registered on October 22, 1982 for being the earlier birth record registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; but with the aforementioned entries corrected in order that the same be accurate and in order.

The petition was found to be sufficient in form and sub-

stance and was set for initial hearing on June 8, 2012 at 9: 00 o'clock in the morning on which date and time , the petitioner shall be allowed to substantiate her petition, and any interested person may show cause, if there be any why the petition should not be granted.

Let copies of this Notice of Initial Hearing together with the petition and its annexes, be sent to the Honorable Solicitor General , Makati City, Metro Manila the City Prosecutor of Baguio City, the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City as well as to the National Statistics Office , Manila. Also furnish, copies of this notice to the Office of the Clerk of Court for publication and the petitioner through her counsel.

Also let this Notice of Initial Hearing be published at the expense of the

petitioner once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and the whole Cordillera Region, the last publication of which shall not be later than the date of initial hearing.

The process Server is hereby directed to post copies of this notice on the bulletin boards of this Court, the Justice Hall, the City Market and the Post Office , all of Baguio City.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE MONA LISA V. TIOGSON - TABORA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 14th day of March, 2012 at Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SGD) ATTY.
JEANYLENE T. ISIP-
FUKAI
Clerk of Court V

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Robredo Bans Pols' Faces, Names in Anti-Poverty Program.....from page 1

practice of traditional politicians in other parts of the country, the imposition of their names and smiling faces on the public becomes a daily occurrence, through side markings of official vehicles owned by a barangay, a town, a city or a province.

The point, apparently, is to promote the image of the politician as an effective public servant, a name-recall campaign strategy for the next election.

"The display of photos/pictures and names of government officials in posters/streamers in the announcements of CCT or 4Ps-related activities are hereby prohibited," Robredo ordered.

CCT and 4Ps refer to the "Conditional Cash Transfer" or "Pantgawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of the national government for poverty reduction through the health, education, social welfare and local government departments.

Aside from the CCT, features of the anti-poverty thrust "meant to improve the quality of life of the poorest of the poor family in the barangay" include "Kalusugang Pangkalahatan" (Health for All), "Community Health Team Mobilization Program" and "Water for the Waterless LGU Program", Robredo said.

He directed all DILG regional directors through their field officers to monitor implementation of the "anti-epal" circular and to submit their reports to his office, attention the Office of the Undersecretary for Local Government.

"Epal" is slang for scene stealer or attention grabber.

Santiago's bill is supported by Malacanang and the Catholic Bishops Con-

ference of the Philippines-National Secretariat for Social Action. It is aimed at stopping government officials, mostly politicians, from grabbing credit for government projects being implemented through taxes and other fund sources and not from the pockets of those claiming credit for the same.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte last year said "the President was very clear on that from early on...that he did not like the practice".

"Those in the government should give their total dedicated service to the people (and) the services they give should not serve their own personal interest," noted Fr. Edu Gariguez, executive secretary of CBCP-NASSA./Ramon Dacawi.

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account of a prohibited second motion for reconsideration and personal correspondences by a party's counsel.

"There can be no surer indication of flip-flopping than the subsequent and sudden denial of the petition in the main Fasap case on a second motion for reconsideration, despite the grant of the petition in three rulings by at least 10 justices," she said.

The Court is supposed to be a tribunal of last resort. It denigrates that role "if it gives never-ending refuge to parties who obstinately seek to resist execution of our final decisions.

A "counsel's creativity in re-labelling a prohibited second motion for reconsideration, or changing composition of the three divisions of this court" are poor excuses.

The alternative is "the court might as well lay to rest in the sepulcher the founding judicial principles of immutability of judgments and res judicata."

Oh, by the way: In the same decision,

the majority absolved Chief Justice Renato Corona of rigging the FASAP rignalore. Was that the real objective after all?/Juan L. Mercado

Council Committee

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The committee was proposed to assume the following functions:

*to ensure that SM Baguio complies with its commitment to hire experts to monitor the viability of earth-balling of trees;

*to ensure that SM Baguio complies with its promise to plant 50 saplings for every tree that would be earth-balled;

*to ensure that SM Baguio complies with its commitment to help in the planting of trees in the watersheds and forest reserves of the city;

*to ensure that SM Baguio complies with all the conditions indicated in the permits granted to it, and to recommend the suspension and/or revocation of the said permits in case of violations of the terms thereon; and

*to ensure that SM Baguio complies with its commitment that its expansion and redevelopment project be environment-friendly.

The committee also recommended that the company first secure a permit from the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) for its rainwater harvesting facility.

"In the alternative, the August Body hereby proposed to SM Baguio to consider re-designing its expansion project to reduce earth-balling of trees within the premises," the body noted.

The committee report came after the body conducted public consultations on SM's redevelopment and the planned earth-balling of trees which drew widespread opposition./A Refuerzo

Samaritans Pooling

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vidual Samaritans. As per Ricky's list, it was broken down to "P6,000 from Ma'am Teresa; P2,000 from Ma'am Madz; P1,500 from Sir Richard; and P1,500 from Sir Leonardo".

Of the amount, P2,000 was immediately used for medicines to control Amparo's bleeding. Ricky spent P2,000 in traveling to Quezon City for the PCSO guarantee letter and the arrangement for the radiation therapy starting April 10. He then deducted the remaining P7,000 cash on hand to the P15,900, leaving a shortfall of P8,900 to the physician's and planning fees.

He, however, knew his mother needed more than P8,900.

Amparo, a solo parent to five children, had limped her way mid-March looking for support. Her attending physician here told her the cancer had developed from Stage II to III because of her failure to go for the daily radiation therapy.

"Sino bang ayaw magpagamot kung meron lang sanang pambayad," Amparo had said, almost to herself.

Her eyes welled over the thought, feeling and truth – it's very expensive to be poor.

As reported by social welfare officer Jacqueline Tupong, Amparo was diagnosed for cancer of the cervix in mid-2010, after she experienced continuous bleeding.

"Her attending physician recommended six cycles of chemotherapy," Tupong said. "However, due to financial constraint, she was able to finish only five cycles ...until August, 2011."

Amparo was scheduled to leave this Saturday for Pasig, where her second son Recy lives taking care of another sick relative.

"Makikituloy s'ya sa kapatid ko para magpalakas bago yong radiation therapy," Ricky said. "Susunod na lang ako sa April 9 dahil hindi ko maiwan ang trabaho ko (I'll follow on April 9 as I just can't be absent from work).

Ricky, who has his own family to look after, earns P260 a day as utility man in a medical clinic here. His mother lives along as a caretaker at Brookspoint, Aurora Hill. She used to do laundry and other odd jobs until her illness began taking its toll.

As Amparo needs more support to cover the shortfall in treatment fees, aside from her medicines and other needs, including daily transport fare to and from the Lung Center, other Samaritans may ring up Ricky's number (09057159419)./Ramon Dacawi.

DTI.....

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that are coming in remains the same, with slight increase even because of the lower prices of vegetables.

Balanoy bared that their concern is more on the various layers in the trading or supply chain that both farmers and traders go through before it reach the end-users or the markets in Metro Manila.

Thus Maglaya stressed the need for all concerned government agencies and all the other stakeholders to review this supply chain of Benguet vegetables to look for possible ways to eliminate the unnecessary layer or trading channels in order to bring down both the cost of trading and the price of vegetables for the consumers.

As the DTI is always saying that the prices of products remain reasonable, there also comes a situation or a time that what is

reasonable becomes unaffordable, she said citing the situation of the Benguet vegetables, which compared to its market price in Baguio/Benguet, costs double or even more when it reaches the markets in Manila because of the unnecessary trading channels in the supply chain.

Meantime, Maglaya reported that despite the increases in fuel prices based on their monitoring, the supply and prices of basic commodities remain stable. She added that as per the Department of Agriculture's report, the same is true with the supply and price of rice, chicken, pork and beef./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

BCDA

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ment forged between the Sobrepena-led lessee, Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevco), and JLM Realty Development Corporation.

The John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), the subsidiary of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) in Camp John Hay, revealed that it has also denied JHSI permits to operate when JHSI failed to show the Certificate of Registration from BFAD as required by JHMC's One-Stop Action Center (OSAC).

In mid-February, the Department of Health (DOH) in the Cordillera Administrative Region informed JHMC that JHSI was not issued a Certificate of Registration for bottling from the Bureau of Food and Drugs.

It was on this basis that JHMC denied JHSI's application for renewal of permits to operate and certificate of accreditation for the year 2012. However, JHSI continued to operate its bottling water business despite the lack of permits from both BFAD and JHMC.

JHMC president and chief executive Jamie Eloise Agbayani stated, "As the implementing arm of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) in Camp John Hay, it is our duty to make sure all locators comply with government regulations. We have to ensure that public health and safety in John Hay will not be compromised."

Agbayani also revealed that JHSI, along with its affiliated company, the John Hay Water System Inc., are in clear violation of regulations for not securing clearance and the consent of BCDA to tap into the water source in Camp John Hay.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: LA TRINIDAD - PINES - LUBAS - TAWANG and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 18, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paadal, 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 by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 27th day of March 2012.

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

City to Pursue

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trict (BWD), City Environment Parks and Management Office (CEPMO) and City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) to encourage other institutions and barangays to "devise ways to do simple rainwater harvesting to minimize dependence on commercial water supply and to maximize the use of rainwater made available by nature."

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia suggested the creation of a task force to also promote the establishment of simple catchment facilities among households based on an approved prototype of the gadget.

City public information officer Ramon Dacawi, for his part, brought out the need to maintain open spaces to allow rainwater to seep into the grounds and enhance the natural underground water production cycle.

He suggested that the city impose a condition for subdivision developers and business establishments to minimize surface sealing or cementing in favor of maintaining more open grounds.

The mayor directed the city planning office to look into the legal ramifications of imposing said condition among developers for possible consideration in the on-going drafting of the City Land Use Plan (CLUP) and amendment of the city's zoning ordinance./A Refuerzo

City Joins Call for Lifting

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EVAT was conceived to increase revenues for the government by imposing higher tax rate on goods and services and the earnings can be used "to improve infrastructure, environment, education and health systems and provide employment opportunities to citizens."

However, the EVAT caused additional burden to the poor who had to contend with the increased cost of commodities and services.

"The EVAT law entailed sacrifices in the short run but it guaranteed lasting rewards in the form of better social services, less debt and better financing for rural programs; however, it still boils down to unjust and oppressive suffering and burden to the less privileged citizens of the Philippines," he said.

The call for the EVAT lifting has become emergent in the wake of the successive increases in the costs of fuel caused by the uncontrolled hike in the world market amid tensions in oil supplier countries.

Petroleum products covered by EVAT are useful material derived from crude oil as it is processed in oil refineries which also comprise of refinery gas, ethane, LPG, aviation gasoline, jet fuels, kerosene, gas/diesel oil, fuel oil, naphtha, while spirit, lubricants, bitumen, paraffin waxes and petroleum coke.

EVAT also extends to services offered by rental car companies, tourist buses, taxi, resorts, hotels, clubs and restaurants, imported meat and pest control products; trucking, shipping and airfreight; telegram, television, radio and telephone facilities; use of satellite transmission, films and cable televisions; feeds for aquarium fish; fighting cocks and race horses; property rights; non-life insurance and professional fees./A Refuerzo

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cater to the needs of the vacationers.

The mayor earlier conferred with Police Regional Officer Cordillera chief Gen. Benjamin Magalong to possibly beef up the city police's manpower considering the city's status as a tourist destination. He said Magalong committed to enhance the city and the region's partnership in addressing the city's security needs especially during peak tourist seasons.

The SUMVAC committee spearheaded by the mayor and action officer Carlos Canilao has put together an array of religious, cultural, historical, environmental, sports and medical activities under the Summer in Baguio activities which began last March 1.

As per the calendar of events released by the city tourism officer under officer Benedicto Alhambra, Lenten activities will topbill the calendar this week with various religious services, Lenten presentations scheduled at the various churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

On April 4-8, the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC) will again roll out the red carpet for this year's Lucky Summer Visitors who will be chosen from the thousands of vacationers. The club headed by Baguio Midland Courier reporter Harley Palangchao will treat the lucky guests to free meals, accommodation, tour and other gifts throughout their stay.

The city also mounted the Lingkod Bayan traffic and information assistance all over the city to assist motorists to be participated in by the various civic and private groups and entities.

On April 3, a Tourism Frontliners Training will be held at the Baguio Convention Center.

On April 5, the Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center will mount the Spiritual Art Exhibit on 'Seven Spiritual Wonders of the World': Though little known, they concern each and every human being at the BK Baguio Center, 131 Diplomat Rd. Dominican Hill where they will also stage the "Inner Peace, Inner Power: A spiritual spa developing spiritual skills and inner strengths to face the challenges of the world outside" from April 5-7.

On April 7, a dog show will be sponsored by the Baguio-CAR German Shepherd Dog Club, Inc. at the Melvin Jones while the Youth Republic Preliminary Dance Competition will be staged at the Malcolm Square. / A Refuerzo

Sport Promo.....

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need for a sports council or commission was recommended," Fianza noted.

"Looking back at the problems encountered in the sports summit and in the clinic conducted, the participation of stakeholders cannot be ignored. An advisory council will have to be created to collate and look into all proposed actions, not only for representation, but also for possible immediate implementation," he said.

As proposed, the council will be composed of the city mayor as chairman and of 25 members representing the various sectors and stakeholders.

The body will have the following functions:

*Serve as a sports advisory council for the city;

*Recommend the formulation or adoption of sports activities, plans, policies and/

or programs;

*Meet immediately upon its creation to consider the need of appointing members from sectors that may also have to be represented and to adopt its rules of procedures that will include the regularity and conduct of its meetings and the designation or tasking of members of certain functions or duties;

*Conduct local sports summits or consult with sports associations/organizations and other public and private entities concerned to identify needed sports actions, activities or programs for the city;

*Monitor or assist in the implementation of the sports promotion and development programs and activities;

*Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod the adoption of immediate measures towards the realization of the needed sports program for the city; and

*Perform such other functions it may be further authorized or allowed to undertake.

Fianza proposed that initial activities of the council shall be funded from available savings or contingency appropriations of the Sports Division of the City Administrators office while regular funding shall be programmed and allocated for the activities of the council under the office of the City Administrator starting 2013.

The measure was approved on first reading by the city council last Monday. / A Refuerzo

Kalinga Town Promotes Unoy Fest as Culturalfrom page 7

that the local government unit he said is continuously introducing strategies to improve the government services, but the success of this he said needs the active participation of the people.

Tinglayan is known for the famed "Sleeping Beauty" mountain and the Unoy rice. / GGD, PIA-CAR, Kalinga

NNC – CAR Invites Ifugaos to Join Regional Recipe Contest

LAGAWE, Ifugao, March 26 (PIA) - - The National Nutrition Council - Cordillera Regional Office (NNC-CAR) is inviting all cooking enthusiasts in the province to join the recipe contest next month.

In her letter to Governor Eugene Balitang, NNC – CAR Program Coordinator June Falancy, stated that the recipe contest is a pre-activity for the Nutrition Month Celebration this July, with the theme, "Pagkain ng Gulay Ugaliin, Araw-araw Itong Ihain".

Falancy said that the activity is open to all cooking enthusiasts designed to develop low-cost, easy to prepare and nutritious vegetable dishes that would showcase the region's traditional recipe.

She informed that the contest was scheduled on April 12, 2012 at Baguio City, however qualified entries will be notified by NNC and the specific venue for the contest proper will also be announced later.

The program coordinator also explained that cooking enthusiasts must submit recipes consisting of not more than five ingredients excluding seasonings and condiments and with vegetable as the main ingredients.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Nutrition Office (PNO) announced that interested participants can get an entry form their office at the capitol compound to be filled-up and sent at the NNC- CAR through fax or e-mail not later than April 5, 2012.

"The entry form contains the name of the contestant/s, address, municipality, province, region, telephone and mobile number, e-mail address, title of recipe, list of ingredients and their corresponding amount, procedure, number of servings and total cost," the PNO added.

The winning recipes will be compiled into a recipe book at the national level that will be printed for distribution to the beneficiaries of the government's Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program being administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Winners of the contest will receive P10,000 for first place, P8,000 - second place and P6,000 - third place. Three consolation prizes of P2,000 each will also be given. / JDP/MBL – PIA CAR, Ifugao

Luistro Inaugurates

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such as the woven products of this province where the pattern has mathematics that ought to be learned adding that devoting time to understand our system is needed to discover the Filipino soul.

"As you help us discover what is indigenous in your area, you will help us discover our Filipino trait," he said.

He encouraged the graduates that as they pursue their studies they should not forget the rich culture they have and try to come back to continue preserving the said good practices of their ancestors as a way of preserving them. It's very hard to look for a Filipino engineering not discovered by any institution thus let us start a new break away perspective here in Ifugao, he said.

He informed the audience that they will start this dream with a zero budget but he is optimistic that with the help of all concerned such as the elders here who are knowledgeable of the culture of the people and the students, the DepEd will be able to start with something.

Luistro was accompanied by local government officials here led by Governor Eugene Balitang, Congressman Teddy Baguilat Jr; and DepEd officials led Regional Director Ellen Donato and Ifugao Supt. Estela Carino. / JDP/VDB- PIA CAR, Ifugao

Number Coding Suspended

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week issued Administrative Order 39, s. of 2012 for the suspension of the number coding for private vehicles on April 2-13, 2012.

The AO was anchored on Ordinance 107, s. of 2008 which allows the suspension of the number coding scheme for activities sponsored and co-sponsored by the city government.

There is a need to suspend the number coding scheme “to allow local residents and visitors to freely roam around the summer capital and enjoy its cool and romantic weather, pine-scented air and scenic spots during the height of the 2012 summer vacation (SumVac) in Baguio,” the AO.

Activities for SumVac include extreme sports, religious retreats, environmental treks, conventions and family get-togethers.

Mayor Gregorio Abalos, Jr. of La Trinidad has also suspended the number coding in the municipality until the same date. Entrepreneurs may traverse municipal routes with their wares, while tourists who may wish to pick strawberries in the fields may use their own vehicles to get there./juliegfianza

Security Preparations For Summer Vacation Slated

With the upcoming start of Summer Vacation 2012 which includes the closing of classes, celebration of various occasions such as HOLY WEEK tentatively scheduled on April 18-24, 2012, town fiestas, flores de mayo, anniversaries and other related activities starting on the last week of March until May 2012, the Baguio City Police Office has laid down security preparations in reference to IMPLAN SUMVAC 2012 and has placed its status to Heightened Alert.

City Director PSSUPT DAVID Q LADCAN said that BCPO, concurrent with its present mission and functions and in coordination with the AFP, LGUs, NGOs and other government agencies, shall conduct intensified police operations to control the commission of crimes, prevent terrorist activities, protect VIPs and ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

BCPO has organized and activated “TASK GROUP SUMVAC BAGUIO” to directly manage and supervise police operations in the AOR. The Task Group is responsible for the following: 1. Intensified conduct of intelligence operations to monitor plans of the threat groups. 2. Maximum deployment of covert and overt security personnel in places of significant engagements. 3. Conduct of route security. 4. Maintenance of smooth flow of traffic. 5. Coordination with other government agencies and NGOs to ensure the safety of VIPs and the general public. 6. Tapping the services of volunteer groups such as radio groups, rescue and medical volunteers, etc. 7. Setting up of Motorists Assistance Centers (MAC’s). Designated Task Group Commander is City Director, PSSUPT DAVID Q LADCAN while Assistant Task Group Commander is PSUPT PSTRIK JOSEPH ALLAN, Deputy City Director for Operations.

Among the 513 on alert police personnel of Baguio City, 25 “Tourist Cops” will be deployed to all tourist spots to maintain the safety and security of local or foreign tourist visiting our city while 29 “Cops on the Church” will be responsible in the peace-keeping at all major churches during the Lenten Season. 16 “cops on the malls and bus terminals” will be securing the commuters and the general public who would want to enjoy shopping at the commercial centers.

On the other hand, all the 10 police stations of BCPO are tasked to put up at least one Motorist Assistance Center to assist the motorists and establish Police Assistance Centers to all bus terminals to be of service to commuters needing police assistance. Road Safety and Security is reiterated to private motorists and Bus drivers and the “BLOWBAGETS” that means they should check their breaks, lights, oil, water, battery, air, gasoline, engine, tire and self before hitting the road is also reminded to them.

The Baguio City Police Office would also like to encourage the public to be vigilant and alert against possible criminals that would take advantage during the height of the season. For any emergency or need for police assistance they may text or call 09175758993 or 09204222861 or Log on to www.facebook.com/BaguioCityPoliceOffice/

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Launching of Oplan Red Eye !!!

BCPO Launched Oplan Red Eye

To address criminal incidents committed by suspects riding in tandem, Police Regional Office Cordillera launched Oplan “Red Eye” at the Baguio City Police Office in the afternoon of March 23, 2012.

Present during the occasion were City Mayor, Honorable Mauricio G Domogan, PRO Cordillera Regional Director PCSUPT BENJAMIN B MAGALONG, Deputy Regional Director for Operations PSSUPT ROBERTO Q SORIANO and BCPO Director PSSUPT DAVID Q LADCAN.

Oplan Red Eye concept was adopted by PCSUPT MAGALONG from the Oplan “Checkmate” which was originally implemented in Quezon Police Provincial Office to neutralize the carnapping incidents there before. It was first launched in Abra Police Provincial Office last February 18, 2012 and BCPO is the second to implement the campaign.

99 members of the Baguio-Ilocos Regional Alliance Inc., an organization of motorbike riders, and other freelance bikers were the pioneer recipients of the Identification Cards and Motorbike stickers issued by the BCPO.

The ID’s and stickers contains a unique control number that is jived with the name of the motorcycle’s plate number, color and brand, OR and CR number and the name of the owner. These information will be saved in a database which will be located at the BCPO Headquarters. The stickers were placed at the front portion of each motorcycle to be viewed better during checkpoint operations. These stickers will be used to trace criminal elements and know their identity in the event that the motorcycle is used in illegal activities.

The following are required in the issuance of the Red Eye sticker: Official Receipt and Certificate of Registration of the motor vehicle, two valid IDs, and the motor to be provided with a sticker. The issuance of the stickers and ID’s is still ongoing and interested bikers may apply at the BCPO Headquarters./PINSP KARISSMAG STA JUANA/PIO BCPO

City Gears up for Holy Week Exodus

BAGUIO CITY – All is set for the Holy Week observance and orderly Holy Week observance.

The mayor said the working communities under the “Summer Vacation

(SUMVAC) in Baguio” have mapped out plans to properly handle the various concerns that crop up during summer when tourists flock to the city

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