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'Abuses Down in 2007 But Never A Rosy Picture For Human Rights in RP'



BAGUIO CITY – There is no rosy picture in the Philippines human rights record, the left-leaning human rights group Karapatan claimed even as the number of alleged human rights abuses went down this year.

Karapatan in its year-end report said the number of cases went down this year, with 68 victims of extrajudicial killings and 26 enforced disappearances compared to 185 killings and 93 disappearances in 2006.

The lowered figures is attributed by Marie Hilao-Enriquez, Karapatan's secretary general "to the successful campaign to bring to international attention the extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, the mounting pressure on (the government) from the US Senate, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or

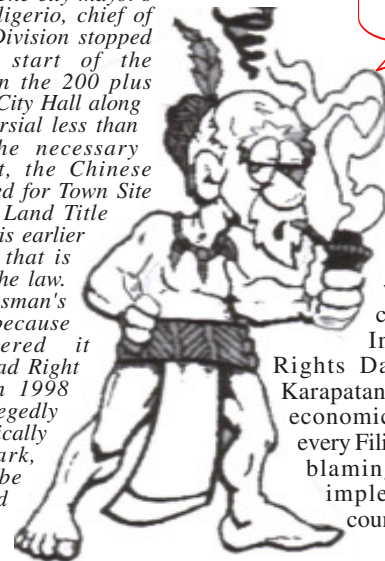
arbitrary executions, the diplomatic community and

Hay, hay, hay! Ang kakapal talaga ng mga konsilor natin ano?!!

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NO BUILDING PERMIT! "The city mayor's office through Engr. Greg Deligerio, chief of the Public Order and Safety Division stopped on Tuesday morning the start of the construction of structures on the 200 plus square meter lot in front of the City Hall along Chugum St. that was controversial less than 10 years ago. "Without the necessary government building permit, the Chinese businessman-owner who applied for Town Site Application, then awarded a Land Title in 2001 reportedly resurrects his earlier plan for a vertical structure that is accordingly prohibited under the law. "Under the Chinese businessman's title, which is even suspect because the DPWH had considered it inalienable because of the Road Right of Way and City council in 1998 questioned it because it is allegedly a City Hall reservation, specifically stipulated that only a park, parking or garden will be "improved" for the area and that no vertical structure is permitted.

--Artemio A. Dumlaog



various local and international peoples' organizations and human rights groups. Although, there is no rosy picture still, Enriquez claimed. In its report released this week in time for the celebration of the International Human Rights Day on December 10, Karapatan said, "civil, political, economic and social rights of every Filipino are being violated," blaming the continued implementation of the counterinsurgency program

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AO out for map of risky land areas

BAGUIO CITY Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., last week issued Administrative Order 236 for the creation of maps as to risky areas in the city due to landslides, flooding and subsidence due to Karst development. Karst as defined by Webster's dictionary is "limestone region marked by sinks, abrupt ridges, irregular protuberant rocks, caverns and underground streams."

In the mayor's AO thus, a detailed map is needed for affected occupants of high risk areas to be warned to prevent death, injury and damage to properties.

In a council resolution on which the AO was based, a map furnished by the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) shows areas in the city susceptible to landslide, flooding and subsidence.

A geohazard map done in 2002 and a Landslide Susceptibility Map of Baguio

Quadrangle completed in 2006, both prepared by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) also shows said areas.

The council resolution then urged the mayor through concerned offices: CBAO, City Disaster Coordinating Council (CDCC) Barangay Affairs Office, City Engineering Office (CEO) and the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO); to conduct and inventory and thereafter have a map of said areas.

In an observation, some of Karst-prone areas are already occupied by houses, and as such, occupants should be warned, or advised to adopt measures to prevent death, injury and damage to properties, the council reads.

By reason of the nature of said areas, construction of any structure be disallowed, under penalty for entities

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Light at end of Asin tunnel flickers with peevish TNHALA

BAGUIOCITY— Is shaking hands ever possible with a clenched fist?

In the heels of a 30-day ultimatum for the City Government of Baguio to vacate the Asin Hydroelectric Plants (AHP), four residents of Nangalisan, Tuba, caused the City Government 2-day lost income projected at P144-thousand, after they closed gate valves of a water reservoir leading to Plant 1.

At about noon of December 3, water guard-on-duty Bonifacio Copero phoned city administrator Peter Fianza informing the latter that Macwid Lamsis, Delfin Lamsis, Moris Polon, and Wilton Benawe allegedly diverted water supply from the plant, causing a 2-day shutdown of the facility.

There are three plants composing the AHP system. Plant I currently

produces 700-Kwh per hour or P3,000.00/hour in terms of monetary equivalent.

Fianza is captain ball to the Technical Working Group (TWG), tasked by the Asin Management Committee (ManCom) to address various landowners' claims in the area and to prepare recommendations on how to best operate the hydros.

It could be remembered that the self-styled Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association (TNHALA) led by one Roger Sinot manifested "lost of interest" in sitting down with city managers to iron out a deal in behalf of Asin landowners affected by AHP operations."

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Waste management program back on track as barangay leadership normalizes

BAGUIOCITY— The waste segregation efforts in the barangays here have gone back on track with the installation of the new barangay officials.

City environment and parks management officer-in-charge Colleene Lacsamana said the level of compliance of the barangays to the city's waste segregation policy has improved anew after the new set of barangay leaders assumed their posts last December 1.

The level of compliance with the segregation policy suffered a slump

right after the barangay elections when confusion arose on who between the old and new sets of leaders has the authority to rule the barangays.

Now that the smoke has cleared, according to Lacsamana, the segregation efforts have been revived

with 65 percent of the barangays now complying with the policy.

Lacsamana said the city government is planning to hold a reorientation program on solid waste management system for the new barangay leaders.

During the re-training, they expect

to reiterate the no segregation-no collection policy.

Lacsamana said they also aim to organize the solid management committees at the barangay level and to finalize the routing scheme of garbage collection on a cluster basis./ aileen p. refuerzo

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Frost Damage In RP's Vegetable Salad Bowl May Grow

La Trinidad, Benguet – Frost damage along the country's vegetable salad bowl may hike even as Benguet officials remain complacent the present effect untry's vegetable salad bowl is still minimal.

This after frost reportedly occurred in Mankayan town, Atok and other towns along the vegetable belt in northern Benguet on November 30, two days before Baguio City even experienced its coldest at a biting 10.4 degrees Celcius on Sunday.

Mankayan town councilor Willy Mendoza said there was frost in barangay Cada in his town on November 30. Though, he said, they are still summing up the extent of the damage.

Atok town mayor Concepcion Balao also confirmed they felt the frost also on November 30 and December 1. They still have to sum up the

figures on the extent of the damage, the mayor said, as she added "it is still isolated".

Benguet governor Nestor Fongwan also admitted the frost and its damage, but he claimed, "not really much".

Vice governor Crecensio Pacalso who also begged off on their lack of data said they have to validate the initial figures of frost damage as the agriculture office has not submitted an official report.

Government weatherman Danny Galate of the local office of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) admitted that frost will occur in northern Benguet areas also in the coming days that may spell doom to Benguet farmers. Though, he immediately doused the fears "pero di gaya nung 2005".

Frosts (ice crystals) are normal occurrence in high altitude

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Three expats sustain support to patients here

Three expatriates from Baguio and Benguet go on overtime work if they must to continue supporting patients here that they may never meet and whose conditions they only read about.

Architect Freddie de Guzman, a graduate of St. Louis University now based in Canada, pins his hopes to be of greater help on three projects his company has lined up early next year.

"Let's pray the firm I work for gets the contracts so I'll have reason to be on overtime," he said in a call last Thursday. "My three daughters have just asked me what I want for

Christmas and I told them it's to be able to help more patients back home."

He said he's sending an additional amount for John Brix de Guzman, a six-year old he has supported for months in his fight against leukemia. Brenda, the boy's mother, texted Friday he needed more type A blood donation and albumin infusion to stabilize his condition.

"Let me also take care of Nora's maintenance medicine for a month and her baby's infant formula," Freddie added.

Nora (not here real name), a 31-year old farm laborer's wife with two kids,

has been coping with bipolar disorder since she was 18. Because of her medication, her doctor advised against breast-feeding her five-month old son.

"Hindi ko kilala anak kung sumusumpong and sakit ko," she confessed. "Sinasabi ng nanay ko noon na sinasaktan ko rin daw s'ya kung nawawala ako sa sarili. pati asawa ko yon din ang sinasabi."

She couldn't sleep last week after a call from an elder sister who said their mother back home in San Juan, Batangas had just suffered a stroke and was bed-ridden.

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San Fernando City, La Union -- Dirty but clean job! "Dirty as maybe because this girl is packing charcoal at the public market here, her job is considered clean though as she ekes a living with her own sweat and clean conscience, unlike others who may have the cleanest hands but their souls tainted with the bad deeds they engage. -- Artemio A. Dumlaog

Dads override mayor's veto of car plan

BAGUIOCITY – The city council last Monday overrode Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr.'s veto of the P15 million car plan for the councilors and the mayor.

However, the council members expressed intention to abandon the car purchase plan and instead rechannel the fund to the city's waste management program or other priority projects possibly through the repeal or amendment of the subject measure, Ordinance No 57 series of 2007.

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia who led those who voted for the override said most of the members, although agreeing not to push through with the car purchase, decided to override the mayor's veto to stress the point that the basis for the chief

executive's rejection of the council move was "distorted."

Balajadia maintained that the ordinance and the intent of the body to purchase service vehicles were valid

and that the term "car plan" was only a "generic phrase to describe how the city council will acquire the vehicles."

"It was never the city council's

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

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Magsumbong at mag-ingay para mabawasan ang katiwalian sa Gobyerno!!!

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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Once Again, the Tambourine Brigade

On Advent's first Sunday, star lanterns and Christmas belens deck this town. These brings out, the "tambourine brigade:" scrawny kids who bang flattened bottle caps, tacked to sticks, to accompany off-key carols, as they cadge for a few pesos from passers-by.

These grimy "street troubadours" never heard of Magdalo mutineers. Midweek, Magdalos barged into a Makati hotel to seek the President's ouster by "withdrawal of support" - their support. And who else?

People didn't scramble for the barricades, in July 2003, when 321 soldiers, led by

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Lt. (now senator) Antonio Trillanes, took over Makati's

Oakwood hotel. The mutiny collapsed in less than 24 hours.

If both would short circuit our recovered constitutional processes. Trillanes & Co. would thereby remolded this country into the image of Burma and Pakistan of the juntas.

But all these mean nothing to often food-short kids who should be in school. Here, 22 percent of people are undernourished. Compare that to Malaysia's two percent. Poor nutrition stunts almost a half (47 percent) of kids in Negros Occidental and Northern Samar. They're dwarfed by better fed kids in Beijing, Seoul or Hong Kong. Are many of them frailer, and academically slower than their Malayasian, Korean or Singaporean counterparts? Why?

Poverty forces 33, out of every 100, to quit school before reaching Grade 6. "From grades 5 through the end of high school, boys drop out 2 to 2.5 times more than girls," former education Juan Miguel Luz points out. But these kids care is Christmas nets them larger tips.

"Christmas is the only time I know of when men and women seem, by one consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely," Charles Dickens wrote in 1843. But the tambourine brigade never heard of Dickens, much less read his tale of Christmases past, present and yet to come.

They can't read. Surveys show most students begin to read - and comprehend - only by Grade 4.

If you've read this far, you're not deprived. Your children and grandchildren never romped with the "tambourine brigade": Chances are they've stumbled across "A Christmas Carol," even if only on their DVDs. But Dickens urges us: Be like the re-engineered Scrooge. See the poor, "not as another race of creatures, bound on other journeys, but fellow passengers to the grave."

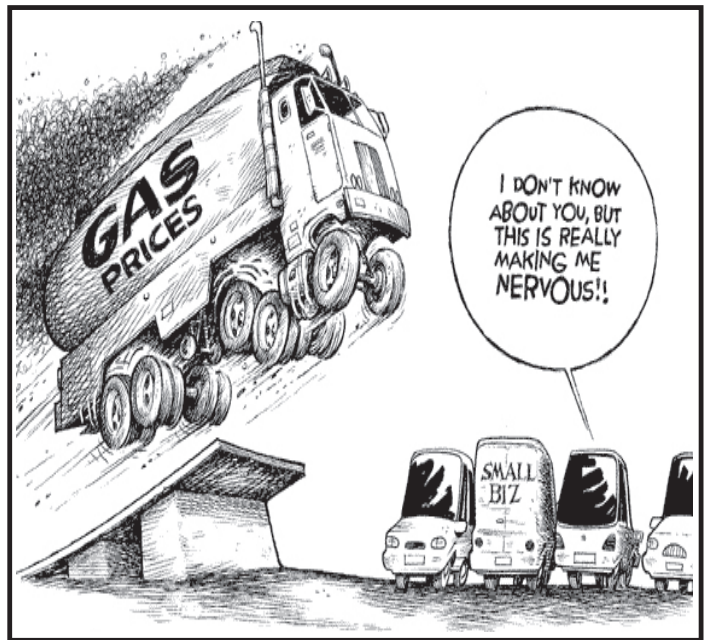
Today, there are about 89 million Filipinos. (That's what the ongoing census is likely to report) And 14.5 million are locked into incomes of less than a dollar (P42.8 pesos at current exchange rates) a day. That deprivation explains the tambourine brigade.

Penury is so widespread, we take its devastation for granted. Lazarus at the gate blends unseen into the woodwork. And treadmill squabbles by our "leaders" - the Glorias, Eraps, De Venecias, Villars, Lacsons and yes, our generals - blind us Their self-seeking agendas abort what makes for a humane society.

Tiene cara de hambre. ("You have the face of hunger") the young boy tells the Crucified in the film Marcelino, Pan Y Vino. It may strip our blinders if we make an effort to locate the tambourine brigade in context. How?

One is to live among the poor. Those preparing for the Catholic priesthood today must live and work among laborers, farmers, fishermen, for a year. Ordinary families share, without publicity, their modest resources for the needy. And some use their skills to strip away self-serving slogans like "Erap Para Sa Mahirap."

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*Piskal na "Namemersonal";
"Yarian" sa LTO Office*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Dinidinig na sa korte ang mga kasong isinampa kina senador Antonio Trillanes IV at mga kasamahan... Samantalang... *Malaya pa at gumagala at nakangisi naman ang mga timawang allipores ni PGMA na nakagawa ng mga kabalalan sa bayan..* iba na ang malapit sa "Kalan" mga suki!

Umalma naman ang media sector sa sapilitang pagdampot at pagposas sa kamay ng mga miyembro ng media na wala namang ginawang kasalanan kundi gampanan lamang ang kanilang tungkulin.. at... *nagpalusot naman ang gobyerno sa nagawa nilang katarantaduhan sa mga miyembro ng media?* Eh ano naman kaya ang mga magiging *rason ni Apo Razon?*

Kakasuhan naman daw ng media ang gobyerno dahil sa "pangyayari" na ito... *naku lagot kayo, baka mapuno si puno ipapadampot na naman kayo!* Manahimik na lamang tayo... hhhmmpppph..... impakto... este... *de facto na martial law* kase tayo ngayon..... *sssshhhhh!*

Samantala... nasa biyaheng europa naman daw ngayon si Reyna Elena Gloria at mga 34 kampon ng kadiliman... este kongresista pala, kasama ang kani-kanilang mga pamilya at kaapo-apuhan... *nagpapakasarp ang mga anak ng diyos sa ibang bansa* samantalang marami ang nagugutom sa kanilang mga kababayan sa pinas!... at suwerte ang mga 34 na kongresistang sumama sa lakwatsa.... Hindi na nagtrabaho, may pera pa! kaya't... sa mga kongresistang oposyunista gumaya na rin kayo sa mga kongresistang oportunistang para mabigyan din ng malalaking biyaya at grasya... gayahin ninyo si PUNO laging napuPUNO kase nakadikit sa pinakaPUNO... pero huwag lang kayong masyadong palalo at baka... maPUNO naman ang mga Pilipino!! Pundido na ako! BWSHEEETT!!!

"Girian" sa "Pakotse" di pa tapos! Mukhang di pa yata tapos ang "Girian" ng mga bosing sa city hall mga suki, dahil inoberayd ng mga konsehales ang beto ni mayor sa inaprubahang panukala hinggil sa "Car Plan"

Pero nakabuti naman para sa bayan ang "veto override" ng city council dahil ang pondo na gagamitin sana sa mga sasakyan ay sa ikakabuti na ng "waste management control" na gagamitin! At dahil

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Significance of the UN
Declaration of the Rights of
Indigenous Peoples*

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



This Monday, 10 December 2007, we will commemorate the 59th anniversary of the United Nation's Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Related to this, it must be pointed out that one of the greatest achievements of the United Nations in advancing human rights this year is its declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples last 13 September 2007.

Of course, next year the commemoration of the declaration will be made not on 10 December but on 13 September. However, it is important to grasp the significance of the declaration this 10 December or human rights day so we can identify the fundamental tasks in consolidating as well as advancing the rights of indigenous peoples. Among the most salient points of the UN declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples are as follows:

- Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development (Article 3)
- Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government (Article 4)
- Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate in the political, economic, social and cultural right of the State (Article 5)
- Indigenous peoples have the right to practice and revitalize their cultural traditions and customs. This includes the right to maintain, protect and develop the past, present and future manifestations of their cultures (Article 11)
- Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and develop their political, economic and social systems or institutions (Article 20)
- Indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories, and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired. Further, indigenous peoples have the right to own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources that they possess by reason of traditional ownership or other traditional occupation or use, as well as those which they have acquired (Article 26)
- Indigenous peoples have the right to redress by means that can include restitution or compensation for the land, territories and resources they traditionally own, occupy or use which have been confiscated, taken, occupied, used or damaged without their free, prior, and informed consent (Article 28).
- Indigenous peoples have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources (Article 29).

The rights contained in the UN declaration are deemed to be the minimum inventory of rights of indigenous peoples. It is unfortunate though that the UN declaration failed to include the rights of indigenous peoples to biodiversity and genetic resources. Nevertheless, the declaration should be seen as an important victory of the indigenous peoples in the arena of the United Nations. Indigenous communities can also invoke the declaration to strengthen their call on whether to welcome or reject mining in their localities. My recommendation is that they reject mining because it would not eliminate poverty anyway given the risks to the environment.

In the Philippines, although we have the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 or the IPRA Law, the declaration provides additional basis on why a Cordillera regional autonomy must take shape. In earlier columns I have argued that government must initiate a provisional regional autonomy for the Cordillera soonest and must allow Cordillerans to determine the full shape of their autonomy via dialogues conducted by a provisional autonomous government. It is the version of the autonomy law produced by the provisional

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Bobo o Korap (or Both)
na Piskal?*

BY ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



Talaga naman mga readers. Kailan lamang ay na detain tayo hinggil sa isang reklamo ng libelo na isinama sa atin ng dalawang pulis patola at pulis sayote. Hindi naman problema ang pagsampa ng libelo o ano pa mang reklamo sa inyong lingkod sapagkat yan ay karapatan nating lahat. Ang problema ay kapag shinort-cut ang proseso na mag re-resulta sa sinasabing kakulangan sa due process - yan ang nakakabwisit, hindi ba Mr. Tabangin the magaling na piskal? Katulad ng sinabi ko, hindi problema ang pagsampa ng reklamo sa atin, ang problema ay yung kakulangan ng due process. Bakit ko naman nasabi yun?

Aking napag-alaman na nuong November 15, 2007 (Thursday) ay naglabas ng isang resolution itong si magaling na Piskal Raymond T. Tabangin at kung hindi pa ako naligaw nuong araw ng November 21, 2007 (Wednesday) sa opisina ng piskal ay hindi ko pa malalaman na mayroon na palang isang resolusyon kung saan sinasampahan ako ng kasong libelo. Ang aking ginawa ay nag-file ako kinabukasan ng motion for reconsideration at re-investigation - araw nang Nov. 22, 2007 (Thursday) kung saan yan ay isang karapatan natin na naayon sa tamang proseso. Aba eh, kaalam-alam ko ay yung mismong araw na yun ay inakyat na ng piskals office ang nasabing resolusyon at na assign na sa RTC Branch 6 sa sala ni Kagalang-galang na Judge Ruben Ayson.

O, kita na ninyo mga dear readers? Laking pasasalamat ko na lang at itong si Judge Ayson ay isang matapat, parehas at hindi korap na Judge! Eh kung naglabas si Judge agad mismo nuong araw na yoon (Thursday) o kinabukasan (Friday) ng warrant of arrest eh di baka abutin ako sa loob ng kulungan ng dalawa hanggang tatlong araw! Sa aking pagkakaalam ay mayroon tayong sampung araw (10 days) mula sa pagkakatanggap ng resolusyon para makapag file ng isang motion for reconsideration. Eh kung bakit mismong sa araw na binigay sa akin ang resolusyon (kung hindi pa ako napadaan sa piskals office eh di hindi ko malalaman na mayroon na palang isang resolusyon at bubulagain na lamang tayo ng isang waranto de aresto) ay mismong sa araw na rin inakyat sa korte ang nasabing resolusyon? Aba eh ibig sabihin nito ay fina-fastrack nilang makakuha ng warrant of arrest at marahil (ayon na rin sa timbre ng isa nating impormante) ay gusto nilang lumabas ang warrant of arrest close to a week end para sa ganoon ay ma-iserve nila ng Biyernes o Sabado ang warrant of arrest para ma istorbo at ma perwisyo tayo. Eh di perwisuhan pala ang gusto mo Piskal Tabangin? Kung sabagay, good record, parehas at hindi ka naman ubod ang KORAP hindi ba Piskal Tabangin? Kaya hindi ka pwedeng ma-perwisyo ng sino man hindi ba Ser?

Katulad ng sinabi ko mga dear readers hindi issue dito ang pagsampa ng reklamo ng libelo - ang issue dito ay yun kakulangan ng due process na dapat ay ibigay sa lahat ng mamamayan maging mayaman o mahirap, at kung bakit itong MAGALING na Piskal Tabangin na ito ay hinayaan niyang mangyari ito? Hindi rin ako galit sa mga nagsampa ng reklamo sapagkat may mga BOBONG Complainant na pinapairal ang galit at namemersonal na kahit na ma-technical ang kaso nila ay kanilang gagawin; ngunit ang mga ganitong short cut at lack of due process ay hindi dapat payagan ng Investigating Prosecutor at kung bakit pinayagan nitong si Prosecutor Raymond Tabangin ay isang malaking katanungan???

Ano kaya KORAP kaya, o baka naman BOBO lamang itong si Prosecutor Tabangin sa tamang proseso. Anong say mo Piskal Tanbangin, ano ka sa dalawa, KORAP o BOBO, o baka naman both of the above or none of the above?!?!?

Alam ninyo mga dear readers malaki ang paggalang ko sa Baguio Prosecutor's office na pinangungunahan ni Prosecutor Banta, katulad halimbawa nila Pros. Vergara, Pros. Centeno, Pros. Catral, Pros. Agunos at marami pang ibang mga Prosecutors na alam ko na hindi magsasagawa ng isang bagay na wala sa due process. Bakit ikaw Piskal Tabangin, ibang klase ka an

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TELL IT AS IT IS

Weekend Laugh

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



Dear Readers,

Thank you for the emails, thank you for the jokes..and the smiles it brought. I am sharing the jokes to all of you that we may all share in the smiles and grins.

Have a nice weekend and good week ahead!

Jenny

(sent by Jun E.)

Boy: Nay muntik na ako maging top 1 sa klase**Nanay:** Ba't mo naman nasabi

Boy: Ini-announce kasi top 1 sa klase kanina, tinuro ng teacher ko ung katabi. Muntik na ako

Pedro: Pare, parang malalim iniisip mo!

Juan: Nanaginip ako kagabi kasama ko 50 contestants ng Ms. Universe

Pedro: Swerte mo! e ano problema?**Juan:** Pare, ako nanalo!

Juan: Pare, sinong idol mo?**Pedro:** si Arnold Schwarzeneger**Juan:** Sige nga, spell Schwarzeneger**Pedro:** hindi, joke lng pare si Jet Li talaga idol ko

Sa isang mumurahang airline....

Stewardess: Sir, would you like some dinner**Passenger:** Ano ba choices?**Stewardess:** Yes or no lang po.

Adik: Doc, grabe yung panaginip ko gabi-gabi, lagi daw ako nanonood ng basketbol

Doctor: sige, halika may gamot ako dyan**Adik:** Wag muna doc, championship na mamaya!

Amo: Kelan lang tayo bumili ng toothpick naubos agad?!

Maid: Ewan ko po ma'am kapag ako gumagamit ,sinosoli ko naman

(sent by Nel A.)

An express courier delivered a package to Gisselle a mistress. Thinking that it was a package from the married man this mistress Gisselle illegally coveted, she hurriedly opened the package to find a "dildo". Still in a puzzled state, beside the dildo she found a note " NO TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY -from the legal wife"

(sent by George)

Tuwing may ikakasal tinutukso ako ni lola "uuy siya na susunod"...

tumigil lang siya nung may dumaaan na karo ng funeraria at tinukso ko din siya.. "uuy siya na susunod!"

Juan: bumili ako 3 tickets sa isang concert, sigurado magiging masaya gabi natin

Maria: ha? bkt tatlo?

Juan: isa sa tatay mo, isa sa nanay mo at isa sa kuya mo! sa concert sila , sa bahay tayo!
wehehehehe :)

For your comments, suggestions, problems that need advice or tips email me @jennyjlw@yahoo.com

Bontoc hosts.. from page 10

and Mt. Province Gov. Maximo B. Dalog. After which will be a Eucharistic Celebration to be presided by the Apostolic Nuncio.

Another event to be hosted by this municipality is the Regional School Press Conference (RSPC) for elementary and secondary students of CAR on December 12-16.

This is an annual school event of the Department of Education to hone the writing skills of the students through a competition in the different aspects of campus journalism such as feature writing, editorial writing, news writing, sports writing,

cartooning, photo journalism and a group contest on school paper and radio broadcasting.

According to Mt. Province Division Office, this is the first time that Bontoc will be hosting the RSPC but second time for the province to host . The first time was held in the municipality of Sagada.

Theme for this year's RSPC: "Promoting Culture of Peace Thru C a m p u s Journalism".

The other two events are the Provincial Craft Exposition scheduled on December 10-14 and the Provincial Meet on December 16-20.

The Provincial Craft Exposition is a yearly provincial trade fair highlighting the various locally produced products. It also include the One-Town, One-Product of the different municipalities of the province.

The holding of the annual provincial meet is not just a sports competition but also a medium of fostering unity among the 12 districts of the province. There will 15 games to be contested in the elementary level and 17 games in the secondary level.

The meet carries the theme: "Moving Forward. One Community, One Heritage Gawis ay Mt. Province."/Juliet Saley/PIA MP

Editorial.. from page 4

Where they live makes a difference even in how long these kids will survive. Overall, life expectancy for Filipinos is now 70.2 years. But it is 81 for Japanese. The disparity shows what is possible. "That a man's reach should exceed his grasp; Or what's a heaven for?" Rabbi Ben Ezra asked.

"Life expectancy, in all provinces, rose, with one sorry exception: Maguindanao. But provincial disparities continue to be large," Philippine Human Development Report notes.

Tambourine whackers in Cebu, Pampanga, Camarines Sur or La Union live where life expectancy is 70 years plus. That's a decade longer than for carolers in Antique, Apayao, Basilan plus western and eastern Samar. Sulu. In Tawi-Tawi or Lanao del Sur, the gap is two decades.

Life expectancy dropped to 52 in one province: Maguindanao, Camarines Sur, Nueva Ecija and Davao del Sur overtook Rizal in stretching life spans. Davao Oriental posted the heftiest increase: 1.7 years. So did Leyte, North Cotabato, Bukidnon and Camarines Sur. But Antique, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao provinces, plus Kalinga and, Apayao, are among tailenders.

Lack of basic items like safe water is another cause. In Masbate, 66 percent of people use open, easily-contaminated wells. In contrast, 96 percent of Batanguenos have reliable water sources. Quality of medical facilities vary widely.

"Shortened lives and premature graves is the lot of tambourine kids. Yet, they could have been doctors, priests, pilots or teachers. In each of them, "Mozart is murdered," Antoine de Saint-Euxpery.

And on Christmas, "when we give one another our presents in His name," Sigrid Undset writes, "let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans and all that lives and moves upon them.

"He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit - and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused.

"And to save us from our own foolishnesses, and from all our sins, He came down to Earth and gave Himself "Venite adoremus Dominum."

Diretsahan.. from page 4

dito... saludo ako ngayon sa ating onorabel na konsehales... at sana tudukan na natin ang isyung ito... period!

“Yarian” sa Land Transportation Office ng Baguio, laganap?

Marami umano ang mga “Yumayari” sa mga kumukuha at nagpapa “renew” ng kanilang lisensya sa LTO. Ito iyong mga tinatawag nilang mga “Fixers” para mapadali ang proseso at sigurado ang pag-isyu sa kanilang lisensya. Makakalibre umano ang sinumang “applicant” sa “Pilahan” at kuskos balungos sa “Drug Test Certificate” nila sa mga accredited drug testing centers na kakuntsaba kung mayroon “Fixers” na lalakad para sa kanya. Hindi ko lang alam kung magkano ang “yarian” dito.

Atensyon Madame Teodora Caguicla Registrar ng LTO alam mo ba ito? Kung hindi, “Ala ey” lumabas ka naman sa tanggapan mo mam at imbestigahan itong naireport sa akin, dapat maparusahan ang iyong mga tauhan na kasabwat ng mga “yumayaring” “Ungas”!
SAMPOLAN!

Sk presidential election may “dayaan” daw? O baka “himutok” lamang ito ng mga talunan!

Kung totoo nga na may “dayaan” o iregularidad sa eleksyon para sa pag-ka opisyal ng mga nanalong Sk, maaring pera pera na naman ang labanan katulad sa darating na eleksyon ng ABC President!

Ayon kasi sa mga nakausap ko na Sk, meron daw umanong “Deal” na nangyari sa eleksyon kunsaan mabibigyan daw ng cellphone w/ camera at perang 600 pesos ang mga SK na bomoto sa isang kandidata na “apo” daw ni eks mayor vergara.

Kung paano at kung meron man katotohanan ito mga suki ay atin pong ilalahad ng buong buo sa susunod na isyu kaya’t ABANGAN....

POSD, mga “Ningas Kugon” at may kinikilingan Bumabanat ngayon ang tropang demolisyon ng POSD sa mga illegal na vendors!

Palakpakan, dahil pinipili lang yata ng “Magigiting” na POSD ang erya at taong kanilang hinuhuli.

Sinaltik ko na sila sa mga nakaraan kong kolum pero mukha yatang dedma lang ang mga lokotoy!

Iyan ang ipinagmamalaki ng ating magaling na mayor!

KLAP!KLAP!KLAP!

Piskal na “Namemersonal” mahiya ka naman!

Bilib din naman ako sa kapal ng “Apog” nitong isang piskal na minadaling itaas sa huwes ang resolusyon kaya naman “Instant” ang “Warrant of arrest” ng isa naming kasamahan, ayun nakalaboso tuloy ang kawawang parekoy.

Ikaw naman kasi parekoy dapat hindi mo banatan itong si piskal tanga.... Este si piskal taba... este si kagalang galang na piskal pala. Dapat eh, lagi mo siyang purihin ng purihin kahit nakakasuka na ang kanyang pinaggagawa. Dapat ding ipikit mo ang iyong mga mata, takpan ang tenga at itikom ang iyong bibig, kahit lantaran ang bulok na istayl ng piskal na iyan! At kahit balitang protector iyan ng illegal na pasugalan, huwag ka na lamang umitimik... iyan parekoy ang gusto siguro ng ungas na piskal.... PWE!!!

Eksklusido! Mga pangalan ng mga impostor na frats at mga kulay ng panyo Narito ang mga nakalap nating impormasyon hinggil sa mga gumagala ng mga gang groups o iyong tinatawag nilang “young street fraternities” kunsaan mga kabataan ang mga miyembro.

Sila iyong mga kabataan na walang ginawa kundi mamerwisyo, manakot at manggulo. Ang mha “frats” na ito ang mga nakikita natin na kalimitan ay “nagrarambolan” upang ipakita siguro kung alin grupo ang pinakasiga.

North side terrorist o NST-Brown, East Side Terrorist o EST-Orange, Widrega-White, Blood-Red mga Creeps GMC-PTC-DTC-Blue RDF-Black, Jungle Town-JT-Green, Sudden Death Gang o SDG, Black

Ayon pa sa impo, meron din daw grupo na kung tawagin ay Samahang Ilocano o SI pero legal naman daw ang samahang ito. Sa susunod ay atin pang ilalahad ang iba pang mga perwisyong mga “frats” at trinatrabaho pa ito ng aking mga bubuwit!

Ano sey mo tsip inspector Moises Guevarra ng BCPO, ano rin sey mo bos Moyaen ng BCPO intel division? meron na po ba kayong listahan itong mga “prats” na ito KALUSIN NA!! TALTALIN NYONA!!

Tuba farmers avail of DAR Projects

T U B A , the Municipal Government of Tuba represented by Mayor Florencio V. B e n t r e z . Representatives from the Office of the President were invited to witness the ceremony. The project is part of the support services component of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) that provides physical and social infrastructure to farm-er-beneficiaries.

The projects will cover the concreting of 2.47 kilometers in Dangay-Barbari road, Taloy Norte and 2.85 kilometers in Lasong-Canongcong, Tadiangan, both in the municipality of Tuba.

Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer J. Aquino Gawigawen turned over earlier this month at least P900,000 or P 4 5 0 , 0 0 0 mobilization fund for each project to

the Municipal Government of Tuba represented by Mayor Florencio V. B e n t r e z . Representatives from the Office of the President were invited to witness the ceremony.

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Physical Infrastructure may be farm to market roads, irrigation facilities, post harvest facilities and rural water system purposely to boost crop production while at the same time m i n i m i z i n g production cost. The social development aspect is equipping the farmers with knowledge, skills, attitudes to enable them to manage their

own affairs or business and compete with their A s i a n counterparts.

Tuba availed of CARP Funded projects after having been proclaimed as Agrarian Reform Community. Previously, Taloy Norte where there is a concentration of Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) recipients, was provided a P16.4 million worth farm to market road and P11,286,370 million irrigation facilities under the Agrarian Reform Infrastructure Support Fund I.

As of November this year, there are 3,624.7340 hectares that were issued with Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) and 1,872 recipients./ *Letty Laoagan/DAR-Benguet*

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autonomous government that can be submitted to Congress for deliberation and then to the people for acceptance or rejection.

Another significance of the UN declaration is that the declaration makes it difficult for government to rescind the constitutional provision for regional autonomy (Article 10, Sections 15 to 21) should a CHA-CHAL call by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo materialize. The declaration makes the emasulation of the IPRA Law difficult (but still not impossible) via the CHA-CHA and via other laws of the land. Nevertheless, the situation does not yet warrant the relaxation of vigilance. It is not a UN declaration that will realize a regime of viable respect and recognition of indigenous peoples rights. Torture, for instance, has been condemned by a UN declaration since 1948 and yet torture continues to this day of the 21st century. It is the people's vigilance rather than a declaration that will fundamentally realize indigenous peoples rights! Igorota leader Vicky Tauli-Corpuz who was one of those instrumental in securing the declaration nevertheless deserves our congratulation.

DFA passporting.. from page 12

recent photo taken within the last six months with a size of 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm, royal blue background, full frontal pose, image of the applicant should occupy

approximately 70-80% of the photograph, printed on good quality photo paper preferably matte, and applicant should use collared shirt.

Belgica said further announcements will be made to the public for any updates on the Machine Readable Passport./ PIA-CAR

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

IN THE MATTER FOR THE PETITION OF CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ROSELIA CAOILIBALUBAR,

ROSELIA CAOILIBALUBAR, Petitioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, Respondent.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 07-C-1439

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court will order the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to change the following entry in her Birth Certificate: 1.Date of Birth from AUGUST 23, 1967 to AUGUST 23, 1969;

2.First Name from ROSILIA to ROSELIA;

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on March 13, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 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 November 18, 2007.

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, the petitioner and the counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 26th day of October 2007 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(sgd.) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr. Presiding Judge

November 17, 24 and December 1, 2007

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

ARTEMIO A. PALANGDAN, Mortgagee

-versus -

SOFIA SAINGAN, DARIO SAINGAN, and ELEUTERIO REYES,

Mortgagors.

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE, Under Act No. 3135, as amended

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 05-EXF-1055

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by ARTEMIO A. PALANGDAN, of legal age, Filipino, married to Marina Palangdan, and with postal address at Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Mortgagee against SOFIA SAINGAN, of legal age, Filipino, widow, and with postal address at Asia, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet, DARIO SAINGAN of legal age, Filipino, married and with postal address at Asia, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet, ELEUTERIO REYES, Filipino, of legal age, married and with postal address at No. 65 Upper Engineers Hill, Baguio City, herein referred to as the Mortgagors, to enter the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition amount to ONE MILLION (Php1,000,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, charges and penalties, plus the sum equivalent to ten (10%) of the remaining total ablations due and outstanding as attorney's fees, besides expenses of foreclosure and soled secured by the aforesaid mortgage.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on DECEMBER 17, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock in the

morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan Bldg., Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described unregistered parcel of land, including all improvements existing or which may be introduced thereon, to wit:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-001-00809 (Previously 94-001-00715)

"A parcel of unregistered land in the name of Mortgagor SOFIA A SAINGAN located at Adapang, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet, Philippines, particularly described under the covering Assessment of Real Property No. 99-001-00715 (now T.D. No. 99-001-00809) of the property index of Tuba, Benguet for the year beginning with 1994, as follows:

Boundaries: North-Remedios Abat South-Saguilec Sacay East - Public Land West - Public Land

Area: 10,000 square meters Assessed Value: Php 2,690.00 Present Possessor: The above-named mortgagor

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 19th day of November, 2007.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFFS EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (sgd.) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

November 24, December 1 & 8, 2007

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

JESUS C. BAYAWA, Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. PATRICIO COFOLAN, JR. and EDITH COFOLAN,

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 07-ExF-1238

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by JESUS C. BAYAWA, herein referred to as the Mortgagee against SPS. PATRICIO COFOLAN, JR. and EDITH COFOLAN, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, and with residence and postal address at Kapunga, Tubay, Benguet, herein

referred to as the Mortgagors. On October 13, 2004, respondents executed a Deed of Real Estate Mortgage over the property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-51094 of the Office of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Benguet, together with all the improvements existing thereon, to secure a loan of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND (P370,000.00) PESOS, which was amended on January 30, 2007, with respondents executing a Renewal and Amendment of real Estate Mortgage to indicate the total indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition amount FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND (Php 555,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, representing the principal obligation but excluding interest, penalties, attorney's fees and charges incidental to the foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on DECEMBER 27, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described real property, including any and all improvements found therein.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-51094 (Registry of Deeds-Province of Benguet)

"A parcel of land (Lot D -2-k of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-38763), being a portion of Lot D-2, LRC Psd-21407, LRC Record No. _____), situated in the Barrio of K a p u n g a , Municipality of Tublay, Sub-Province of Benguet, Mt. Province, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 1 to 2 by Lot C Psd- 16825; on the SE., points 2 to 3 by Lot D-2-J on the SW., points 3 to 4 by Lot D-2-ZZ; and on the NW., points 4 to 1 by Lot D-2-L; all of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S. 8 deg. W., 2119m. From B.L.B.M no. 1, Kapanga, Tublay, benguet; Thence x x x x x containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) SQUARE METERS, more or less." (Pls. see complete technical description of TCT No. T-51094 of the Registry of Deeds of Benguet).

All Sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be.

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La Trinidad, Benguet, This 26th day of November, 2007.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFFS EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

December 1, 8 and 15, 2007

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 THE CORRECTION OF THE GENDER IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH AND INCLUSION OF THE PLACE AND DATE OF THE MARRIAGE OF THE PARENTS OF JOAN M. PASIGON,

JOAN PASIGON, Petitioner,

-Versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF KIBUNGAN, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE Respondents.

SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASE 07-C-1447

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after the notice, publication and hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of Kibungan, Benguet to correct the following in her Certificate of Live Birth as follows:

GENDER: from MALE to FEMALE

PLACE AND DATE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS be entered as PLACE: KIBUNGAN, BENGUET DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 1981

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on March 26, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 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 the Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than December 9, 2007.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Kibungan, Benguet; the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 6th day of December 2007 at La Trinidad, Benguet

(sgd.) MARYBELLE DEMOT MARIÑAS Pairing Judge

December 8, 15 and 22, 2007

Baguio-Aritao... from page 12

Engr. Benjamin Bautista, Deputy Project Manager of the Project Management Office - Philippine Japan Highway Loan - Department of Public Works and Highways said

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
PASCUAL BING-IL
Applicant/s
Case No. 2001-01-584
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - QUEZON HILL, and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 8, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, 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, or within five days from receipt of the notice, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and may if they so desire appear during the set 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 it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 6th day of December 2007.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
OSCAR OLIMPO
Applicant/s
Case No. 2000-01-2497
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 8, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 6th day of December 2007.

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

E R R A T U M

That a Judicial Publication for Correction of Entries of Certificate of Live Birth for Violanie Fe Oldica Lomerez, Spl Proc. Case No. 07-C-1412 was published at The Junction Newspaper issues of June 24, July 1 and 7, 2007. The name stated was inadvertently published as Violante it should be Violanie.

Our Apologies.

(Sgd) OIC, The Junction Newspaper

project originally targeted for completion October this year will be extended until March next year.

One of the major modifications and the bulk of the remaining work are the by pass bridge and by pass road along the Ambuklao dam to avoid the passage along the dam due to its deteriorating structure according to Bautista. The by pass will reduce the original stretch by 1.2 kilometers.

Gavino Gullod, a project consultant of the Pacific Consultants International said the by pass bridge is expected to be finished this December.

Bautista said Benguet is a special case having a unique topography. The 5.5 meter road width was approved as planned instead of the 6.1 meter regular design as this would entail tremendous side cutting in order to have a good curvature.

As standards, Bautista informed that they have exceeded the regular cement mixture and the regular thickness of the required 23 centimeter thickness as they have ranging from 24 cm to 25 cm thickness./ S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

stretches from Baguio to Pangawan, Kayapa section overshoot its performance by 0.115 % with a total accomplishment of 91.494 % as of October 25, 2007.

Due to various modifications and additional works accommodated, the

Bontoc hosts 4 events this December

Papal Nuncio to grace CICM Centennial on Dec 15

BONTOC, Mt. Province – This capital town will be hosting four events this month of December, the biggest of which is the celebration of the CICM Centennial in the Apostolic Vicariate of Bontoc-Lagawe which will be held at the Sta. Rita Parish on December 12-15.

The occasion will be graced by Apostolic Nuncio Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams and Consul Rene Peepers. Latest report said President Gloria Arroyo will be gracing the affair on December 15.

The theme of this event is 100 years celebration with the CICM in the Apostolic Vicariate of Bontoc-Lagawe: "Remembering, Re-rooting, Revitalizing."

CICM stands for Congregacio Immaculada Cordis Mariae.

According to Fr. Andrew Claver, various activities have already been lined up for the celebration of this event. December 12 is the arrival of delegations from the different vicariate schools and mission stations of Bontoc-Lagawe and other visitors.

On December 13, the activities will be started with a Eucharistic Celebration care of Mountain Province District then followed by a parade with street dancing and cultural dance competition among vicariate schools.

In the afternoon is the untying of ribbon by Bishop Rodolfo F. Beltran, D.D. and Mrs. Cecilia Y. Dalog and the viewing of exhibits of the Bontoc Museum. There will be also an indigenous cooking/games competition for vicariate schools. In the evening is a play (Tiny Shoots) choral-dance, song; and SMU Bayombong concert with Fr. Marcs and company.

On the 14th, activities will also start with a Eucharistic Celebration c/o Ifugao district. After which is a symposium to be held inside Sta. Rita de Casia Cathedral. Speakers will include Bishop Rodolfo F. Beltran, D.D. who will talk on Remembering (Vicariate history); Bishop Francisco F. Claver, S.J., D.D. – on Re-rooting of Faith and Culture; and Fr. Brendan Lovett, MSCC – on Revitalizing (Ecology and Spirituality).

In the afternoon will be a raffle draw taken cared of by the Sta. Rita Parish PPC then followed by Cultural Festival by the mission stations.

On the last day of this occasion, December 15, will be the Rite-unveiling of the Bust, blessing of Memorial Stones of Fr. Jules Sepulchre, CICM/BP Constant Jurgens, CICM which will be graced by Apostolic Nuncio Most Rev. Edward Joseph Adams, Bishops Francisco Claver and Rodolfo Beltran, Consul Rene Peepers

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"Please give me a low-down on her condition," Freddie said. He admitted his reaching out to patients here since last year has become addicting.

Sharing that feeling are Irwin illustre, another Baguio boy in Canada, and an Ibaloi woman raising her daughter in Kentucky.

Irwin last week asked her sister Juliet to pay P18,500 for six doses of human albumin for John Mark Benedicto, a 10-year old whose body was bloated due to kidney ailment.

Last Thursday evening, John Mark's Buddha-like figure has considerably shrank. He was ambulant inside the pedia ward of the Baguio General Hospital. Doctor said he needed to

walk to hasten the draining of body fluids that enlarged his belly, arms and legs and almost closed his eyelids.

Now and then, he would stare and smile at the fat figures of Winnie d' Pooh printed on the window curtains by his hospital bed.

"Kasla kano katabtaba na isu idi sumrek dito ospital," his father said.

In another room, 10-year old Ericka Madriaga, a seamstress' daughter from Loakan Liwanag Barangay here, was undergoing her sixth and final chemotherapy against osteosarcoma or bone cancer.

Irwin earlier advised his sister to release P13,500 for the procedure.

Before that the Ibaloi woman in Kentucky celebrated

here own triumph against cancer by shouldering Ericka's fifth chemo session.

"Let me remain anonymous, Manong," she said in an e-mail when she began connecting to patients here April last year.

Since last year, the three expatriates have been pooling support to the sick, among them cancer victims Rose Ann Cordova and Elmer Biogan, Kidney patients Jane Crispino and Filbert Almoza and several others.

Almoza was back in the hospital when Juliet visited Erick and John Mark. "I gave P3,000 when I learned from his wife he's been confined," Irwin's sister said.

Also last week, the lady Samaritan in Kentucky sent \$250, saying that it be given to whoever needed it most. The

amount will be for patients in Benguet.

She said she looks forward to visiting a children's hospital in Tennessee, hoping she can work there. For now, she said she's just glad she's alive to help and see her young daughter grow up.

Like her, Freddie prays for good health, "for us and our respective families so we can continue helping."

And there are more patients badly in need of help. Among them is three-month old Emmanuel Galera who is also confined at the pedia ward of the BGHMC.

"He needs bone marrow examination but we don't have the means, as we're now financially drained," his father said. The baby has been diagnosed for hemolytic anemia./ Ramon Dacawi.

Dads override.. from page 3

intention to acquire vehicles using government funds and eventually make them as our own," Balajadia said.

Councilor Rocky Thomas Balisong said that with his opinion, the mayor merely "jumped into conclusion" that it would not be approved by the DBM.

Councilor Nicasio Palaganas said the mayor's "basis does not agree with the legal provisions of laws."

The mayor vetoed section 2, items 1 and 2a of Ordinance No. 57 specifically, the car plan for city council members amounting to P15 million; and the purchase of vehicle for the city mayor amounting to P3 million saying that the car plan would not pass government accounting procedures.

He said a car plan scheme with the government would mean that the city government will purchase the vehicles for the use of the officials who would then pay the city government on an installment basis and upon completion of the payment would then acquire the cars.

Ten councilors voted to override the veto. Apart from Balajadia, Balisong and Palaganas, the others were Councilors Pinky Rondez, Galo Weygan, Elaine Sembrano, Nicasio Aliping, Isabelo Cosalan, Fred Bagbagen and Richard Carino.

While the others expressed willingness to forego with the vehicle purchase in deference to more urgent needs, Carino and Bagbagen stood pat with their stand that the vehicles are indeed needed by the council.

Only Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda voted against overriding the veto saying she made a mistake in voting for the car plan. She apologized to the people for "not voting according to the dictates of my heart and conscience."

Councilors Leonardo Bayan and Rufino Panagan abstained from voting.

The body at the end of the discussion approved a resolution manifesting the move the override.

Moves were made to repeal the ordinance to the effect that the funds allotted for the car purchase will revert to the general fund and will be realigned to instead purchase 18 mini-composting plants for the waste management program of the city.

However, the body was uncertain if a repeal is the appropriate step to undertake. This prompted the body to defer action on the move and instead refer the same to the council committee on laws for study and recommendation.

Last Wednesday, Councilors Rondez and Weygan filed a proposed ordinance repealing section 2 items 1 and 2a of Ordinance No. 57 and realigning the P18 million for solid waste management needs such as composting machines and for information and education campaign on waste management.

According to the proponents, this is done "as an act of humility, in respect to the will of the people and in recognition of what is more of a priority to the city."

This proposal will be considered by the committee on laws./ aileen p. refuerzo

Abuses down.. from page 1

"Oplan Bantay Laya II", the Anti-Terror Law and other "draconian" measures that show the government's blatant disregard for the growing criticism on its human rights record."

Militarization of rural and urban poor communities continues and victimizes the civilian population, she added.

According to Karapatan's documentation some 887 victims of extrajudicial killings and 185 desapercidos (enforced disappearances) from January 2001 up to October 31 this year. Enriquez notes that among these cases, not a single perpetrator had been convicted and brought to jail.

"Even the remedial measure by

the Supreme Court – the writ of amparo – is proving to be prone to be circumvented by the military as shown by the pattern of several victims being coerced to declare that they wish to remain in custody of the military, effectively clearing the military of accountability in their abduction and torture," Enriquez of Karapatan said.

This situation and the climate of impunity on human rights violations and terror, as well as the dissent and unrest among the people, will continue under the regime of Pres. Gloria Arroyo, Enriquez claimed as she renewed their earlier call for the President to step down "in order to improve the human rights and overall

situation in the country". Enriquez insists that the administration is now under pressure this year as it prepares for the April 2008 Universal Periodic Review as a member of the UN Human Rights Council.

Philip Alston, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights earlier submitted his investigation at his head office at the UN blaming the military behind the series of extrajudicial killings of leftists-militants in the country, including that of journalists.

Government and the military however denied Alston's report and instead blamed the communist NPA as behind these killings being blamed on state agents./Artemio A. Dumlaog

Light.. from page 2

On top of that, they likewise demanded that the city vacate its own property including "improvements that reversed [TNHALA] members' properties" within 30-days from receipt by the city of the November 3 TNAHLA resolution.

Fearing for greater losses for the city, Fianza December 5, accompanied by his staff and 3-Tuba policemen, personally drove 3-kilometers of unpaved road, crossed a hundred feet high hanging bridge, and trekked nearly a kilometer callous trail from highway to reach the reservoir to sit down with Lamsis' group.

Lamsis and his cohorts later agreed to maintain status quo in the Plant 1 operations. They voluntarily desisted from further causing monetary damage to the city by aiding Fianza and his men restore the valves.

Earlier in a letter dated December 4, Fianza informed Lamsis' group of the legal consequences of the acts they allegedly committed.

"As you may please understand," Fianza wrote, "the city has shown

interest to sit down with all claimants despite that fact that it is only now, after the city took over operations of the plants starting December 2006, that claims for payments surfaced."

"However," he added, "with (TNHALA) and now your group by your acts, recently manifesting disinterest in continuing talks with the city, claimants are now left without any other options except to go to court."

"Consequently, the city can not also do anything except to wait for the court shall direct to be done," he added.

"For sure," Fianza said, "you will be advised [by a lawyer] that every possessor has a right to be respected in his possession and being a claimant, you cannot take the law into your own hands... You must resort to judicial process."

Meantime on their way back, Fianza was chanced by Sinot and his men who claimed, "They were on their way to the reservoir to ensure the safety of Lamsis and his associates."

In a brief chat, Sinot reiterated empty demands and warned that if the city doesn't act on their resolution, they will stage another shutdown of the AHP.

Composed, Fianza answered that there are remedies made available in law that TNHALA may take to assert their claims.

He likewise pointed out that, by the tenor of the TNHALA resolution, Sinot's group was delving towards legal battle and not a peaceful out-of-court resolution of claims by landowners that TNHALA only claims to represent.

"Even if you owned a land," Fianza retorted, "you cannot just eject somebody who built a house upon it... you must take the legal process or otherwise be liable for damages."

Fianza gave word that the ManCom will soon answer TNHALA's resolution early next week. On the other hand, TNHALA expressed desire to go back to the bargaining table but limiting talks within the question, "how much?"

Until then, its back to square one for the "nth" time./ ISL

Frost damage.. from page 3

areas, which damage vegetable plantations.

Last February, Atok town mayor Concepcion Balao reported a P10 million crop damage in her town, mostly growing lettuce, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, green onions, carnation and calalily flowers ravaged by frost. But the Benguet agriculture office belied mayor Balao's figures claiming only

a few hundred thousand was the actual damage.

Last year, said Galate, the temperature dropped in upper Benguet towns to a low of 5 degrees celcius. "It might only drop to a low of 9 degrees (now)," hesaid.

But definitely, Galate claimed, frost will come as the days go by because it is already normal. "But it will be manageable," he insisted.

In 2005, devastation according to the agriculture office may have reached P50 million or higher as some farmers and villages wasn't able to report the actual damage in their farms.

Mostly in Atok, Buguias, and Mankayan towns the frost reached a low of 8 degrees Celsius that burned the leafy vegetables to black and brown. Artemio A. Dumlaog

AO out.. from page 2

who violate such provisions, according to section 45 of Republic Act 7279.

The map should also give guidance to the City Environment and Parks Management Office on how to "reforest and regreen the area in order to prevent introduction of future structures thereat as these areas are only suitable for said environmental purpose"

Recommendation however from the council committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing chaired by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr., include

consideration for technical and legalities involved.

The committee created by the mayor for the inventory has for its members, representatives from the CBAO, CEO, CPDO, City Legal Office, CDCC, Special Services Division of the Mayor's Office, and MGB-DENR. Chaired by the mayor, the co-chairperson and action officer is the chairperson, council committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing.-

The AO should take effect immediately, the mayor said./ julielfianza

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DFA passporting soon to be machine read

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Foreign Affairs Regional Consular Office I will temporarily limit passport applications in view of the implementation of the Machine Readable Passport effective December 3, 2007.

DFA Regional Consular Office I Director Eleanor B. Belgica announced that it will only accept 120 passport applications per day regardless of whether the application is first time or renewal. This is due to the

step-by-step transition being undertaken by the department to modernize and improve considerably the country's passporting system.

Belgica said this will be the quota in the meantime to give time for their office to orient and familiarize its personnel. However, this will eventually be increased as they get accustomed to the system.

Moreover, there are new photo requirements for machine readable passports as follows:

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Baguio-Aritao road nears completion

BOKOD, Benguet – Despite remaining portions of the Baguio-Aritao road still for completion along the Benguet side, motorists passing through this alternate road en route to Region II find convenience as travel time is reduced by more or less two hours.

As it would enhance economic activity locally, Governor Nestor Fongwan who presently chairs the Baguio-Aritao Road Improvement Project (BARIP), is looking into the possibility of establishing tourism and security facilities to safeguard not

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only tourists but the residents as well.

Being eyed as proposed site for police outpost and view deck with the provision of comfort room isalong Apalan, Tocmo, Itogon. Fongwan said the local government unit of Itogon will look into the ownership of the area. The plan

will be prepared by the Benguet Provincial Engineering Office

A view deck along Cabisong, Loacan, Itogon overlooking Binga Dam established by the National Power Corporation was also proposed for improvement. Cont. on page 9

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