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7 DPWH-CAR Engineers Suspended Over 'Substandard' SONA Projects



By Artemio A. Dumlao

BAGUIO CITY – Seven engineers of Department of Public Works and Highways-Cordillera (DPWH-CAR) were suspended over the controversies hounding the 'substandard' SONA projects of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo along the Halsema

In a sudden turn-around after insisting that there was no corruption in the projects, but only malicious imputations "harped" by a losing bidder to taint the image of the DPWH, director Alquiza suspended his engineers apparently to show the irked public he

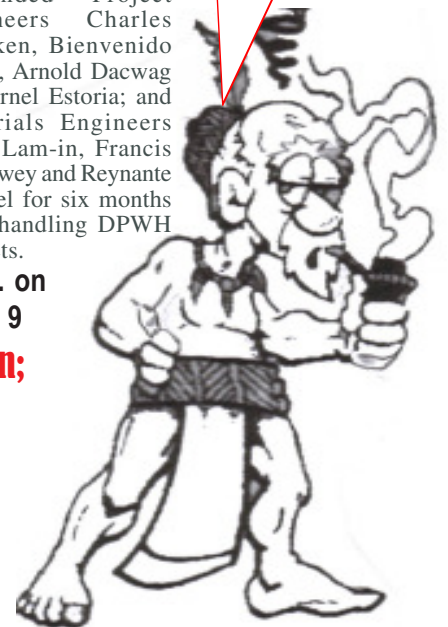
Highway in Mountain Province.

DPWH-CAR regional director

Mariano Alquiza suspended Project Engineers Charles Sokoken, Bienvenido Dizon, Arnold Dacwag and Arnel Estoria; and Materials Engineers Peter Lam-in, Francis Bomowey and Reynante Manuel for six months from handling DPWH projects.

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Buti pa mga tiga Mt. Province, vigilant sila. Dapat ganyan lahat, binabantayan ang mga opisyal sa gobyerno!



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Off goes a sidewalk food vendor across a pedestrian crossing along Session Road, Baguio's main business thoroughfare. Aptly dotted by straight lines of the pedestrian crossing, is a poetic meaning to the lives of many of the city's poor still leading a straight life despite at odds with poverty. — Artemio A. Dumlao

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BY ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



Council drums up support to anti-jueteng crusade

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday sought to drum up support for an anti-jueteng crusade as it passed a resolution “enjoining the people of Baguio to actively participate and to express their strong opposition to the continued operations of jueteng and other illegal gambling activities in the city.”

The measure was proposed by Councilor Perlita Rondez in reaction to the fact that the illegal numbers game continues to run in the city.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. who earlier gave the city police an ultimatum to stop jueteng in ten days the other week told his

press briefing that the city police responded to his order through a report from director Moises Guevarra indicating that they have driven away jueteng operations even the guerilla-type operations from the city.

The mayor said the city police should now work to sustain this status.

The fact that the guerilla-type draws have been stopped in the city however does not guarantee that jueteng operations have stopped in the city as it can happen that the draws were just transferred in nearby municipalities but the bets are still being made in the city.

In the resolution, Rondez said that to

date, the city police have not made a declaration that the city is “jueteng-free.”

“To date, Baguio City is not free from other illegal gambling activities,” she added.

“There is a need to enjoin and call on all residents and organizations to actively participate in the crusade to curb jueteng and other illegal gambling activities by requesting them to immediately report any draws, lotteries or ‘bolas’ being undertaken in their barangays and to submit the names of all bet collectors or ‘cobradores’ and all other illegal operators and protectors of the said illegal number games,” the resolution noted.

Asin landowners’ claims drive hydro task force in limbo

BAGUIO CITY - There is never enough time to do it right the first time, but there is always enough time to do it over.

The self-styled Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association, Inc. (TNHALA) led by one Roger Sinot, reiterated empty demands for the city to pay 20-years retroactive rent for pipes passing through private residential lots over at Asin, Tuba.

This, despite the fact that the city government took over operations of the 83-years old hydroelectric plants only on December 26, 2006.

During an October 10 dialogue between affected residents of Asin with the city government, TNHALA pegged its demands to a whopping P6-million in back rentals, pushing the Asin Management Committee - Technical Working Group’s (MANCOM-TWG) desire to settle land

claims in the area “back in limbo.”

TNHALA likewise demanded the bizarre to the simply unthinkable ranging from TV sets to endorsements for civil works projects that can hardly be equated with the present land issues.

Assessor Augustus Medina, administrator Peter Fianza, council lands committee chair Isabelo Cosalan, and Nicasio Aliping represented the city.

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‘Men in black’ tops Mayor’s 100-day report

BAGUIOCITY – Hard slog has its merits.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. during the State of the City Address (SOCA), October 11, 2007, took pride in his own “Men in Black” on top of other city accomplishments as he claimed, “we have accomplished, in a span of few weeks, what previous administrations took years to address.”

At the mayor’s right flank, a blushing Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) chief Gregorio Deligero could only try to hide pleasure. With a sigh of satisfaction he whispered, “With the mayor’s admiration, I guess we’ll just have to do better in an unremitting fashion.”

Bautista flashily mused, “I am sure [you] have felt that extraordinary feeling of being transported back in time when elements POSD, together with our volunteers and law enforcers started clearing up easements

and our market from un s i g h t l y encroachments and illegal vending activities.”

Armed with hammers, bolt-cutters, and their signature ball-cap and black uniform, Deligero’s unit composed of 17 men earlier braved Burnham Park, the side streets of the business district and the market, yielding vending materials enough to build a house and fill a small warehouse with.

Meanwhile, Deligero revealed that POSD is closely coordinating with city administrator Peter Fianza in conducting dialogues with displaced informal businessmen.

He said that the POSD has adopted a policy of “implement anti-vending laws now, dialogue later” strategy as a means of letting the affected sector realize that POSD “means business and not just photops.”

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Ifugao hospital reports 108 dengue cases

L A G A W E , Ifugao-The Ifugao Provincial Hospital (IPH) here noted 108 dengue cases from Jan. to Sept. 2007.

Dra Jaqueline Kitong, Chief, Technical Division of the IPH here said that the cases of dengue here has risen in the months of July, August and September but noted that there are no casualties. Kitong attributed the zero death to the

capability of the hospital in treating the disease. There were 18 cases in July, 23 in Aug. and 38 in Sept.

Kitong disclosed that the municipality of Lagawe registered the highest number of dengue cases with 24, followed by Hingyon 19; Lamut, 14, Banaue 12; Kiangan, 11; Asipulo, 6; Mayoyao, 4; Aguineldo, 3; and Tinoc, 2. There were also 8 outsiders from

Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela and Quirino who had their medical check up at IPHO.

The IPHO and its municipal counterparts had been conducting Information Education Campaign (IEC) in the municipalities to prevent the occurrence of the disease especially in Lamut and Lagawe.

The municipal government here started advocating for

a clean environment to prevent diseases caused by a dirty surrounding.

“We are prepared with reagents for dengue and we hope that the procurement will be faster in order to save lives,” Kitong said. Due to the long process of bidding at the provincial government, the procurement of medicines and other needs are delayed./ Vency D. Bulayungan (PIA-Ifugao)

CPLA objects to PNP Kalinga, Apayao transfer to Region 2

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera People’s Liberation Army (CPLA) has joined the growing list of officials, and various sectors opposing the transfer of the admin and operational control of the Kalinga and Apayao provincial offices from the police Regional Office-Cordillera(PRO-COR) to Region 2.

In a letter of CPLA Chief Mailed Molina addressed to the Chairman of the Regional Peace and Order Council, he stated that “Such transfer is a clear violation of the Mt. Data Peace agreement enunciated in Exec. Order No 220, series of 1987 creating the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) composed of the provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mt. Prov. and Baguio, and Admin. Order No. 36, series of 1987 directing the organization of various offices of the national government in the Cordillera Admin. Region.”

Molina is requesting newly installed PNP chief Avelino Razon to recall the order transferring

the admin. and operational control of the two CAR provinces to PRO R2 based in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan issued last Aug. 30, 2007 by recently retired PNP Chief Oscar Calderon under NHQ-PNP General Order No. DPL 07-11.

Cordillera Representatives to Congress have earlier written President Arroyo to reconsider the order citing that they were not consulted about it and the move id prejudicial to the concern of the Cordillera people to stand and administer itself as one region.

Provincial and municipal officials of Kalinga and Apayao as well as some religious and civic groups from the affected areas have also vehemently opposed the move.

In other developments, Molina issued a notice to Joel Gatchalian, Nardo Ayyokad, Bantalaog Aliga, Ana Biniahan, M, Salda and all others working with Joel Gatchalian, to refrain from using the name of the CPLA in any of their undertakings since their appointment.

The notice dated Oct. 7, 2007 stated “your appointment as members and officers of the Baguio-Benguet Command issued by former Battalion Commander Bao-anan Waguis is null and void from the very beginning..”

It cited three reasons - that the CPLA recruitment ended in 2000; names of the said persons do not appear in the roster of original troops in any command, and their

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Mt. Prov receives books for its Provincial Library Hub

BONTOC, Mt. Province –Sixteen volumes of books for elementary provided by the Department of Education- Central Office are now stored at the Provincial Library Hub.

According to OIC Schools Division Superintendent Mary A. Lang-ayan, the library hub is a program of the DepEd which provides books to a partner who will provide a space or a building where books are properly stored.

In a library hub, the books are placed in a plastic bins to

avoid tearing. These books are the ones going to the schools and not the school children going to this library because it is not a reading center. The teachers will borrow the books by bin for a month for their pupils to read then return to the library hub and get another set of books, Lang-ayan explained.

Mt. Province is identified as one of the beneficiaries of the program and the provincial government has designated the Knowledge Center, located just beside the capitol building, as the library hub, the first to

be established in the Cordillera

Lang-ayan said the DepEd has allotted an amount of P1.5million to the provincial government to rehabilitate the Knowledge Center because a library hub needs a wider space to accommodate more books and even computer units which will be installed. Book shelves committed by the Philippine Racing Corporation will also be coming soon.

The counterpart of the DepEd-Mt. Province Division in this program is to provide one supervisor

to man the library hub and one IT operator.

To be more acquainted on how the library hub operates, the provincial government also sponsored a one-day orientation to 140 teachers and all school heads including the 12 District Supervisors. The orientation was conducted by the project manager of the library hub, two from UP-Los Banos and another consultant.

“Let us capacitate our teachers to maximize the use of the library hub. After the orientation, even if the building has not yet been rehabilitated, the teachers should

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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.

Political Preservation

So the battle has boiled down to GMA vs JDV, both very astute politicians, both devious, both cannot be trusted (sometimes we wonder why God in his infinite wisdom had to create beings like these two), both couldn't care less about the welfare of the majority of the 80 million Filipinos they swore to serve, both will promise and will say anything to anyone (worldwide) to get what they want, both have their own asshole supporter minions in the disgraceful house of

EDITORIAL representatives (both houses at that), both had put a new meaning to the word prostitute....

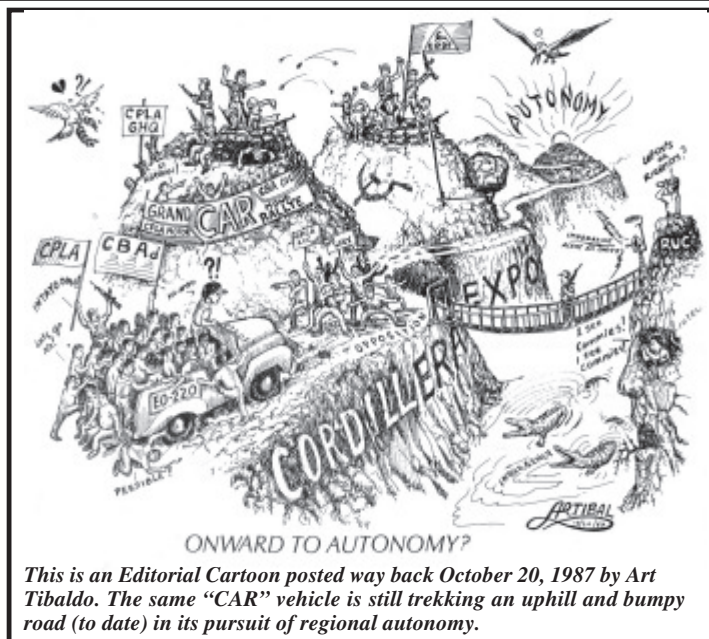
Now we are and will be faced with more theatrical antics from these two whose backs they have to watch against each other every single minute of the day unless one or both of them get stabbed at the back, or who will get the chance to stab who first at the back is more like it, debauchery at it's finest.

A fake impeachment complaint gets filed again (this is the 3rd) in the house by a former true blue honest to goodness Filipino "patriot" lawyer (now turned GMA lackey) against GMA and JDV is now faced with forwarding this crap to the appropriate committee. The only problem is JDV cannot do so as this very same complaint being fake and therefore insufficient in form and substance will again insulate GMA for another year ergo GMA is of the hook for a year and can now train all her guns at him.

Then again if JDV refuses to forward the complaint, he may be put in hot water for not doing his sworn duty which is to protect and serve the interest of the Filipino people, unlike what he has been used to doing for the past 6 years which is to protect GMA's hide and his own.

So far the unfolding of events can easily pass up as material for a hit mystery novel with all the spice of cloak and dagger and spy versus spy stories, all in one. Unfortunately, for us pitiful Filipinos, we have to bear with all the theatrics, all the antics, all the crap and the shit of these two powerful camps (JDV et. al. of Lakas and GMA et. al. of Kampi) while they waste further tax payers' money and make further fools of the whole country in their best interest of self preservation.

God is truly wise and infinite in his wisdom, and as one saying goes, "those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make great" seems to be what may be unfolding before our very eyes. All we can do at this point is keep a close and keen eye on the turn of events, and enjoy the show. The political thermometer is definitely overheating and this time there just might not be a win-win solution for both players. If only these two politicians and their army of slut/asshole supporter minions in congress and the senate and what have you will only take to heart and give serious thought to the joke of Sen. Miriam Santiago when she said (in reference to the ZTE squabbles) that they should just shoot each other in the streets, this country may just have a chance to get back in its feet and be great again. Somebody once said that "politicians are a curse to the nation" - seems to be very true!!! POOR PINOY-WAKE UP!



This is an Editorial Cartoon posted way back October 20, 1987 by Art Tibaldo. The same "CAR" vehicle is still trekking an uphill and bumpy road (to date) in its pursuit of regional autonomy.

DIRETSAHAN

**Korapsyon, Basura, atbp.
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BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Sa kasalukuyang kaganapan dito sa bansang 'Pinas mga suki, kunsaan halos magkakasunod na uma-alingawngaw ang mga kabulukan ng ating gobyerno, mukhang Malabo nang maituturing na CORRUPT FREE ang ating bansa. Kawawa naman si Juan Dela Cruz, nag darahop na, binansagan pang isa sa mga pinaka korap na bansa sa Asya ang kanyang kanyang bayang sinilangan.

Marami na ang umano'y naganap na mga MEGA SCAM, katulad ng COMELEC COMPUTERIZATION, FERTILIZER SCAM, NAIA 3, etc.... At mga iskandalo na tulad ng HELLO GARCI at JOSE PIDAL ACCOUNT... At ngayon naman ay ang umano'y maanomalyang ZTE BROADBAND DEAL na mukhang nawawala na rin ang init at natutunaw na parang yelo. Sa mga nabanggit na eskampol, meron na ba mga suki ang naparusahan at nakulong?

Sa ngayon ay nakakasawa na ang batuhan ng akusasyon at kontra akusasyon ng mga unggoy na politiko. Me mga alegasyon at pagtatatnggi nila ng mga umano'y panunuhol. Para silang mga asong ulol na nag-aagawan ng buto!

Kung tutuusin ay parang nang uunggoy lamang itong mga papansin na politiko dahil puros sila kiyaw kiyaw pero wala namang maipakitang pruwera, samantalang kung gugustuhin ay madali lamang para sa kanila! Andyan ang mga moderno ng gamit katulad ng MINI SPY VIDEO CAMERA at MINI CASSETTE RECORDER na pwedeng itago kahit sa loob ng bulsa. Nariyan din ang cellphone na may camera. Eh bakit hindi nila ito ginamit?... Eh di sana hindi tayo nag-aaksaya ng oras at pagod para malaman lamang ang katotohanan!?! Laos talaga ang istayl ng mga ungas, pwe!

Pero kung tutuusin mga suki ay mayroon din tayong responsibilidad at pananagutan dito. Karamihan kasi sa atin ay pinili na mga bulag, pipi at bingi sa mga nasasaksihang irregularidad kahit nangyayari na mismo ang mga ito sa kanilang harapan! Imbes na ilaban ang karapatan DEDMA na lang! Ito ang masaklap na katotohanan mga suki kaya't lalo lamang nagiging marumi ang larangan ng anumang laro lalo na ang laro ng pulitika sa ating bansa. Ika nga sa kawikaang ingles "FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING" Kaya't bangon mga suki tayoy mamulat at magising..... Labanan ang korapsyon, GISING PPINOY!

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Marami kaya ang magaganda at makabuluhang natutunan ang ating mga konsehales na naglakwatsa... Este naglakbay aral noong isang linggo? Naituro kaya sa kanila kung paano iresolba ang problema natin sa basura?

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Baguio needs better statesmanship from the office occupied by the Hon. Mayor Reynaldo Bautista

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



October is indigenous people's month. It is also traditionally a peasant's or farmer's month in the Philippines, being the month when the martial law land reform law was reportedly crafted and the month when many peasant leaders usually get killed as they lead protests on the streets. However, recent events in the Philippines and Baguio City made me contemplate to suggest that we make October also a garbage month.

Why? Look, Metro Manila is having a problem with garbage and so does the City of Baguio. It is probably a problem nationwide because if it is a problem in Manila then it is probably a problem elsewhere in the country. If it is a problem in Baguio City then it is probably a problem in other municipalities of the north as well. However, later in this piece I would tell you that La Trinidad or the province of Benguet appears to be handling the problem better.

I was really planning to take pictures of all the garbage dumps in the City. That would be an excellent documentation of October 2007. I only discarded the idea when a friend told me that he is planning the same thing and found out later that my three other friends are planning to the same thing. I did not check though if they really did it but the information was enough for me to do other things instead. A hundred or so pictures of garbage dumps throughout Baguio may really give a big jolt to all of us. It would give a good message that we ought to do our share in the garbage problem. However, the pictures would also highlight how we ought not to handle the problem in our city.

The poor barangay captains and kagawads were blamed for the garbage problem. However, the fact that the problem took place in almost all barangays of the city provides evidence that the problem is systemic and cannot be blamed on the leadership of this and that barangay chairmen and councilmen. The Office of the Mayor has an important role in the problem. What are needed from his office are leadership and statesmanship and not passing the buck.

How did the Office of the Mayor attempted to solve the problem of garbage segregation in the City? Well, he declared that from henceforth the responsibility of segregating the garbage would be a responsibility of the barangay. Whew! With this kind of reasoning, it will not be surprising that the next time around, all the problems of the city would be a responsibility of the barangay: health, crime, traffic jam, meninggo coccemia, epidemics. Of course, the Office of the Mayor was probably the one responsible for the segregation leaflets posted in a few sari-sari stores. I, myself, am a practitioner of garbage segregation at home even before segregation became a fad or whatever in Baguio. However, there are really practical problems involved in segregation that cannot be resolved by sheer appeal to patriotism alone. For garbage segregation to succeed, the real cost of implementing the scheme must not be too exorbitant to implement. Otherwise, only the super patriots will be able to implement the scheme.

Information and education are important factors. There is a need to deepen our information and education drives. The leaflets in the stores will not suffice. We need leaflets in every home. Guidelines and comic books on garbage segregation must be in every house. We can fund these because we have business giants like the SM and the firms of the Baguio Economic Zone in the city. The city earns sizeable revenues.

Do we want the barangay local governments acquire greater responsibility in garbage segregation? If so then the city government must guide and train the barangay local governments and not simply impose or dictate on them. Passing the blame would be worst because that would not solve the problem and it will only earn enemies. For instance, the recyclables in the barangays can be awarded to a few collectors. The collector must not be a single collector because that will lead to complacency but not many because the collection business may not be viable to sustain. Further, the collection contracts should be for a short period (perhaps three months) only so contract renewals could be based on performance. The barangays should be guided on how they can tap people in the recycling business in managing our solid wastes. The Office of the Mayor has an important role in this. (...to be continued...)

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HINDI MAAASAHAN !!!
BY ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO*



HLURB-CARDAPATI-REVAMP – Hay! Hay! Hay! Naku mga dear readers, kahit ang isang medias este media na katulad ko na paminsan-minsan ay nakokoryente rin sa aking pinagsusulat. At saan ako nakoryente? Aba eh nakoryente ang inyong lingkod noong sinabi ko na mukhang ok ang pamamalakad at liderato ng HLURB CAR sa kolum ko nakaraang 2 issues ago - yuon ang aking akala. Dahil sa aking pagkakamali ay nais ko sanang humingi ng paumanhin at aminado akong nagkamali ako sa aking sinulat at sa aking akala. Lumalabas ngayon sa aking mga masalimuot at masusing pag re-research na itong HLURB-CAR ay isa rin palang opisinang may **PALAKASAN** at **NAG-BIBIGAY PABOR** sa ilang mga developer. Abangan ninyo mga dear readers sa mga darating nating kolum at sa mga darating na issue ng pahayagang ito at kung kakailanganin na maging 20 pages o mahigit pa ang pahayagang ito ay gagawin natin para malaman ninyo ang lahat ng **BAHO** at **KATARANTADUHAN** na pinagpagawa ng HLURB-CAR, hindi ba Director Rebecca Torres ang hepe ng HLURB CAR na **nagmamalinis**!!!!. Dedetalyahin natin ang lahat ng mga ito para sa ganooon ay baka sakaling ang pamunuan nang HLURB sa Manila ay maisipan na palitan na ang pangalan ng HLURB which is supposed to mean Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board. He, he, he, he! ano ulit yun? Land Use and Regulatory Board??? Ow c'mon among Land use at Regulatory ang pinagsasabi ninyo? PWEHEE, magsitigil nga kayo diyari, at nasusuka ako sa kaplastikan. **AGA-AMO TAYON!!!** Kayo jan sa HLURB CAR, lokohin ninyo mga **LELONG** ninyo at tandaan ninyo na hindi lahat ng tao ay inyong **MALOLOKO!!!** In fact, irerekomenda ko na rin sa Board ng Linis Gobyerno kung saan ang inyong lingkod ang siya ring Director for Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices na tutukan at isama sa mga priority advocacies ang pagbabantay sa HLURB at kung kakailanganin ay ating kakalampagin ang pamunuan at related agencies ng HLURB sa Manila.

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CD GUEVARA INUTIL PALA??? – Talaga naman oo. Akala ko sa pagpapatigil lang ng Jueteng inutil itong si City Director Moises Guevara, yuon pala ay pati na rin ang kanyang pagbibigay ng order sa kanyang mga Sub Station ay hindi rin siya sinusunod. Tsk! tsk! tsk! Kawawa naman itong si City Director na Police Senior Superintendent pa naman (Full Colonel) Moises Guevarra. Ito ay tungkol sa isang request na kanyang i-nokeyhan at ipinasa sa Sub-Station 10 at ng nakarating sa Station 10 ay kanila rin inokeyhan pero ayun wala din pala. Bakit kaya ganun ang mga kausap sa Station 10 (MALALABONG KAUSAP), siguro kailangan ng **SUHOL, LAGAY, BAYAD, PERA, SOP, MAGKANO BA SABIN NIYO LANG MADALI NAMAN KAMING KAUSAP** etc... ??? Ano kaya ang kailangan ng mga taga Sub Station 10 para galangin nila itong si CD Guevarra??? Dahil sa kakulangan ng espasyo ay sa mga darating ko nang kolum ilalabas ang hinggil sa isyung ito.

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KUDOS –POSD-MAYOR'S Office- Akala ng marami ay hindi tayo marunong bumati at pumuri sa mga magagandang aksyon ng ating mga opisyal, duon sila nagkamali. Bagama't bihira tayo bumati at pumuri ay ginagawa rin nang inyong lingkod kung nararapat. Katulad halimbawa sa pagkakataong ito, itong parati kong binabatikos (at ipagpapatuloy na batikusin hanggat kailangan) si Mayor Peter Rey B at ang kanyang POSD na pinangunahan nang kanyang trusted man na si Mayor Greg este King Greg este Boss Greg. Salamat at sa wakas ay umaksyon na rin ang Mayor's Office at pinirmahan na rin ni Mayor B ang lahat ng naka tambak na closure order sa kanyang lamesahan, ito ay ayon sa isa nating DPA – (Deep Penetrating Angel sa Office of the Mayor). Kung inyong matatandaan ay binatikos natin kailan lamang nitong nakaraan nating kolum kung saan inaalang natin kung nasaan ang lutuan sa Mayor's office (or nasa POSD) kung saan lumalabas na pirmado na ang mga closure order ng lahat ng dapat na pumirma na hepe ngunit nate-tengga lamang sa lamesa ni Mayor. Kung bakit ganito, marahil siguro ay busy lang talaga si Mayor, at ito ay isa lamang oversight sa kanyang opisina?!?! Akala ko tuloy na binibigyang pabor at pagkakataon ang mga may closure order na

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**Violence in Baguio:
Dangerously High
(Part I)**

BY GRACE BANDOY



My utter apologies for a seemingly long absence from this paper, it's just that I subjected myself into hibernation after my family suffered a tragedy in August and well, I have been on a personal knotty journey too during the same time.

But hey, we can't be sad forever. We just have to get out of our ratty shells and be part of the world again so here we are.

The tragedy that happened in August to us is very, very profound (for me) and is something you'll never ever forget for the rest of your life. It has affected me gravely and has changed some of my outlooks in life.

There is an alarming rise of violent crimes in Baguio today. It's no secret. It's scary. It worries a lot of us.

One never really knows the feeling of being scared from something that is violent unless you experience it personally – when it happens to someone close to you.

I might not be the immediate family of my aunty Mary but she's my aunty Mary as long as I can remember.

She's this sweet but sometimes nicely naughty and funny old woman who decided to spend the rest of her life in the Philippines when they came here for a vacation some two years ago from the United States (after staying there for nearly a decade).

She probably thought, "why the hell should I go back there and work my ass off?! I'm staying here by hook or by crook!," so dear ole' aunty Mary stayed and lived in their family home at Hillside.

For her age of 68, she's strong and very much able. She can take care of herself! She's a super old woman. You know how some old people get – they want to be alone. I guess some of our old folks find some sort of happiness in solitude.

And like your typical senior citizen, she sometimes can be uncanny but most of the time, she's funny and greets you in the morning when you pass by her house and she can be talkative sometimes when you get into a story with her.

I love old people, (I said it for the nth time already), they're gentle, harmless, they are the world, they're way ahead all of us. They know everything already while we're just beginning to discover the real deal about life. You just want to hug them and wish that they're always safe and comfortable and happy. Their smiles are just one of the most beautiful things on earth.

I come from a poor family but if I were rich, I'll put up a shelter and gather all the old people being maltreated out there and cuddle all of them and make them happy. I'm not as affectionate towards the younger generations of our society because c'mon, we and the younger ones have a whole lifetime ahead of us to make our lives better, but these old people have been there and done it and the rest of their days should be spent with no more suffering, only good times and happy times.

They should not be out there begging on the streets and looking for food and a place to sleep in at night.

In the afternoon of August 21, 2007, my mother found the body of aunty Mary in her home, lifeless and swimming in a pool of blood. (It's hard to think about it without shedding a tear).

She has been robbed of still an undetermined amount of money and was hit in the head twelve (12) times with a more-than-14mm iron steel bar. Twelve deadly blows to the head that even the doctor who conducted the autopsy found gruesome. He said it is one of the most violent acts on a person he has known as an autopsy doctor of the SOCO (Baguio's CSI) department of the Baguio City Police office.

The fatal wounds to her head were all deep that it cracked open her skull and damaged her brains. No person on earth could have survived those kinds of wounds inflicted on her. She's a 68-year-old woman. SHE DOES NOT DESERVE THAT. And no innocent person on earth deserves that.

It has been a shock to all of us members of her family and to our community at Hillside Barangay.

It has been a sleepless 30 days for me.

No suspects, no witnesses.

I have not been a fan of dead people (attending dead people's wakes and burials, going to cemeteries, etc.) ever since my dad died (of sickness) in 2003.

But in the dark, cold morgue of the Funeraria Paz on August 23, 2007 while it was freezing and it was raining like hell,

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TELL IT AS IT IS

Family Matters, Etc.

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



Dear Readers,

Greetings!

How are you? Thank you for your letters and thank you for reading Junction.

To those who wrote me asking why my column wasn't around last week, I am so sorry I was busy and also needed some time to sort things out..as you all know being a widow is not altogether easy.. moments of sadness, questions, tears still come, just glad I have friends, family and acquaintances who truly care and continue to extend comfort and friendship.

Eh kumusta naman ang mga tsismis? tsismosa? at tsisimoso?..ewan at pakialam ko sa mga yan...as I said... to all those spreading lies and harsh rumors.. straighten up, come out with the unadulterated truth and proof and face me! nalang.

Thank you to those who wrote me to tell me they truly appreciate and liked my column "A Call to Morality". I'll try to squeeze another rerun of it in the weeks to come, as requested.

Yeah it's true..nakakalungkot talaga ANG KAKAPALAN NG MUKHA NG MGA KABIT.. at mga babaeng walang consideration sa mga pamilyang nasisira at mga babaeng makapal ang mukha manira ng kapwa, pamilya at legal wife.. meron talagang mga babae walang respeto sa relasyong mag-asawa or yung papalit-palit ng lalaki sa buhay or nakarami na ng lalaki sa buhay!!! meron din mga sawi sa pag-ibig at gusto pa mandamay!! hay kapal talaga.

Sa mga lalaki naman na ang lakas ng loob na kumuha ng kabit.. pa-macho image? anong macho sa may kabit? anong macho sa mga lalaking nahuhuli na may kabit? fling? kahit ano pa itawag dyan! basta extra-marital affair, immoral! Yung iba pa nga wala na nga sapat na ipambubuhay sa pamilya, kakaliwain pa yung asawa na nagtratrabaho maitaguyod lang ang pamilya. Macho ba yung ganun? Hindi mo na nga maasikaso asawa at anak mo ..kulang na ba oras mo sa kanila? kukuha ka pa ng kabit?! Kung ayaw na kausapin mo asawa mo ng matino at maayos pero huwag mong lokohin .. pero mabuti pa rin i-try iworkout ang marriage because MARRIAGE IS TRULY MEANT FOR KEEPS.. PEOPLE WHO DESTROY MARRIAGES ARE LIABLE TO GOD AND THE LAW.

Isa pang nakakalungkot eh yung in-laws relation. Marami na akong naririnig na patotoo na nagkakasira ang mag-asawa dahil sa masamang ugali ng mga in-laws..

One of the many things I truly appreciate about my parents is that they do not fall in this category.. I have seen their efforts to accept, understand and love my late husband through the years of our bf-gf relationship especially during our marriage. Of course like any parent.. they do not condone or approve bad attitudes but I have seen how my parents reached out to my husband when he was still alive.

A strong and good family is truly important. Importante talaga ang matino at matatag na pamilya... walang amount ng pera o yaman ang makakapalit dito. Sana bilang mga magulang and as human beings endowed with the sense of right and wrong.. hindi man tayo perfect dahil walang naman perfect pero isipin natin muli ang halaga ng buo at maayos na pamilya.. masakit sa mga anak at bata ang epekto ng sirang pamilya...children who will soon grow up into adults.. much of a person's character and personality is reflected on how he or she was/is brought up. Wala nang lokohan.. this is the truth ..why try to distort it?

Well, that's all for now..see you again next issue.

Hello to the staff of WCPU, Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center(BGHMC) Staff, The **BGHMC Resident Doctors**, Mr. Kiwas, BGHMC HRD, the various BGHMC Dep'ts (Anesthesiology, Medicine, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, OB-Gyne, Pediatrics, Radiology, Surgery), BGHMC HRD, Cathy, Jena, Shawie and family, Pam, SPMS, Gutierrez family, Dondo family, Santos family, Atty. Zosimo and family, Atty. Kat, Angie, Ma'am dela Cruz and family, The Junction Newspaper staff and Mr. Aquino, George and family.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
GEORGE A. ROSARIO
Applicant
Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-248
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight 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 this Board on December 18, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, or within five days from receipt of the notice, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and may 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 the Board deem it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 11th day of October 2007.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
TICMAN SANTOS
Applicant
Case No. 98-BC-1051
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on November 27, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 10th day of October 2007.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
TERSON C. CASI-Vendor
AMICRELLEA. EBES-Vendee
Applicant
Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-591/2007-CAR 0264
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience with Correction of Entry to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BECKEL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on October 30, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
JOSE A. LO
Applicant
Case No. 88-01-806
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on October 30, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
LOURDES S. LOMEREZ
Applicant
Case No. 2003-CAR-174
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM-AWAN via Quezon Hill and Vice Versa with the use of two (2) units.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on October 30, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 10th day of October 2007.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
RONALDO AOAS
Applicant
Case No. 98-BC-331
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 10th day of October 2007.

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

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I stood in front of the murdered body of my aunty Mary, cried like I never cried before (not even the way I did when my father died) and swore that I'll spend the rest of my life making sure she would not have died in vain.

Whoever did that will pay. Justice will find a way somehow.

It's hard not to think about it and think of my aunt and miss her. It's unacceptable and this heavy feeling is still difficult to shrug off. One cannot fully recover from something like that.

It makes me wonder how it all became like this. Sometimes we think we're invincible, but that murder should be a wake up call for all of us that no one is safe anymore. Not even in the comfort of our own homes. And it could happen to us anytime.

Is this what Baguio has become?

The asshole who did that must not be out there free as a bird and may commit the same crime again!!

For ANY helpful INFORMATION regarding the incident please call Police Station 4 at 443-9114 or text 0928-672-7418 (ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)

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already borrow the books for their pupils to read. It is hoped that with this project, the performance of our school children will become better", said Gov. Maximo B. Dalog during the last Prov'l. School Board meeting.

The library hub program is a boost to educational support in government's efforts to reduce poverty by investing in new textbooks and teaching materials and teaching programs for mentors, among others./Juliet Saley (PIA MP)

'Men in black' tops.. from page 2

Vowing to continue clearing activities without letup, he acknowledged, "The clampdown is in line with mayor Bautista's thrust to bring the city back to its pristine glory as a tourism city."

"We were given the job... and that we will do with utmost zeal despite our diminutive number," he added.

Meanwhile, Bautista in his 100th day report added, "While hundreds may cry upon our actions, let us consider that on the other hand, we were successful in bringing back smiles, comfort and security to the self-effacing housewife, our students on the rush, our workers on the move, our legit businessmen, and hundreds of thousands of Baguio revelers."

"The law is harsh, but it is law," he declared... "Our laws forbid what we have sought to clean up."

Apparently aware of "forum-shopping" done by illegal vendors, Bautista appealed to councilors to unite with him "in implementing laws and ordinances... so that our dreams of reinstating Baguio as a prime tourist destination may once again be realized even before our centenary."

"Our job is not to provide jobs but to create an excellent atmosphere for investments, which would in turn, create much needed jobs," he added.

POSD, Deligero revealed, is now "in maintenance mode," explaining that due notice have already been given illegal hawkers and that seizure of goods are now "in full blast." **ISL

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

ANDREA K. BALICTAN,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. GERVACIO & PACITA PACIO,
Mortgagors.

07-EXF-1233

For:

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by Andrea K. Balictan against Spouses Gervacio and Pacita Pacio both residents of Slide, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 3, 2005 amounts to THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P h p 3 0 0 , 0 0 0 . 0 0) excluding monthly interest of 10% and other expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned will sell at public auction on October 25, 2007 at 10:30 in the morning at

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appointments violated the organization's policy on collective decision making and have not been confirmed by the High Command.

Your refusal to heed this notice will compel the High Command to take the necessary legal actions against you to preserve the

the main entrance of the Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for CASH or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit;

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-007-03316 and ARP NO. 99-007-03347

A parcel of land located at Slide, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet with an area of .0975 ha. Bounded on the North: by Wanat Pacio; on the East; by creek; on the south; by Marcelina Pacio; on the west by Wanat Pacio with market value in the amount of PHP41,510 and ass. value of PHP4,600 and a house erected on the said lot one family dwelling 1st Floor 111-B,57(3770) CHB, 2nd Floor 111-B, 10 (2510) roof; G.I. with market value of PHP245,500.00 and assessed value of PHP24,500.00.

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

La Trinidad, Benguet this 27th day of September 2007.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) FELIMON H. MACARIO Sheriff 1V

Sept. 29, Oct. 6, and 13, 2007.

integrity of the organization", Molina warned.

Baguio City Social Welfare Development Officer Betty Fangasan earlier reported in a meeting that a group claiming to be members of the CPLA and headed by a Joel Gatchalian is working as

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

IN RE: Change/Correction of Gender in the Certificate of Live Birth from FEMALE TO MALE,

JOHNIE FLOAR ARSENIO TIAP,
Petitioner,

-versus-

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

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 07-C-1436

X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on September 12, 2007 praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office to correct the GENDER of the petitioner from FEMALE to MALE in his Certificate of Live Birth.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on February 13, 2008 at

security guards/goons for a Mr. Boy Salda, a claimant to a donated lot in bgy Irisan where the City Social Welfare Youth Center stands.

The presence of Gatchalian's armed group in the area poses threat to the children and staff at the center, Fangasan said/PIA-CAR

9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than September 30, 2007.

Finish copies hereof together with the copy of the petition and its annexes to the Offices of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction; the petitioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 26th day of September at La Trinidad Benguet.

(SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr. Presiding Judge

Sept. 29, Oct. 6, and 13, 2007.

Tell it as it is.. from page 6

To all friends and acquaintances who continue to send their comfort, messages and letters.. Thank you so much.

Happy Birthday to mama (Mrs. Precy Ocampo), Brigs Ogues and Ate Sha of WCPU PLEASE VOTE MR. MOISES OGUES FOR BRGY. CAPTAIN OF GUIPAD PLEASE VOTE MR. ODELL AQUINO FOR BRGY. CAPTAIN OF AZKCO.

Asin landowners'.. from page 2

Tuba vice mayor Val Carantes and his council members, Benguet board member Nardo Cayat and Ernesto Matuday of the Benguet Governor's Office were likewise in the dialogue representing their respective fiefs.

Sinot's TNHALA likewise demanded the city stop negotiating with individual landowners claiming TNHALA represented the will of the majority of the Asin residents.

However, with various opinions cropping up from the landowners themselves, it was clear during the meeting that TNHALA was merely a piece of the salted pie.

Sinot himself revealed the meeting conducted at City Hall was "the most attended," even punning, "the only time residents attend is when city hall calls for the assembly," hinting that not all residents do subscribe to TNHALA's stand.

Fianza said, "The demands of TNHALA might be too high and that the various suggestions from other lot-owners are simply not entwined with said demands."

He explained that if such demands are anchored on the power produced by erstwhile Asin Hydroelectric Development Corporation (Hedcor), the demands will be impossible to meet.

He explained, "The city only earns a fraction of Hedcor's production which is further reduced because of shares going to the municipal government of Tuba and provincial government of Benguet.

"Add to this the salaries of plant workers and other operating expenses and the income of Asin becomes insignificant if we would consider TNHALA demands."

HEDCOR during its time have 2-generators running in each of the three plants, not to mention reserved sets, producing about 5-thousand KWH per day.

Fianza in an earlier interview related, "While the plants have a combined generating capacity of 1,500-KWH per day... our generators are old and may just breakdown if pushed to capacity."

Plant 2 is currently in "sick bay" after flume lines supplying water to the facility was damaged.

It could be remembered that the council directed the MANCOM-TWG to draft recommendations as to "whether or not it is better to maintain the facility as an enterprise managed by the city; or simply to bid out the same."

It is highly doubted however that MANCOM-TWG would be able to comply with the council deadline on October 30 with the ever changing demands of Asin landowners yet to be reconciled to a more realistic petition.

Meantime, Tuba and Benguet officials recommended Asin landowners to "go back to the round-table" to have a united and more realistic stand before requesting a meeting with them or the city government. **ISL

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lutuin nila, hindi pala ganon! Kaya nais kong batiin ang POSD at MAYOR'S office sa pagpapatupad nang closure order para sa mga establishmentong maraming mga bayolasyon at nararapat lamang na maipasara para sa kapakanan at kabutihan ng ating mga kabataan, kababaihan at ng madla..... **KUDOS at MABUHAY kayo.** Teka sandali, kayo diyan sa permits and licensing may tumimbre sa akin na kapag napirmahan na ni Mayor ang permit at wala namang bayad o kinaukulan kabayaran para sa nasabing serbisyo o kalakalan ay pinalulusot niyo raw diyan at inyong dinadagdagan o sinisingitan nang dokumento on your own. Totoo kaya ang ang aking info mula sa aking DPA? Malalaman natin ito sa mga darating na panahon!!!

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Cou. POPO COSALAN / PB Helen Miranda- Hindi pala maasahan- Akalain ninyo mga dear readers kailan lamang ay nagkaroon nang isang scheduled meeting and ocular inspection na pinangunahan ng HLURB sa isang Subdivision at 10 days before the scheduled date of October 11

ay na-notify at na-imbihan na ang iba't ibang concerned offices. Sa awa ng mahal na Panginoon ay nakadalo naman ang karamihan ng naimbitahan except for two (2) concerned government offices which are the office of Councilor Popo Cosalan at opisina ni Punong Barangay Helen Miranda. Tsk !tsk! tsk! . Ang masasabi ko lang sa 'yo Konsehal Cosalan, kabago bago mong konsehal **ISNABERO** ka na kaagad. Siguro busy ka sa pag-survey nang mga public lands ano (bigyan mo nga ako ng tip san pwede mag squat)? At ikaw naman PB Miranda, dapat sa darating na Barangay Elections ay ma-out ka na sa Brgy. Bakakeng Central. **SUME-SUWELDO KAYO** mula sa kaban nang Bayan ngunit ang inyong opisyal na tungkulin ay hindi ninyo ma-gampanan at simpleng official invitation for ocular inspection ay hindi ninyo madaluhan o ni magpadala man lang sana kayo nang inyong representante ay hindi ninyo magawa. **ABA SINISWIRTI TALAGA KAYO ANO!!! Bakit kayo lang ba ang ANAK NG DIYOS!**

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means business in his avowals that he will not tolerate any wrongdoing.

Dir. Alquiza's move, said Juliet Aban, DPWH-CAR information officer, was in response to the complaints and the result of the quality tests by the DPWH-Central Office Quality Assurance Unit where most of the pavements failed.

DPWH sec. Hermogenes Ebdane has warned that various cases await contractors who will refuse to "replace and repair" (R&R) defective portions of the multi-million SONA public works projects of the President after they were found to have been below par in standards.

Ebdane also vowed DPWH-CAR officials who participated in the mess will face charges.

Mountain Province residents traveling along the Halsema Highway (Baguio-Bontoc Road)

are complaining that contractors ordered by Ebdane who himself saw the defects, are defying him.

Winning contractors of the P80 million worth SONA projects are reportedly stubborn in following Ebdane's "R&R" (already a byword by Mountain Province folks because of the alleged corruption scandal hounding these projects) claiming they lack equipment to do it and could give warranty to these projects.

"How can you give warranty to something softer than hollow blocks?", an apparently irked sec. Ebdane told journalists here after speaking at the Road Engineers Association of the Philippines (REAP) national convention Thursday last week at the Pines View Hotel.

Ebdane reiterated that those that should be repaired and

replaced did not pass government standards.

The DPWH sec earlier directed the removal and replacement of defective pavements found in ten contracts of the Phase II and III of the Halsema Road improvement project, particularly along the Mt Data, Bauko-Bontoc and Bontoc, Mt Province-Banaue, Ifugao road sections.

In his two surprise inspections in July and August of the multi-million flagship projects which were complained as allegedly "sub-standard", mega-overpriced, and reeking with corruption, Ebdane confirmed for himself the complaints from residents of Mountain Province reaching his office.

A core testing conducted by the Bureau of Standards also technically proved that 10 portions of the 52 contracts by at least five major contractors were sub-standard.

A second core-testing, Ebdane said,

DTI Bares Seal of Excellence to 15 Establishments

Fifteen establishments selected from among the provincial and city nominees will receive a Certified Establishment Seal from the Department of Trade and Industry-Cordillera.

The DTI-CAR office has identified as awardees C & Triple A Supermart, SM Department Store-Baguio, Baguio Holiday Supermart, 5 Cents Up Supermart, Tiong San Harrison Department Store, New Go Chu Commercial and Victoria's Supermart.

For the provinces, 456 Commercial, Tiong San La Trinidad and Pines Supermart will be the awardees

from Benguet and T. Bayle Supermart for Kalinga, Coronet Aquino Grocery, New Commercial Trading and JECA Emission Testing Center will be the awardees from Abra. Likewise, the Kiang Community Multi-Purpose Development Cooperative, Inc. is the only awardee from Ifugao.

The DTI-Certified Establishment (CE) Program is designed to promote and foster the highest level of business ethics and uphold a fair and honest marketplace through voluntary self-regulation and service excellence.

The awardees were selected based on some guidelines

that are in compliance with Fair Trade Laws, ISO 9000/14000 and those that are socially committed and responsible service providers.

Owners and representatives of these establishments will receive their silver or bronze awards on October 15, 3PM at the SM Atrium which will also coincide with the CONSUMERNET program.

DTI-CAR Regional Caretaker Carmelita C. Usman explained that the CE program is in line with their mandate to nurture, guide and protect both the consumers and the establishments from unfair trade practices. - Art Tibaldo

even validated more the complaints "because 100 percent of them did not pass while during the first testing 90 percent failed."

"Why, do you like to use such roads?" he asked journalists in jest but apparently directing his double-edged question to the contractors who have not started to repair and replace the pavements.

"Shape Up Or Ship Out"

Contractors, Ebdane said, have only until the third week of October to finish the "R&R". Otherwise, said the former top police official, it will be up to these contractors if they want to be blacklisted and face numerous charges. "we can file cases against them," he firmly said.

Already, the DPWH has blacklisted at least 700 contractors in the country for

substandard works including some also in Leyte where a similar R&R order was implemented to pavements that showed physical defects.

The DPWH chief also hinted that aside from the contractors, officials involved in the "mess" that had reached the Office of the President and the

Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) upon the formal complaint of Sabangan town (Mountain Province) resident Juniper Dominguez, will also face raps. "My actions will be based on the final results of the investigation," he said.

"Fall Guys?"

The bold action of director Alquiza, yet considered to have the best of intentions to cleanse the image of the DPWH-CAR on the SONA projects, however is received coldly.

Juniper Dominguez suspects the seven though partly to blame for the mess, were just plain "fall guys" so that the buck stops at them. "It is part of his cosmetics," Dominguez insisted explaining, the 7 were only fall guys so that other officials involved are exonerated.

Aban of the DPWH-CAR however said that they are serious in their intention to rectify the wrong at the SONA projects. In fact, she said, director Alquiza has gone to Mountain Province to push the contractors to begin the R&R immediately.

Alquiza, together with his assistant, Engr. Daniel Domingo, chairman of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) are facing graft cases before the PAGC for the Sona projects including other projects allegedly reeking with corruption./Artemio A. Dumlaog

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especially in the purchase of the said van.

In his sworn statement, Kimakim disclosed that sometime in march 2006, Helen Macli-ing, a nurse at the Bontoc general hospital, approached him and handed him a blank bid form. Macli-ing reportedly instructed him to write the text under the item description of said bid form.

On February 16, 2007, businessman Adelon Espiritu accompanied by his mother Arcely T. Espiritu appeared before the NBI-CAR where he elaborated that he and Kimakim never met or knew each other or have they made any dealings especially on the purchase of the reported overpriced van and claimed that it was Helen Macli-ing who purchased it from Motor Plaza. The NBI concluded that the transaction between Kimakim and Dalog on the sale of the van never

transpired, thus, the narrations contained in the deed of sale of the vehicle were "absolutely false and in violation of Article 171 of the Revised Penal Code". "By operation of law and for reason that the narrations contained in the said deed of sale of the van are untrue, all the documents that were issued in support to the same deed of sale of the van are deemed fabricated and falsified," the NBI probers said. "In the same manner, all the subsequent documents issued in support of the same deed of sale of the van are likewise believed falsified and made up purposely to justify the disbursement of the payment of the vehicle in the amount of P999,000."

The NBI found out that the Mitsubishi van that was made to appear to have been officially purchased by the Mt. province provincial government was actually the same Mitsubishi L-300 van that was privately purchased by the spouses Bartolome and Helen Macli-ing from the Motor Plaza

Corp. in Baguio in the amount of P756,000 only.

The provincial government was defrauded in the amount of P999,000 in view that no transaction on the sale of the said van between Kimakim and Dalog transpired and through the concerted efforts of the private and government employees signatures on the documents, the NBI probe added.

"Paper Trail"

The NBI further claimed that inspection and comparison of documents at first glance may be construed as one and the same document pertaining to the purchase of the vehicle but a detailed scrutiny evidently revealed distinctive discrepancies.

Aside from the discovery by the NBI team that the documents were fabricated, the same is corroborated by the documents particularly the minutes of the pre-bid conference held at the BAC office on March 3, 2006.

The NBI who scrutinized documents believed that the

bidding purpose is for the construction of the controversial Bontoc commercial center phase I and not for the purchase of the van.

Kimakim's establishment—RONHIL Trading—located at Abatan, Buguias, Benguet which was made to appear to have "sold" the brand new Mitsubishi van showed that it caters to cellphone and cellphone accessories and internet business, thus not selling vehicles.

William Cua, sales manager of Motor Plaza head office, located at Calasiao, Pangasinan also vouched that their office did not accredit nor authorize any private individual to dispose or sell brand new vans, claiming that brand new vehicles can only be obtained from their establishment and their outlets.

Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon through Hon. Victor C. Fernandez earlier granted the NBI-CAR authority to pursue the investigation of the case.

-Artemio A. Dumlao

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Trapiko? Pis en order etcetera? Oki, pag-usapan natin ang basura... Nang magsimula ng umalingasaw ang baho ng mga bunton ng basura na hindi nakolekta dahil sa NO SEGREGATION NO COLLECTION policy, nasa ibang lugar at naglalakbay aral ang iba nating konsehal (diko alam kung lahat sila ay naglakwatsa... Este naglakbay aral) sila ay sumasagap ng malinis at sariwang hangin samantalang tayo ay sumasagap din ng "sariwang hangin" na galling sa simoy hangin ng basurahan! Pwe!

Ngayon naman, balitang nasa ibang bansa si Mayor B para daw magbakasyon... Magaling! Bravo! Klap! Klap! Nasa ibang lugar si Mayor samantalang nagkakaproblema ang siyudad sa basura... (Diyos na mahabagin ano kayang parusa itong ibinibigay ninyo sa amin... Nakakabuwisit)

Hindi kaya naisip ni Mayor ang dapat muna niyang inuna ang problema dito sa basura bago naman siya magbakasyon? Alalahanin niya na dahil sa kanyang direktiba ay marami ang mga bunton bunton na basura ang ngayon ay nabubulok at nagbabadyang magkalat ng sakit at epidemya katulad ng meninggococcemia at iba pang nakakatakot na sakit? Andun na tayo na kaya niya inisyu ang direktiba ay para matuto ang mga tao na ihawalay ang nabubulok at di nabubulok nilang basura bago ito kolektahin, pero hindi sapat na rason ito para paigtingin ang polisyang ito! Ang problema ay hindi

maayos sa paggawa ng isa pang problema. Iikot lang ito at hindi masusugpo. Baka pagdating ng araw ang DOH at ang HEALTH DEPT. naman ang magkaproblema dahil sa mga posibleng sakit na idudulot ng mga di nakokolektang mga basura.

Ano sey mo Mayor B?.. Ano rin sey nyo mga onorabel konsehal? Magkano po nagastos ninyo sa inyong naging lakbay aral? Kasing halaga kaya ito ng isang trak na pwedeng panghakot ng ating basura! Nagtatanong lang po! HOY GISSIIINNG

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Naglalakad ang inyong lingkod sa may Abanao st. alas singko ng hapon noong Oktobre 8 nang mapansin ko ang kaguluhang nangyayari sa kabilang kalye, harapan ng Abanao, at dito ay nasaksihan ko mismo ang rambolan ng dalawang grupo ng mga kabataang lalaki na kung hindi ako nagkakamali ay mga miyembro ng mga gang o fraternities! Maraming mga sasakyang nagdaraan ang muntik muntikan ng mabasag ang mga bintana at windshield dahil sa mga nagliliparang bato at basag na bote.

Matatandaan na mayroon ding insidenteng nangyari noong Oktobre 2 kung saan isang Granada ang sumabog sa loob ng Internet Shop sa may Bonifacio St. na ikinasugat ng halos 12 katao at ito ay pinapaniwalaan ng ating pulisya na isang GANG RELATED INCIDENT base na rin sa kanilang inisyal na imbestigasyon.

Kung magpapatuloy ang ganitong kaganapan, aba eh, sa palagay koy dapat umakasyon ng

todo ang ating local na pamahalaan at pulisya at syempre kailangan din ng kooperasyon mula sa iba't ibang sector lalo na ang mga magulang. Kung kailangang gamitan na ng kamay na bakal para masugpo na ang problemang ito sa mga kabataan, bakit hindi? Sus, granada na po ang pinag-uusapan dito hindi upakan lamang kayat dapat lamang na seryosong pagtuunan na ito ng pansin! AKSYUNAN!!

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Marami ang nagtataka kumbakit ginagawang PAY PARKING AREA ang mga kalsada sa may Calderon St. at Diego Silang St. partikular dito sa tapat ng Gamaphel Bldg. at sa TRIANGLE ISLAND ng Calderon St. malapit sa Jolibee. And mga nangongolekta umano sa mga magpaparada ay ang mga tambay na WATCH AT WASH YOUR CAR BOYS sa naturang lugar

Ang tanong legal ba itong kanilang ginagawa? At sino naman ang nagbigay ng otoriti sa kanila na maningil at gawing negosyo ang ating kalsada? Nawala na nga ang JADEWELL pero heto at merong mga ungas na mukhang ginagamit ang ating mga kalsada para mang ekstort! Pakibusisi nyu naman ito mga bossing dyan sa City Hall! Pakitignan mo naman BCPO Trapik Tsip Samuel Bumangil!

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Gusto ko nga ring tawagan ng pansin ang T.E.S.D.A. Bureau of Immigration at B.I.R. na pakibusisi naman itong naipaabot na reklamo hinggil sa mga tutorial Language Center / Schools na pag-aari ng mga

dayuhan partikular ang mga Koreano na di umano mga walang kaukulang papeles o BUSINESS PERMIT TO OPERATE.

AYON PASA IMPORMANTE MUKHANG NAGBUBULAG BULAGAN AT NAGBIBINGI BINGIHAN ang mga otoridad sa isyung ito "Bakit alam nila ilan lahat operate ang yet they don't go after them? Especially the immigration. Concentrated sila sa penalties for late payments ng Visa and Passport pero di naman sila seryoso habol sa mga nag ooperey na di man lang parigester sa kanila. Nag-aantay pa sila na may magrepot samantalang marami na ang estudyanteng nag-aaral" dag dag ng nagreklamo!

O Ayan mga ser at mam, baka pwede nyu naman itong aksyunan para di naman isipin na mayroon kayong MANTIKA SA NGUSO na galing sa mga lintek na dayuhang nagnenegosyo ng PEKE! GISSIIINGGG!!

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Kudos pala kina Inspektor JOHN V. DELMAS at LEONARDO MAGSINO ng BCPO Station 7 Compac III. Ayon kasi sa ating bubuwit magaling at tapat daw sa kanilang tungkulin ang 2 nabanggit na pulis kaya naman takot na daw ang mga criminal na gumawa ng kabulastagan sa erya of jurisdiksyon nitong dalawa lalo na ung mga isnaters at mandurukot. SALUDO KAMI SA INYO MGA SER! Tindihan nyu pa!

Four kin lose arms, legs to electrocution; cry for help

BAGUIOCITY— Fifty-year-old John Idio, a handicraft furniture helper was looking towards a bright future for his family with his son Joey's graduation from college, when tragedy struck.

One of Idio's arm and legs were cut after he was electrocuted along with his son Joey, 24, and neighbors Marlon Sanchez, 22 and Charlie Galerio, 32.

The four were hoisting a water pipe around 20 feet up the air when the iron pole was suddenly pulled by strong current from a high tension wire passing through their frail bodies and exiting through their limbs.

They were digging a deep well for water that fateful day at their residence in Purok 1, Camp 1, Rosario, La Union on Sept. 6 around 10 a.m.

The victims are now confined at the Baguio General Hospital. They were rushed by relatives and neighbors in borrowed vehicles since caretakers of the local ambulance reportedly said they couldn't use the vehicle as it was in bad condition.

At the BGH, John's left arm and leg were amputated. Joey and Sanchez each lost a leg cut below the knee.

Both of Galerio's legs are in danger of being amputated. He was in critical condition at press time and badly needed Type A blood.

Annie Tamayo, Baguio Red Cross

chief, when contacted gladly gave the needed blood but which she said, should be replaced as soon as possible since other patients may need it.

Before the accident, John's determination to send Joey to college was fulfilled. The son graduated from the University of Baguio with a degree in hotel, restaurant management last semester.

Meanwhile, Sanchez graduated at the Lyceum Northern Luzon in Urdaneta City in Pangasinan with a Commerce degree. Galerio was a pandesal vendor diligently scouring the streets of Urdaneta for buyers particularly during the wee hours of the morning.

Except for John, all three were single. Once they would be discharged, crutches and if possible, prosthetics would be needed.

Their faces are putting a brave front, but their demeanor betrays their uncertainty. At this time, their immediate problem is where to get the money to pay their hospital bills and daily expenses which are growing by the day.

Sannie Fianza, a neighbor said their relatives contacted the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes office in Urdaneta but were told they had to give the medical abstract of the four victims so these could be studied if they really needed money.

The BGH hasn't yet released the abstract as of press time. Joey's sister Jay

Ann said only Mayor Flores Bellarmin of Rosario gave financial help to the victims with a thousand pesos each.

They have reportedly asked some La Union Electric Co. officials for help in defraying their expenses (since the company owned the electric wires) but were told this would still have to be subjected to a meeting.

Barangay 1 residents have reportedly been urging LUELCO officials to relocate the wires as these posed danger to their lives but the power firm never did anything about the matter.

Relatives said some Baguio City government officials pledged to write

Mt. Prov. Gov, 15 Other Execs Face 33 counts of Estafa, Graft Raps

BAGUIOCITY— Sixteen provincial officials, employees and a private lawyer including Mountain Province Governor Maximo Dalog have been charged with 33 counts of estafa through falsification of public and commercial documents stemming from an alleged anomalous procurement of a van which was eventually converted to an ambulance.

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)— in the Cordillera, in a 20-page case report signed by Valentino T. Valvuen and Atty. Paul Alain M. Moises named the erring officials and employees as Gov. Dalog, provincial accountant Theodore B. Marrero, provincial



LETTING THE MARKET BREATHE - City Administrator Peter Fianza and elements from the Public Order and Safety Division give notices to stallowners at the city market to voluntarily remove encroachments over easements during a surprise inspection, September 8./By Bong Cayabyab

LUELCO to help the victims but no help had been coming.

By the time this article hits the newsstands, more of their arms and legs could have been amputated as

according to doctors, these were decaying.

Anybody who would like to help the victims could contact them or their relatives directly at the BGH. Good Samaritans may also contact Gian Idio

through her cell phone: 09202476999.

As usual, concerned local musicians, the media and lawyers are planning to hold a concert to raise funds for the victims.

health officer Nenita Lizardo, provincial Nurse Helen Maclining, provincial administrator and Bids and Awards Committee chairman Paulo Pagteilan, Lily Rose T. Kollin, Bids and Awards vice-chairperson as well as BAC members Florence Gut-omen, Edward Likigan, Solidad Teresa F. Wanawan, Jerome Falingao and Abdon M. Emingan, Abelardo T. Pachingel, inspector of vehicle, Teodoro L. Dalog, engineer IV and inspector of vehicle,

provincial treasurer Cawed A. Gammonac, Ronald C. Kimakim, proprietor of RONHIL Trading and lawyer Bartolome Macli-ing.

Except for Macli-ing and Kimakim, all officials including Dalog and employees were also administratively

charged for grave misconduct and dishonesty.

Governor Dalog in a telephone interview belied such charges claiming such were politically-motivated by a losing gubernatorial bet. Although, the governor claimed he has not received any copy of the charges, he maintained his innocence. He added that the said van (ambulance) is in the possession of the provincial government.

Atty. Macli-ing was also recommended by the NBI investigating team for disbarment for participating in the alleged anomalous transaction.

The case stemmed from the letter-complaint on February 5, 2007 by former Tadian mayor Harry C. Dominguez

requesting the NBI to investigate the alleged anomalous transaction regarding the purchase of one unit Mitsubishi van acquired by the provincial government of Mountain Province and registered at the Land Transportation Office (LTO), Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

The NBI verified with the LTO in Baguio City that the said vehicle bearing license plate number SGA-109 was registered on September 12, 2006 at the LTO, Bayombong in Nueva Vizcaya. Contradicting transactions involving the same vehicle was found.

On February 15, this year, Kimakim appeared before the NBI-CAR and denied transactions

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Itogon tanod, cops arrest electric meter tamperer posing as BENECO employee



BENGUET: Itogon police operatives arrested Israel Badongen Fuswelan caught in the act of tampering a BENECO electric meter 4 PM of October 9, 2007 at Antamok Trail, Tuding, Itogon Benguet.

Fuswelan, 23, a resident of Kamog, Sablan, Benguet was caught by Edmund Ngina, a barangay tanod who coordinated the entrapment operation with residents and the police.

In his affidavit, Ngina said "on or about 4 PM of October 9, 2007 I received a text message through my cellular phone from Josie Kitayan informing me that a certain Israel B. Fuswelan whom they contacted together with Liza L. Abing to conduct a re-calibration of an electric meter installed at the house of Mirriam Ag-agwa and purposely to entrap him and effect the suspect's immediate arrest."

Furthermore, Ngina said "I immediately proceeded to the house...whereby in flagrante, I confronted and apprehended Israel Fuswelan who was about to start to re-calibrate the electric meter using a screwdriver, and at the same time confiscated the assorted stainless screw driver, pliers, pen light with lighter and a Nokia 1600 cell phone..."

In a telephone interview with Police Chief Inspector Dennis Sab-it, chief of police of the Itogon Municipal Police "there have been several complaints received by this

station from residents at the said barangay regarding the collection of service fees from Mr. Fuswelan (that) prompted the residents to cooperate and conduct the entrapment..."

For a fee of P1,200 suspected meter tamperers promise BENECO consumers they will pay less for their electricity consumption. But apparently, prior to the arrest, there was one incident where the tampered meter of another resident registered double than their previous consumption and instead of paying less as promised, they had to pay double, according to Sab-it.

Fuswelan is the second suspected meter tamperer caught in the act by authorities and BENECO representatives, according to outgoing Consumer Services Department manager Lawrence Umaming. "The first whom we have filed a complaint in court died recently while the case is ongoing," Umaming said.

Meter tampering is a violation of Republic Act 7832 known as Anti-Pilferage Law. Such cases contribute a lot to the systems losses of the BENECO worth several millions of pesos.

It is a non-technical loss which is one of the contributory causes of non-technical losses which accounts for 6 percentage points out of the current 11 to 12 % systems loss of the electric cooperative covering the period January to August 2007.

According to systems engineer Engr. Merlie Landocan, BENECO incurred 11, 083,094 kilowatthour loss as of January to August 2007 with a peso equivalent of P62,069,759.64 at P7, 758,719.95 monthly average.

Non-technical loss is a result of leaves and other things getting in contact with live wires, loose connections, and sometimes poor installation of service drops, but mostly by

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This is to serve notice that the estate of the late MARIANITA LIBAG TELLO who died intestate on July 11, 2005 in Bokod, Benguet, Philippines, consisting of cash deposited on under Acct No. 5-32412-510-1 at the Development Bank of the Philippines, has been adjudicated by sole heir Amor Libag Tello unto himself by means of a public document executed on September 22, 2007 per Doc. No. 168, Page No. 34, Book No. 111 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg.

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cases of tampering, flying connections, etc., Landocan explained.

Sab-it and Technical Support Services supervisor Engr. Glenn Muscara are encouraging the public who were possible victims of Fuswelan not only in the municipality of Itogon, but also in areas where there were reported similar cases like Mankayan, to report.

"In almost all barangays of Itogon like Virac, Tuding, Poblacion, Ampucao, and Ucab we received similar complaints," Sab-it said.

Only a couple of months previously, 50 BENECO consumers were also duped by con men posing as BENECO employees with the same modus operandi in Dalico, Itogon.



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