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City to Oppose all Bogus Ancestral Land Claims

The Freedom Of Information (FOI) Bill is long overdue and if President Aquino is serious with his anti graft stand this bill would be a law by now. Clearly, we can now say that actions speak louder than words./GP Binwagan



BAGUIO CITY – City officials on Monday agreed to oppose all bogus ancestral land claims (ALCs) that seek to undermine protected areas like parks, watersheds and forest reservations in the city.

“Our stand is clear that we oppose all ancestral land applications that do not qualify under section 78 of the of Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous People’s Rights Act, whether these applications cover big or small parcels of land,” the The mayor said a formal opposition will be issued after the city council approves a resolution expressing said stand.

The said document aims to thwart pending ALC applications now pending before the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) which include the vital Busol watershed, Wright Park, Botanical Garden and Casa Vallejo along Session Road.

Aside from these, the city is also in the thick of a fight to reclaim Forbes Park and Wright Park and other protected areas which were never reclassified as alienable as ancestral claims but were issued Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) by the NCIP in favor of the applicants.

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, council committee on environment and Baguio Regreening Movement chair aired concern over the rising num-

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Maniwala ka na ipapasa ni Penoy ang FOI Bill, mukhang malabo na mangyari yan , at maraming mga ka-alyado ni Penoy ang ma bubuking!!! Mukhang weder weder din lang ang umiiral sa kasalukuyan administrasyon.

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Kids to Get a Feel of the Role of Rescuers

Kids will be introduced hands-on to the work of firemen and rescue volunteers on Monday, 22 years to the day after the killer quake, 7.7 on the Richter scale, hit Baguio and Northern Luzon on July 16, 1990.

City fire chief, Sr. Insp. Jessie Annasiw and Insp. John Ullibac, a veteran of numerous rescue operations, will lead fire officers in treating the kids, sixth-graders from Rizal and San Vicente elementary schools here, to a role-modeling experience aboard fire trucks.

From the fire station, the kids will be escorted by volunteers of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council to the Busol Watershed for the annual “Poni ni Kiyew” (Ritual of the Tree) performed by a native priest in honor of those who perished in the quake.

The kids, guided by the volunteers and their teachers, will explore the forest and rappel down inclined portions of the watershed to plant pine seedlings. They will end up searching for the longest pine needle and biggest cone and a quiz bee that offers crayons, erasers, pads and other school supplies as prizes.

Back in class later, the kids will be asked by school principals Brenda Lee Celino and Margie Estoesta to write on their encounter with the rescuers and Eco-walk in Busol.

The earthquake anniversary activities will peak on July 22 along Session Road, the city’s inclined main street where the CDRRMC volunteers and other rescuers will display their capability in exhibits.

City administrator Carlos Canilao, also the action officer of the CDRRMC, said Philippine Air Force personnel will do a ground search-and-rescue demonstration, so with the rescuers assigned to display booths.

The humanitarian dimension of the observance will be accounts of actual rescue work by some of the heroes in the aftermath of earthquake and a blood-letting by the local Red Cross, according to CDRRMC operations chief Janice Singiten.

In observance of “Disaster Awareness Month”, rescue volunteers and barangay leaders firmed up last Thursday a clean-up of the upper portion of the Balili River at Sto. Nino Barangay on July 25.

City councilor Peter Fianza who initiated the community effort, said it is aimed at clearing obstacles to the smooth flow of the river this rainy season, aside from serving as a training for rescuer in disaster risk analysis./Ramon Dacawi.

Master Karateka Shows Art has no Offense

As he quietly did in previous years, former world karate champion Julian Chees traveled home the other week for a personal mid-year mission: reaching out to the sick and needy in Baguio and in his native village of

Maligncon, Bontoc, Mt. Province.

The 50-year old fifth-dan blackbelt, the only non-German by birth to have been drafted into

Deutschland’s national karate team, flew back to southern Germany last Sunday to prime up

anew as a teacher of the Gasshuku, the annual intensive training of the Japan Karate Association spearheaded by master Hideo Ochi, the JKA chief instructor for Europe.

As representative of Shoshin Kinderhilfe, a small foundation he established

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Four Baguio Rivers to be Reclassified According to Water Quality

Using the water quality classification of rivers, readers may want to place the Balili that flows from Baguio to Benguet into any of the following categories:

AA – the water is potable (safe to drink) with a little treatment; A – the water is potable after minor treatment; B – good for bathing and swimming, fishes; C – good for fish and agricultural purposes; D- for industrial purpose, excessively polluted.

On request of the city council last

Monday, the Environmental Management Bureau will reclassify the Balili River, together with the other water bodies with headwaters in the city – Ambalanga towards Itogon, Benguet, Bued along Kennon Rd., and Galiano towards Asin, Tuba, Benguet.

Cortes Dagupen, chief of the water quality management section of the Environmental Management Bureau –Cordillera, told the city council that the request

will be forwarded to the

EMB main office which will direct his office to conduct a study towards the reclassification of the water bodies. The process, he said, may take a year and a half.

In 1975, the Balili was classified “A”. Since then, no reclassification was made on the vital water body that feeds into La Trinidad, Benguet’s capital town and the country’s “salad bowl”, and into Sablan, Benguet. It is named Naguilian River as it flows into

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City Finance Committee Asks Sanggunian to Upgrade 16-Year Old Values of Real Properties

The Local Finance Committee has asked anew the Sangguniang Panglunsod to upgrade the fair and current market values of real properties that “have stagnated since 1996” despite provision of the Local Government Code that revision of the same be made every three years.

The LCF reiterated the city’s need to increase the real property values in an addendum to its endorsement last April of the applications of two establishments here to register as information technology centers under the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

“With the growing concerns of the

city needing financial support, it is imperative that we take advantage of the power of taxation granted under R.A. 7160 to ensure continuous delivery of basic services to our residents in the most effective and efficient way,” the committee said.

While “interposing no objection” to the applications of Abanao Square and Neutrinos IT Center with the PEZA, the committee noted that the realty taxes paid on land for the said enterprises “is very low considering that the properties are located within the Central Business District”.

The LCF is chaired by city bud-

get officer Leticia Clemente and is

composed of city treasurer Thelma Manaois, accountant Antonio Tabin, administrator Carlos Canilao, planning officer Evelyn Cayat and city assessor Augustus Medina.

Medina in September, 2010 submitted to the city council the proposed revised schedule of values for land, buildings, machineries, plant and trees. He cited in his transmittal letter a Department of Finance order instructing all city assessors to undertake a mandatory general revision in accordance with provisions of the local government code.

Medina said the “schedule of values for land reflects an

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Politicians Barred from Putting Names on Public Infrastructures

BAGUIO CITY – The days of naming public work projects are over.

The city council on Monday approved on final reading an ordinance prohibiting public and private persons from affixing their names, initials, images or pictures on any public structure and property, equipment, vehicle and program or project of the city government.

Authored by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas and Councilor Fred Bagbagen, the measure dubbed “The No-Naming and No-Signage of Public Works and Property Ordinance,” “makes it unlawful for politicians, public officials or private individuals to affix their names by way of inscription, painting, engraving, sculpting or superimposing one’s name, symbol, sign, using paint, metal or plastic craft, wood or cement structure, including but not limited to all projects funded by public funds such as buildings, roads, bridges, overpasses, gymnasium, classrooms, waiting shed, terminals and markets.”

The prohibition will also cover public equipment, vehicles, movable properties such as construction equipment, trucks, ambulances, police cars, buses, office equipment, hospital equipment communication equipment, sacks of goods for distribution and the like.

The authors said it is misleading and unethical for government officials and politicians to affix their names on these government projects which are supported by public funds and not by these officials’ personal money.

Violators face penalties of fines ranging from P3,000 to P5,000 and 30-day imprisonment.

The ordinance was based on a similar memorandum circular issued by the Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

“In keeping with the (DILG directive), it is therefore necessary to pass stringent obligatory measure to strictly implement and enforce the very purpose of the directive to deter and penalize violators and would-be violators and other similar minds and no one should go scot-free,” the measure notes./A Refuerzo

Battle to Protect Busol on; Mayor Discards Ancestral Claims Over Watershed

BAGUIO CITY – The city government’s battle for the protection of Busol watershed took a new twist last week as the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) issued a temporary restraining order barring the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM)

from undertaking a nursery project over an area claimed by an ancestral land applicant.

But Mayor Mauricio Domogan last Wednesday said the nursery project pushed through last July 5 implemented by foresters from the city environment and parks management office and the Dept. of Environ-

ment and Natural Resources (DENR).

“Since the city government and the DENR were not restrained, the city proceeded with the nursery project which is part of our mandate to protect and nurture the remaining portions of the watershed,” the mayor said.

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia,

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Population Hike, Disasters Addressed in Revised City Zoning Plan — Mayor

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday assured that the city government has taken into consideration essential factors like population and calamities in updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of the city.

He said the Local Development Council (LDC) in revising the proposed zoning and land use plan took into ac-

count the provision of basic needs for an increasing population especially considering that the city was originally designed for only 25,000 people.

The National Statistics Office (NSO) last week revealed that that the city’s population has increased to 318,676 in 2010 from 252,386 in 2005.

The mayor said the revised CLUP ensures the reten-

tion of all forest and watershed areas to maintain ecological balance.

It also aims for the decongestion of the Central Business District through the provision of growth nodes along strategic locations in the City and the designation of additional areas for institutional purposes that support the city’s role as an education center north of Manila,

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BAGUIO’S SECURITY - Station Commanders and officers of the Baguio’s Finest headed by City Police Director SSupt. David Lacdan give inputs and ideas for better services and security to the City of Baguio for the whole year during their Performance Governance System assessment meeting./By Bong Cayabyab

City Preps Killer Quake Commemoration, Autonomy Celebration

BAGUIO CITY – ‘We have learned from the past, we should always be prepared’

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan intoned after approving Administrative Order 85 series of 2012 temporarily closing portions of Session Road to commemorate the 22nd Killer Earthquake Memorial in the city which happened July 16, 1990.

It can be recalled that the city of Baguio was ravaged by a magnitude 7.2 quake 22 years ago bringing the city to its knees.

Eventually, with cooperation, the spirit to move-on and the outpouring support it received, the city eventually moved forward to what it is now.

July 22, which falls on a Sunday, will be highlighted by a simple program in the middle of Session Road to remember all who perished in that faithful day.

Domogan said, ‘there is need for a temporary closure of some portions of the Central Business District (CBD) to allow tourists and local residents to participate in the activities lined up for the event.

The closure will be from 5 am to 12 noon starting at Lower Session Road from its junction with Upper and Lower Mabini Streets up to its junction with Assumption Road will be closed to vehicular traffic .

Meanwhile, the city is also host to the 25th Cordillera Administrative Region’s (CAR) Founding Anniversary July 15 (Sunday).

The event highlighted the parade of officials, organizations, schools, street dancers from Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mt. Province and Baguio.

The left lane of Upper and Lower Session road down to the right lane of Harrison Road, Gov. Pack and University of the Philippines has been closed to vehicular traffic from 7am to 11 am for the occasion.

The city welcomed the Unity Relay Gong, the symbol of solidarity and cooperation between the Cordillerans Saturday (July 14).

Mayor Mauricio Domogan personally received the Unity Relay Gong in a ceremonial turn-over from Apayao delegation officials after it passed through Abra in June 4, Benguet in June 11, Lagawe-Ifugao in June 18, Tabuk-Kalinga in June 23 and Luna-Apayao in July 4.

The Cordillera Unity relay started May 28 at the historical Mt. Data Hotel in Bauko, Mountain Province where in September 13, 1986, CPLA leader Fr. Conrado Balweg and then President Corazon Aquino exchanged ‘peace tokens’ to signify ‘Sipat’ or cessation of hostilities between government forces and the Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA).

Meantime, Special Proclamation 391 from the Office of the President declared July 16 (Monday) as a Special Non-Working Day in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

This after the Chairman of the Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) requested for the declaration on July 16 instead of July 15 to give the peoples of the Cordillera a chance to participate in the activities lined-up and join the celebrations./paul rillorta

Obscene Death Rattles

“Statistics are people with the tears wiped from their eyes.” The 2011 Family Health Survey, for example, documents that 221 mostly faceless mothers now die in every 100,000 live births.

That figure means nothing in isolation. But set it in context. Then, a stark contrast emerges: Today, more Filipinas today die at childbirth than in the early 1990s.

Then and now, most of those deaths were preventable. More infants are orphaned today than in 2006. “Do you hear the children crying, O my brother? Ere sorrows come with the years,” Elizabeth Barret Browning asked.

In a recent Inquirer op-ed article “A :Listening Church”, Sociologist Mary Racelis provides a useful matrix. There has

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she pointed out.

Less-than-adequate programs whittled down maternal deaths, ever so slowly, from 209 in 1990 to 162 deaths in 2006. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo then was halfway into her protracted stay in Malacanang. We were supposed to speed up this sluggish curbing of deaths.

The exact opposite happened instead. More mothers die today. Maternal mortality ratio surged to 221 per 100,000 live births, Racelis notes. That exceeds the 209 deaths tracked in 1990.

Our chances of meeting Millennium Development Goal No 5 — to slash maternal deaths to 52 in three years — are zero. “Goal 5 is least likely to be achieved by 2015.” National Economic and Development Authority warned. That 94 other countries are also lagging is consuelo de bobo.

We lag behind Asian countries in giving mothers a better-than-even chance for fuller lives. Malaysia, for example, pruned maternal death rates to 31 and China to 38. Sri Lanka and Honduras led the way in slashing maternal mortality.” Nicolas Kristoff of New York Times reports.

These countries show what is premature deaths is not inevitable for our mothers. They constitute one of country’s most vital resource. “The biggest themes of life are put into the best focus when held up against the very sharp light of mortality.” Then, why hasn’t this unstaunched bloodletting triggered alarm bells?

Dry antiseptic statistics induce widespread “Mego” or “Mine Eyes Glaze Over.” Media drolls over trivia like “the grandiose birthday celebration of former first lady Imelda Marcos” to pork barrel squabbles. Were we, in media, remiss in explaining the significance of premature graves for mothers?

The National Statistical Office anchored it’s latest survey of 53,000 women of reproductive age over a seven year period, explains NSO director Socorro Abejo. Sure, there were flaws like overlapping reference periods. Nonetheless, the bottom line didn’t budge, “a rough estimate of 200 maternal mortality rate.

Maternal burial plots form sensitive gauge of a country’s health structures, Health Secretary Enrique Ona was candid. “If it is high, your system is not good enough”, he said. “No change in statistical data means it did not get worse for pregnant women. But it did not get any better either.”

Stagnation in maternal death rates for mothers, is obscene. There is a critical need for legislation to address structural barriers, Ona adds. These include: overhaul of midwifery and other health professional laws as well as consolidating health systems for local governments. For universal health care, There is need to pass the Reproductive Health bill for For universal health care.

Local governments are where the action is. LGUs can reach where most victims cluster: remote upland barangays, coastal fishing villages or city slums. Often ill-fed school dropouts, these women lack access to what is, at best, patchy health services.

“Giving midwives further training in life-saving skills could prevent up to 80 percent of maternal deaths.” These mothers have “no escape routes,” i.e. options that give them “quality information that would enable them to avoid unwanted pregnancies or space pregnancies, and plan families.”

Look a little closer. Only 6 out of 10 Filipino mothers deliver babies with properly trained birth attendants. Almost 99 percent of births in Thailand, in contrast, have medical personnel present. Out of every 100 Filipino doctors, 68 practice abroad. Over 164,000 nurses left for “those-far-away places-with-strange-sounding names over the past four decades.”. “A health **Cont. on page 9**



**1st-APLUMA!**

It's Kris & Chiz now!

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR



There is good news and bad news.

First the good news: the Philippine peso has surged ahead of the mighty dollar as it dropped to the P40 mark.

The bad news is: our very own Overseas Filipino Workers and their relatives would surely cringe seeing their earnings have drastically been chopped further down.

The feeling would be like having your monthly salary or daily take chipped down to several pesos.

I remember they were jumping in joy when the dollar was pushing P60 in the exchange while importers and exporters were silently praying for the dollar to slide back to its normal level.

With the continued US recession, the dollar stood long at P47 then it slowly dipped to P42 and now to its lowest level in years: P40.

So what’s to do among the relatives of our OFWs?

At the moment that the dollar is at its all-time low, it surely is time for us to cut down on expenses no matter what will be its repercussions in the local economy.

One good suggestion from a radio announcer is for them to avoid, at the moment, the Pinoy-style “bilmoko” attitude.

Make do with whatever Nanay or Tatay can provide you here back home.

Settle at the moment to your old handheld phones, rubber shoes and what have you.

This way mommy and daddy can heave a sigh of relief with your simple gesture of not heaping pressure on them with “bilmokos” amid the dollar crisis.

And indications have it that the dollar could slide further down to P35 in the next few months just like the trend of fossil fuel prices.

We are not only sure, if what we heard is true or not.

But for the benefit of tsismosos and tsismosas out there, it’s rumoured that Kris Aquino and Sen. Chiz Escudero are dating and very much into each other’s company.

What happened to being a close friend of the President Mr. Senator?

Oh well, strange things now happens unstrangely!

But of course, both parties deny the rumor.

Pero sa isang banda, hindi ba’t kapag may usok, may ningas?/1st-APLUMA (1st-Alliance of Provincial News Practitioners)

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Coron: neglected tourist
haven (II)*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS: “... Then God said, ‘I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food’...” (Genesis 1:29, the Holy Bible).

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CORON IMPORTS RICE AND CORN: When a tourist, local or foreign, talks with a native of Coron, Palawan, the conversation invariably leads to the lack or shortage not only of electricity in the town, but of rice and ordinary vegetables as well. The reason? Farming is virtually non-existent in Coron, requiring the importation, as it were, of rice and vegetables needed by Coron residents from Manila and Mindoro.

Many natives of Coron find this anomalous, or so I am told. The reason advanced by them is the existence of a 48,000 hectare-vacant land, greatly suited for agriculture, surrounding the Francisco B. Reyes Airport. This vast estate was formerly known as the Yulo King Ranch of the Yulo family.

I am told that this ranch, which was used to grow cows and horses imported from Australia and which was planted with grass likewise coming from Australia during the time of President Marcos, was sequestered by the first Aquino government, as soon as the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) was first established.

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48,000 HECTARE YULO RANCH REMAINS UNUSED: But then, after it was sequestered, the ranch was never used anymore. As of now, and even during the terms of President Ramos, President Estrada and President Arroyo, the Yulo ranch is inexplicably left idle, the natives told me. It became, and remains to this day, untended, unused, and totally unproductive.

Coron natives are wondering why, after the Cory Aquino government took the ranch away from the Yulo family on charges that they merely fronted for the Marcos family to acquire the estate, nobody wanted to touch it anymore, leaving it to the elements and wild weeds and grasses.

At the very least, the natives are saying, the government could subject the ranch to either corporate farming, so rice, corn and other agricultural crops could be planted and grown thereon, or subject it to land reform and divide it into several parcels for distribution to Coron residents who are willing to go to farming, and thereby ease up the rice and vegetable shortage in the island.

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WHAT TO DO WITH YULO RANCH: As of now, a group of settlers from Mindoro have sort of “invaded” the Yulo ranch and started tilling portions of it. The group calls itself “Pesantes”, which is a word taken from the English word “peasant”, or farmers. I am not sure if there is any government permission for what they are doing now, but they have blazed a trail, so to speak, on what to do with the vast land.

Some members of the group told me that if even only a tenth of the Yulo ranch is devoted to rice production—which means, about 4,800 hectares would be planted to palay and some 100 cavans of the staple could be produced for each hectare—that would mean 480,000 cavans for just one planting. Imagine how much more could be produced if the land is planted twice in a year.

Indeed, the present Aquino government should start giving this matter serious consideration. Especially because Coron, despite its shortcomings at this stage, is fast shaping up as a top tourist destination for the Philippines for local and foreign tourists alike, and it is going to be pity if minor problems would derail this direction of the town.

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Behind Closed Doors

BY: JESUS DUREZA



At long last, Malacanang is seemingly doing the right thing: holding closed-door executive sessions in discussing the Scarborough issue. And refusing to disclose strategic and tactical decisions. I did catch a portion of *Spokesman Edwin Lacierda*’s presscon yesterday on TV. I could understand his difficulty and discomfort in parrying media curiosity. I was in that same hot seat for a while some time ago. But that is the correct thing to do. And don’t take it against media for tweaking. And nitpicking. That’s also part of their job.

Remember, President Aquino himself just blurted out recently the use of “spy planes” from the US to monitor the disputed area — only to awkwardly backtrack when that folly became obvious. Spy planes and the like are sensitive matters usually discussed in hush hush tones behind closed doors. Enough of those macho talk! They do make good newspaper headlines but they unduly telegraph our punches. We should do better!

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MEEK CHINESE — We are also missing an important point here. Chinese are known for being patient, meek and mild but will not allow it to be threatened. The same is true with us, macho and proud Filipinos. So why don’t we both play this cool and quiet in another way? The hot rhetorics ought to have been all behind us by now. Let us not feed the frenzy!

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INDONESIANS IN IMT — The coming of the Indonesian military contingent to augment the foreign forces of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) is a clear signal that we are now starting to “dilute” the seeming monopoly of the Malaysians in the peace process with the MILF. I recall there were even moves in the past to replace the Malaysians as facilitator in the peace talks due to the unending speculation about the Sabah issue and the matter of whether Malaysians are truly neutral in its facilitation. I recall some Malaysians, as an apparent “quid pro quo” deal, were quietly prodding the Philippines, to set up a Philippine consulate in Sabah, an act implying our official dropping of the Sabah claim. Of course, the Philippines simply ignored it. In fairness to Malaysia, it spent resources and put its neck and integrity on the block in the peace efforts. Peace in our southern borders is also peace for them.

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’DILUTING MALAYSIA” — The Indonesians brokered the 1996 Final Peace Agreement with *Nur Misuari*’s MNLF and it did so as frontman of the OIC, the grouping of Islamic countries. Indonesia coming in strong in the IMT means the OIC, which also became observer of late, has both feet “in” already. And for good reasons since we know that there can be no sustainable peace in the bangsamoro unless the MILF, MNLF, the political sectors and the rest of the stakeholders converge. There’s a good chance of achieving this if the OIC comes directly into the picture. Nur Misuari may be persuaded to join in.

By the way, what will happen in the on-going bangsamoro leaders assembly in Camp Darapanan will be interesting to know. They are hoping Nur will come.

I trust the Malaysians will not begrudge us for “diluting” its monopoly in the peace process. It may help bring peace not only to Mindanao but to the Malaysians who are just across the narrow sea lane from us in the south.

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HOW’S PGMA — I just got an email from a good friend who is now residing in the US after *PGMA*’s watch. We worked closely together when I was still working at the Palace. She related how she felt so bad when she visited the former president last May when she came home to visit. “I witnessed her choking and my heart almost gave way,” she recalled.

Over dinner July 6, our lady host whose family owns a new hotel in Davao was agonizing over the same issue. “Someone who served us well and who gave her all as president and who is still presumed innocent should not be treated this way,” she gushed recalling how some sectors were gloating over the prospects of PGMA being moved from the Veterans Hospital and locked up in jail. (When I separately asked both ladies if I could give their names in my column, they begged off — for obvious reasons.)

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”PABAON” — Don Antonio O. Floirendo, Sr. was laid to
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Nutrition month activities still on

BAGUIO CITY – After the 2nd Cordillera nutritionists’ summit at Pine View Hotel last Saturday which focused on spiritual upliftment, organic food preparation and the no-smoking policy, the Baguio City Nutrition Council (BCNC) continues with activities in celebration of the 38th Nutrition Month.

With the theme, “Pagkain ng Gulay Ugaliin, Araw-araw Itong Ihain,” mass feeding, vegetable preparation, cooking contests and health seminars, among others, are being conducted in the barangays.

On July 27, Lucban and Quirino Hill districts shall conduct a contest for Pinakamalaki (biggest), Pinakamabigat (heaviest), Pinakamahaba (longest), pinakamaiksi (shortest), Pinakamasustansiya (most nutritious) na gulay, at barangay Sto. Nino.

On July 19, Atab and Scout Barrio districts conducts a seminar on how to make organic fertilizers, for those interested in potted plants and domestic gardening.

A cooking contest and food fair shall be done at City Camp Proper, on July 21 for City Camp and Asin districts.

For Loakan and Pacdal districts, a cooking and recycling contest shall be done at Fort del Pilar on July 28.

Mass nutrition feeding shall be done at Upper Quezon hill on July 16, 23 and 30; on July 16-31 at Dominican; Padre Zamora on July 20; at Lower General Luna and Sto Nino on July 21, July 26 at Irisan barangay; Bakakeng Norte on July 27; at Camp Allen, Andres Bonifacio, Campo Filipino, South Sanitary Camp, New Lucban, Guisad Surong and East Quirino Hill on July 28; and on July 29 at Lourdes Proper; July 31 at Lourdes Extension.

Cooking, gulay lusog-sarap contests shall be done in Bakakeng Central on July 16; at Lourdes Extension on July 25; at Irisan on July 26; Bakakeng Norte on July 27; at Trancoville, South Sanitary Camp and New Lucban on July 28; at City Camp Central on July 29; and at Upper Quezon Hill on July 30.

Multi-vitamins and other health products shall be given away on July 20 at Padre Zamora, Sto. Nino on July 21, South Sanitary Camp and East Quirino Hill on July 28. Seeds and seedlings shall be distributed on July 20 at Dizon Manzanillo barangay.

The Cleanest and Greenest purok, pot gardening contest, tree planting, Gulayan sa Bakuran contest shall be done on July 21 at Bakakeng Central, at Lower General Luna on July 25, at Dizon-Manzanillo on July 20; at Middle Quirino Hill on July 20-27; City Camp Central on July 29; City Camp Proper on July 23-31, Palma-Urbano on July 21; Asin road on July 25; and at Upper Quezon Hill on July 30.

Healthy mother and child contests shall be witnessed on July 24 at Camdas barangay; on July 28 at New Lucban and South Sanitary Camp; and on July 26 at Irisan barangay.

On July 28, an exclusive breastfeeding contest for lactating mothers goes on at South Sanitary Camp while a most improved underweight contest shall be witnessed at City Camp Central. .

Singing, dancing, poem and jingle contests go on at City Camp Central and Guisad Surong on July 29; Slogan and poster making contests shall be on July 26 for Irisan and Guisad Surong; at West Quirino Hill on July 21 and 22; in Bakakeng Central on July 25; and in Trancoville on July 28.

Information dissemination, health and nutrition forum/seminars, healthy lifestyle lectures shall be conducted at Dizon-manzanillo on July 20, City Camp Central on July 21 and 29 and at South Sanitary Camp on July 28.

Other government agencies, such as the Department of Trade and Industry, Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, the Department of Education, and non-government organizations, the senior citizens groups, are also conducting their institutional nutrition activities.

Earlier activities include the launching of the 50-meter ramp garden at the Health Services office with Congressman Bernardo Vergara, Councilor Joel Alangsab, and representatives from concerned offices. The hanging gardens feature organic vegetables and fruits, medicinal herbs, and ornamental plants.

A one-hour-and-a-half marketing and cooking contest with a father/child or mother/child tandem was also conducted at the HSO during the opening ceremonies with the Aurora Hill-Engineers Hill district as winners, followed by the Atab-Scout Barrio and City Camp-Asin districts. Loakan-Pacdal, Campo Filipino and Lucban Districts were fourth, fifth and sixth with their fish-meat-vegetable concoctions.

The culminating program and awarding ceremonies shall be on August 3 at the BGHMC Cobalt Hall, with outstanding health and nutrition workers on the spotlight./juliegfianza

Baguio Charter Day Celebration Exec Committee Created

BAGUIO CITY- Preparations for the 103rd Baguio Charter has started with the creation of the executive committee as to Administrative Order 84, s. of 2012 issued last week.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan heads the committee, with City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao and Councilor Elmer Datuin as co-chairpersons. Datuin is the council committee chair for tourism and special events.

The executive committee shall plan fitting charter day celebration activities, over see their proper execution and implementation, and find ways and means to support said activities.

The committee shall also set policies, guidelines, rules and regulations and appropriate measures to ensure the successful conduct of lined-up programs and activities.

With additional staff from the city administrator and mayor’s offices, the executive committee is composed of the city public information officer, Supervising Tourism Officer Benny Alhambra, City Director of the Baguio City Police Office, Sports Development Officer, Health Services Officer Dr. Florence Reyes, Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana and the Baguio Tourism Council Representative, as members.

Councilors Joel Alangsab and Karminn Cheryl Dinney Yangot , President of Punong Barangays and Sangguniang Kabataan, respectively are also committee members, as with representatives from the congressman’s, mayor’s office and City Treasurer’s Office.

City Accountant Antonio Tabin, City Budget Officer Atty. Leticia Clemente, City Engineer Leo Bernardez, City Building Officer Engr. Oscar Flores, General Services Officer Romeo Concio, Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Mary Namuhe, and school principals of the Pines City National High School and Baguio City National High School are also members.

The calendar of activities designed for the general public shall be announced soon./juliegfianza

Benguet Town Proposes Anti-Plastic Ordinance

SABLAN, Benguet — To help protect the environment and bring to end the use of use of plastic bag, the municipal council of this fruit producing town proposed for the passage of an the Anti-Plastic Ordinance.

According to Councilor Roger Sito, proponent of the proposed law mandates all persons engaged in business within the municipality to minimize the use of plastic bags, cellophane, styro foam for wrapping, covering, packaging or bagging of goods.

‘We encourage the use of alternative eco-friendly packing or bagging materials like paper bags and “bayongs” (native woven bags), native baskets, cloth bags (katsa), paper bags or pouches, non-plastic sacks, sturdy reusable shopping bags and biodegradable bags or containers made of buri, banana leaves and other native material’, Sito said.

‘We ask for the cooperation of the general public so that we could lessen plastic garbage, which is mostly thrown into rivers, creeks and other bodies of water”, he added..

Proposed penalties include: a fine of P500 or community service for four hours for the first offense; P1,000 or community service for six hours for the second offense, and P1,500 or community service for eight hours and/or imprisonment not exceeding to two months at the discretion of the court for the third offense./JDP/IBZ- PIA CAR

Vehicle Owners Given Free Emission Test

In line with the 25th Cordillera Day celebration, the Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) from the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) conducted a free emission testing along Harrison Road last July 6.

Smoke testing procedures and emission standards were based on Ordinance 61-2008, known as the Clean Air Ordinance of the City of Baguio. The team used the Compact Smoke Analyzer to measure the opacity coming from a diesel-fed vehicle’s exhaust pipe. Opacity refers to the amount of light obscured by the particle pollutants from the vehicles exhaust. While a Gas Smoke Analyzer will read the Hydrocarbon (HC) and Carbon monoxide (CO) discharged by gas-fed and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) fed vehicles.

Only 15 gasoline-fueled vehicles, 11 LPGfed vehicles and 74 diesel-fueled vehicles were voluntarily submitted for testing.

With this initiative, motorists, drivers and operators is encourage to test their vehicles every Friday for the month of July as a guide to make the necessary vehicle maintenance and helps in reducing air pollution in the city./by Wilbur S. Suanding

CBA, CRA & CEB, CPLA Resolution June 12, 2012

**Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Office of the Interim Chairman-
Cordillera Regional Assembly
Multi-Sectoral Groups in the Cordillera
40 Harrison Road, Baguio City**

Resolution expressing the sentiments of the Multi-sectoral Group, sincere advocates of autonomy in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) urgently requesting his Excellency President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III for “INNOVATION AND RECTIFICATION” of the wrong process of autonomy Campaign by the Cordillera Regional Development Council and imploring his Excellency to implement Executive Order No. 220, the governing law of the Region.

Whereas on Sept. 13, 1986 a historical event happened at Mt. Data, Bauko, Mt. Province CAR, where a Sipat and Alasiw (peace pact and exchange of peace token) between the forces of the Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA) Cordillera People’s Liberation Army (CPLA) Both then headed by Fr. Conrado Balweg and the Philippine Government headed by then Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino thus paving the cessation of Armed hostilities in the cordilleras. It likewise led to the issuance of Executive Order No. 220 by her Excellency, on July 15, 1987 creating the interim Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

Whereas E.O 220 Provides the Organizational Structures of CAR bodies namely; The Cordillera Regional Assembly (CRA) Cordillera Executive Board (CEB) & Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA, as a Commission) with their mandates duly provided in Section 3 thereof; As Follows: a.) Administrator the affair of Government in the Region’ as defined in section 4 and 5;

b.) accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units of the Region; and c.) Prepare for the establishment of the Autonomous Region in the Cordillera.”

Whereas the above mentioned bodies were fully operational from year 1988 until year 2000 after Congress did not already provide for their operating budget. Considering the absence of the public hearing and consultations before the winding up to their affairs, a petition for prohibition was brought to the Supreme Court in a case entitled Atitiw vs. Zamora whereby the Court had the occasion to declare the EO 220 is still in force and effect and the CAR bodies were merely deactivated advising the Cordillerans that if they like the CAR bodies to operate once again, they should go and ask budget from Congress.

Whereas even after the promulgation of this Supreme Court decision there were appropriation by Congress from year 2006 onwards intended for the continued operation of these CAR proper bodies but unfortunately the fund landed to the wrong office-The Regional Developments Council (RDC) CAR, on account of an Executive Order (no. 30) issued by the President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo allowing the RDC to function as such. We denounced this Mr. President, because to us. This is one of the many ways of institutionalized grafts and Corrupt Practices the pass Administration is known for. It must be rectified Mr. President!

Whereas, in the hearts and minds of all sincere Advocates of autonomy we consider President Cory the “**Mother of Autonomy**” to show respect to her Executive Order (220) and to honor her in accordance with the Devine Decalogue “**Honor Thy Father and thy Mother, that Thy days maybe long upon the land which the Lord Thy God Giveth Thee (Exodus: chapter 20 verse 12 of the Holy Bible)**”, hence this Resolution to His Excellency to “Rectify the wrong process of Autonomy Campaign in CAR by the past Administration and let us follow the provision of EO-220 in accordance with existing Jurisprudence handed down by the Supreme Court in GRD 143374 on September 30, 2005.

Now therefore, on motion of John M. Blue, Zone Commander of the Cordillera People’s Liberation Army (ACLP) Abra and seconded by all presents, be it resolve as it is hereby done to urgently request his Excellency President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III to rectify the wrong process of Autonomy Campaign in the Cordilleras to ensure it success, otherwise it could again be use, as a ground by the oppositionist to nullify whatever favorable outcome o the process in the future-a waste of time, money and effort.

Resolve further to forward this Resolution to his Excellency, President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, Malacañang Palace Manila, Philippines.

Unanimously approved this 12th day of July, 2012

Signed By Various Signatories Members of the CBA, CRA & CEB, CPLA

Lions Inducts its first lady president



Transfer of Gavel & Responsibility by outgoing President Modesto Imayaho, Sr. to incoming President Avelina Jackie Acoba-ver.



BCHLC incoming for LY 2012-2013 at their induction officer.



History maker for being the first Female President of the 63 year of Baguio City Host Lions Club, President Avelina Jackie Acoba-ver, M.J.F determining her inaugural speech.

Gov. Pack Buses Back in August

BAGUIO CITY – Bus lines using the Baguio Convention Center as ticketing, parking, loading and unloading areas shall be back at Gov. Pack road by the first week of August, Mayor Mauricio Domogan announced during the media forum last week.

Earlier, the mayor attended the Traffic and Transport Management Committee meeting where an evaluation was given as to the condition of Gov. Pack road.

The earlier announced transfer from the Baguio Convention Center parking area supposedly last week has been delayed due to unfinished projects within the Gov. Pack area, and inclement weather that hindered the pouring of concrete, the mayor clarified.

A thorough curing period for the repaired road is needed, it was known.

Accordingly, the repaired road is part of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) rehabilitation, reconstruction,

upgrading of damaged roads project.

Though bus operators earlier reported that the present location is accident prone and slippery, the mayor stood pat on the delay of the transfer, after he considered the safety of the passengers, motorists and the general public./juliegfianza

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is given to the public that the Estate of Sps. Lupos Mendoza and Betty Mendoza who died on November 4, 1991 and February 23 1997 respectively, both in Docot, Ucab, Itogon Benguet and without leaving a will, was settled by their compulsory heirs on July 8, 2012 through a Deed Of Extrajudicial Settlement docketed as Doc. No. 361 on Page 73, Book V Series of 2012 of the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg.

Publication dates: July 14, 21 and 28, 2012

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad, Benguet

TUBAO CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC. (TCCI),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL

Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: 12-ExF-1579

FOR: EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial application for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by TUBAO CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC. (TCCI), represented

by ROMULUS F. LAYUG-Manager, herein referred as the Mortgagee against SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL, both of legal age, Filipino, and with residence and postal address at 171 Lourdes, Naguilian Road, Baguio City, herein referred to as the mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 7, 2006 amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 150,000.00), as of June 7, 2012 amounts FOUR HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT 41/100 (Php 403,628.41), PESOS, Philippine Currency, including, interests and fines but excluding foreclosure expenses, Attorney's fees and daily interests thereafter;

That the undersigned or any duly authorized Sheriff will SELL at Public Auction on AUGUST 1, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the hereunder described real property with all the

improvements thereon, to wit: ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-001-04240 (Provincial Assessor's Office- Benguet)

"A parcel of camotal land situated in Pula, Sto. Tomas, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet; bounded on the North by Trinidad Fuentes; on the East by Celso Ventura, Basanio Lay-at; on the South W; by Proposed Road; and on the N West by Neneng Matias; containing an area of 2778 Hectares, more or less; in the same SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL."

Note: That the above-described parcel of land is in the present possession of the mortgagors.

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

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

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 5th day of July, 2012.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET By:

By: (SGD) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

Dates of Publication- July 7, 14 and 21, 2012

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

That an Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate was entered into by the Heirs of the deceased PAUL S. ALABANZA who died on March 6, 2012 at Rosales , Pangasinan. At the time of his death, the deceased left his conjugal share in the parcel of land situated at Trancoville, Baguio City covered by TCT No. T-87989 and at Badiwan , Tuba , Benguet covered by TCT No. T- 60063. The Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate was executed before the faith of Atty. Esteban A. Somngi and entered into as Doc No. 52; Page No. 11; Book No. 21; Series of 2012.

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

RAFAEL BULAWÉ
Applicants

Case:2008-CAR-158

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extensionh of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXTENSION via QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on July 25, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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 evidences on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 9th day of July 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Walter William's Journalist's Creed

This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.

I believe in the profession of Journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world. /http://www.nationalpressclub.org.ph

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July 14 - 20, 2012		JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICE		THE WEEKEND JUNCTION	9
Republic of the Philippines FIRST JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY BRANCH 7	Arrianne A. Uda an Adriyel A. Uda, filed a verified petition praying that after due notice, publication an hearing, a judgement be rendered directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to correct entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Arrianne A. Uda particularly : 1.) the date an place of marriage of parents from “March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City” to “not applicable” , 2.) the age of the mother at the time of the childs birth from “30 years” to “ 29 years” , 3.) the middle name of the father from “Cirilo” to “Cerilo”, 4.) the age of the father at the time of the childs birth from “33 years” to “32 years” , and 5.) paragraph 5 of the affidavit of delayed registration found on page 2 of her Certificate of Live Birth correcting the ate and place of marriage of parents from “ March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City” to “not applicable “. The petition further prays that	the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City be likewise directed to correct entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Adriyel A. Uda particularly, 1.) the date an place of marriage of parents from “March 28, 1978, West Avenue, Quezon City” to “not applicable” , 2.) the middle name of the father from “Cirilo” to “Cerilo”, 3.) the age of the mother at the time of the childs birth from “32 years” to “ 34 years”, 4.) the age of the father at the time of the childs birth from “32 years” to “37 years”. Jointly they are praying that they be declared as “Legitimized” children of spouses Edward C. Uda and Paz P. Alcedo.	Uda (Arrianne) being born on June 19, 1984 at their house at Holy Ghost Extension, Baguio City while Adriyel A. Uda (Adriyel) was born on December 18, 1988 at Dr.Efrain C. Montemayor Medical Center, their parents were not yet married but they made it appear that they were out of wedlock without any intention to confuse the truth or to perpetuate fraud; that on January 27, 2000, Edward C. Uda and Paz P. Alcedo got married before Judge Agapito K. Laoagan Jr. , MTC Judge of La Trinidad , Benguet, hence making the status of the petitioners as “Legitimated “ children as their parents were legally capacitated to marry at the time of their births; and that they are filing this petition in order to rectify errors pertaining to their Certificates of Live Births, to avoid confusion , to set their records straight and to apprise the public of their true, correct facts surrounding the facts of	their birth or escaping from any obligation of whatever nature or kind. The petition was found to be sufficient in form and substance an was set for initial hearing on September 28, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning on which date and time the petitioners shall be allowed to substantiate their petition, an any interested person may show cause, if there be any, why the petition should not be granted. Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes, be sent to the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila, the City Prosecutors Office of Baguio City, the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City as well as the National Statistics Office, Manila . Also, furnish copies of this notice to the Office of the Clerk of Court for publication, and the petitioners, through their counsel.	Also, let this Notice Of Initial Hearing be published at the expense of the petitioners at the Junction Newspaper, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and the whole Cordillera Region, the last publication of which shall not be later than the date of initial hearing. The Process Server is hereby directed to post copies of this notice on the bulletin boards of this Court, the Justice Hall, the City Market and the Post Office , all of Baguio City. WITNESS THE H O N O R A B L E MONA LISA V. TIONGSON-TABORA , Presiding Judge of this Court, this 20th day of June 2012, at Baguio City, Philippines. By: (SGD) ATTY. JEANYLENE T. ISIP-FUKAI Clerk of Court V Publication Dates: June 30, July 7 and 14, 2012
ARRIANNEA. UDA AND ADRIYEL A. UDA <i>Petitioners,</i> -versus- THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY <i>Respondents,</i> SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 2201-R X————X NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING					

City to Oppose all Bogus Ancestral Land Claims.....p1

ber of CALT applications over portions of watersheds in the city. He said the city has to intervene and stop the NCIP from entertaining these applications.

The mayor also directed city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes to reiterate the city's position opposing any and all applications over watersheds and forest reservations before the NCIP main office.

Rabanes said they have been in constant touch with the Office of Solicitor General (OSG) on the progress of the Forbes Park case for the cancellation of the CALTs. He said the city also has filed a petition before the NCIP for the cancellation of the Wright Park CALTs since these still fall within the prescribed time for reversal unlike the Forbes Park case.

The mayor also cautioned against the issuance of tax declarations over lands covered by questionable ancestral land claims.

“If the areas are not questionable, by all means let us issue the tax declaration, but for questionable areas, let For ancestral claims that cover lands identified for public needs, Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said there was a suggestion that the city issue tax declaration over areas that are cleared and just set aside the portions identified for public needs but the mayor rejected the idea saying it would practically condone the irregularity.

The mayor said legitimate claims are those Igorot claims classified as alienable as ancestral land as per section 78 of the IPRA law which provides that the city of Baguio “shall remain to be governed by its Charter and all lands proclaimed as part of its townsite reservation shall remain as such

until otherwise reclassified by appropriate legislation..”

Section 78 also provides an exemption that “prior land rights and titles recognized and/or acquired through any judicial, administrative or other processes before the effectivity of this Act shall remain valid...” which means that Igorot claims recognized before November 1997, the date of IPRA implementation, are qualified as ancestral claims.

Among those recognized are Igorot ancestral claims screened under Special Administrative Order No. 31 and Dept. Administrative Order No. 02 issued by the Dept. and Environment and Natural Resources.

The mayor said all applications that are not covered by these issuances will just have to be opposed./A Refuerzo

Editorial

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care brain drain is strangling (public) hospitals.

Underground abortionists account for 12 percent of maternal deaths. UP Population Institute

estimates 560,000 abortions are induced yearly. Only 90,000 mothers get post-abortion care. About half of 3.4 million pregnancies, in 2008, were unintended.

These women should be the primary concern of LGUs. The fact is far too many: LGUs don’t bother with voiceless endangered mothers. After winning a two year election protest in a Cebu town, the new officials promptly released back wages — for themselves. “Shameless,” snapped Sun

Star.

Secetary Jesse Robredo’s DILG memo circular 2010-138 now bounces claims for honoraria, lakbay aral junkets, fiestas to cash gifts’. The European Union, this month, signed a check for P440 million, to buff up finance management in: LGUs. The project enhances capacity of local governments to generate revenue and allocate and spend public funds more effectively, EU Ambassador Guy Ledoux explained.

It is harsh to say we’ve turned a deaf ear to the death rattle in the throats of thousands of young mothers. But it is true./Juan L. Mercado

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

EDUARDO CALPITO
Applicants
Case:2007-CAR-0145
NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 9th day of July 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

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rest Friday at his estate at Marapangi, a promontory high up in the sky overlooking a vast swath of land and sea facing Davao Gulf. When I went to visit the wake at Tadeco in Davao del Norte last Wednesday. In the company of **Archbishop Nanding Capalla**, **Bobby Orig** and **Nilo Claudio**, we were told by the matriarch no less, widow **Nenita Floirendo** that Manong Tony was well provided with his favorite “baon” in his pockets as he laid in state: a favorite cigar in his vest pocket with an extra pack tucked inside; some poker chips in his side pockets, a racing (karera) sheet in the other pocket and a few other items he could not do without when he was still around. Of course, the Order of Malta medallion was on his chest. No wonder he looked so serene and peaceful.

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TIDBITS
BERT GONZALES — I recently met former **Secretary Bert Gonzales**, a former colleague in the PGMA cabinet . He never gets tired reminding everyone that the country needs systemic change and reforms. Still true to form as a reformist. . He spearheads the Partidong Demokratikong Sosyalista Ng Pilipinas (PDSP). I told him he should run for the Senate. He demurred.
ADDU LAWALUMNI — The Ateneo Law School Alumni of 1972-73 met in Tagum City last Saturday. Atty. Frank Rivero, a retired prosecutor now still into active lawyering and **Atty. Rudy Rapista** made the event memorable. It was a reunion of batchmates who graduated 40 years ago. **Former Congressman Bal Satur**, took time out to meet us. We also marveled at the pioneering work of Rudy Rapista in opening the St. Thomas More School of Law and Business in Tagum City.

BOBBY LEONOR — I met Davao pioneer **Bobby Leonor** in Tadeco this week. Despite his advanced age, he looked hale and healthy. And thoroughly enjoying life. He was with his son, Gerry.
INDAY SANTIAGO —Irene “Inday” Santiago is a year older on Tuesday, July 10. She won’t say how old but she’s still in the thick of her advocacies here and abroad.
EAGLES — The Fraternal Order of Eagles National president **Badong Ramos** led in the Charter presentation of the Panabo City chapter of the Eagles last Saturday. I spoke about those bygone and challenging days in the 80s, when **General Jimmy Echevarria** was still AFP unified commander here battling the insurgents and the left and the transition from martial law to post Edsa-1 days. There are now about 120 Eagle chapters all over the country, soaring high. Brotherhood through humanitarian work is the main thrust. Congrats, mga kuya!

Master Karatekafrom page 2

lished with his karate students seven years ago, Chees shelled out P47,025 for the rain coats and school supplies of kindergarten kids in Maligcong and medicines for six patients.
“Arrived tired but safe after traveling midnight of Saturday `till this morning (Monday),” he —mailed after his arrival in Germany. “T ulungan tayo piman ni (Let’s help) 5 yrs. young Jeremiah Tuda, ni teacher Elenita Soriano 42, and a father, Manuel Boaging 52”, he added after reading the on-line version of the Baguio week-

end papers.
Jeremiah, a toddler from Tinoc, Ifugao, has been confined at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical since last March for bacteria-infected injuries sustained in a vehicular accident. Soriano, a teacher at the Rizal Elementary School, is fighting cancer, while Boaging, father of three and a jeepney driver from Bauko, Mt. Province, has been on regular twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure since March last year.
While here, Chees, who won for Germany the kata event in the 1993 World Shotokan Championships, reached out to patients Freda Cheren, Jonalyn Gaston of Natonin, Marcelino Erigio and Juilian Epok. He also bankrolled the cost of an exerciser for a teener suffering from a debilitating muscle disease and the maintenance medicines of a baby girl born with a hole in her heart.
“I guess squeezing in a little time to be home has always been worth it, simply because of the opportunity to connect with those in need,” he said. “See you before the end of the year,” he told local friends, among them his teacher, fifth dan Edgar Kapawen Jr., head of the JKA-Orient based at the YMCA of Baguio.
“I owe what I am to sensei (teacher) Edgar and shihan (master) Kunio Sasaki,” he said.
Sasaki, the JKA’s permanent representative to the Philippines, introduced the shotokan (traditional or knife-hand) style of the martial art here in the early 1960s. Among his students were the late Arsenio Bawingan Jr., James Brett and Ambrose Sagalla, lawyer Ric Pangan, Roger Garcia and Kapawen.
“Julian is a real champion,” Sasaki, who is sparing in praising students, told JKA adherents two years back when he and his former ward conducted e promotional examinations for blackbelts in La Trinidad, Benguet three years ago.
Being the smallest member of the German national team, Chees concentrated on kata (formal exercises) which won him numerous international titles. He ruled the event twice in both the England and Dutch and, under master Ochi, had consistently reached the final in kata of the JKA world championships in Japan.
His personal mission here began in 2004, when he traveled to Banaue, Ifugao and delivered P70,000 to help two families who lost two daughters in a landslide rebuild their house.
Under his stewardship, Kinderhilfe, the humanitarian arm of Shoshin, the karate school he established in Germany, has so far extended over P2 million support to indigent patients in the Cordillera.
“This outreach is being made possible by the support of our Shoshin and JKA students, teachers and their families who stand by the Shotokan code, Karate ne sente nashi (Karate has no offense or There is no first strike in karate),” he said. — Ramon Dacawi.

Four Baguiofrom page 2

La Union before it empties into the China Sea. Galiano was class “B” in 1989, Bued was C to D in 1995.
It’s been quite sometime since those years, and “the present state of the Balili River can be perceived as way far (below) said classification”, noted city councilor Joel Alangsab, who filed the resolution asking the EMB to reclassify the four rivers.
Alangsab noted that the recently created Balili River Revitalization Coalition also

saw the need to update the river’s classification made 37 years ago.
Some city councilors questioned the need for a council resolution seeking river reclassification. Councilor Nicasio Palaganas asked if “reclassification is a necessity for its (Balili) rehabilitation?”. Councilor Peter Fianza wondered whether a downgrade to “D” would give the wrong impression for people to further pollute the river.
“Isn’t it bad practice to request an agency to do its job?” queried councilor Erdolfo Balajadia. Councilor Perlita Rondez opined a reclassification may result in a “humble acceptance” of river degradation and serve as a rallying point for bringing these water bodies back to life.
“We don’t lower but try to make it Class A,” pointed out councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda who also proposed a public hearing be held on the issue.
Whatever, Dagupen said a request for reclassification is needed before it is done, as per Department Administrative Order 34 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
Alangsab said the new classification will guide the city in addressing the river pollution problem and “open the eyes of the constituents and households of this truth considering that based (on) studies, households contribute a considerable portion in the pollution of such rivers”.
Pollution of the water bodies has worsened over the years, with households and commercial establishments piping their sewage and toxic effluents into the rivers and dumping soil and garbage into the tributaries during the rainy season.
At a meeting last February of the “Alay sa Kalinisan”, a multi-agency body at the forefront of Baguio’s cleanliness drive, mayor Mauricio Domogan said pipes dumping waste into rivers should be sealed so that erring households would find their sewage flowing back and belching up their sinks and toilet bowls.
This after the mayor and members of “Alay” were briefed by members of the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition (BRSRC) and EMB officials on the tell-tale signs of pollution: low dissolved oxygen (the amount of oxygen needed by aquatic life to survive), high biochemical oxygen demand (the amount of oxygen consumed during decomposition of organic waste), and high content of coliform, a bacterium that thrives on feces.
The mayor then asked the inclusion of the Bued and Galiano in the rehabilitation program of the coalition established last year and composed of the city and La Trinidad local government unit, the academe, private organizations, the DENR and the media.
For years now, prominent medical practitioner and environmentalist, Dr. Julie Camdas-Cabato, has been into rallying barangays along the Balili to maintain cleanliness of their portions of the waterway.
On July 25, volunteers being coordinated by city councilor Peter Fianza and the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council will unclog the upper portions of the Balili of snagged materials hampering the smooth flow of water as a flood-prevention measure.
Meanwhile, the city council is keen on creating a “Balili River Task Force” led by the EMB to inventory sources of pollution on the river and to implement provisions of the Sanitation Code of the Philippines, the Clean Water Act and the city’s water code. / Ramon Dacawi.

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increase of 298.60 (percent) over the schedule of values approved in 1996 that was fully implemented in 1998 under Tax Ordinance 2000-01”.

The schedule, he said, “ was derived from data gathered from advertisement, mortgages and valie sales transition from the monthly report of (the) Register of Deeds”.

The city council is expected act this Monday on the requests of Abanao Square and Neutrinus Enterprises for endorsement to their IT accreditation with the PEZA and also on two measures seeking condonation of surcharges to delayed or delinquent real property taxes.

Up for discussion are a proposed ordinance giving amnesty on delinquencies in real property taxes authored by vice-mayor Daniel Farinas and another co-authored by seven city councilors “providing rules and regulations for an incentive plan for the payment of real property tax delinquency in Baguio City and for other purposes”.

Councilor Edison Bilog authored the second measure, with co-authors and councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Fred Bagbagen, Peter Fianza, Erdolfo Balajadia calling for discussion en banc, and councilor Elmer Datuin signifying “with certain amendments” .

Councilors Nicasio Palaganas and Joel Alangsab recommended that the proposals be referred to the city treasurer for comment.

The council’s committee on ways and means and finance, cluster B, recommended approval of the two proposals on second reading./Ramon Dacawi.

Battle to Protect.....

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chair of the BRM, last Monday raised alarm over Busol’s condition in view of NCIP’s seeming bias towards the ancestral land claimants.

“We are worried that if applications for titling of portions of Busol watershed in favor of these applicants will not be stopped, we will lose the watershed which supplies 38 percent of the city’s potable water supply.” Balajadia lamented.

The mayor agreed that NCIP’s move to issue the restraining order in favor of the ancestral land applicants within just a few days from filing by the applicants was rather unusual.

The NCIP had in the past issued similar restraining orders that thwarted the city’s efforts to demolish the illegal structures in the said watershed.

This despite Supreme Court decisions denying with finality the claim of ownership by the Busol claimants, according to the mayor.

The mayor cited the decision of the Court of First Instance in Civil Reservation Case No. 1 dated November 13, 1922 as reiterated in the case of the Heirs of Gumangan et. Al. vs. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 75672 and 75673 dated April 19, 1989 and in the recent of the City of Baguio et. al. vs. Brain Masweng et. al. GR No. 180206 promulgated on Feb. 4, 2009.

The said decision which recognized Busol wastershed as “inalienable” has attained finality as of June 9, 2009, according to the mayor.

The mayor reiterated the said court

decision to NCIP Baguio officer-in-charge John Ray Libiran who furnished the city mayor with a copy of a resolution of Busol claimants composed of the heirs of Molintas, Kalomis, Gumangan and Rafael serving intention to agree to a joint survey of the metes and bounds of the watershed.

In his letter to Libiran, the mayor discarded the heir’s claims on the legitimacy of their applications over Busol lands based on the court decisions.

“Notwithstanding the foregoing final decisions of the court that finally denied the alleged ancestral land claim of the claimants over a portion of the Busol Watershed Reservation, we welcome a dialogue with them not on the said claims which had long time been denied but to collectively work together to continue ecological balance and preserve the fragile environment of the city,” the mayor wrote Libiran.

The mayor said the heirs may have misinterpreted their names’ identification in Proclamation No. 15 as recognition of their claims but he said the court ruled that the Proclamation “merely identifies the families... but does not acknowledge vested rights over the same” and thus did not give a “definitive recognition” of their claims.

The bamboo nursery project which is a joint project of the city, the BRM with barangays Ambiong, Brookspoint, East Bayan Park and Pacdal, is located at a site being claimed by the Ampaguey family within the watershed.

The project was supposed to have started last June 26 but members of the family barred the implementers.

On July 3, the TRO was issued by the NCIP barring the BRM and Councilor Balajadia from pursuing the project but on July 4 Mayor Domogan issued a directive for the removal of the barriers put up by the claimants and for the CEPMO to fence off the area for the nursery project which was carried out on July 5./A Refuerzo

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housing and other basic needs.

The new CLUP’s updates center on the allowed uses within the different zones and the provision of a land use map which streamlines the land use allocation of the various zones namely residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and utilities zones.

To address disaster risks, the mayor said the revised CLUP incorporates the zoning of existing sinkholes and other areas proclaimed as danger zones or geologically hazardous and to adopt appropriate measures to safeguard the said areas.

He said the earlier planned four-storey height limit on buildings as earthquake safety measure had been set aside in view of findings that building vulnerability during temblors is not based on the number of levels but on soil capability and soundness of the structures.

He said the city will instead impose strict requirements for soil tests and compliance with the standards of the building code for future constructions in the various zones.

He said the soil test will determine how many stories the ground can hold while the complying with the building code will assure that the structure will not turn out as sub-standard and thus vulnerable to earthquakes.

The mayor said the proposed CLUP will be returned to the city council by the

City Developmemt Council for approval.

He said the recommendations and inputs gathered from the multi-sectoral consultations conducted by the council committee on urban planning, lands and housing headed by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. for the said CLUP had been incorporated.

The revisions and adjustments are being undertaken by the city planning and development office under officer-in-charge Evelyn Cayat which serves as CDC secretariat.

The outputs were culled from consultations with the various sectors namely the National Economic and Development Authority Cordillera; the academe; the BLISTT; trade and industry; tourism; education; public safety and protection; social welfare services; health; infrastructure and utilities; housing and indigenous groups.

The CLUP serves as the City’s “blueprint for our City’s physical and economic development toward safer and healthier environment,” according to the mayor./A Refuerzo

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frastructure, disaster and environment.

Other member cities in the Philippines include, Calbayog City, Iloilo City, Ligao City-Albay, Makati City, Marikina City, Muntinlupa City, Naga City, San Fernando City and San Jose City-Nueva Ecija.

CITYNET initially started with 27 member cities as a UNESCAP project in 1987. /paul rillorta

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son why they are not being considered to higher positions’.

Bisquera added, ‘interested employees who wish to avail of the program will have to submit the ETEEAP application form, certificates, training and seminars attended’.

The documents will then be evaluated by a panel.

Datuin added, ‘employees who successfully finish the program will be awarded a Bachelors Degree in Political Science’.

‘This is a good project because it is supported by our city officials’, Datuin said. /paul rillorta

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Medical Mission and Interfaith Services

BAGUIO CITY – The public is invited for the commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the 1990 earthquake, through a medical-dental mission and an interfaith thanksgiving service, both at the Baguio Convention Center, Monday, July 16.

The Medical and Dental mission shall start at 1 PM while the services shall be at 3PM, with the participation of ministers from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), Cathedral of the Resurrection – Episcopal Church of the Philippines, Good News Community Church (GNCC), Baguio Grand Mosque, Evangelical Zion, and the Baguio Cathedral, Our Lady of Atonement.

Community or sectoral prayers shall be offered by each minister for the city. The UCCP choir and the Baguio Community Rondalla takes part through the processional and recessional.

A bread and soup fellowship follows at the same venue./juliegfianza

City Joins Asia Pacific Cooperation

Over 100 member cities in 20 countries, more than 2,000 participants from across the Asia Pacific Region and the globe came to participate in the ever expanding organization of Local Governments in Asia.

CITYNET is the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements, it is an active network connecting more than 100 cities and local governments mainly in the Asia Pacific Region.

Among its core programs is to promote exchange of expertise and build partnerships to ensure that local governments have the means to cope with increasing population and demands in their cities.

As member of this reputable international organization, Baguio City has been represented by Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas last July 9 to 12, 2012 during the holding of its 25th Anniversary Celebration and 29th Executive Committee conference in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Highlighting the theme “Paving the Way towards Envi-

ronmentally Sustainable Cities”, participants focused on member cooperation in working towards people-friendly cities that are socially just, ecologically sustainable, politically participatory, economically productive, culturally vibrant and globally connected.

Farinas said, “being a member of the organization is very important to the city in terms of city-to-city cooperation and exchanges of good practices among local governments and organizations”.

“We need cooperation among other member cities, civil society entities and the private sector in order to move forward towards sustainable urban development”, he said.

Member cities also tackled challenges, best practices and solutions to issues affecting cities including climate change adaptation and sharing of disaster risk reduction management sound practices.

Farinas noted,

“his field visit to the Environmental Preservation Areas in Surabaya is an eye opener which we can also adopt as a program in Baguio”.

Highlighted is the ‘Green and Clean Kampongs’(neighborhood areas) where communities participate in green and clean competitions as part of their Solid Waste Management Program which won the Energy Globe Award 2005, Green Apple Award 2007, ASEAN Environment Sustainable City, Indonesia Green Region Award 2011 and Smart City Award 2011.

“What is remarkable is they have successfully changed people’s minds towards waste treatment and the importance of green living”, Farinas said.

CITYNET is working with various partners such as the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), UN-HABITAT, JICA, World Bank, UNESCO, UNDP, UNEP and other international organizations to address urban-related issues such as poverty, in-

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



“FINISH COLLEGE” - City Human Resource Management Officer Dr. Estrella Bisquera explains to employees the benefits of the program between CHED, PCL, DILG and the city government for those who wish to finish their bachelors degree while Councilor Elmer Datuin looks on./Photo by Paul Rillorta

City Pushes Employees to Get Bachelors Degree

BAGUIOCITY education.

– the city government here is encouraging government workers to avail of the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP).

ETEEAP is a comprehensive educational assessment program at the tertiary level that recognizes, accredits and gives equivalencies to knowledge, skills, attitudes and values gained by individuals from relevant work.

The program is being offered to city government workers who have not yet graduated from college so they can get their degrees.

In a meeting held at the city’s multi-purpose hall Friday (July 13), City Councilor Elmer Datuin said the program has been availed of by the Philippine Councilors League-Legislative Academy (PCL-LA) so members can enhance their capabilities through continuing

education. Datuin said, the Department of Local and Interior Government (DILG) issued memorandum circular 2011-180 to all interested local legislators, interested local government officials and functionaries to avail of Technical Course offerings of the PCL-LA on official time.

“The program was availed of by councilors who did not finish their college studies and those who wanted to take up masteral degrees”, Datuin said.

Datuin said, “the PCL wants to focus on government employees as a means of expanding the program for those undergraduates who wish to get their degrees”.

Datuin said, “there are initial talks between ETTEEAP accredited schools here in the city for the conduct of classes on Saturdays in city hall.

“Three to four months, that’s how

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