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Mayor Says Fencing of Forest Reserves Would Deter Illegal Settlers

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday pointed to the intrusion of illegal settlers in the city's forest reserves as a growing problem if left

unabated.

Domogan said, "part of the city's priority is the preservation of the remaining forest reserves primarily the Busol Watershed which is the main source of the city's drinking water."

"We are optimistic that once the area is fenced, we can protect it from illegal settlers and land speculators," he said.

The city dealt with a similar problem of unabated intrusion of illegal settlers at the Buyog Forest Reserve saved by the construction of a perim-

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PLANTING SEASON - City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio spearhead the planting of tree seedlings at Camp Mini Park. The tree planting activity coincides with the start of Earth Month./by Bong Cayabyab

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Senator Lauds Granting of Immunity to Whistleblowers

Praises decision to reject Napoles immunity plea Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter "Companero" S. Cayetano lauded the Office of the Ombudsman for granting immunity to pork scam whistleblowers and for recognizing Janet Lim-Napoles to be the "most guilty" in the misuse of government funds.

"Tama ang desisyon ng Ombudsman to side with the whistleblowers. This will give them the assurance na magpalit man ng administrasyon, protektado pa rin sila. I laud the ombudsman for her decision" Cayetano said.

As it approved immunity for Luy and other witnesses, the Ombudsman denied Napoles' bid for immunity for "not meeting the qualifications to become an immune witness."

"I have always been 100 percent against any type of immunity for Napoles and I'm happy with the Ombudsman's decision," Cayetano added.

He also said that the administration should provide more incentives and protection to whistleblowers to encourage them to step forward and reveal what they know in hopes of exposing corruption in government.

"There is a need to finally pass the Whistleblowers Act and expand and strengthen our Witness Protection Program to protect witnesses from threats and make sure that their role in exposing anomalies will not harm their family's safety and livelihood," Cayetano said.

He added that we must learn from other countries where the safety and livelihood of whistleblowers are protected and ensured long after they have testified.

"Many potential whistleblowers are now watching this case and if we show them that people like them will be protected and taken care of by the state then we will see more courageous people willing to risk their lives to expose and weed out corruption from government," Cayetano said. /Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Address PHL's Vulnerability to Sea Level Rise, Senator Tells Gov't as World Observes Env't Day

Senator Loren Legarda today called on the government to address the vulnerability of Philippine communities that would be affected by sea level rise, which is seen to displace 13.6 million Filipinos by the year 2050.

Legarda, Chair of the Senate Committee on En-

vironment and Natural Resources, made the call as nations celebrate World Environment Day on today, June 5, with the theme "Raise your voice, not the sea level."

"The celebration of World Environment Day is not only about the environment per se. Climate change, disasters and ex-

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Kidney Disease Sends Family to Calvary

Marcelino Sadyoc Salvador, a 51-year old carpenter from Kibungan, Benguet, and his wife Martina (nee Malines), 43, a small-scale vegetable farmer, tried to raise and send their four children to school.

Now, only Jarimar, the eldest child at 21, and Shalimar, their only daughter at 19, are the ones in school, both in first year college. Sons Maymark, 19, and Ferdimar, 17, both high school graduates, are looking for work, their dreams of going to college doused by their father's ailment.

Marcelino and his wife were living in Buyacaoan, Buguias but recently had to transfer to the boarding house being rented by Jarimar and Shalimar at Km. 4, La Trinidad Benguet. The boarding house is close to King's Collge, where Shalimar is a freshman taking up hotel and restaurant management, and to the University of the Cordilleras, where Jarimar is enrolled in civil engineering.

The couple has no choice but to squeeze in. Marcelino needs to be close to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center where he has been on twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure since last March.

For months, Marcelino had refused to under go hemodialysis treatment, which has to be for life, as it would mean a budget of P2,200 per session, or P4,400 a week, amounting to P17,600 a month. The figure does not include other medications, occasional blood transfusion and other maintenance costs.

"Due to his condition, Marcelino can not work, noted social worker Agustina Calion in a case study report she prepared

and noted by Buguias mayor Melchor Diclas.

Neither can Martina tend to the vegetable garden. She has to be at her husband's side, especially during his dialysis schedule set from about 7 or 8 p.m. or from 12 midnight on Tuesday and Friday at the BGHMC renal center.

Admitting "we are already incapable (of sustaining) my husband's medical needs and treatment", Martina recently appealed for support from whoever can.

Samaritans may ring her cellphone number — 09292957111.

Meanwhile, Adela Enrade, another dialysis patient whose case was recently published in the weeklies, wants to thank an anonymous donor who had P10,000 delivered to her, together with somebody from the Calvary Baptist Church at Guisad, Baguio, who contributed P1,500.

The same donor who declined to be identified also recently contributed P5,000 for expenses of the city disaster risk reduction management operations center in bringing dialysis patient Chester Raga to the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Quezon City.

The team was supposed to deliver the patient back to Baguio the other week but NKTi doctors advised the he needed to be hospitalized.

Likewise, Cathy Sakiwat texted last week that somebody from Mountain Province delivered P2,200 last Wednesday while a woman gave her P1,000 for her husband, April, who is also on twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment. /Ramon Dacawi.

BFFFI Responds to Yangot Panagbenga Transfer Speech

BAGUIO CITY — "The Panagbenga belongs to the people of Baguio City," the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, Inc (BFFFI) asserted last Thursday during a press conference held at the Baguio Country Club to clear issues as to a privilege speech delivered earlier by Councilor Leandro Yangot, Jr.

The councilor earlier in his speech said that the operation of the Baguio Flower Festival should be given back to the city as it has "metamorphosed from a cultural event to a commercial endeavor, from a community affair to a profit-driven show," citing the removal of school and barangay-based landscaping activities, and extended road spaces for stall rentals. Councilor Yangot said the flower festival was a "wasted opportunity to showcase local art, and handicrafts and to honor local talent and art and to celebrate culture." Locals and handicraft producers were also not given chances to promote their products, the councilor further said in his speech. Even payment for electric usage was scrutinized, as with the audit of the city's P4M contribution and sponsors' support. "Let the Panagbenga be a community even, not a private fund raising activity," the councilor said.

The councilor earlier called on his colleagues' approval for a resolution for the mayor to convene a management team in preparation for Panagbenga 2015, as the 20th edition.

The councilor voiced out confidence that the city government can efficiently run and generate income through the Panagbenga festival, for social services, programs and projects' fund allotment.

Members of the BFFFI board of directors present in the press conference which included hotelier Frederico Alquiros, Dr. Julie Cabato, Atty. Damaso Bangaot, Jr., Dr. Francis Cesar Bringas, Mayor Mauricio Domogan, and Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr. each spoke about improving the next edition of Panagbenga, or giving better alternatives instead of criticizing it.

Atty. Bangaot, Jr., emphatically said there would always be room for improvement.

Dr. Cabato, gently enthused that every Panagbenga activity should be worked at "together as a family," and there should be no suspicions nor "unpeace," as we "take things to heart."

Department of Education top executive Dr. Francis Cesar Bringas noted that it was Councilor Leandro Yangot who handed out landscape winners' prizes during the Panagbenga closing program on March 2 at the Athletic Bowl.

It was also mentioned that the landscape contest is now in the clean and green program, as it was agreed to be a year-long, not a month-long activity.

Mayor Domogan clarified that every flower festival "has been duly audited, as a "mandatory requirement," except for the 2005 edition, he said.

The panagbenga is a community activity, thus, "let us not segregate ourselves, but unite and cooperate for whatever needs improvement," the mayor said. He gave out data which showed the tremendous increase of business taxes collected, P50M when Panagbenga started and now at P200M. Such taxes collected way back in 1992 was then P13M-P15, the mayor added. With the rise in the annual city budget, however, he is calling for the passage of a sales tax ordinance. This is for the council to act on, he added.

The city funded P4M assistance to Panagbenga is for prizes for the streetdancing, drum and lyre, Mayor Domogan also clarified.

The BFFFI body present during the forum also made it clear that the running of Panagbenga entailed sacrifices from the Baguioites. There is no doubt that there were also inconveniences during the festival, they admitted. The Panagbenga, however has been a product of partnership between the community and private entities, thus it should sustained that way, they said.

A joint statement asked the councilor to "revisit" a city council resolution which returned the 2006 Panagbenga preparations to BFFFI as it recognized that "BFFFI, to-

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SC Ruling on City-Jadewell Cases out

BAGUIO CITY – The Supreme Court has ruled on the cases between the city government and the Jadewell Jadewell Systems Parking Corporation, the controversial operator of the city's on-street payparking project in the early 2000s.

In a decision penned on April 23, the Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes P. A. Sereno affirmed the Court of Appeals ruling dated July 7, 2003 invalidating the city council's rescission of the memorandum of agreement that authorized Jadewell's operation in the city in 2001.

The Court however pointed out that there was not enough evidence on the extent of Jadewell's violations of the contract to prove whether or not the unilateral rescission of the contract was in order.

Moreover, the Court did not award any damage in favor of the parking firm.

"While Jadewell prays for damages against the public respondent, and while ordinarily we could grant the same, the context of this case prevents us from giving any form of recompense to Jadewell even if the rescission of the MOA did not follow the required legal procedure. This is because it would be appalling to grant Jadewell any award of damages, considering (1) it installed only 14 out of the apparently 100 contemplated parking meters; (2) its employees, private citizens who did not possess any authority from the LTO (Land Transportation Office), were manually collecting parking fees from the public, and (3) it did not, apparently properly remit any significant amount of money to the City of Baguio," the Court said.

"These three facts are uncontested, these omissions are offensive to the concept of public service that the residents of Baguio were promised through Jadewell. From its ambiguous responses... it is clear that Jadewell does not appear to be an investor who has lost in its investments in the Baguio City project. Thus, we do not award any damages to Jadewell."

In the same ruling, the Court also dismissed Jadewell's petitions to cite former mayors Braulio Yaranon, Bernardo Vergara and Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr., former vice mayor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, members of the then city council and Judge Fernando Vil Pamintuan for indirect contempt and to disbar city officials who are lawyers by profession.

The Court also denied the petition of Jadewell for certiorari, prohibition and madamus as well as its prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and/or writ of preliminary injunction.

Yaranon's petition for review on certiorari relative to his suspension from office in 2006 was also denied for being moot and academic.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan believes the SC decision would not be the end of the Jadewell issue in the city.

He said Jadewell can still file a motion to clarify the ruling.

Jadewell's operations in the city which was assailed for a long time was stopped in November, 2006 after the city council repealed Ordinance No. 003-2000 for the privatization and administration of on-street parking in the city and rescinded the MOA that authorized its operation in 2001.

This resulted to Jadewell's filing of the case against the city government questioning the validity of the rescission.

The Regional Trial Court on October 8, 2002 declared the city council's move as unlawful and this was sustained by the Court of Appeals on July 7, 2003.

The main case spawned a bevy of cases, one of which resulted to the suspension of former mayor Yaranon in 2006.

Jadewell's contract with the city government expired in 2012./A Refuerzo

PE, Bong, and Jinggoy Formally Slapped with Plunder Charges

Janet Lim Napoles is charged along with them.

On Friday afternoon, June 6, the Office of the Ombudsman filed at the Sandiganbayan plunder and graft charges against Senators **Juan Ponce Enrile**, **Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.** and **Jinggoy Estrada** for their alleged involvement in the P10 billion Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) scam.

Enrile allegedly plundered P172 million; Revilla, P242 million, and Estrada, P183 million.

Aside from the three senators, their chiefs of staff were also charged: **Atty. Jessica "Gigi" Reyes**, former chief of staff of Enrile; **Richard Cambe**, chief of staff of Revilla; and **Pauline Labayen**, staff of Estrada.

Janet Lim Napoles, the alleged mastermind of the scam, was likewise charged with plunder.

Two heads of Napoles-linked NGOs, **John Raymond de Asis** (Kaupdanan para sa Mangunguma Foundation Inc.) and **Ronald John Lim** (Ginintuang Alay sa Magsasaka Foundation Inc.) were also charged./ANC News Channel

Classes Open Smoothly in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY — More than 350,000 elementary and high school students in public schools in city trooped to their respective schools for the opening of classes on Monday, June 2.

Amidst the usual problems on school opening like lack of classrooms, teachers and other school facilities, classes resumed smoothly.

Dr. Elma Donaál, principal of the Baguio City National High School Principal, the city's biggest public school, said the lack of classrooms is due to the unprecedented increase of students in the public schools.

As of Monday, more than 6700 students are enrolled at the BCNHS Main and annex campuses in the city, and the number is still expected to increase with enrolment still on going.

Donaál said the lack of classrooms is still a big problem in the BCNHS since there were only few classrooms which were created out of the old school facilities just to accommodate the increasing number of stu-

dents.

She also bared that at the moment, the school has a 1:70 classroom to student ratio particularly at the fourth year classes which increased this year. Department of Education's prescribed ratio is 1:45.

The fourth year level needed at least nine classrooms more to accommodate the growing number of students but they had only remedied five classrooms. Two are at the old Gabaldon building which is considered as a heritage building since it is a more than 60 year old structure, but is now being refurbished to be used as classrooms.

It was also learned from Donaál that the DepEd has allowed only two new teachers to be added to the manpower of the school.

She stressed that they would not deprive any student who would be coming to enroll at their school even if they are faced with such problems.

Meanwhile, the Fort Del Pilar Elementary School inside the Philippine Military Academy has postponed the start of classes for the kinder



Photo source: ANC News Channel

Senator on Pork Plunder Charges: The Day of Accounting has Come

Give Filipino Families the Swift Justice they deserve

As "the day of accounting" has come for pork plunderers, Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter "Companero" S. Cayetano said the Sandiganbayan must ensure that Filipino families get the swift but fair justice they deserve.

Citing a World Bank study, Cayetano pointed out that the average case processing time in the Sandiganbayan is nine to 10 years. As of 2012, the Sandiganbayan has almost 2,300 pending cases.

"We can no longer let this happen. Ipakita natin sa publiko na kaya natin silang bigyan ng mabilis na hustisiya at hindi makakawala ang mga nagnakaw ng perang ng taumbyan. This is the best and strongest message the government can send na hindi nito ito-tolerate ang korupsiyon," Cayetano said.

Cayetano made the statement following the filing of plunder charges against Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Jinggoy Estrada, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., along with Janet Lim-Napoles, and other personalities at the Sandiganbayan today.

"The judiciary must now exercise political will by designating a special criminal courts or divisions to expedite trials such as these. Otherwise, this is another case of 'justice delayed is justice denied'," Cayetano said.

"We must do everything to finish this and other high-profile cases involving the plunder of the people's money in 500 days or one and a half years. This should be more than enough if the Court prioritizes these cases. The evidence is there. The paper trail is there. The whistleblowers have risked their lives to reveal in their sworn testimonies what they know. Hindi ako naniniwala na hindi kayang pabilisin ang prosesong ito." Cayetano said.

Cayetano stressed the need to swiftly resolve the plunder cases before the 2016 presidential elections.

"Dapat ang desisyon mangyari bago mag eleksyon para yung mga guilty will not benefit from a change in the administration by 2016," he said./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

and grade 1 pupils to June 9.

School Principal Lydia Ladióng said that due to the lack of classroom they have decided to move the start of classes of the younger pupils. She explained that the rooms for the pupils are still being constructed and will be completed within the week.

At least 1350 have enrolled this school year from kinder to grade 6./JDP/ RMC-PIA CAR

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 3rd day of May 2014.

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Restitution

The Court of Appeals Thursday stood pat on its earlier decision affirming Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales' order: Fire 10 Navy officers linked to the 1995 murder of then 24-year-old Ensign Philip Pestaño.

Pestaño—who?

He studied at the Sacred Heart School in Cebu, then enrolled at Ateneo de Manila where he was an honor student. Pestaño joined the Philippine Navy after graduating from the Philippine Military Academy in 1993. He was posted as cargomaster for the Navy ship BRP Bacolod City.

Among other things, he refused to load 14,000 board feet of illegal logs, weapons and shabu. For that, he got threatening phone calls. "'Kawawa ang bayan,' Pestaño told anxious parents, who pleaded with him to resign from the Navy," the late James Reuter, SJ, recalled in his column, "At 3 A.M."

As the story goes, part of the shipment turned out to be "a gift" from then Gov. Gerry Matba for Admiral Pio Carranza. "Orders from above" overruled Pestaño. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources certified that the logs were inspected in Zamboanga—when the boat was already docked in Cavite. The logs vanished but spurious clearances appeared.

Pestaño was found in his cabin with a gunshot wound on his right temple after the ship meandered on an hour-and-a-half trip from Cavite to dock at Roxas Boulevard. Normally, that trip takes 25 minutes. Logbook entries vanished.

"Suicide," ruled the Navy within 24 hours, sans investigation. Nonsense, objected

Pestaño's PMA classmates, who pointed to the absence of powder burns on the body and also offered testimony.

Archive the Pestaño case as the evidence is "patchy," ordered then Ombudsman

EDITORIAL

Aniano Desierto. As Marcos military prosecutor, Desierto hounded sena-

tors Benigno Aquino Jr., Jose Diokno and other dictatorship victims. Up to his death, senator Lorenzo Tañada refused to even address Desierto directly.

Ombudsman Desierto "will be devoting a considerable amount of his official time protecting his hide," constitutional scholar Joaquin Bernas, SJ, predicted then. "His image is shattered... and it is impossible for him to function effectively..."

And that's where the Pestaño case was boxed into—until the Senate committees on human rights and national defense stepped in. Led by the late Senate president and former chief justice Marcelo Fernan, the committees held eight meetings between May 5 and Sept. 3, 1997. Members inspected Pestaño's cabin.

Senate Report No. 800 concluded: "Pestaño... was bludgeoned unconscious and then shot to death somewhere else in the vessel. His body was moved and laid on the bed where it was found. Identify the persons who participated in this attempt to fake suicide.... The clear absence of blood spatters, bone fragments or other human tissues is physical evidence more eloquent than a hundred witnesses..."

Then Sen. Fred Lim did just that in a later privilege speech. He fingered Lt. Carlito Amoroso (PMA Class 1994) a close-in security for Admiral Carranza. Amoroso was on board BRP Bacolod City as an "unmanifested passenger." Lim lashed at Ensign Joselito Colico who admitted, before the Senate, that he removed the magazine from the .45-caliber pistol and wiped off fingerprints. Both are among those cashiered by the Court of Appeals.

The ensign's parents, Felipe and Evelyn, gave up knocking at then Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez's door. "She has not agreed to see us," they said.

Gutierrez added "sting to injury," noted then UP College of Law dean and now Inquirer publisher Raul Pangalangan. She dismissed the complaint after Pestaño's parents signed the impeachment complaint against her. Gutierrez quit when the House of Representatives impeached her.

In 2011, President Aquino appointed former Supreme Court justice Conchita Carpio Morales as Ombudsman. That same year, Morales reversed Gutierrez's 2009 decision shredding the murder and administrative misconduct charges against the 10 Navy men.

Pestaño's parents also sought the United Nations' help. In March 2011, the UN Human Rights Commission (UN-HRC) wrote: Despite denials by authorities, Pestaño was not a suicide but the victim of homicide. "Violation of Ensign Pestaño's right to life and to redress of grievance... is directly attributable to the State in party (Republic of the Philippines)." "No one has been prosecuted for the crime—after (more than a decade). It had been committed with impunity." The Philippines should "undertake enforceable remedies.... and inform the UN within 180 days."

Within four months of Pestaño's death, comrades disappeared in "mysterious circumstances," the UN-HRC in Geneva found.

PO2 Zosimo Villanueva tipped Pestaño "on drugs stashed in 20 sacks of rice aboard the ship." Then Villanueva was "lost at sea" but his three companions survived. Only a bloodied speedboat was found.

PO3 Fidel Tagaytay was BRP Bacolod City's radio operator. Tagaytay agreed to brief the provost marshal about people who had sneaked aboard. He vanished when summoned to testify. Wife Leonila's efforts to trace his whereabouts were brushed off by the claim that Tagaytay was "absent without leave."

Ensign Alvin Farone contacted Marissa, Pestaño's sister, saying he wanted "to tell what really happened to Philip." He died before he could do so.

Firing is half of the job. What about the restitution? Zacchaeus told the Master he would repay fourfold what he stole. And what compensation can we, as a people of notoriously short memories, accord to a young officer for standing up to what was right?

Rename the Navy headquarters on Roxas Boulevard after Ensign Philip Pestaño for a start. What is your viewpoint?/Juan L. Mercado



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

"UNORTHODOX" DOCTOR

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I was seated in a clinic receiving room in Quezon City a few days ago waiting for our turn to meet the doctor, a certain "DOC LEAL" who was supposed to be an expert on non-invasive treatment for body pains. Then I spotted on the wall of the reception area a full-spread front page clipping of last year's SUN STAR Davao April 2013 issue. Featured in a full banner story written by its Editor Stella Estremera was Dr. ISAGANI S. LEAL from Magpet, North Cotabato, now a musculoskeletal expert with whom we had an appointment for consultations that afternoon. He is supposed to be the only one of his kind in the country today. His photos with sports stars, even one with businessman Manuel V. Pangilinan (MVP) and senators and other celebrities in Manila were collaged on the wall. Seated in the reception area were mostly "senior citizens" with walking canes and one young lady in wheelchair evidently injured. I was there with Beth for her recurring neck pains that had been troubling her for years whose medications evidently caused her kidney ailment. Truth to tell, it was Davao Mayor Rody Duterte who mentioned to Beth during the wake of our brother-in-law in Davao City to see a "Dr. Leal" in Manila after both of them exchanged notes about their common recurring neck pains and headaches. But I had no way of contacting him as I failed to get his cell phone number. By some coincidence last week, former Gov. Manny Pinol picked up the phone during coffee at Starbucks in SM mall in Davao City and linked me up with the DOC LEAL who was actually a native of Gov. Manny's province. My wife and I promptly went to Manila to meet this doctor in our continuous search for relief from her recurring neck pains to further nurture her improving kidneys.

NON-CONVENTIONAL — When we entered his small clinic, he immediately told me in Cebuano: "Kaila man ko nimo, sir." (I know you, sir) although I barely recognized him. He used to work as a doctor at the regional health office in Cotabato City when I was handling Mindanao for Malacanang. I would visit his area during calamities like bombings, shooting incidents and outbreak of epidemics. He recalled seeing me often during the "war" (with the MILF) in Pikit, North Cotabato as he was involved in community-based medical services attending to the evacuees. Even as a medical doctor, he was more fascinated with the "unconventional and the unorthodox." He dabbled with herbal medicines, therapy, "hilot" and other alternative procedures. He even authored a manual on alternative herbal medicines that up to this day is being used by the regional health office. An opportunity came when he was sent on a 3-month training in Israel on a new method called musculoskeletal medicine. After his 3-month scholarship, he decided to stay and personally paid his way to more training and immersion in a pioneering medical field. He "moonlighted" as a part time doctor in Tel Aviv (usually pro bono to his "kababayans") and even worked as contributor to a medical magazine. His meager earnings as a part-time writer and practitioner were used to finance his frugal life there just to learn some more. He gave free medical assistance to Pinoy OFWs in his spare time. It was while he was in Israel that he lost his wife who was left in Cotabato due to leukemia. (His only daughter is now 18 years old.) He trained in Tel Aviv, Israel for 4 years on what can be described by western medicine as an "unorthodox" or alternative way of treating body pains and ailments.

CLINIC — Upon returning home, he eventually opened in 2009 a clinic called **CENTER FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL SCIENCE—ASIA**, now known for its

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LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you..." (James 1:21, the Holy Bible).

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MORALITY OF A GOV'T OFFICIAL IS A LEGAL ISSUE: This is not to agree and say that the accusations of immorality or of having illicit relationships with two married men against Justice Secretary Leila De Lima are true. As a lawyer, I know that these kinds of accusations must be proved in court first, if they are to be believed at all.

But then, I do not agree that De Lima need not answer them, nor "dignify them with explanations" at this point, because they pertain to "personal matters". The fact is that, accusations involving the morality of anyone in government once raised publicly, must have to be answered, explained, and immediately refuted, because they involve an issue that is not only personal or moral, but also totally legal.

For it cannot be denied that there are laws and Supreme Court decisions in the country right now that direct anyone working in government not only to be morally upright at all times, to behave and conduct themselves according to law, good morals, good customs, and public policy, but also to avoid any appearance of impropriety affecting the integrity of public service.

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LAWS DWELLING ON MORALITY OF OFFICIALS: The first of these laws is found under Section 27, Art. II, Declaration of Principles and State Policies, which says: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption..."

Second, morality in government service is also required under Republic Act 6713, which is the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Government Officials and Employees". Its Section 4 (c) says: "... Every public official and employee ... shall refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety and public interest..."

Then, we also have Proclamation No. 62, Series of September 30, 1992, which is entitled "Declaring A Moral Recovery and Enjoining Active Participation of All Sectors in the Filipino Society". This law says "... there is a need for moral renewal in order to eradicate the social ills that have plagued us for the past several decades..."

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DE LIMA MUST RESPOND TO ACCUSATIONS ON IMMORALITY: Executive Order 319, Series of April 03, 1996, on the other hand, directed "(A)ll government departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities and government-owned and controlled corporations are enjoined to establish Integrity Circles or any similar mechanism to lay the necessary foundations of the moral recovery crusade for Filipinos..."

In the case of "Samson vs. Restrivera", G.R. No. 178459, March 28, 2011, the Supreme Court gave a directive for all government officials and employees to "avoid any appearance of impropriety affecting integrity of public service." Surely, the morality, or lack of it, by any government official is a matter that affects public service and should any question be raised about it, a forthright answer is demanded.

De Lima therefore owes not only to President Aquino, but also to God and to the Filipino people, to squarely respond to any challenge on her moral uprightness, not as an admission of any guilt, but because as a ranking official under a government that supposedly espouses "righteous governance", she has a legal obligation to do so.

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FAIR AND SQUARE

*How Do We Go About
Legalizing Irregularly-
Issued Franchises?*

BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



First and foremost, we should work for the issuance by LTRFB en banc of a memorandum circular allowing holders of irregularly-issued franchises or CPCs to file petition for legalization individually in the Regional Board. It is similar to Memorandum Circular No. 2000-019 in which the Board allowed the legalization of taxi franchises in Baguio City issued in violation of the Public Service Law. Precisely, this is what we are asking now the Board in the pending Petition for Legalization that we filed in August 2013.

Unfortunately, in the hearing of the petition last March, the Board en banc suspended the hearing, instead, it ordered the conduct of audit of the CPCs listed in the Inventory of Irregularly-Issued CPCs submitted by the LTRFB-CAR. It is my thinking though that the audit of the Board should not have been limited to the CPCs inventoried by LTRFB-CAR consisting only of 1400 cases because, in my own honest calculation, the Regional Board granted more of these CPCs during the period of moratorium from 1996 to the present.

At any rate, in an Omnibus Motion that we will file after the Board's audit, we will request the Board for the continuance of hearing of the pending petition for legalization. We will also ask that acceptance of application for sale and transfer be suspended in the meanwhile.

In resolving the pending petition for legalization, the Board en banc will probably be faced with several options, or so I think. These may partake of the following:

1. To deny in its entirety the petition for the reason that irregularly- issued franchises being illegal or void cannot be legalized. (however, it will have to contend with the precedence established by the Board in legalizing taxi franchises in 2000 for violations of the Public Service Act.)

2. To partially grant the legalization by way of allowing the CPCs irregularly issued in violation of the moratorium and other LTRFB rules, but not the CPCs granted in violation of law like the spurious and the fraudulent.

3. Maintain the status quo of the procedures presently observed by the LTRFB-CAR in which all applications filed by holders of irregularly-issued franchises are granted by the mere submission of the self-serving Affidavit of Undertaking (this would be the worst option that the Board will take if ever, since it will perpetuate the existence of invalid or void CPCs.)

4. Or, the Board will grant the petition, subject to terms and conditions that it may deem proper and necessary.

For the purpose herein, we will assume that the pending petition for legalization will be granted favorably.

The object of this legalization is to make all irregular CPCs in the hands of PUV operators in the Cordillera legitimate or valid for, if they remained as such they will pose danger to the security of both operators and the riding public. Otherwise put, legalization should be able to cleanse the dockets of the LTRFB-CAR of tainted CPCs or CPCs issued in violation of law, the moratorium and other rules promulgated by LTRFB en banc. We have no definite timeline for it, but legalization should successfully be completed within five (5) years by which period all cases and CPCs shall have been verified or the irregular CPCs have been determined.

To facilitate the determination of who are holders of irregularly-issued CPCs required to file petition for legalization, the following incipient presumptions can be adopted by the LTRFB-CAR (if it wants to):

1. As a rule of thumb, all CPCs issued in the first instance BEFORE the effectivity of moratorium under LTRFB M.C. No. 96-002 or M.C. 98-026 or M.C. No. 2003-028 and their derivatives (CPCs derived therefrom),

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OCSWADO Pushes Increase in Disaster Relief Fund

BAGUIO CITY –the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) has recommended the amendment of a 13-year old ordinance granting assistance to victims of calamities here.

City ordinance Number 46-2001 or the 'Relief and Rehabilitation Assistance to Victims of Disasters Ordinance' passed 13 years ago provides assistance to victims of disaster and calamities man-made or natural.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan April 14, 2014 recommended amendments to the ordinance specifically the increase in cash assistance given to victims.

This is in response to the legislative tracking and analysis being conducted by the Sangunian Panglungsod (SP) research division on said ordinance for its implementation and further improvement.

Fangasan said, 'they are currently implementing the ordinance but certain provisions need amendment as it is already not at par with the present situation.'

Pointed-out by the social department for amendment are provisions in the rehabilitation assistance such as the 'Food-for-Work and Cash-for-Work' program, Balik Probinsya Program and Supplemental Feeding Program.

Fangasan said, 'considering the escalation of basic commodities such as rice, canned goods and mineral water since 2001, the cash assistance of P100.00 is no longer enough and suggested to increase the same to P250.00.'

For the Balik Probinsya program, the ordinance mandates cash assistance of P4,000.00 as maximum amount per family for transportation and food while on travel.

Fangasan said, 'it would be more feasible for the city to provide actual travelling expenses on transportation and food costs for the program considering that most families who avail of the program are more than three members.'

The CSWDO also recommended the increase from P10.00 to P20.00 per day for 30 days the fund allotted per child for the Supplemental Feeding Program.

The city council passed in November 5, 2009 amendments to the ordinance increasing the assistance being afforded to victims and their families.

Although Amendatory Ordinance 80-2009 provided the increase in Assistance to Individuals in Crises (AIC) from P3,000.00 to P6,000.00 per beneficiary.

It also increased the financial assistance given to the bereaved families of victims of disaster and calamities from P6,000.00 to P20,000.00 covering primarily funeral expenses.

P30,000.00 was also included as assistance to rescuers and government officials and employees who die performing their duties in rescue and disaster operations.

Families of missing victims during disasters will also be given P2,000.00 a day for a maximum of five days.

If the victim is still missing in the tenth day, the family will receive financial assistance to complete the amount of P20,000.00.

The amended provisions in Ordinance 80-2009 did not however increase the Food-for-Work and Cash-for-Work program, Balik Probinsya program and the Supplemental Feeding program.

The SP tracking team also recommended for the increase in the amount allotted to the different programs of the ordinance to be increased every five years for continuous and effective implementation of the same./paul rillorta

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
Branch 62
La Trinidad, Benguet

SAN VICENTE SAV-
INGS AND CREDIT
COOPERATIVE,
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

SPS. JOVITA AND
TITO ANITAP AND
ALL OTHER PER-
SONS ACTING IN
THEIR
BEHALF AND IN
THEIR INTEREST,
Defendants.

X—————X

CIVIL CASE NO.
13-CV-2915

FOR:
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL
ESTATE MORT-
GAGE
SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

The Honorable
Court rendered a De-
cision dated 2 Decem-
ber 2013, the dispo-
sitive portion of which
reads:

WHEREFORE, in
view of the foregoing,
defendants, are hereby
directed to:

1. Pay to plain-
tiff, within ninety (90)
days from finality of
this judgment, the prin-
cipal amount of ONE
MILLION TWO HUN-
DRED THOUSAND PE-
SOS (Php
1,200,000.00) and in-
demnity interest at the
legal rate of Six percent
(6%) per annum from
14 February 2013 until
full payment of the
loan obligation, which
amounts to ONE MIL-
LION TWO HUNDRED
FIFTY FOUR THOU-
SAND PESOS (Php
1,254,000.00) as of 14
November 2013, and

2. In case defen-
dants fail to pay the
amount due within the
period provided, the

property covered by
Transfer Certificate of
Title No. T-62759 in the
name of defendant
Jovito S. Anitap, mar-
ried to Tito Anitap,
shall be sold to public
auction to satisfy the
judgment.

3. Pay the cost
of the suit.

SO ORDERED."

WHEREFORE, by
virtue of the above-
mentioned Decision
and failure of the de-
fendants to pay, the
undersigned will sell
at PUBLIC AUCTION
to the highest bidder
for CASH and in Phil-
ippine Currency on 19
JUNE 2014 at 10:00
o'clock in the morning
or soon thereafter in
front of the Bulwagan
ng Katarungan,
(Benguet Justice Hall)
Justice Hill, La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, the parcel
of registered land, subject
matter of the above-entitled
case, more particularly
described as follows, to
wit:

TRASFER CERTIFI-
CATE OF TITLE NO. T-
62759 REGISTER OF
DEEDS OF PROVINCE
OF BENGUET

"A parcel of land
(Lot 3, Pcs-CAR-
001067), being a por-
tion of consolidated
lots of Lots 3-A & 3-B,
Psd-131114-003702.
Rurban Code of
131114. Situated at
Barangay of Central,
Municipality of Tublay,
Province of Benguet,
Island of Luzon.
Bounded on the NE., &
NW., along lines 1-2-3
by Lot 2 of the consoli-
dation subdivision
plan; on the NE., & SE.,
along lines 3-4-5 by
Lot 2, Psd-1-06068; on
the SW., along line 5-6
by Laoyan; on the NW.,
along line 6-7 by Pub-
lic Land on the NE.,
along line 7-8 by Tublay
- Baguio Road., on the
SE., & NE., along line
8-9-1 by Lot 1 of the
consolidation subdivi-
sion plan. Beginning at
a point marked "1" on
plan, S. 66 deg. 42'W.,
767.20 m. from BLLM
No. 1 Chomolpot,
Mun. Of Tublay, x x x x
x x containing an area
of TWENTY SEVEN
THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED FOUR
(27,904) SQUARE

Help Stop the Spread of AIDS - Mayor

BAGUIO CITY -
With muscled bronze
warriors at the Igorot
Park as background,
Mayor Mauricio
Domogan, members of
the AIDS Watch Coun-
cil (AWAC), represen-
tatives from the De-
partment of Health
(DOH-CAR), City
Health Department
(CHD), and other gov-
ernment agencies
joined the candlelight
memorial ceremony for
Acquired Immunodefi-
ciency Syndrom
(AIDS) victims last
June 1, Friday after-
noon.

Joining them for
the International AIDS
memorial day are work-
ers, clad mostly in red,

METRS more or less.

Prospective bidder/
buyers may investigate
the above-described
real property regarding
the encumbrances
thereof, if any. In case
of failure in the auction
sale, in the stated date,
time and place, the
same is hereby re-
scheduled on 10 July
2014 at the same time
and place without fur-
ther notice.

Let the foregoing
be published in THE
JUNCTION Newspaper,
for three (3) consecu-
tive weeks and the
same be posted at the
Municipal Hall, and
Post Office at Tublay,
Benguet; Bulletin
board of RTC-Occ-
Benguet, RTC Branch
62, La Trinidad,
Benguet for Twenty
(20) days before the
scheduled public auc-
tion sale pursuant to
the provisions of Rule
39, of the Revised Rules
of Court of the Philip-
pines.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines,
this 19th day of MAY
2014.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITO
F. SALES
Sheriff IV

Publication dates:
May 24, 31 and June
7, 2014

from the city's enter-
tainment centers, bars
and massage parlors.

The mayor who
delivered his message,
despite a slight
drizzle, expressed
concern for city dwell-
ers' health and protec-
tion against Human
Immunodeficiency Vir-
us (HIV-AIDS) infec-
tion which may be ac-
quired by unprotected
sexual relations with
infected persons. A
slight illness for an
AIDS patient may
turn out to be fatal, as
the human's immune
system would be very
weak to fight off the
most minor infection,
it was known. Further,
the illness could be
transmitted by in-
fected hypodermic
needles, and mother-
to-child during preg-
nancy and
breastfeeding.

"Pigilan ang
pagpapalaganap ng
AIDS," the mayor said
in Filipino. He cau-
tioned the public
against indiscriminate
and unsafe sex, being
faithful to one's
spouse, abstinence
and care for one's self.

Yet, "the greatest
weapon we wield
against AIDS is still
prevention, as there is
still no known cure for
HIV- AIDS," the
mayor said in his
speech. "Please take
extra care of your-
selves," he asked the
entertainment site
workers, "aim for the
good and think of the
next generation."

The ceremony fo-
cused on the slogan;
"Let's Keep the Light
On HIV," and the
watch words; "Reduce
Stigma, Ensure Ac-
cess, Increase Re-
sources, Promote In-
volvement."

Statistics show
that Baguio has 63
HIV AIDS victim
since 1992, 47 males
and 16 females, all
within the ages 17-48.
Some have been in-
fected by their part-
ners, locally and some
while working over-
seas while some were
infected through the
use of hypodermic
needles./juliegfianz

LTFRB Monitors Implementation of 20% Fare Discount

BAGUIO CITY - The Land Transportation Franchising and
Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Cordillera is doing inspection on
public utility transportation units including jeepneys, buses, taxis,
AUVs or vans and express service franchises on the implementa-
tion of the 20 percent fare discount.

Rosario K. Oyaman, head of LTFRB in the region, said that
with the opening of classes, public utility drivers should give the
mandatory 20 percent fare discount to students., as well as
senior citizens and people with disability.

Students from preschool to college, including vocational and
technical schools recognized by the government, are entitled to
the discount.

Students of postgraduate studies and short-term courses like
seminars, however, are not covered by such privilege.

Also entitled to the 20% percent fare discount are senior
citizens and people with disability.

To avail of the discount, they must present their identifica-
tion cards.

On the part of the transport sector, Perfecto "Jonie" Itliong
Jr, 1 UTAK coordinator, said they are giving fare discounts to
those who are entitled to it.

"We know the difficulty parents face to defray household
expenses with prices of basic commodities rising. This is the least
we can do to help our students keep their spirit of going to school
and pursuing their education," Itliong said.

Violation of the directive will be penalized with a fine of
P2,000 on first offense, P3,000 and suspension of franchise on
second offense, P5,000 as well as cancellation of franchise on
third offense./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

Ifugao Woodcarvers Toast Cultural Heritage Along Asin Road

A veteran artisan's ren-
dition of the "bulol", the tra-
ditional Igorot figure guarding the
rice granary, topped the entries
in the centerpiece woodcarv-
ing event of the inaugural "Pa-
ot" (woodcarving)

Cultural Festival mounted
by the Asin Road community
straddling Baguio and Tuba,
benguet last May 22-24.

For his feat in besting 22
others, 64-year old carver
Jemson Dagoh received
P15,000 of the total P54,000
at stake in the carving com-
petition funded by world-re-
nowned and national artist
Benedicto Cabrera who had set
up his BenCab Arts Museum
in the community of native ar-
tists.

Romeo Amoyohon took
runner-up position to win
P10,000, while Christopher
Atiwan was third for P6,000.
Apiles Mahiwo was fourth fol-
lowed by Pastor Anabon.

Designed as a celebration
of tribal art and culture, the fes-
tival was also conceived to re-
vive the status of Asin Road as
the "Woodcarving Village of the
Philippines", according to
Grace Gano-Quilas, head of the
organizing committee.

"By coming up with this
festival, we hope to help re-

focus the interest of both na-
tional and international tourists
that the original "Woodcarving
Village" are the communities of
Asin Road," Quilas said.

As is the case with inaugu-
rals, there was only a sprinkling
of tourists, yet the celebration
was no less impassioned as
Ifugaos of all sizes and ages came
out to turn the three-day event
into a festival of culture.

"More than the effort to
draw in tourists to boost the
community's economy, the fes-
tival has drawn individual and
collective appreciation and
pride for our culture and gave
the chance for us to pass on our
songs, dances, arts and even
rituals to the young ones," a
community elder observed.

Taking the cue, government
and private entities and indi-
viduals came in support of the
cultural fare. Benguet congres-
sional Rep. Ronald Cosalan and
his wife, Cara, personally
bankrolled the cash prizes to-
taling P25,000 in the ethnic
games while barangay
Tadiangan, Tuba donated
P10,000 through village chief
Stewart Batuna and councilman
Feliciano Alipda.

The Baguio city govern-
ment, through the city tourism
office, committed P12,000, also

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Igorot Karateka's Foundation Sustains Support for the Sick

Almost quietly but consistently, a small foundation established in 2004 by an Igorot expatriate in southern Germany has been reaching out to the sick and needy, mostly kidney patients continuously being pressed to sustain their twice- or thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment to survive.

"I've been asked repeatedly how many of those we've been helping have been freed of their disease, and it's difficult to answer, given that hemodialysis treatment is for a life-time," Julian Chees, a former world karate champion and head of Shoshin Kinderhilfe Foundation, said.

"Still, it's more difficult to limit our support only to patients suffering from early stages of cancer and other ailments that can be cured after sometime, as those undergoing hemodialysis need help with greater urgency than those afflicted with other ailments," he said.

From January last year to April this year, Julian Chees-Shoshin Kinderhilfe sent a total of P380,193.26 that was disbursed to kidney and other patients in Baguio and other parts of the Cordillera.

Among those supported by the fund within that 16-month period were dialysis patients Marilou Matias of Villasis, Pangasinan; Jocelyn Laigo of Burgos, La Union; Sharon Dalida of Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet; James Belinan of Kapangan, Benguet; Ferdinande Dumol of Banaue, Ifugao; Russell Solinto of Camp 6, Tuba, Benguet; Leah Lyn Talangan of Talubin, Bontoc, Mt. Province; Shaly Cris Banas of Ilocos Sur; Jennier Payoyo of Palawan; Edward Magat, Belinda Allosa; Quakelyn Lisayen, Amor Orpilla, Grace Bango; Mary Grace Binay-an; Edwin Bagano; Agustin Gayao; Norman Balog-ang; Nancy Ayson; Chester Raga; Robert Nabus; and Leonard Nalos.

Bulk of the support to them was for payment their four-hour dialysis session at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, with the rest for the cost of blood transfusion or injections to avoid complications.

Serving 192 end-stage kidney patients as of last week, the BGHMC

has drawn the most number because it charges the lowest, pegged at P2,200 per treatment session.

Other patients helped through the fund include heart patient Irene Farocanag (P10,000 worth of medicines), 15-year old Arabella Maranes who is fighting Ewing's sarcoma (P12,500); toddler Dhea Rose Kitongan who is suffering from hydrocephaly (P22,250); cancer patient Adonis Togana (P5,500), former boxer Jerry Uyan who was crippled due to a fall and his wife who was suffering from breast cancer (P12,000); heart patient Crisly Anayasan; and baby Christine Joy Matag for her surgery for hydrocephaly (P6,000).

In previous years, Shoshin had expended some P3 million for indigent patients and other needy people, among them Cherry Anne Realina, a 15-year old girl who was orphaned when her father Andres, a security guard at the Busol Watershed, was killed by a tree that fell at the height of a typhoon in 2010.

Shoshin, roughly translated "Beginner's Mind", is also the name of the traditional karate school Chees put up when he retired from the German national team in 1993, the year he topped the kata event in the World Shotokan Championships in Saarsbrücken, Germany.

Only last December, Chees, a native of Maligcong, Bontoc, Mt. Province and the only non-German by birth to have been drafted into the German national traditional karate team, headed a three-man relief mission that distributed about P1 million in cash and rice to residents of Dumalag and Tapaz towns in Capiz Province which were devastated by super-typhoon Yolanda (Hainan).

The relief effort was triggered by Chees' appeal to his fans, friends and martial arts students who responded, after which the mission arranged with line-men of the Benguet Electric Cooperative who were fielded to help restore Capiz's electric system.

Coming home from the out-reach, he coursed P100,000 to the typhoon relief operation of the Baguio Midland Courier./ Ramon Dacawi.

Licyayo - P500; and Globe - banners and streamers.

Upper Sinco (Green Team) captured the over-all championship, edging Middle Cinco (Red) by two points, while Balkbakan-Tres (Yellow) and Lower Cinco (Blue) took up the rear of the four color divisions.

Juanito Domingo brewed the best rice wine, followed by Leonila Tayaban and Pedro Hangdaan.

Pahitong's Wood Art Shop, with its "Adam & Eve art work, was adjudged best in the woodcaring display contest. Levimar Handicrafts, which displayed a solid 12' x 5' hand-carved pear-shaped table set, was second, while Klain Handicraft, with its intricately detailed column of grapes and vines, was third./Ramon Dacawi.

Baguio-Barlig Twinning Confirmed

BAGUIO CITY - The city council last Monday sealed the sisterhood agreement between Baguio and Barlig town in Mt. Province.

The body confirmed the memorandum of agreement for such kinship earlier signed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Barlig Mayor Clark Ngaya.

Barlig officials in July last year, approved a resolution declaring intent for the city-town pairing and responding to the move, the city council accepted and adopted Resolution No. 240 saying the sisterhood ties will promote the exchange of best practices of both localities.

Under the MOA, both local government units sought "to build ties and to create an atmosphere where economic development, trade and tourism between the two parties can further be development, implemented and strengthened."

To realize the goal, the city agreed to provide technical expertise and assistance on the development of the eco-tourism industry and promotion of local handicrafts, agricultural products and livestock Barlig and on the exchange of cultural and educational programs through scholarships, environmental research and eco-tours.

Barlig, for its part, agreed to provide information on the promotion of tourism industry of the city, enhancement of trade relations on agricultural products and livestock and the strengthening of education and cultural relations with the city.

Barlig is a fifth-class municipality of Mt. Province with a population 6,168 divided in 11 barangays. Its residents are predominantly of Igorot descent but despite living in a single town, the people speak different languages. The town boasts of its own rice terraces, the Barlig Rice terraces near the center of the town and Lias Rice Terraces in Lias./A Refuerzo

Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate of the late Juanito S. Bambalan Sr.

Notice is hereby given to the public that the heirs of the late JUANITO S. BAMBALAN SR., who died intestate on March 25, 2014 in Baguio General Hospital, Baguio City, has executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of his estate consisting of savings deposits: United Coconut Planters Bank account number 002171330692; United Coconut Planters Bank account number 002171100509 and Land Bank account number 0221-1111-76 on May 27, 2014 as per Doc. No. 127; page No. 26; Book No. CIV: Series of 2014, acknowledged before Atty. Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City

Publication dates: May 31, June 7 and 14, 2014

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

IGNACIO M. MAREKCHAN
Applicant

Case No: 2013-CAR-265

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 18, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB 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 evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 26th day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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

ROGER CAMHIT

Applicant

Case No: 2001-01-1061

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 - SABLAN and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 25, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 16th day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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AND REGULATORY BOARD/Cordillera
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Baguio City

JANETTE B. BAUTISTA

Applicant

Case No: 91-CAR-625

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the approval of SALE AND TRANSFER of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA 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 June 25, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 12th day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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for prizes, while the regional office of the Department of Tourism sponsored the cultural arts competition with P9,000 support.

Seven town councilors of Tuba contributed P7,200, aside from an additional P9,000 from Tuba councilor Marie Luis Carantes.

Other supporters were Manila Bulletain - P4,500; Modesto Imayaho - one pig, Chris Faemal - P4,000; Maribel Mondiguing - P3,500; Baguio Rep. Nick Aliping - P3,000; Tuba mayor Florencio Bentrez - P2,000; lawyer Alfredo Santos - P2,000; Remy Napiloy P2,000; Tuba vice-mayor Clarita Sal-ongan; Mary

BFFFI...

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gether with John Hay Development Corporation (JPDC) has been able to successfully manage, supervise and control the festival." The resolution also move was necessary to remove suspicion that "city officials may be involved in some form of corruption," in the running of the festival. The full text of the statement was read by Mr. Alquiros and published in a daily newspaper. The said statement shall also be read in weekly newspapers.

A joint press conference with all councilors, the BFFI and other concerned agencies was suggested so inputs for a more improved Panagbenga may be forthcoming. All city councilors were in a Philippine Councilors League activity./juliegianza

Address PHL's...

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treme weather events are the other issues that are linked to the environment," she said.

"The message of this year's World Environment Day focuses on the risks posed by rising sea level and the vulnerability of coastal communities and small island nations. Several studies have already noted the high vulnerability of coastal communities in the Philippines to sea level rise. This is the challenge that we must address because according to a study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), sea level rise will affect at least 13.6 million Filipinos who will have to relocate to higher, safer places," Legarda stressed.

The 2012 ADB study "Addressing Climate Change and Migration in Asia and the Pacific," said that the Philippines is among the most vulnerable countries to climate change and it is ranked 5th in terms of individuals affected by sea level rise.

The Senator also noted a study by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) Climate Change Program which showed that a total of 167,290 hectares of seashore land in 171 coastal towns under 10 provinces will go underwater due to a one-meter sea level rise.

The 10 provinces are Cagayan, Palawan, Iloilo, Zamboanga Sibugay, Camarines Sur, Negros Occidental, Capiz, Bohol, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu.

Legarda, who also chairs the Senate Committee on Climate Change, said that while there is little the country can do to prevent sea level rise, it can reduce the risks and act ahead of time to protect the communities that will be most affected.

"With the threat of sea level rise, local government units especially of the 10 most vulnerable provinces must already update their respective comprehensive land use plans and they have to gradually relocate communities near the seashore land. Since we are also experiencing stronger storms, we have to build resilient infrastructure and it is important to strengthen the defense of coastal communities by building natural buffers through massive mangrove reforestation," she explained.

"Sea level rise is a great challenge for an archipelagic country like the Philippines and while we cannot prevent it from happening, we must do everything in our capacity to reduce its effect on our people.

Even if our country is a minor emitter of greenhouse gas (GHG), which is the major cause of global warming, we still have to pursue a low carbon lifestyle and strengthen environment conservation efforts as a way of urging other nations, especially the developed countries that are major emitters of GHG, to drastically reduce their GHG emissions and assist countries that are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change," Legarda concluded.***

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HPG-CORner...

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destinations. Civilian volunteers were likewise deployed in the area who served as additional manpower to RHPU-COR personnel thereat. Typically, it was in the morning that they became most busy in attending the traffic situation in their respective designated places of assignment owing to the rush-hour of students eager to attend their first day in school. As the first day of classes winded up, situation along major thoroughfares was generally peaceful as no significant untoward incident had been encountered along the way.

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to the complaints of Baguio PUJ operators and drivers associations on the practice of many inter-town PUJs to pick up passengers within the intra-city PUJ routes which they claimed results to their reduced daily income.

"After due deliberation by TTMC, it was unanimously approved that the jeepney trunks coming from outside and going to Baguio City and vice versa are prohibited from picking up passengers within the jurisdiction of Baguio City because there are existing PUJ franchises that serve the needs of passengers in order to prevent the possibility of physical conflicts and violence involving the affected PUJs," the TMC noted in its Resolution No. 1 series of 2014.

Alangab said the body must adopt the TTMC policy to really prevent conflicts.

"The existing PUJ franchises granted to Baguio jeepney operators serving Baguio commuters and passengers must be respected," he added.

The Traffic Management Unit of the Baguio City Police Office will be tasked to enforce the guidelines./A Refuerzo

Mayor Urges Vendors...

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During the meeting of the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) with the leaders of the association of vendors, City Administrator, Atty. Carlos Canilao stressed that the city will implement appropriate sanctions to violators of the regulations and subsequently suspend them in selling their products.

Mayor Domogan said, "the city is helping you (vendors) in your livelihood but you should also cooperate in maintaining the cleanliness of the city. Let us work together in improving our beloved city."

On the other hand, the BCMA will strictly implement the deadline of payment

and on walk in vendors at the night market located at Harrison Road.

The mayor also warns vendors sub-leasing their respective stalls in Blocks 3 and 4.

Domogan added that he has sent a memorandum to the Treasurer's Office to list all vendors awarded with stalls and also the names of those who were allotted spaces. The city will be monitoring the said vendors.

"Violators of the rules and regulations of the city will no longer be allowed to sell and their stall rights will be awarded to other interested vendors," said the mayor./Jho Arranz

City Marks...

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Office.

The singing of the National Anthem will be led by the Baguio City Hall Choral while the pledge of allegiance to the Filipino flag will be presided by the war veterans and the Boy and Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

Bishop Carlito Cenzone of the Baguio Diocese will lead the prayer.

An intermission will be rendered by the St. Louis University Center for Culture and the Arts Dance Troupe.

After the program, the traditional parade will follow to be participated in by the government and non-government sectors divided in five divisions.

The first division will include the city officials, military officials, department heads and assistant department heads, other local and national officials (governors/congressmen and guests), regional directors, religious leaders, school heads and Department of Education officials, BCPO contingent,

Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Jail Management, Fire Station, law enforcement and reservists contingent, city employees, employees of national/regional offices and public school principals and teachers.

The second division will be composed of the contingents from of senior citizens, veterans, retirees and religious groups while the third will be composed of the Association of Barangay Councils, the barangay delegation and the BSP and GSP.

The fourth group will be made up of the National Students Training Program (NSTP) and the academe while the fifth will be composed of the foreign communities, business sector and the private sector./A Refuerzo

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in prices of school supplies during the month. Also, school supply prices are nearly the same in 2014 as the prices last year.

Some provincial offices reported that the reason for the relatively low and stable prices is the sale of stocks that have been with the retailers' inventory since last year, particularly notebooks and pad paper. However, they also reported that these retailers also replenished their stocks during the period to give their buyers a wider variety of options.

Weekly price monitoring will be conducted by the provincial offices until early

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ANGELO Y. BALABAG

Applicant

Case No: 2002-BC-0944

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- DAGSIAN and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 25, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 28th day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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Baguio City

JAMES RAGASA

Applicant

Case No: 2011-CAR-628

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a SCHOOL Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: from and to their residence to their respective school within baguio city and Benguet and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 26, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 28th day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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MILER M. MEDINA

Applicant

Case No: 94-CAR-501

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 18, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 3rd day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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July, during which shopping for school supplies will have already tapered down./Art Tibaldo

Mayor

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eter fence.

The city government has since practiced the immediate demolition of illegal structures inside the Buyog Watershed.

There are at least 6 watersheds in Benguet particularly Ambuklao-Binga Watershed Forest Reserve with an area of 63,650ha proclaimed on April 19, 1969, Ambuklao Watershed Forest Reserve with an area of 9,700ha proclaimed on November 25, 1966, Lower Agno Watershed Forest Reserve with an area of 39,304ha proclaimed on November 22, 1983, Busol Watershed with an area of 329ha proclaimed on December 12, 1987, Buyog Watershed Forest Reserve with an area of 20ha proclaimed on November 5, 1992 and Lucnab Watershed Forest Reserve with an area of 1.98ha proclaimed on May 12, 1992.

Domogan said, "the city is trying all it can to reclaim areas of its forest reservations to illegal land claimants as this could lead to serious environmental problems."

Domogan also questioned the rampant titling of Forest Reserves and Parks by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) recently which presented a big problem for the city.

Among the reservations and parks issued Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) include the parts of the Busol Watershed, Forbes Park, Wright Park and Botanical Garden.

The city has remained locked in a battle to reclaim said areas and continue to pursue efforts of recovery to the point of seeking help from the national government regarding the issue./ paul rillorta

Advocacy Mindanaw...

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innovative and alternative mode of treatment, located along West Ave in Quezon City (tel. 09179404762; www.cms-asia.net). It provides minimally invasive image-guided treatment for back pains, arthritis, shoulder pain, spinal problems and sports injuries using arthroscopic, fluoroscopic and ultrasound-guided interventions and regenerative medicine. (He treated my recurring knee problem — due to high uric acid — and in a matter of minutes, it erased the numbing pain just like magic. I swear!) But that's going ahead of his boyhood story.

POOR BARRIO BOY — Doc Gani, 48 years old, grew up as a poor boy in Magpet, North Cotabato where he had to walk about seven kilometers daily to school. His father was a passenger jeepney driver and his mother a public school teacher. He was featured in that SUN STAR article because his father, a lowly driver was a surprise graduation speaker in a local college to inspire the graduates about how hard work could give deliverance to poor families like theirs. Chatting with him briefly brought me back to my own

memory lane. I immediately had an eerie feeling of familiarity with him, my own father being a passenger bus driver too and my mother also a public school teacher and having spent boyhood days in our barrio. He first wanted to become a priest and entered the seminary (*I too almost entered the Brothers of the Sacred Heart juniorate in high school*) but he shifted to the medical school by supporting himself, during pre-med days, as waiter and dishwasher at the "Tropical Hut", a resto chain. Then to finance his medical course proper, he worked as a roomboy at a drive-in motel called Anito Hotel in Manila. (*No, I didn't work in trysting hideaways but in a news-room.*) He was lucky to get scholarships due to his exceptional grades to finish medicine. (*I had scholarships for academics and as a band member during pre-law but had to pay for law school tuition even after becoming a lawyer due to outstanding promissory notes with the Ateneo finance office.*) He told of hard times when unable to have decent meals, he would just have rice with "salt" with some spice of "sarsi" — a cheap cola — for taste. (*I was lucky my aunt in the city took me in for free board and lodging and settled in a small corner under the stairs but I had to leisurely walk a kilometer away to Ateneo from the house.*) After becoming a doctor, he worked at Region 12 Health facility in Cotabato. It was from there that he got the chance to get special training in musculoskeletal medicine in Israel. He stayed there for 4 years, training and at the same time attending to Pinoy OFWs there giving free medical services.

ISRAELI TECHNOLOGY — He described his instruments and techniques as "Israeli technology", not practiced by traditional western medicine. For example, after some preliminaries, he put Beth in a "balancing machine" that electronically measured and examined her body "balance". To our surprise, we learned for the first time that her left side was shorter by .25 centimeters compared to her right. Simply, this means an imbalance that triggers the recurring pains that had been troubling her for as long as we could remember. He used a skeletal scale model in explaining how the pains were triggered if one side was shorter than the other. To correct this, he simply recommended that Beth's left shoe or footwear be "padded" with a .25 cms. shoe padding. A cushioned portable seat with the same padding thicker on her left side every time she would sit down was also prescribed. Then Beth had to go through a 9 - day therapy session that normally consisted of therapeutic ultrasound, extra corporeal shock waves therapy, acupuncture, physical therapy, traction and muscle relaxant injections in the neck guided by ultrasound imaging shown on the screen. Every daily session lasts for an hour. Now Beth hopefully need not agonize taking painkillers that will further threaten her already precarious kidneys that had bounced back somehow after her fresh stem cell treatment in VILLA MEDICA in Germany two years ago. (*As I write this, Beth is on her 6th day therapy session. I will continue to track her treatment and share updates from time to time.*)

PAYBACK TIME — A simple man with

simple dreams, Doc Gani is now bringing to his hometown in North Cotabato what he as a young boy always dreamt of: seeing in person PBA basketball players in flesh and blood. No doubt, PBA players whom he treated are just too glad to visit his hometown barangays in Cotabato in appreciation for his "magical" treatments that keep highly paid basketballers who are injured or in pain back on the hard-court in a jiffy. Being the resident sports doctor of MVP's AZKALS TEAM and TALK & TEXT, he makes arrangements to have PBA players visit his native town to do clinics and exhibition games. Boxing Champ Manny Pacquiao, I was told, had consulted him on some muscle-related concerns.

Still determined to help his fellow Mindanaos who could not afford to travel to Manila, he agreed to meet with patients at the ALEXIAN WELLNESS CENTER in Matina, Davao City once a month during a weekend before he motors to his hometown three hours away. He said he is in solidarity with the missionary zeal of the Alexian Brothers who run the Center in Davao. Someone describes his medical fees as "de lastico", meaning socially elastic to suit each one's capacity to pay.

Here is a local boy who surmounted poverty and now the only musculoskeletal expert in town doing "payback" time for the less fortunate. He remains to be a simple down-to-earth "provinciano" with his "unorthodox" methods of healing.

SICK PHILIPPINES — One last "hirit" if I may: We must all still continue to search for that "unorthodox doctor" to treat our country's AILING BODY POLITIC that is so sick today that conventional ways will definitely no longer work! Are you with me on this? Let us know.

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Fair and Square...

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all CPCs that were granted with exemptions to the moratorium and their derivatives, and all CPCs that were legalized under M.C. No. 2000-019 and their derivatives will all be deemed regularly issued, hence, legal and valid. It will only be a waste of time verifying them.

2. On the other hand, all CPCs issued in the first instance AFTER the effectiveness of the moratorium under LTFRB M.C. No. 96-002 or M.C. 98-026 or M.C. No. 2003-028 and their derivatives shall be considered irregularly issued, hence, illegal and void. They shall be required to file petitions for legalization individually.

In the interim, as coordinate measures, all kinds of applications being filed at LTFRB-CAR shall undergo verification of records to determine if they are truly irregularly issued CPCs. However, to facilitate, the verifications process should make use of the above presumptions, the audited Inventory of Irregularly Issued Franchises and the previous Audit Reports made by LTFRB and DOTC personnel.

Going back, the memorandum circular

to be promulgated by the Board en banc allowing legalization should perhaps contain the following terms and conditions, among others:

1. The records of LTFRB Region 1 and LTFRB-CAR, despite the attendant irregularities, shall be the sole and exclusive basis for classifying irregularly issued CPCs.

2. The compulsory filing of the petition for legalization within one (1) month upon classification of CPCs shall commence upon classification of the CPCs as irregularly issued by the LTFRB-CAR which shall be published and notice given to the operators.

3. The payment of filing fees, and penalties if not condoned (however, since the irregularities were the making of the Regional Boards, there may be equitable reasons to reduce the fees.)

4. The petition shall be processed like ordinary application for CPCs with hearing.

5. To facilitate legalization, LTFRB-CAR personnel shall be augmented by other personnel from other regions, except personnel from Region 1 from where the irregularities begun.

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ASACAVEAT: Since Chairman Ginez had been quoted to have said he is more inclined not to legalize irregularly issued CPCs, it behoove all holders of irregular CPCs to act accordingly and fast. For, if the LTFRB Chairman can cancel fleet franchises of buses due to some violations, he could also be capable of cancelling or revoking all irregularly issued franchises in Baguio City and the Cordillera because they are invalid and void.

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Estate of the Late
FRANCISCO TAKIMPAY
Rep. By: **JUDITH TAKIMPAY**
Applicant

Case No: 2012-CAR-494
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 - CAMP 6 and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit.

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(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

