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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **Council asks city departments to hold any permit(s) for development at convention tree park**



MJ BURNING - Vice mayor Daniel Fariñas (in barong), chairperson of the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council, leads the burning of over P5-million worth of marijuana which was confiscated by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and Baguio City Police Office in two major buy-bust operations in the City this year. The ceremonial burning is one strategy of the City in partnership with PDEA-CAR to reduce the demand of dangerous drugs through preventive education and public awareness./ Dan Ricky Ong

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday enjoined all departments of the city government to “withhold or hold in abeyance” the issuance of any permit that would allow the planned development of the forested area near the Baguio Convention Center into a commercial center.

The body approved a resolution proposed by Councilor Richard Carino for this purpose.

Carino said the measure is needed to make sure that no development will take place in the area under the noses of city officials who are still at a loss on whether or not the earlier announced joint project of the Government Service and Insurance System (GSIS) and the Shoemart (SM) Development Corporation will be pursued.

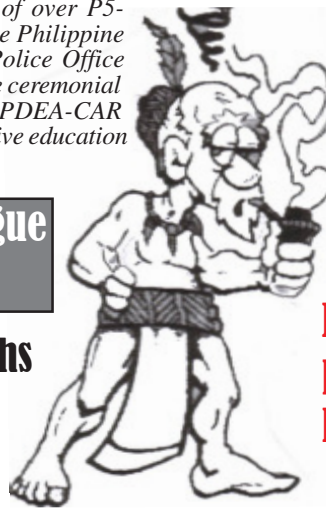
The body during the session agreed to reiterate

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Lawyerless Court procedure ok'd

Chiz lauds SC

Now anybody can go to court and handle his case from start to finish without the need for a lawyer.

The Supreme Court has already approved A.M. No. 08-8-7-SC or the "Rule of Procedure for Small Claim Cases" which provides a simpler and more inexpensive and expeditious means of settling disputes involving purely money claims than the regular civil process.

Small claims cases are civil claims

which are exclusively for the payment or reimbursement of a sum of money not exceeding P100,000.00.

The new rule which became effective last October 1 makes court procedures inexpensive, informal and simple. An individual is allowed to handle his own case. One has to only fill out the ready-made available forms and procedural rules, including the rules of evidence, are not anymore required, thus there is no need for a lawyer.

Senator Chiz

Escudero, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights said this new rule augurs well for both the plaintiff and the defendant as it encourages summary procedures which are notably rare in most of the country's judicial courts.

This rule, he said will unclog our courts which will enable them to direct their focus more on other higher cases and act on these.

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Dads hear B eneco side on streetlight takeover issue

BAGUIOCITY – Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO) general manager Gerardo Verzosa Monday assured that the city will benefit if the power firm will take over the maintenance and operation of the city's streetlights.

Verzosa who was invited to explain BENECO's offer to assume management of the streetlights from the stewardship of the city government through the city engineer's office said cited the advantages in terms of cost and quality of service that the city will gain from the proposed set-up.

Citing the billing record for the month of September, Verzosa said the city spends P.5 million monthly for the repair and maintenance which encompasses labor costs of these streetlights.

This is on top of the P571,000 fee for the 94 clusters of metered lights and P1.8 million charges for the 15,802 unmetered lights.

Verzosa said

they project that under BENECO's management, the city will have to pay only an additional amount of P368,000 being the excess amount that will be incurred if the city agrees to the BENECO set-up which will entail increasing the electric consumption charges from the present 10 burning hours to 12 burning hours for the unmetered lights.

He said the P368,000 is still cheaper compared to the P500,000 being spent by the city at present.

He said this comes with the assurance of better service for the constituents as with the firm's expertise and red tape-free operations, maintenance needs like fixing of damaged lines, replacement of busted bulbs and the like will be attended within 24 hours unlike under the present set-up where the repair and replacement of needed parts take some time due to government procedures.

He said this works to the disadvantage of both the residents who are deprived of the benefits the lighting system offers and the city government which stands to pay the flat rate of P1.8 million monthly consumption charge for unmetered lights even if the consumption was not maximized due to the existence of busted and unserviceable lighting fixtures.

Apart from this, Verzosa said the BENECO board has approved a resolution to undertake the maintenance, repair and improvement operations of the city's streetlights for the first three to six months at no cost to the city by way of waiving the additional two burning hours on the consumption charges for the unmetered lights. This would mean big savings for the city government for the first three to six months of BENECO's operation.

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All saints day flower vending procedures out

BAGUIOCITY – The city government has issued the guidelines for the flower-vending activity under the "Oplan Kaluluwa" operations this year.

This is one of the preparations for the Oplan Kaluluwa staged annually to ensure peaceful and orderly observance of All Souls Day and All Saints Day.

The mayor organized anew the Oplan Kaluluwa executive committee which will be headed by himself with Councilor Galo Weygan as co-chairman and city tourism officer Benedicto

Alhambra as action officer.

Under the guidelines prepared by the city treasurer's office under city treasurer Thelma Manaois, the activity will be set from October 26 to November 1 along Harrison Road.

As in the past years, the city will open the activity to vendors with the following qualifications: bonafide residents of the city, of legal age, must have no flower stall at the city market and Marbay vicinity, must have no violations committed in the previous flower vending activities;

and must not be a relative of an applicant.

The following policies will be adopted:

- *Application will be done on a first-come-first-served basis;

- *Application form will not be issued to those lacking requirements;

- *No cooked food will be allowed and no other goods or items will be sold or displayed at the sidewalk;

- *No swapping of stalls;

- *No cooking of food within the area;

- *No gambling will be allowed;

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The Junction- OIC

As GSIS claims P 1.2 Billion growths abroad Chiz dares GSIS to whow where the growth come

Senator Chiz Escudero today said the Government Service Insurance System is obliged now more than ever to properly disclose its investment schedules abroad after it claimed to have gained 1.2 billion pesos under its global investment program (GIP).

He said the growth claim still leaves so much doubt because the GSIS failed and continues to refuse to provide details of where the supposed gain as of September

30 came from. "From what date to what date was 5 percent gain calculated? It may have been computed prior to recent market crash". "GSIS vaguely said it has invested \$600 million of its \$1 billion global investment program. They have not even showed anything to prove the extent of this investment, where and how the global investment is made. And now they want us to just accept their words at face value that the funds

grew?" If indeed the government employees' state pension fund grew, Escudero challenged GSIS to show the asset selection fund managers have made on behalf of GSIS and what proportions of these investments have gained.

He also urged GSIS to translate the supposed growth into efficient, effective and outright service to its members by way of immediate release of pensions to those who are claiming what is just right- **Cont. on page 10**



"KAPE AT TINAPAY" – Local officials led by mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. enjoy their snack after a long walk during the celebration of the Walk, Baguio, Walk which the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and Department of Education sponsored./Dan Ricky Ong

BFP-car launches fire safety evaluation drive

BAGUIO CITY – the Bureau of Fire Protection-Cordillera Administrative Region (BFP-CAR) launched last Wednesday the conduct of a massive Fire Safety Evaluation Drive (FSED) in all units.

The OPLAN-FSED aims to reinforce the operational mandate of the BFP-CAR too minimize the occurrence of fire incidents, generate awareness among the public and enhance community readiness during emergency situations especially in the coming yuletide season and natural calamities. BFP chief Di-

rector Enrique Linsangan, MPA, DPS, directed all units to intensify information and evaluation drive on fire safety with emphasis on the densely populated, identified fire-prone and vulnerable areas. The program also encourages stakeholders to participate in checking and reporting any anomalous activi-

ties of fire safety inspectors by reporting these irregularities through the following hotlines: (02)911-7085 or 0919-8123009 (national headquarters) or (074) 443-8414 (BFP-CAR regional office).

On-line reports could be channeled through the BFP website at www.bfresponse.gov.ph using the "E-mail mo si Chief" service.

Fire safety in-

spection is one of the major pillars of BFP service aside from fire suppression, education and investigation. It is one of the areas usually vulnerable to corruption as identified by the Integrity Development Review Anti-Corruption Integrity Development.

OPLAN-FSED is introduced as a measure to prevent or preempt the occurrence of any corruption on the part of fire safety inspectors of the BFP and to prevent fire safety compliance applicants from violating or continuously defying safety standards./ BFP-CAR release

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
MANUEL RUNAS
Applicant
Case No: 94-01-252
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 - GUIASAD and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 21, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 9th day of October 2008.
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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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Comfortable Handcuffs

Press Secretary Jesus Dureza lofted a predictable balloon: Malacanang backs legislators who'd muscle into newsrooms to dictate how responses to criticism are aired or published.

He referred to House Bill 3306, filed by Representative Monico Puentevella. Senate Bill 2150 clones the House measure. Authors are: Senators Aquilino Pimentel; Francis Escudero and Ramon Revilla, Jr.

These bills stipulate: replies must be published or aired on the same page or program. Equal length or equal time –and for free. Publish within 24 hours, demands Puentevella. Or else? They'd dun recalcitrants with fines. Puentevella wants jail terms too. Etc. Etc.

Bacolod media strafed him unfairly, Puentevella grouched. His hometown reprisal metastasized into nationwide compulsion. Like

EDITORIAL

Duerza, Pimentel; Escudero and Revilla, Jr. swear these measures

“widen press freedom. All ducked the core issue: legislated right of reply fractures the constitution's ban against “prior restraint.

“Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom,” the British statesman William Pitt warned in 1783. “It the arugment of tyrants. It is creed of slaves.”

Legislated right to reply “operates as a command,” protested the Cebu Citizens Press Council. “(It resembles) a statute...forbidding the newspaper to publish specified matter. This is prior restraint. If media can not be told what to publish, it can not be told what not to publish.”

Ferdinand Marcos simply padlocked media. Some journalists, who loudly championed press freedom turned, under Proclamation 1081, into the “New Society's” harshest censors. Joseph Estrada tried to gag critical media by economic strangulation. Victims included the Inquirer. He failed.

The President musters legal gags, with increasing vehemence, as her term unravels. These buck a Supreme Court that ruled last February: “Any act that restrains speech is presumed invalid... Deeply ensconced into our fundamental law is the hostility against all prior restraints on speech.”

The Court struck down National Telecommunications Commission memos that threatened to suspend or scrub franchises of stations airing the “Garcia tapes”: wiretapped tapes of talks between the President and election officials on Mindanao votes.

“Where challenged acts are patent invasions of a constitutionally protected right, we should be swift in striking them down,” Chief Justice Ricardo Puno wrote on behalf of the Court. “A blow too soon struck for freedom is preferred than a blow too late.

The NTC memos “constituted unconstitutional prior restraint on the exercise of freedom of speech and of the press,” the tribunal concluded. It “nullified” them forthwith.

“Any attempt to restrict freedom of the press must be met with the most searching of examinations., the decision's “Precis” stressed. Only clear and present danger “would be allowed to curtail it... Freedom of expression is... a preferred right whose breach can lead to greater evils.”

Thus, the Court rejected NTC's excuse: the threats were “mere press statements” No suspensions or cancellation of franchises followed.

“It is sufficient that the press statements were made in exercise of official duties,” the Court ruled. “Any act done, such as a speech uttered, for an in behalf of government in an official capacity... should be struck down. (They) constitute impermissible forms of prior restraints...”

Given the crucial issues involved, the Court found it “peculiar” that broadcasters, most affected by NTC letter, didn't even whimper. Nor did they intervene, the Court noted.

Instead, the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkasters ng Pilipinas “inexplicably”: joined NTC in issuing an “ambivalent joint statement”. It doesn't complain about restraints on press freedom. Instead, KBP

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DIRETSAHAN

Anak Ng Diyos!

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Dapat itapon sa kangkungan itong mga “ungas” na mga kongresistang nasa likod ng “text tax bill”. Kundi ba naman sila mga unggoy na kunwari ay makakabuti raw ito at ang madlang pipol daw ang makikinabang! Dapat palakpakan natin sila... sa magkabilang tenga, aba eh, hindi yata sila nakuntento sa VAT at ngayon naman ay iminumungkahi itong isa na namang dagdag pasanin ni mang juan! Mga buwisheeeceett!!

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Espesyal na anak ng diyos kaya itong si Claudio Teehanke, Jr. ang “convicted criminal” na bumaril at nakapatay sa isang Maureen hultman at binigyan ito ng palasyo ng “executive clemency”?.. at dumaan ba ito sa tamang proseso? At nasaan na rin itong si teehankee na nakalabas na raw sa new bilibid prisons? At bakit mukhang ayaw lumantad itong itong si ex-convict sa publiko at magsalita? Nakakapagtataka rin na walang solidong pahayag ang NBP kung nasa hurisdiksiyon pa nila si teehanke, jr. o wala na noong kasagsagan ng pag-uusisa kung nasa NBP pa si teehankee o nakalabas na! hindi kaya isa na naman itong kapalakan ng malakanyang at ang department of injustice, este... justice pala? Kung sakali, aba malapit na palang makamit ng palasyo ang world record na isa sa may pinakamaraming “palpak”.

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Matinding seguridad umano ang ipinagkakaloob ng otoridad sa huling minero na nakaligtas sa itogon, benguet dahil sa kanyang “waranto de aresto” kung saan nakalusot man itong si joseph anayasan kay kamatayan, siguro naman ay hindi siya makalusot sa mahabang kamay ng katarungan. Hindi kaya naiisip ni anayasan na kung hindi dahil sa trahedyo sa minahan ay nakalusot pa rin sana siya ngayon? May paraan talaga ang diyos, diba mga suki?

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Hinihimok ngayon ang malakanyang na magpataw ng imbestigasyon sa mga dahilan ng nagaganap na trahedyo sa itogon benguet at isa sa gusto nilang matukoy ay kung may pananagutan dito ang benguet mining corp.

Oh, ano pa ang hinihintay ng malakanyang?, dapat na silang magpatawag, ang problema, baka ang mga maaatasang mag-iimbestiga ay sila rin pala ang “salarin”, hindi kaya mga bosing sa DENR at mga buwayang local na opisyal? BUSISIIN!

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Nakabinbin pa sa opisina ni konsehal Thomas “rocky” balisong, kumite tserman ng public utilities ang usapin sa paglilipat ng BENECO sa responsibilidad ng pagmimintina at pagbabayad ng makukunsumong kuryente sa mga streetlights ng baguio city.

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Surface James Balao

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



By this time, all of Baguio and the Cordilleras have received the news on the enforced disappearance of James Balao. His colleagues in the Cordillera People's Alliance (CPA) believe that Balao's abduction has something to do with his several years of involvement in working for the welfare of indigenous peoples. His colleagues believe that he was abducted by military men.

I have known James Balao when he was active in the CPA People's Welfare Commission in the late 80s or maybe early 90s. I cannot recall exact dates but at that time I was working as a Project Development Officer in a nongovernment organization. I have been a witness to his zeal and dedication as a member of the CPA People's Welfare Commission. I recall that one of the interests of his commission was to develop livelihood projects that can advance the socio-economic situation of indigenous peoples.

I also saw him during those years in Ifugao. I recall that he was helping several NGOs in the province develop socio-economic programs. I do not know whether he has been involved in the underground but what I do know is that I never saw him with a gun. And that is the matter that brings me to this point: James Balao must be released because men like him are men of peace. However, if his involvements did involve arms, the rule of law rather than the rule of the jungle must be applied. He can be charged in court and he has rights because an accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

I appeal to the hearts and nationalism of the military in securing the release of James Balao. Insurgency will not end so long as there are abductions similar to the abduction of James Balao. Every enforced disappearance only strengthens the resolve of insurgents that what they are doing is right and moral. Every enforced disappearance prolongs and strengthens insurgency rather than weaken it because it gives proof to the line that political power can only grow from the barrel of the gun.

The nation must explore ways and means to end insurgency without firing a single shot. Nationalists and pro-people elements in the military are part of the nation and they can play an important role in genuinely ending insurgency. Insurgency is a mere product of poverty and only the elimination of poverty can eliminate insurgency.

The use of guns only makes martyrs out of revolutionaries. They do not end insurgency. On the contrary, the use of guns worsens insurgency. Ironically, the use of guns are the best recruiters of insurgents. Similarly, if non-armed efforts for social change are threatened with abductions, those taking the peaceful path to social change can go underground rather than aboveground. Abductions would only provide stronger justification for the use of arms and going underground. Recall Martial Law: Marcos responded with repression, abductions, massacre, and repression. Yet, insurgency did not decrease but increase. Armed revolutionaries only grew by several thousands from a few dozen men in 1969.

That abductions are taking place under the Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo government provides a reason for citizens to believe that indeed the abductions and political killings are semi-official policies of the Arroyo government. I hope the Arroyo government would reconsider the matter and take strong steps that abductions and political killings are not repeated. Rather than pursuing a policy of abductions and political killings, the present government must focus its energies instead on encouraging revolutionaries to go to the peace negotiation table.

Abductions and political killings will worsen rather than solve insurgency in the country. During Martial Law, the groundswell of insurgency growth was preceded by a long period of silence that created an illusion that revolutionaries have been weakened by disappearances and political killings. On the contrary, the disappearances and political killings only provided justification for their existence. The same pattern is happening right now.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Tarlac Bishop: Catholics must show displeasure vs. HB 5043

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



SHOW DISPLEASURE VS. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BILL, BISHOP URGES: Congressmen, senators and others who are pushing House Bill 5043, otherwise known as the Reproductive Health Bill, you'd better watch out: Tarlac Bishop Florentino Cinense is calling all the Catholic faithful nationwide to reject the bill, and for all Catholics to show their collective displeasure against the bill's supporters come election time.

In an impassioned homily given during the October 5, 2008 Mass celebrating the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Ramos, Tarlac and broadcast live over Tarlac's Radio Maria, Bishop Cinense said Catholics must now "wake up from their apathy" and strongly assert their right to fight anomalies in the country, which he said included House Bill 5043.

Cinense said the Philippines is not suffering hardships and difficulties because of the ever increasing number of Filipinos, but, he said, because of the unabated and continuing graft and corruption in Philippine society and the unequal distribution of wealth and resources which, he added, favors only the rich and the powerful.

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WHY IS BFAD CHIEF STILL NOT FIRED? I said before that Director Leticia Gutierrez of the Bureau of Foods and Drugs (BFAD) should already resign or be fired, and I am going to say the same thing again, after Progressive Laboratories, an independent testing firm, found various food products other than milk being sold in the market tainted with melamine chemicals in dangerous levels.

The continued stay of Gutierrez as the chief of the government's primary agency against destructive foods and drugs has become untenable, with daily disclosures coming out in the media that more and more contaminated food products have sneaked into Filipino homes and are now threatening everybody's lives, under the very noses of BFAD officials and employees.

This could only mean that Gutierrez and her ilk at the BFAD have been totally and shamelessly remiss, and have become fully incompetent and ineffective, in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of our people, for one reason or another, so that there is no more justification for her staying in office one second longer.

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SALVATION IN THE MIDST OF SIN: One question that usually confronts believers who live side by side with sinners and others who no longer follow God's commands, law and decrees, is this: will believers still be saved when destruction is rained down upon a people who have been committing sin?

The answer, found in Genesis 18:16 to 33 of the Holy Bible, is yes, believers will be spared when God finally destroys a people steeped in transgressions.

According to Genesis, Abraham repeatedly asked God whether the sin city of Sodom will be crushed if there were fifty, forty five, forty, thirty, twenty, ten, and even only five, righteous people remaining in the city.

God unhesitatingly said yes to Abraham each time, promising that Sodom will not be destroyed, if there will be righteous people living there, even if they number only five.

Truly, this is an inspiring Biblical truth, because it shows God's faithfulness to those who chose to remain true to Him to the end, even if they remained alone while all others have sinned.

This assures salvation to the faithful, who will continue following God even in the midst of sin.

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WALANG SICK LEAVE O VACATION LEAVE SA LABOR CODE: TANONG: BATAS tama po b n hindi byaran ang sick leave & vacation leave khit n hindi ito pnggmit s mga empleyado? gnun po kc ang gngwa s opisina ng mister ko (639163722892).

PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Why Is The Philippines Poor?

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Mga dear readers, nais kong iparating sa inyo ang isang artikulong ipinadala sa akin sa internet. Sang ayon ako sa opinyon ng sumulat nito. Kaya sana, sa maraming mga opisyales at empleyado sa gobyerno, maging lokal o national government medyo bawas bawasan ang inoyng pango-ngo rakot. **Hindi ba Suzie?** Malaki ang kinalaman ng kahirapan ng ating bansa at ng sabayanang Pilipino sa mga hinayupak na ubod ang ganid at suwapang na mga **MAGNANAKAW SA GOBYERNO !!!** Kaya makisapi sa Linis Gobyerno, tumulong labanan ang korapsyon at katiwalian sa gobyerno. Visit the Linis Gobyerno website www.linisgobyerno.org

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Here is a good article sent by Dr. Arsenio Martin of Fort Arthur, Texas.. Enjoy reading.

THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between the poor countries and the rich ones is not the age of the country:

This can be shown by countries like India & Egypt, that are more than 2000 years old, but are poor.

On the other hand, Canada, Australia & New Zealand, that 150 years ago were inexpressive, today are developed countries, and are rich.

The difference between poor & rich countries does not reside in the available natural resources.

Japan has a limited territory, 80% mountainous, inadequate for agriculture & cattle raising, but it is the second world economy. The country is like an immense floating factory, importing raw materials from the whole world and exporting manufactured products.

Another example is Switzerland, which does not plant cocoa but has the best chocolate in the world. In its little territory they raise animals and plant the soil during 4 months per year. Not enough, they produce dairy products of the best quality! It is a small country that transmits an image of security, order & labor, which made it the world's strongest, safest place.

Executives from rich countries who communicate with their counterparts in poor countries show that there is no significant intellectual difference.

Race or skin color are also not important: immigrants labeled lazy in their countries of origin are the productive power in rich European countries.

What is the difference then? The difference is the attitude of the people, framed along the years by the education & the culture & flawed tradition.

On analyzing the behavior of the people in rich & developed countries, we find that the great majority follow the following principles in their lives:

1. Ethics, as a basic principle.
2. Integrity.
3. Responsibility.
4. Respect to the laws & rules.
5. Respect to the rights of other citizens.
6. Work loving.
7. Strive for savings & investment.
8. Will of super action.
9. Punctuality.
10. and of course...Discipline

In poor countries, only a minority follow these basic principles in their daily life.

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TELL IT AS IT IS

News this week

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



Dear beloved Readers,

Hello! once again my apologies.. I have been missing in action here the past weeks .. well I really have been busy but really wanting to get back to writing here..

Thank you to those who wrote and never fail to read Junction I always look forward to read your letters in my inbox and answer them too!

Have you heard about the melamine scare from China that left some 50,000 plus ill and a number more dead ...due to contaminated milk?(sigh)

Let's all take necessary precautions...and I hope the companies and countries involved do something about it

Anyway, for now I'll just jot down some news I wanna share with all of you

Have a great weekend ... take care !

NEWS THIS WEEK:

- > Construction of Bulacan North Food Exchange starts this year
 - > US law attacks the use of child soldiers in RP
 - > Future of flagship Mars mission still to be decided
 - > Qatar plane experienced glitch before altitude plunge
 - > Two American journalists are missing in Lebanon
 - > China vows to clean chaotic and contaminated milk industry
 - > Obama and McCain fight for voters' trust in economy
- for your messages email me @jennyjlaw@yahoo.com

Scouts rule city hall a new

BAGUIO CITY – Boy and girl scouts will govern City Hall anew for one day tomorrow (Monday) under the annual Scout Officials For-A-Day (SOFAD) program of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

As in the past years, the turn-over ceremonies will be held during the flag-raising ceremonies tomorrow morning at the City Hall grounds before the scouts will assume their posts.

Scout George Baywong III of Don Bosco High School (DBHS) will take over from Rep. Mauricio Domogan as congressman while Scout Banoar Abratique of the University of Baguio Science High School (UBSHS) will replace City Mayor Reynaldo Bautista

Jr. as the city's top executive.

Scout vice-mayor Vivian Kate Buteng also of UBHS will take over from Vice mayor Daniel Farinas.

The scout council will be composed of the following: scout councilors Gerhlein Clea Sison (UBHS)- to replace Councilor Rocky T h o m a s Balisong; Ryan Roland Fernandez (DBHS) for Coun. Betty Lourdes Tabanda; Chrisann Joy Billones (UBSHS)for Coun. Galo Weygan; Larry Caduada Jr. Baguio City Science Foundation (BCSF) for Coun. Perlita Rondez; Inna Camille Donato UBHS for Coun. Nicasio Aliping Jr.; Alby Herman, Pines City National High School (PCNHS) for Coun. Antonio Tabora Jr.; Nikki

Pangilinan, University of the Cordilleras High School (UCHS) for Coun Erdolfo Balajadia; Nelson Eric Salvador, UBHS for Coun. Nicasio Palaganas; Lhea Mae Delantar UCHS for Coun. Isabelo Cosalan Jr.; Mikko Tandoc, UBHS for Coun. Richard Carino; Eden Jeanne Cacal, UBHS for Coun. Fred Bagbagen; Romeo Buyacao Jr. UBHS to replace coun. Elaine Sembrano; Donna Abare – UCHS for Coun. Joel A l a n g s a b ; and Christopher John Daoey, Easter College High School (ECHS) for Coun. Gloria Ysabel De Vera.

The other scout city officials are: scout city administrator Joseph Gan of Pines

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NOTICE TO BENECO MEMBER-CONSUMERS, BAGUIO CITY

Relative to the forthcoming District Elections scheduled on October 25, 2008 for Baguio City Districts for member-consumers to elect their representative to the BENECO Board, the polling centers, precincts and participating barangays are as follows:

POLLING CENTERS	Precinct	PARTICIPATING BARANGAYS/SITIOS
DISTRICT I - Baguio City		
1. Quezon Elementary School	1, 2 & 3	Marcoville, Cabinet Fill, Teachers Camp, DPS, Engineer's Hill, Green Water Village, Military Cut-off, Salud Mitra, South Drive
2. Doha Aurora H. Bueno Elementary School, Camp 8	4	Camp 8, Sta Escolastica
3. Laurel Elementary School	5 & 6	Scout Barrio, Sta. Scholastic, Hillside, Gabriela Silang, Lower Dagsian, Upper Dagsian, Camp 8
4. Rizal Elementary School	7, 8 & 9	Gibraltar, Lualhati, Lucnab, Mines View Park, Outlook Drive, Paadal, Pucusan, Si. Joseph Village
5. Fort Del Pilar Elementary School	10 & 11	Apugan-Loakan, Atok Trail
6. Baguio Country Club Brgy. Hall	12	Country Club Village, Happy Hallow
DISTRICT II- Baguio City		
1. Baguio General Hospital Brgy. Hall	1	BGH Compound & Phil-Am
2. Manuel Roxas High School	2	Imelda Marcos, Bakakeng Central
3. Bakakeng Norte Elementary School]	3	Bakakeng Norte, SLU-SVP Housing
4. Balsigan Brgy. Hall	4	Balsigan
5. San Vicente Elementary School	5 & 6	San Vicente, Poliwes
6. Camp 7 Elementary School	7	Camp 7 Barangay
7. Sto. Tomas Elementary School	8	Sto. Tomas School Area
8. Dontogan Elementary School	9	Dontogan
9. Sto Tomas Dav Care Center	10	Sto. Tomas Proper, Loakan-Liwanag, Loakan Proper
10. Loakan Elementary School	11	Fort del Pilar, Kias
11. Fort Del Pilar Elementary School	12	Sto. Rosario Village, Ferdinand Brgy
DISTRICT III- Baguio City		
1. Baguio City National High School	1	Lower QM, Upper QM
2. Aguinaldo Elem School	2	Middle Rock Quarry and Lower Rock Quarry
3. Lower Rock Quarry Brgy. HALL	3	Upper Rock Quarry
4. Upper Rock Quarry Day Care Center	4	City Camp Proper, City Camp Central and Burnham Legarda
5. City Camp Day Care Center	5	Kayang Extension, Palma Urbano
6. Pine City Nat'l. High School	6	Iourdes Extension, Lower Lourdes Subdivision Lourdes Proper, MRR Queen of Peace
7. UC Laboratory School	7	Dominican-Mirador
8. Dominican-Mirador Flem. School	8	San Luis San Roque
9. San Luis Village Brgy. Hall	9	AZCKO Barangay, Rizal Monument, Camp Allen
10. Baguio Central School	10	Andres Bonifacio (Lower Bokawkan), Cresencia Village, Guisad Surong, Guisad Central, Fairview Village
DISTRICT IV - Baguio City		
1. Bonifacio Elementary School	1 & 2	Camp Allen, Campo Filipino
2. Josefa Carifio Elementary School	3 & 4	Middle Quezon Hill, Quezon Hill Proper, Upper Quezon Hill, Victoria Village
3. Quezon Hill Elementary School	5 & 6	Pinsao Pilot Project
4. Pinsao Elementary School	7	Pinsao Proper
5. Pinsao Proper Brgy Hall	8	Pinget
6. Pinget Elementary School	9	Dizon Subdivision, A. Tabora, Happy Homes--Lucban, Camdas, East Quirino Hill, Lower Quirino Hill, Middle Quirino Hill and West Quirino Hill
DISTRICT V - Baguio City		
1. Lucban Elementary School	1, 2, 3, 4	Upper and Lower Magsaysay, T. Alonzo, Sto. Nino, Slaughter Cmpd., New Lucban, ABCR, Kagitingan, Magsaysay Private Rd.,
2. Magsaysay Elementary School	5 & 6	P. Burgos, P. Zamora, Bagong Lipunan (Makt Area) Kayang Hilltop, Upper Market Subdivision
3. Baguio Central School	7	North Sanitary Camp
DISTRICT VI- Baguio City		
1. North Sanitary Camp Brgy. Hall	1	South Sanitary Camp
2. South Sanitary Camp Brgy. Hall	2	Honeymoon-Holy Ghost Brgy, Holy Ghost Proper and Honeymoon-Holy Ghost Extension Brookside and Trancoville
3. Don Mariano Elementary School	3, 4 & 5	Ambiong
4. Ambiong; Barangay Hall	6	Imelda Village and M. Roxas Brgy
5. Imelda Village Brgy. Hall	7	Lopez Jaena, Malvar-Sgt. Floresca, West Modernsite. East Modernsite, North Central Aurora Hill, South Central Aurora Hill, East and West Bayan Park
6. Dona Aurora Bueno Elementary School	8 & 9	San Antonio Village
7. San Antonio Brgy. Hall	10	Bayan Park
8. Bayan Park Brgy. Hall	11	Session Road, Malcolm Square, Hamson-Carantes. Lower General Luna., Upper General Luna, and Kabayanihan
9. Malcolm Square Stage.	12 & 13	

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 59

(Additional Family Court of Baguio)

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINOR NAMED ALVIN NOEL ALBANO ALCAN,

SPOUSES LUISITO TIGLAO TUBIG
Also known as LUISITO TIGLAO TUBIG

and BETY VICENTE ALBANO-TUBIG also known as BETTY or ELIZABETH VICENTE ALBANO-TUBIG

Petitioners,

-VERSUS-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY and NOEL ASUNCION ALCAN,

Respondent.

X——X

SPL. PRO. CASE NO. 320-A

ORDER

The petitioners-spouse Luisito TiglaO Tubig also known as Lucito TiglaO Tubig and Bety Vicente Albano-Tubig also known as Betty or Elizabeth Vicente Albano. Tubig filed this verified amended petition praying that upon due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered adjudging;

“1. That minor ALVIN NOEL

ALBANO ALCANO be declared for all legal intents and purpose, the adopted child of herein petitioners with all the rights and obligations of a legitimate child;

“2 That his sumame be changed from ALCAN to TUBIG;

“3 That the local Civil Registrar make the necessary changes to the Certificate of Live Birth of ALVIN upon order of the court”

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 January 21, 2009 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be why the petition should not be granted.

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

Oct 11 - 18 & 25, 2008

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 court the case study not later than January 19, 2009.

SO ORDERED

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 29th day of September, 2008, Baguio City Philippines.

(SGD)

ILUMINADA P. CABATO
Judge

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

H O M E DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,

Mortgagee,

- VERSUS -

SPOUSES FRANCIS D. NADNADEN & MYRNA B. NADNADEN:

Mortgagers.

X——X

Case NO. 08-ExF-1305
For:

EXTRA-JUDICIAL, FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4148

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under act 3135, as amended, filed by Home Development Mutual Fund, represented by its Branch Head, Mary Jocelyn Necosito-Retuya, of legal age, with postal address at Pag-IBIG Fund, Baguio Branch Office, G/F Insular Life Building, Abanao Street Cor. Legarda road, Baguio City, herein--after referred to as the mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of Spouses Francis D. Nadsnaden and Myrna B. Nadsnaden of legal age, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal address at No. 85 Quezon St., Dagupan, Tabuk, Kalinga, to satisfy the mortgage obligation/ indebtedness which as of September 10, 2008 amounts to NINE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX AND ONE CENTAVO (P 955,786.01), Philippine Currency, representing the principal, interest, insurances, amortization, and excluding sheriff's fee and other expenses relative to the sale, the undersigned

or his duly authorized Deputy will SELL at public auction on November 4, 2008 at 10:00 O'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the main entrance of the Benguet Provincial Capitol building, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder, for CASH, and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all its existing improvements thereon to sits

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-58949 BENGUET REGISTRY

A parcel of land of Lot 4-A-4-F, psd-Car-012259, being a portion of Lot 4-A-4, Psd-CAR-011731; Turban code; 131114, Barangay rice, Municipality of La Trinidad, province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the R., along line 1-2 by Lot 4-A-5, Pad-CAR-01173-1; on the E, 9 along line 2-3 by Public Land; on the S., along

line 3-4 by Lot Is (LRC), P08-7238; on the W., along line 4-5 by Lot 4-A-4-B, of the subdivision plan; on the Not along line 5-g-1 by Lot 4-A-4-ti (Road 74t) of the subdivision plan. Beginning at the point marked

“I” on the plan being E. 83, deg.

41'W., 1419.83 m. from Triangulation station “SOUTHHOUSE” to corner 1, thence xxx

Notice of Sheriff's public Auction L.”-q page - two -

8.72 dog. 23'E.,

10.01 so to point 2;

8. 17 dog. 361w.,

11.24 m, to point 3;

N. 81 dog,

17.04 a, to point 4;

N. 08 dog. 57'E.,

10.00 @o to point 5;

8. 81 dog. 03'E.,

5.80 e, to point 6;

N. 58 dog. 07'E.,

4.02 n. to point of beginning xxx containing

an area of TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS. All Corners are PS cal. cent, none, 15 x 40 CEO.; Bearings true; Date of subdivision survey; October 18, 2004, executed by Engineer

Orlando G. Sabado and was approved on February 2, 2005.

This Notice of Sale will be published in the JUNCTION, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in the Province of Benguet and suburbs, once a week for three (3) consecutive sundays,

the first publication to take place at least twenty (20) days before the date of auc-

tion sale. Likewise, three (3) copies of the same will be posted in the Barangay Hall of Pico, municipal bulletin board and public market, all it the municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet and also at the: Benguet Provincial Capitol building, Lt Trinidad, Benguet, where the auction sale shall take place.

All sealed led bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovesated time and date. Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for them-

selves the Title of the subject property of any encumbrance/thereon, if there be any.

La Trinidad, Benguet Province, Philippines, this 9th day of October, 2008.

FOR THE CLERK OF COURT VI AND EX-OFFICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) EDUARDO C. CATANES Sheriff IV TIN 19-981-886

Oct 12 - 19 & 26, 2008

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

JUAN LEOPOLDO TORRES, JR.
Applicant
Case No: 2003-CAR-821

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 - CITY CAMP and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 21, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 8th day of October 2008.

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

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF

VALARAO Mortgagors. FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-18-S Real Estate Mortgage Contract Under Act 3135 as Amended

by their Attorney-in-Fact SPOUSES BENIGNO ALDEN and ANNELIZA VALARAO, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGORS, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 31, 2005, amounts to PESOS: TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (2,600,000.00) exclusive of interest charges and expense incurred plus 10% attorney fees of the total indebtedness, but to exclude other expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court/Ex-Oficio Sheriff thru the Sheriff-in-Charge announces that on the 20th day of October 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon there-

after, will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency at the 2nd floor Lobby Justice Hall, Baguio City, the real property including its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-86450

A parcel of Land (Lot 2-B-2, Psd-CAR- 012334) being a portion of Lot 2-B (LRC) Psd-53551, Rurban Code 131102. Situated at Res. Sec. "D", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., & NW.,

along lines 1-2-3 by Lot 2-1 (LRC) Psd-53551; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 2-A (LRC) Psd-53551; on the NE., along line 4-5 by Public Land; on the SE., along line 5-6 by Lot 2-C (LRC) Psd-53551; along line 6-7 by Lot 2-D (LRC) Psd-53551; on the SW., along line 7-8 by Lot 2-B-1; along lines 8-9-10-1 by Lot 2-B-3 (8.00 m.wide) Beginning at A point marked "1" on plan S.56 deg., 24'E., m. from Triangulation Station "D" Baguio Townsite. Containing an area of EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (8,736) SQUARE

METERS, more or less.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property and its encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, September 23, 2008

(SGD) REMEDIOS B. REYES Clerk of Court VI/Ex-Oficio Sheriff

MARANI S. BACOLOD Sheriff IV TIN No. 137-06092 Sept. 27 - Oct 4, & 11, 2008

RURAL BANK OF SAGADA Mortgagee, -versus-

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for the sale Under Act 3135 as amended filed by RURAL BANK OF SAGADA, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, as against ARLENE A. SY ARNEL ALCANTARA, herein represented

ARLENE A. SY, ARNEL ALCANTARA, herein represented By their Attorney-in-Fact SPOUSES BENIGNO ALDEN and ANNALIZA



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NOTICE OF BENECO BOARD ELECTIONS

BENECO Board Resolution No. 96008, Dated August 19, 2008, Calling for the Conduct of District Elections for Baguio City on October 25, 2008.

Relative to the conduct of elections on October 25, 2008 for Board of Directors representing Districts 1, 11, III, IV, V and VI of Baguio City, the requirements for candidacy are as follows.

- 1.)Duly accomplished and notarized Certificate of Candidacy;
2.)Two (2) copies 2" x 2" latest photo;
3)Court Clearance;
4.)Xerox copy of Tax Identification Number (TIN);
5.)Barangay Captain's certification that the candidate is a resident of the district he/she seeks to represent for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the election;
6.)BENECO certification that the candidate is a bonafide member of the cooperative in the district he/she seeks to represent for at least ninety (90) days before the election,
7.)BENECO certification that the candidate is a consumer in the district he/she seeks to represent for at least sixty (60) days before the deadline set for the filing of the Certificate of Candidacy;
8.)BENECO certification that the candidate is a member of the cooperative in good standing. A member of good standing shall mean that said member-
a) Must have no unsettled or outstanding obligation to the cooperative at the time of his/her filing of the Certificate of Candidacy including accountabilities of commercial or industrial connections of which he/she is the owner or co-owner.
b) Has not been apprehended of electric pilferage by the cooperative.
c) Has not been removed for cause as a director or as employee from the electric cooperative.
9.)Birth Certificate or any proof that he/she is 21 years of age or above on the day of election.
10.) For government employees, must have a written permit from his/her superior allowing him/her to run and/or sit as director at the time of his/her filing of candidacy.

Council

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its invitation to GSIS Asset Management Group senior vice president Sergio Andal Jr. to attend the session to shed light on the joint venture with SMDC which he himself confirmed in an earlier letter to the city council. Andal was invited by the body to appear supposedly last Monday but he failed to show up and served no notice for his absence.

Councilor Nicasio Palaganas cautioned the body that their insistence to pursue the inquiry might be construed as an overreaction or paranoia because SM had earlier announced its retraction from the project. He said the body should just treat the matter as "moot and academic."

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, for his part, cited information that the two firms are now eyeing another area in the vicinity of the convention center in lieu of the forested one which is presently the subject of court cases centering on its true status and ownership.

But Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said nothing beats first-hand information thus the body agreed to pursue the inquiry./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Lawyerless

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faster action without the complexity of the usual court procedures and the usual lawyer-client transaction. Most often, lawyers just complicate simple matters. This time, they are not allowed to appear in court unless they are either the plaintiff or the defendant."

The procedure only entails one day hearing in which a judicial dispute resolution (JDR) judge will preside. "This is where an amicable settlement can already be achieved without going through court procedures anymore. It's faster and economical for both parties in terms of expenses when you go to a regular court".

Small claims courts will be heard in first level courts like the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities, Municipal Trial Courts and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts.

The court may dismiss the case outright when any grounds for the dismissal of a civil case is apparent or obvious from the statement of claim and supporting documents./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

All saints

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*Cleanliness must be maintained at all times; and

*Violation of any of the policies will mean that no permit will be issue to the applicant for the next three years. Applicants will be required to submit two copies of 2"x2" photograph; barangay clearance and residence certificate. They can secure application form at the Campaign and Investigation Division on October 20, submit application and pay taxes and fees amounting to P565 on October 21 and secure special permit at the Permits and Licensing Division on October 23./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Dads hear

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tion. BENEKO's position will be considered by the city council when it deliberates on the proposed resolution by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. supporting the power firm's request to take charge of the streetlighting operations.

The body is set to hear the position of the city engineer's office which is presently handling the operations and that of Peter Puzon, a concerned resident who presented a dissenting opinion for BENEKO's take-over./Aileen P. Refuerzo

As GSIS

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fully theirs in the first place".

GSIS, he said, is no different from private corporations with stockholders and board members. Only, GSIS has members as stockholders who should be properly informed and notified on the state of their investments.

"Can they please tell the public how this supposed growth came to be? If they really want to avoid panic among their members, they should put everyone in a position to ascertain for themselves that their funds are intact, safe and remains to be properly invested for their protection".

GSIS President Winston Garcia ignored groups and individuals demanding for the agency's proper disclosure of its possible exposure in the US market following the collapse of its major investment and financial houses. He hit back at them saying their unfounded doubts are just driving the public in panic and agitation.

"Look who is putting the public in panic and continued jitters? Their continued refusal to publicly disclose where they put the government employees' money only fans the embers of doubt and insecurity among its members".

Escudero, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee has been pressing GSIS to provide details on how much discretion was given to the fund managers with respect to how and where the GIP investments are to be made.

Fund managers are financial agencies selected by GSIS as the custodian of its funds and assets intended for global investment./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

Editorial

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whitewashed NTC saying: the memorandum did not "constitute restraint of press freedom" — totally at variance with the Court's findings.

"Petitioner (Francisco Chavez) was left alone," the decision notes. "This silence on the sidelines of some media practitioners is too deafening to be the subject of misinterpretation."

Indeed, "there are no freedoms so dangerous as those which are not exercised," the Statesman editor Cushrow Irani once wrote: The broadcast watchdog here didn't

bark. "Why? Perhaps history may offer some clues.

"Whenever freedom of the press has been permitted, Filipinos have defended it with passion", notes David Rosenberg in his book: "Marcos and Martial Law." (Cornell University 1979) "Whenever it has been prohibited, they have complied with government regulation with obsequiousness.."

Constitutional bulwarks are defended by an independent court. But these defenses crumble if citizens prefer comfortable handcuffs. Or journalists are content to be patted on the head as obsequious lapdogs by presidents, then Today editor Teodoro Locsin Jr warned.

In the past, some Filipino journalists spoke up, despite jail or seizure of their papers: Among these were: Joaquin "Chino" Roces, Free Press Teodoro Locsin St, Daily Mirror's Amando Doronila, Jose Burgos, Jr., Senoras con cojones: (lady journalists with balls) were there too: Eugenia Duran Apostol, Lorna Kalaw-Tirol, Letty J. Magsanoc, Melinda de Jesus, among others, bucked the dictatorship."

Will their counterparts be there these right-of-reply bills kick in? "The battle does not always go to the strong or the race to the swift, " Columnist Damon Runyon once wrote. "But that's the way to bet."/J.L. Mercado

Diretsahan

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Kung maaapruba ito, ang lokal na pamahalaan na ang magbabayad at magmimintina sa mga ilaw ng kalsada sa nakalululang milyones na halaga kada buwan. Kung maaaprubahan din ito, malaking halaga na naman ang makakaltas mula sa kaban ng baguio buwan-buwan. Bukod kasi sa basura, eto na naman ang usapin sa gastusin ng kuryente! Kung sinuman ang mga nasa likod nito, aba maawa naman kayo, baka mabangkarote na ang ating siyudad! BANTAYAN!

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

MARFIL SAGRA
Applicant
Case No: 88-01-3118

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

Batas

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SAGOT: Salamat po sa tanong na ito. Sa ilalim po ng Labor Code of the Philippines, wala pong obligasyon ang kompanya na magbigay ng sick leave o vacation leave sa kanyang mga manggagawa.

Ang tanging obligasyon ng kompanya ay ang pagbibigay ng tinatawag na service incentive leave, na limang araw bawat taon. Dahil dito, hindi pupuwedeng pilitin ang kompanya na magbigay ng sick leave o vacation leave kung sa umpisa pa lamang ng pagtatrabaho ng manggagawa ay hindi na ito nagbibigay ng ganung benepisyo.

Sa kabilang dako, kung dati ng nagbibigay ng sick leave at vacation leave ang kompanya, hindi nito pupuwedeng basta na lamang ititigil ang pagbibigay nito ng hindi pumapayag ang manggagawa.

Kung basta na lamang ititigil ng kompanya ang pagbibigay ng benepisyong ito ng walang pahintulot ang manggagawa, maaaring masampahan ang mga may-ari o opisyal ng kompanya ng kasong kriminal, batay sa paglabag ng Art. 116 at Art. 288 ng Labor Code of the Philippines, na nagtatakda ng pagkakabilang ng hindi bababa ng tatlong buwan at hindi naman tataas ng tatlong taon sa mga lumalagang nito.

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The Philippines is not poor because we lack natural resources or because nature was cruel to us. In fact, we are supposedly rich in natural resources.

We are poor because we lack the correct attitude. We lack the will to comply with and teach these functional principles of rich & developed societies.

If you do not forward this message nothing will happen to you. Your pet will not die, you will not be fired, you will not have bad luck for seven years, and also, you will not get sick or go hungry.

But those may happen because of your lack of discipline & laziness your love for intrigue and politics, your indifference to saving for the future, your stubborn attitude.

If you love your country, let this message circulate so that many Filipinos could reflect about this, & CHANGE, ACT!

Scouts rule.....

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Transport group conducts dialogue with the City Director

The City of Baguio is a tourist destination and center of education in the north. Foreign and local visitors come to Baguio to enjoy its cool breeze and sceneries while students flock in the prestigious universities and colleges. These make business and transport alive soliciting a boom in the economy of the city.

The transport group, however, are having problems since there are many public utility vehicles in the streets and no additional roads or widening of roads are constructed. On October 4, 2008 at 10:30 am at the Baguio-Benguet Chamber of Commerce Building, Gov. Pack Road, P S S U P T WILFREDO D. FRANCO, City Director, met with the officers and members of the transport group headed by Mr. Perfecto Itliong, Federation President of Public Transport Affairs, to discuss the traffic rules and regulations as well as their concerns.

P S S U P T FRANCO mentioned the three important concerns of the Baguio City Police namely:

1. Safety of passengers and drivers against criminal elements.

2. Program of BCPO in helping the

city government and national agencies in enforcing discipline in our streets

3. Traffic management factors

a. Engineering = building structures like wider and more roads, flyovers, etc

b. Education = awareness o drivers on traffic rules and regulations, improvement of licensing process

c. Enforcement = what we can do on our part as law enforcers

The City Director emphasized that traffic discipline should be observed. Violations of drivers will be monitored and after three violations, a letter will be forwarded to their respective organizations for appropriate action. He also informed everyone that BCPO will adopt a "safety checkpoint" system where taxi drivers are required to pass by these checkpoints. Their IDs will be checked as well as their passengers to ensure that driver and passenger are safe. Personnel in checkpoints can make a visual search in the exercise of the city ordinance. Drivers are advised to use main roads especially at night because streets are well lighted.

One of the purposes of this meeting is to have minimal conflict between

drivers and traffic enforcers. Traffic enforcers are required to exercise maximum tolerance and drivers are advised to obey traffic rules and regulations to avoid penalty and conflict.

Other concerns about loading and unloading zones, taxi stands, routes, parking and staging areas were discussed. On October 5, 2008 at 8:00 am at solibao Restaurant, Burnham Park, Baguio City, The City Director met with the school service operators to discuss also their concerns. PSSUPT FRANCO promised to confer these with DOTC and other concerned agencies and make recommendations regarding the problems mentioned. He stressed that cooperation and discipline are needed to make all efforts successful and beneficial for drivers, passengers and traffic enforcers./ PIO-PRO-COR



DIAL 117 DURING EMERGENCIES - mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. tries to operate the state-of-the-art 117 servers to receive emergency calls manned by DILG personnel from the police, City Jail and Fire department for immediate action during simple turnover of Patrol 117 to the city government last October 10. With the mayor are DILG-CAR RD Patrick Onus, ABC president and Councilor Joel Alangsab, DILG City Director Evelyn Trinidad and Bishop Carlito Cenzon./ By Bong Cayabyab

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