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# ***Pahayagang palaban!!!*** **Nat'l Gov ginulangan ang LGUs sa 2009 share - Chiz**



Nawalan ng kabuuang 22 bilyong pisong kabahagi ang mga lokal na pamahalaan sa kanilang Internal Revenue Allotment para sa taong 2009.

Ito ang ibinunyag ni Senador Chiz Escudero makaraang umamin ang mga opisyal ng pamahalaan sa isang hearing sa Senado noong nakaraang linggo ukol sa unaccounted na koleksyon ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) mula sa kita ng 2006 reformed value added tax (RVAT) na may kabuuang halagang P55.42 bilyon.

Noong 2006, iniulat ng Department of Finance na kumita ang pamahalaan ng halagang P76.8 bilyon mula sa kinoliktang RVAT. Sa nasabing halaga, P21.46 bilyon ang koleksyong nanggaling sa Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) at P55.42 bilyon naman ang nagmula sa koleksyon ng BOC.

Isinasaad sa local government code na may karapatan ang mga lokal na pamahalaan sa "national revenue taxes based on the collection of the

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## Women want part as Baguio builders

BAGUIOCITY—“Will Baguio be what it is without the women?”

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda posed this question as she urged the Baguio Centennial Commission to give women due recognition in the celebration of the city's centennial.

“On behalf of the women of Baguio, including your respective mothers, wives and children, we appeal to the Commission to give women the rightful place they deserve as we celebrate the centennial of the city,” Tabanda said in her letter to Dr. Virgilio Bautista, chair of the

Baguio Centennial Commission.

Tabanda reiterated her earlier view that the figures of the “Builders of Baguio” in the time capsule should include women.

“Putting only male figures will deny and deliberately ignore the role the women played in shaping Baguio into what it is today,” she said.

“Starting off with Bayosa Carino, Josefa Carino and many pioneers, they stood side by side, and worked in partnership with the men. While undeniably, the men stand out in the field of politics and governance, it is

the women who tended the houses, nurtured the children, taught in our schools, built commerce and trade of the city. It is the women who gave the soul to our growth.”

“Today, we still have in our midst women of substance, whose efforts have certainly helped shape the City. Can we ignore the pioneering work of stalwarts like Cecile Afable, Leonora San Agustín, Gene de Guia, Margarita Fernandez, Rose Marie Tabora, Nimia Concepcion, Dionisia Claridad and a lot of others?” she said. /aileen p. refuerzo

## Expat Igorot karateka's group reaches out to the sick here

“Karate ne sente nashi.” Karate has no offense. It's a lesson Julian Chees learned from fourth dan blackbelt Edgar Kapawen Sr. and sixth dan Kunio Sasaki, his teachers in the Japan Karate Association.

Now a fourth dan and teacher himself, Julian, came home last August to visit his ailing mother. He took time to pay his respects to his teachers, as he does whenever he's

back, and to keep alive the lesson he learned and is passing on to his own students.

This time, he brought home P120,000. It was the latest amount he and his students raised in southern Germany where he heads Shoshin (Beginner's Mind). Shoshin is a traditional karate school that adheres to the shotokan (knife-hand) stance and the tenets of the JKA.

The fund from Shoshin Kinderhelfe, the humanitarian arm of his school, enabled him to reach out to patients in dire need of help the moment he arrived in Bontoc: Arnold Pityer Jr., Ester Gaddi, Josper Fomanes, Randolph Napa-eg, Steve Chaluyen, Wilber Forayang and Nina Florendo.

On his way back to Germany, he met Mark Anthony Viray, a 10-year old kid diagnosed for Hodgkin's lym-

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## Tabanda urges colleagues to accept BENECO offer for streetlight maintenance

BAGUIOCITY—Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda is egging colleagues to accept the offer of the Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO) to manage the city's streetlights subject to conditions.

In a proposed resolution, Tabanda proposed the acceptance of the BENECO offer subject to the following terms: \*Only unmetered streetlights shall be subject of this Agreement; \*Upon approval of this resolution, a joint inventory of the streetlights shall be undertaken; \*The City shall pay for the electric consumption of TEN (10) burning hours for each streetlight included in the inventory based on the existing bulb rating.

BENECO shall provide for the repair/maintenance of all inventoried streetlight, including materials thereof, at no cost to the City; and in addition thereto: \*Any replacement of a luminaire/bulb shall be at 70 watts only; \*No additional

streetlights/fixtures shall be installed/erected without the approval of the concerned city government offices; \*A joint evaluation shall be conducted in an annual basis by the City and BENECO to determine the viability and effectiveness of this Agreement; and that \*This Agreement shall take effect upon the signing of a MOA, and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked or cancelled upon mutual agreement, after notifying the other party 30 days prior to its intention.

“For the past several years where unmetered streetlights were billed at the flat rate for ten burning hours, BENECO collected even for electricity not actually consumed because of the busted streetlights,” Tabanda said.

“While the collection was in accordance with the MOA, still it is un-

deniable that the collection for electricity not utilized constituted profits for BENECO. Fixing the number of burning hours at TEN is realistic, since this will cover the hours when illumination is needed, to prevent, if not minimize, the commission of crimes,” she said.

BENECO general manager Gerardo Verzosa earlier assured that the city will benefit in terms of costs and service if the power firm will take over the maintenance and operation of the city's streetlights.

He said the city spends P.5 million monthly for the repair and maintenance which encompasses labor costs of these streetlights. This is on top of the P571,000 fee for the 94 clusters of metered lights and P1.8 million charges for the 15,802 unmetered lights.

Verzosa said they project that under BENECO's management, the city will have to pay only an additional amount of P368,000 being the ex-

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## Pia: "Heads should roll at Ombudsman's office"

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today said the Arroyo government should not take lightly the latest blunder of the Office of the Ombudsman which resulted in the dismissal of robbery and graft charges against former justice secretary Hernando Perez at the Sandiganbayan.

"President Arroyo must not tolerate the latest foul-up committed by the Office of the Ombudsman. Its officers should be made accountable, and I am simply shocked at the blatant display of incompetence by the agency that was precisely mandated to fight corruption in government."

"I believe sanctions are in order and heads should roll. President Arroyo

should put his foot down lest she be suspected of deliberately protecting a very close political ally in Perez," she stressed.

"It's highly suspicious how a high-profile case like this would not go through the normal process of being evaluated by the Office of the Special Prosecutor which will argue the case before the Sandiganbayan."

"It's a basic lapse, yet a big slap on the crusade against good governance."

She said prosecutors at the Ombudsman who prepared the defective charge sheet against Perez, including Assistant Special Prosecutor Elvira Chua, should be made to answer. Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez

should also be investigated by virtue of command responsibility.

She suggested that an independent committee composed of reputable people with a good track record in prosecuting corruption cases should be created to handle the special investigation of Gutierrez, Chua and other concerned personnel in order to dispel suspicions of bias and cover-up.

"Nothing also prevents the justice committee of the Senate from looking into this matter in aid of legislation, because with the entire justice system in question, who else can the people trust to uphold good governance under the Arroyo administration?"

Office of Senator Pia S. Cayetano

## Franco to youth gangs: "No more mister nice guy!"

BAGUIOCITY— "No more 'mister nice guy'!"

Thus declared Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) chief Wilfredo Franco in a cold yet telling voice last week, in the heels of a long-drawn-out war among youth gangs in the city; and senseless violence the baby thugs employ upon their innocent peers.

Franco revealed he has ordered a 24/7 special team to employ tight watch over youthful malefactors.

He said, "Right now, the special team is focusing efforts to

bring down the heads, who are mostly in the age of criminal responsibility."

"We have given these kids ample time to reform, even inviting them to the Brotherhood for Peace (BFP) as a way of giving them a legitimate avenue to discuss

their problems with us; and to help them make good use of their youth before they lose it," he added.

He however clarified, "even groups enrolled in the BFP cannot hide behind the mantle of the pact they signed and we witnessed."

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## Dads call for halt of DENR cadastral survey project for city

BAGUIOCITY— The city council last Monday demanded the suspension of the bidding and implementation of the cadastral survey project of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) for the city due to concerns raised.

In a resolution, the aldermen rued the lack of consultation and participation of the city government in said project which they said is very crucial to the city.

The body also agreed to invited the DENR DENR-CAR executives to clarify issues on the project.

The resolution was jointly authored by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas and Councilors Isabelo Cosalan Jr., Rocky Thomas Balisong, Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Galo Weygan, Perlita Rondez, Nicasio Aliping Jr., Antonio Tabora Jr., Erdolfo Balajadia, Nicasio Palaganas, Richard Carino, Fred Bagbagen, Elaine Sembrano, Joel Alangab and Gloria Ysabel De Vera.

It was gathered that the DENR-CAR embarked on a Ca-

dastral Survey for the City of Baguio, the first phase of which was implemented in 2007 with Barangay Brookside, Baguio City as the pilot area.

The bidding process for the said project is scheduled to start on November 24, 2008 until December 2008.

"In a letter dated 08 March 2008 of Regional Executive Director Samuel R. Peñañiel of the DENR-CAR to then Councilor Faustino A. Olowan, preliminary activities were already undertaken relative to the said Cadastral Survey for Baguio City, including among others, the establishment of PRS '92 Stations in the City of Baguio," the body noted in the resolution.

"In the presentation of the DENR-CAR, an amount of P2,000,000 was earmarked for the Modular Cadastre of Brookside Barangay, Baguio City covering, 1) Establishment of Main and Subsidiary

Controls for the entire Baguio City, 2) Political Boundary Survey and Lot Survey for Barangay, Brookside, Baguio City while for the remaining 127 barangays, the budget for the lot survey is reportedly a measly P10,000,000 or P78,740.157 per barangay or P300.00 per lot, which is way below what had been allotted for Brookside Barangay."

The body also cited Resolution No. 04, series of 2008 of the Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines, Inc.-Cordillera Administrative Region entitled, "Submitting concerns of the Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines, Incorporated-Cordillera Administrative Region (GEPI-CAR) Division in the Upcoming Cadastral Survey in the City of Baguio."

In said resolution, the group called for the suspension of the survey to address the following concerns: \*Is the

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"Park management has turned from to task to oxymoron" – Sembrano

## Grand Memory For Forgetting

So, did anyone really hit the delete button for charter change (cha-cha)?

The non-existent House Resolution 550 sparked today's controversy. Filed by Batangas Rep. Hermilando Mandanas, HB550 would have transferred the May 2010 presidential elections to May 2011. All incumbents – including the President – could coast for one more hassle-free year in office.

This resurrected the no-election (“No El”) controversy of 2006. The Malacanang-backed Constitutional Consultative Commission then submitted a draft charter. Section 7 of it’s “Transitory Provisions (Article XX) would have scrubbed the 2007 elections”.

Public fury forced the Palace to inter this “No El” idea, plus — all charter changes proposed. And today’s reactions are just as fast and

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furios.

“You want Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as President for life?”, fumed Rep Teopisto Guingona III. (Misamis Or) Rep. Victor Ortega (La Union) scrambled to deny that HR550 remained “active” before the House committee on constitutional amendments.

“No, no, no, protested Chairman Ortega. HB550 had been deleted. Rep. Mandanas yanked his chestnut back in August. 12 “No proposal, pending in the committee, speaks of any extension whatsoever.” That’s true.

But is this all smoke and mirror? Oretga glosses over other pending cha-cha bills Speaker Prospero Nograles (Davao), for example, has one that’d rewrite the constitution’s economic provisions only. But everybody knows it’s “open house” on revisions, once the assembly or convention is convened.

The President’s son, Rep. Mikey Arroyo (Pampanga) has another that’s even more loaded. This convenes Senate and House into a constituent assembly to blue-pencil the charter. But there is a kicker: This time, the two houses would “vote jointly not separately”

Now, the House has 240 members. Most are under the President’s thumb. They outnumber ten-to-one the 24-member Senate. But the Senate is no mood to meekly agree to be slaughtered. It will therefore insist on voting separately, as in the past. The Arroyo son is inviting, with eyes open, the next Supreme Court brawl.

Mala yerba nunca muere, my grandmother used to say. “The bad weed never dies.” The October survey by Social Weather Stations says that six out of every ten Filipinos oppose charter change. Yet, this idea, like a toxic shrub, refuses to wither.

Thus, we should look at the track record. This may jack up further citizen watchfulness. As the Ilokano proverb puts it: “He who has meat to dry has something to be watchful for. Presidents are made, like us, of common clay. Most are tantalized by possibilities of prolonged tenure. Few resist the temptation.

Corazon Aquino did. She stepped down, after her term, without whimpering. But dictators like Marcos, Suharto and Zimbabwe’s Mugabe try clinging to power for life. Nicaragua’s Anastacio Somoza simply rigged the polls.

Now, rewind to Fidel Ramos in 1997. He got Pirma to launch a signature campaign for cha-cha. He lassoed 87 congressmen to back his claim that the constitution needed 147 amendments. No one remembered what the 146 were. But all agreed on the 147th: caps on their terms of office should be lifted. But Catholic bishops and civil society buried this self-serving bid.

Fast forward to September 2006. “(Why) waste P10 billion to P20 billion for the election?” Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor told 2,000 councilors meeting in Cebu. “Without an election in 2007, you could put in your perspective on what path this country should take.... Instead, we should work for a system that is stable... (like) a parliamentary system.”

Make no mistake. This is No-El. It would have disenfranchise 43.2 million voters to clamp on a vague constitution. An entire

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## DIRETSAHAN

*Hepe Ng Pulisya-SINIBAK!  
Konsehala SENBRANO – Saludo  
ako sayo!*

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Simpol matematik lang nga suki at alam na natin ang kuwento kung ilang buwan at araw ang bubunuin natin bago mag eleksyon.

Sa mga aspirante, sino kaya ang ninenerbyos at sino ang hindi? Sa ngayon, kanya-kanya na silang pa pogi at pa-cute na akala mo mga inosenteng beybi na walang bahid o anumang dungis sa katauhan. Ang iba, nakamagkano na sa pagbabayad ng kanilang mga “Praise Releases”.

Ang ibang opisyal naman ng Gobyerno, panay ang pagpapapasok ng mga proyekto sa kanilang hurisdiksiyon para makapaglahig na pandagdag sa kanilang nakukurakot.

Pero sa mga pangyayaring ganito, ano naman ang ginagawa ni Mang Juan na isang ordinartong mamamayan lamang? Syempre, ano naman kaya nag kanyang magagawa? Malaki mga suki, ang problema, inuuna syempre ni pobrang Mang Juan ang pagkain para sa kanyang pamilya kaysa makialam sa mga bagay na baka maging mitsa ng kanyang kapahamakan.

Kaya naman ang ekonomiya ng Pinas ay parang Cha-Cha na urong sulong pero mas marami pa yata ang urong, paano kase, korapsyun dito kurapsyun doon, kaya hindi kataka-taka na tinagurian ang ating bansa na isa sa pinaka-korap na bansa sa buong asya kundi man sa buong mundo!

Hep!Hep! Horeeey!!!! Pweh!!!!

ooOoo

Impeachment Complaint kay pangulong Arroyo, pinatay na sa kamara.... ibig sabihin nakapuntos ng knock down ang mga kaalyado ni **GMA**.... hindi ang isyu ang pinagbasehan kundi ang numero ng **BOTOHAN**!!! malamang mas marami ang nabigyan kesa hindi....

Ang tanong ng mga lintek, “where is the beef” daw ang tanong ko naman where is the pork,... barrel fund, saan napunta .... mga Linteeek!!

Pero, sayang at wala na ang tsansa na sanay maipaliwanag at maidepensa ni PGMA at pamilya ang mga akusasyon, sayang din at hindi naipakita sa tao ng ibang mga kongresista na hindi nabibili ang kanilang prinsipyo, at higit sa lahat, sayang na pagkakataon ang kanilang pinalagpas para sana malinis ang pangalan ni PGMA at ang mga isinasangkot, ngayon, paano na mabubura sa isipan ng publiko ang mga akala?

At ano naman kaya ang kasonod na iurong,... o isusulong, “**CHA-CHA**”? ... Buwisheet!., Sayaaang!

ooOoo

Sayang at mukhang panis din ang itsinutsutso ngayon ni dating house speaker Joe De Venecia hinggil sa nalalaman niyang irregularidad sa ZTE-NBN deal.... kumbaga sa ingles “too late “D” hero”! Lahat kasi ng mga rekado na dapat niyang ginamit noong siya pa ang speaker ay mukhang

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Peace avenues must be used  
to prevent a Mumbai*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The assault by Muslim militants in Mumbai, India, raises the specter of the possibility of the same taking place in the Philippines. As of yesterday, 143 lay dead and 284 were wounded in a coordinated attack in several sites in Mumbai: a train station, Jewish center, and a luxury hotel.

This is very sad considering that Islam and Christianity have the same roots. The militants have been doing the attacks in the name of Allah, the merciful, the same God that is praised in Christian New and Old Testament bibles as merciful and loving.

Of course, faith has dimensions that only the faithful can understand and I will be happy if there would be opportunities for me to understand how prayerful Muslims are able to justify the use of violence among what I assume or believe to be innocents in the ongoing real attempts to marginalize or exploit the Muslims.

The attacks on the innocents in Mumbai, India can trigger self-made Christian militants in various parts of the world. Even if Christians largely subscribe to a Christ that is self-effacing and forgiving, there are passages in the Old Testament bible that can justify massacres and plunder in the same manner that Muslim militants are able to justify the murder of infidels.

Nevertheless, even if there are passages in the Old Testament that would justify violence, Christians largely interpret their faith as a faith of peace notwithstanding the existence of Christian exploiters who instigate the exploitation of Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

I sincerely hope that the Muslim militants would prefer to win over the Christians to their side and causes rather than making them the collateral damage in their fight for equality and recognition of their rights. I am sure that both Muslim and Christians can rediscover a commonality in their faith rather than emphasize the differences.

I have a notion that the Allah in the Muslim faith is merciful. I heard the line somewhere and I have listened to a Muslim preacher once. At the same time, the elders of my clan have raised me to believe in a forgiving and loving God that had sacrifice His Son for the salvation of many.

If I am wrong on my notions on both my faith and those on my notions on the Muslim faith, I would be happy to be enlightened! I will be most happy to hear messages of faith from a Muslim personally or via email.

What is significant in the Mumbai incident is that "Christian Infidels" are not those who are dominant in that city. The militants executed an attack in a train station whose commuters are not predominantly Caucasians or Christian.

Thus, the Mumbai incident creates the specter that similar attacks can be executed in cities or population centers that are not predominantly Christian or Caucasians. In the Bali, Indonesia carnage, for instance, the attacks were focused on Caucasians or tourists. That was not the case in the Mumbai incident.

A problem in the tactic in the Muslim militants is that it may force the creation of a militant "Christian" extremism similar to what is happening now in Mindanao. The militant "Christians" can justify anarchism and massacre by using isolated passages in the Old Testament.

May I therefore respectfully suggest to the militant Muslims to reconsider their tactics and consider winning over the Christian population to their sides and causes instead. Imagine what a dirty place our world will be if a "Christian" militant group would emerge and retaliate. Of course, genuine Christians must not retaliate and must seek to understand the causes and grievances of their brother Muslims.

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*After 4<sup>th</sup> impeachment defeat,  
time to move on*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**TIME TO MOVE ON, FOCUS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS:** It is indeed time to go on. Now that the fourth impeachment complaint against President Arroyo has been junked by the House of Representatives, our leaders from the administration and the opposition should join hands and try to focus on the country's economic problems for once, and find solutions to the creeping poverty of our people across the country real fast.

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**TERRORISTS ATTACK MUMBAI, KILL 80:** Mumbai in India is once again reeling from terrorist attacks, resulting in the death of some 80 people as of press time. The attacks happened during the wee hours on Thursday, with the attackers seizing the Taj Mahal Hotel and the Hotel Oberoi, and other places in Mumbai where there were foreigners, who seemed to be the targets. What arrested my attention here are reports from CNN which say that Mumbai in particular and India in general have been subjected to relentless terrorist attacks in the past. Why is this happening to India?

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**ISRAEL'S RELIGIOUS AIR CALL FOR MASS PRAYER:** Israel's two chief rabbis-Yona Mezger and Shlomo Amar-are asking for prayers to seek divine intervention in solving the financial crisis that has hit the country, resulting in the slashing of donations to religious institutions and in the inability of many families to survive. This call for mass prayers is a step in the right direction, if you ask me, for prayer is the answer to every problem in life, which puts us in tune with Divine Wisdom which knows how to adjust everything perfectly.

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**RP'S RELIGIOUS LEADERS SHOULD ALSO CALL FOR PRAYERS:** I strongly suggest that our religious leaders in the Philippines, instead of meddling in temporal things, should follow Mezger's and Amar's lead. We should also call on Filipinos in the Philippines and in other countries to pray sincerely, so that God will condescend to help us. The problems the whole world is facing now is spiritual, not economic, arising from man's having refused to follow God. The solution therefore is also spiritual and it should start from our men of God in this country.

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**FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD IN EVERYTHING WE DO:** And, someone must also lead all of us in going back to God, through a relentless reading and study of His Word in the Bible, and then using the Word as a basis for what we think, say and do. We must recognize that the difficulties and rebuke that are happening now come from God's curses, promised by Him in Deuteronomy 28:15 to 68. These curses can be healed only by God's own prescription, one of which is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

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**APART FROM GOD WE CANDO NOTHING:** Many Filipinos no longer believe that God can help in solving our problems in the Philippines. Even those who consider themselves doing something to alleviate the plight of our poor countrymen by staying abroad no longer want to even discuss God at all in finding solutions to our woes. This is unfortunate because apart from God, we can do nothing. The problems that are happening now came from His curses and will continue to happen until we are all destroyed, so the only way to remove these curses is to ask for His help.

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"expired" na, kayat hayun imbes na masarap ang putahe,..... panii!

ooOoo

Dating hepe ng pulisya sa Kapangan Benguet, sinibak sa serbisyo!.. guud, at least magsilbing paalala ito sa mga iskalawag na pulis.... na ang mga diskarte ay.. Hulidap!

ooOoo

Suportado umano ni apo Sekratari Lito Antienza ang mahigpit na regulasyon sa mga small scale mining partikular sa Benguet... palakpakan!... mas papalakpakan ko pa ang butiing sekretaryo kapag isinama niya ang large mining industry.. ang ismol scale kasi,... "LandSlide" ang idinudulot, samantalang ang large scale ay pagkalason at pagkasira ng sangkatauhan ang idinudulot bunsod sa mga toxic wastes na itinatapon sa ilog at kung saan saan pa, at kapag hindi natin maipatupad ang tamang regulasyon, sa ospital o sementeryo pa tayo pupulutin.. ang mahirap, baka magiging "mutant" pa tayo o di kaya ay maging "the living zombies", ngiiih!!

ooOoo

Tukoy na at kinasuhan na umano ang nakasaksak at nakapatay sa isang kinse anyos na binatilyo sa may Legarda Rd. ayon sa report, isang naglakas loob na testigo ang lumantad upang ituro ang suspek na umano'y "jawo" ang pangalan at miyembro ng isang fraterniti, at hanggang sa isinusulat ko ang kolumn na ito ay hindi pa siya nadarakip.

Dapat ay sumuko na itong suspek at panagutan ang kasalanan kung totoo nga ang bintang. Kung hindi naman ay mas lalo siyang dapat na lumantad upang sagutin ng narapat ang paratang, di ba "jawo" **SUMUKO KA NA IHO!!**

ooOoo

Dapat paigtingin ng DOTC - LTRFB ang kampanya laban sa mga "kolorum" na sasakyan. Ayon kasi sa isa kong "bubuwit" naglipana daw ang mga "van for hire" sa may dangwa station, likuran ng center mall at katabi ng dating garden theater.

Kung totoo ito, pakiaksunan mo naman ito apo regional director Federico "bong" Mandapat, Jr para hindi namin ispin na may "basbas" kayo dito!! **AKSYUNAN!!**

ooOoo

Salamat naman at ginagawa na pala ng akston ni LTO, San Fernando City, La Union direktor Graciano Tobias Jr., ang reklamo ng isang konsernadong mamamayan na ating isinulat sa nakaraan kong kolumn.

Iniimbestigahan na raw niya ngayon ang kanyang mga tauhan na umanoy mga sangkot sa irregularidad. Ganyan nga apo Tobias, linisin mo ang iyong opisina para hindi ito makarating sa opisina ni apo Suansing, peryod.

ooOoo

Saludo rin ako dito kay apo Konsehala Elaine Sembrano ng Baguio City dahil sa pagpapakita niya ng malasakit sa Burnham Park, katunayan ang sulat na ibinigay niya kay ginang Cornelia Lacsamana na naglalaman ng kanyang mga obserbasyon sa naturang parke! Sana ay dumami pa ang katulad mo apo konsehala Sembrano!!!

## Franco.....

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The BFP is an aggrupation of some 17-gangs which decided to establish an advocacy of peace in the streets of Baguio via a memorandum of agreement signed by their leaders, October 11.

Currently, there are about 29-gangs in the BCPO's "order of battle," to which the 17-BFP groups are likewise listed.

"So far," Franco added, "We already have a list of groups and names... we are just waiting for them to make a mistake. It wouldn't be long before they are brought to justice."

Meanwhile, during an outreach program at the Baguio City Jail, November 28, BFP chair Jason Balag-ey welcomed Franco's declaration of a crackdown, even offering the BFP network as a means to end violence in city streets.

He said, "As far the brotherhood goes, we have already turned our backs from turf wars since we signed the agreement cum peace pact."

"We can never thank chief Franco and administrator Peter Fianza more for what they have done in keeping us on the right track - encouraging us to group ourselves together and give something positive back to our community."

"Thus," he said, "We are willing to help out in establishing genuine peace by way of opening our arms to other groups who wants to be a part of our group; and being a watchdog against those who sow fear and violence in our streets."

"After all, we believe that we could provide useful information to our local cops as erstwhile sheep gone astray ourselves."

As to the declaration of Franco even BFP members are not exempt from the crackdown, Balag-ey said, "We have gone so far as to even think of tarnishing the name of our network."

"If one of our members is found to have done something criminal, the very agreement we signed provides that BFP is bound to bring its erring members to justice through the BCPO."

Franco, defending the BFP from insinuations that grouping rival gangs is a bad idea meanwhile said, "The strategy of making an organization is not a failure."

He said, "Statistics do not lie... we have lesser index crimes involving kids as compared to the time when the BFP had not been established."

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity bolstered Franco's statements saying the recent apprehension of gang-bangers who stabbed 15-year old Chermagne Calpito to death was made easier with the aid of the BFP.

Fianza for his part said, "If we gave up on the BFP now, what would you think would happen if the groups involved went back to their old ways?"

As of press-deadline, the BFP holds true their promise for reforms. They are singing inspirational tunes to inmates - a fitting Christmas gift to those who were once youngsters themselves; and which BFP members and invited school kids are trying not to emulate. */ISL*

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

MODESTO MATIC-AN

Applicant

Case No: 94-CAR-132

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

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on December 9, 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 evidences.

At least FIVE (5) 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 26th day of November 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

JAUN OLAO

Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0420A

## NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for hte approval of petition for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Correction of Entry in Chassis Number to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of freights and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY - ATOK and Vice Versa with the use of ONE (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on December 9, 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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(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

PETER BADOL

Applicant

Case No: 89-01-072

## 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 - GREEN VALLEY- BILIS-PULA (STO. TOMAS) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on December 9, 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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(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer



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REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT OF BAGUIO  
CITY  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
BRANCH 60

X——X  
  
SPEC. PROC.  
CASE NO.: 1875-R  
  
ORDER AND  
NOTICE OF  
HEARING

IN RE: PETITION  
FOR THE  
CORRECTION OF  
ENTRY IN THE  
CERTIFICATE OF  
LIVE BIRTH OF  
ANGEL LOUISE  
PILAR; THE GENDER  
FROM FEMALE TO  
MALE,

LOUIELYN T. PILAR  
*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF  
BAGUIO CITY  
and, THE NATIONAL  
STATISTICS OFFICE,  
*Respondent.*

A verified petition, filed through counsel, by LOUIELYN T. PILAR prays that the Court directs the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and the National Statistics Office to make the appropriate correction in the Birth Certificate of ANGEL LOUISE T. PILAR by his stated gender from FEMALE TO MALE.

In support of its petition, the petitioner alleges that petitioner is of legal age, Filipino citizen, and with residence address at AC-19 Ambiong Central, La Trinidad

Benguet, but may be served with summons and court processes at Rooms 8-11, Upper Basement, Jose Miguel Building, No. 1 Labsan Street, Corner Naguillan Road, Baguio City. The Local Civil Registrar, who holds office at the Office of the Local Civil Registrar, Baguio City, is impleaded as a nominal party and in his capacity as such. Likewise, the National Statistics Office is impleaded as a nominal party, which office is mandated to carry out and administer the provisions of the City Registry Law, and as such charged with the registration of entries in all births, marriages, and deaths in the Philippines as well as the concomitant correction and/or issuance of new birth certificate by reason of the foregoing,

and may be served with court processes at Solicare Bldg. I, R. Magsaysay BLVD. Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Petitioner further alleges that she is filing this petition in her capacity as the parent of minor child, ANGEL LOUISE T. PILAR, who was born on 24 November 2007 at Baguio City. A copy of the latter's Birth Certificate was attached and made an integral part of the petition. When ANGEL LOUISE T. PILAR was born, it was incorrectly stated in his Birth Certificate that his gender is FEMALE. The truth is that his gender is MALE as certified to by the Baguio General Hospital. A copy of the said certification is attached and made an integral part of the petition. Finally, petitioner alleges that no interest of any third person will be ad-

versely affected by the petition nor the correction and/or issuance of a new birth certificate.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Baguio City on December 12, 2008 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date, and time, the petitioner shall prove its case. Any person may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes; be furnished the respondents, Local Civil Registrar of the City of Baguio and the National Statistics Office, who are hereby enjoined to file their respective comments and/or opposition, should there be any. Likewise, furnish a

copy of the Order and Notice Hearing with a copy of the Petition to the Office of the Solicitor General.

The branch sheriff is hereby directed to post copies of this Order and Notice of hearing on the bulletin board of the Court, the City Hall, the City Market, the Post Office, all of Baguio City. Let this Order and Notice of Hearing be published in JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and suburbs for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, at Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SGD)  
EDILBERTO T.  
CLARAVALL  
Presiding Judge  
Nov 15 - 22 & 29,  
2008

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

ANACLETO BUSTAMANTE  
Applicant

Case No: 2002-01-1412

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval of petition for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience WITH Change Engine to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation of passengers and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE Region with the use of ONE (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 27th day of November 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

WALTER L. MANG-USAN  
Applicant

Case No: 2003-CAR-980 A

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

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(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

SPS. ERWIN & YOLANDA GUTIERREZ  
Applicant

Case No: 2007-CAR-0001

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 26th day of November 2008.

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

## DSWD-Ifugao conducts paralegal training

LAGAWE, Ifugao - In ensuring the full implementation and mainstreaming especially in the barangay level of the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) Laws, the Provincial

Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) here conducted a four day training on Para-legal and Gender Responsive Case Management (GRCM) on November 18-21 at Solano, Nueva Vizcaya.

Provincial Social Welfare Officer Joyce Niwane said the training will equip VAWC service providers on the proper knowledge, attitudes, skills and behavior in addressing cases of VAWC.

Niwane said that domestic violence has for a long time been hidden in the homes of affected families. Its effect on the victim-survivors, who are mostly children and women, are not being addressed upon due to shame, hence

the culture of silence, she added.

"We hope that the participants will be able to advocate awareness on the implementation of the law, deepen involvement of the citizenry in addressing domestic violence and uphold the rights of women

and their children," Niwane said.

Participated by Municipal Health Officers, Police officers, Municipal Social Welfare Officers and presidents of the Association of Barangay Captains, the training which focuses

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REPUBLIC OF THE  
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REGION  
BRANCH 62  
La Trinidad, Benguet

HEIRS OF AGRIPINA  
KILITO  
COVANO, namely :  
JULIA K.  
B A N I W A S  
CAMORA, EUGENE  
KILITO, BENJAMIN  
"PACITO",  
KILITO BANIWAS,  
R O G E R  
MARCELINO,  
N E S T O R  
MARCELINO, ROSE  
MARY MARCELINO  
PALASI, RUBEN  
MARCELINO, and  
D A N I L O  
MARCELINO

*Plaintiffs,*

-versus-

NENA S. VASQUEZ  
and MARVIN  
COVANO

*Defendants .*

x———x

CIVIL CASE NO.: 08-  
CV-2407

FOR:

ANNULMENT OF  
DEED OF  
SALE OF AN  
UNREGISTERED  
LAND AND  
RECONVEYANCE  
WITH PRAYER FOR  
THE  
ISSUANCE OF A  
PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION  
A N D / O R  
T E M P O R A R Y  
R E S T R A I N I N G  
O R D E R

SUMMONS  
THROUGH  
PUBLICATION

TO: NENA B.  
VASQUEZ 718-555 St.  
Mary Avenue.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
Canada

**GREETINGS!**

You are hereby  
required, within  
ninety (90) days  
from the date of The  
last publication of  
this Summons, to  
file with this Court  
and serve on the  
Plaintiffs your an-  
swer to the Amended  
Complaint, a copy of  
which is published  
herewith. You are re-  
minded of the provi-  
sion in the IBP-OCA  
Memorandum of  
Policy Guidelines  
dated March 12, 2004  
to observe restraint  
in filing a motin to  
dismiss and instead  
allege the ground  
thereof as defense in  
the answer. If you  
fail to answer within  
the time fixed, the  
plaintiffs will take  
judgment by default  
and may be granted  
the relief applied for  
in the Amended  
Complaint.

Witness my  
hand under the seal  
of the Court, this  
12th day of November  
2008 at La Trinidad,  
Benguet, Philip-  
pines.

(SGD) LEODY M.  
OPOLINTO  
Clerk of Court

Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
BRANCH 62  
La Trinidad,  
Benguet

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Kilito  
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JULIA K.  
B A N I W A S  
CAMORA  
EUGENE KILITO,  
B E N J A M I N  
"PACITO"  
KILITO BANIWAS,  
ROGER  
MARCELINO,  
NESTOR  
MARCELINO,  
ROSEMARY  
MARCELINO  
PALASI,  
R U B E N  
MARCELINO and

D A N I L O  
MARCELINO,  
*Plaintiffs,*

-versus-

NENA B.  
VAZQUEZ and  
M A R V I N  
COVANO,  
*Defendants .*

x———x

CIVIL CASE NO.  
08-CV-2407

FOR

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PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION  
AND/OR  
TEMPORARY  
RESTRAINING  
ORDER

ORDER

Pending reso-  
lution is plaintiffs'  
Ex Parte Motion  
praying that defend-  
ant Nena B.  
Vasquez be served  
summons in this  
case by publication.

Summons for  
defendant Nena  
Vasquez was issued  
on February 11,  
2008. Said sum-  
mons however was  
returned unserved  
with the informa-  
tion said defendant  
already left the  
Philippines and is  
now a resident of  
Canada. (See  
Sheriff's Return of  
Summons February  
28, 2008, Record,  
page 30)

Further, in  
support of their mo-  
tion. plaintiffs,  
through counsel,  
stated for the record  
that the present ad-  
dress of defendant  
Nena Vasquez is at  
718-555 St. Mary Av-  
enue, Winnipeg,  
Manitoba, Canada.  
(See Compliance,

Record, page 111).

The instant case  
is one for annulment  
of deed of sale and re-  
conveyance. The sub-  
ject matter of the ac-  
tion is a real property  
covered by tax decla-  
ration under Assess-  
ment of Real Prop-  
erty No. 99-005-02397  
located at Tomay, La  
Trinidad, Benguet.

The owner indi-  
cated in said tax de-  
claration is the defend-  
ant Nena B.  
Vasquez.

The Court finds  
plaintiffs' prayer for  
service of summons  
through publication to

defendant Nina  
Vasquez sanctioned  
under Section 151 -  
Rule 11. R e v i s e d  
Civil Procedure,  
Which provides:

SEC. 15. Extra-  
territorial service -  
When the defendant  
does not reside and is  
not found in the Philip-  
pines; and the ac-  
tion affects the per-  
sonal status of the  
plaintiff or relates to,  
or the subject of  
which is property -  
within the Philip-  
pines, in which the  
defendant has or  
claims a lien or in-  
ter? - s.4, actual or  
contingent, or in  
which the relief de-  
manded consists,  
wholly or in part, in  
excluding the defen-  
dant from: any, inter-  
est therein, or the  
property of the defen-  
dant has been at-  
tached within the  
Philippines, service  
may, by leave of  
court, be effected out  
of the Philippines by  
personal service as  
under section 6: -or  
by publication in a  
newspaper of general  
circulation in such  
places, and for such  
time as the court may  
order x x x" (empha-  
sis supplied)

WHEREFORE,  
finding the motion in  
order, the same is  
hereby granted. Let  
Summons be issued  
and served together  
with the Amended  
Complaint and this  
order

upon defendant  
Nena B. VASQUEZ

through publication  
in a local newspaper  
of general circulation  
in the Province of  
Benguet once a week  
fm three (3) consecu-  
tive weeks. The news-  
paper publication  
shall be determined  
by raffle and the first  
publication shall be  
not later than No-  
vember 30, 2008.

Let also copies  
of the Summons,  
Amended Complaint  
and this Order be  
sent through regis-  
tered mail to defen-  
dant Nena B.  
Vasquez at her ad-  
dress at 718-555 St.  
Mary Avenue,  
W i n n i p e g ,  
Manitoba, Canada.

Defendant Nena  
R. Vasquez is hereby  
given ninety (90)  
days from the date of  
last publication to  
file her answer to the  
Amended Com-  
plaint.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN  
CHAMBERS, this  
12th day of November  
2008, at La Trinidad,  
Benguet.

(SGD) DANILO P.  
CAMACHO  
Judge

Republic of the  
Philippines  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
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BRANCH 62  
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MARCELINO,  
ROSEMARY  
MARCELINO  
PALASI,  
R U B E N  
MARCELINO and

D A N I L O  
MARCELINO,  
*Plaintiffs,*

-versus-

NENAB. VAZQUEZ  
and  
MARVIN COVANO,  
*Defendants:*

x———x

CIVIL CASE NO.  
08-CV-2407

FOR

Annulment of Deed  
of Sale of an  
Unregistered Land  
and Reconveyance  
with Prayer for the  
Preliminary  
Mandatory  
Injunction and/or  
Issuance of  
Temporary  
Restraining Order

AMENDED  
COMPLAINT

With due respect  
to this Honorable  
Court.

Plaintiffs by  
counsel state:

1. They are all  
of legal age and are  
presently residing at  
Bahong, La Trinidad,  
Benguet where they  
could be served with  
orders from the Hon-  
orable Court:

2. Defendant  
Nena B. Vasquez is a  
Canadian citizen  
presently residing at  
No. 280 Tomay, La  
Trinidad, Benguet,  
Philippines;

3. Defendant,  
Marvin Covano is the  
live-in partner of  
Agripina Kilito-  
Covano, who is also  
of legal age, Filipino  
Citizen, and pres-  
ently residing at No.  
280 Tomay, La  
Trinidad, Benguet;

4. On August  
7, 2007, Agripina  
Kilito allegedly ex-  
ecuted a Deed of Sale  
of an unregistered  
land in favor of de-  
fendants which is  
particularly de-  
scribed as follows:

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A residential lot at Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet, with an area of SIX HUNDRED SIXTEEN (616) SQUARE METERS. Bounded on the North: (Ass. Lot) 066, 148 & 165; on the South: (Ass. lot) Brgy. 015; on the East: (Ass. Lot) 068 and on the West: (Ass. Lot) 128. It has an Assessed Value of Php21,070.00 and Market Value of Php105,304.00. Declared in the name of Agripina Kilito."

A copy of the Deed of Sale is attached as Annex "A" and marked integral part of this Complaint.

5. The above-described parcel of land is an ancestral land owned by Kilito (one name) and Masay (one name). They acquired that land since time immemorial. They bequeathed the said land to Agripina Kilito-Covano and to the other sibling namely: RICHARD KILITO, SIONA KILITO and ISIS KILITO; In fact the bones and remains of MASAY and KILITO were buried under the two (2) houses on the said parcel of land.

6. The plaintiffs are the niece, nephews of Agripina Kilito-Covano who died on December 20, 2007 without a will. She was childless when she died. The plaintiffs are the only surviving heirs of Agripina Kilito-Covano;

7. A Tax Declaration with number 99-005-02397 was issued in the name of defendants by the office of the Municipal Assessor of La Trinidad, Benguet, showing that the market value of the property allegedly sold is in the sum of Php105,394.00 which amount is twice the amount in the Deed of Sale as tile purchase

price of the land which is in the sum of Php50,000.00 only: A copy of the Tax Declaration in the name of Nena S. Vasquez is attached as Annex "B" and is made integral part of this complaint;

8. On December 20, 2007, Agripina Kilito-Covano died due to pneumonia and other unspecified causes. Since July 2007 until her death on December 20, 2007 when she was hospitalized at the Pines City Hospital at Baguio City, she was so seriously ill that she could not have been conscious enough to have executed the attached alleged Deed of Sale. A copy of the Death Certificate is attached Annex "C" and made Integral part of this complaint;

9. The plaintiffs predecessor in interest Agripina Kilito-Covano was incapacitated to execute the alleged Deed of Sale because at the time she was physically infirmed. She was 83 years old and was hospitalized due to a serious illness that impaired her mental faculties that prevented her from properly and intelligently entering into a contract of sale at her death bed;

10. The defendant Nena Vasquez is an alien who is legally disqualified to acquire lands in the Philippines, undeniably, the land which was subject matter of the sale is only an ancestral land;

11. The plaintiffs are duly compulsory heirs of deceased Agripina Kilito-Covano. They are willing to return the sum of Php50,000.00 to defendants in order that the latter shall recover the land which by operation of law, is theirs on December 20, 2007;

12. The present and actual value of the land which is the

land is in the sum of Php2,000,000.00. Which includes two (2) houses made of semi-concrete and other house built on the said land made of G-I sheets and lumber. The amount of Php50,000.00 as the allege consideration is unconscionable.

13. Irreparable damage to the plaintiffs should surely result if defendants would sell and transfer the subject property and it would work injustice to the former. The act of defendants in transferring the subject property would render any judgment from this Court ineffectual;

14. The plaintiffs are entitled to the reliefs they are demanding and are ready and willing to file a bond;

15. Defendants Marvin Covano conspired with Nena B. Vasquez in the execution of the fictitious Deed of Sale. On January 29, 2008 plaintiffs discovered from the Provincial Assessors Office of La Trinidad, Benguet, that Covano was in the process of transferring the ownership of one of the houses built on the parcel of land;

16. The K a t a r u n g a n Pambarangay Law does not cover this case since there is a prayer for a Provisional remedy.

**PRAYER**

Wherefore, it is respectfully prayed that before hearing, a temporary restraining order and/or a writ of preliminary injunction be issued ordering the defendants from disposing of the property.

After hearing ordering the defendants to reconvey the property allegedly sold to plaintiffs.

In the alterna-

tive for the issuance of an Order, ordering that the defendants to accept the full consideration of Php50,000.00 of which the plaintiffs are willing to pay.

Other reliefs and equitable remedies are likewise prayed for.

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**VERIFICATION  
AND CERTIFICATION  
AGAINST  
FORUM SHOPPING**

We, Julia Baniwas Camora, Eugene Kilito, Pacito Kilito Baniwas, Roger Marcelino, Nestor Marcelino, Rose Mary Marcelino Palasi, Ruben Marcelino and Danilo Marcelino, all of legal age, Filipino citizens and are residents of Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, after being sworn in accordance with, do hereby depose and state that:

1. We are the plaintiffs in the complaint for the Annulment deed of Sale of Unregistered Land and reconveyance.  
2. That we have caused the preparation of the foregoing complaint and that we have read or understood the same and the contents of which we affirm as true and correct based on my/our personal knowledge.

3. We have not commenced any other action involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or different divisions thereof, or any tribunal or agency, and that to the best of our knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein;

4. If we should thereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or different divisions thereof, or any other tribunal or agency, we undertake to promptly inform the aforesaid courts and the other tribunal or agency thereof within five (5) days from such notice.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 31 day of January 2008, in the City of Baguio, Philippines.

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Subscribed and sworn to before this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2008, affiant exhibited to me their competent proof of identity as indicated above.

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## Nat'l Gov .....

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third fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year”.

Ayon sa batas, 40% ng kabuuang RVAT koleksyon ay dapat mapunta sa mga local government units. Sa kabuuang iniulat na 2006 RVAT koleksyon ng DOF, P30.72 bilyon ang dapat sana'y mapunta sa IRA para sa 2009.

Ngunit natuklasan mula kay DOF Undersecretary Gil Beltran na ang itinakdang IRA para sa 2009 ay mula lamang sa koleksyon ng BIR kung kayat P8.5 bilyon na lamang ang nakatakdang tanggapin ng mga LGUs na IRA.

Sinabi din ni Beltran na nag-aalinlangan silang isali ang BOC RVAT koleksyon sa pagkukunan ng 2009 IRA dahil hindi pa umano maliwanag kung may sinasabi ang batas ukol dito.

Sinusugan naman ni BIR Commissioner Sixto Esquivias ang pahayag na ito ni Beltran nang aminin niyang hindi nagsusumite ng VAT koleksyon ang BOC sa BIR kaya'y hindi ito kasali sa kitang isinusumite nila sa Department of Budget and Management.

Sa panig naman ng DBM, umamin din si Director Carmencita Delantar na hindi nga kasali ang BOC koleksyon sa kompyutasyon ng IRA para sa mga LGUs sa proposed budget sa taong 2009.

Ani Escudero, collection agent lamang ng pamahalaan ang BOC kaya'y hindi umano dapat at wala itong karapatang maging hiwalay na revenue collection ng gobyerno.

Nababahala si Escudero dahil sa nawawalang P22 bilyon sa IRA share para sa mga LGUs. “Ang nakakatakot ditto, baka i-monetize na naman ng gobyerno at tawaran na naman yung LGU na parang ginisa sila sa sarili nilang mantika na ibigay sa kanila yung pera nagyon at a discount, eh karapatan naman nila yun sa ilalim ng batas”.

Kung maisasali lamang umano ang naturang pigura sa IRA share ng mga lokal na pamahalaan, marami umanong pwedeng paggamitan dito tulad ng pagtatayo ng mga eskwelahan, daan, tulay, patubig at iba't-ibang programang binabalikang ng lokal na pamahalaan para sa kapakinabangan ng mga tao.

“Dapat itong liwanagin, ayusin at aksyunan ng national government na maisama ang nawawalang halagang ito sa kompyutasyon ng IRA para sa 2009. Huli na ngang naibibigay ang IRA sa mga LGUs, nagugulangan pa. Dapat alalahanin ng gobyernong ito na sinuportahan ng mga LGUs ang pagsulong hanggang sa maipasa ang RVAT law dahil sa pag-asang maiaangat nito ang financial ability at integrity ng mga lokal na pamahalaan”.

Ang kagulangang ito ng gobyerno ay di lamang pagtatraydor sa mga LGUs ngunit ito ay isa na naming mukha ng pagtatraydor sa mga Pilipinong umaasa sa serbisyonang dapat ibibigay ng kanilang gobyerno. /Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

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cess amount that will be incurred if the city agrees to the BENECO set-up which will entail increasing the electric consumption charges from the present 10 burning hours to 12 burning hours for the unmetered lights.

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

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

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

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

BENECO's position is being considered by the council in line with Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr.'s proposal supporting the power firm's request to take charge of the streetlighting operations. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Expatriot.....

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phoma, or cancer of the lymph nodes. He treated the kid to pizza and chocolate, bought a take-home for Mark's sister, and left P12,000 from the fund to start his chemotherapy treatment.

Later, the fund paid for the emergency medicines of four-year old cancer patient John Mark Enriquez (P1,500), seven-year old dengue fever victim Sarah Puguon (P3,000) and cerebral palsy patient Manuel Tagulino (105), and for the dialysis session of kidney patient Filbert Almoza (P4,000).

John Mark, youngest of three kids being raised alone by their mother, died last Nov. 17, 11 days after his birthday. A thousand pesos from Shoshin was added to the amount being raised for the funeral expenses.

Part of the fund (P6,952.50) paid for the travel expenses of Veronica Lee, a 27-year old kidney patient who is working out her second organ transplant. A P2,000 support enabled heart patient Crisly Anayasan to go for his check-up at the Philippine Heart Center.

A thousand pesos, to which another Sa-

maritan added an equal amount, enabled Nora (not her real name), to buy milk substitute for her one-year old boy, medicines for her daughter Angel and food for the family. Nora, a mother of three and wife to a sidelined farm tenant, can't breast-feed her baby as she herself is on maintenance dose for bipolar disorder.

Shoshin will help Binhin Balansi, an eight-year old, recover from injuries he suffered after a bad fall that landed him in the hospital.

Chees said P66,300 of the fund will be for the basic and educational needs of four children who were orphaned when their parents were killed in a bus accident in Nueva Vizcaya last April.

Mayor Pablo Cuyahon of Hungduan, Ifugao where the orphans live with relatives, recently received P33,000 from the total amount for Neil Denver Dao-ay, 10; his brother Jrick Jon, 3; Francis Tamkiw, 11; and Petrin Pocopio, 12.

The remaining P33,300 will be released as soon as the first has been exhausted.

Chees, a former world shotokan champion who also earned the distinction of being the only non-German by birth to be recruited to the German national karate team, was back here recently for his mother's funeral.

Again, he took time to pay tribute to his teachers. And to visit some of the patients helped by Shoshin at their hospital beds. /Ramon Dacawi.

## NOTICE OF SELF-AD JUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby taken that the estate of the late Ignacio D. Lictao, who died intestate on June 13, 1998 at Baguio City, Philippines, was the subject of an affidavit of self-adjudication executed by his sole heir on November 28, 2008 and recorded in the notarial registry of Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 339; Page No. 067; Book No. VIII; Series of 2008.

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conduct of a Cadastral Survey within a Town-site Reservation allowed under its (City) Charter? \*Was there participation of the City of Baguio in the planning of the Cadastral Survey?; \* That political boundaries be established before the execution of the survey; \*That Baguio-based Geodetic Engineers be given priority on the bidding; and \*That the City Council of the City of Baguio- especially the committees on Planning and Land-Use-confer with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Bids and Awards Committee.”/Aileen P. Refuerzo



## Editorial

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officialdom, no less, was being titillated into trashing the 2007 ballot – as HB550 would have done today. In exchange, they get more years without the hassle of facing voters while President Arroyo expands her powers. It'd be like 'unleashing hungry monkeys in a cage full of bananas', as the old Thai proverb put it.

The re-burial of "No-El" in 2006 turned out to be temporary. It re-surfaced in a so-called "people's initiative" It's most strident advocate then is the most strident critic of Malacanang today: former Speaker Jose de Venecia.

By mid-year, de Venecia "prophesied": Congress would have convened into a constituent assembly or a "people's initiative" launched.

Either would then: (a) scrap the 1987 Constitution; (b) abolish the Senate; (c) run a nationwide plebiscite where majority of people would have meekly assent (d) to being strapped into a "land of milk and honey" otherwise known as a parliamentary system. That'd allow– De Venecia to be Prime Minister." Ah, that a man's reach should exceed his grasp. Or what's a heaven for?"

In the event, De Venecia proved a bogus prophet. By an 8-7 vote, the Supreme Court, struck down a petition seeking to amend the 1987 Constitution, through the so-called "People's Initiative."

The Sigaw ng Bayan and the Union of Local Authorities petition to support the President's shift to a parliamentary system" was "constitutionally infirm", the Court said in an 8-7 vote. This is a "revision and not an amendment," Hence it fractured the Constitution that limited people's initiative to amending the Charter.

And the supposed over six million signatories did not sign the petition. Signatures backing it "were gathered deceptively gathered. "To allow this constitutionally infirmed initiative, propelled by deceptively gathered signatures, to alter basic principles in the Constitution," the decision penned by Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, stressed.

"No-El's" carcass repeatedly rises from the grave because President Arroyo needs to retain immunity from suits, beyond 2010. She's aware of the example of Joseph Estrada: floundering into conviction for plunder after eviction from power. And Ferdinand Marcos discovered exile, is bitter.

Tinkering with the constitution for selfish interests reduces us to a banana republic. The Filipino people have consistently shown that in their rejection of "No-El" and charter change over the last decade. Thus, the Catholic Bishops Conference has suggested any rewriting of the Constitution be put off till after 2010. But we have, as Adlai Stevenson said, a "grand memory for forgetting./J.L.Mercado

**It's a sin.....**

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in Hollywood, who had repeatedly predicted that the five feet and six inches Pacquiao will demolish the five feet and 11 inches De La Hoya in the ninth round.

De La Hoya, 35, parried Roach's diatribes and shot back that the fight would not reach the

ninth round as he is going to stop the Filipino heatthrob in the fourth round.

Pacquiao said even if both of them have trained hard for the multi-million matchup, nobody can predict who will win by knockout. De La Hoya had said whoever connects harder first wins the bout.

Meanwhile, after a late breakfast together with his wife Jinkee at his Palazzo apartment on 3rd Street here yesterday, Pacquiao watched inmates of Cebu provincial jail dance in the youtube together with brother Bobby.

Pacquiao praised the dancers clad in orange uniform for their discipline and quickness saying they could have been excellent sportsmen if they were not in jail.

If he is not in gym, Pacquiao plays dart inside the apartment together with Bobby, boxer Vernie Torres, and other members of Team Pacquiao.

Pacquiao, who grabbed the WBC 135-lb bauble with a ninth round disposal of Chicago-based David Diaz on June 28, said he has no problem scaling to the 147 pounds, the weight limit of his duel with De La Hoya, as he was weighing at 151 lbs. He is expected to easily make the weight limit on December 5, a day before the fight, while De La Hoya, who was last reported to be at 145 lbs, claimed he is a natural welterweight and considers his current weight as "not a problem." **By Alex P. Vidal/PNS**

## Sen Zubiri.....

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President Gloria Arroyo's administration, gender equality is always on top of the international agenda and as a matter of fact, the Philippines is top 6 under the International Gender Index .

Through the approval of the Magna Carta for Women, we will strengthen gender equality and empowerment of women through legislation, it is an important national policy that will promote women's right and gender equality, Zubiri added.

He also encourage all the public officials present at the event to be "leaders of hope", as he believes that with leadership of hope, there is always have hope for a brighter Philippines and Filipino.

Zubiri also said he supports eco-tourism for Cordillera, as he gave his commitment that his office will support financially and physically Cordillera's plan for eco-tourism. According to him, he wants to see CAR as a premier eco-tourism destination in the country someday.

He explained that eco-tourism is the fastest growing tourism sector in the world and is a great mitigator of poverty - a very good poverty reduction tool. He cited his province of Bukidnon, which is almost similar to Cordillera, which promoted eco-tourism as a solution to poverty, as a livelihood to IP communities..

Zubiri was ceremonially adopted as son of Cordillera and given a local name "Ducayag".

He was presented with the adoption resolution and traditional clothing, composed of a head gear, g-string, chaleco, shield, peap and beads, that he wore during the ceremony.

The CINDEWOLL general assembly is a four day event with a theme "Front liners of eco-tourism, peace and order", as they believe in one Cordillera, who complement each other and live in harmony, peace, stability and progress. Accord-

ing to CINDEWOLL president Mayor Concepcion Balao, their organization packs with a vision, mission and goals, for good governance and policy making, in line with the program thrusts of the present administration and with commitment to the cause of women in politics.

During the said program, CINDEWOLL also made a ceremonial turn-over of P30,000.00 financial assistance each to Caneo Women Weavers, Apayao Corn Shell Production and Kalinga Pottery. These were CINDEWOLL livelihood assisted projects. Zubiri also promised his support to the livelihood initiatives of CINDEWOLL. /Lito Dar/PIA

## UNICEF.....

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and all the children will enjoy the right to education and are protected from abuse and exploitation," Tobin's letter to the governor partly states.

Dalog's State of Children's Address reveal that were three and 57 cases of maternal and child death respectively last year, malnutrition rate is 7.68 percent, education participation rates in the pre-school level, 70.6 percent; elementary, 82 percent and high school, 63 percent. The same report shows that there were 12 sexually abused children reported last year.

The report also disclosed that Mountain Province is first among the 24 UNICEF-assisted province and cities in birth registration, 97.50 percent; fully immunized children, 79.50 percent; exclusive breastfeeding up to six months, 72.8 percent and early childhood care and development, 70.60 percent.

The UNICEF head assured the governor of UNICEF's continued assistance to the province to sustain and scale up the gains in the CFM. She also called on the strengthening the functionalities of structures and systems supportive of child and women programs./Andrew Doga-ong/PIA – Mt. Province

## DSWD.....

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on the implementation of R.A. 9262, otherwise known as the "anti-Violence Against Women marked a high point in the history of the country's commitment to uphold and protect the rights of women and their children.

Niwane disclosed that the law in itself is an indication of the need to involve the citizenry in addressing domestic violence and mandating the barangay officials to perform certain roles to defer further acts of violence against women and their children.

VAWC is one of the issues that face our communities. "More often than not, victim survivors opt to keep silence for shame, if not they are doubtless of whom to seek help and how to seek help," Niwane said.

Records obtained from the PSWDO show that throughout the province, there were 43 sexual abuses committed to children from January to September 2008, 18 cases of violence against women and 77 cases of Children In Conflict with the Law./Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifigao