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Ombudsman Indicts LTFRB Exec, Casual Employee on Graft Raps

ILOILO CITY, PHILIPPINES - The Office of the Ombudsman in the Visayas has recommended the filing of graft charges against a top official and an employee of the Land Transporation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Regional Office (RO) 6.

The indictment came in the wake of Ombudsman action on pending cases up for Resolution and Decision.

Docketed as OMB-V-C—09-0236-H, probable cause was established by the anti-graft body against then LTFRB RO 6 Acting Transportation Development Officer Romel Duron and Casual Employee Henry Mamon.

As such, Graft Investigation and Prosecution Officer II Maria Corazon Vergara Naraja resolved to have "appropriate information" filed in the proper Court.

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CARNAPPERS and BUYERS OF CARNAPPED VEHICLES BEWARE !- Top Photo is a recovered Toyota Revo, Bottom Photo is a Toyota Hi-Ace, both vehicles were recovered and presently impounded by the Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR, headed by Atty. Roel Barcena Obusan, Regional Chief and P/Supt. Roland P. Aloo, Deputy Regional Chief. See page 3 for related story.

Mabuti pa ang Ombudsman Visayas, pa minsan minsan mayroon nasasampahan ng kaso. Hindi tulad dito sa Cordillera, magagaling masyado ang mga KORAP na opisyales. Mayroon opisyales jan, dinismiss na mismo ng Secretary ng departamento, ipinabalik pa ng Civil Service Commission!!!

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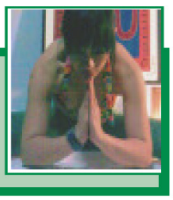

Cayetano to Iggy: Don't Hide Behind Parliamentary Courtesy, Attend Senate Chopper Probe

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano challenged Representative Ignacio 'Iggy' Arroyo to stop hiding behind the protection of parliamentary courtesy and attend the Senate probe on the Philippine National Police (PNP) helicopter controversy to prove his recent claim and contention.

"Let's not make this a matter of technicality. Many congressmen themselves personally went to hearings in the past to clear their names. If Congressman Iggy has something to say, he can go to the Senate to do so," he said.

The senator issued this challenge in response to the congressman's repeated statements to the media stating that it was he, not his brother former First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, who leased the helicopters owned by LTA Corp. to the PNP.

Cayetano also called on the members of Congress to urge their colleague to appear in the ongoing Senate probe and stop making his case before the media without presenting any evidence.

The minority leader assured both the members of Congress and the Arroyo brothers that Rep. Arroyo will be treated with the utmost respect as the Senate's goal is only to expose the truth.

"Personally, I won't treat him like a witness. I'll treat him as a Congressman - even give him access to the microphone at any point in time in the hearing if necessary," he said.

Cayetano stressed that both Houses must not allow technicalities to slow down investigations on the main issue: who is the real owner of the helicopters sold to the PNP?

The minority leader has suggested that brothers Mike and Iggy Arroyo sign a waiver to allow the Senate to look into various documents regarding their financial dealings to refute allegations about them.

"Allow the government to open your financial records and bank accounts. If we don't see anything to prove these accusations, you're innocent. But if we do see something, be man enough to face it," he said./Office Of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

"If they're innocent, they will be able to prove it. *Kung walang kinurakot, walang dapat itago at hindi dapat matakot*," he said.

Benguet Town Organizes Farmers to Promote Organic Farming

ATOK, Benguet - Farmers of this vegetable producing town recently organized "Atok Organic Practitioners Association (ATOPA)" to propagate, promote and further develop the practice of organic farming.

Vegetables like carrots, sugar beets, potato, sayote, pineapples, shitake mushroom, dulce, lettuce, red sticky rice, green onions, tomato, honey, watercress, cabbage, spinach, violet camote leaves, cauliflower, passion fruit tops, among others will be organically grown by the ATOPA with the assistance by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and local government unit (LGU).

According to DA Regional Executive Director Marilyn Sta. Catalina, the newly formed group is a good start to protect the organic farmers and the market of organic farm products. However, there is still much to be done.

Atok Mayor Peter Alos and the municipal council headed by Vice Mayor Marson Layat are united in their support to the organization of ATOPA and the establishment of its temporary market at the municipal gym.

The local "organic" market will soon be transferred to its permanent home once the construction of the municipal market in Sayangan, Atok, will be completed sometime in December this year, they said.

Angeline Datud, 65, and retired schoolteacher said she is glad that ATOPA was organized. She and her husband own some 500 square meters of land in sitio Bocao devoted to "organic" farming.

Her husband, Carlos, was trained on organic farming under the Benguet State University's organic farming certificate program.

Datud envisions ATOPA to serve the Atok community primarily. "It must make the business of farming reclaim its true values in terms of providing healthy food products and making the land safe to man, livestock and migratory animals," she said.

In support to organic farmers in the region, the DA invested P1.3 million for the implementation of a pesticide residue bioassay project that should help consumers know if agricultural products are truly organically produced as claimed, Sta. Catalina said./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

Cordillera Autonomy Will Depend on the People- PNoy

BAGUIO CITY - There is nothing in the closure agreement signed by the government, through the Office of Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) and the Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CPLA) that would prevent the Cordillera Administrative Region from achieving autonomy.

This was stressed by President Benigno Aquino III, in an interview during his visit at the Tree Top Adventure in Camp John Hay last Friday, along with Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jose Rene Almendras and Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Mario Montejo.

"There is nothing in the agreement that prevents them from getting that, for as long as the people who are affected would want it. But if in the plebiscite it doesn't win, then I cannot produce something that the people do not

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NYC Reports Effect Of Internet Games on Youth

BAGUIO CITY - The National Youth Commission is encouraging the Filipino youth to get into sports rather than playing online or internet- based games.

NYC Commissioner Georgie Nava said that the youth of today are mostly engaged in online gaming through the internet or the world wide web.

"Nagkaroon tayo ng pagkakataon para maging mabilis ang pagkuha ng impormasyon mula sa internet pero ito ay nakakasama din sa ating mga kabataan," Nava said.

Nava reported that in a study made, youth today are losing their socialization skills because most of the time they are playing computers rather than playing with their friends.

Most youth also are having health issue as an effect of their sitting for hours in front of their computer monitors and sometimes forgetting to eat or even take bathroom breaks.

The Commissioner also bared that most youth who are addicted to online games are affected by their way of thinking. Mostly those engaged in violent games tend to think more violently and this is shown in their ac-

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Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR Recovers Carnapped Vehicles

Carnappers and buyers of carnapped vehicles beware, the Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR means business and will see to the strict implementation of the Anti-Carnapping Law and related laws. In fact, on August 19, 2011 at about 3:00PM, operatives of the Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR , while implementing RA 6539, No Plate No Travel Policy and police visibility along BGH Rotonda, Baguio City spotted and flagged-down a motor vehicle with attached plate number DHC440. However, the driver/possessor ignored and instead speed-off his driven motor vehicle heading towards Kisad Road, Baguio City. The Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR operatives immediately noted and verified the plate number thru the LTO TEXT 2600 and found out that said plate was originally assigned to an Isuzu Jitney . This prompted the operatives to chase the vehicle until it reached Abanao Extension, Baguio City particularly in front of Café by the Ruin where it was finally flagged down and stopped. Immediately, the apprehending officers requested the driver identified as Mr.Felix B. Bintadan, 48 yrs old, married, native of Loo, Buguias, Benguet and presently residing at Nr. B178 Military Cut-Off, Baguio City to present his drivers license including the OR/CR of the motor vehicle with the following technical description: MV File Nr:131200000151642, Make/ Type:Toyota Revo, Motor Nr.:7K-0259663, Chassis Nr: KF80-8007325, Plate Nr: DHC-440, Color: White, Reg Owner: LandoAnongos, Address:Tomay La Trinidad, Benguet.

Likewise physical inspection was conducted on the motor vehicle and revealed that the chassis and engine numbers have signs of tampering. Further, the OR/CR presented was noticed to be spurious. This prompted the apprehending officers to invite the driver with the motor vehicle for further investigation and macro-etching examination. Upon further investigation, when the alternate number of the motor vehicle which reads as **RZF814A001101** was verified with the Vehicle Information Management System (VIMS), it revealed that it was included in the list of wanted motor vehicles nationwide under alarm number 2010-1020-117 as forcibly taken. As a consequence the driver was arrested and informed of his constitutional rights and was subjected to Prosecutors inquest on the same day and was subsequently detained at Baguio City Jail, while the motor vehicle was impounded at the Regional Highway Patrol office.

In a related development, at about 9:30 am of August 6, 2011, P/Sr. Supt. Roel Barcena Obusan, Regional Chief of the Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR had tasked his deputy P/Supt. Roland P. Aloo to conduct visitorial operations on the different Auto Repair Shops and Secondhand Auto Parts dealers within the CAR. One auto shop Inspected by the team was the Square J Auto Repair and Publication Shop owned and managed by one Jimmy Dasep located at Atok Trail, Baguio City. The owner of the shop assisted the inspecting team to inspect the different motor vehicles which were stocked therein for mechanical repair, however one of the motor vehicles, a Toyota Hi-ace was included in the List of Alarmed/Stolen motor vehicle nationwide, under **Alarm No. 2003-0828-172**. The said motor vehicle with the following technical description : Make/Type:Toyota Hi-Ace Pass Van, Engine Nr.:5L4744486, Chassis Nr.:LH1740001460, Plate Nr :HAS 825, Reg. Owner : Joaquin H Villanueva, Address : B30 L5 New Capitol Estates, Comm Ave. QC, Alarm No.2003-0828-172. After documentation, the motor vehicle was hauled and impounded at the Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR office for further investigation. Follow-up operations were likewise being carried out to identify the suspects for their possible arrest and for filing of the appropriate case(s). In an interview by this reporter with Regional Chief Obusan, his parting messages to the public are for the buyers of vehicles to first check with their office for verification on the status of the motor vehicle(s) they in tend to buy and for those engaged in carnapping- Watch Out as the Regional Highway Patrol Unit-COR will strictly implement the anti-carnapping law with the full force of the law./GPBinwagan

"FIREFIGHTERS IN ACTION" - smoke billows from the kitchen of Central Park Restaurant as firefighters quickly arrive to contain the fire last August 24, Wedsnesday./Photo By Paul Rillorta

TTMC Mulls Consolidation of Pedestrian Lanes

BAGUIO CITY – the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC) has presented plans for the consolidation of the pedestrian lanes in Session Road during last Monday's regular session.

TTMC Technical Consultant Engr. Teodorico Tan said, pedestrian lanes along Session Road would not be removed but would be consolidated in select locations to balance allocated spaces for pedestrian needs at the same time maintaining appropriate vehicular space for parking, local access, deliveries and movement.

The proposal would also incorporate the installation of coordinated traffic lights along this locations thereby traffic congestions could be minimized.

Among the pedestrian lanes eyed for consolidation are Lower Session Road Mercury Drug towards Pines theatre with the proposal for it to be transferred near Star Cafe while all corner crossing at Upper Mabini Street (PNB) to Session, Session to Lower Mabini intersection (Mcdo) including diagonal direction of pedestrian crossing will be maintained.

The pedestrian crossing along CID educational supply store will be removed while the zebra lines along Middle Session Road to Puso ng Baguio Building (near steps going to Baguio Cathedral) towards Greenwich will be retained.

Zebra lines at Porta Vaga going to La Azotea Building and Post Office towards Jose De Leon Building will also be consolidated at Upper Session Road near Patria De Baguio Building towards Kentucky Fried Chicken.

4 pedestrian lanes at lower, middle and upper Session Road would undergo experimental closure for 30 days starting September 5./paul rillorta

Property Swap Eyed To Resolve Tree Park Tug-of-War

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is considering a land swap deal with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) to resolve the dispute over the tree park within the Baguio Convention Center reservation.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the prospect of a property swap deal was broached during his meeting with GSIS top brass recently.

During the department heads' meeting last Monday, City budget officer Leticia Clemente said GSIS representatives indicated anew their willingness to consider the property exchange if the city can find a suitable location in place of the protected tree park.

The mayor said the land swap deal would be a very ideal way of settling the dispute.

He said however that the city has to first verify the status of ownership of the tree park which is one of the few remaining pinestands at the city business district before it pursue the said direction.

The mayor said he is awaiting the result of the on-going relocation survey of properties covered by the Original Certificate of Title No. 1 to establish whether or not the said title covers the subject tree park.

He said if the survey shows that the tree park is covered under OCT 1 then, there is a legal question on the GSIS' ownership.

"If it is covered by OCT 1, then it would not be necessary to replace the property, but if it turns out that it is covered by the Presidential Decree 396 as maintained by the GSIS, then we

Smoking Ban Gets More Teeth

BAGUIO CITY – the anti-smoking campaign will literally 'take to the streets' once amendments to the Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance of the City is approved.

Committee on Health & Sanitation Chair and Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia passed the amendments to the smoking ordinance to ad-

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Stark "Math"

"If they kill me, they're out in two years." Exiled Benigno Aquino offered that stark "math" in Boston, to friends spooked by his plan to fly to Manila in a bid to meet the ailing dictator Ferdinand Marcos. Perhaps, a direct appeal to the isolated Marcos could usher in peaceful change, he argued.Ninoy's allies were proved right. Tomorrow is the 28th anniversary when a single bullet tore into Aquino, "guarded" by military agents, as he descended the China Airlines service gangway, to Manila's International Airport's tarmac.A memorial mass and book launching will recall this :"turning point" Sunday, at the same airport, now renamed in Ninoy's honor. Similar rites will be held elsewhere on what became a national holiday.Yet, Ninoy's "math" fell short by three years. Only in 1986 did the fuse, lit by Aquino's assassination, erupt into People Power 1. That toppled a 14-year long dictatorship and re-established constitutional rule, despite Imelda's insistent claim: "The Marcos regime was the most democratic period in history.".''Forethought we may have,'' Napoleon Bonaparte once wrote. "But not foresight." Ninoy didn't foresee most of the consequences that'd spill over from that bloodied tarmac.. Neither did Ferdinand Marcos.Told that the late publisher Joaquin "Chino" Roces and friends mustered one million signatures to prod a reluctant Corazon Aquino to run, Marcos snapped: "Walang alam… What qualification does she have, except that her husband was killed?...She always stands up and asks for pity, making believe that there was no reason for her husband's arrest....""True. I don't know how to steal, cheat, lie or murder'', a once-self-effacing Cory snapped. She led a fractured opposition to become the 14th and first woman president of the Philippines. She re-established constitutional government, ruled with integrity, spurned re-election and oversaw transition of power to successor Fidel Ramos. And in private life, she become an icon.Both Aquinos never sought "Libingan Nga Mga Bayani'' burial. Massive crowds turned up for their funerals. They're interred in simple graves. Both never anticipated that their unplanned legacy would thrust into hands of their son, Benigno III, the presidency."What if this leader fails?", author Miguel Syjuco fretted in a letter to International Herald Tribune. "Just as Ferdinand won it for Corazon, Gloria (Macapagal Arroyo) has made possible our faith in Noynoy. There's nothing like a despot to simplify choices….In a country where celebrity trumps ideology… nothing comes that easily. Ninety million people are watching, waiting. Please, Noynoy, don't let us down.".''History is a vast early warning system,'' Norman Cousins often stressed. Sunday's rites, we hope, will include Aquino's arrival address that was aborted by his murder. "I have returned of my own free will to join the ranks of those struggling to recover our rights and freedoms through non-violence,'' Aquino planned to say. "I seek no confrontation…."Death cut Ninoy short before he could publicly lash supine Supreme Court justices' jettisoned of the cherished right of habeas corpus into the dictator's lap. That is a point that the Arroyo Supreme Court may wish to keep in mind. Cases piling up against their patron, may end before them. Indeed, "memory is the mother of all wisdom,'' wrote Greek playwright Aeschylus."Tragedy is the difference between what is and what could have been'', we are told. Is that why our national life seems a never ending cycle of "what ifs?"What if the Marcos' regime didn't deteriorate into a kleptocracy? Suppose Ferdinand ignored Imelda. Imagine he used martial law powers with a Lee Kwan Yew's austere integrity. This country would be an economic tiger today. There'd be no protests at a: Libingan Ng Mga Bayani burial.What if Ninoy chickened? Assume he opted for a cushy "New Society job? He would have been diminished. An enraged Cory Aquino would not have emerged from a housewife's concerns. Nor would have People Power erupted, thereafter leap-frogging to Czechoslovakia, Lebanon and Ukraine.What if Joseph Estrada kept pledges in his "Now Power Is With The People'' inaugural speech? People Power II would not have ousted him. He'd have coasted to re-election, instead of becoming the first president ever convicted for plunder.What if Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo kept her Rizal Day solemn pledge not to run for reelection? There'd would have been no Maguindanao massacre, election frauds, scams from ZTE broadband to overpriced helicopters —let alone a watch list departure slot.What if Eduardo Cojuangco abided by the "Zacchaeus Principle'' in dealing with martial law coconut levy? In Luke's account, the tax collector pledged four fold amends for those wronged. Would thousands of small farmers, given restitution, not be reward enough?Ninoy's features today grace our currency and stamps. Babies, schools and streets are named after him. But those jailed for Ninoy's murder were lowly soldiers Cont. on page 9

EDITORIAL

THE PEACE COMBATANT

On the Sitel Waiting Sheds

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN

(This is a Re-Print of last issues Column)

On arrival from Malaysia and Turtle Islands, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines, I am delighted to know that my Junction and Linis Gobyerno Colleague, Ms. Grace Bandoy has filed a complaint before the Ombudsman against Mayor Mauricio Domogan for allegedly violating Republic Act 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act. More specifically, my courageous colleague charged the good Mayor for allegedly granting unwarranted benefits, advantage or preference to SITEL in the course of his discharge of his official administrative function. The act is expressly prohibited under the Law on Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices.

I hereby salute my esteem colleague, Ms. Bandoy, for this rare act of public service and exercise of patriotism! May her tribe increase! Mayor Mauricio Domogan may or may not be guilty under the law (in general, laws have loopholes which the powerful and the rich can exploit) but I firmly believe that the good Mayor should take the cue from Ms. Bandoy. The act of surrendering the provision of waiting to SITEL gives SITEL an advantage because SITEL or any firm granted the privilege could use the same to promote a corporate image that can influence the public to patronize their services or products.

In effect, this is corporate PR at the expense of city and the expense of other firms who may interested in doing the same. This is also at the expense of the citizens: do the citizens of Baguio want to be associated in any way with SITEL? Is Baguio City SITEL or SITEL Baguio City? Of course, they are distinct entities and Baguio citizens have the right to disassociate themselves from SITEL.

It is actually okay for any firm, provided they secure the appropriate clearances, to construct waiting sheds for the city. However, for that firm to use the waiting shed for its public relations offensive and advertising are something else. It has the effect of providing a SITEL monopoly over the waiting shed for advertising and PR purposes. Unfortunately for SITEL, her use of the waiting shed for advertising can boomerang ultimately against SITEL herself. An acknowledgement in small fonts for SITEL's assistance in constructing the watershed may be acceptable but for SITEL to cover the entire waiting shed with advertisements and PR statements can ultimately work against SITEL. Sheer public indignation over the situation, regardless of SITEL's motives, will come into play.

Thus, my suggestion: SITEL, please remove your advertising and please just write in small fonts that you are a fund donor for the waiting shed. Do not let public anger, protest, or indignation snowball so much and overtake the current situation because in a little while, your PR repair can become so difficult. This can appear similar to a Baguio City's version of the ZTE scandal regardless of the personal or corporate motivations for the waiting sheds.

My unsolicited advice to Mayor Mauricio Domogan and the City Council: please formulate an ordinance governing mechanics and guidelines on how donors can provide Cont. on page 11

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

REVISITING MILF

By: JESUS DUREZA

CROSSING SIMUAY — A few days ago, I visited the MILF "advance command post" at Crossing Simuay at Sultan Kudarat town in Maguindanao and got a first hand briefing from its Vice Chair Ghadzali "GJ" Jaafar and panel chair, Mohaqher Iqbal together with some American journalists who came.

That was to be my most recent visit after so long a time. The MILF hideaway looked different from what I saw then several years ago. The trees have grown big, the nipa thatched structures are now concrete. I saw only one armed MILF who was inside the fenced area, unlike in the past.

And my friend Vice chair "GJ" looked heavier but jubilant and warm as always. I have not seen him also for years. For chair Mohagher we had been regularly bumping into each other in airports, various forums and consultations — the latest was in the AIM forum in Makati and the trip to Penang, Malaysia early this year when we met with the other militant groups from Indonesia and Thailand. It was still mid-day of fasting but the dialogue was animated and substantive.

The MILF "liaison" office in Crossing Simuay is memorable to me. I had several important meetings in "GJ's" compound while I was working for peace in Mindanao during FVR's and GMA's time.

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MEMORABLE — One previous visit stood out. I can't recall the date. I was supposed to meet with MILF leaders for an important meeting there when the small plane provided by the Philippine National Police to shuttle me to Cotabato had to do an emergency landing back at the Davao airport when its right engine bellowed smoke shortly after take-off. I recall my staff Ollie Dagala frantically trying to catch my attention while already airborne when he first noticed smoke coming out of the engine. The plane lamely turned around and bumpily landed after a few minutes that seemed like agonizing hours.. We landed without incident. But there was still a big problem: how to get to Crossing Simuay on time for the meeting. I was told the MILF leaders were there waiting. I didn't want to be blamed for an "outbreak of hostilities" because of a no-show. Luckily, a helicopter of the National Power Corporation was sitting at the tarmac of the Davao airport on its way somewhere. I practically commandeered it , convincing the pilot jokingly that a war would break out if he would not give me a lift. He obliged merrily. I arrived at the Simuay meeting on time — with a few jittery moments of course along the way. The plane incident shook me a bit that I cannot even recall now what we discussed in that crucial meeting. I also vowed not to borrow PNP planes again in my future sorties.

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EAST WEST CENTER —This time, Crossing Simuay played host to a group of journalists who were participants of the 2011 Senior Journalists Seminar of the East West Center in Honolulu. They were around to look into the various aspects of how Muslims fare in Mindanao. They met with the Mindanao Development Authority, then with Lt. Gen. Raymundo Ferrer of the Western Mindanao Command who had a long experience in Muslim Mindanao, then with the Islamic school pupils and teachers in Bugac Maa, Davao City. A good dialogue took place with the Bishop Ulama Conference at the archbishop's palace of Archbishop Fernando Capalla. Also, they had dinner with host families (Joe and Inday Santiago and Ethel Cantor Constantino) and visited a peace and development community in Barangay Aplaya, Davao del Sur before proceeding to Crossing Simuay. Of course, coming to Davao City in the midst of the annual Kadayawan festival, although coincidental, was bonus to the journalists. Advocacy MindaNOW Foundation, Inc that I head made the arrangements of the 3-day visit. They are now off to Dhaka for the final leg of their seminar.

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MISUARI'S ASSEMBLY — Coincidentally, while we were en route to Sultan Kudarat town, I noticed jeep loads of Muslims, some in dump trucks and vans, bedecked with MNLF banners, rushing towards Davao City. Back in Davao City the following day, I saw thousands of MNLF elements and constituents gathered at the soccer field by the Davao River with Chairman Nur "Maas" Misuari conducting an assembly exhorting his followers to stay united for the cause of the bangsamoro.

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Losers and Winners Part 1

By: GRACE BANDOY

WINNER: ***Virgilio Orca Jr. and Jimmy Fong's functioning Rainwater Harvesting Tanks in Kapangan, Benguet*** worth Php 774,707.00 only (the rainwater harvesting tanks are providing two schools and households with a stable supply of water aside from the livelihood opportunities that the water system is supporting in the school and the immediate community. The rainwater harvesting tanks are also supporting three duck raising projects and two tilapia ponds. The tanks serve as a simple object lesson on how people can work with nature for their own benefit.)

LOSER: ***Domogan and Vergara's ERS Machines at Irisan, Baguio City*** worth multi-million pesoses plus additional couple of millions for its operation (One of the multi-million ERS machine is not functioning and while the other one is, our city is losing from its operation due to problems from its very own operations, how stupid is that?! It looks like the city once again ay nagtapon ng pera sa basura..pero pinipilit po ni Mayor that the city will earn from it eventually, let's wait and see!)

WINNER: ***JAC Liner*** (who introduced WIFI's on buses, their services trek southern Luzon)

LOSER*: Victory Liner* (for their freezer-like air-conditioning system!! Lalo na if you travel night time or early morning trips— kung hindi ka naman manigas sa ginaw inside their buses noh!)

WINNER: ***Batangas, Laguna, Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela, Naguilian La Union, atbp.*** (for discouraging the use of plastic bags, ang dali lang i –implement!!!! Bayong, sako, supot or bring-your-own-bag!! That is how easy it is to protect our environment!!)

LOSER: ***Baguio City*** (for taking forever to implement the non-use of plastic bags here! I-implement lang para matuto ang mga taong sumunod! People will not use plastics anymore if there is a law they have to follow, sanayan lang yan!)

WINNER: ***Baguio City*** (for the NO SMOKING ordinance, pero dapat noon pa sila nag-strict sa implementation neto!)

LOSER: ***Phillip Morris Company*** (for allegedly paying off a complainant causing the suspension of Manila's NO SMOKING ordinance)

WINNER: ***O Mai Khan*** (for finally operating in their own building, now we never have to worry for this resto disappearing from Baguio)

LOSER: ***Mga kainan sa Puso ng Baguio Building*** (for taking forever for them to open up and operate again, I miss Don Henrico's (ayoko sa SM!) and I miss the Bibingka of Andok's…)

WINNER: ***The Rainwater Harvesting Project of Baguio*** (working with nature and our weather conditions are truly the things we should all be thinking about right now)

LOSER: ***CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE OF BAGUIO CITY*** (meron po palang Climate Change Task Force ang City ilang taon na, ano ang pinag ga gawa nila for how many years??—Wala!!!??)

WINNER: ***SITEL*** (for their free, massive advertisements using our public waiting sheds and donating 169 pieces of Sitel vests to the city)

LOSER: ***BAGUIO CITY*** (if these waiting sheds were rented out – since puwede naman palang mag advertise sa mga waiting sheds natin – eh kumita sana ng pera ang city natin pangtulong sa mga mahihirap instead of nag receive lang ng vests from Sitel para gawing walking advertisements din ang mga street sweepers and garbage collectors na magsusuot ng mga vests)

WINNER: ***Domogan and DSWD*** (for helping indigent patients in the city – sana true…)

LOSER: ***Vergara and DPWH*** (for wasting millions of public money sa pagsira sa maaayos namang mga kalsada!!!!)

THE LOSER OF ALL LOSERS: ***President P-Noy*** for coming up to Baguio just to conduct a lighting ceremony sa Burnham Park and for going to John Hay para mag Treetop Adventure!!!!! Wala, yun lang ginawa niya dito. And for the purchase of expensive Blackberry mobile phones and Apple i-Pads for his Malacanang Communications office. Yan ba ang matinong gawain?!

Baguio Tourism Council: Loakan Airport Essential to City's Tourism Industry

BAGUIO CITY - Bringing back commercial flights into the Loakan airport is essential to the city's tourism industry.

This was stressed by Baguio Tourism Council (BTC) officials during the opening of the Tourism Summit yesterday at the Baguio Country Club.

According to BTC chairman Anthony De Leon, who is also the president of the Hotel and Restaurants Associations of Baguio (HRAB) and chairman of the Baguio Convention and Visitors Bureau (BCVB), one problem of the city's tourism industry is the lack of airlines servicing Baguio through the Loakan Airport.

De Leon stressed that they have been talking to airline companies and one common answer they get is the need to ensure safety precautions at Loakan airport. Thus, he called on the national and local governments to look on the issue of upgrading the airport's equipment and the hazards pose by nearby houses and vehicles crossing its runway.

Councilor Elmer Datuin, chairman of the City Council's Committee on Tourism, also admitted that there are needed improvements in the Loakan airport before commercial flights or companies would come in.

"The problem in Loakan is the navigational equipment and I was told that it would cost about P500 million. Our mayor is already in constant touch with the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), but with such huge amount involved, it may take time before they can give in to our request", Datuin said.

In the same event, Department of Tourism (DOT) Regional Director Pura Molintas also stressed the importance of road networks and its inter-connection with airports and seaports as this will hasten trade and economy to eventually alleviate poverty especially in the countryside.

Molintas also affirmed that in the Regional Development Council Infrastructure Committee, which she chairs, they are already focusing into interconnecting the region's road networks to the roads, airports and seaports of the other regions especially other Northern Luzon regions I, II and III.

Molintas also stressed the necessity of bringing in flight to Baguio airport. She announced that Sky Pasada has already expressed its intention to fly back soon to Loakan airport.

"The tourism department as well as the city government is giving its support to Sky Pasada in terms of the needed endorsement. The plan, as of the other day, is for Sky Pasada plane to come from Caticlan, Boracay to land in Baguio via Tuguegarao, or Baguio to Laoag to Batangas. Hopefully, if plan pushes through, this will hasten regional operations and travel outside of Metro Manila," Molintas said./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Baguio Teacher Bags Outstanding Teacher Plum

BAGUIO CITY – Master Teacher I Vilma Ambat of Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) is the 8th awardee from Baguio and the 4th in her school to be a Metrobank Foundation Search for Outstanding Teachers, in the secondary level.

As to records, true-blue Baguio girl Ms. Ambat is an exceptional mentor who has achieved much both in academics and extra-curricular activities, in addition to her being a Filipino teacher. A graduate of Rizal Elementary School, St. Louis High School in Pacdal, and St. Louis University, she is also nearing completion of a Masteral Degree at the Benguet State University.

Among the major awards she has received are that of being a Semi-Finalist in Worldwide Innovative Teacher in South Africa, and Asia-Pacific Regional Innovative Educators Forum-Country Winner, in Singapore, both in 2010.

A semi-finalist in the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award for Baguio and Innovative Teacher Leadership Award 5 – Grand Winner in Cebu City; both in the national level, she also was a regional finalist in the Outstanding Public Officials and Employees, all in 2010.

In 2008, she won the Natatanging Guro sa Filipino in the regional level; and at BCNHS in 2010, she was adjudged most outstanding secondary school teacher and Top 5 Outstanding Teacher, being ranked second, both in the Filipino Department. In December 2007, she was BCNHS Outstanding Teacher in Filipino being ranked no. 4.

She has attended numerous seminars, workshops and trainings, among them: in the national level, digital literacy and ICT integration; in the regional, visual teaching aids and creative writing in Filipino; and in the local level, creative dramatics for teachers.

Ms. Ambat has also served as Filipinana Club Adviser, in Schoolyears 2004 to 2006; and in 2006 up to the present, an adviser for "Saleng," a BCNHS student publication.

Coupled with

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1st-APLUMA!

Don't get hooked on Facebook

State workers have already been admonished and correspondingly reprimanded and so with those working in private offices in their indulgence, or, superindulgence on yes, Facebook!

One does not have to ask why.

Conventional wisdom dictates that if one is on office time, therefore, his/her time is absolute, absolutely devoted to office time to which he or she's being paid for by employers with all of his/her talent and every juice in him/her.

Employers expect no less than quality time/work from employees the moment they step into the doors of their offices.

With the emergence of Zuckerman's Facebook, however, the playing field has somewhat changed.

Yup, that's for better and, for worse.

Employees now tend to tend or check on their Facebook accounts whenever "ma'am" or "sir" is not looking or away attending a power meeting or having coffee.

Oh, how we wish it will take them long; the whole day in fact.

And now this seems to be the much-awaited moment among corporate and government employees/offices.

First, the good effects of Facebook to employees: they get updated and wired from across the whole wide world; they can chat, share mementos, old and new photos, exchange hellos and hi's to loved ones both past and present, near/far, etc.

Now, Facebook's bad effects: it slows the cogwheels of the national economy, it slows down veritable revenues for both private and public companies, it clogs and makes the information highway run painstakingly slow.

Wonder why you're having difficulty sometimes connecting into the net from a broadband or any other connection? Yup, millions of us Facebook addicts, could be deep at work, wired to the hilt, online, devoid of the things around us.

Imagine millions, if not billions of people in there doing whatever they may fancy on their respective accounts? Some for good and some for bad.

It's really good Facebook and all other digital gadgetry shrunk the world real small, in fact down, to our fingertips. Social network sites also invaded private lives that is why, Facebook is accordingly redefining its rules on privacy.

Good thing, actually, is the fact that Facebook bridged us to an unabridged array of choices but oftentimes, the animal instint in each and everyone of us oftentimes kicks in and overwhelms us and the problem sets in before we know it.

People almost always tend to check on the lives of their contemporaries; classmates, ex-flames, high school and college classmates. Then we "befriend" them, poke them, chat, send SMS, exchange photos, cell phone numbers, etc. and soon, get connected out of it and into the more handy mobile phones.

Instantly, you are now face to face with people you have been missing and pinning to meet in decades if not centuries. *Beso dito, beso dun. Beso-beso.* Reunions *dito* reunions *doon.*

Nothing wrong with it.

And, as we said, some of these get translated into business opportunities, closer or renewed family ties and some reignites/rekindles forbidden relationships, that are supposed to be better left forgotten/buried.

Control is the name of the game.

Unfortunately, some are not blessed with it (personal control) and so families, marriages, relationships once tranquil and peaceful now spin out of control: forever wrecked, courtesy of Zuckerman's Facebook.

Control, control, control. We all need a lot of it if and when we cannot just live without.

A lot of "almost perfect marriages" are now in shambles, forever shattered because of the power of...let's face it, Facebook.

Let's save marriages, let's save our jobs, let's save on electricity, let's save our lives, and above all else, let's control our usage on our neolectro-gadgets otherwise, they'll end up controlling us.

Benguet Red Cross Assures Enough Blood Supply; Needs Refrigerated Centrifuge to Process Blood

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Philippine Red Cross – Benguet Chapter reported that the blood supply of the local chapter is enough.

PRC-Benguet Chapter Administrator Oscar Paris said that the chapter has stored a sufficient amount of blood in their blood bank and they are ready for any need of blood even for nearby municipalities and communities.

However, the provincial chapter is in need of a blood processor machine to further improve the services they are giving to their clients.

Medical Technologist Lykaine Bagano of Benguet PRC said that they need a refrigerated centrifuge that is necessary for them to process blood into several usages.

A refrigerated centrifuge is a machine that processes collected blood into fresh frozen plasma(FFP), red blood cells(RBC) and the separation of platelets usually being used by dengue patients.

At the moment, Bagano said that the chapter only stores FFP, RBC and whole blood but the processing is being done at the Baguio City PRC Chapter or at the Baguio General Hospital.

But the chapter is actively providing blood for dialysis patients, kidney problems and other diseases that are in need of blood.

The PRC is calling for sponsors from the government and private sector to help in the acquisition of this machine that would give a big help for the chapter and the province as well. This will assure better and faster services needed by clients who are in need of blood.

Meanwhile, during the Kapihan sa Benguet Thursday, Philippine Information Agency staff together with members of the media and other walk ins donated blood to help in the call for voluntary blood donation for those who are in need. The advocacy for voluntary blood donation is a continuous effort which will be undertaken regularly.

During the kapihan forum, PRC Benguet also launched the Million Volunteer Run and the Streamer Campaign 2011 that aim to heighten public awareness to reduce disaster risks and vulnerability of the community in the interest of saving lives.

The program also will build an army of humanitarian soldiers in every barangay of the country who will respond to disasters, donate blood and alleviate human suffering./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

Baguio Teacher .....from page 6

her teaching duties is imparting knowledge to others as facilitator and resource speaker in the local up to the national level, to mention a few; for the national school arts festival, "Pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika," School Program for Excellent and Endeavor and Development, and school reviews.

In addition, she has coached winning students in "Tagisan ng Talino," "Balagtasan," "Sabayang Pagbigkas," "Sabayang Pagbabasa," "Dagliang Pangtalakay," "Patimpalak Pampanitikan," "Paligsahan sa Pagsulat ng Sanaysay, collage, slogan and poster making, poem and essay writing contests, modern, ethnic and interpretative dance, jingle-making, and classroom structuring contests, spread over the years from 2005 up to the present.

She has been a demonstration teacher in Filipino literature and visual aids making, and school development. In school, Ms. Ambat has ratings of outstanding, from 2007 up to the present.

She also has a hand in community and extracurricular activities, serving others aside from the academe.

Ms. Ambat, together with other teacher-awardees; Dr. Chelo Tangan of Cagayan National High School in Tuguegarao City, Buenaventura Luces of Lusacan National High School in Tiaong, Quezon, and Maricel Franco of Nueva Vizcaya Gen. Comp. High School in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya was presented to His Excellency President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino in a traditional audience last Friday, August 26. They will also be presented to leaders of the business community, top-level government officials and academe in an awarding ceremony on Sept. 5 at the Metrobank Plaza Auditorium in Makati City, as highlight of Metrobank's 49th anniversary celebrations.

In a congratulatory letter to Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Metrobank President Aniceto Sobrepena expressed hope that "more jewels of the teaching profession" in the city would be encouraged to come forward and be recognized through Metrobank's search.

Sobrepena also asked that the mayor "continue to provide a nurturing environment for the teachers to pursue excellence in their efforts to share knowledge and inspire change."/juliegfianza

Mt. Province Prohibits Indiscriminate Spitting of Betel Nut

BONTOC, Mt. Province - It has been a common observation in all municipalities of the province that roads, pathways, walkways and even buildings and vehicles have not been spared of the reddish spittle of irresponsible people.

To address this problem, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan here enacted an ordinance prohibiting the indiscriminate spitting of moma(betel nut) in public places or public conveyances within the territorial jurisdiction of the province.

"While we respect the right of individuals to chew moma, it must be noted that the people have also the right to a clean and healthy environment," the ordinance stated.

This is also pursuant to Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which provides that "the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them" and Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 which also provides that local government units shall ensure and promote health and safety of the people.

It requires any person chewing moma to have a receptacle within which to dispose his moma spittle and must be properly disposed or placed in a waste can or waste basket.

To protect its residents from the unsanitary and indiscriminate spitting of moma that pose threat to health and sanitation and the unpleasant sight of moma spittle along roads and other structures within the territorial boundaries of the province, this ordinance imposes a fine of P500.00 to any person violating the provisions of this ordinance.

This ordinance covers the entire territorial jurisdiction of Mt. Province. However, this shall not be enforceable with the municipalities in the province which already have ordinances that prohibit and penalize individuals spitting of moma./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

Alfonso Lista PNP is CAR's best Police Station

ALFONSO LISTA, Ifugao - The Municipal Police Station (MPS) here emerged the winner in the search for the Best MPS for the period 2010 in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

PSI Alex Kimayong, the Chief of Police here, said that they received recently the award at the Police Regional Office in Benguet.

"We did our best in accomplishing various administrative and operational matters and we are lucky also because the municipal government and the community showed tremendous support in our effort to keep the town peaceful,' Kimayong said.

With the active support of barangay officials to mobilize their Barangay Peace-keeping Action Teams (BPAT), crimes reduced and the station encountered only 106 cases the whole year of 2010 of which 77 were solved and 43 were cleared, he added.

The MPS also served 15 warrant of arrests, issued 1,072, 30 police certification, 111pass permit to buyers of large cattle and corn, and recorded 25 traffic incidents. The MPS also arrested two Most Wanted Persons who were top 7 province wide and top 5 municipal wide.

The Women and Children's Protection Desk also investigated a total of 32 cases

The municipality maintains its no jueteng policy and prohibits any form of gambling. The MPS also conducted community assistance development such as medical dental and disaster relief activities, socio cultural programs, skills and livelihood development, barangay and schools visitations and others.

For their mobility to accomplish their tasks, the MPS has a total six vehicles, one of which was donated by the A. Lista LGU. Aside from this, the LGU headed by Mayor Glenn Prudenciano allotted funds for the MPS in the amount of P658,624.00 used for fuel, oil and lubricants, repair and maintenance of vehicles and office supplies.

Kimayong added that the LGU here also donated the following equipment and supplies particularly for emergency purposes and search and rescue operations.

At present, the Al Lista MPS has 24 personnel manning the police station and three Community Police Assistance Center (COMPACs).

The municipality has 20 barangays and a population of 28,237 with a ratio of one policeman is to 1,227 residents spread over a land area of 41,051 hectares.

Alfonso Lista is a fast growing and developing municipality and now becoming a center of trade to the adjacent municipalities with its corn and cattle industries./JDP/VDB- PIA CAR,Ifugao

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will pursue the land swap deal," the mayor said.

He said he asked Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. to furnish him a copy of the result of the relocation survey so that he will have a basis when he meets again with GSIS officials to settle the issue.

The mayor had earlier vowed to uphold and even strengthen the past administrations' stand to preserve the tree park which he said also mirrors the sentiment of the local populace.

The tree park measuring 14,430 square meters is being eyed by the GSIS and the SM Development Corporation for a condotel and commercial complex venture.

The GSIS earlier filed an administrative case against past and present city officials over the botched project before the Office of the Ombudsman "for usurpation of legislative powers and violation of Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices" for passing and implementing Ordinance No. 51 series of 2001 or the Revised Comprehensive Zoning Regulations of the city which was the basis of the city in disapproving the GSIS' application for a building permit for its condotel project dubbed Baguio Air Residences.

They claimed the disapproval of the project denied the GSIS the chance to augment its actuarial funds.

GSIS also said Ordinance No. 51-2001 should not supplant Presidential Decree 396 issued by former President Ferdinand Marcos which intended the subject area under the ownership of GSIS purportedly 'to augment its retirement funds and actuarial solvency.

The ordinance classified the Baguio Convention Center as within an institutional zone while the forested area beside it is zoned as "parks and gardens."

In the petition, the GSIS sought the invalidation of the provision of the ordinance which declared the subject area as a park and garden. It also asked the court to order the city officials to process and issue the building permit and other clearances or papers for the project./A Refuerzo

Toddler Hanging

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the treatment plan shifted to the much stronger St.

Jude Protocol after the second relapse.

A third relapse prompted another shift, this time to Salvage protocol. It resulted in another relapse and the boy was shifted again to AML protocol starting last Aug. 1.

"He was transfused with 38 (blood) platelet (concentrates) and five RBC's (red blood corpuscles)," Ferdinand said last Friday. The transfusions were made possible with blood donations from the San Pablo and Recoletos seminaries, volunteers of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation Council, members of the guardians, "security guard Raymond", friends and relatives of the boy.

Ferdinand also acknowledged fund donations from Hani Carantes (P2,000) and an anonymous donor (P1,000), aside from referrals from members of the city council to the city social welfare and development office and the BGHMC.

Asher's fever is off and on and his white blood corpuscle count has to go up so he can continue with his chemo treatment, his dad said.

"To boost his WBC, he needs GSSF," Ferdinand said, referring to a drug which, he said costs P4,500 a vial.

The kid's protracted fight against the big C has left the family financially and emotionally drained.

"That's why we are appealing again for help,as we're not giving up on Franz," Ferdinand said.

Those who can help may ring up Ferdinand's cellphone n umber (09283774560), or that of his wife, Juvy (09182477935)/Ramon Dacawi.

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OSCAR CABANLIT -Vendee
Applicants

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0402/2011-CAR-490

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of unit 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.

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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 this 23rd day of August 2011 **(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR**
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Case No:92-CAR-117

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITIONFOR ADOPTION OF MINOR
PETER DARREN ANCHETA MATEL

SPOUSES PETER PAUL A. MATEL AND MARIA ELENA A. MATEL,
Petitioner,

SPL PROC CASE NO. 381-A
FOR : ADOPTION

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF SABLAN, BENGUET,
Respondent,

X——X

ORDER

The petitioner-spouses filed this verified petition praying of this Honorable Court that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered.

1. That minor Peter Darren Ancheta Matel be declared for all legal intents and purposes as the legitimate child of herein Petitioners;

2. That the details pertaining to the fact of his birth as indicated in his certificate of live birth be ratified;

3. That the annotation of the certificate of live birth stating that the fact of birth of Darren was registered in accordance with Republic Act 9255 be deleted;

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on October 13 , 2011 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in Th Junction Newspaper , a newspaper of general circulation in the City Of Baguio and in Benguet Province once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks.

The petitioners are directed to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor Peter Darren Ancheta Matel. The court social worker is required to submit to the court the case study not later than October 10, 2011.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 27th day of July, 2011, at Baguio City, Philippines.

By:(SGD)
ILUMINADA P. CABATO
Judge

Publication dates: Aug 13, 20 and 27, 2011

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Office of the Ex – Officio Sheriff of Benguet
Bulwagan ng Katarungan,
Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet

BANCO NAKUN INC. [A Rural Bank] herein represented by its Manager,
MARY ANN N. NADUNOP ,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

ALICE H. LUMIWAN
Respondent-Mortgagor,

FILE NO. 11-Exf-1513

FOR : EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDEDBY ACT NO. 4118

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act. No. 3135, as amended, filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, BANCO BAKUN, INC. [A Rural Bank] , a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with its business address at Antamok Tram, Ucab, Itogon Benguet and erein represented by its Manager MARY ANN N. NADUNOP, likewise of legal age, married, Filipino and with residence and postal address at No. 459 Ucab, Itogon, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgage, for the satisfaction of the obligation of respondent-mortgagor, ALICE H. LUMIWAN, of legal age, married, Filipino and resident of JB 068, Pico La Trinidad, Benguet hereinafter referred to as the mortgagor, in order to satisfy her obligation to the mortgage in the amount of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDREDNINETY SIX THOUSAND THIRTY NINE PESOS AND SIXTY EIGHT CENTAVOS [P 1,296,039.68], Philippine Currency, as of August 9, 2011 which has been due and which amount stated excludes publication costs, sheriff's commission and other necessary fees and incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings estimated to be ore or less P 50,000.00. The undersigned sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on September 9, 2011 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency , one [1] parcel of registered land, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-32860 with Tax Declaration No. 99-012-02182

" A parcel of land [Lot 3-B-3-A, Psd-1-02716, being a portion of Lot 3-B-3, Psd-1-01894, LRC Rec. No. _____] , situated at Barrio of Pico, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet , Island of Luzon, Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 3-B-3-B Psd-1-02716; on the NE., along line 2-3 by property of Takio; on the E., along line 3-4 by Lot 4 [LRC] Psd-175173; on the SE, along line 4-5 by Lot 3-B-1 and along lines 5-6-7 by Lot 3-B-2, both Psd-1-01894; and on the S., along lines 7-8-1 by Lot 3-B-3-B Psd-1-02716, Beginning at a point marked x x x to point beginning. Containing an area of SIX HUNDRED THIRTEEN [613] SQUARE METERS. x x x

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any. In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby re-scheduled on 10 October 2011 at the same time and place without ned of re-publication.

Let the foregoing be published at THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER , a newspaper of general circulation on August 13, 20 and 27, 2011.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 11th day of August, 2011.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EX-OFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET

BY:(SGD) HENRY B. LONGAY, JR.
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates August 13, 20 and 27, 2011

Advocacy Mindanow

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BALANCING ACT — MILF Chair Iqbal said he was preparing to leave for Malaysia for the August 22 peace talks with the Philippine government. It will be interesting to see what comes out of that meeting as an aftermath of the Pnoy-Murad one-on-one parley in Tokyo.

It will also be interesting to see how the government balances the need to engage Nur Misuari's MNLF and Kagi Murad's MILF aspirations. After all, they all belong to the same bangsamoro.

Editorial

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and fall guys. Gen. Fabian Ver went to his grave carrying his secrets. Will our grandchildren know someday the mastermind(s) in Ninoy's murder?"Some say that we shall never know, and that to the gods, we are like flies that the boys kill on a summer's day," Thornton Wilder writes in "The Bridge of San Luis Rey." And "some say to the contrary, that the sparrows do not lose a finger that has not been brushed away by the finger of God."Juan L. Mercado

Smoking Ban

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dress questions whether smoking on the streets is considered a violation of the said law.

The Comprehensive Anti-Smoking ordinance of the city specifically bans smoking in public utility vehicles, government-owned vehicles and any other means of public transport, accommodation and entertainment establishments, public building and public place or any enclosed area outside one's private residence or private place of work.

Balajadia said, 'there is need to include in the ordinance banning smoking along barangay roads and public alleys, national roads within the City of Baguio, Central Business District areas and barangays'.

The amendment will have a broader scope to include all alleys and street in the city.

'Public Place' as defined in Ordinance Number 8 series of 2008 only refers to gasoline stations, banks, malls, town squares, terminals, shopping and business arcades, schools, churches, hospitals, cinema houses, gymnasia, funeral parlors, barber shops, and other similar places where people usually congregate to listen or attend concerts, rallies and programs which includes the city's parks.

Liabilities of persons or individuals caught violating this ordinance will be subjected to a fine of 500 to 2000 pesos or imprisonment of 1 to six months or both.

Establishments who allows or fail to warn or advice smokers of this ordinance will also be imposed a fine or the cancellation of their business permits.

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natin magagampanan ang nakalaan sa Konstitusyon na ang kalusugan ng ating mamamayan ay isang obligasyon ng gobyerno?

Mr. President, do you know where we're going to?

Sa peace and order, we rank fourth least peaceful country in Asia Pacific following only Afghanistan, North Korea, at Pakistan.

Ang susunod po, we ranked 3rd most dangerous country in the world for journalists, trailing behind Iraq and Somalia.

138,000 policemen ang mayroon po tayo, with a ratio of 1:743. Ang ideal ratio po sa ating PNP law is 1:500. Kulang po tayo ng sisenta mil. 60,000 policemen po ang kulang natin.

Our police force, 25% po ang walang baril. 3,781 po ang naka-assign sa mga posisyon na investigative positions na dapat mag-imbestiga. Alam po ba natin 24% lang o 908 lang ang may formal training sa imbestigasyon, partly explaining the low success rate in solving crimes.

Mr. President, *ang atin pong pulis ay isa sa pinakamasipag sa buong mundo.* Let's not look at the few rotten eggs, let's look at the whole PNP.

Ang problema, kulang sa gamit, kulang sa sweldo, sinasakripisyo o inihahandog ang kanilang buhay, but do they have the support? What's our plan for them, Mr. President? *Ano po ang vision?* Again, Mr. President, do we know where we're going to?

Despite the statistics in peace and order, we know we're a peaceful country, and we know we are champions when it comes to hospitality.

Ngayon, Mr. President*, tingnan din po natin mamaya ang turismo, pero tingnan muna natin ang employment.*

As of January of this year, 7.4% po ang unemployed. This translates to 2.91 million Filipinos of working age who are without jobs. 63% are male and the rest are female. Almost half of the unemployed are from the age of 15 to 24. 40% of those unemployed reached college. 35% are high school graduates. *Hindi po kasama dito ang 8.5 to 10 million na walang trabahong makuha sa Pilipinas kaya nasa abroad.*

But Mr. President, *sa isang ciudad sa Maynila, nagkaroon kami ng SWS survey. Sa SWS survey po na iyon nakita po namin nung tinanong nang diretsahan ang ating mga kababayan,"Ilan sa inyo ang walang trabaho?" 50% ho. Isa sa dalawa. Singkwenta porsiento ang walang trabaho. Bakit po ang layo ng statistics natin?*

Kasi po sa definition po ng "unemployment." It's a technical term. It includes all persons who are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and are reported as being without work (walang trabaho), are currently available for work, (maaring magtrabaho) and are seeking work (naghahanap ng trabaho) , or not seeking work (hindi naghahanap ng trabaho dahil sa mga kadahilang) due to reasons like being tired or believing that there no work available, like the discouraged workers who looked for work within the last six months prior to the interview date; awaiting results of previous job applications; temporary illness or disability; bad weather; and lastly, are waiting to get rehired or recalled.

Meaning Mr. President, *ang unemployment rate ay hindi simpleng tanong kung may trabaho ka ba o hindi.*

So if they're not looking for work, if you're waiting for your job application or if you're working a few hours a week, you're not considered unemployed. But to my estimate Mr. President, at least 30% of our people do not have work.

Ang hindi po naniniwala sa statistics ko mag-house to house po kayo at magkaroon kayo ng mga caucus o ng mga rally sa inyong bayan-bayan. Ipataas n'yo po ang kamay kung sino po ang walang trabaho at makikita n'yo. The mere fact nga na maraming nag-a-attend ng mga caucus kahit tanghali man o umaga o hapon, doon palang ay makikitang walang trabaho ang mga ito.

Again Mr. President, do we know where we're going to? *Ano po ang programa natin para magkatrabaho ang ating mga kababayan?*

Sa world investment report *Mr. President, tingnan po natin ang sinasabi po ng ating maraming ekonomista na importante ang tinatawag na foreign direct investment o ang pag-i-invest po sa atin o pagdadala ng capital.*

Ang Thailand po $127 million sa 2011 report. Ang Indonesia po $121 million. Ang Malaysia po $101 million. Ang Pilipinas po $24.89 million. Bakit po ¼? Bakit po 1/4 lang po ang nakukuha ng ating bansa? Malalaki din naman ang problema ng Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia. Marami din naman po silang pagsubok pero bakit po times 4, times 5 po ang nakukuha nila sa atin?

Again Mr. President, do we know where we're going to?

Sa imprastraktura *na isa sa mga complaints ng mga negosyante kung bakit hindi dumadating ang puhunan sa ating bansa –* out of 139 countries po, 3rd ang Singapore, 27th ang Malaysia, 46th ang Thailand, 113th po ang Pilipinas. Again ang Vietnam na kung ilang dekada ay may gera sa kanila, humahabol na at 123rd place na ho sila.

Do we know where we're going to, Mr. President?

Ang ating ***OFWs*** *naman po Mr. President, unang-una po ay pangatlo tayo sa buong mundo sa dami ng OFWs o migrant worker—almost 10% of our population. Wala halos pamilya na walang kamag-anak na nasa abroad at nagtatrabaho.*

There is an estimated 2.56 million OFW families or roughly 14% of the 18.77 million Filipino families. *Kita naman po natin kung bakit* self-rated poverty among OFW families are lower—33% lang compared to 51% *pag hindi po OFW ang isang kasama nila o kapamilya.*

Ang remittances po ng OFWs natin $18.8 billion o 846 billion Pesos or about 10% of our gross domestic product (GDP). Mr. President, paauwiin ba natin sila? Policy ba natin na ipadala ang best and the brightest abroad? Ano po ang policy? Ano po ang plano natin sa ating OFWs?

Meron pong isang study na nagsasabing marami sa pamilya ng OFWs ang walang trabaho at hinihintay lang 'yung pera kasi hindi makakuha dito ng oportunidad na magtrabaho. Ano po ang vision natin para sa OFWs at kanilang pamilya? Tinuturuan ba silang mag-negosyo? Pinag-aaral ba sila? Hinahanda ba sila?

Napakaraming umaalis na ang sinasabi, "Anak, isa, dalawa, tatlong taon lang ako. Pag may puhunan na tayo, mag-ne-negosyo tayo. Hanggang ngayon po karamihan ng OFWs tatlo ang negosyo—tricycle, jeepney, sari-sari store pero karamihan po pumuputi na ang buhok sa abroad.

Again Mr. President, do we know where we're going to? Do you know where you're going to, Mr. President?

Sa ***turismo*** *naman Mr. President, ang dami pong studies na nagsasabi pinakamadaling magkatrabaho sa sector ng tourism.* The quickest way to generate more jobs is through tourism.

We all know 7,107 islands *napakaganda.* Almost everywhere you go in the Philippines, the beauty of nature can be seen. God has blessed us with natural resources, with the beauty of the Philippines, and with its historical sites.

Pero out of 26 countries, pang-labingwalo po tayo. Vietnam is 14th. Indonesia is 13th. Thailand is 10th. Malaysia is 7th and Singapore is number 1. Pati po pagdating ng turismo mas maganda tayo sa ibang mga bansa pero number 18 tayo out of 26. On the global scale, sa 139 countries, 94 po tayo.

Again Mr. President, do you know where you're going to? We need Mr. President, a clear understanding of our past.

Mr. President, we both know na ang taong hindi marunong lumingon sa kanyang pinanggalingan ay hindi makakarating sa kanyang paroroonan.

What happened in the recent past? Hello Garci—election fraud, Fertilizer Scam, Swine Scam, NBN-ZTE, use and abuse of the PCSO funds which we're now looking into (through Sen. Guingona's leadership in the Blue Ribbon Committee) the PAGCOR Funds and PNP helicopter overpricing.

Mr. President, wala pa hong nangyayari dito. '***Yung perjury po, obstruction of justice, false accusations eh mani lang sa iba o baliwala. Parang hindi po ito krimen.***

If we look at our past, if we want to repeat our past, and if we want history to keep repeating itself, let's forget these.

But if we do remember it and finally put a closure to all of this*, imbestigahan nang mabuti, kasuhan na ang dapat kasuhan,* we can achieve what we want to achieve as a country.

Mr. President, let's listen to the businessmen. For the last generation, for 40 years, pare-pareho po ang problemang sinasabi po sa atin.

Ang problema pong sinasabi sa atin ay iyon pong most problematic factors for doing business in the Philippines, number 1 corruption. Number 2, inefficient government bureaucracy. Number 3, inadequate supply of infrastructure. Number 4, policy instability, Number 5, tax regulation, *at 'yung iba sinasabi 'yung presyo naman ng kuryente.*

Paulit-ulit na lang po ito Mr. President. 40 years. Hindi tayo nakikinig. We don't look at the past that's why we keep repeating history and our mistakes.

To be continued

Ombudsman Indicts LTFRB Exec, Casual Employee on Graft Raps.....from page 1

The 9-paged Resolution was reviewed by Assistant Ombudsman Virginia Palanca Santiago with Deputy Ombudsman for the Visayas Pelagio Apostol recommending the approval.

By the time final approval was reached, Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon Mark Jalandoni sealed the Resolution as per earlier authority granted by Ombudsman higher-ups.

The case against Duron and Mamon stemmed from the March 2009 transaction of businessman Antonio Caram Jr. with the LTFRB.

Caram, the Ombudsman validated, was an applicant for a franchise to operate a public utility taxi. His application was aided by Mamon who facilitated a personal meeting with Duron.

In the course of the transaction, Caram Jr. was apparently asked and paid a P35,000 franchise fee that in reality, was only P810.00.

The Ombudsman in April 2010 issued an Order to said LTFRFB respondents to submit counter-affidavits and countervailing evidence.

In sum, the duo denied allegations saying the charges were "product of conspiracy among taxi operators" to pin down respondent Duron. This, he told anti-graft probers, was because of the taxi operators' refusal to comply with an office Circular on the installation of taxi meter issuing receipt.

Further down the investigation in August 2010, Duron presented to the Ombudsman an Affidavit of Desistance from Caram Jr. saying there was a third person involved. In fact, the Ombudsman was told, it was "a certain Francis who intervened and faciliated his (Caram's) application."

"According to Caram, the Php 35,000 which he prepared were all spent by Francis and that this person is not a cohort of DURON and MAMON," excerpts of the case discussion went adding that Caram as the original complainant was then manifesting "his desire to drop the cases he filed against DURON and MAMON" before the Ombudsman and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

For the Office of the Ombudsman though, Caram's change of mind and Affidavit of Desistance "cannot be given credence....."

"An Affidavit of Desistance (or recantation) is, as a rule, viewed with suspicion and reservation because it can easily be secured from an ignorant witness usually through intimidation or for monetary consideation," the Ombudsman Resolution went. "What is more suspect is the fact that it was respondent DURON and not the complainant who filed the said Affidavit before this Office. Thus, complainant himself did not manifest before this Office the intent to retract his Complaint-Affidavit."

As for the two respondents, the Ombudsman Resolution was clear.

"..there is sufficent evidence showing the respondents DURON and MAMON in conspiracy with each other, directly or indirectly requested and received from the complainant the amoung of Php 35,000 in consideration for the help to be extended by the respondents particulary by DURON in securing the approval of Caram's application for a franchise to operate a taxi unit. Such amount is manifestly excessive compared to the franchise fee of only Php 810.00," the Resolution went. "Wherefore, finding probable cause against respondents Romel D. Duron and Henry A. Mamon for violation of Section 3 © of RA 3019 as amended, let the appropriate information be filed in the proper Court."

Duron has since been relieved of his post in LTFRB RO 6 with current assignment reportedly at the national office. No confirmation was readily available though on Mamon./ Florence F. Hibionada/Senior Reporter, Philippine News Servicen (PNS)

Cordillera Autonomy

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want", Aquino said.

The issue was raised to the President after the Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR), recently approved a resolution requesting P-Noy to suspend, pending resolution of issues, Executive Order 49 that mandates the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement between the government and the CPLA that prescribed the transformation of the CPLA into a potent socio-economic and unarmed force, and puts closure to the Mt. Data Peace Accord signed in 1986.

The RDC believes that the closure agreement might affect the region's pursuit of autonomy which was one of the focus of the Mt. Data Peace agreement.

It will be recalled that a closure agreement was signed on July 4, 2011 between OPAPP and the CPLA-led Arsenio Humiding group which aims to transform the CPLA, into a socio-economic organization from an armed group. This includes economic reintegration and countryside development packages.

Other CPLA factions are questioning the agreement, however, claiming that they were not consulted on the said closure. One faction even brought the matter to court seeking nullification of the agreement.

"I was advised that in the past 25 years, we haven't gotten really as far a long as that has been the case. Dapat masara natin yan. So, if there are valid objections, then we will entertain it, but if they are not valid that merely delay the process, parang sayang naman iyong time para pumunta na tayo sa next phase (it is just like wasting our time in moving on to the next phase), which is to make them (CPLA) economically and politically stable and viable", the President said.

According to the President, he has not yet received the RDC resolution but he stressed ' we did best'.

He said that he was informed that 'there is supposed to be a lot of dialogues by the OPAPP with both factions and the suggestion that they gave to me, this is the faction that represents the mass majority of those target, meaning the CPLA and the CBA.' He added that he was told that the "other factions are not as big as the factions that we signed".

It can be recalled that the CPLA, then led by rebel priest Conrado Balweg, and CBA representatives had met with then President Corazon Aquino in Mt. Data on September 13, 1986 for the exchange of peace token signifying "sipat "(cessation of hostilities) and the recognition for the Cordillera's aspirations for regional autonomy. This eventually led to signing of Executive Order 220 creating the Cordillera Administrative Region.

The CPLA is said to be divided into at least three factions, and the unified CPLA is led by Arsenio Humiding./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

The Peace Combatant

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financing for the waiting shed, adopt a set of waiting shed construction standards, and impose limits on how the donor may use the waiting shed for advertising and PR image creation. A better law, however, is to ban corporate advertising in the waiting shed entirely and simply acknowledge the donor in very small fonts. Please make sure that in granting the privilege to any organization in constructing waiting shed or any infrastructure, allow transparency and public biddings to take place. Treat the matter as a situation wherein a privilege would be granted to a corporate organization. The privilege can be granted to the public sector for a sum, of course, but it must be awarded in a manner the basic things are not surrendered: our own public image as a city and our identity that is distinct from SITEL or any other private firm. We can even use the waiting sheds to promote our city's values at the corporation's expense and not at our expense.

In formulating contracts for the private sector's use or construction of the city's assets (such as waiting sheds), the Office of the Mayor and The City Council must ensure absolute transparency. In fact, we have to do more than transparency and promote public participation in designing the contracts for public-private partnerships

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NYC

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tions, she added.

Nava stressed that the NYC are encouraging the youth to face the real world to balance reality and fiction. She encouraged every Filipino youth to engage in the different activities in their communities and schools.

Schools and other non-government organization are also encouraged to create sports and other activities that would encourage the young minded to join them.

Several sports teams and athletic events in the country also have created more outlets for the youth to engage in.

Youth organizations are also encouraged to involve their fellow youth to have an active participation for themselves and for the community as well./JDP/RC-PIA CAR\

Smoking Ban

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to the anti-smoking drive of the city said the insertion of the amendment will give more teeth to the existing anti-smoking ordinance.

The measure is also in line with the city's clean and green campaign to eradicate littering of cigarette butts thrown by smokers irresponsibly in the city's street.

Strict implementation of the said law is seen as a very important policy in promoting public health./paul rillorta

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OPAPP Conducts Profiling of CPLAs

BANGUED, Abra - The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) started profiling the individual members of the Cordillera Peoples' Liberation Army (CPLAs) in the province.

Around 300 members of the CPLAs in Abra are targeted for profiling in order to carry out the matching process for the appropriate livelihood projects that they will be undertake under the development packages included in the recently signed government-CPLA closure agreement.

The livelihood projects will depend on the available resources as well as the skills that the members possess in order to ensure that the livelihood projects they undertake will be sustained.

Parallel to the matching process, the CPLAs will also be organized into a peoples' organization (POs) to be registered with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The PO will eventually take over the transformation process of the CPLAs from an armed group to a viable organization that would push for the socio-economic development of the members and consequently the communities in the project sites to effect development in the area.

In an interview with Anna Laylo, the project coordinator for the closure agreement between the government and the CPLAs spearheaded by the OPAPP, she assured that the funds particularly the 85% of the total funds intended for community projects will not be given to the CPLAs for implementation but will be channeled to the national line agencies that will be tasked to carry out the projects. Only the 15% of the total funds that is intended for the livelihood projects for the members will be given to them.

Laylo emphasized that the implementation of the all the projects will be done in consultation with the CPLA and the Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA) being the partners in the said program.

In addition, a Joint Monitoring Committee will ensure that everything that they will undertake relative to program implementation will observe transparency and accountability and all financial transactions will be subject to internal monitoring.

The closure agreement aims to transform the CPLA into a socio-economic organization by demobilization the forces and providing them livelihood to live a better life.

Meanwhile, Laylo said that OPAPP is not dipping their fingers on the internal problems of the organization and will only look into the program implementation./JDP/MTBB-PIA CAR,Abra

TEAMWORK - Muslim vendors join hand with ambulant vendors and concessionaires including the "Baguio's Finest" during regular general clean-up drive being initiated by Burnham Park commercial photographers twice a month with a record number of 128 volunteers for the up-keep of the city's premier park. Compac 2 newly designated commander P/Insp. Ferdinand R. Sibayan extends his helping hand while Secretary to the Mayor Raffy Tallocoy supervises the undertaking./By Bong Cayabyab

Toddler Hanging on at Intensive Care Unit

Thanks to the medical staff, type A blood donors and fund donors, five-year old Franz Asher Flores is hanging on at the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

The kid is on his fourth relapse in his fight against leukemia now spanning three years.

The gravity of his condition prompted his transfer from the pedia cancer ward to the PICU last August 21, according to his dad was transferred to the PICU last August 21, according to his dad, Ferdinand, a spiritual retreat coordinator at the Assumption Sabbath Place at Crystal Cave.

"Due to relapses, his protocol changed step by step, light to heavy dosages of chemotherapy drugs, and from expensive cost to much more expensive cost," Ferdinand wrote in a letter-appeal for help earlier this month.

Asher was diagnosed when he was two and started with standard chemotherapy. He was back to standard chemotherapy after a relapse, but

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Doe Pushes for Public Utility Vehicles Running on Sustainable Alternative Fuel

BAGUIO CITY- Buses and jeepneys will soon be running with natural gas and fuels which are cheaper, economically viable and more environment-friendly means of public transportation.

This is part of the government's plan, stressed Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jose Rene Almendras, during his presentation in the DOE Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Roadshow here at the city last week.

"It is part of our dream to have 200 natural gas-run buses running by the end of 2012 and 1,000 more by 2013 and at least 1,000 natural gas jeepneys in Metro Manila running by 2013", Almendras said.

According to Almendras, with the continuing increase in the demand and price of fuel products and slower increase in the production of supply in the global market, they are now pushing for the shifting to a more sustainable and indigenous sources of fuel which is more economical and environment-friendly.

"If we use natural gas, it is not only cheaper than diesel and gasoline but also much cleaner, which means less pollution. Our studies shows that if we run 1,000 natural gas buses in Metro Manila we will have cleaner air which will reduce the 147 ppm (parts per million) down to about 90 plus ppm, which is about closer to the internationally accepted level of 90 or less ppm. It is not only about energy but it has environment and economical initiative", Almendras stressed.

He also bared that DOE is also now pushing for electric tricycles. Bby next year they will be launching a 'Rent-to-Own' program for electric tricycles.

"There are about a million registered tricycle in the country and I was even told that this could reach about 2.5 million if we count all those are not registered or colorum tricycles and through our pilot programs we have proven the fact that this would increase the daily take home pay of drivers by about P150 to P200. Not to mention the fact that after five years, they would not need to pay boundary anymore as they will own the unit", Almendras said.

The other good news here is that aside from being economically viable and environment-friendly, it also has a social impact as even if the price of fuel increases, tricycle fare will not increase, Almendras said. 'We all know that tricycle is the transportation mode in rural areas and in the disadvantage sector of our society" he added.

"Our problem here in the country is we keep on complaining about fuel prices but we are not moving towards solution, which is why we at the DOE has taken the lead in providing what we now called FSTP or Fuelling Sustainable Transport Program, wherein we have identified all possible alternative fuels for our transport sector", Almendras explained./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

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