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

Pahayagang palaban!!! **Ifugaos Contest "Theft" of their Lands in Magat Dam**



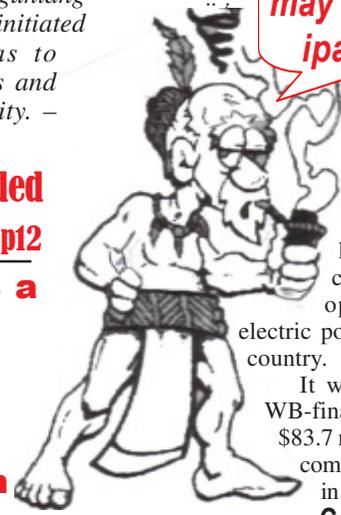
BAGUIO CITY "The gentler among the Cordillera mountain peoples " Ifugaos" might not be as fierce as the Kalingas and Bontoks, but they are fighters too.

Contesting the alleged theft of their lands within the 540 megawatt Magat Dam, Asia's biggest dam by Isabela province, Governor Teodoror Baguilat Jr. said they question why two lots in Sto Domingo, Alfonso Lista town where NAPOCOR situated their facilities was declared as Isabela provinces domain. This is theft, the provincial governor said.

Magat Dam, supplying electricity to the whole of Cagayan Valley Region and tother parts of the country, and a fishing ground for some Isabelinos, was privatized in 2006.

Magat, located in San Mariano town, Isabela is considered as the biggest dam facility in the Philippines, combining

Ayan, kapag may katwiran, ipaglaban!



flood control and power supply. With four generating units of 90 mw each, it has the largest capacity among the operating hydro electric power plants in the country.

It was built through WB-financing at a cost of \$83.7 million and started commercial operations in 1983.

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BAGUIO CITY - Vendors from the AZCKO barangay flocked the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, Thursday, during the open forum which was initiated by vice mayor Daniel Fariñas to address the numerous complaints and requests of the vendors in the City. – Dan Ricky Ong

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“Bingoteng phoenix” doused, RAB says MRF ash better source of cash

BAGUIOCITY—“They can ponder about it all they want, but the ‘Bingo sa Barangay’ right now is the least of the local government’s concerns.”

Thus said mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr. amid ubiquitous talks that certain members of the Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) are negotiating with a high ranking Chinese-Filipino government official and businessman from the lowlands for the resurgence of “Bingo sa Barangay.”

During the “Ugnayan” press conference hosted by Radio ng Bayan, February 15, Bautista said his anti-illegal gambling declaration stays adding, “I am making it a priority to instill discipline in the city.”

The declaration refers to an open

letter by Bautista to the constituency of Baguio dated September 6, adding he is “most absolutely against Jueteng, its spin-offs, and all forms of gambling in the City of Baguio.”

Bautista in the same declaration issued an ultimatum directing the local police to stop all forms of gambling in the city within 10-days from the date of receipt by concerned government agencies.

He said, members of the ABC should focus more in solving the garbage problem of the city, focusing efforts in making Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) work, rather than preoccupying themselves with re-establishing the numbers game.

He explained that if the MRF’s can only be operated in

full capacity, it would yield greater income that could easily top that which the ABC earned from the Bingo sa Barangay.

Pundits have termed the ABC’s erstwhile fund-raiser as “bingoteng,” because of its close resemblance to an illegal numbers game - Jueteng.

The bingoteng was referred to the gutter following the failed bid of former ABC chair Rufino Panagan to hold on to the ABC’s top spot to City Camp Central and former Benguet Electric Cooperative board member Joel Alangsab in the recent barangay elections.

Earlier, the city under the administration of erstwhile mayor Braulio Yaranon questioned the legality of ABC’s numbers game operations. The case is currently on appeal declared the same legal. / I S L

Ifugao in territorial clash with Isabela over dam revenues

Ifugao province is locked in a legal battle with neighboring Isabela on which has territorial jurisdiction over the Magat Dam that generates millions of pesos in taxes for the local government unit actually hosting the giant electric power plant.

Ifugao Gov. Teddy Baguilat said he is contesting a proclamation issued by Malacanang last August that the National Power Corp. reservation encompassing the dam is in Isabela.

Baguilat said Isabela worked out the release of the proclamation to corner tax shares from the operation of the 360-megawatt facility after its award to SN Aboitiz Power, Inc. The firm, a partnership of Statkraft Norway

and Aboitiz Equity Ventures, won the auction for the power plant with a \$530 million bid in 2006.

He said the case is not isolated as other Cordillera Provinces composing the watershed cradle of Northern Luzon are faced with similar issues. He noted it was high-time for Cordillera provinces to discuss how they can protect their rights over natural resources and wealth within their domains.

When (the dam) was built, it was on Ifugao soil and we have titles to show to prove this,” he said, adding that the NPC reservation and facility is actually in Alfonso Lista, Ifugao.

Ifugao has filed a petition for a temporary restraining order to prevent Isabela from collecting the franchise and other taxes from the operation of Magat.

Baguilat noted that some NPC and other authorities admitted that the dam lies on Ifugao soil and not in Ramon, Isabela.

Release of the taxes due has been withheld pending the resolution of the case, Baguilat said. Earlier, the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Ifugao collected P170.8 million in taxes from the dam’s operation.

Smarter from Isabela’s jurisdictional claim, Ifugao “mumbaki” (native priests) led tribal and government leaders and villagers to at the Magat Dam in March last year where rituals were performed to seek intervention of the gods and their ancestors in their claim over the land where the facility was built.

Saying that Ifugao is not alone in its fight for rights over its resources,

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SEE NO JUETENG, HEAR NO JUETENG, SPEAK NO JUETENG



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DENR orders probe as city preps up for battle over disputed "concrete belt"

BAGUIO CITY - Wary of a possible "cover-up" by a "special team" tasked by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to investigate an alleged illegal titling of a lot along Chuntug St., a city councilor last week proposed a resolution seeking cancellation of a suspected erroneously issued title in favor of a Filipino-Chinese businessman.

The resolution penned by councilor Fred B a g b a g e n "requested the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) to cancel Original Certificate of Title No. P-2607, which was consolidated with Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-47381 under TCT No. T-79759 in the name of Yu Hwa P i n g . Earlier, the DENR issued undated Special Order (SO) No. 14,

"creating a team to conduct investigation for possible filing of cancellation proceedings over the title issued on a road-right-of-way," right at the foot of city hall. DENR regional executive director Samuel Penafiel named Atty. Joseph Humiding (chair), Atty. Cleo Andrada, Engr. Wilbert Mangliwan, Evelyn S. Wales, Norbert Aquino, and Filipinas Mallare to investigate how the title was

processed. This, "In view of newspaper reports and letter complaints," Penafiel in the SO said.

Meanwhile, lawyer Reynaldo Cortes said he is going to request councilors Isabelo Cosalan, Jr. and Perlita Chan-Rondez to inhibit themselves from City Council discussions on the matter.

Cosalan who chairs the council committee for urban planning, lands and housing, Cortez explained, is related to Victor Cosalan who is DENR's

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BRM moves for bring back the pine scent of a clean Baguio

BAGUIO CITY — In celebration of this year's Environment Day on June 5, the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM) carries the battle cry, "Kick the Habit: Bring back the Pine Scent of a Clean Baguio"

In a meeting last week, the group has identified series of activities starting next month to mark the occasion. A clean up drive along main thoroughfares would be conducted right after the ongoing Flower Festival. This will be followed by a "Pulot Walk" or the Walk for a Clean and Green Baguio which is scheduled in the latter part of March and onwards.

Other activities lined up include search for the cleanest and greenest barangay, a water forum for a clean Sagudin- Balili river, forum with city officials, photo exhibits that will showcase BRM's best practices, documentary film

presentations, tree planting and the like.

The group also planned to invite the pioneers of the BRM that include then DENR's Regional Executive Director Horacio Ramos and Bishop Ernesto Salgado during the launching program of the lined up activities.

Meanwhile, alarmed with the worsening garbage problem in the city, the group decided to form a lobby group who will present the real situation of garbage disposal in the city. This way, they hope to get the commitment of the local officials on this matter.

The group is also pushing for the strict enforcement of city ordinances regarding litter bugs. "Penalties should be imposed" one member said, citing other Asian countries who

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Anonymous woman sets up fund for indigent patients

A woman civic leader has enabled a 12-year old cancer victim to undergo chemotherapy and a 16-year old girl to maintain her medications for heart and ovarian ailment.

Requesting anonymity, the woman set up a fund from which P12,000 was used for the chemo session of Jose Gundino III, son of a taxi driver from Camp 7 who is battling Hodgkins lymphoma.

Another P5,000 was given to the sister of Geraldine Agustin, a 17-year old farmer's daughter being treated for ovarian and heart ailment. Geraldine's mother was also hospitalized last year for diabetes, and has since been rendered blind by complications of the disease.

The donor, whose family has been helping patients over the years, recently

rallied her friends in the business community to also reach out to other indigents.

Another anonymous local donor - a man this time - has also set up a fund, of which over P14,000 supported four other patient, including P3,000 sent to Baguio lawyer Amado Adquilen who is undergoing twice-a-week dialysis for kidney failure.

The remaining expended amount was distributed as follows: P5,500 for the chemo of Myrna Buhong, a housewife from La Trinidad, Benguet who suffers from leukemia; P3,162 for the post hospitalization medications of 52-year old Juanito Mejia, and P3,000 for another patient who requested

anonymity but whose name will be reported to the donor.

Two other anonymous Samaritans last week raised P16,500 for the second chemo session of cancer victim James Jose Andrada, a 35-year old cancer patient who never knew his parents.

Natapos na pang 2nd cycle ng chemotherapy (ko)," Andrada, a former salesman texted last Thursday after his release from a hospital. He is fighting rectal adenocarcinoma that forced him to quit his job when it was already too painful for him to walk.

Andrada said he never saw his parents. He was abandoned by his mother after he was born, left with a neighbor in Quezon City. Jobless and unable to fend for himself and pay

boarding house rental, he will have to rely on support for his next chemo next month.

Donors wanting to pool resources for Andrada's third chemo may visit his boarding house at No. 8 Zamora St. or call him through his board mate's cellphone number 09186200485.

Earlier, an Ibaloi expat in Kentucky transmitted \$200 (converted to P7,941.09 by the drawee bank), of which P4,000 was given for the burial expenses of Ericka Madriaga, a 10-year old girl who recently succumbed to bone cancer. The woman had paid for Ericka's chemo last November.

Another P3,000 was given last Sunday for the medication of 82-year old war veteran Melecio Besara, one of Benguet's most be-medaled national

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

Send us an email at info@hlurb.net or text/call 0917-5069123 and we will post the information at www.hlurb.net.

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

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

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno www.linisgobyerno.org

'Shanghai' Policy

"This rings a bell", the wife said after reading Inquirer's report: "Nuns Outwit Cop Escorts of Lozada", the engineer "shanghaied", by security agents, to prevent his testifying on the national broadband network scandal.

The Inquirer earlier ran a front page photo on "Guardian Angels": Good Shepherd, Salesian and Daughters of Charity nuns linked arms to escort Rodolfo Lozada to a pre-dawn press conference at La Salle. The nuns "were able to spirit (him) out to the Senate afterwards to testify".

Before the Blue Ribbon Committee, Lozada linked First Gentleman Miguel Arroyo and ex-poll commissioner chairman Benjamin Abalos to a deal that ballooned from \$132 million to \$329 million.

EDITORIAL

"I'm just an ordinary lawyer," Mr Arroyo protested. Like

Dennis Thatcher? "I trust my husband completely," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said. "He doesn't fall asleep when I give a speech. And he claps at the right places." Or is he cut like Asif Ali Zardari, the corruption-hounded husband of Pakistan's late Benazir Bhutto?

What bells?, we asked the wife. San Francisco Examiner's report on soused Marcos minister Jolly Benitez after snap elections fraud triggered People Power One, she replied. Priests and nuns blocked rigging of tallies for Corazon Aquino's landslide vote.

"It's all those nuns' fault," a tipsy Minister Bentiez told Examiner's Lin Neumann at Manila Hotel. "How were we to know those (expletive deleted) nuns would sit on ballot boxes. Marcos is finished".

Is the Arroyo-Macapagal regime finished? Not yet. But how was Malacanang to know that nuns would shield Lozada?. They later sat in a stolid phalanx in the Senate gallery. "Angels shall guard your camp," the Psalmist writes.

Lozada's testimony ripped the fig leaf: that he voluntarily vanished for 27 hours, then sought protection, as National Police chief Avelino Razon mumbled.. No way Jose, Lozada told senators. Armed men spirited him away, as airport officials acquiesced. They kidnapped Lozada from family, the Senate Sargeant-at-Arms, and media.

Under duress, Lozada signed an affidavit that he "asked for security". His abductors drove him from Manila, Cavite to Los Banos —until directed to return because "media was red hot" on the trail. They dumped Lozada at La Salle where the Christian Brothers earlier gave sanctuary to Lozada's terrified family.

In a democracy, people should not be afraid of government. It is government that should be afraid of people," Senator Panfilo Lacson said in a lucid sound-byte. Take it from Ping Lacson's rose to national from being a "star" of Marcos' torture agency: the Military Intelligence Security Group. The MISG specialized in torture, abductions and salvaging.

Misuse of state power for abduction and crime never tainted presidents like Manuel Quezon, Elipidio Quirino, Corazon Aquino, Carlos Garcia or Sergio Osmena – although his grandson, Tomas, as Cebu City mayor, winks at 183 summary executions by vigilantes.

Today, this country reels from serial abductions. The Abu Sayyaf kidnaps for loot in Islam's name, seen in the Los Palmas abductions. Over 156 Filipino Chinese have been kidnapped for ransom, including Coca Cola Export Corporation's Betty Sy. And the New People's Army abducts, both for ideology and cash.

But these were by brigands. In contrast, state agents "shanghaied" Lozada. That clones Burma's tatmadaw (military) who abducted Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. Protectors that we train, arm and pay, with taxes, turn predators. When government evolves into a Mafia, everyone is threatened.

This brings back May 1970. Military and immigration agents abducted the Chinese Commercial News publisher and editor. Quintin and Rizal Yuyitung were shoved aboard an Air Force C-47 and handed to Taipei.

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DIRETSAHAN

*Kagila-gilalas na mga
Kaganapan Ngayong Pebrero*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



PNP posibleng maghain daw ng kasong PERJURY VS. LOZADA, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, sumuporta sa laban ni Lozada

- Por Diyos por Santo, ang nangidnap ngayon ang may gana pang magdemanda..teka, ano ba ang mas may mabigat na sentensya,.. PERJURY ba o KIDNAPPING?

- Kung ikaw ay "nangidnap", dapat lamang na itago mo ang "totoo".. pero kung ikaw ay "nakidnap", itago mo ba? Ang tawag diyari, KIDNAPPING WITH PERJURY patawa talaga sila Hi! Hi! Hi! Pweh!

- Atensyon IBP, simulon niyu na ang "legal battle" magpila na kayo ng kasong "all op the above" laban sa PNP (Palpak na Palusot)..Dalii!

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Mga tauhan ng ZTE sa NBN project nasa China na raw?

-At ano naman kasi ang gagawin nila rito? Tutunganga. Baka hinihintay ang kanilang "balato" na naunsyami, o baka "nagtatago" na!

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Dating opisina ni Lozada sa Philippine Forest Corp. ni-raid "daw" ng NBI.

-Aba, kung totoo, hindi lang pala sila imbestigador kundi infiltrators pa, ang tawag sa kanila ay NATIONAL BROADBAND INFILTRATORS!

Itinangi naman ito ng NBI, humingi lamang daw sila ng mga kaukulang dokumento para sa kanilang imbestigasyon umano kay Lozada.. sila pala ay Nothing Being Infiltrated-at bakit nila iimbestigahan si Lozada, at sino naman ang nagpapaimbestiga?

Hindi nila DIRETSAHANG tinukoy kung sino ang may pakana, pero trabaho "raw" nila ang imbestigahan ang sinumang tao na hinihinala o inaakusahan ng katiwalian katulad kay Lozada na mayroon daw katiwalian ayon sa isang senadora.

-Eh bakit sina FG Arroyo, Ben Abalos, Romulo Neri, Atienza, Defensor at iba pa na nasasangkot sa katiwalian, inimbestigahan na ba nila..loko hinila ang lelang nila.. dapat siguro ay imbestigahan rin nila ang kanilang bosing na si Raul..este Sira ulo na, sipsep pa!

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Warm welcome to the PMA graduates in their homecoming!

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



Welcome PMA graduates! You have a homecoming this 14-17 February 2008!

Congratulations!

‘Shanghai’ Policy any of you have lived up to the values of courage, integrity, and loyalty. Courage to stand for what you believe is right and to fight what you perceive to be the enemies of our people. Integrity in taking no bribes and in tolerating no corruption. Loyalty to our people and our flag. These are the key values that many of you have tried to live for. Your alma mater, the Philippine Military Academy, has taught you these values. These values explain why many of you have been involved in the ongoing political turmoil of our motherland.

Unfortunately, some of your brothers have failed to live up to the values and their deeds have been hounding your image. Worst, your commander-in-chief has been failing to live up to the values. She has no courage to resign when this is her patriotic duty right now when she is unable to control corruption right in her cabinet and probably right even in her bedroom. She does not have integrity because she has failed to execute the appropriate action to take when corruption was reported to be taking place even in her cabinet and in the multi-million ZTE deal. She has no genuine loyalty to the Filipino people because until now she took no action against the involvement of her cabinet and the alleged participation of her husband. These are even the best case scenario because she may be involved in the corruption herself. History will reveal the extent of her participation in due time. At minimum, she must resign because she is not appropriate to hold the office of the commander-in-chief.

You are really in an uncomfortable situation. You have sworn to uphold the constitution and civilian authority over the military. However, what if civilian authority is all messed up? Your loyalty is to the people and to civilian authority over the military but the commander-in-chief seems astray. Is it still possible to be simultaneously loyal to both the commander-in-chief and the Filipino people? This is a dilemma.

Nevertheless, the survival of our democratic institutions would partly depend on how you would behave during the political turmoil we are currently in. Please try to avoid the temptation to be part of a coup installing military supremacy over civilian authority. This is because the long-term solutions to the problems confronting our country do not lie in a political structure that is undemocratic.

We are still in the infancy of our democracy and time and the labor of all continue to be important for our democracy to mature. We must continue to have faith in a democracy even if it is imperfect. There are no short-cut solutions to what will be beneficial to the country in the long term. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Remember Martial Law. Although the military is important for society, military solutions to problems that are fundamentally social, economic, and political are simply inappropriate. Marcos thought that insurgency could be addressed through the power of the gun but he was wrong. Instead, under Martial Law, insurgency worsened. Revolutionary groups increased exponentially and several new groups emerged. The lesson from history: if military solutions are used to address problems that are fundamentally political and economic, military groups would only increase and we would be in a worse situation.

Nevertheless, this is not a call for passivity. The military can play a key role in the peaceful transfer of power within civilian authority while remaining supposedly non-partisan or even supposedly apolitical. I am sure that the hows and the mechanics can be worked out by using your creativity and passion to serve the Filipino people.

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TELL IT AS IT IS

Random Thoughts

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



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ter Fianza; and regional executive director Samuel Penafiel of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The city council, in resolution, recommended creation of the task force which will “immediately respond to the imminent danger at the Irisan dumpsite”.

Residents along Asin Rd. below the trash heap have been complaining of waste from the dumpsite being washed down to their communities during strong rains.

Engr. Nazita Banez, action officer of the city’s waste management board, earlier reported that the volume of waste being dumped at the trash site has reduced following the campaign for waste segregation being implemented in the barangay level.

On the on the monitoring of the waste segregation campaign, Lacsamana said this is already in place within the 18 “material recovery facility” clusters of the barangays which are the crucial component of the “no-segregation, no-collection” policy adopted towards waste reduction.

The revived ASK will hold meetings weekly, every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. at the city council, to be presided by the city mayor, and on Friday for the last week of the month/*Ramon Dacawi*.

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF GENDER IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF RICHIE EPIE HADSAN

RICHIE EPIE HADSAN,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF KAPANGAN, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, QUEZON CITY,

Respondents.

SPECIAL PRO-

CEEDINGS CASE 07-C-1449

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ORDER

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

Gender: from FEMALE to MALE

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on March 27, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Capitol, La Trinidad Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be

granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than January 13, 2008.

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

SO ORDERED.

This 7th day of January 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet

(SGD) MARYBELLE L. DEMOT-MARINAS
Pairing Judge

Jan. 12, 19, 26, 2007

ITULOY!
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D A P A T
PAIGTINGIN ng ating mga awtoridad ang "CURFEW HOURS" sa mga menor-de- edad...

... a n g problema kase, kapag mainit bumabanat.. kapag malamig, tutulog - tulog na naman, naku,...kelan ba talaga tuloy tuloy ang pagpapatupad sa ating mga polisiya?

Marami pa r i n g establisimentong inuman ang nagpapainom ng alak sa mga menor-de- edad at nagpapapasok sa kanilang mga establisimento kahit sa mga bawal ng oras...at ano naman ang ginagawa ng mga opisyal ng "BAR ASSOCIATION OF BAGUIO"

A t e n s y o n
Meyor Peter Rey Bautista, Mr. Cristio Lagyop ng Permits and Licensing at Tship Inspector Moises Guevarra ng BCPO! Pakituunan nyu naman ng pansin ang problemang ito! PLIS!

E R R A T U M

In the Judicial Publication for Correction of Entries of Certificate of Live Birth for Violanie Fe Oldico Lomerez with Special Proceedings Case No. 07-C-1412 published at The Junction Newspaper issues of June 24, July 1 and 7, 2007, the name stated was inadvertently published as Violante which should be VIOLANIE and Oldica which should be OLDICO.

Our Apologies.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
FREDO Y. CALSI, Applicant-Vendor
EUGENIO E. ANDONG, Applicant-Vendee
Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-956/2008-CAR-0004

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer simultaneous with Extension of validity of a certificate of public convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY-TOMAY, LA TRINIDAD and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on February 5, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./PM at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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. - Reg. Dir. this 4th day of Jan. 2008.

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

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Baguio City

JAMES LIWAN

Petitioner

Case No. 2002-CAR-110

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval of the petition for Extension of validity of a certificate of public convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY-BECKEL, and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ASUNCION BENCILA

Applicant

Case No. 2003-CAR-389

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 freights and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY-ACUPAN and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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JOHNNY O. LEE
Applicant

Case No. 88-01-440

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 freights and passengers on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM-AWAN via Quezon Hill and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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AMADO FELIZARDO
Applicant

Case No. 93-CAR-394

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 freights and passengers on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-GREENWATER via Convention Center, Mil. Circle, Club John Hay & Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Fianza said adding, "Our proposal to transfer the stalls was received positively by the concerned group."

If the plan pushes through, the stalls, which are now devoid of any traces of the space conserving Pepsi stands of lore, shall be transferred to the former Auditorium site before Feb 1 – the start of Panagbenga.

It could be remembered that the stallholders, after a series of relocations from one point of the park to another during previous administration, even challenged the City Government in court. But with Fianza, discussions were virtually free of glitches.

Late last year, Fianza was able to sway the PTA Board led by general manager Robert Dean Barbers "to approve as a corporate act, the grant of P5-million" for tourism facilities. In a later miracle, Fianza stumbled on a hole in the 1997 Burnham agreement.

The contract obliged PTA to forward an annual P18-M in subsidy for Burnham operations. A year after the agreement however, PTA only remitted P10-M yearly until the variance was discovered late last year.

Fianza's gold find led to a "clarificatory agreement" between PTA's Barbers and the city's Bautista where, instead of a scheduled reduction of the annual P10-M subsidy to a measly P5-M this year, PTA would continue to inject P10-M to be released quarterly for every year./ISL

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FRANCISCO LAVARIAS
Applicant

Case No. 2002-CAR-098

NOTICE OF HEARING

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VIVIAN A. NEPUMOCENO
Applicant

Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-1400

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 freights and passengers on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that on January 11, 2008, an Extra Judicial Settlement of the Estate of the late Emiliana W. Castro, who died intestate on June 21, 2000 at Abatan, Bauko, Mountain Province, was executed by her heirs as evidenced by Doc. No. 243, Page No. 049, Book No. IV, Series of 2008 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg of Baguio City, Philippines.

Jan. 5, 12, and 19, 2008

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JOSE NUMBAR
Applicant

Case No. 96-BC-0326

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 freights and passengers on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - U.P. VILLAGE (Gate) - MARVILLE - IRISAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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ERICK CLAYTON LIZARDO
Applicant

Case No. 97-BC-654

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 freights and passengers on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TOMAY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Paunawa: Ang sumusunod ay ang RA 3019, otherwise known as THE ANTI GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT. Para sa kaalaman ng publiko at nang madla, sa susunod na isyu ay ating ilalathala ang RA 6713 otherwise known as The Code Of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials and Employees !!!

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019
ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT**

Sec. 1. Statement of policy. - It is the policy of the Philippine Government, in line with the principle that a public office is a public trust, to repress certain acts of public officers and private persons alike which constitute graft or corrupt practices or which may lead thereto.

Sec. 2. Definition of terms. - As used in this Act, the term -

- (a) **“Government”** includes the national government, the local governments, the government-owned and government-controlled corporations, and all other instrumentalities or agencies of the Republic of the Philippines and their branches.
- (b) **“Public officer”** includes elective and appointive officials and employees, permanent or temporary, whether in the classified or unclassified or exempt service receiving compensation, even nominal, from the government as defined in the preceding subparagraph. chan robes virtual law library
- (c) **“Receiving any gift”** includes the act of accepting directly or indirectly a gift from a person other than a member of the public officer’s immediate family, in behalf of himself or of any member of his family or relative within the fourth civil degree, either by consanguinity or affinity, even on the occasion of a family celebration or national festivity like Christmas, if the value of the gift is under the circumstances manifestly excessive.
- (d) **“Person”** includes natural and juridical persons, unless the context indicates otherwise.

Sec. 3. Corrupt practices of public officers. - In addition to acts or omissions of public officers already penalized by existing law, the following shall constitute corrupt practices of any public officer and are hereby declared to be unlawful:

- (a) Persuading, inducing or influencing another public officer to perform an act constituting a violation of rules and regulations duly promulgated by competent authority or an offense in connection with the official duties of the latter, or allowing himself to be persuaded, induced, or influenced to commit such violation or offense.
- (b) Directly or indirectly requesting or receiving any gift, present, share, percentage, or benefit, for himself or for any other person, in connection with any contract or transaction between the Government and any other part, wherein the public officer in his official capacity has to intervene under the law.
- (c) Directly or indirectly requesting or receiving any gift, present or other pecuniary or material benefit, for himself or for another, from any person for whom the public officer, in any manner or capacity, has secured or obtained, or will secure or obtain, any Government permit or license, in consideration for the help given or to be given, without prejudice to Section thirteen of this Act.
- (d) Accepting or having any member of his family accept employment in a private enterprise which has pending official business with him during the pendency thereof or within one year after its termination. chan robes virtual law library
- (e) Causing any undue injury to any party, including the Government, or giving any private party any unwarranted benefits, advantage or preference in the discharge of his official administrative or judicial functions through manifest partiality, evident bad faith or gross inexcusable negligence. This provision shall apply to officers and employees of offices or government

corporations charged with the grant of licenses or permits or other concessions.

(f) Neglecting or refusing, after due demand or request, without sufficient justification, to act within a reasonable time on any matter pending before him for the purpose of obtaining, directly or indirectly, from any person interested in the matter some pecuniary or material benefit or advantage, or for the purpose of favoring his own interest or giving undue advantage in favor of or discriminating against any other interested party.

(g) Entering, on behalf of the Government, into any contract or transaction manifestly and grossly disadvantageous to the same, whether or not the public officer profited or will profit thereby.

(h) Directly or indirectly having financial or pecuniary interest in any business, contract or transaction in connection with which he intervenes or takes part in his official capacity, or in which he is prohibited by the Constitution or by any law from having any interest.

(i) Directly or indirectly becoming interested, for personal gain, or having a material interest in any transaction or act requiring the approval of a board, panel or group of which he is a member, and which exercises discretion in such approval, even if he votes against the same or does not participate in the action of the board, committee, panel or group. Interest for personal gain shall be presumed against those public officers responsible for the approval of manifestly unlawful, inequitable, or irregular transaction or acts by the board, panel or group to which they belong. chan robes virtual law library

(j) Knowingly approving or granting any license, permit, privilege or benefit in favor of any person not qualified for or not legally entitled to such license, permit, privilege or advantage, or of a mere representative or dummy of one who is not so qualified or entitled.

(k) Divulging valuable information of a confidential character, acquired by his office or by him on account of his official position to unauthorized persons, or releasing such information in advance of its authorized release date.

The person giving the gift, present, share, percentage or benefit referred to in subparagraphs (b) and (c); or offering or giving to the public officer the employment mentioned in subparagraph (d); or urging the divulging or untimely release of the confidential information referred to in subparagraph (k) of this section shall, together with the offending public officer, be punished under Section nine of this Act and shall be permanently or temporarily disqualified in the discretion of the Court, from transacting business in any form with the Government.

Sec. 4. Prohibition on private individuals. - (a) It shall be unlawful for any person having family or close personal relation with any public official to capitalize or exploit or take advantage of such family or close personal relation by directly or indirectly requesting or receiving any present, gift or material or pecuniary advantage from any other person having some business, transaction, application, request or contract with the government, in which such public official has to intervene. Family relation shall include the spouse or relatives by consanguinity or affinity in the third civil degree. The word *“close personal relation”* shall include close personal friendship, social and fraternal connections, and professional employment all giving rise to intimacy which assures free access to such public officer.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to induce or cause any public official to commit any of the offenses defined in Section 3 hereof.

Sec. 5. Prohibition on certain relatives. - It shall be unlawful for the spouse or for any relative, by consanguinity or affinity, within the third civil degree, of the President of the Philippines, the Vice-President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to intervene, directly or indirectly, in any business, transaction, contract or application with the Government: Provided, That this section shall not apply to any person who, prior to the assumption of office of any of the above officials to whom he is related, has been already dealing with the Government along the same line of business, nor to any transaction, contract or application already existing or pending at the time of such assumption of public office, nor to any application filed by him the approval of which is not discretionary on the part of the official or officials concerned but depends upon compliance with requisites provided by law, or rules or regulations issued pursuant to law, nor to any act lawfully performed in an official capacity or in the exercise of a profession.

Sec. 6. Prohibition on Members of Congress. - It shall be unlawful hereafter for any Member of the Congress during the term for which he has been elected, to acquire or receive any personal pecuniary interest in any specific business enterprise which will be directly and particularly favored or benefited by any law or resolution authored by him previously approved or adopted by the Congress during the same term.

The provision of this section shall apply to any other public officer who recommended the initiation in Congress of the enactment or adoption of any law or resolution, and acquires or receives any such interest during his incumbency.

It shall likewise be unlawful for such member of Congress or other public officer, who, having such interest prior to the approval of such law or resolution authored or recommended by him, continues for thirty days after such approval to retain such interest.

Sec. 7. Statement of assets and liabilities. - Every public officer, within thirty days after the approval of this Act or after assuming office, and within the month of January of every other year thereafter, as well as upon the expiration of his term of office, or upon his resignation or separation from office, shall prepare and file with the office of the corresponding Department Head, or in the case of a Head of Department or chief of an independent office, with the Office of the President, or in the case of members of the Congress and the officials and employees thereof, with the Office of the Secretary of the corresponding House, a true detailed and sworn statement of assets and liabilities, including a statement of the amounts and sources of his income, the amounts of his personal and family expenses and the amount of income taxes paid for the next preceding calendar year: Provided, That public officers assuming office less than two months before the end of the calendar year, may file their statements in the following months of January.

Sec. 8. Dismissal due to unexplained wealth. - If in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act Numbered One thousand three hundred seventy-nine, a public official has been found to have acquired during his incumbency, whether in his name or in the name of other persons, an amount of property and/or money manifestly out of proportion to his salary and to his other lawful income, that fact shall be a ground for dismissal or removal. Properties in the name of the spouse and unmarried children of such public official may be taken into consideration, when their acquisition through legitimate means cannot be satisfactorily shown. Bank deposits shall be taken into consideration in the enforcement of this section, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

Sec. 9. Penalties for violations. - (a) Any public officer or private person committing any of the unlawful acts or omissions enumerated in Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this Act shall be punished with imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten years, perpetual disqualification from public office, and confiscation or forfeiture in favor of the Government of any prohibited interest and unexplained wealth manifestly out of proportion to his salary and other lawful income.

Any complaining party at whose complaint the criminal prosecution was initiated shall, in case of conviction of the accused, be entitled to recover in the criminal action with priority over the forfeiture in favor of the Government, the amount of money or the thing he may have given to the accused, or the value of such thing. chan robes virtual law library

(b) Any public officer violation any of the provisions of Section 7 of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred pesos nor more than one thousand pesos, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court.

The violation of said section proven in a proper administrative proceeding shall be sufficient cause for removal or dismissal of a public officer, even if no criminal prosecution is instituted against him.

Sec. 10. Competent court. - Until otherwise provided by law, all prosecutions under this Act shall be within the original jurisdiction of the proper Court of First Instance (now Regional Trial Court).

Sec. 11. Prescription of offenses. - All offenses punishable under this Act shall prescribe in ten (10) years.

Sec. 12. Termination of office. - No public officer shall be allowed to resign or retire pending an investigation, criminal or administrative, or pending a prosecution against him, for any offense under this Act or under the provisions of the Revised Penal Code on bribery.

Sec. 13. Suspension and loss of benefits. - Any public officer against whom any criminal prosecution under a valid information under this Act or under the provisions of the Revised Penal Code on bribery is pending in court, shall be suspended from office. Should he be convicted by final judgment, he shall lose all retirement or gratuity benefits under any law, but if he is acquitted, he shall be entitled to reinstatement and to the salaries and benefits which he failed to receive during suspension, unless in the meantime administrative proceedings have been filed against him.

Sec. 14. Exception. - Unsolicited gifts or presents of small or insignificant value offered or given as a mere ordinary token of gratitude or friendship according to local customs or usage, shall be excepted from the provisions of this Act.

Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to prejudice or prohibit the practice of any profession, lawful trade or occupation by any private person or by any public officer who under the law may legitimately practice his profession, trade or occupation, during his incumbency, except where the practice of such profession, trade or occupation involves conspiracy with any other person or public official to commit any of the violations penalized in this Act.

Sec. 15. Separability clause. - If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is declared invalid, the remainder of the Act or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

Sec. 16. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect on its approval, but for the purpose of determining unexplained wealth, all property acquired by a public officer since he assumed office shall be taken into consideration.

Approved: August 17, 1960

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Baguio Mayor bares priority projects for 2008

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. last week assured he would prioritize the implementation of various impact projects as his administration's thrust this year.

Citing good economic gains last year, the mayor expressed high hope that the city could prosecute the development plans for the city's leading parks including Burnham Park, the Botanical Garden and the City Hall park along with other infrastructure projects.

The mayor said the city realized an income of P830 million last year and it hopes to surpass its target income this year with increased revenue collection.

He said the exec. department has increased the proposed budget to P900-M to accommodate all the needed programs.

"I believe that the proposed budget is aggressive enough to implement all our desired projects," he said.

The planned works for Burnham Park aim to improve park amenities while the program of work for Botanical Garden envisions its transformation into an international park.

The mayor, however, admitted that the city has to double its effort in raising the needed funds as many projects remained unimplemented dating back to 2004.

He said, he reconvened the City Development Council which reviewed and screened the previous unimplemented projects and to assess the projects to be submitted by the barangays for inclusion in this year's budget.

He also called on the brgy officials to come up with projects that are worthwhile and would benefit majority of their constituents.

The mayor also asked the city council to consider the proposed budget in the budget deliberations as soon as possible.

The mayor also bared other development projects being considered for implementation this year using other sources of funds.

He said that the city stands to receive P124-M from its tax share from the operations of the PEZA firms. The said amount is now considered to fund the construction of a commercial establishment at Mines View to solve the vending problems at the Mines View Park and other projects lined up.

The mayor said studies are now being done to determine the feasibility of building an underpass or an overpass along Bokawkan Road to ease up the traffic flow in the area.

The mayor also said that the city plans to implement the market development plan.

Another plan is to impose a circumferential traffic route around city hall and improve the City Hall park.

As to policy directions, the mayor expressed hope that he would get the city council's cooperation in the passage of laws on smoke belching, investment and incentives code, traffic authority, anti-smoking and the total ban on the sale of firecrackers. *Aileen P. Rrefuerzo*

Burnham to get much-needed overhaul in 2008

BAGUIO CITY - "Kids' cries for better rides wane eventually... when they get older."

To the envy of adults and gout-stricken former athletes who have once spent younger days at the Children's Playground and Athletic Bowl, mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week revealed, "The Burnham dream may finally come true this 2008."

"We have a lot of money and nil deficits... a big chunk of our budget will go to the improvement of Burnham Park," he said.

Bautista, during the "Ugnayan" press conference hosted by Radyo ng Bayan, expressed optimism that the city council will back him up in realizing the overdue overhaul of the city's "Pride of Place" in time for the Baguio centennial, 2009.

He reported, "The legislative and executive branches have already agreed on a P900-M budget which includes our P124-M share

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from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)."

He added, "P50-M of the P124-M PEZA share will be devoted solely for the improvement of Burnham."

Bautista likewise revealed that the Yuletide talks with president Arroyo may likewise bear delayed Christmas present for Baguio – ownership of Burnham Park.

He said, "Presidential legal counsel Sergio Apostol had been ordered by GMA to draft an E.O. transferring ownership of Burnham from the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) to the City Government of Baguio."

In Nov 3, 1997, an agreement between the city and PTA transferred management, administration, and maintenance of the park to the city government in compliance with E.O. 224.

In a separate interview he said, "With greater autonomy in managing properties, I am sure, the people of Baguio will respond and carry with them greater responsibility in caring for what they own."

As this developed, city administrator Peter Fianza met with Burnham stall-owners situated along Abad Santos Drive, January 10. The "Pepsi group" was inherited by the city from PTA via the 1997 agreement.

"Things are beginning to look brighter,"

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