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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Mayor to barangay officials: monitor "on-street parking"

BAGUIO CITY - During this monthly meeting with the 128 punong barangays last week at the Baguio City multi-purpose hall, mayor Mauricio Domogan directed all barangay officials in the city of Baguio to monitor and to clear barangay roads from any obstructions that may affect the smooth flow of traffic as well as compromise the welfare of pedestrians and motorists.

After the ill-fated incident that took place within the

Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) compound at the Engineer's Hill last May 28, Domogan urged the barangay officials to strictly implement the existing city ordinance no. 7, series of 1984 otherwise known as the Ordinance Adopting a Comprehensive Transportation and Traffic Regulations in the city provides for the towing of vehicles parked in undesigned parking areas.

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The City Fire Marshal, SUPT JOE FERNAND L BANGYOD together with SR INSP MA-RIO C DELA CRUZ, SR INSP JESSIE S ANNASIW and INSP JESUS D YANGO receiving Certificate of Commendation approved by the City Council for Returning Valuable Jewelries to the owner during a fire incident at Phase 2 Green Valley, Baguio City on March 22, 2016, given on June 6, 2016 at City Hall Ground, Baguio City. Congratulation to the true breed of Firefighters, a real public servants./Photo by SFO1 Balancia

Attention LTFRB Hearing Officer Mr. Gregorio Retuta, ang hindi pagiging isang Abogado ay hindi dahilan para alamin at sundan ang mga tamang procedures as Hearing Officer. UMayOS KA!!! (basahin ang Fair & Square sa page 5.)



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G2BG's Green Bus rolls out in Baguio

Glad to be Green

Unsustainable patterns of energy production and consumption threaten not only human health and quality of life but also affect ecosystems and contribute to climate change. Sustainable energy, therefore, can be an engine for poverty reduction, social progress, equity, enhanced resilience, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

Sustainable energy is the form of energy obtained from non-exhaustible resources, such that the provision of this form of energy serves the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Today, there is widespread popular support for using renewable energy, particularly solar, water and wind energy, which provide electricity without giving rise to any carbon dioxide emissions.

GLAD TO BE GREEN, INC. supports and advocates for an energy sector market transformation, and does this through a range of interventions on policy, finance, capacity development and awareness creation. The objective of the Glad to be Green Project is to help develop the socio-economic context by which sustainable energy can be possible, viable and practical in its implementation of projects for Corporate Social Responsibility;

In essence, Glad to be Green, Inc. advocates for a sustainable, responsible and clean environment.

The Green Bus

-Four-wheeled, 14-seater urban transporter

- With mounted solar panels that charges as it runs making use of the Sun's power.

-Top speed of 50 km per hour (ideal for compact cities) and could cover 120 km before requiring a recharge.

-It does not need gas, it makes no noise, it emits no pollution, and it has no tickets because the rides will be free for everyone to enjoy.

-It will be the first its kind, and the only one in existence in Baguio and the rest of Northern Luzon.

-Manufactured by Star 8 Philippines, a leading solar technology and solutions manufacturing company

The Project

-G2BG's largest project in terms of scale and scope.

-Product of G2BG's passion to develop and promote the use of clean and renewable technologies

-Part of our group's advocacy is to invest in meaningful social responsibility projects that will showcase the environmental and economic benefits of Solar Power.

-Advocacy partners:

- o Star 8 Philippines
- o BENECO – to provide for the driver, parking/ charging area, and maintenance of the vehicle.

Route

-In and around Baguio's central business district with designated pick-up and drop-off points.

-Igorot Park – Harrison Road – BCNHS – BGH Rotunda – Kisad Road – Children's Park/ Athletic Bowl – Harisson Road – Magsaysay Avenue – Bonifacio Road – SLU Rotunda

- Proposed route's final approval will be based on consultations made with the Philippine National Police, the city government, and affected jeepney operators and drivers associations.

Quotes from Glad to be Green CEO Gladys Vergara: "We are not here to replace or compete with existing public transport systems. The Green Bus will be operating for free because we'd like to inspire people to switch to green technology and start using solar energy to power their homes, businesses, and vehicles."

"If anything, we are here to offer a viable alternative that creates tangible value for the community."

"We have more projects lined-up throughout the year that will not only create substantial value for the community but, more importantly, inspire people to take positive action towards adapting a more sustainable way of living."

Quote from Mayor Mauricio Domogan: "It is good that we have a group that creates these projects and promote the use of solar energy in Baguio City."

"This is a good start towards making



G2BG's Green vehicles are the way to go, it's about time, alternative power sources are harnessed, most specially solar power (clean energy). Kudos to the Management G2BG./Facebook photo

Denial of bonuses an infringement to local autonomy

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said that he will not allow concerned government agencies and independent constitutional bodies to infringe into the local autonomy of local governments pursuant to the explicit provisions of the Local Government code and related issuances by government agencies.

The local chief executive said that he received several letters from retiring city officials and employees questioning the withholding of a portion of their retirements benefits representing the disallowed bonuses that they previously received.

"We will continue to fight the issue out until we reach the Supreme Court

Baguio the first Solar City in the Philippines."

Benefits

1. Zero emissions. No emissions mean you significantly reduce your carbon footprint in the

environment. As we know, CO₂, the by-product of burning fossil fuels, is the main cause of Climate Change. If we switch to solar and electric vehicles, we help fight the adverse effects of Climate Change such as Global Warming.

2. Zero pollution. The Green Bus does not pollute the air we breathe and does not make noises like conventional engines. This only adds to the "green-conscious, eco-tourism" brand appeal of our city. Fur-

(SC) because the previous decision of the Commission on Audit (COA) disallowing the bonuses granted by the city government to its officials and employees in 2013 and 2014 is a direct affront to the local autonomy of local government units, considering that such autonomy has been prescribed by pertinent laws, rules and regulations," Domogan stressed.

The consolidated appeal of the city government regarding the disallowance made by the city and regional offices of the COA on the bonuses received by the officials and employees of the city in 2013 and 2014 is now pending decision by the Commission en banc.

He informed city officials and employees

thermore, it will also help lower the particulate matter content and improve the air quality at the central business district.

3. Third, it shows that solar and electric vehicle technology is now economically viable for the public transport sector. The costs involved are now significantly lower and it can now commercially compete with jeepneys and taxis. Just imagine drawing energy from a fuel source that is virtually free, and being unaffected by the volatile market prices of diesel and gasoline. You might ask,

that the local government will continue to exhaust available legal and administrative remedies to ventilate the issue on local fiscal autonomy as the release of additional bonuses to government workers have been covered by appropriate circulars from the budget department explicitly providing that the grant of additional compensation shall be subject to availability of funds from the concerned local government.

According to him, the disallowed bonuses had been received by government workers for over a decade now but it is unfortunate that it is only now that the COA comes out with a ruling declaring that such compensation to officials and employees are disallowed

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but what if it's raining? Not to worry, the solar panels of the bus relies more on photons rather than direct sunlight to create energy

4. Fourth, the Green Bus will also help in the decongestion and pedestrianization of the city center. With our free rides, we hope to discourage more people from bringing their cars and contributing to the already worsening Baguio traffic. We also hope to encourage people to walk to their desired destinations from our strategically placed bus stops. Less traffic while promoting good health, what's not to love?/ G2BG-PR/BB

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City commends BFP

BAGUIO CITY - The city government here recently commended the Bureau of Fire Protection-Baguio City Fire Station headed by City Fire Marshal Superintendent Joe Fernando Bangyod, Monday, June 6 during the regular flag raising ceremony at the Baguio City Hall grounds.

It is recalled that on March 22, a destructive blaze at Green Valley was reported to the Baguio Fire Station. The fire has razed two residential building.

After the fire, a mopping up operation was made by the firefighters and subsequently recovered assorted jewelries and old coins placed in boxes and cases and these were handed over to its rightful owner.

Resolution Numbered 105, series of 2016 approved by the city council states that, "the extraordinary performance during life-threatening situations and the honesty of the personnel of the Baguio City Fire Station has shown not only their bravery but has likewise preserved the morale of the workforce which deserves the praise and acclamation by the entire officialdom of the city government of

Baguio and the constituency of the city of Baguio".

"The BFP is responsible, among others, in preventing and suppressing all destructive fires on buildings, houses and other structures, and as a public safety agency, the organization adheres to the doctrine of life preservation in the event of emergency, disaster, and calamity".

City Fire Marshal Supt. Joe Fernando Bangyod together with Senior Inspectors Mario dela Cruz and Jessie Annasiw, and Insp. Jesus Yango received the certificate of commendation personally handed by the city officials headed by mayor Mauricio Domogan.

Domogan, in his inspirational message stressed that in times of disaster and calamity, the city is very proud for having public servants that are honest in performing their duties and responsibilities.

"It is not easy to be a firefighter because you risk your own lives to safe other people. Your honesty in returning the jewelries and old coins to the rightful owner only shows your dedication to your vocation," added the mayor. */Jho Arranz*

Contractors dared to fast track completion of projects

BAGUIO CITY - The city government challenged the regional and district offices of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and contractors to work double time for the completion of their projects within the central business district to lessen the inconvenience of the public during the opening of classes by Monday.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said contractors who were awarded projects in areas with heavy vehicular and human traffic must be sensitive to the convenience of the public that is why they must deploy added manpower and units of equipment to

fastrack the completion of their projects to ease somehow the serious negative effects of the drainage construction projects to the motoring and commuting public.

"We already shared our observations and ideas on how the projects in our city should be implemented. We have to bear the temporary inconveniences of the existing projects that have been supposed to have been completed long time ago," Domogan stressed.

The city mayor pointed out contractors must also make sure that with the expected influx of huge volume of people to the different schools starting Monday, contractors

Mayor to convene screening committee for BCPO chief

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan will be immediately convening the screening committee for the position of City Director of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) once the shortlist of qualified senior police officers will be transmitted to his office by the Police Regional Office (PRO) in the Cordillera.

The local chief executive was informed that the shortlist, which was approved by the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) en

banc in 2014, was already forwarded by the NAPOLCOM-CAR regional office to the PRO-COR which, in turn, will transmit the shortlist to the city mayor for the selection of the permanent BCPO chief.

"We had been demanding for the shortlist to be given to us pursuant to the existing rules and regulations but it took them more than two years before such shortlist will be given to us," Mayor Domogan stressed.

The screening committee is chaired by the city mayor with

members composed of the city administrator, DILG Baguio field office director, city human resource management officer, Liga ng mga Barangay president, city prosecutor and a member of the media, particularly the president of the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC).

Domogan said the city will now have a chance to have a permanent chief of police after over three years of having an officer-in-charge so that the city government could already

work with the BCPO for the crafting of long-term peace and order strategies aimed at making the city a peaceful place to study, work, live and do business.

Under the law, local chief executives are given a 5-day grace period to select from the five nominees on who will be given a permanent appointment as the next chief of police.

He explained that police officials who will be assigned as officers-in-charge of police stations should only serve for a

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Baguio crime incidents decreasing says BCPO report

BAGUIO CITY- A report from the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) showed that crime incidents in the city is decreasing for the first five months of the year, except for February, primarily because of the heightened police operations coupled with the vigilance of the public.

Senior Superintendent George D. Daskeo, BCPO acting city director, said there has been a significant decrease of 10.6 percent equivalent to

23 index crimes during the whole Month of May compared to the preceding month of April.

He added non-index crimes are also decreasing which could be attributed to the improved law enforcement and the compliance of the public to peacekeeping initiatives among other interventions of the local police force.

"Index crimes for 2016 from January to May decreased by 32.3 percent or by 635 crime incidents compared to the same period last year. The most prevalent crime which is theft increased

by 20.6 percent or by 215 incidents," Daskeo stressed.

The police official reported that the most remarkable recorded decrease were the cases of physical injuries which dropped by 59.2 percent or a total of 386 incidents compared to the same period last year while carnapping cases, especially of motorcycles also decreased by 21 incidents or 55.3 percent.

According to him, the peacekeeping interventions that were put in place by the BCPO were the profiling and subsequent arrest of minor suspects, the inter-linkages of police stations of their profiled suspects, the

sectorized deployment of personnel for the service of warrants of arrest, the deployment of police personnel to the identified hot spots pursuant to the crime clock, the activation of the Neighborhood Watch and the engagement with bar owners for the strict implementation of curfew hours.

He said the BCPO also intensified the Oplan Tambuli and the distribution of the appropriate information and education campaign materials for every crime category among others.

Daskeo revealed the BCPO also engaged the services of force multipliers from the different barangays because they are the ones who know the people in their respective areas of jurisdiction,

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH - The unabated use of City and barangay roads as parking areas by public utility vehicles and private cars constricting the roads causing public inconveniences, traffic and hampering rescue during emergency situation should stop. Mayor Domogan called on barangay officials to impose the prohibition while the city is preparing to adopt an ordinance. ABC president Councilor Michael Lawana and City Police Director George Daskeo agreed with the mayor's pronouncements. - by Bong Cayabyab

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Press-conference and press-release journalism

President Duterte is doing media a big favor by refusing – for “now”, his aide said – to hold regular press conferences. Apparently he would not put up with what he interpreted as insults that come with impertinent questions such as those thrown at him by one or two reporters in a previous encounter with the press.

Competitive, veteran journalists actually hate press conferences, as they’re transformed into mere stenographers or tape recorders in such events, where the “best” journalism would only involve simple accuracy in relaying word for word what was said in the event, and, especially for “wire” reporters, speed, in doing that.

But he has stopped feeding the beast

Greenhorn reporters or those with huge egos, though, enjoy such events as they provide them a chance to put excitement in their little lives when they can get a VIP to tremble at their question. Such was the case with a mediocre stringer who finally had her moment of glory that had until then been so elusive to her career, when she asked President Arroyo at a press conference, “How is your sex-life, Madame President?” (The news, of course, turned out to be about her and her question, and not the President’s answer.)

Competitive journalists, however, do appreciate reporters asking questions in press conferences, as long as they’re not inane and take up too much time.

That is because everyone gets to hear the VIP’s response to the issue at hand, so they can all report it without even having to mention who asked the question (unless it is really such a hilarious one), and the reporter who did ask can’t claim he or she had a scoop.

Competitive journalists had learned a trick to make such press conferences worthwhile for them. As soon as the conference ends, they approach the VIP to ask him a question, beyond the hearing range of other reporters. Voila, the next day, he has a scoop (now called an “exclusive”), while his colleagues report the same ho-hum story. But that’s a trick difficult to pull off if the subject is a President with close-in security ready to jump to their feet to cordon off the VIP from anybody who tries to spring an “ambush” interview.

Sad to say, Philippine journalism has degenerated in the past two or three decades into press-conference journalism, with only very few going out of their way to seek other news stories not covered in such events. Media has become so dependent on press conferences, and their cousins, press releases.

Commuting to, waiting for, and being in press conferences now probably account for most of the reporter’s workday. Big businesses hold their press conferences in some posh hotel, where reporters are treated with five-star lunches or dinners. NGOs have theirs in Max Restaurant, or even in some Chinese eatery. (Duterte had one in front of his gate, wearing only slippers.) Reporters’ skills, especially those for business pages, have mainly involved the ability to rewrite press releases.

80% the same

Almost 80 percent of the time, a news item you watch over ABS-CBN is the same news you will see on GMA-7. And it’s getting worse: CCTV footages probably make up a third of what is pandered as television news.

Press-conference and press-release journalism has become dominant partly due to the fact that politicians, businesses, and even NGOs – every “news maker” practically – have learned the trick enshrined in that PR adage: “Feed the beast, or the beast feeds on you.”

That is, journalists go to work to be fed with news, and only when satiated does their day ends. So the better for these news makers to be feeding reporters with their own positive news, rather than for the reporters to look for their own news, which could be negative for these news makers, in which case “they feed on you.”

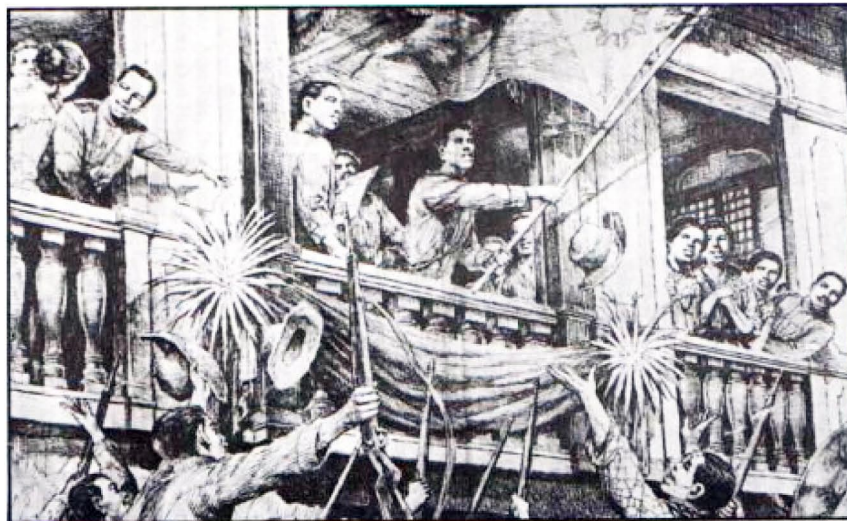
Malacañang over the years has perfected the art of feeding the beast by holding daily press briefings, in which, in this Administration’s case, inanities and motherhood statements are enough food for the press. It is for instance hilarious, maybe even sickening, how de facto spokesman Sonny Coloma, in his strained Tagalog, often answers a question with the stock “we-will-look-into-it” or “this-Administration-does-not-violate-the-law” answers.

Such Malacañang press briefings, in fact, have succeeded in filling the beast’s stomach and sad to say, I’ve never seen such a docile Malacañang Press Corps as now, far from what was once upon a time, even during the Marcos era, considered the best and most senior bunch of reporters.

In fact I’ve never seen a Malacañang reporter ask the presidential spokesperson, and much less President Aquino, a series of questions ostensibly to ferret out the truth in the same way the two journalists did with Duterte.

I wonder why such an aggressive kind of reporters, one

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Proclamation of Independence Day in Kawit Cavite, June 12, 1898

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Scandal brews over justices’ appointments

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS: “... Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free...” (Proverbs 11:21, the Holy Bible).

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SC LOOKS INTO BREWING SCANDAL OVER JUSTICES’ APPOINTMENTS: Was President Aquino’s recent appointment of two Sandiganbayan justices---Michael Frederick Musngi and Maria Geraldine Faith Econg---a violation of the Constitution and must therefore be voided?

Acting on an unprecedented petition filed by five Regional Trial Court (RTC) judges---Philip Aguinaldo, Reynaldo Alhambra, Danilo Cruz, Benjamin Pozon, and Salvador Timbang Jr.---and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), the Supreme Court decided to look into this issue, which has the makings of a grave scandal in the appointment of members of the judiciary under the Aquino government.

The RTC judges and the IBP charged that Musngi and Econg should not have been appointed Sandiganbayan justices because their names were not in the list of nominees submitted by the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC). Under the 1987 Constitution, only the nominees whose names appear in the JBC list could be appointed by the President.

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PNOY APPOINTEES NOT IN JBC SHORTLIST? Here is what Section 9, Art. VIII, of the Constitution provides: “The Members of the Supreme Court and judges of lower courts shall be appointed by the President from a list of at least three nominees preferred by the Judicial and Bar Council for every vacancy. Such appointments need no confirmation.”

An online media report on the Supreme Court order in the case filed by the RTC judges and by the IBP said however that the names of Musngi and Econg were in “a different shortlist (so that) they should not have been named to the Sandiganbayan.”

The same media report said the complaining RTC judges were the ones “short-listed for a vacant position in the Sandiganbayan and they claim Aquino violated the Constitution when he appointed... Musngi... and Econg as the... associate justices of the Sandiganbayan...”

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SC COMPLAINT VS. GRAFT COURT JUSTICES UNPRECEDENTED: This petition by the RTC judges and by the IBP is the first of its kind in the Philippines, after all appointments to the judiciary were required to be preceded by a system of selection and nomination carried out by the JBC under the 1987 Constitution. Never before was any appointment of any judge or justice contested on the ground that the appointee was not among those nominated by the JBC.

There have been reports during earlier times about “snow-paking”, or erasing the names of appointees by white liquid commercially known as “snowpake” and replacing them with other names at the Office of the President itself, but nobody dared to complain publicly, much less with a formal petition with the high court.

Lawyers and judges and justices should therefore welcome what Aguinaldo and company and the IBP did here, not only to clear the truth about the appointments of Musngi and Econg, but more to punish any wrongdoing or Constitutional infringement by anyone and thereby prevent a repetition in the future, particularly by officials who think that with their popularity, they can do away even with murder!

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Panagtatalon Manen

BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

Wen, di laeng mamin-ano, aya? Panagtatalon manen. Awan sapulen ti kinagaget dagiti mannalontayo nga agtalon. Uray bangkirig, simpaenda. Uray karimeran, dalusanda. Daytoy kastoy a kinagaget ti mangitunda iti nasaysayaat a panagapit iti nawadwad.

Ngem, ti kas-angna, adu latta ti pada a makurkuran-gan ti kasapulan iti pagbiag. Saan ngamin nga umdas ti apit a pamataudan kadagiti kangrunaan a kasapulan ti tunggal familia. Adu ti maapit. Ngem, ti kas-angna, no adu ti maapit ti sapasap a lugar, nalaka ti presio ti produkto. Kasla ngamin kimpet a tekka ti nagbalinen a tradition iti price manipulation! Daytoy a price manipulation ti mamagsadut kadagiti mannalontayo tapno ipasnekda koma ti agtalon. Uray koma bantayandan ti puon ti pagayda iti agpatpatnag no napintas ti presio. Ngem, ania? Awan sa met maaramidan dagiti agtuturay daytoy a price manipulation? Nadardaras sa met a pagtignayan dagiti agtuturay no rumbeng a mapastreng ti produkto nga aggapu iti sabali a pagilian gapu iti pannagawatda iti S. O. P. wenno pasuksok? Daytoy a kapanunotan, batay laeng iti saan a kabukbukodan a pammaliw/damag a kas met ti masansan a mang-mangneg iti tri-media.

Malagipko idia pagilian a Japan. Nailat ti agricultural land-da idia. Nangina ti buis ti daga. Tapno di mabuisit dagiti mannalontayo idia, agar-aramatda iti nangato ti kalidadna a teknolohia. Nagaget dagiti mannalontayo idia a kas met ti kinagaget dagiti mannalontayo ditoy pagilian ni Juan de la Cruz. Ti pagsayaatanna idia, nangato ti presio ti produkto. Dito? Maigidi-at. Nangina ti produkto a kasapulan iti panagpatanor dagiti mannalontayo agricultural products-da gapu iti agsusukot a pagbuisan. Ammotayon a ditoy Filipinas, no pagbuisan, kaarigna met ti malallalattayo. Sapay la di makaay-ayo ti presio ti produkto. Di maikkat ti price manipulation iti produkto dagiti mannalontayo agsipud ta dagiti kasla agdardara nga alimatek (leech) a big time businessman, ipasublatda ti puonanda iti kababassitan a negosiante. Ti kangrunaan a tulagan, ag-commission ni kababassitan a negosiante. Gapu iti kinalaka ti presio, agkunsimision ni kabsat a mannalontayo! Nangato ti danon ti big time businessman. Ngem, gapu ta suapang met ti kababassitan a negosiante nga annabo dagiti buaya iti takdang, ibabana pay ti paggatangna iti produkto! Maysa pay, ni kababaan a negosiante ti agipautang iti kasapulan ni mannalontayo, iti nangato latta nga interest (6% ti kababaan). Inton aglako ni mannalontayo iti produktona, gapu iti delicadeza wenno palabra de honor, uray barat ti presio, ilakona ken ni nakautanganna ti bukodna a produkto. Awan pulos ti competition iti presio dagiti agtatang. No dingnguen koma, nakaponen isu a saanen nga anak pay. Kasta ti rigatna iti biang ni Apo Mannalontayo a pada nga agguutang. Mailumlom latta ni pada a mannalontayo iti utang!

Kasano a mapuglay ti price manipulation tapno agbalin koma met a nasaldet latta dagiti mannalontayo nga agpatanor kadagiti taraon a kasapulantayo? Agtalinad kadi lattan dagiti mannalontayo nga isuda ti DURI TI PAGILIAN? Apay nga isuda ti DURI TI PAGILIAN? No ngamin iti bagi ti tao, ti duri ti kangrunaan a pagtaudan ti tibker ti maysa a tao. Isu a kasta ti birngas dagiti kakabsat a mannalontayo. Duri nga agpayso dagiti kakabsat a mannalontayo. Duririanda (buririanda) ti makasinit a darang ni Apo Init ken kasta met laeng ti tumulang a lam-ek.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: *The important thing is not stop questioning.* – ALBERT EINSTEIN.#

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Maniwala ka na mawawala ang korapsyon!!!

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Nais ko pong linawin mga dear readers na isa po akong masugid na supporter ni Mayor Dudirty and ni incoming President Dudirty. Ikinampanya ko siya sa lahat ng aking mga kakilala, nakipag-debate ako kung saan ipinaglaban ko at parati kong sinasabi na si Mayor Digong Dudirty lamang ang siyang makapag-bibigay ng pagbabago. Bagama't, hindi pa siya nanunugkulan kaya marahil ay maaga pa para husgahan natin siya hinggil sa kanyang pangako na patitigilin niya ang korapsyon sa loob ng 3 to 6 months. Ngunit, sa aking pananaw ay kahit na 6 years ay hindi niya ito mapapatigil. Ipaliwanag ko ang aking basehan at dahilan kung bakit ko sinasabi na kahit na 6 years ay hindi niya mapapatigil ang korapsyon, at ang isang nakalulungkot ay pati na ang kanyang hard stance on criminality ay mabibitin din siya na ipatupad ito ng tama sapagkat hanggang laganap ang korapsyon na siyang ugat ay mahihirapan na suguin ang criminality.

Una sa lahat ay wala rin namang pagbabago sa Lehislatibo (Senado at Tongreso); parehas din na mga buwaya ang mga naka-upo, and in fact ang kanya pangbata na ilalagay sa Speaker of the House ng Tongreso na si Pantaleon Alvarez ay siyang dating DOTC Secretary noong kapanahunan ni GMA na for at least 6 times ay hindi na-confirm ng Commission on Appointments (CA), kaya kusang nag-resign na lang dala ng kanyang pagkakasangkot sa multi-million dollar anomaly ng PIATCO deal. Ang PIATCO po ay ang kontraktor ng NAIA 3 kung saan dumaan na sa international court ang PIATCO deal at nanalo o kinatigan ng international court ang award sa Frapport ng Germany at pinagbayad ang Pilipinas ng daan-milyong piso. Sa dinam-dami ba naman na pupuwedeng maging Speaker of the House, bakit si Alvarez pa na may bad record on corruption ang siyang ilalagay? Porket kabataka niya? Eh di tunay na trapo rin itong si Dudirty. Kahit halimbawa ay walang bahid ng korapsyon si Digong Dudirty, kung ang mga taong itatalaga niya ay mga kwestionable ang integridad, ay wala rin. PATAY NA!!!! Kaya sa hanay ng tongreso at sa mga senatongs ay malamang na malamang ay patuloy pa rin ang kanilang gana-gana na pork barrel, tawagin man ito na DAP, PDAF, CDF ang tawag nuong araw etc., ito pa rin ang sinasabi na the same dog with a different collar.

Sa hanay ng hudikatura ay hindi naman hawak ni Dudirty ang Judiciary kaya inutil siya pagdating sa mga kaso sa hukuman at kasalukuyang korapsyon sa Judiciary. Ang magagawa lang marahil na pagbabago ni Dudirty ay ang sa Executive Department na kanyang hawak at marahil ay yaan ang kanyang gagawin na ehemplo, ngunit kung ang iyong mga gabinete ay katulad din ni Mark Villar para sa DPWH, aba eh patay na. Ano ngayon ang sinasabi niya na patitigilin ang korapsyon??? Ewan ko lang sa mga ibang cabinet secretaries na mga baguhan na may hawak ng DOTC, BOC, BIR, DAR, DA etc. Tingnan natin kung kakayanin nila at baka puros salita lang ang mga yan. Alam niyo naman yung kasabihan sa Ingles na "talk is cheap" ika nga. Laway lang 'yan and the actual performance and output remains to be seen.

Sa hanay ng patayan ng mga kriminal, wala akong duda na pagpa-patayin nila ang mga kriminal sapagkat malakas ang loob ni Dudirty na kumatay ng mga suspected criminals kaya sa hanay ng pagpapatay ng mga kriminal kung saan marahil ay magkakaroon ng matinding human rights violations and derailment on the observance of due process of law ay tumpak si Dudirty jan.

Kaya balikan natin yung **Cont. on page 6**

FAIR AND SQUARE

Mandatory Appearance of Applicants in Hearings of LTFRB Franchises (Part 3)

BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS

The two (2) other issues in my first article on the subject in which I said I will subsequently discuss, are the following:

1) Whether or not the Hearing Officer Designate [Mr. Gregorio Retuta] should rely and allow the practicing lawyers in the LTFRB-CAR to dictate the procedures they want to be followed in the hearings [of CPC applications or cases]; and

2) Whether or not the Regional Director may validly issue the Certificate of Public Convenience or franchises based on the non-observance by the Hearing Officer of the rules and procedures prescribed by the Board en banc.

On these two issues, just like in the first I took the negative position for the reasons that:

Firstly, not being the Board who is the only entity authorized to exempt itself from the rules (Sec. 2, Rule 1 of the 2011 Revised Rules of Practice and Procedures Before the LTFRB), Mr. Retuta who obviously is not the Board referred to in the Rules and not even a member of the Bar but designated to hear uncontested and intra-regional cases in the absence of available lawyer Hearing Officer in the DOTC-CAR, is without authority and is not privileged to exercise discretion to deviate and exempt himself from any provisions of these Rules. His duty and function in the hearings of CPC cases is confined to the so-called "**reception of evidence**" which need to be validated by a lawyer duly appointed or designated as Hearing Officer (like Atty. Nullar who was previously borrowed from LTFRB Region 1).

Secondly, though not a lawyer but designated as Hearing Officer he has nevertheless the duty and function to control the proceedings and observing in the process the rules or procedures mandated under the Rules of the Board. In so performing that rule he should not rely or apply other procedures dictated to him by counsels in deviation from the clear language of the provisions of the Rules. In the event he has doubt in the application of any provisions of the Rules, Mr. Retuta is obliged to consult or secure clarification from the Board or the Regional Director, not from the counsels who are espousing different procedures for their own or their clients interest and convenience.

Thirdly, it is my view that the Regional Director of DOTC-CAR may not validly issue or grants Certificates of Public Convenience or franchises if the proceedings under which they are issued are in blatant violation of the rules. For, similarly as the Rules of Court, the Rules of Practice and Procedures Before the LTFRB was promulgated by the Board en banc to "**govern pleadings, practice and procedures Before the Board in all matters of hearing, investigation and proceeding**" as a quasi-judicial agency. These Rules, like the Rules of Court, has the weight of law and is necessary and indispensable in the effective operation of the Board. Thus, just like Judges of the Court whose decisions may be invalidated for grave abuse of discretion or authority in the application of the provisions of the Rules of Court, the Decision or Certificate of Public Convenience issued by Regional Directors (or even the Board en banc itself) may also be invalidated for non-observance or grave abuse of discretion in the application of the Rules of Practice and Procedures Before the LTFRB.

Lastly, there is no reason or basis, why in the first place the practicing lawyers should be advising or dictating procedures to the Hearing Officer based on their interpretation of **Cont. on page 7**

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ADDITIONAL
FAMILY COURT
OF BAGUIO CITY

BARP MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,
-versus-
SPS. EDWIN B. ADAWI and ARSENIA B. ADAWI,
Respondent-Mortgagors.

CASE NO. 16-EXF-1911

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE of
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT NO. 3135 as AMENDED

O.R. No. 2203446C/
2203976C
Amount: Php
1,000.00
Date: May 5, 2016

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the BARP MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE as represented by the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of BARP, FEDERICO A. BALANAG, Filipino citizen, of legal age, widower and with office address at Purok 1 Upper Cresencia Village, Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of spouses EDWIN B. ADAWI and ARSENIA B. ADAWI, both of legal age, Filipino citizens and with residence at No. 174 Atok Trail, Baguio City herein referred to as respondent-mortgagors, which as of March 15,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD NICOLE D. NAVARRO WITH APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THE MINOR CHILD TO NICOLE ABEGAIL L. ALIMBUYAO

S P O U S E S
ABRAHAM P. ALIMBUYAO AND REBECCA MAE L. ALIMBUYAO,
Petitioners,
-vs-
THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF QUEZON CITY

2016 amounted to TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE & 33/100 (Php 274,333.33) PESOS, Philippine currency, inclusive of interest and attorney's fees but exclusive of other incidental expenses.

The undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on June 21, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all the improvements thereon to wit:

DECLARATION OF
REAL PROPERTY
ARP No. 99-002-03070

A parcel of residential lot situated at Manganese, Ampucao, Itogon, Benguet covering an area of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN (367) SQUARE METERS.

This Notice shall be posted for twenty (20) days in three (3) conspicuous places, viz.: Municipality of Itogon, Benguet; Capitol Build-

Respondent.

SPEC PRO No.
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ORDER

The petitioner-spouses Abraham P. Alimbuyao and Rebecca Mae Alimbuyao filed this verified third amended petition praying that after due notice and hearing, judgment be entered:

a. Adjudging that the minor child subject of this petition be freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural parents; and

b. That she be declared for all legal intents and purposes, the child of herein petitioners and that her name be changed to conform to that of the petitioners and be registered as NICOLE ABEGAIL L. ALIMBUYAO.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the

ing, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet and Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and shall likewise be published by the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Prospective buyer/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein above described and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 28, 2016 at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, May 31, 2016.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

(SGD) CRISTOPHER
C. ORALLO
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:
All parties concerned;
Junction Newspaper, Baguio City
Publication: June 4, 11, and 18, 2016

Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on August 15, 2016 at 10:15 o'clock in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

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

The petitioners-spouses are directed to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor NICOLE D. NAVARRO. The Court Social Worker is required to submit to the Court the case study not later than August 15, 2016.

SO ORDERED.
DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 18th of April, 2016 at Baguio City Philippines.

(SGD) IVAN KIM B. MORALES
Judge

Publication Dates:
June 11, 18 and 25, 2016

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pangako na mapapatigil o mababawasan ang kriminalidad. Alanganin ako mga dear readers sa pangako na ito, na sa alam ko rin ay mapapako. Yes, mas gaganda kaysa sa kasalukuyang administrasyon ni Penoy ang kahihinatnan natin, ngunit sa palagay ko ay puros summary killings at salvaging ang siyang magaganap sapagkat katulad ng sinabi ko ay hindi naman hawak ni Dudirty ang lehislatibo at hudikatura.

Kung sabagay, sa dahilan na nais kong magkaroon ng isang positibong pananaw ang aking sarili at mambabasa ng kolum

Editorial

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from an internet news outfit and the other from a TV network, had not been assigned to Malacañang, whose officials, especially Aquino himself, most deserved such aggression.

Duterte's "boycott" of the press should prod its practitioners to try out doing some real, old-style reporting. There is no dearth of government officials who relish talking to the media, either because this makes them feel important, or being "in the know," or as an "investment" in nurturing a sympathetic mediaman who can hit out at their enemies,

or of course, just simply for the sake of "truth." Already, as a result of Duterte's boycott of the media, a few, very interesting enterprising news reporting has been done, such as that by the TV reporter who

na ito, ipanalangin na lang natin na kahit mabawasan ng mga 50% ang lebel ng korapsyon at kriminalidad sa kasalukuyang lebel ay OK na OK na yan mga dear readers, at isang malaking salamat at saludo ang aking mai-bibigay kay mayor Digong Dudirty at masasabi ko sa aking sarili na hindi nasayang ang pag-kampanya ko at botos ko sa kanya.

extensively interviewed Duterte's common law wife, Cieleto Avanceña, in their home, which gives us a good insight into the kind of person the President-elect is.

That kind of a sudden 'celebrity status' must be especially exciting for someone who has been working hard in obscurity, as in the case of Duterte's officials, mostly promdis thrilled for the first time in

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

PACIFICO GARCIA,
Applicant

Case No. 90-01-1310

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-TRANCOVILLE & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s.

Notice is hereby given that the Board shall hear this application on June 30, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director this 29th day of January 2016..

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR
Hearing Officer

ERRATUM

On the judicial publication entitled Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Petitioner/Mortgagee -versus- Josefa M. San Jose, Respondent/Mortgagor, Foreclosure Case No. 16-664-S published on the May 14, 21, and 28, 2016 issues of this paper, erroneously published at the technical description were the following: "...along 1-2 by Lot 1-C-1-G..." and "... along line 3-4 by Lot 10..." which should be "... along 1-2 by Lot 10-C-1-G..." and "... along line 3-4-1 by Lot 10..." and not as published.

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

ANTONIO BALANAY
Applicant.

Case No. 99-01-215

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a CPC to operate PUJ service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line BANGUED- LICUA, BAAY AND VV with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be hearing of pending applications for Certificate of Public Convenience by this Board on June 21, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant/s and their counsel/s shall formally appear and submit their evidences.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application/s if any, may also appear and file their oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s

The application/s shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its record and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless this Board deem it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director this 3rd day of June 2016.

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

JOSEPH DIAZ
Applicant.

Case No. 2002-BC-605

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR with the use of ONE (1) unit/s.

Notice is hereby given that the Board shall hear this application on June 30, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director this 13th day of January 2016..

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR
Hearing Officer

Fair and Square

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the Rules since as lawyers they know the principle in statutory construction (while the non-lawyer Hearing Officer does not) that the duty of the Board (not the Hearing Officers) or the Court is to apply the rules or the law and interpret only when the meaning of the rules or the law may not be understood without interpreting it. Otherwise put, **"construction and interpretation come only after it has been demonstrated that application is impossible or inadequate without them"** (Lizarraga Hermanos vs. Yap Tico, 24 Phils. 513.). Unfortunately, the Hearing Officer is deprived of that privilege to interpret.

In the case of the rules under Rule 8 being debated upon by and among counsels and Hearing Officer, which read:

"Section 6- Hearing; Appearance of Applicant and Counsel- During the hearing, whenever applicable, the applicant shall personally appear

and be assisted by counsel of choice.

In case of individual applications, only members of the applicant's immediate members of the family shall be allowed as representatives upon presentation of the necessary Special Power of Attorney and representative's identification documents. Immediate family member shall mean the applicant's spouse, children, father or mother."

"Section 7. Failure to Appear - If the applicant or the duly authorized representative and counsel fail to appear on the initial scheduled hearing, the case shall be reset to another date..."

The language of the Rules above cited are clear and adequate, hence, there is no need for construction and interpretation. Therefore, in adopting different procedures thereby supplanting the procedures mandated under the foregoing rules, as what is now happening in the Regional Franchising Board, the Hearing Officer Designate, Mr. Gregorio Retuta is committing grave abuse of duty and function.

Editorial

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their lives at being interviewed by the national press. Notice how spokesman Salvador Panelo appears ecstatic about being surrounded by the press that he seems to forget the need to call them to an orderly press conference.

Duterte, of course, doesn't realize it, but he and his Administration will be the losers here.

With no press conferences to feed them, the Philippine media will be looking, scrounging

for other "food" - stories that may be negative to him - and will eventually gnaw at his political body. Perhaps that's good for the Philippine press, because that would require them to use the journalistic skills that have, over the past six years, atrophied much.

That's a welcome development for probably the worst generation of journalists this country has ever seen, which Aquino has, of course, delighted in having. by RIGOBERTO TIGLAO/tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com

Mayor to Barangay Officials...

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poration Office requires parking spaces prior to the registration of motor vehicles to public utility vehicles only, the mayor believes that it is high time for the city council to pass amendments to the existing traffic and transportation code by also requiring private vehicle owners proof of parking spaces before the registration of their vehicles.

On the other hand, he urged barangay officials to look for vacant lots in their respective barangays and identify the same as barangay needs to be utilized as parking space for their constituents.

"The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) lacks manpower to apprehend illegal parked vehicles on roads that hamper the flow of traffic, thus, I need your (barangay officials) active involvement in our campaign to clear city as well as barangay roads from any obstructions to avoid untoward incidents in the near future," stressed Domogan.

"As barangay officials, it is your responsibility to talk and to remind your constituents with vehicles not to park at the roadside considering that this is one of the causes of traffic congestions as well as accidents," he added.

Moreover, the mayor also encouraged barangay residents to monitor willful private vehicle owners and report them to their barangay officials for appropriate action./Jho Arranz

Denial of Bonuses

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because the compensations are allegedly excessive and beyond the limit set by the budget department.

Despite the passage of pertinent ordinances backed up by certificates of availability of funds from the local finance committee covering the grant of additional compensation for city officials and employees in 2013 and 2014, the COA still ruled against the grant of such compensation equivalent to one month salary plus an additional P20,000 for every official and employee.

Domogan urged officials and employees to understand the current predicament of the city government relative to the said issued where it has to fight it out in order to dispute the claim of the COA that the previously granted compensations are beyond the prescribed authorized amount, saying that the SC has to rule on the matter as there are numerous jurisprudence upholding local autonomy in the disbursements of public funds.

He explained that the city legal office will take the necessary steps in order to get a favorable

Mayor to Convene...

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maximum period of 30 days while the shortlist from the PNP headquarters will be transmitted to the local chief executives for the selection of their chiefs of police.

However, the city mayor pointed out that such scenario did not happen in the case of the city for over three years because the PNP assigned an officer-in-charged that served as OIC for nearly two years.

The process starts with the Senior Officers Placement Board of the PNP which will come out with the shortlist of the qualified senior officers for the vacant position of chief of police before the list will be submitted to the NAPOLCOM en banc for confirmation. The confirmed list will then be endorsed to the PNP general headquarters which submits the same to the NAPOLCOM regional office, then to the PRO concerned before being transmitted to the local chief executive concerned for the selection of the next chief of police.

Domogan said he does not want to exercise his sole discretion of selecting the next chief of police but he wants to involve concerned stakeholders so that the most qualified BCPO chief will be selected and who will serve the city for the next two years./Dexter A. See

Contractors dared...

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works officials and the contractors will change.

According to him, the city government had always been appealing to the regional and district offices of the DPWH for close coordination in the planning, conceptualization and implementation of public works projects along national roads so that the concerned departments of the city could also plan ahead of time on how to help mitigate the expected effects of such infrastructure projects to the traffic and mobility of vehicles and people around the city.

Domogan assured that people will not negatively react to the implementation of projects in the different national roads if they are able to see that project contractors have sufficient manpower and units of equipment working round the clock within their project sites, coupled with the available flagmen manning critical areas.

He appealed to the public to be patient and understanding about the prevailing traffic situation caused by the simultaneous implementation of projects in the central business district so as not to spoil their day during the opening of classes for the elementary and secondary schools./By Dexter A. See

Baguio Crime...

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thus, they have no problem in the profiling if identified suspects in the various crimes committed in the different parts of the city.

He expressed his gratitude to the city government, the barangays and the local residents for their continuous cooperation and support to the implementation of upscaled peacekeeping initiatives and necessary interventions to make the city a better place to live, work, study and do business.

He appealed to the public for their unrelenting and uncompromising support to the different peacekeeping initiatives that were put in place in order to further improve the peace and order situation in the city's 128 barangays./By Dexter A. See

ruling in favor of the city so that the officials and employees will be able to receive their 2015 additional compensation that was put on hold because of such disallowance rulings of the COA on additional bonuses on said years./Dexter A. See



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Repeal of outdated motorcycle ordinance proposed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance calling for the repeal of an outdated ordinance prohibiting the use of motorcycles on roads, streets and bridle paths within the limits of the city.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Roberto C. Ortega, however, stated that motorcycle riders will not be exempted from the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 10054 or the Motorcycle Helmet Act of 2009 which compel motorcycle riders and their back riders to wear the prescribed and standard protective helmets for their protection.

The proposed ordinance also provides that all motorcycle owners shall install silencers or exhaust mufflers to decrease the amount of noise emitted by their vehicles in order to lessen noise pollution around the city, especially at night and during the wee hours of the morning.

At the same time, motorcycles will be

covered under the provisions of Ordinance No. 001, series of 2003 or the Baguio Number Coding Scheme in order to limit the number of motorcycles travelling along major streets in the city and lessen traffic congestion in the declared number coding zones.

The proposed local legislative measure cited that the use of motorcycles as a mode of transportation is now becoming common not only in the city but also in the entire country and while some sectors are against the idea of riding a motorcycle for safety reasons, it is the most affordable means of transportation for many.

Ortega said that motorcycles use minimal gasoline compared to cars which translates to less maintenance and repair making it cheap to own and maintain.

He noted the city's streets are now congested with the huge volume of motor vehicles, and even motorcycles, making it difficult for motorists

to conveniently travel around the city to reach their destinations on time.

The proponent said students and employees are the ones mostly affected by the traffic congestions which has forced a number of them to buy motorcycles so that they could freely and easily maneuver in crowded places when bring their children to school and going to work.

While some sectors claim that motorcycles emit more bad smoke due to their single engines, the ordinance stated that upgraded versions

of motorcycles are now equipped and injected with catalytic converters and charcoal canisters to control the emission of bad smoke, thus, making them environmental-friendly.

It will be recalled that there was an uproar among motorcycle riders when the city government revived the strict prohibition of motorcycle travel along roads within the central business district that constrained the city to limit the prohibition to Session road, while the city council was tasked to introduce the appropriate amendments to respond to current needs. */By Dexter A. See*

At least 1-M Grade 11 students already enrolled -- Luistro

MANILA - With the school opening, DepEd Secretary Armin Luistro on Thursday said there are at least 1 million Grade 11 students already enrolled in public and private secondary schools nationwide.

Luistro dispelled concerns over the low number of Grade 11 enrollees for school year 2016-2017, data of which are merely based on the submission of enrollment lists by schools to the DepEd national server.

So far, only half of the more than 11,000 public and private schools offering Senior High School (SHS) have submitted their enrollment lists which account for some 432,000 students, he noted.

"The enrollment is not low. The submission (of enrollment lists) comes in trickles because this is the first time, I don't think we have ever done it and I don't think any country in the world has ever done an online enrollment system nationwide that is simultaneous," he added.

Luistro said there are at least a million students in Grade 11 that are already enrolled in the schools which are not yet completely reflected in the national server.

"Enrollment in public schools never happened before. So when people say there is low enrollment, there is no comparable data historically that tells us that enrollment is low," he argued.

DepEd expects some 1.5 million incoming students to enter Grade 11 starting June 13. */PNA/BNB/FMC/EDS*

P50M needed for City Camp Lagoon rehab

BAGUIO CITY – Public works officials informed members of the city council that the agency still needs at least P50 million in order to complete the long overdue rehabilitation of the 3.8-kilometer City Camp Lagoon drain tunnel to prevent perennial floodings in various barangays surrounding the inlet of the tunnel.

Appearing before Monday's regular session of the city council, Engr. Rene Zarate, assistant district engineer of the Department of Public works and Highways – Baguio City District Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO), said the proposed budget was included in the agency's 2017 in order to fully complete the uncompleted concreting works within the rehabilitated drain tunnel to prevent the unnecessary obstruction in the smooth flow of water from the inlet up to the Asin River.

The widened portion of the City Camp Lagoon tunnel has a total length of at least 2.5 kilometers with a diameter of 2.5 meters coupled with the existence of ventilation areas that will allow people to do regular maintenance works inside the tunnel, especially during the rainy and typhoon seasons where debris are expected to impede the smooth flow of water down to its outlet in Crystal Cave.

The City Camp Lagoon project was conceptualized in 2010 with an initial funding of P50 million and it was given a regular allocation up to the present making the total allocations for the project more than P400 million excluding the proposed budget for the completion of the project next year.

DPWH-BCDEO officials also denied the insinuations of some city councillors that the project was sub-contracted by the winning contractor as they claimed that it was the contractor who hired his chosen mining engineer and architect for the project to help him in the implementation of the programmed works aimed at addressing the perennial flooding within the low-lying barangays within the City Camp area.

The council invited DPWH officials to shed light on the various issues and concerns that were raised by concerned sectors regarding the prolonged implementation of the City Camp Lagoon rehabilitation project considering that there might have been a waste of public funds.

Aside from the narrow portions of the drain tunnel, the previous floodings in the City Camp barangays were due to the huge volume of garbage that clogged the narrow portions of the tunnel causing the slow draining of the water into its outlet in Crystal Cave.

The DPWH-BCDEO official also informed the city councilors that the budget for the project this year which was earmarked for the complete widening of the

narrow portions of the tunnel will be completed by August this year in time for the rainy season where there will be a huge volume of water flowing into the tunnel coming from various parts of Quezon Hill, Dominican Hill and other barangays along Naguilian road.

Part of the project was the installation of screens along the waterways which are tributaries to the City Camp Lagoon drain tunnel in order to prevent garbage from being washed down into the tunnel that will contribute to the cloggings of the tunnel resulting to perennial floodings in the affected barangays. */Dexter A. See*

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(La Trinidad)" looked into the possibility of deploying the AGT system technology that features an electric, driverless, fully automated guide way transit system running on an elevated monorail and rubber tires in both sites.

The DOST has certified that the AGT is an environmentally-friendly and sustainable transport technology that could significantly reduce air pollution and traffic congestions between Baguio and La Trinidad and provide an integrated and efficient transport network between and among BLISTT municipalities.

The AGT system project has been included as a priority development project under the revalidated Regional Development Investment Plan (RDIP) for the period 2014-2016, thus, it could qualify for the feasibility study funding support from the NEDA central office, among other funding agencies.

The 5.2-kilometer La Trinidad-to-city-limit component of the monorail project has a total cost of around P4 billion while the 2.1-kilometer Baguio section of the project from the Slaughterhouse Compound up to the Luneta Hill area is estimated to cost P3 billion.

The BLISTT local governments recently agreed to have common projects in order to address common problems such as garbage disposal, traffic congestion, tourism development, environmental preservation and protection, infrastructure development, among other concerns that would improve mobility and provide convenience among local residents and visitors alike. */Dexter A. See*



We will soon have a cherry blossom park in the country. Officials planted over 30 cherry blossoms and other kinds of trees from Japan on Monday (June 6) in Atok, Benguet. /Photo by Karl Lapniten

The Igorot Struggle... from page 10

the mountaineer pagans?

A 17th century petition calls Igorotland "a den of thieves where delinquent Christians take refuge and escape the law", and after the Diego Silang uprising of 1762-63 the Governor General called it a place "where rebels take refuge because they are their allies and our enemies." As a matter of fact, the whole population under control of the Spaniards in the Ilocos went down by onesixth during the first 25 years of the conquest. One modern scholar has concluded that they all escaped to the mountain provinces and Father Lambrecht, after a careful study of the internal evidence of the Ifugao hudhuds, thinks all the Ifugaos migrated into the present province of Ifugao after the Spaniards invaded the upper Magat River Valley.

Modern Filipino writers seem to be just as slow as the Spaniards to give credit to the Igorots for their defense of their homeland. History professors in Manila classrooms have been known to say that it was all just an accident of history or geography. By this they mean either that it was too much trouble for the Spaniards to invade the mountains or that they didn't want to do so in the first place.

The idea that the Spaniards didn't want to invade the mountains of the Igorots is just flatly contradictory to their own records. They heard about the Ilocos gold mines before they ever set foot in Luzon, and it only took them five years after the founding of Manila to reach the Baguio mines. They established short-lived forts in Boa and Antamok in 1620, 1623 and 1624, and in Mankayan and Lepanto in 1668-but they were never able to stay until after the invention of the modern repeating rifle. A hundred years later they tried to open a road through Igorot territory between Pangasinan and Cagayan, and in 1750 began a 150-year war with the Ifugaos. In 1767 they were repulsed in Kiangnan itself, in 1793 they were met by natives wearing metal armor, and during the 19th century they made literally dozens of expeditions into that province. Yet in the 1850's the Ifugaos killed or drove out all the Spanish missionaries in Mayoyao, Bunhian and Kiangnan. In the 1880's they were picking off members of the new occupation forces one by one, and during the revolution they completely massacred the Kiangnan garrison and sent a war party of 600 down to attack a garrison in Isabela.

As far as saying that the Spaniards couldn't invade the mountains is concerned, is it the case that all lowlanders were conquered and all highlanders remained independent? What about the Muslims? They defended their liberty against Spanish invasion whether they lived in mountains, or in tiny little islands, or right on the seacoast. On the other hand, not everybody who lived in the mountains resisted Spanish conquest or, for that matter, even wanted to. The mountains called the Caraballo Sur between Nueva Vizcaya and Nueva Ecija are a case in point. For these are mountains so rugged and easy to defend that the Philippine army had to provide armed escorts for public transportation through that area as late as the 1950's.

When the Spaniards sent four expeditions through this area between 1591 and 1594, the people of some villages welcomed them and paid them tribute, but in other villages tried to fight them off, and in still others completely repulsed them. Yet within a decade, native delegations came to Manila asking for Spanish intervention in local wars, and for another 150 years Spanish forces were welcomed in some places and repulsed in others. The people of St. Catherine's mission, Buhay, for example, only six kilometers from Aritao, always welcomed the conquistadores and their missionaries, while the Panipuy Igorots of Aritao fought them off from behind stone walls until 1745. Yet Buhay was

built on top of rocky mountains so steep people needed ladders to climb up while Aritao was exposed to attack right in the open plain of the Magat Valley. How come Buhay submitted but not Aritao?

Besides, the Igorots quickly learned that living in the mountains did not spare them from Spanish attacks. In 1755 a Spanish friar went to live in the village of Tonglo, near the public school in the present municipality of Tuba outside Baguio. After he destroyed their idols, they threatened to stone him to death, and a few months later drove him out. Since they were only a day's hike from Spanish garrisons on the coast, they must have known they were risking punishment. And in 1759 it came-three separate detachments of lowland soldiers who took three weeks to reach Tonglo, which they subjected to five hours of artillery fire and burned it to the ground so completely no trace of its location can be found today. Yet the Igorot survivors of the battle did not surrender. They simply retreated deeper into the mountains, and some of their descendants are living still in Baguio today.

This was part of the heavy price which the Igorots paid for their independence-always giving up their homes and villages and fields to Spanish fire and sword, and retreating deeper and deeper into higher and higher mountain ranges to struggle for a harder existence. It is clear that at the beginning of the Spanish occupation, the Igorots lived in better houses, in bigger villages than they did later. The 1620 expedition to Baguio found fortifications so solid they used them to build their own fort. A 1740 account says Igorot houses were so spacious three families could live in one of them. The 1759 expedition found a settlement with 35 large houses all made of boards, arranged along a regular street, with a plaza, and a kind of church for their pagan ceremonies. When Galvey entered the Trinidad Valley in 1829, he found 500 houses there, and started burning them. In 1883 there were only fifty left. And a German traveler in 1861 found the Agno valley full of old stone walls in the fields, all grown over with underbrush, and he reported, "Today most villages bear the stamp of misery and deprivation: the fields are badly maintained, the stone walls around the houses are falling down, and the big villages of Galvey's time have been deserted".

When the Igorots were not literally overwhelmed by sheer numbers and firepower, however, they proved formidable opponents. No Spanish force ever maintained a

garrison permanently on the Cordillera before the Remington repeating rifle replaced the old muskets that were almost useless in wet weather. The gold-mining Igorots drove off two Spanish expeditions before they could sample their ores. When Martin Quirante was finally successful in carrying away gold samples in 1625, he brought along 85 Spaniards-double the number Salcedo took to the Ilocos in 1572-as well as 1750 Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos. Nor could the Spanish government guarantee protection to their lowland vassals from Igorot attack. In the 18th century, a Spanish historian says the Ilocano farmers had to work their fields with the sickle in one hand and a weapon in the other, and travel-

NEDA asked to fund feasibility study for AGT project

BAGUIO CITY - The Cordillera office of the Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) approved a resolution endorsing the funding of the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) system feasibility study (FS) from the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) central office funds.

The region's policy-making body stated that there is a need for a full blown feasibility study to indisputably show that the AGT system in the BLISTT growth area is a viable investment for potential investors.

Earlier, the Cordillera office of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-CAR) requested NEDA-CAR to conduct an evaluation of the pre-feasibility study on the AGT for Baguio and La Trinidad and the evaluation revealed that in-depth financial and economic analysis and detailed engineering design are still required which necessitates a full blown feasibility study for the construction of the environmentally-friendly transport system.

"The proposed feasibility will now include the whole BLISTT area instead of just Baguio and La Trinidad," the RDC-CAR resolution stated.

It can be recalled that the Traffic and Transport Planners, Inc. completed the pre-feasibility study of the AGT system in October 2015 which was also funded by the DOST-CAR.

The study, entitled "Study on the Feasibility of Deploying DOST-Developed Mass Transport Transportation Technologies in Baguio City and Benguet

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lers could not use the royal highway along the coast without armed escorts. When one officer proposed an attack on the Igorots in 1796 and told the governor it would be an easy victory, he replied, "Don't forget to make an estimate of the pensions for the widows and mothers of those killed in battle".

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The Igorot Struggle for Independence

(A paper read before the Cordillera Congress for National Liberation, Mt. Prov. Provincial High School, Bontoc, Dec. 26, 1971.)

By William Henry Scott

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Part 1



(A group of Igorot women. Baguio, Benguet, 1900)

It is a strange thing that the history textbooks commonly in use in the public and private schools of the Republic of the Philippines never mention the fact that the Igorot peoples of Northern Luzon fought for their liberty against foreign aggressions all during the 350 years that their lowland brethren were being ruled over by Spanish invaders. One history book says we can never know the history of the Filipino people during the Spanish period because they were slaves to the Spaniards or at least forced to play the role of slaves.

Certainly this is not true of the Igorots. They were never slaves to the Spaniards nor did they play the role of slaves. Quite the contrary, Spanish records make it clear that they fought for their independence with every means at their disposal for three centuries, and that this resistance to invasion was deliberate, self conscious, and continuous. That it was largely successful is indicated by the fact that at the end of the Spanish Regime, when the Cordillera Central had been carved up into a dozen military districts, the last Spanish census listed one-third of the estimated mountain population as completely independent.

Foreign visitors to the Philippines all during the Spanish regime noticed this Igorot independence. An Italian traveller mentioned it in 1696, a Frenchman in 1766, an American in 1842, a German in 1878, and an Englishman in 1896. And it was a cause of great embarrassment to the Spaniards themselves.

When Governor Diego Salcedo landed in Aparri in 1662 and travelled to Manila through Ilocos and Pangasinan, he said he suffered a sense of shame to see all those mountains inhabited by the Igorots, "owners of the gold mines and enemies of the Christians". So in 1779 an official said,

"It is certainly a shameful thing for our nation to suffer such disorders without demanding satisfaction for the Igorot crimes against our vassal natives, and a mockery and cause for laughter among other foreigners."

And a hundred years later Governor Primo de Rivera wrote almost the same thing,

"It is certainly humiliating for Spain and her government at home and abroad, to realize that thousands of human beings, some at the very doorway of the capital, and many others within sight of Christian towns with government forces and authorities, not only live in pre-Conquest backwardness, but commit crimes even to the extent of collecting tribute from the Christian towns themselves without receiving any punishment for their boldness."

Of course the Spaniards did not consider this resistance a fight for independence. They considered the Igorots to be bandits and savages and lawbreakers because they did not submit to Spanish rule like the

lowlanders. And they explained the Igorot defense of their liberty as the instincts of uncivilized tribes who had always been at war with their more peace-loving neighbors. But the first generation of Spanish records do not make it clear that the Igorots' lowland neighbors were peace-loving, or that the Igorots were their enemies.

Quite the opposite, they make it clear that the Ilocanos and the Pangasinanes and Igorots were business partners in the gold industry. A Dominican account of 1593 says the Igorots brought their gold down to their special friends and agents in Pangasinan, and the famous book by Dr. Antonio de Morga of 1609 says the Igorots mined the gold but that the Ilocanos refined it and distributed it to other places. When the first friars went to Mangaldan, Pangasinan, in 1588, they found the people there making regular business trips to the mountains, and worshipping a mountain god called Apo Laki In 1745 the place that is now called Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya, was inhabited by Panipuy Igorots who also inhabited villages high in the mountains of what is now Kayapa municipality and the southwestern borders of Ifugao. And when a Kalinga chieftain raised a revolt in Isabela in 1787, the mayor of Camarag who remained loyal to the Spaniards, was his own brother. Considering the similarity of the present languages of Pangasinan and Benguet, and of Isinay and Lagawe, who can say where the dividing line between highlander and lowlander was when the Spaniards arrived in the Philippines?

As a matter of fact, early Spanish accounts don't even make it clear that highlanders and lowlanders were very different racially or culturally. The first missionaries in Zambales, Pangasinan and Cagayan said the natives were all headhunters there, and the same word mangayaw, is found as far away as the dialects of Mindanao and was recorded by a first-generation Spanish conquistador in the Visayas.

When Juan de Salcedo drove the Chinese corsair Limahong out of Lingayen in 1574, he found the bodies of Chinese who had escaped and were killed by the local people and they were all headless. In fact, when Salcedo's own body was sent to Manila for burial in the San Agustin Church after he died outside Vigan, the head was missing.

The native mountaineers of Panay who were also unconquered by the Spaniards, to this day dig up their ancestors' bones and bury them again after cleaning them just like the Ifugaos, and just so Dr. de Morga said the Tagalogs kept their ancestors' bones in the houses and worshipped them. The kind of earrings the Ifugaos called ling-ling-o have been dug up out of 2,000-year-old Filipino graves in Palawan. All over the Philippines, from Aparri to Jolo, the Spaniards noticed that Filipinos considered a sneeze unlucky at the beginning of a journey, and that they would turn around and go home if a snake or lizard crossed their

path, or if a bird flew from one side to the other. A study by a U.P. professor makes a list of supposedly Chinese words in Tagalog but this list includes a lot of words which are common all over the mountain provinces, like atang, bantay, kotkot, bosog, botyog, and sowitik.

Moreover, a recent study of vocabularies from languages and dialects all over the archipelago by a Yale linguist, indicates that Tagalog and Bontoc, for instance, have more basic words in common than either of them does with any language outside the Philippines-like Borneo, for instance. It is hard to explain this similarity if the Tagalogs came to the Philippines in a separate wave of migration 2,000 years after the Bontocs were already settled in the mountains of the Grand Cordillera Central.

Anyway, whatever the picture was in prehispanic times, after the Spaniards started the conquering of lowland Filipino tribes, those who submitted to the Spaniards naturally became enemies of those who didn't. A Spanish complaint of 1606 says the Igorots prevented the other Filipinos from becoming Christians, and stole children who had been baptized to raise them in the old pagan religion. Some Jesuit theologians in 1619 argued that a just war could be made against the Igorots because they prevented free passage through their lands to the Ilocanos and Cagayanes, "our friends and vassals of the King, Our Lord." And missionaries helped to make enmity between converts and pagans, too. The first missionary in Manaoag bribed converts to report pagans who secretly held caiaos. Governor Cruzat in 1690 issued an order that lowlanders would be punished by 100 lashes for having dealings with pagan Igorots. An Augustinian missionary handbook of 1731 says that Tinguianes and Igorots should be attracted by peaceful means, but that after all peaceful means have failed to convert them, they should be threatened and their fields taken away from them.

And the records make it clear that the Igorots often had justified complaints, too. In 1753 the head of the Augustinians had an Igorot petition translated for the Governor General, asking for the return of the gold, silver and blankets that had been grabbed by the agents of the Governor of Pangasinan. In 1773 the Igorots burned the church in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, in revenge for the loss of their gold which they entrusted to a local businessman. Accounts in both the 18th and 19th centuries say the Igorots collected land rentals in the foothills of the Ilocos, Cagayan and Isabela because they claimed to have owned that land before the Spaniards relocated lowland converts there. A friar writing in Kiangnan in 1857 said the major cause of fighting between Ifugaos and Christians was conflicting claims to the same hunting grounds-and he adds, "the pagans are not always to blame, either".

At any rate, if the Igorots and the lowlanders were natural enemies from time immemorial before the coming of the Spaniards, how come the Spaniards were always complaining that lowlanders were always escaping and running away to join



Igorot carriers cooking their dinner. Sablan Benguet, 1900.

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