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Pahayagang palabanan!!! CAR Governors Frown Over Nat'l Gov't Playing Favorites



La Trinidad, Benguet - For allegedly playing favorites for only one province, five of the six governors in the Cordillera Administrative Region are whining over the agriculture department's unequal distribution of government development funds.

Ifugao governor Teodoro Baguilat Jr. with Governors Max Dalog of Mountain Province, Eustaquio Bersamin of Abra and Floydela Diasen of Kalinga feel left-out by Benguet province on the distribution of agricultural development funding from the national government.

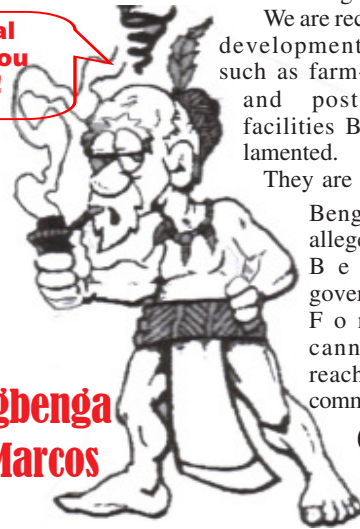
We are receiving less development projects such as farm-to-market and post harvest facilities Baguilat Jr. lamented.

They are pointing at Benguet as the alleged favorite. Benguet governor Nestor Fongwan cannot be reached for his comment.

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Newly promoted City Prosecutor Alfredo R. Centeno (center, right) receives a warm congratulation from officiating officer and Regional State Prosecutor for Northern Luzon Nonnatus Caesar Rojas (center, left) after a simple oath taking ceremony held at the Prosecutors Office last February 26. With them are Prosecutors Gloria Agunos and Octavio Banta, Margarita Manalo and Victor Dizon.— By Bong Cayabyab

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Tribal youth dance for a cause

Responding to the family's appeal for help, the Lucnab barangay council led by former city councilor Faustino Olowan recently adopted a resolution creating a "Binnadang di E-Lucnab" to help raise money towards the boy's deliverance.

As in previous medical cases in the community, Gayao started the drive last year by organizing a youth variety show that raised P12,000.

"We hope people shopping at the "Session Road in Bloom" will be generous so we can come a little closer to the P600,000 goal," Gayao said.

Meanwhile, other Samaritans continue sending their support to other patients.

From Canada, Freddie de Guzman said he will send some amount for the chemotherapy of six-year old leukemia victim John Brix de Guzman. Freddie has been bankrolling the boy's treatment for months now, aside from supporting Nora (not her real name), a mother of three suffering from psychosis, and dialysis patient Filbert Almoza.

From Kentucky, an Ibaloi expatriate

sent \$200, the latest in a series of contributions since the other year. An equal amount sent earlier helped pay for the funeral expenses of the family of Ericka Madriaga (P4,000), a 10-year old girl who succumbed to bone cancer, maintenance medicines for breast cancer survivor Rosa Ann Cordova (P561) and 82-year old Melecio Besara (P3,000), a war veteran and former out-standing trickster.

From the expat's fund, P1,380.09 was given as aid to Marilou Serrano, an unemployed widow raising her three young children since her husband Rodel died of cancer in February last year.

A total of P1,500 from an P8,000 donation of another anonymous Samaritan was handed to Jun Villegas, a farmer suffering from respiratory ailment. Earlier, P4,000 helped Mary Ann Benito helped pay costs of spinal surgery for his brother Pablo Langpawen.

A fund set up by a woman civic leader who also requested anonymity paid for the chemotherapy of 12-year old cancer patient Jose Gundino (P12,000) and the

medications of heart patient Geraldine Agustin (P5,000) and another patient (P5,000) suffering from arthritis with complications.

Still another anonymous donor gave P3,000 for the dialysis treatment of ailing lawyer Amado Adquilen, P5,500 for the chemo of cancer patient Myrna Buhong, P3,162 for the medicines of stroke victim Juanito Mejia and P3,000 for another Samaritan who had fallen ill.

Things are also looking up for 35-year old James Andrada, a virtual orphan who never saw his parents and is now fighting rectal cancer. Five Samaritans who hardly know each other pooled P12,500 for his third chemotherapy on March 5. Two other donors earlier paid for his second treatment session.

Now needing immediate support is 27-year old Veronica Lee who underwent kidney transplant in 2002 but eventually had kidney failure last year and now has to go back to twice-a-week dialysis treatment.

Veronica, whose father, the late George Lee, was a familiar figure as waiter

New trade fair measure signed to law

BAGUIOCITY— In the heels of numerous requests for the conduct of trade fairs in the season when tents sprout significantly like toadstools February, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., last week signed to law a City Council concoction geared towards sealing cracks in the admittedly defective 13-year old trade fair ordinance.

Hot from Council grill, Bautista wasted no time signing Ordinance 10-2008, otherwise known as the New Trade Ordinance (NTO), which amending its flawed precursor, Ordinance 049-1994 and other related

at Sunshine Lunch beside the Malcolm Square, is staying with an aunt in Pico, La Trinidad.

She can be contacted through cellphone number 0906380456/Ramon Dacawi

measures.

These, to finally block off abusive and unscrupulous trade fair organizers from converting open spaces and parks into ugly shanty parks, while depriving regular businesses selling similar goods government protection.

Councilor Elaine Sembrano who penned the measure said, "The NTO is projected to stimulate better trade practices while ensuring sustainability of the city's beautification drive and the protection of parks."

Under the NTO, trade fairs and exhibits shall only be allowed to run "no more than 15 non-extendible days in suitable public and private places."

She said, "Burnham Park, Malcolm Square, and other city parks within the Central Business District (CBD) are declared as absolute 'no trade fair zones' to protect

the same from squallor."

"Instead, the council even agreed to appropriate 10-percent of the gross income of every trade fair held to be particularly devoted for beautification and cleanliness programs of the city," she added.

To stimulate free enterprise, the NTO provided, "Trade fairs and exhibits should be opened to all kinds of agriculture, industrial, commercial products, crafts and other merchandise, regardless of their place of origin."

To ensure fair trade, however, "Organizers are required to apportion 25-percent of the items exhibited for locally available products in order to prevent undue competition" between and among local and visiting merchants.

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Dog Meat For Panagbenga Revelries Seized In Marcos Higway

Tuba, Benguet - Twenty dogs , already dressed and ready-to-cook in dog meat restaurants in Baguio City supposedly for the Baguio Flower Festival revelries among dog meat lovers were seized by government agents and local policemen along Marcos Highway here on Tuesday morning.

Considered as the biggest haul yet of the dog meat contraband by the Agriculture departments quarantine division, the dog meat reaching 241 kilos inside 5 chute sacks came from Calasiao town in Pangasinan and was loaded into an FX taxi. The large dog meat haul, National Meat Inspection Service officials and Department of Agricul-

ture quarantine officer Gerry Sabado said, might be just in time for the Flower Festival revelries and parties among dog meat lovers.

Ending in just one week, the month-long Panagbenga is perhaps the most attended festival in the country. It drew at least a million people from all over especially during Saturday and Sundays twin street dancing and float parades.

A tip prompted us to pitch a checkpoint along barangay Poyopoy, in Tuba town, along Marcos Highway, said Senior Police Officer 3 Eduardo Pamo who with NMIS and DA officials arrested the vehicles driver, Samuel Cuartero and his cohort Jun

Bogayong.

Cuartero admitted his white Toyota FX taxicab with plate number AYN 178 was hired by Bogayongs uncle to transport the contraband to at least three restaurants near the Dangwa Bus terminal in Magsaysay Ave., Baguio City. He however could not name what restaurants the contraband was meant for.

Bogayong, whose uncle is the alleged owner of the seized contraband begged off to be interviewed.

Dog Meat Business Getting Bigger

Brando Gegway, Northern Luzon coordinator/investigator of the The London-based Animal Kingdom Foundation (AKF) claim the multi-million illegal

dog meat business in Baguio City and nearby Benguet province has even grown because of the influx of Koreans in the city aside from the yearly celebration of Panagbenga where lots and lots of people come to Baguio.

At least 10,000 Koreans who are reportedly fond of dog meat are transient residents in Baguio either as English language students or traders. Let us admit that Cordillera, especially Baguio and Benguet, is still the largest consumer of dog meat, Gegway said, adding, now with the Koreans around, the market has grown, thus the trade has also grown.

The AKF representative pegs that at least 5,000 kilos of dog meat is being con-

sumed in the city and nearby Benguet daily. At least three traders of dog meat from the lowland provinces transport the non-food meat daily, Gegway added.

Authorities valued the seized dog meat at P24,000.00 but according to Gegway, the profit doubles when it is served in dog meat restaurants in Baguio and Benguet, thus making it a highly-profitable trade.

Government quarantine officer Sabado also claimed that dog meat traders have shifted from shipping dressed dog meat instead of live dogs because the former is easier to transport away from detection

of government authorities.

After the dressed dog meat were buried at the grounds of the NMIS-Cordillera offices along Marcos Highway, policemen brought the illegal dog meat traders to face charges violating the Animal Welfare Act and violations of quarantine laws. The duo will also answer violations against veterinary health certification, handlers permits and NMIS certifications./Artemio A. Dumlao

and Perlita Rondez, the measure consolidates all anti-encroachment measures that now, explicitly provides for the immediate confiscation or removal of goods, tools of trade, and other impediments "without prior notice." Co-authoring the measure are vice mayor Daniel Farinas and aldermen Sembrano, Rondez, Weygan, Tabora, Carino, Tabanda, Aliping, **Cont. on page 10**

Free rabies vaccination

BAGUIOCITY – The city government through the office of the city veterinarian will conduct free rabies vaccination for dogs and cats in the different barangays in the city.

City veterinarian Brigit Piok said the activity is in line with the celebration of the Rabies Awareness Month in March.

Pet owners are then asked to bring their dogs and cats to the nearest vaccination centers on the dates assigned to their barangays. Vaccination time will be from 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

The vaccination schedule in the barangays is as follows:

March 3 (a.m.) - Dontogan barangay covered court, Pacdal covered court, Lower QM (GEFA) barangay hall; (p.m.) Bakakeng Norte/Sur barangay hall;

March 4 (a.m.) - Camp 8 covered court, Middle Quirino Hill covered court, Cresencia Village barangay hall; (p.m.) Fairview barangay hall;

March 5 (a.m.) - Kias barangay hall, Aurora Hill police station; (p.m.) Loakan Proper barangay hall;

March 6 (a.m.) - Irisan barangay hall, Upper Quezon Hill barangay hall; (p.m.) - San Carlos Heights turning point Purok 22;

March 7 (a.m.) - Holy Ghost Proper barangay hall, City Camp Central covered court, SLU/SVP barangay hall; (p.m.) Holy Ghost Ext. barangay hall; and March 8 (a.m.) - San Vicente barangay hall.

Vaccination will also be administered at the city veterinary office from March 3-7./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Councilmen "do a Marikina" with stricter anti-vending measure

BAGUIOCITY – "In Marikina, any obstruction along easements are garbage whether or not they are in fact garbage, goods for sales, or tools of trade... they are summarily picked up and disposed of,

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no questions asked."

Thus related Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) chief Gregorio Deligero dreaming, "I hope we could do the same in Baguio... it will surely make the city clean and our jobs much easier to implement."

Deligero was part of the team of city legislators and executive officials who visited Marikina, January, to observe local government "best practices" that the city may adopt. Of the officials to Marikina, 10-councilors last week joined hands to make the "Deligero dream" come true, proposing a measure "regulating the use of city streets,

sidewalks, bridges, parkways and overpasses" in the city. Pinned jointly by councilors Elaine Sembrano

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Fond Illusion

The Macapagal-Arroyo regime sowed the wind by squandering People Power goodwill thru sleaze and human rights' infractions. It slammed shut a rare window of opportunity for greatness. Like the sped arrow, the spoken word or yesterday frittered opportunity never returns. Ask the first Philippine President convicted for plunder.

Marcos' dictatorship and Estrada's soused bacchanalia reaped the whirlwind. So will this administration. Can anybody saddle and ride this twister tomorrow?

Trapos, like Jinggoy, coup-for-rent soldiers, plus Jose Maria Sison's comrades, failed to harness this cyclone. At State-of-the-Nation addresses, Makati rallies or Oakwood-Peninsula hotel lobbies, they yelled themselves hoarse urging

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people to mass.
Few bothered to
RSVP.

Their shoddy credentials, junta blueprints laced with Red jargon, pissed off groups that mustered People Power: middle classes and religious groups. "We're not getting anywhere," Rep. Ronaldo Zamora sourly admitted then.

"The evil that men do lives after them." Long after Ferdinand Marcos uncorked the military genie, "the boys are still out", a retired general told *Inquirer*. Lt (now senator) Antonio Trillanes IV and platoon-mates cling to the delusion their guns will rescue a people — who spurn jackbooted "saviors".

Marcos "Rolex 12" conned us. UP's political scientist Jorge Tigno and Social Weather Stations' Linda Luz Guerrero, in a 2006 study, found Filipinos attached to democratic values. "They're more scared of the military than of Arroyo", writes Yvonne T. Chua. That hasn't changed today. Who'd buy a Pinoy clone of Burma junta's Gen. Tan Shwe? That'd consign us to international pariah status.

No one bought JoMa's commissars demand for a politburo-style junta. It'd rule for 1,000 days, without elections. Now, Reps. Crispin Beltran and Rissa Hontiveros recycle the idea. It won't fly.

With a plunder conviction garland, Estrada hints he may run, as opposition presidential candidate, in 2010. Will he sign the certificate of candidacy as "Jose Velarde"? Erap's bid ratchets bickering by other aspirants: from Manuel Villar to Loren Legrada. All would mount the whirlwind saddle.

Between Erap, Joe de V, Ping or Alan Peter and Arroyo's cabal is choosing between Barrabas or Barrabas. "A plague of both your houses" has been the reaction of people. Thus, Sen. Aquilino Pimental told aspirants itching to strut in oust-Gloria rallies: "Back off."

This stand off persisted — until idiots kidnapped the unknown Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada. When Lozada wept, "I saw tears in the crowd," ex-Bataan congressman Felicito Payumo noted in his "Blink and the Hinge Factor" essay. "Admitted imperfections made him more credible."

"In Lozada, people saw a neighbor or friend violated by the State. Not just his physical body but his person (nilapastangan ang pagkatao). Not by thugs but by State goons. They, likewise, felt violated. They didn't buy the line that Lozada was being protected when held captive in a long "joyride".

"The Tipping Point" author Malcolm Gladwell explains this credibility in his book "Blink", Payumo adds. People can tell if one is telling the truth. Gladwell calls this "the power of thin slicing". People can make "sense of situations based on the thinnest slice of experience."

(Thus) people knew whose voice was on "Hello Garci" tapes. No obfuscations from Ignacio Bunye or voice print analysis from Mike Defensor changed their mind. "That 'I



am sorry' statement proved people right.

"Hinge factors" (like) chance or stupidity can change history's course. From Agincourt to Mactan and Vietnam, "the hinge factor was weather or human stupidity or a deadly combination of both".

Henry V's foot soldiers mowed down armored chevaliers because the French commander ignored "soggy ground (that)gripped horses' hooves like thick molasses." Magellan overlooked the distance from his boats to Mactan's shore at low tide. Weighed down by armor, they were mowed down by Lapu-lapu's spears.

Cameras caught South Vietnam's police chief firing point blank into a civilian. From that moment, American generals had to fight world opinion, instead of Vietcongs. "That stupid act was matched by shooting a man on the tarmac of our airport," Payumo recalls. "It started the chain that unhinged the Marcos dictatorship".

Will seizing a probinsyanong intsik and paranoid defenses uncork a whirlwind? "It depends on how stupid government's response will be", Payumo writes. (A hinge) act by Marine Gen Artemio Tadiar, refusing to shell Camp Aguinaldo, prevented bloodshed...and let (Edsa 1) run its course...in favor of the people".

he crisis, meanwhile, dismantles unnoticed one of our fondest illusions: that before midnight, someone on a white charger, will dash in to banish enemies. They'd rebuild plundered institutions while we slump back to business-as-usual.

This ZTE scam instead tells us: Look beyond discredited pretenders to ordinary people. Leadership is not a office It is life lived and, in the on-going process, brings change. Academics, parents, students and barangay officials, seeking truth will usher in tomorrow. They continue to do that with "Among Ed" Panlilio in Pampanga. People Power is a weapon of last resort. A stray "hinge factor" may yet see that unsheathed.

"Much of what is new and innovative is not initiated by governments," Indonesian thinker Soedjatmoko wrote. "Their source is 'movements from below': expressions by ordinary people of their aspirations for a decent, secure and equitable way of life." (JLM)

THE PEACE COMBATANT

Arroyo's Gamble

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



As anticipated, forcing the resignation of President Arroyo (or ousting her from office) would take some time. She would be very vulnerable when out of office. In contrast, in office she could pull strings, bribe, protect, search, and burn. She could destroy or change historical records and documents and present a best possible picture of herself in the current events. She is taking the chance of winning in a gamble from the current state of things where she is a real loser.

Would she win the gamble?

In office, she can ask her stooges to engineer testimonies, create as well as destroy evidence. She may indeed win some points in building a less negative image for herself in history. But in the end, she will not be able to escape this: she would be written down in history with a record surpassed only by President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

Economy? Credit that to blips and not to sound economic management. Even Marcos had his economic blips during his time. There were even years under Marcos when some of the economic figures are better than the time of Arroyo. The situation of the economy is not for bragging really. Further, the Philippine peso is strong because the US dollar has been weak. Further, there is also a looming threat of higher oil prices in the background. Eventually, the remaining illusion that the economy is strong because of Arroyo will be thrown away.

There is a general agreement that Arroyo must be removed from office. This is the general agreement in the church (inspite of the current position of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of the Philippines), academics, among professionals, business groups, and the rest of the population. The problem really is her refusal to resign and there is hesitation if the general agreement mentioned earlier must advance to a general agreement on the use of peaceful force to oust Arroyo from the Presidency.

The country is generally hesitant to use force even if peaceful to oust Presidents. Aquino was assassinated in 1983 or thereabouts but Marcos was only toppled in 1986. Similarly, in the case of the ouster of Estrada, the general population was also hesitant to use peaceful force against Estrada before the issue of opening the envelope emerged. When it was clear that justice would not be obtained in the impeachment proceedings because Estrada's allies in the Senate voted against the opening of possible evidences against Estrada, only did a spontaneous move for Estrada's topple began swiftly and strongly.

The lesson: never assume that the tiger is always sleeping. The tiger will be awakened from its sleep and will act with a decisive force. A tiger that has been awakened from its sleep can be a very angry tiger and can be less forgiving.

Back to the question, will Arroyo win the gamble? The answer: Arroyo can play the game of prolonging her eventual defeat but in doing so the cost of her losses can be gargantuan. She would suffer the disgrace suffered by Marcos and Estrada if she does not resign now. She may attempt to bid for time but she would lose more if she would be forced to resign later. She may attempt to win but in doing so she would lose more.

If Arroyo wants to lose less, she should resign now.

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

KONGRATS- PROS CENTENO!!!
MAYOR B -Mukhang Oks na Mayor?!?

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BAGONG BAGUIO CITY PROS- Good News mga dear readers.

Kitang-kita niyo naman sa ating headline photo ang larawan ni Fikkal este Fiscal Alfredo Centeno (Jok Onli SER). Pero sa totoo lang mga dera readers, itong si Prosecutor Centeno ay isang kagalang-galang na Prosecutong este Prosecutor at nararapat lang siguro na siya ang nagwagi sa naging matindi at mainit-init na bakbakan para sa pinakamataas na posisyon sa Baguio City Prosecution Service ng DOJ. Bagamat ito ay common knowledge na ang mga naging magkatunggali para sa posisyon ng City Pros ay sina Atty. Ed Avila (manok daw ni Tabako), Acting City Pros Octavio Banta (2nd time around ma by-pass ka SER), at si now City Pros. Alfredo Centeno; at sabi nila pati raw si Pros. Elmer Sagsago ay nag -aspire rin daw! Ayon sa isa nating impormante, ang tatlong magkatunggaling ito (Centeno, Avila at Banta) ay pare-parehong binigyan ni DOJ Secretary Gonzales ng endorsement papers papunta sa Malacanang. Ayon din sa isa nating impormante ay pare-pereho rin silang binigyan ng indorsement papers ni Congressman Apo Mauricio Domogan, kaya ayun naging matindi at bigatin ang naging labanan para sa posisyon. Ang tanong ay ano kaya ang sekretong kamandag nitong si Pros Centeno at siya ang nagwagi? Anong meron si Pros. Centeno na wala ang kanyang mga nakatunggali? Gusto niyo ba talagang malaman mga dear readers? Tekla muna, pag-iisipan kong mabuti kung dapat kong ibunyag ang isang katangi-tanging sekreto o agimat nitong si Fikkal este Fiscal Centeno. Hayaan ninyo mga dear readers, sa mga darating kong kolum ay baka ibunyag ko kung ano ba talaga ang meron itong si Pros. Centeno at siya ang **BIG BOSS** na ngayon ng Baguio City Pros. For the meantime, ay nais ko munang batiin ng isang **CONGRATULATIONS** to you SER, **HONORABLE CITYPROSECUTORALFREDO CENTENO**. Mabukay kayo at ang inyong opisina SER!!!. Pero sa totoo lang Ser, mabuti na lang at hindi si Prosecutor Tabangin ang naging City Prosecutor or else, at kung mangyari yun ay *^%\$#@&*HfgtPPP\$\$\$do8%2!!!!!! PWEEEE.....!!!!

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GMA TATAPUSIN DAW ANG TERMINO- Ayon sa isa nating impormante na may direktang koneksyon mismo sa loob ng palasyo ay kampante at matibay ang loob ni Madam President GMA sa kanyang military, pulisya at iba pang mga supporters kaya't nakasisiguro daw siya na tatagal pa si GMA at hindi bibitaw sa kanyang pwesto maging ano pang rali-rali ang magaganap. Anong palagay ninyo mga dear readers? Magtatagal pa kaya si GMA o malapit-lapit na ang The End?

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MAYOR PETER REY- Saludo ako mga dear readers sa istilo at galaw nitong ating butihing Mayor na si Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Sa totoo lang mga dear readers noong nag courtesy call ang inyong lingkod kasama ng mga miyembro ng Linis Gobyerno sa kanyang tanggapan ay nakita ko ang sinseridad, dedikasyon, abilidad at kaalaman nitong si Mayor Bautista hinggil sa local governance at management abilities. Kaya for now ay medyo mag-lie low na muna tayo sa pagbabanat kay Mayor B at oobserbahan lang muna nating mabuti ang kanyang mga galaw. In other words we will still continue doing more documentation and research when it comes to the actions and affairs of the Mayor. Isang bagay lang ang matitiyak ko sa inyo mga dear readers at yun ay hindi tayo magiging Yes man ni Mayor at kung kakailanganin rin na bumatikos o magsampa ng reklamo sa iba't ibang mga kinaukulang opisina ay ating isasagawa basta't may basehan at may katwiran!!! Ngunit ayon na rin sa ating Linis Gobyerno Executive Director na si Freddie Farres ang approach ng Linis Gobyerno sa ngayon ay not as combative as in the past but is more focused and fine tuned on efforts of deterrence in order to lessen graft and corrupt practices.

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Voices In Makati Rally

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES

**Political Unrest, Social Unrest, Economic Instability (Voices In Makati Rally)**

As of this time of writing, a big rally is scheduled to happen in 45 minutes in Ayala, Makati.. the central business district.

A big rally of voices coming together clamoring for the resignation and ouster of the current Chief Executive of the Republic of the Philippines.

Yesterday former Presidents Joseph Estrada and Cory Aquino were visible in the University of Makati while Jun Lozada was warmly welcomed and strongly spoke in the Philippine Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)

Our beloved country battered by economic and social unrest now faces once again political unrest. Corruption and lies truly brings down any system and any government and any person.

After the controversial ZTE issue exploded and the Manila Peninsula Incident ..here we are again faced with another disheartening national issue.

Actually all around the globe, there are struggles in every country.. in Kenya .. a political dispute which almost led to a mass action among tribes and faction is now being mediated by Kofi Annan.. in US the heat of the presidential elections continue to fire up the political and social scene.

All these circumstances only proves that man on his own is imperfect thus we need to reexamine ourselves and ask ..are we a liability or an asset to society? It's about time to call to a Higher Being (God) to help us in life's daily struggles and issues.

A happy weekend and good week ahead to all!

For your messages email me @jennyjlaw@yahoo.com

Baguio prepares for SUMVAC

BAGUIOCITY—Baguio City may still be reeling from the success of the Panagbenga but the city government sees it fit to begin preparations for its next major tourism event, the Summer Vacation (SUMVAC) calendar of activities.

"After all, Baguio is still the country's summer capital and a favorite summer destination so the city government sees it fit to also give this SUMVAC event equal importance," Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said.

Farinas has been designated by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. as co-chair of the SUMVAC executive committee which will spearhead

the preparations for the SUMVAC.

The mayor will serve as chairman with Rep. Mauricio Domogan as honorary chair.

City administrator Peter Fianza and city tourism operations officer Benedicto Alhambra were designated as action officers.

SUMVAC, a collection of multi-faceted summer activities, is an annual offering of the city for the thousands of tourists that visit the city during the two-month summer break.

This year, however, the activities will begin this March in time for the Lenten season on March 19-24 where various activities mainly reli-

gious services are presently being lined up.

In his Administrative Order No. 29, the mayor also named the heads of the various working committees as follows:

*Araw ng Kagitingan and Kafagway: Liberation of Baguio – Councilor Nicasio Palaganas and city administrator Fianza;

*Liaison for Visiting National Officials for the during of SUMVAC – Councilor Antonio Tabora Jr.;

*Liaison for Visiting International Guests/Sister Cities – Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabada;

*Communication Groups, Peace,

Comelec girds for possible special election for congressman by "cleansing" voters record

BAGUIOCITY, - The Commission on Elections (Comelec) office here has started to "cleanse" the voters list in Mountain Province for possible local special election to elect a congressman in the area.

The province lost its duly-elected congressman when

Security and Traffic Assistance – Councilors Rocky Thomas Balisong and Nicasio Aliping Jr. and police director Moises Guevarra;

*Medical missions—Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia and city helath officer Dr. Florence Reyes;

*Media relations and Search for Lucky Summer Visitors – Philippine Information Agency Cordillera regional director Helen Tibaldo and Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club president Pigeon Lobien;

*Regional and National Summer Tourism Programs and Participations (Aliwan Festival, WOW Intramuros' Best, Pista'y Dayat, P a g s a n j a n , Tanduyong, etc) – Department of Tourism Cordillera director Purificacion Molintas and city tourism operations officer Molintas;

*Centennial Summer Activities/Kafagway Summer's Best Activities – Dr. Virgilio Bautista and Nars Padilla;

*Summer Arts Expo, Cultural Expo and Trade Exhibits – Councilors Elaine Sembrano and

erstwhile Rep. Victor Dominguez died last month at St. Lukes Hospital due to a heart attack and complications of diabetes.

Comelec regional director Armando Velasco said purging the voters list of those who already died or had permanently trans-

ferred residence "is the first step to ensure a clean, honest, peaceful and credible election."

He said his office is just awaiting orders from their central office in Manila if a special election will be held to fill the post vacated by Dominguez. (PNA)

Isabelo Cosalan Jr.; *Santacruz and Tourism Promotional Activities – Councilors Pinky Rondez and Richard Carino with the Baguio Tourism Council and Baguio Conventions and Visitors Bureau;

*W e e k e n d Marching Band Concerts Academe-Related Summer Activities – Councilor Fred Bagbagen and Department of Education director Dr. Ellen Donato;

*Barangay Fiestas – Councilor Joel Alangab with the Association of Barangay Councils and the barangay affairs office;

*Church/Religious Activities/Lingkod Bayan – Councilor Galo Weygan and Baguio-Benguet Vicariate Bishop Carlito Cenon;

*Summer Sports Activities – Councilor Gloria Ysabel De Vera and sports coordinating officer Edison Villafuerte;

*Streamers, Roads and Road Signs' Maintenance – Engrs. Oscar Flores and Leo Bernardez;

*Physical Arrangements and Logistics – general services officer Romeo

Concio and city environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana;

*Secretariat/Communication and Civic Action Group Coordination – city tourism and special events division.

As this developed, the Kafagway Summerbest of the National Correspondents Club of Baguio, will kick off on March 9 with the Concert at the Park by the Northern Luzon Association for the Blind at 2 p.m.

Activities will officially open with a program on March 16 at 9 a.m. at the People's Park. This will also be marked by the Palm Sunday pictorial exhibit at the various churches.

Other activities lined up are:

*March 17-19 – Daily church services, religious pilgrimages, Station of the Cross at the NCCB Shrine of the Brown Madonna at Km 7 Asin Road and other places of worship;

*March 20 – Annual Quest for the Baguio Lucky Foreign Visitors;

*March 21 4:30 p.m. – Good Friday

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Baguio official asks PNP to also impose gun ban against CPLA guerillas within Baguio

BAGUIOCITY - City vice mayor Daniel Farinas called on the Philippine National Police (PNP) Thursday to impose the nationwide gun ban against the alleged members of the Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CPLA) who bear arms in their visit of villages in this mountain resort.

He also asked that the CPLA leadership should not impose their will on the local officials and police as "peacekeepers of our city because Baguio City is not within their jurisdiction."

"We in Baguio City have the police as our official protectors and not the CPLA. The Armed Forces of the Philippines and the PNP are the only legitimate armed forces who could do the peace-keeping job in our city," he said.

Farinas deplored the alleged climate of fear that developed when the CPLA established their camp in this city "which should not be done because they are to be elsewhere as militia group."

Records show

that the CPLA was a breakaway faction of the New People's Army (NPA) which pledged cooperation to then President Corazon Aquino in the anti-insurgency efforts in the region.

Qualified members were made regulars in the AFP while the rest were just given livelihood in the provinces while they act as militia men in their respective communities. (PNA)

Mt. Province prepares for its Lang-ay Festival

BONTOC, Mt. Province - Preparations are now underway for the fourth staging of the Lang-ay Festival in this province this April with the theme, "Living Tradition: We care and share."

After series of meetings conducted by the Lang-ay Development Council chaired by Governor Maximo B. Dalog, the different committees created for this year's Lang-ay Festival came up with various activities of the week-long celebration that will start on April 1.

These include a series of events like agro-industrial fair, tribal sports on 'Gimata' race and pounding rice, indigenous games and exhibits, cultural dance presentation combined with street dancing parade, indigenous sports, Day-eng contest, and cultural fashion show among others.

The agro-industrial fair, now a regular component of the annual festival, will serve as the 'kick off' activity of the week-long festival and will formally open on April 1. There will be a contest on the 'pinaka' in the local products and best booth.

The tribal sports on 'Gimata' race for men and pounding rice for women will be competed among the Balangao, Baliwon, Aplai, Kankana-ey and Bontoc tribes. Participants must be in their ethnic attire.

Lomban di amam-a ya inin-a (marathon for the elderly) is open to men aging 50 years old and above for the 5km run and women who are 45 years old and above for the 3km run. Interested to participate are required to submit medical and birth certificates.

The street dancing will be composed of two groups : the Children Street Dancing which shall be participated in by elementary pupils and first and second year high school. Participants in this category shall be composed of a minimum of 25 to a maximum of 30; and the Mixed-age Group street dancing which shall be participated by the community of all ages with a minimum of 60 to a maximum of 100 performers to include dancers, musicians and prop-bearers.

Other activities to be conducted during the week-long festival include mountain trekking; skills fair/showcase; Ms. Mt. Province Pageant; Lang-ay Theme song competition; farmers forum/congress/lectures; medical/dental mission; coffee sipping experience; indigenous worship and concert; Theater presentation; 11th

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BAGUIO CITY -- Victims of violence unite. Cordillera police spokesman Supt. Arni Dean Emock (left) inducts officers and members of the newly formed anti-violence and criminality citizens group "Your Friends Against Violence and Criminality" led by Crisostomo Tandoc (5th from left), its executive director and Atty. Edgar Avila (4th from left), its Chairman of the Board, during the group's formal launching on Thursday afternoon. Composed still of about 50 victims of violence and criminality including corruption, the group hopes to gather thousands of members as the snowballing advocacy against violence especially versus youth gangsterism in the streets of Baguio grows. -- Artemio A. Dumlaog

DOE focuses on renewable energy, keeps options open for rehab of Bataan Nuclear Power Plant

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Energy is focusing its efforts in the further development and utilization of renewable energy which has constant supply over time.

DOE Secretary Angelo Reyes said right now the fossil energy used such as oil or coal is finite which may run out anytime.

Renewable energy is derived from sources replaced by nature such as water, wind, solar, biomass or geothermal.

He said renewable resources are indigenous, cleaner and non-polluting, and are not imported or subject to the volatility of prices as a result of international oil price hike

The wind power found in Bangui, Ilocos Norte according to Reyes which is now being harnessed produces 24.75 megawatts. The project consists of state-of-the-art turbines. This is a matured energy used in European countries which is cheap, does not need any feedstock and

uses kinetic energy, he said.

The country produces solar panels to generate electricity. However, this is not a matured technology yet according to Reyes.

Geothermal energy provides 27% of the country's total electricity production generated in power plants found in the islands of Luzon, Negros, Mindanao and Leyte. Reyes said the country is the second largest user of geothermal energy which needs further development.

Hydropower is another source of energy being focused in the country with its 21 large hydropower stations aside from the existing mini and micro-hydro power facilities.

Reyes said the government is likewise revisiting the option of nuclear power generation. An eight-man team from the International Atomic Commission was invited last month to inspect the

mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power station for possible rehabilitation.

"We are keeping our options open. We cannot afford power outages. We have to be certain now," Reyes stressed.

He said there are issues that are being looked into such as the problem on the disposal of uranium, a spent fuel, which is detrimental to the environment. Nuclear disasters such as the Chernobyl disaster are experiences to be taken into account such that over time newer, better safety standards and measures should be developed in preventing such occurrences according to Reyes.

The construction of the \$2.3 billion power plant started in 1976 but was stopped due to some alleged defects. Among the reasons also being contested was that it was built near major earthquake fault lines

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 59
Baguio City

(Additional Family Court of Baguio)

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINORS TRACY BALAG- EY BATOLLOG and TRICIA BALAG-EY BATTOLLOG and DECLARATION OF STATUS AS LEGITIMATED

TRACY BALAG-EY BATOLLOG and TRICIA BALAG-EY B A T O L L O G , represented by their MOTHER MARLYN B A L A G - E Y - BATOLLOG

Petitioner,

-VERSUS-

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIOCITY,

Respondent.

SPL PRO CASE NO. 1809-R

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ORDER

A verified petition filed by the petitioner through counsel alleged among others, that:

1. Sometime in the month of December 20, 1999 in Sagada Mountain Province, NESTOR BATOLLOG AND MARLYN BALAG-EY BATOLLOG (now M A R I L Y N W A S W A S E N BALAG-EY) married in accordance with the practices of Sagada Mountain Province called (MADAWAK) and thereafter lived as

husband and wife up to the present.
2. Out of their love for each other, the two (2) petitioners were born at the Baguio General Hospital, Baguio City on the dates as follows:

1. TRACY BALAG-EY BATOLLOG- August 19, 2000

2. TRICIA BALAG-EY BATOLLOG - January 22, 2002

3. Believing that their native/tribal marriage earlier celebrated was sufficient to comply with the legal requirements of marriage, NESTOR B A T O L L O G supplied December 20, 1999 as the date of marriage of the Petitioners' parents which data were entered in the Certificates of Live Birth of the Petitioners , photocopies of which are hereto attached as Annexes "A", "B" respectively and made part of this Petition;

4. At the time of the Petitioners' conception and birth, their parents did not have any legal impediment to get married;

5. After realizing that their earlier marriage does not meet the requirements of the Family Code of the Philippines , Petitioners' parents married in a civil wedding on February 7, 2005 before the Municipal Mayor of Sagada Mountain Province in accordance with the requirements of the law. A photocopy of the Certificate of Marriage is hereto attached as Annex "C" and made an integral part of this Petition;

6. As a result of said entry of date of marriage mentioned in Paragraph 4, it would appear that petitioners were legitimate children

using the Family Name of their natural father but pursuant to applicable laws. They were born illegitimate and thus their names should have been as follows:

TRACY BALAG-EY BATOLLOG AS TRACY WASWASEN BALAG-EY

TRICIA BALAG-EY BATOLLOG AS TRICIA WASWASEN BALAG-EY

7. However, because of the subsequent marriage of Petitioners' parents which is valid and the fact that the said parents were legally capacitated to marry at the time of their conception and birth, Petitioners' have become "LEGITIMATED" and thus entitled to the rights of the legitimate child including the use of their father's surname;

8. To set records straight, Petitioners should be declared "LEGITIMATED" and the dates December 20, 1999 appearing on the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner as the date of marriage of Petitioners' parent should be corrected to read February 7, 2005;

9. The Petition was filed not for the purpose of concealing, misleading or misrepresenting Petitioners' identities or to escape any obligation of whatever nature and kind but to cause the necessary correction and to apprise the public of their true, correct and lawful identities and status.

On the basis of the foregoing, the petitioners pray that after due notice, publication and hearing, the Court would grant the petition by ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to do the Following:

A. To CORRECT the entries appearing under item # 18 in the Certificates of Live Birth of petitioners from December 20, 1999 to February 7, 2005;

B. To declare the status of the Petitioners as "LEGITIMATED" and thus entitled to the rights of a legitimate child including the use of their father's surname.

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 May 28, 2008 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.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes be furnished the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila, the City Prosecutor of Baguio, and the

Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 1th day of February, 2008 at Baguio City Philippines.

(SGD.) ILUMINDA P. CABATO
Judge
March 1, 8, and 15, 2008

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

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC

JOHN A. BAYANGAN,
Petitioner.

PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 08-NC-0118

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby March 1, and 8, 2008

given that a summary hearing on the petition for application of notarial commission filed by the above-named petitioner shall be held on March 27, 2008 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning before the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, La Trinidad, Benguet. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto on or before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Weekend Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet province, the first publication to be made not later than March 2, 2008. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 28th day of February, 2008.

(SGD) MARYBELLE L. DEMOT MARIÒAS
Executive Judge

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late Teresita Quezon General consisting of parcel of land located at Bakakeng, Baguio City and San Jacinto, Pangasinan, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement executed by her compulsory heirs duly notarized by Notary Public Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as per Doc. No. 469 Page No. 094 Book No. IV, Series of 2008.

Feb. 17, 24 and March 2, 2008

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad, Benguet

SHIRLEY B. WADINGAN
Petitioner- Mortgagee,

-versus-

BRANDOA. PETER,
Petitioner- Mortgageor.

CASE NO. 08-EXF-1256

For:

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgagee

Under Act 3135, As Amended

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by SHIRLEY B. WADINGAN, of legal age, married, Filipino and with residence at Km. 14, Caponga, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee against BRANDO A. PETER of legal age, married to Agustina Peter, Filipino and with residence and postal address at Gayasi, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondent-Mortgagor to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 1, 2006 amounts to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding the stipulated 10% monthly interests and penalties, charges, attorney's fees; and expenses of

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membered that trade fairs of lore, most notably on top of these, some traders are selling tax ordinance prohibited items such as undergarments, socks, and dry goods of all kinds.

In the NTO, a temporary souk "should not be used as a venue to sell prohibited items such as, but not limited to, contraband and pirated goods, imitations of branded items, obscene gadgets and paraphernalia, products uncertified by the

foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on March 25, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning 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 following described real property, to wit:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-016-00780

Property Index No. 009-03-016-08-102

OWNER: BRANDO A PETER and AGUSTINA PETER

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Gayasey, Wangal, La Trinidad Benguet

ASSESSOR'S LOT NO. 102

BOUNDARIES: North: Ass. Lot 103 South: Brgy. Bineng East: Ass. Lot 103 West: Lot 086

KIND: Veg. Land AREA: .0100 ha. CLASS: 1 ASSESSED VALUE:

Department of Trade and Industry, among others."

Aside from being registered to appropriate government agencies, considering items or trade to be exhibited, organizers are likewise warned from charging excessive fees from participants. Sembrano added, "To protect participants, the council likewise agreed to require each participant to pay separate special permits independent from that of the organizer." "This is to protect their right to sell and ensure that the city is getting what is due," she added. The alderman said, "So that we can envision what an organizer is planning to exhibit, we have likewise required them to submit a written request detailing what activity they propose to undertake, the list of participants and their addresses, a list of goods to be sold, and a certified true copy of their accreditation and registration with concerned agencies of government."

"No longer would city government agents think twice in confiscating items which are not supposed to be displayed or sold in trade fairs," she added.

In general, violations of mandatory

P250.00 MARKET VALUE: P630.00

Containing an area of .0100 HECTARES more or less.

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.

In case of failure in the auction sale, the same is hereby rescheduled on April 21, 2008 at the same time and place mentioned above without need of republication.

Let the foregoing be published at THE WEEKEND JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation on March 1, 8 and 15, 2008.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 28th day of January, 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) JOHN MARIE O. OCASLA Sheriff IV

provisions of the ordinances are meted P5,000.00 fines and/or 6-months imprisonment, blacklisting from organizing trade fairs and exhibits and cancellation of any permits already issued. Meantime, the NTO needs to pass publication requirements before being implemented by the city. *JISL*

Baguio Prepares ... from page 6

Ecumenical Candle Light and Prayer Rally, Burnham Park viewdeck; *March 22 – Pageant of Flowers and Candle Lights; *March 23 – Easter Sunday Celebration at the Lake; Salubong, Easter Sunrise Mass, Fluvial Procession and Farewell Fellowship Party for the Lucky Foreign Visitors. / *ailen p. refuerzo*

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

DEXTER NALIBSAN
Applicant

Case No. 87-01-1552

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- SAL- ANGALAN, ITOGON and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 15, 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 28th day of February 2008.

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

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

TITO AKIA, SR.
Applicant

Case No. 2003-CAR-670

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 April 15, 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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 28th day of February 2008.

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

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

HELEN & EMMANUEL ORDONA
Applicant

Case No. 2002-BC-258

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval of the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public convenience (CPC) to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BECKEL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 25, 2008 at 9:30 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.

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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 13th day of February 2008.

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

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Balisong, and Bagbagen. The measure expanded the anti-encroachment campaign including prescriptions against well-placed businesses coddling hawkers and themselves encroachers of easements; holding of private and religious activities along passageways; parking of vehicles for sale; display of commercial signs and ads; placing any form of goods and devices along easements; holding gatherings along streets; and the placing of any junk or wastes albeit temporary, among others.

"Try hanging your clothes and chaining your dogs along public easements and you'll find yourselves without anything to change on or no dogs to cuddle one of these days," Sembrano in a separate interview added in jest.

Changing the tone of her boys to serious mode she adds, "...But of course, if it will make our streets clean and our city much more attractive, the city would seize your dogs and clothes... In fact, their confiscation is provided for in the measure."

Under the proposal, the Public Order and Safety Division of the Mayor's Office led by Deligero would likewise be buttressed by elements of the Baguio City Police Office, City

Buildings and Architecture Office, and the City Engineer's Office, and Barangay officials.

Private residents violating the ordinance shall be fined from P1-thousand to P5-thousand with penalties ranging from public service to imprisonment; business establishments shall be fined from P10-thousand to P100-thousand plus penalties ranging from confiscation of goods, temporary closure, and revocation of business licenses.

Vendors, on the other hand, shall be fined P1-thousand for the first offense plus confiscation of goods and/or tools of trade; fined P3-thousand, confiscation, and/or 50-hours community service for the second; and P5-thousand and or imprisonment for the third.

The city government reserves the right at its option to dispose all illegal structures, materials and goods that are confiscated "in any manner most convenient and safe," including appropriating goods for charitable purposes, jail use, relief operations.

Meantime, Tabanda and councilor Nicasio Palaganas for their part introduced an allied measure providing for the identification of relocation sites where ambulant vendors may be relocated. This, pursuant to Executive Order No. 452, series of 1997, ensuring the security of registered vendors in the workplace./ISL

Mt. Prov. enacts ordinance on bird flu prevention

BONTOC, Mt. Province - Even as the Philippines remains bird-flu free, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan here enacted Provincial Ordinance No. 79 known as 'The Avian Influenza and Pandemic Prevention and Control Ordinance.'

This is in support to the national government's efforts to prevent and control Avian Influenza(AI) as contained in the Avian Influenza Protection Program. The Philippines along with Brunei and Singapore are the only countries in Asia untainted by the AI virus.

The ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of the province to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza; to protect the local livestock industry and other related industries; and to promote and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the residents.

Under this ordinance, the Avian Influenza/Pandemic Influenza Prevention and Control Task Force is formed and created and shall be the main authority to oversee the implementation of the provisions of this ordinance and other related activities maybe provided by rules and regulations and guidelines promulgated by higher authority or mandated by the

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Community get together; Job fair and Serbisyo Caravan of selected agencies; Chorale Fest; Oratorical contest for the youth with the theme, 'Gawis ay Mountain Province'.

The Regional Development Council will also be holding its meeting here.

From the P1.5 million allocation last year, the provincial government has increased the Lang-ay allocation for 2008 to P2 million.

Financial assistance of P50,000 will be given to each of the ten municipalities to defray cost of preparation, coordination, and rehearsal for street dancing, props and costumes, preparation of booths and honorarium of municipal coordinator/choreographer.

Another P10,000 per municipality to defray cost of lunch by the Chico River Bank; P10,000 each for transportation expenses for the municipalities of Barlig, Sabangan, Sagada, Sadanga, Bauko, Besao and Tadian; and P20,000 each for the Natonin and Paracelis, the farthest municipalities.

Financial assistance of P15,000 will also be given to each participating group in the children street dancing to defray expenses incurred during coordination, preparation, to include costumes, props, etc.

The remaining amount will be given as cash prizes to the winners of the different competitions like in the street dancing, the Best Performer in the Mixed-Age group will be given a cash prize of P50,000 while the other participants will be given P25,000. the Best Performer in the children group will receive a cash prize of P10,000 and consolation prize of P5,000 for each participating group.

The Lang-ay Festival, which was first staged in 2004, is the biggest crowd drawer in the province./Juliet B. Saley (PIA MP)

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Gov. Dalog, who earlier led the Regional Development Council (RDC) here until late October of last year said he feels bad that funding requests for the agricultural support projects in his province have not been released. Though we were told by DA that the funding requests have not been released because it got entangled into the hitches in the Congress approval of the General Appropriations Act, Dalog said, it should be a fair mark for them to also look after the welfare of other provinces.

We were made to believe though, Dalog said, that those released for Benguet were still those requests in 2006.

CAR is being envisioned to become a Super Region that includes agricultural infrastructures and structures. We should take the eco-system approach in CAR, Baguilat Jr. said.

CAR has an indigenous farming system, distinct from others, that involves not only the physical land attributes but cultural underpinnings of farming traditions including indigenous ecological practices that complement agriculture.

No Effect Though On Political Support

The governors sentiment though does not yet spell a degeneration of their support for Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Dalog rallied last week barangay officials in Mountain Province to give their full support to Pres. Arroyo amid calls for her resignation.

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and close to the then dormant Pinatubo volcano.

The government completed its debt payment April last year without the operation of the plant and not a single kilowatt-hour was utilized according to Reyes.

He said a lot of neighboring countries are into nuclear power energy which has cheaper power rates. It is more competitive in the sense that with cheaper inputs to industries, this would redound to low cost production, he added./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

The governor said that Arroyo was only the incumbent President who showed concern and sensitivity to the needs of the people of Mountain Province.

Dalog cited the about P3 Billion poured by the current administration for the improvement of major roads leading to Mt. Province.

Although hitches hounded implementation of some projects like the crucial concreting of the Mount Data Bontoc and the Bontoc Banaue national road of the Halsema Highway, the Bontoc - Tabuk road, all flagship projects of the President in the Cordilleras and the Sabangan-Cervantes road will immensely usher in the development of the people and the communities.

Dalog also mentioned the various hunger mitigation programs they received from the present administration. It is only this administration that we experience better economic growth and the value of the peso against the dollar is getting stronger, Dalog stressed./Artemio A. Dumlaog

Rapid composting area expanded in Kalinga

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Inspired with the success of its rapid fungus composting project earlier piloted on a 20-hectare demonstration farm at Poblacion West, this city, the Provincial Agriculturist Office has expanded the area to 50 hectares.

Provincial Agriculturist Gerry Jose said the Bureau of Soil and Water Management (BSWM) granted their request and released P200,000 funding support to the expansion project.

BSWM, an agency under the Department of Agriculture (DA), promotes rapid fungus composting technology as alternative to commercial inorganic fertilizers to cut production cost of farmers.

The project is a component of government's enhancement assistance to the hybrid rice commercialization of Kalinga.

Jose said the technology teaches farmers to convert farm wastes into organic fertilizer with the use of rapid fungus activator, as substitute for commercial inputs which now have prohibitive price.

Under the technology, composting period is shortened from 7-8 weeks to 3-4 weeks and make it more convenient among farmers during the preparation of planting.

Aside from cutting production cost, the technology also maintains healthy soil condition, making it lesser dependent on inorganic inputs.

The technology is in line with the Tipid Abono advocacy of DA to hybrid rice farmers in the country.

Government is introducing shift in farming technology from the commercial inorganic dominated system to organic farming, with minimal inorganic input.

Jose said the 50-hectare compact area will be split to two groups to reach out to more farmers. As compact area, all farmers within it are required to plant only hybrid rice.

'We express appreciation to the BSWM for releasing the fund for the expansion project even before we submitted the final request, as manifestation of government's sincere attention to the hybrid rice industry of the province', Jose said./L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

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national laws.

The Task force shall be composed of the governor as the chairman and the Vice governor as the vice chairman. Members of the Task force include the SP chairman, committee on Agriculture/Health' Provincial Veterinarian, Provincial Health Officer, Provincial PNP director, President-Association of Barangay Captains, two NGO representatives, Provincial Action Officer, Provincial Information Officer, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, PIA, DILG, DepEd and DTI.

The Task force is tasked to conduct seminars on AI awareness, prevention and preparedness; accomplish data gathering to establish the poultry demographic and epidemiological profile based on poultry disease surveillance; and enhance bio-security practices in all levels of poultry production including processing plants, live broiler markets and

Kalinga Coffee Blend to reach wider market

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – 'Kalinga Blend', the second coffee brew commercialized in the province that gained phenomenal popularity among coffee lovers, will find its way to a larger market now that it is enrolled for product upgrading to improve its quality, packaging and labeling.

Alfredo Rigonan, Provincial Director of the Kalinga Science and Technology Center (KSTC) said their office has facilitated the enrolment of the One Tribe Food Products, which produces the Kalinga Blend, to avail of soft loan for product upgrading under the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) of the Department of Science and Technology – Technology Transfer and Commercialization (DOST-TTC).

He said Kalinga Blend owner Grace Agtina-Damian enrolled last year for a soft loan amounting to P850,000.00 from SETUP to upgrade her manufacturing facilities to produce big volumes of supply for the growing market demand in the Philippines and abroad.

According to Rigonan, SETUP is a strategic component of TTC to encourage and assist Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to adopt technological innovations to improve their operations and thus boost their productivity and competitiveness. It enables firms to address technical problems through technology transfer and technological interventions to improve productivity resulting to better product quality, human resource development, cost minimization and waste management and other operation-related activities.

The roasting machine and grinder presently used by Agtina-Damian can only roast and grind 12 kilos of coffee beans at a time.

Rigonan recalls how the Kalinga Blend which was launched in June 16, 2007, started. Sometime in November 2006, Agtina who at that time was selling Kalinga Brew (the all other poultry holding.

It shall formulate the Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan which shall consist of four stages to support the national government's plan.

The ordinance prohibits any person to offer commerce, engage in trade or have in possession any exotic species of poultry wildlife; to possess/own or keep unregistered exotic birds for whatever purpose or intent.

The local government units shall assist in the implementation of the following additional prohibitions to safeguard against AI: the prohibition on offer for sale of live chickens in the market while there is a threat of bird flu; prohibition on placing chickens, ducks, and pigs in the market in the same area, cages or pens; and the prohibition on chickens to roam freely within the infected and quarantine areas.

To maximize efforts at the grassroots level, the organized Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERTs) pursuant to DILG Memorandum circular No. 2003-95, shall be mobilized to provide assistance to LGUs in the implementation of the Local Avian Influenza Prevention Program.

Any violation of this ordinance by any person, firm, poultry trader or farm owner shall be liable to prosecution and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than P1,000 but not more than P10,000 or imprisonment of not less than two months but not more than one year or both, upon the discretion of the court./Juliet B. Saley/PIA MP

first brew commercially produced in Kalinga owned and managed by Antuza Refalda) to a friend operating a coffee shop in Isabel, was challenged when the supply of Kalinga Brew can not meet the market demand.

After doing some research and educational tour in coffee brew producing provinces, Agtina coordinated with Mayor Camilo Lammawin Jr. for the use of the idle LGU coffee roasting machine for her to use. The locally fabricated roasting machine was then re-installed by DOST-ITDI engineers after conducting three successful tests.

'This resulted to the commissioning of the Coffee Roaster owned by LGU Tabuk City for commercial-scale production of Kalinga Blend on March 27, 2007 coming out with three kinds of coffee roasts – *Light, Medium and Dark*, Rigonan said. However, the result of the test is far from standard, he added.

During their exit conference, the DOST engineers recommended replacement of some parts of the roasting machine to roast higher kilograms of coffee beans and for fast cooking. Also suggested is the establishment of a closed and secured production area. This has led to the granting of assistance for product upgrading under SETUP./PIA-Kalinga

Japanese firms top Clark list of foreign investors

CLARK FREEPORT- Japanese firms top the list of foreign investors at the Clark Field, in Pampanga, it was learned from Clark Development Corporation (CDC) authorities on Saturday.

Of the foreign investors doing business at Clark Freeport as of January 2008, CDC president Levy Laus said, 35 companies or 26.75 percent are run by Japanese nationals.

Next to Japan is the United States with 25 (19.08 percent) companies, followed by Korea with 17 (12.98 percent).

Taiwan and Australia have 10 companies each or 7.63 percent, completing the list of the top five foreign investors here.

On the other hand, Koreans top the number of foreign tourists here. Korean investors only rank third in the CDC's top five list of international locators.

Also, Japan ranks as the number one top exporter for January this year.

Nanox Philippines, Inc. has posted a total of US\$ 34.9 million in exports. Falling behind Nanox is another Japanese firm, Yokohama Tire Philippines Inc., which posted a total US\$ 18.3 million.

This was followed by L&T International Group Philippines Inc. with US\$ 10.3 million; Rolls Royce Engine Services Ltd. Inc. with US\$ 4.6 million; and Smart Shirts (Philippines) Inc. with US\$ 3.3 million.

In its summary of companies according to nationality, the CDC Marketing Department said Clark has 131 (17.90 percent) foreign firms, 453 (61.89 percent) local firms, and 148 foreign firms with local equity for a total of 732 firms.

As of January this year, Laus said, the CDC has approved 732 investment projects — 203 of which or 27.73 percent are industries. At least 62 (8.47 percent) are housing projects followed by service-oriented projects, 184 (25.14 percent); and 107 commercial projects or 14.62 percent.

BID helpful in Baguio tourism program

BAGUIO CITY, (PNA) — The Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID) remains helpful to the country's tourism program by assisting qualified foreigners in the country to renew their tourist and student visa without much difficulty through its extension offices like the one in this mountain resort 250, kilometers north of Manila.

This was announced by Antonio Prieto, chair of the BID extension office here during a talk show of DZEQ

"Radyo ng Bayan", a government radio station here.

Prieto said that over the past seven years, many Asians, Europeans and Americans applied for residency "after they found out that our region is very peaceful and orderly, progressive, and offers a lot business opportunities as well as tourism pleasures."

"While we act with dispatch against undesirable aliens, our office is also very accommodating to those who wish to

extend their tourist and student visa if they qualify strictly with our laws and rules. Many of the aliens visiting our of-

fice found our country to be a good place to stay, study and do business," he said.

Of the more than 10,000 resident aliens, a great number of them are South Koreans, while the

rest are Indians, Americans, Chinese, Japanese, Nepalese, Bangladeshis, and other nationalities.



BAGUIO CITY -- Color and spectacle. "Street dancers in colorful traditional Igorot costumes adds up further to the spectacle of the Baguio Flower Festival or "Panagbenga" (A Time To Bloom). "Already on its 13th year, perhaps the most attended festival in the country, at least 300,000 revelers queued to the streets here for the Panagbenga street dancing on Saturday.--Artemio A. Dumlaog

Baguio church leader defends CBCP non-call for PGMA's ouster

BAGUIO CITY - A charismatic religious leader here and Benguet province Friday defended the latest pastoral letter of the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippine (CBCP) which did not sit well with militant groups calling for the ouster or resignation of Philippines President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Reverend Father Andres Cosalan, who is best known as "Father Andy" to the poor and his co-parishioners, said the CBCP is correct when it did not call for the President's resignation "because as priests, we are shepherds to our flocks and not politicians."

Cosalan, a native in the Cordilleras in northern Luzon, said that like any other priest, he abhors graft and corruption in the government but "we have to unmask the truth by legal process."

He said the Catholic Church respects the separation of the Church and State that the "CBCP cannot just call for the resignation of an elected official."

The youthful religious leader is known for his civic-oriented programs that include livelihood for the poor, participate in medical services and educational evangelism through DZWT, a local radio station. (PNA)

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