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Pahayagang palaban!!!
Mayor Says City Will Pursue Annulment of Forbes Park Land Titles



BUSOL DEMOLITION - Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. meets with concerned offices for the impending implementation of Supreme Court Decision to demolish all illegal structures at the Busol Watershed./By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday said the city will pursue the annulment of the Certificates of Ancestral Land Title (CALTs) issued by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) to the heirs of Lauro Carantes over portions of the Forbes Park forest reservation.

The mayor said he directed city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes to firm up the city's position on the issue in preparation and directing the City Le-

the reversal of the CALTs.

“We are firm in our position that the said lots are part of our forest reservation and therefore are not alienable,” the mayor said.

The city council earlier approved a resolution asserting adverse claim over the parcels of land covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. O-CALT-26, O-CALT-27, O-CALT 28 and O-CALT-29 issued to the heirs of Carantes within said reservation and directing the City Le-

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“P480-b lost to smuggling each year”

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero said about P480 billion is lost each year to smuggling and corruption, and the best bet to stop the bleeding is through good governance.

Speaking at the Economic Agenda of the 2010 Presidentiables forum of the Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (EJAP) yesterday in Makati, Escudero said there is an urgent need to “repair our house.”

“Many of our institutions have been severely weakened,” he said, citing the “chronically corrupt” Bureau of Customs and Bureau of Internal Revenue as among the weakened government agencies.

Escudero said as much as \$10 billion or about P480 billion is estimated to be lost to smuggling and corruption each year. “The uncollected VAT alone would be over P50 billion,” he said.

Earlier, the senator reported in his State of the Nation-Sana Asikasuhin ni Arroyo (SONA-SANA) series that in 2003, the UN Confer-

ence on Trade and Development reported exports to the Philippines stood at \$44 billion while recorded imports only stood at \$34.5 billion.

About \$10 billion is estimated to be lost to smuggling, Escudero said.

At the same time, the UN Development Program reported in 2004 that \$1.8 billion or about 13% of the government’s annual budget is lost to corruption.

“On the average, around P300 billion is lost through the BIR and the BOC. Why? Officials or employees of these agencies exercise discretion. In my book, discretion in government offices is equal to corruption. Minimize discretion and you minimize corruption. Eliminate discretion and you eliminate corruption. Sadly, Arroyo’s administration went and gone without any reform in these areas,” Escudero said in his SONA-SANA series.

Escudero also said that according to the 2008-2009 Global Competitiveness Report, corruption has been identified as the most problematic factor for doing business in the country.

“We also ranked very low in these sub-categories: diversion of public funds; public trust in politicians; favoritism; and wastefulness of government spending. All of these underscore the fact that in the eight years that Arroyo was head of state, we nose-dived into oblivion,” he said.

He also added that the corruption scandals and controversies that plagued Arroyo’s administration have projected the country as one of the most corrupt in the world.

At the EJAP forum yesterday, Escudero also laid down his six-point Socio-Economic Agenda which emphasized agriculture self-sufficiency, lower costs of doing business, investments in education, and infrastructure development.

“The goal is the creation of millions of new jobs and livelihood opportunities. This would necessitate being able to successfully attract much greater amounts of direct investments, especially foreign investments,” Escudero explained./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday said he will push for the approval of a bill penalizing torture when it is taken up by the Senate-House bicameral conference committee next week.

“The passage of this bill is especially important in light of the cases of Rebelyn Pitao and Melissa Roxas. I urge my colleagues in Congress to expedite the enactment of this piece of legislation as another way of honoring and preserving the legacy

of former President Corazon Aquino,” Escudero said.

Pitao, a daughter of a communist rebel commander, was abducted by unidentified armed men while on her way home from St. Peter’s College in Toril District in Davao. She was later found dead in a ditch, her body showing signs of torture, strangulation, rape and stabbing.

Roxas, on the other hand, is a Filipino-American activist who claims she had been abducted

and tortured by soldiers in Tarlac last May. The Commission on Human Rights is currently investigating her allegations.

Escudero said that Senate Bill 1978 or the Anti-Torture Bill, penalizes torturers and their superiors. In some cases, it imposes a sentence of reclusion perpetua, or life imprisonment, when torture results in death; when there is commission of sexual abuse, as in the case of Pitao, and when committed against

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Lower costs of doing business key To more jobs

Lowering the costs of doing business will be the key to producing more jobs, boosting household income, and address basic economic concerns, opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero said yesterday.

Speaking at the Economic Agenda of the 2010

Presidentiables forum of the Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (EJAP) yesterday in Makati, Escudero said every administration must put a very sharp focus on lowering the costs of doing business in the country.

“The goal is the creation of millions of new jobs and livelihood opportunities. This would necessi-

tate being able to successfully attract much greater amounts of direct investments, especially foreign investments,” Escudero explained.

“We must lower bureaucratic costs, which refers to ‘under-the-table’ payments. Corruption jacks up the costs of doing business and

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Intervention Program On Youth Violence Sought

BAGUIOCITY—The city government must take a closer look at the issues of juvenile delinquency and violence and must come up with an intervention program to address such problem.

Sangguniang Kabataan president Councilor Gloria Ysabel De Vera voiced this out in a resolution approved by the city council last Monday.

The measure requests the office of the city social welfare and development to conduct a study and research on the

present issues and concerns of the youth involved in juvenile delinquency and to formulate an intervention program to prevent youth violence.

In her measure, De Vera said the problem on youth violence persists in the city despite the existence of laws and policies for the protection of the youngsters.

She cited incidents such as the fatal stabbing of a teenager along Legarda Road last year, the grenade blast along Leonard Wood Road last April 21 which killed two teenagers and the brawls and

fight within the central business district which were caught on videos and aired over national television.

She said these incidents transpired despite the city's curfew ordinance which had been adjusted to an earlier hour and other ordinances and measures adopted by the city government and the barangays for the protection of the youth.

"Despite the existing policies and laws to protect our youth, it is still not enough to eradicate youth violence, hence, there is a need

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Bautista Assures Tree Park Will Remain As Long As He Is Mayor

BAGUIOCITY—Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday assured that the tree park within the Baguio Convention Center reservation will remain as such for as long as he is the mayor.

"We stand firm with our position to retain that tree park. While I'm the mayor, I will not allow any business center to alter that tree park and nothing can bend our position," the mayor told his weekly press briefing.

He said his stand is cemented because he knew that it is the wish of the Baguio people to retain the said forested area as a park.

The subject area measuring 14,430 square meters is being eyed by the Government Insurance

Service System (GSIS) and the SM Development Corporation for its condotel and commercial complex venture.

The GSIS last week filed an administrative case against past and present city officials over the botched project before the Office of the Ombudsman "for usurpation of legislative powers and violation of Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices" for passing and implementing Ordinance No. 51 series

of 2001 or the Revised Comprehensive Zoning Regulations of the city which was the basis of the city in disapproving the GSIS' application for a building permit for its condotel project dubbed Baguio Air Residences.

They claimed the disapproval of the project denied the GSIS the chance to augment its actuarial funds.

GSIS also said Ordinance No. 51-2001 should not supplant Presidential Decree 396 issued by

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Negotiations On Right Track For John Hay Establishments To Secure Business Permit

BAGUIOCITY—Negotiations to convince business establishments operating within the Camp John Hay Special Economic Zone to secure business permits from the city government are bearing positive results.

City legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes, action officer of the task force heading the talks, confirmed this after meeting with the representatives of the John Hay Management Corporation which administers the business locators inside the camp last Thursday.

Mayor

Reinaldo Bautista Jr. expressed satisfaction with the development saying it is high time for the city to collect business taxes from all business locators inside the zone in line with the provision of Tax Ordinance 2000-01.

The mayor decided to impose the business permit requirement recently based on the opinion issued by Rabanes that since John Hay falls within the territorial jurisdiction of the city, the businesses operating there must be subject to local laws including the requirement for business licenses.

The concessionaires had been

paying business taxes to the city when they started operating in 1997 but most of them stopped in 2007 with the issuance of Republic Act No. 9400 which granted tax incentives to zone operations.

Except for 15 concessionaires who continued to secure business permits, the businessmen argued that they are exempted from local taxes since they are located within the Special Economic Zone and enjoy tax incentives.

But, in his order, the mayor said that the fiscal incentives enjoyed by the said estab-

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World Karate Champ Sustains Humanitarian Work

Former world karate champion Julian Chees arrived here last Wednesday evening for an Igorot memorial in honor of his late mother, Emilia (Camfil), who died last year. Before traveling Friday for the traditional rites this weekend in Maligcong, Bontoc, Mt. Province, he did a personal

ritual that had marked his previous homecomings.

Thursday afternoon, he was at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center to arrange the measurements of a body brace badly needed by a 17-year old girl to prevent worsening of her scoliosis.

Just before coming home, Chees, now 49, read on the internet the appeal of Rosanna Divino, a freshman architecture student at the University of the Cordilleras. Her doctors advised having her on a brace to check the progression of her spinal de-

formity

The second of four children of a carpenter, Rosanna admitted her family could not raise P17,000 for the brace, much less the estimated P400,000 for spinal surgery as permanent solution to disfiguring, painful ailment.

After setting her appointment with the brace maker, Chees shook hands with the patient, bidding her good luck. He explained he may not meet her again before his return to Germany where he heads over 50 shotokan or traditional martial arts schools under the Japan Karate Association.

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

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Letters on Cory

(Cory Aquino's death have seen a flood of letters flow in. The writers range from hard nosed journalists, priests to book editor. They give intimate insights into this "simple housewife" who toppled a dictatorship and those turbulent yet exhilarating years - JLM).. *

Arnold Zeitlin served as Associated Press bureau chief in Manila until expelled by the Marcos regime. He now visiting journalism professor at Guandong University. He wrote:

"After hearing of Ninoy's murder, I went to Cory's Chestnut Hill house. I took my two daughters because I didn't think I could handle visit alone. When I entered the house, Cory was coming down the stairs. "Oh, Arnold," she said, "I never thought it'd come to this."

The house was mad, reporters, TV cameras, including a Japanese crew.

Cory beckoned me to sit beside her as reporters threw

questions. One woman from Time's asked a question that touched a Cory nerve. I don't even remember what the question was now. "You don't know Ninoy!" she shouted. I patted her arm. She calmed.

On her return from Ninoy's burial, she appeared at a Cambridge Memorial arranged by Ben Brown of Harvard. Again, she asked me to sit by her. She was much more in control. A reporter addressed her mistakenly as "Mrs Marcos....."

There was an embarrassed pause. Cory broke it by saying sternly, "I don't think Imelda would have liked that, too." It was then that I wondered : Should I do an AP piece about Cory running against Marcos.?

In January of her final year in office, I called on her in Malacanang. "167 days left, Arnold." She was counting the days when she could leave office.

"She once told me: Her goal as president was to make sure that no other woman would ever have to go through what she went through when Ninoy was jailed after Marcos imposed martial law. That goal she achieved. May she rest in peace."

From Ireland, Redemptist priest Patrick Martin emailed: "The memory I cherish is from the time of the snap election and the coming of Marcos to Cebu -the one who claimed 90% of the vote and love of the people. Cebu was like an armed camp — "to protect him from love of the people?"

"Cory came a week later. No army. No armalites. Just welcoming, hopeful, freely milling people at the Fuente. Osmena.

"On the morning Marcos left, news filtered out that this was so. I went down Jones Avenue and the was a slight air of uncertain hope. A few hours later, that changed to gloom as Marcos appeared on the Palace balcony - still here -still President!

"Later that evening he was gone. At the Fuente, there was exhilaration, hope, and joy was unforgettable. Cory brought this joy and sense of pride to the people -a truly wonderful gift.

"Who will bring it now? *Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.* "May her soul be a God's right hand."

From Washington, former Wall Street Journal reporter Eddie Lachica wrote: "I felt Cory's passing as a personal loss. You probably felt the same way.

"Some of us did bring to the table the best our powers and circumstances allowed us. And Cory, in my view, did better than most. What makes me sadder is the little promise there is in the succeeding generation's ability to improve on or at least preserve what has been accomplished so far.

"I'm the least qualified to say this because I was not around to help Cory during her beleaguered presidency or even to pay my respects when she lay dying of cancer. Reporting the Aquinos in their Boston exile and Cory's People's Power triumph was the most satisfying thing I ever

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DIRETSAHAN

*Action sa Camp 6- MINING !
MINING! MINING! Sama ako
diyan !*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Nakikidalamhati ang kolumn na ito sa pagkawala ng isang dakilang ina at lider ng bansang ito. Kasabay din ng pagpugay sa mga nagawa niya noong siya ay nakaluklok pa sa puwesto partikular ang pagbabalik ng tunay na demokrasya dito sa 'pinas. Isa sa nagawa niya na nagbigay marka ay ang pagkakaroon ng sariling otonomiya ang kordilyera. Maraming salamat sa pagkakaroon natin minsan ng tunay at mapagkakatiwalaang pangulo.

"MABUHAY KATITTA CORY AT SALAMAT!

ooOoo

SINO KAYAANG "BUSOL" SABUSOL WATERSHED? Ayon sa kuwento ng matatanda noon, ang "busol" ay hango sa salitang ilokano. Ito raw ang mga di pangkaraniwang nilalang na namumugot ng ulo, at kaya naman pinangalanan na busol watershed ang lugar na pansamantalang natigil ang demolisyon ay marami raw kasi ang napugutan ng ulo sa mga taong naliligaw doon noong araw.

Sa TIGIL, ATRAS ABANTE ng pag demolish sa mga apektadong bahay sa busol watershed, kahit meron ng desisyon ang korte suprema sigurado ko merong BUSOL at ULO dito. Ang tanong, alin kaya sa mga sumusunod ang "ulo" na dapat pugutan at sino ang "busol" na mamumugot dito? Ang KORTE SUPREMA, MEYOR BAUTISTA, BISE MAYOR FARIÑAS, KONSEHALALIPING NAZITA BANEZ, ATORNI RABANES, GREG DELJERO, o baka naman KAMIII??hi!hi!hi! kelan kaya ang PULUTAN..este PUGUTAN?!

ooOoo

MY NAIBULONG sa akin na ipapaimbestiga raw ng Baguio City Hall ang pahayagang ito na JUNK-YON, este JUNCTION, ibig sabihin pati ako ay maiimbestiga. Totoo kaya ito at BAHKEET? Kung totoo, aba mukha atang di na mapakali ang "wet=pu" ng mga taong grasa...este mga taong madidisgrasya pala dahil sa mga BANAT namin. Pero bakit kami ang iimbestigahan? Di ba dapat iyong mga taong ungas na buwaya, ipokrito at abusado ang maiimbestiga, at isama na rin ang kanilang PADRINO at PROTEKTOR? Huwag nilang sabihin na sila ay mga DULIING?!! Pweh!

ooOoo

Sino kaya itong tinaguriang "untouchable" daw na dating konsehal pero ngayon ay naghahasik ng kalagiman sa may Camp 6 ng Kennon Road, Tuba. Kapatid ito ng kasalukuyang konsehal na namumuno sa isang clean and green movement. Isa rin daw umano itong big time na land grabber hindi lang sa Baguio kundi sa Benguet.

Base sa reklamo, kinamkam niya umano ang lupa sa may Camp 6 at ngayon ay pilit na inaagaw ang ibang lugar na lupain na pag-aari ng iba, at hindi pa nakuntento, binakuran at nagpatayo ngayon ng isang istraktura na wala man lang building permit at fencing permit, at dahil dito ay nagreklamo sa munisipyo ng Tuba ang tunay diumano na may-ari ng lupa. Nag-isyu naman ng administrative

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Hepe Ng BCPO – Double Standard!!!
Forbes Park Forest Reservation-
Alienable and Disposable Na!!!*

BY: ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



PNP BAGUIO DOUBLE STANDARD - Nakalulungkot at nakakadismaya ang kamakailan na ipinakita ng Hepe ng Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) na si Police Senior Superintendent Bergonia na tunay na double standard sa pagtrato nila ng mga tanga este taga Baguio City. Ano ang ibig kong sabihin? Nitong nakaraang attempted demolition sa Busol Watershed kung saan tungkulin ng Baguio City Police Office ang ang magpanatili ng peace and order sa mai-sasagawang demolition, kung saan bigla-biglang may isang bida o nagbibida-bidahan na Konsehal "**May Bayag**" Nicasio Aliping. Namataan ng napakarami pati na ang mga miyembro ng kapulisan na itong si Konsehal "May Bayag" Aliping ay kumuha ng isang dos pordos or dos por tres na kahoy na kanyang ihahampas o ihahambalos sa mga miyembro ng City Demolition Team. Sa ganitong pangyayari, o pagkakataon, ano ba dapat ang gagawin kapulisan who is being headed by their ground commander who also happens to be the City Director o ang pinakamataas na opisyal ng PNP sa siyudad? Hindi ba't ang tungkuling ng PNP is to keep and maintain peace and order o baka kasama rin sa kanilang tungkulin ang magbulag-bulagan kapag isang City Councilor ang nanggugulo? Nakakadismaya at nakalulungkot mga dear readers, sapagkat dapat ay agaran nilang inaresto itong si Konsehal Aliping ngunit nagmistulang walang bayag ang hepe ng PNP na wala namang ginawa at hinayaan lang itong si Konsehal Aliping to disturb the peace at, kaya tuloy naging isang malaking pag-udyok ito sa mga karamihang big-time squatters (at ng kanilang mga supporters) ng Busol na natuloy sa isang mob rule. Sa mga pangyayaring ito, malinaw ang aking opinyon na dalawa nga ang standard o ang pagtrato ng kapulisan sa mga mamamayan ng Baguio. Malinaw ang mensahe ng PNP sa nakaraang pangyayari at ito ay **KUNG WALA KANG KAPITAT SIMPLENG JUAN DELA CRUZ KALAMANG AT HINDI KA CITY COUNCILOR, PATAY KANG BATA KA, KAPAG NANGGULO KA KALABOSO KA AGAD; NGUNIT KUNG KONSEHAL KA, ABA OK LANG, GO AHEAD – DISTURB THE PEACE - INSTIGATE AND INITIATE A MOB RULE - BREAK THE LAW!!! Tama ba Bossing Bergonia???** Ito ang iyong malinaw na mensahe at patakaran!!!

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FPFR – ALIEANABLE & DISPOSSABLE NA?! Bosing Konsehal Popo Cosalan at Bosing Konsehal Erdolfo Balajadia, mga kagalang galang na Ser, kumusta na ang aming suhestiyon (ng Linis Gobyerno) na magpanukala kayo ng mga hakbangin na maprotektahan ng pisikal ang grounds at area ng Forbes Park Forest Reservation (FPFR)? Nagpadala ang aming grupo ng isang liham (dated July 9, 2009) kung saan mayroon tayong mga rekomendasyon at mga suhestiyon meant to secure the FPFR in order to discourage if not prevent the entry of squatters or alleged lot buyers into the FPFR. Nagtatanong lang po mga kagalang –galang na konsehal sapagkat mukhang may mga hakbangin na isinasagawa ang opisina ni Mayor hinggil sa isyu na ito (whether real or for medias este media consumption purposes only, only time will tell) parang hindi niyo pa kilala itong si Mayor Bautista, magaling din sumafety itong mamang ito; kung hindi iwag pusoy, tanga-tangahan o bingi-bingihan kunwari. Basahin ang kabuuan nating liham kina Konsehal Cosalan at Konsehal Balajadia sa page 7 ng pahayagang ito.

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FAIR AND SQUARE

*The Irregular and the Illegal
Franchises: What Do We Do With
Them
(Part 1)*

BY: JAMES S. VALEROS

I
INTRODUCTION

Much has been said, written and postulated about franchises or Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) issued irregularly and illegally by the Regional Franchising Boards in Region 1 and C.A.R., but no remedial one-shot action or policy has yet been adopted thereof to suspend or terminate these CPCs being used, traded or appropriated. Moreover, to cleanse and exorcise their records and docketts.

The nearest attempt towards these purposes was the query made by the present Regional Director of DOTC-CAR, Atty. Federico Mandapat, Jr. to the Board en banc in Quezon City on what shall be done about these existing irregular and illegal CPCs or franchises. Unfortunately, the Board en banc has yet to respond or give any guideline on it.

While it is true that the LTFRB and the DOTC since 1998 have sent Auditors several times to the Regional Franchising Board in Region 1 and the Cordillera Administrative Region, to conduct investigations and audits on reported irregular, illegal, fraudulent and spurious franchises, however, since these audits were but additional jobs given to them they, in all instances, had to go back to the Board and the Department without finishing their jobs and with only a handful of findings and recommendations to report.

But based on these findings and recommendations of the Auditors, nonetheless, a few CPCs were revoked or were not allowed to be renewed. However, thousands others not investigated were able to continue to operate until now and many others were able to sell and to transfer even their fraudulent and spurious franchises. And so the problem of irregular and illegal franchises remains.

II
BUT WHAT EXACTLY ARE IRREGULAR
AND ILLEGAL FRANCHISES?

For the present purpose, we will define irregular franchises or Certificates of Public Convenience, CPCs for short, as those granted by the Franchising Board, whether it be the Board en banc or the Regional Franchising Board, in violation of the rules and policies of the LTFRB and/or the DOTC. Illegal franchises, on the other hand, are those issued by these Boards in circumvention or violation of laws and these include the fraudulent and spurious franchises.

Among the franchises or CPCs considered irregular, whether or not records thereof exist, are the following CPCs still held by the original and/or their transferees, to wit:

1. CPCs issued by the Boards to Taxis, PUJs and PUBs mostly, in breach of the moratorium issuances promulgated by the Board en banc and he DOTC for Baguio City and/or BLIST, in particular, Memorandum Circulars No. 96-002 and 98-026 of the LTFRB and the memorandum issued by the DOTC Secretary.
2. CPCs issued by the Regional Boards in Region 1 and CAR in reincarnation of long dead or expired franchises, as well as, in resuscitation of long neglected CPC applications.
3. Other CPCs issued in violations of other LTFRB and DOTC rules and policies such as: a) partial sale and transfer of CPCs covered by one (1) franchise or case number; b) prohibited dropping and substitution within one (1) year from issuance of CPC; c) registration in lieu of units beyond one month after issuance of CPC.

On the other hand, among the franchises deemed illegal but are still held by original grantees and their transferees, whether or not records thereof exist, are the following CPCs, to wit:

1. CPCs granted even without compliance to jurisdictional requirements of the Board or the so-called void ab initio CPCs. Illustrative of these franchises are the many mega taxis (becoming ordinary taxis by passage of time) converted from garage and utility vehicles way back in 1998 and lately, the Gold Creek and Tuding Express franchises.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Mindoro "Nautical Highway"
now virtually impassable*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



CSC MUST ALSO ISSUE CIRCULAR FOR ALL GOV'T MEN TO OFFER PRAYERS EVERYDAY: The Civil Service Commission circular requiring all government offices to devote a moment of prayer during flag raising ceremonies every Monday of August 2009 for President Aquino can be a good proof that, if authorities will really want it, praying can be a regular part of the bureaucracy.

My suggestion, therefore, is this: the Commission should now issue a circular to everyone in government to ask them to pray at least twice a day when they are in their offices. First, at the start of the day, and, second, at close of office hours.

The prayers should be ecumenical, so that everyone from every faith can participate.

The Christian Bible, in its James 5:16, says that the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. In its James 4:8, we will also find that those who come near to God will find God coming near to them.

Jesus Christ, in Matthew 7:7-8, says: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

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JOJO ENGAGES IN CHEAP POLITICAL GIMMICKRY: Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay appeared too quick to relate the public's outpouring of grief for President Aquino to a "political upheaval" that he says may hit President Arroyo should she cling to power beyond 2010.

There is simply no connection between these two events, and each should be treated independently and separately from one another, and any insistence that the grief the public felt for President Cory could create a "political upheaval" for President Gloria is an insulting disservice to the memory of the deceased leader.

It could in fact be treated as a cheap political gimmickry, especially because it is coming from Binay who is a declared presidential candidate in 2010.

My unsolicited advice to any wannabe in next year's national elections: do something on your own, project the good deeds you have done (and Binay can really boast of many good things from Makati) and try not to merely ride on the dovetails of President Cory's popularity.

The electorate in particular and the people in general can now see through any of the motivations of our politicians.

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IMPASSABLE "NAUTICAL HIGHWAY" IN MINDORO CAUSES TRAVELERS TO FUME: I do not know if Vice President Noli De Castro already visited his home province, Oriental Mindoro, for the last two years or so, but if he did, he will surely not miss the agony of Mindoreños and of those who are passing through the province's portion of President Arroyo's "nautical highway".

I was in Oriental Mindoro from Tuesday to Wednesday, traveling from Calapan City in the North to Pinamalayan in the South and then vice versa, and I got the shock of my life witnessing the total disrepair of the highway traversing Naujan, Victoria and Socorro.

While there are portions that are now being paved, a great part of the main road along these three towns have been virtually impassable with the mud and the big and deep craters, allegedly caused by the huge volume of heavy buses and trucks that started using it since it was declared a part of the "Nautical Highway".

Commerce and business in the province are coming to a standstill, while those who thought that they could travel faster to the Visayas and Mindanao using the "Nautical Highway" of President Arroyo are muttering expletives under their breaths.

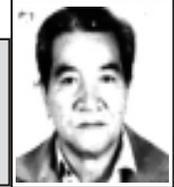
What is sad is that these weary travelers are cursing everyone in Mindoro, and even the President, the Vice President and Secretary Jun Ebdane of the Department of Public Works and Highways whose

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CORDI NAWI

*The Papal Letter on Sunday
(9th of a Series)*

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN



The First Civil Sunday Law

When did Sunday become a civil day of rest like it is today around the whole world? Section 64 of Dies Domini tells us. "Only in the fourth century did the civil law of the Roman Empire recognize the weekly recurrence, determining that on 'the day of the sun' the judges, the people of the cities and the various trade corporations would not work." Reference 107 cites the source of the information: "The Edict of Constantine, July 3, [A.D.] 321."

So it was Constantine who legalized "the day of the sun" as a rest day, as a day in which certain professions were "not [to] work."

"The peculiar law reads thus: 'Let all the judges and town people, and all artisans, rest on the venerable day of the sun. But let those who are situated in the country freely and at full liberty attend to the cultivation of their fields; because it often happens that no other day is so fit for sowing corn or planting vines; lest, by neglecting the proper occasion, they should lose the benefits granted by divine bounty'"

Please note that the above edict refers to the first day of the week as "the day of the sun", or "dies solis"-not as the Lord's day, of "dies domini". This is irrefutable proof that during the Roman Empire the first day of the week was the day on which the Romans worshiped their sun god. They named that day in honor of their "Sol Deus Invicibilis", which, translated into English means "invincible sun god."

According to Dr. Philip Schaff, "He [Constantine] enjoined the observance, or rather forbade the public desecration of Sunday, not under the name Sabbatum or Dies Domini, but under its old astrological and heathen title, Dies Solis, familiar to all his subjects, so that the law was as applicable to the worshippers of Hercules, Apollo, and Mithras, as to the Christians. There is no reference whatever in his law either to the fourth commandment or to the resurrection of Christ".

"Constantine, while still a heathen, issued a decree enjoining the general observance of Sunday as public festival throughout the Roman Empire. After his conversion he remained a staunch advocate of Sunday, and his pagan edict was then enforced by him in the interests of his new faith"

Constantine was a staunch Sunday advocate because he was a staunch sun worshiper. "Down to the end of his life he [Constantine] retained the title and the dignity of Pontifex Maximus, or high priest of the heathen hierarchy. His coins bore on the one side the letters of the name of Christ, on the other the figure of the son-god, and the inscription 'Sol invictus'"

"Constantine...reverenced all the gods as mysterious powers; especially Apollo, the god of the sun, to whom in the year 308 he presented munificent gifts. Nay, so late as the year 321 he enjoined regular consultation of the soothsayers in public misfortunes, according to the ancient heathen usage"

Imagine! In the same year in which Constantine issued his civil Sunday law (A.D. 321), he still consulted "soothsayers"-interpreters of sacrifices, foretelling future events from the entrails of animal victims.

In conclusion, from different points of view, the first civil Sunday Law was issued by a sun-worshipping emperor as a pagan festival in honor of the heathen sun god.

Constantine's "Conversion"

According to Eusebius, as Constantine prepared for his Italian expedition, he saw a miraculous sign displayed in the heavens. Beneath the cross-topped sun were the words "IN HOC SIGNO VENCES", meaning "with this sign you will overcome"

Constantine understood that he would be victorious in his battle to save Rome (he did win) and consequently adopted the sun and the cross as emblems of his official coat of arms. He had them engraved as a banner of his soldiers' shields because he had "confidence in the magic power of the sign of the cross."

The initials of the first three words which Constantine beheld in vision, "IN HOC SIGNO", are the same as the "IHS" imprinted to this day

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on the wafer distributed during mass in Roman Catholic churches. Some may argue that IHS stands for "Jesus Hominum Salvator" ("Jesus Human Savior"), yet the mass wafer is round like the sun and has a cross imprinted on it with the initials IHS – a perfect parallel of the sign which Constantine saw in vision. Nowhere in Bible history can one find such a union of the sun and the cross to have been instituted by Jesus or by His apostles. The wafer distributed during mass on Sunday is yet another example of how Roman Catholicism is a mixture of paganism and post-apostolic Christianity.

Edward Gibbon, the great 18th century historian on the Roman Empire, concurs with other historians on Constantine's obsession with the sun god. "The devotion of Constantine was more peculiarly directed to the genius of the Sun, the Apollo of Greek and Roman mythology; and he was pleased to be represented with the symbols of the God of Light... The altars of Apollo were crowned with the votive offerings of Constantine and the credulous multitude were taught to believe that the emperor was permitted to behold with mortal eyes the visible majesty of their tutelary deity; and that, either waking or in a vision, he was blessed with the auspicious omens of a long and victorious reign. The Sun was universally celebrated as the invincible guide and protector of Constantine".

Constantine even had a prayer composed for all his soldiers to recite on every day of the sun. "Nay, he [Constantine] went so far, in well meaning but mistaken zeal, as to require of his soldiers, even the pagan ones, the positive observance of Sunday, by pronouncing at a signal the following prayer, which they mechanically learned: "Thee alone we acknowledge as God; thee we confess as king; to thee we call as our helper; from thee we have received victories; through thee we have conquered enemies. Thee we thank for good received; from thee we hope for good to come. Thee we all most humbly beseech to keep our Constantine and his God-fearing sons through long life healthy and victorious."

Constantine's baptism was a last-minute one, "shortly before his death". Between his nominal conversion in A.D. 312, however, till his death in A.D. 337, he was responsible for murdering his son, his wife, and his brother-in-law, prohibiting work on Sunday, establishing Easter Sunday, and thoroughly catalyzing the evolution of the Roman Empire into a Roman Catholic state.

It was during the reign of Constantine that the Christian church fell into open apostasy by adopting many pagan symbols and liturgy and baptizing them with Christian names. Roman Catholicism was born with the nominal conversion of Constantine. Up to his day, the church was "catholic" (universal) and "apostolic" (deriving many of its teachings from the writing of the apostles who were with Jesus), but the true church of God was never "Roman". Many Christians, following their elders, pastors, and bishops, embraced the devotion of Constantine toward the sun god, and started worshipping and resting on the day of the sun. Roman Catholicism became the official religion of the Roman Empire.

Constantine bestowed many gifts on Christian churches and their leaders, even placing bishops on the empire's pay roll. The splendor which the church then began to wear seems to have laid the foundation of its corruption. The bishops and Christian laity enjoyed unrivaled privileges from the Roman Empire, but Jesus was replaced by the emperor as its leader. The Bible was replaced by the tradition of the Catholic fathers, who were really pagan-trained philosophers with a nominal Christian disposition. The seventh-day Sabbath ceased to be the day of rest, replaced by its pagan rival: the eight day, the first day of the week, the day of the sun-Sunday.

In Rome today, you will find many tributes to Constantine. He, for example, laid the foundation stones of St. Peter's Basilica. His statue stands in the Roman porch of the Basilica. His statue stands in the Roman porch of the basilica of St. John Latareno, the headquarters of the papacy during the Dark Ages until Saint Peter's Basilica was renovated and restored. Two huge murals in the Vatican Museum depict Constantine's victory over his rivals in war and Constantine's donation of the city of Rome to the bishop of Rome. Roman Catholicism and Sunday worship are legacies of Constantine the Great, not of Jesus and His apostles.

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jeremiah 17:5

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Pinupuna at Pinapansin

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Linis Gobyerno, Inc.
(Clean Government/Governance)

July 9, 2009

ATTY. ERDOLFO V. BALAJADIA
City Councilor
Date: 7/10/09

HON. ERDOLFO V. BALAJADIA
City Councilor, Baguio City

HON. ISABELO B. COSALAN JR.
City Councilor, Baguio City

JULY 10, 2009
7:25 PM
P. Aquino

Subject: Request for your assistance on the Forbes Park Forest Reservation issue

Dear Councilors Balajadia and Cosalan:

With all due respect, the undersigned for and in behalf of our group, would like to make a suggestion/proposal that may help in protecting the interest of the City of Baguio regarding the illegal titling of the Forest Park Reservation (FPR) by the NCIP.

A concerned citizen has provided us information that in the coming days certain individuals, in order to have a stronger hold on portions of the FPR will be setting up small shanties/houses within the reservation. These parties will allegedly be bringing in their construction materials through the side of the DPS, Cabinet Hill, Teachers Camp areas and certainly not through the South Drive. Noticeably, upon passing through South Drive, due to the numerous trees within the FPR, one will not get to notice persons/parties who intend to encroach and /or conduct illegal construction activities.

In view of this may we then respectfully request and propose the following:

1. Either of you Honorable City Councilors to file a Resolution in the City Council that Security Guards a minimum of two (2) guards per shift (24/7 basis) be posted/detailed at the FPR, furthermore to request the City Mayor's office to provide interim security personnel, while there not yet a city council approval/budget for security services.
2. Request the Philippine National Police to assign/detail at least one of their personnel (24/7 basis) to assist in securing the area.
3. Re-install, construct and/or re-construct additional perimeter security fences with signages at strategic areas notifying the general public on the related laws and accompanying criminal liabilities by illegal entries to the FPR.

We, at the Linis Gobyerno, feel that the foregoing suggestions are simple and easily attainable measures that will show the public that you, our trusted public officials, have the interest of the city in preserving the FPR. As it is often said that prevention is better than cure and likewise we should all be pro-active instead of being just reactive.

Thank you and we look forward to your support. More power to you and your office.

Sincerely,


P. Aquino
Director For Anti raft and Corrupt Practices

CC: LG Board, General Membership, LG Komentaryo

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION Branch 10 La Trinidad, Benguet

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY) INC. (BENGUET) INC. Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-- versus --

PRECIL J. AVILA, Respondent-Mortgagor

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: EXF-1367

FOR

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Republic of the Philippines S REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 10 La Trinidad, Benguet

MARIEL TACIO BARREDO,

Petitioner,

FOR CORRECTION OF GENDER IN HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH FROM FEMALE TO MALE

versus

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

Respondents.

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SP. CASE NO. 09-C4564

ORDER

OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by petitioner-mortgagee SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY) INC. a banking institution duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, with office address at 3rd Floor, Sia Lian Ting Bldg., 35 Diego Silang Street, Baguio City against PRECIL J. AVILA, of legal age, Filipino, single and with residence and postal address at No. 44, Puroc Bakakeng

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on 3 July 2009 praying that after due notice, publication, and trial, judgment be issued directing the respondents to cause the correction of his gender from female to male in the records of the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office, Quezon City

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on September 23, 2009 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 2nd floor, Justice Hall, Justice Hill, 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 July 26, 2009. Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Administrator National Statistics Office; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction; the petitioner and his counsel. V

Norte, Baguio City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 07, 2009, the date wherein the petition was filed, amounts to TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY PESOS (P2,926,820.00), excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on August 27, 2009 at 200 o'clock in the afternoon, at the main entrance of the Bulwagan Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or managers check and in Philippine currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit

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SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 22 nd day of July 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

EDGARDO B. DIAZ DE RIVERA, Jr Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: July 25, August 1 and 8, 2009

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-57426

A parcel of land (Lot PCN-131110-000013 being portion of Lots 4-0-2-B & 4-C-2-C PSD-1-008385) situated at Brgy. Pico, Mun, of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Lot 4-C-2-A PSD-1-008385; on the NE, along line 2-3-4 by Tacy (One Name); on the SE, along line 4-5 by Lot 4-C-3, (LBC) PSD-123985; on the SW along line 5-6-1 by Road-Right-of-Way (4.00 m wide). Beginning at appointment marked "1" on plan being S.39'E. 3647.10 m from Triangulation Station "SOUTHBASE, La Trinidad Benguet, thence: N. 35 deg. 13' E, 32.33 in. to point 2.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BAAGUIO CITY OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO CITY SHERIFF

FERNANDO A. TINIPAC, Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. JESILINE & GODOFREDO ASTUDILLO, Mortgagors,

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 09i39-S EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

SHERIFFS NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for Foreclosure and sale extra-judicially under Act 3135 as amended filed by FERNANDO A. TINIPAC, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction at the mortgage indebtedness of SPS. JESILINE & GODOFREDO ASTUDILLO, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS in the total amount of FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN PESOS and 50/100 (P 460,937.50) Philippine Currency, exclusive of filing fees, cost of foreclosure proceedings, miscellaneous expenses, registration fees and cost, the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on August 26, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the Justice Hall Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the real property more particularly described as follows:

S. 58 deg. 22' E., 6.15m to point 3; S. 58 deg. 22' t, 6.13 in to point 4, S. 35 deg. 14' W, 32.96.m to point 5; N. 55 deg. 26' W 6.10 m to point 6; N. 55 deg. 26' W, 6.14 m to point of beginning

Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED NINETY NINE POINT FIVE (399.5) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: All points by old PS. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 60 cms. Bearing : true: date of original survey on Oct 18, 1996 executed by Engr. Rodolfo S. Maningo Sr., and was approved on November 27, 1996.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on

cially under Act 3135 as amended filed by FERNANDO A. TINIPAC, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction at the mortgage indebtedness of SPS. JESILINE & GODOFREDO ASTUDILLO, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS in the total amount of FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN PESOS and 50/100 (P 460,937.50) Philippine Currency, exclusive of filing fees, cost of foreclosure proceedings, miscellaneous expenses, registration fees and cost, the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on August 26, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the Justice Hall Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the real property more particularly described as follows:

ARP NO. 2007-01-001-79385 PROPERTY IN-

the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said dates it shall be held on September 25, 2009 at the same time and place without further notice

Done this 24th day of July, 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) WHINSTON P. DULAWAN N Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished : 1. Summit Bank 2. Precil J. Avila 3. The Junction Newspaper Publication dates: July 25, August 1 and 8, 2009

DEX NO. 102-01-001-16-LO78-N006 Office of The City Assessor, Baguio City

" A residential building located at Interior 320M from San Carlos Heights Subd. Road, Irisan Brgy., Quzon Hill with a total Market value of P336,765.20 and a total assessed value of 50, 154.78 .

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

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

Baguio City ,Philippines , July 22, 2009

By:(SDG) REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES Clerk of Court VI and Ex-Officio Sheriff

EDGARDO F. ANCHETA Sheriff IV

Publication Dates: Aug. 1, 8 and 15

Editorial

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did in my life.

"I made a selfish career choice of leaving the post-Marcos Philippine story for a more professionally rewarding Washington beat. I have not been able to do anything for the Philippines since, and looking back I see what I have missed. I truly regret it.

"I hope you continue to remind readers of the values of the good people of our generation so that those who served well. PS—The Washington Post devoted nearly half a page to Cory's death, a lengthy tribute by Bill Brannigan, a fellow-People's Power scribe. But not a single line for Gloria's tete-a-tete with Obama."

Book Editor Carol Go wrote from Quezon City:

"Twenty-three years ago, in response to a nighttime radio call by Jaime Cardinal Sin, I rushed to EDSA. With me were my co-lectors in our parish church then to participate in what is now known as People Power.

"Many of us were still in our pajamas! Little did we know then that we'd be making history. That event would also signal the toppling down of other dictatorial regimes around the world.

"I just want to say thank you. First, to God for keeping my family safe during those times; next, to Cory for being like Ninoy—undaunted in believing that the Filipino is worth dying for.

"My 20-year-old son will be playing the violin, with the UST Symphony Orchestra, during Cory's wake at the Manila Cathedral. I hope he realizes that the woman in the casket, together with millions of other ordinary citizens of the country, once bought for him the freedom he now enjoys. God bless the Philippines and the next generation of Filipinos. May

He raise up for us a new leader like Cory Aquino."

From Hong Kong, former CNN staffer Hope Ngo wrote: "When they took the remains of Cory to Manila cathedral, I felt tears welling up. I remembered, being university student—galvanized by that same lady in yellow, asking us: fight the dictatorship that gripped the country in terror.

"I remembered marching down Ayala avenue to chants of 'Cory, Cory, Cory!' and 'walang babaril' at the intersection where students had been gunned down. I remembered the covering creation of the constitution: the same one which the current government is trying to mangle today.

Today, the promise of a new dawn had vanished. In its place are: cynicism, anger, desperation. When I saw myself turning my press pass to a policeman, asking to be exempt from weird, rules of coding, I realized: I gave up core principles or leave. I chose to leave.

The country is at a political impasse, with an improbable wanna-be forever leader at the helm. Is the timing of Mrs. Aquino's death her final gift to the Filipino people? Instead of giving the gift to the world, it is time to give the gift to ourselves as a nation?

Fair and Square

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2. CPCs issued to new applicants using spurious Registry Receipts as proof of service in the required Notices of Hearing to be furnished to the affected operators. The notices were not actually sent to the affected operators but the spurious Registry Receipts were nevertheless submitted as proof of service during the hearing of applications. These w3. CPCs arising from double or multiple sale of lone or same one franchise prevalent during the last half of the decade 1990.

4. Other CPCs issued in violation of the Public Service and other laws especially those attended by misrepresentations and other fraudulent means, like the TH and PUJ franchises converted into taxi franchises, and the use of solicited false RMCs and make-believe City Council Resolution to secure approval of new entry CPC applications in circumvention of the moratorium, among others.

Irregular and Illegal franchises in Baguio City and the Cordillera Administrative Region, to our estimate, still numbers about one half of all the existing franchises being used and operated by operators of jeepneys, taxis, vehicles for hire, buses and other denominations. If we shall be concerned about it at all, then it is our obligation to act now and do something.

(Note: Part 2 on the next issue will delve on Recommendations on what to do with the irregular and illegal franchises./jsv)

Batas

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picture appears in all the giant billboards littering the highway proclaiming that it is built through the efforts of Mrs. Arroyo.

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AUSTERITY MEASURE IN BATANGAS RESULTS IN CUTTING OFF OF POWER OVER A TREACHEROUS HIGHWAY: In Batangas, I wonder why provincial officials, and the city government of Batangas City, and even the Philippine Ports Authority have chosen to put out the lights along the bridge and the road going to the Batangas City International Pier at night.

Any simpleton will tell you that the lights are needed in that portion of the road coming from the pier going to the STAR Tollway and vice versa because that area is considered a danger zone, in view of the presence of a treacherous bridge and a zig-zag route.

Is there an austerity measure of some sort here? Or have the provincial government and the city government and the PPA become so bankrupt and penniless that they could no longer afford to pay the electric supply there?

Or, are they waiting for a major accident to happen, where lives will be lost and limbs will be maimed before they even lift a finger?

Maybe someone is waiting for President Arroyo herself to act on the matter? Naku naman!!!

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REACTIONS? Please email them at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, or at www.batasmauricio.com.

Baguio Centennial

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be centered on four floats, designed by known artist Rommy Chua. Leading the parade will be the Centennial float, followed by the Flower City Float, Wood Carving Float and the "Abong" float, all depicting the culture and history of Baguio.

The Baguio Day program is set at 11:00am at the Athletic Bowl, where Pres. Arroyo is also expected to deliver her message. It will be followed by the unveiling of Builders of Baguio Sculpture at the entrance of the Botanical Garden and a Centennial Marker at the City Hall. A commemorative stamp will also be launched at the Baguio Country Club.

Other lined-up activities are a Centennial Ball at the Baguio Country Club, a concert at the Session Road and fireworks display from four different locations, namely: Baguio Cathedral, University of Baguio, City Hall and Camp Allen, that will all commence at 7:00 in the evening./Lito Dar/PIA

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

JENNY LYN ANCHETA

Applicant

Case No:2003-CAR-999

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a petition filed on July 31, 2009 for the approval of petition for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY VTO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit / which CPC will expire on August 21, 2009.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 18, 2009 at 9:30A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 31th day of July 2009.

(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

LARRY MALINIAS

Applicant

Case No:89-01-802

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 25, 2009 at 9:00A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 04th day of August 2009.

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

Mayor says

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gal Office to cause the annotation of the said adverse claim.

The move came after the committee earlier created to investigate the titling of Lot 1 of Forbes Park headed by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. confirmed that the said CALTs were indeed issued through the NCIP over portions of Forbes Park Parcels I and II on November 12, 2008 and registered with the Register of Deeds, Baguio City on April 7, 2009 covering the following areas all in the name of the Heirs of Lauro Carantes represented by Antino Carantes married to Espenilla Carantes, with residence and postal address at Purok I, Poblacion, Itogon, Benguet: O-CALT-26 containing an area of 89,242 square meters; O-CALT-27 containing an area of 2,327 square meters; O-CALT-28 containing an area of 34,855 square meter; and O-CALT-29 containing an area of 112,603 square meters for a total aggregate area of 239,027 square meters.

Also upon recommendation of the committee, the body also sought to request the Office of the Solicitor General to file the appropriate cases for the recovery of those portions of Forbes Forest Reservations which were taken and included in O-CALT-26, O-CALT-27, O-CALT-28, and O-CALT-29.

Other recommendations of the committee which were subsequently adopted by the council were:

*To ascertain the actual area on the ground of the remaining Forest Reserve in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resource-CAR including that of the Botanical Garden/Imelda Park, by conducting an actual relocation survey using Parcels I and II of Proclamation No. 10, series of 1924 and the CALT's as basis.

*To request President Gloria Arroyo through the DENR to turn over or proclaim in favor of the City of Baguio the remaining portions of Forbes Forest Reservation for Watershed/Forest Purposes illegible from future conversion or reclassification.

*To request the Congress of the Republic of the Philippines to conduct a congressional inquiry on why the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Land Registration Commission are giving due course to the applications for titling as ancestral lands of government reservations like the Forbes Forest Reservations.

In earlier actions, the city council earlier urged the NCIP and the DENR to stop accepting applications for ancestral land claims and to suspend processing of pending applications until the Supreme Court issue a definite ruling on whether Baguio City is covered by the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA).

The investigative committee was composed of city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes, city planning officer Arturo Orig, city engineer Leo Bernardez and city assessor Augustus Medina./aileen p. refuerzo

Lawmaker to push

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children.

Other penalties range from a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 12 years depending on the gravity of the offense.

Escudero, who chairs the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights, said the present Senate version is a consolidation of torture bills which he authored along with Senators Jinggoy Estrada, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Juan Ponce Enrile and Rodolfo Biazon.

Other salient provisions of the bill include a provision for the protection of complainants and witnesses and persons involved in the prosecution, and the establishment of a rehabilitation program for victims.

Under the bill, no justification can be offered to justify torture and other inhuman punishments, which will be declared as criminal acts. Persons who participate in acts of torture will be penalized as principals, as well as their superiors in the military, police or law enforcement establishments who ordered the infliction of physical harm to any victim.

The measure penalizes all forms of torture, be it physical, mental, psychological and pharmacological, which is done through the administration of drugs./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Lawyer costs

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this makes the Philippines globally uncompetitive," he said.

Escudero also said devolving authority to the lowest level of government can address the problem of bureaucratic costs.

"As soon as the national government can afford, a larger percentage of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) should be given to local government units. It is presently 20%. By devolving added responsibilities, this could eventually go to 60%. This would speed up the development of the country," Escudero added.

The 39-year old senator laid down his six-point agenda which calls for streamlining processes, cutting down red tape, plugging revenue loopholes and improving agricultural production.

"It starts with good governance. We must repair our house. We must have a stable policy environment. We must enforce the laws and enforce them speedily. People will obey and follow our laws if there is certainty of punishment," he said.

He also called for lowering the ballooning budget deficit by addressing smuggling.

"We must put a stop to smuggling – estimated by foreign institutions to be as much as \$10 billion or P480 billion a year. The uncollected VAT alone would be over P50 billion," Escudero disclosed.

"You bring in a container, and you pay P200,000 but only get a receipt for P60,000. This means that P140,000 goes to the bureaucrats and tong collectors," he said.

"We sign a contract for North Rail which costs \$17 million per kilometer while the

equivalent cost in Shanghai is only \$7 million. We witness the President approve a contract with ZTE for \$328 million which turned out to be overpriced by as much as 60%. Such she-nigans bring up the cost of doing business in this country," he said.

He said that the overall cost of doing business in the Philippines is pushed up by the high costs of transportation and energy.

"We must bring down the cost of transportation and opening up those areas of our country which have not been developed. We must prioritize projects already partially built. Half a bridge is equivalent having no bridge at all. Then we have to focus on widening our major arteries, especially where traffic jams occur daily. The wastage of people's time and fuel runs into billions not counting the inefficient use of trucks which deliver goods," the senator said.

He also identified lower energy costs as a critical factor in lowering costs of doing business and called for the complete the sale of National Power Corp. (Napocor) generation plants and power purchase agreement (PPA) contracts to the private sector to generate more competition.

"It is unconscionable that this government charges more royalty on the sale of our very own natural gas from Malampaya than it taxes imported coal and fuel. We pay P1.40 per kilowatt hour for electricity from generated from natural gas and only P.17 per KWH from coal. Does that make any sense to you?," Escudero asked./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Intervention program

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to come up with a well-studied, researched and planned intervention program to address (this)," De Vera noted.

She said the program will include the following:

*A description of the problem of youth violence in the community;

*Identification of the intended participants for the intervention and possible settings in which to reach intended participants;

*Setting of goals and objectives;

*Selection of an intervention program that will appropriately address the goals;

*Costs required and development of activities and materials; and

*Involvement and participation of the community and various government and non-government agencies and offices.

*There is a need for the study and planning of such intervention program to come up with concrete sets of activities and projects which will respond to the problems and issues of the youth involved in violence," she said.

De Vera said the OCSWDO is capable of conducting the research and program as its personnel have direct hand in responding to youth offenders and in conducting outreach activities and studies on the city's households.

The same office would also be tasked to monitor the progress of the intervention program in time./aileen p. refuerzo

Bautista assures**.... from page 3**

former President Ferdinand Marcos which intended the subject area under the ownership of GSIS purportedly "to augment its retirement funds and actuarial solvency.

Earlier, the GSIS filed a criminal charge also against city officials for declaratory relief over the same concern and also assailing Ordinance No. 51-2001

The ordinance classified the Baguio Convention Center as within an institutional zone while the forested area beside it is zoned as "parks and gardens."

In the petition, the GSIS sought the invalidation of the provision of the ordinance which declared the subject area as a park and garden. It also asked the court to order the city officials to process and issue the building permit and other clearances or papers for the project.

City officials earlier manifested opposition to the plan to transform the tree park into another commercial hub citing environmental concerns.

They said there are also pending court cases questioning the status and ownership of the subject land./aileen p. refuerzo

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ishments are "only for exemption from local and national tax and do not include exemption from local business or license fees and charges" citing past court decisions.

He said the amount collected in the issuance of business permit "is not a tax but a non-tax revenue the amount of which invariably is limited to cover the expenses of its issuance and the cost of the necessary surveillance, inspection or supervision by the government."

"The police power to regulate businesses, occupations and callings inside Camp John Hay is therefore the job of the city government and not anybody else. Hence, all businesses, occupations or callings and other undertakings conducted thereat are subject to the control, supervision and regulation of the city government of Baguio," the mayor said.

He said the lack of said permit makes these business concessions liable to sanctions provided under the penal provision of the tax ordinance which includes fines and even closure of the establishments.

To pursue the requirement, the mayor formed a task force headed by himself with Rabanes and secretary to the mayor Ronald Perez as action officers to work out the requirement.

The following as members: city treasurer Thelma Manaos, city buildings and architecture office head Engr. Oscar Flores, city planning and development office head Arturo Orig, city police director Enrico Salapong, acting city fire marshal Juanito Palaoan, public order and safety head Gregorio Deligero and licensing officer Cristio Lagyop./aileen p. refuerzo

World Karate**.... from page 3**

From the brace shop, Chees moved up to the pedia surgical ward to find three-year old Edlyn Joy Dacanay asleep in her bed.

Edlyn, the youngest of three children of a barber and a salesgirl, started throwing up the other week, just after she was released from the hospital. She has become a familiar figure among nurses and doctors since she was diagnosed for cancer of the coccyx (spinal tailbone) when she was a year and eight months old.

She had undergone six rounds of chemotherapy and daily radiation treatment. Just when her doctor found no traces of malignant cells, her thigh bones turned brittle and broke and put on cast for months. Last May, just after she turned 3, doctors had her on a five-hour surgery, to fix her entangled digestive system, a condition medically termed adhesiolysis.

Like what Rosanna needs, Edlyn Joy had been fitted with a brace, also to prevent the onslaught of scoliosis. She needs to sit now and then, to prevent bedsores from eating up her back, so Edgar made a triangular seat out of inflated plastic IV tubes..

The two patients were the latest in a long list that Kinderhelfe, a foundation established by Chees and his martial arts students, reached out to over the years.

This time, the out-reach served as Julian's way of marking his promotion to fifth-dan blackbelt the other Friday, just before he traveled for home. Shihan Hideo Ochi, the 69-year old eighth-dan chief instructor of JKA-Europe, also based in Germany bestowed the rank.

Chees wore the fourth dan belt for nine years before taking the tough promotional examination, and only after Ochi hinted it with the subtlety of the language of masters last January. Last March, JKA-Germany president Bernd Hirschberger again told him it was time - and long overdue.

Students of traditional karate rarely pronounce their readiness to advance. Chees admitted his reluctance was also because his former teachers, Edgar Kapawen and Shihan Kunio Sasaki, never took their promotions. Kapawen, chief instructor of the Northern Luzon headquarters of JKA-Orient, is at fourth dan while, Sasaki, 71, who established JKA-Philippines in the early '60s, remains at sixth dan.

"My teachers promotions are long overdue," Julian said, thanking them for what he had become.

"As his former teacher, I'm proud of him," Kapawen said. More so, he said, as his former student had completed a grueling five-day teaching task in a mass seminar just before his exams. "He had no rest and practice which his fellow examinees had before they came for the exams."

For his final kata in the promotional, Chees chose sochin, the same advance formal exercise expressive of strength and calm, and which served as his winning form in capturing his third world title in the 7th World Championships last June in Forth Lauderdale, Florida.

His first world title came in 1993, when he topped the kata event in the World Shotokan Championships in Saarsbrucken, Germany, fol-

lowed by his victory in the same event two years ago in the World Karate Confederation tournament in Bergamo, Italy.

An Igorot dreaming of becoming an army officer, Chees entered Germany as a civilian staff in a U.S. Army base. Soon, he was winning tournaments and caught the attention of the German national team. It drafted him, the first non-German to join the national pool.

The "kleine Philippino" (small Filipino) was unbeatable in international competitions in Europe. Among others, he topped the England International three times and Dutch International three times./Ramon Dacawi.

Diretsahan.....**..... from page 4**

order ang meyor at ang municipal engineer para ipatigil ang anumang konstruksyon at pagtitibag ng lupa sa naturang lugar, pero nakakatawa na hindi man lang pinansin ni "untouchable" ang order at pati mga pulis ay mukhang bahag ang buntot sa pag-implemanta nito.

Nagpasya ngayon ang may-ari ng lupa na dumulog sa bureau of lands ng DENR para malaman ang katotohanan, pero alam nyu ba mga suki na pati sa ahensyang ito ay mukhang nakarating ang matinding koneksyon ni mr. untouchable? Simpleng paghingi ng opisyal at totoong sertipikasyon ng surbey eh inaanta-antala pa ng mga ungas sa bureau of lands?

Ayon daw sa ibinulong, me mga dayuhan daw na siyang nakikita sa lugar (mga mukhang hapon) at me suspetsa na sila ang mga "financer" ni mr. untouchable na ayon ay kaya daw pursigido siya na makuha ang lupa ay dahil meroon daw siyang plano dito. Hindi kaya may kaugnayan ito sa minahan na pansamantalang itinigil ng mga Cosalan? Hay naku, kung hindi pa ito masilip silip ng mga opisyal ng barangay at munisipyo at pati na ang DENR di ko na alam kung ano ang itatawag ko sa kanila. Peryod!

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Totoo kaya itong "ibinulong" ng aking "bubuwit" na marami pa rin daw ang mga barangay tangad, este...tanod na naging police auxillary ang abusado sa pag-iimplemanta ng batas trapiko?

Hindi ko kinakatigan ang mga drayber lalo na pag sila ay abusado, katunayan ng pagsasalit ko sa kanila sa mga kolumn ko, pero ayon sa ibinulong ni JOSEPH LADINES, drayber opereytor ng jeep para sa aurora hill, sa aking bubuwit, hindi raw katanggap-tanggap ang ginawa nitong taffic aide na si Mr. MIGUEL sa kanya. Binigyan daw siya ng bayolasyon na RECKLESS DRIVING at BEATING THE RED LIGHT na hindi naman daw totoo. Sinubukan daw itong ireklamo sa City Hall, pero alam nyu ba mga suki na imbes pakinggan ang reklamo eh, halos ipagtabayon daw itong kawawang drayber! Naku, PAKIBUSISI nyu nga ito traffic Chief Mariano at POSD Chief Greg Deligero????!!

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Pagkatapos kong "saltikin" itong isang tagameyors ofis dahil sa pagmumura niya umano sa isang empleyadang justice hall, tumawag daw itong si Mr. Pogi sa opisina ng justice hall at tinatantong daw kung sino ang nagsumbong sa akin! Itong si langaw na nakatuntong sa kalabaw eh mukhang naiimtan na ang "wet-pu". Huwag kang mag-alala Mr. "P" as in POGI dahil wala pa ako sa mood na alisan ka ng maskara, he!he!he! malapit lapit na!

Baguio Centennial Day Program all Set

BAGUIOCITY—Come September 1, the city will be celebrating its 100 Charter Day anniversary with no less than her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as the guest of honor. The activities and program for the centennial celebration are all set and launched through a Kapihan forum Wednesday at the Baguio Convention Center.

At 6'o clock in the morning of September 1, and for thirty minutes, there will be ringing of church bells and the

City Hall siren, for a "Wake Up Call" for the people of Baguio, to remind them of this is a once in a lifetime celebration. This will be followed by a ceremonial "Mambunong Bakdiw" (Chant) at the Upper Session Road at 7:15am, before the parade starts at exactly 8:00 am.

For the grand parade, the Baguio Centennial Commission's Parade Committee chair Benny Carantes, tapped the Hotel and Restaurant Associations of Baguio (HRAB) team, headed by HRAB president Anthony

De Leon, which handled recent very successful Panagbenga Festival parade.

In the said forum, De Leon gave credit to his team composed of HRAB Executive Director Malou Galiste, Amboy Guevarra and Annabelle Ramos. According to De Leon, parade is conceptualized in the essence of the city's 100 years. This will be the "Parade of the Century, as we need to live up to the standard we set at our flower festival parade," he said.

The parade will **Cont. on page 9**



HALF MAST FOR A GREAT LEADER - City officials headed by Mayor Reinaldo A. Bautista, Jr. and public servants offer a prayer for former President Corazon "Tita Cory" C. Aquino, an icon of People's Power Revolution who fought dictatorship and brought back democracy as the city and the whole Filipino nation mourn for the passing of a great leader during City Hall's flag raising ceremony last Monday./ By Bong Cayabyab

DepED to pilot test On-Line Education Program in Baguio City High

BAGUIOCITY—In line with the country's commitment to provide an "Education for All" by 2015, under the Millennium Development Goals, the Education Department (DepED-CAR) will be pilot-testing "On-line education" at the Baguio City National High School (BCNHS), as part of its Drop-Out Reduction Program (DORP).

According to BCNHS Principal, Dr. Elma Donaal, the existing Drop-Out Reduction Program of BCNHS consists of two components, the Effective Affordable Secondary Education or EASE and the Open High School.

Donaal explained that under the EASE component, they provide a modular program to currently enrolled students, who for some reasons (such as getting sick for a month) would experience a hard time coping with his studies, so as to prevent the student from dropping out.

In the Open High School, drop-out students who are not currently enrolled for some reasons (like marriage, having children or because of work) could be able to continue their studies through this program, wherein they need not need come to class daily but

could continue studying by attending class once a week.

Donaal also proudly announced that they have already 56 graduates under the said program. "We have been proud of helping people who are enthusiastic to finish high school," she said. The "on-line

education," Donaal explained is an added innovation under the Open High School program. Drop out students can continue their studies through the internet. Instead of attending class once a week as in open high school, they do their lessons on line.

In the same forum, Donaal lauded the government's effort, under the initiative of the President, for including education in its primary fo-

cus. Donaal is also grateful for the new salary increase given to teachers.

Donaal also affirmed that the state of education in Baguio, especially in BCNHS, is better today, not only in terms of teacher's salary but also in terms of equipment. BCNHS is also a beneficiary of new classrooms/buildings under DepED's School

Building Program, aside from the on-going renovation of its oldest building in its main campus.

Donaal also stressed, that they are lucky in BCNHS because their teachers and even their non-teaching staff are involved in massive trainings, as part of the government's effort to standardize everything in the education department,

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