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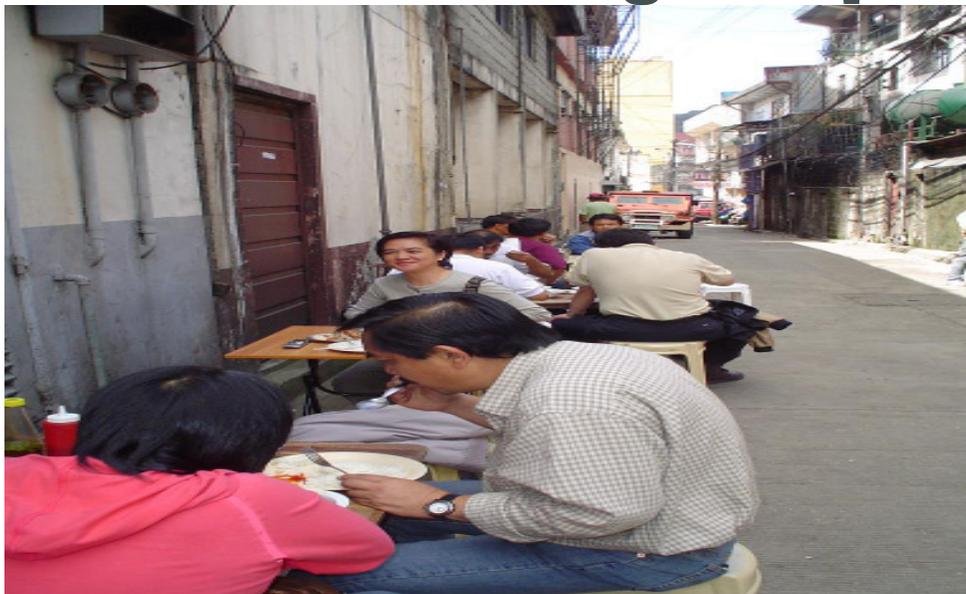


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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palabanan!!! **Historical Oppression Continues Ifugaos Still Dream Of 06, 07 Taxes From Magat Operation**



SARAP NG BAWAL. Customers enjoy their lunch along the stretch of Carantes Street – a public easement beyond the commerce of man. **By Bong Cayabyab

La Trinidad, Benguet (March 6, 2008) Ifugaos alleged historical oppression from the operation of Magat Dam, whose headwaters come from the highland province, continues up to this day. Until now, said Ifugao governor Teodor Baguilat Jr., our share from the national wealth tax due from Magat Dam since last year. He said Ifugao is supposed to get P28 million in 2007 alone. Local government units like Alfonso Lista town are going to have their electricity cut because they have not paid their fees because they have waited their share from the said

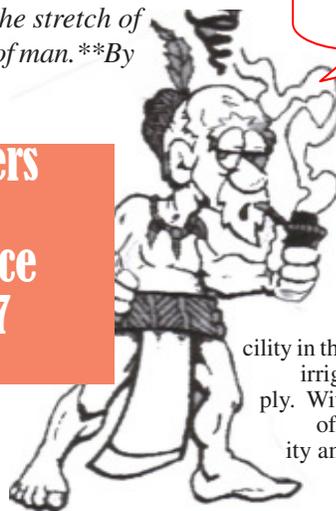
Probinsiya man o hindi, kailangan tulungan at suportahan pag katotohanan ang pinag-uusapan.

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taxes, Baguilat Jr. said. This is so ironic, the governor further said. The 540 megawatt Magat Dam is Asia's biggest dam. It is politically located in San Mariano town, Isabela but Alfonso Lista town is contesting the claim. Considered as the biggest dam facility in the Philippines, combining irrigation, flood control and power supply. With four generating units of 90 mw each, it has the largest capacity among the operating hydro

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Force GMA to resign and institutionalize anti-corruption measures
BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



council approves 2008 budget

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday finally approved the executive budget amounting to P900,000,000 for this year.

The approved budget is higher by P144,596,000 than the previous year's budget of P755,504,000.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. submitted a revised budget of P900 million which is higher by P144,596,000 than the previous year's budget amounting to

P755,504,000. The estimated income will come from the beginning balance of P95,000,000; local taxes amounting to P244,800,000; permits and licenses – P13,180,000; service income – P31,870,000; business income – P51,990,000; other income of P161,160,000 and Internal Revenue Allotment – P302,000,000.

The expense category is distrib-

uted as follows: P353,134,364 for personal services; P366,105,136 for maintenance and other operating expenses; P43,720,500 for capital outlay; and P137,040,000 for development fund.

The body, however, approved the appropriation for the developmental projects in lump sum with the list of projects to be finalized in a meeting with the city mayor./aileen p.refuerzo

PVO addresses hog disease in Tabuk City

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) is appealing to the public to be wary of the recent hog disease spreading in some barangays of Tabuk City, Kalinga.

In a press statement issued by Veterinary Officer Dr. Mariano Dunwan, based on observations, signs and symptoms, the surveillance team led by Dr. Danilo Acosta, Senior Agriculturist of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) gave a tentative diagnosis that infected pigs had mixed infection of hog cholera and porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome.

"We are still waiting for the lab results of the blood and tissue samples gathered by the team for analysis from the BAI, so we advise that hog raisers and consumers should take the necessary precautionary mea-

sure to prevent the spread of the disease in other parts of the province or even outside the province," he said.

To thwart the spread, the team recommended that total control of animal movement should be strictly observed.

"We greatly discourage the selling and slaughtering of pig until it is declared free. Backyard slaughtering in affected areas is not allowed," he said.

For dead animals, he said that these should be burned and buried while sick animals should not be sold or slaughtered.

Biodiversity he said must also be strictly implemented where strict quarantine should be applied to affected animals, and that owners should limit their movements and should disinfect premises and install foot bath near their pig

pens. "Pigs coming from infected region are not also allowed to enter the province unless later declared free. So to closely monitor the movement of animals coming and going out of the capital town, the City government in partnership with the OAS established quarantine checkpoints in the entry points of Tabuk City," he informed.

Dunwan said that the team also recommended the immediate creation of Disease Surveillance Team or Rapid Action Team to immediately look into similar problems in the future.

As recalled, the disease which hit the province in November last year has now affected the following barangays of Tabuk City, namely: Nasgueban, Appas; Bulanao Centro, Bulanao Norte, Dagupan West, San

Samaritans dance, sing or send

They don't have cash so they did and will do what they do best – so others who have can share what they can spare for the sick.

Youth from Lucnab barangay recently danced their way through the "Session Road in Bloom" feature of the Baguio Flower Festival, netting P15,938.90 from passersby for Roland Cuyango-an, a 16-year old boy born with four serious defects in the heart.

Folksingers the likes of lawyer Bubut Olarte, newsman March Fianza, farmer Dick Oakes and soloist Lisa will team up with regular performers of Amarillo

Folkden on March 13 in a concert for kidney patient Veronica Lee.

Manny Gayao, coordinator of the cultural troupe called Simit, admitted the four-night street performances were almost Sisyphean, similar to the efforts of Sisyphus of myth who had to push a rock up a hill, only to see it roll down again.

Cuyango-an, son of a carpenter and a utility worker, needs P600,000 for surgery to mend the four congenital defects in his heart that doctors diagnosed as Tetralogy of Fallot.

"Whatever. We have to start some-

where," Gayao said before rushing to Mt. Province Tuesday to also attend to his ailing mother, Isabel, who is suffering from heart ailment.

Those who can't sing or have no time to dance footed the bill for the troupe's refreshments after its last performance last Sunday night.

An anonymous Samaritan, who regularly courses support through bank vice-president Rolly de Guzman of RCBC, paid for the performers bread and coffee. Allied Bank, through manager Leo Pugal, added plates of noodles, while

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DA, 3 other agencies ink accord to promote agri-exports

In a move to strengthen existing export markets and tap new ones for the country's agricultural products, the Department of Agriculture (DA) has teamed up with the Departments of Trade and Industry (DTI), Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Export Development Council (EDC) in promoting agricultural and fishery products overseas.

The four agencies, represented by Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap, Trade Secretary Peter Favila, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo and Philippine Exports Confederation President Sergio Ortiz-Luis Jr., signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on this joint undertaking before the Cabinet meeting in Malacañang last week.

Yap said the MOA covers priority categories in the agri-fishery sector such as fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, marine and marine products, root crops, natural fiber, horticulture, plantation crops, wood products, herbal products and natural ingredients.

The signatories agreed to hold regular consultations with stakeholders, undertake market research on potential export and investment opportunities, and identify and negotiate possible sources of funds and technical assistance in the development of the agri-fishery sector.

They also agreed to set up a technical committee that would craft the criteria for projects covered by the agreement, and develop an annual work program.

The EDC would serve as the oversight body tasked to monitor the activities of the DA, DTI, and DFA.

Yap said the program to sustain and accelerate farm growth and raise the profitability of agriculture for its small stakeholders is in compliance with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's directive to focus on sustaining food security and creating jobs as embodied in the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP).

The agriculture sector registered a 4.68 percent growth in 2007, hitting the government forecast of four to five percent full-year expansion range./PIA-CAR.

Traffic scheme still on

BAGUIO CITY- Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas during last week's Ugnayang Panlungsod called for more patience from the general public as an experimental one-way traffic scheme was undertaken for Session Road 2 and North Drive. He also reiterated that a traffic summit is needed to alleviate the city's traffic woes; that traffic authorities and legislators sit down together and look comprehensively through traffic laws, resolutions

and ordinances, and update such, if needed.

This came on the heels of the clamor of several Public utility transport lines that they now traverse a more circuitous route, specifically along upper Session road, up to Session road extension junction. There were requests that the experimental period be cut short, the vice-mayor intimated.

Vice mayor Farinas however said that, four (4) days into the present one-way route along Session road 2 and North Drive would not be enough to evaluate the effectivity of the scheme.

"There should be

no exclusivity in the implementation of the traffic experiments," the vice mayor said, and that more people should be benefited by the schemes.

Citing experimental traffic schemes such as the one-way route around city hall, as undertaken last month, the Vice-Mayor mentioned that the experiment would reveal the best solution if it takes at least a month.

Accordingly, the experimental schemes were recommended by the city's traffic au-



KABABAIHAN FESTIVAL. Placard-bearing members of various women's group express their advocacies as they march down Session Road marking Women's Month, March 5. / Bong Cayabyab

cayetano exhorts women to sustain rights advocacy

BAGUIO CITY – Senator Pia Cayetano Wednesday challenged women here to continue advocating for their rights in face of the continuing changes in women's role and conditions in society.

The lady senator made the call during the 3rd Kababaihan Festival

program held last Wednesday at the Baguio Convention Center as part of the month-long celebration of the National Women's Month with the theme, "Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) ng Bayan: YAMAN NG KABABAIHAN."

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PROBLEMA Sa Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB-CAR)?

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Magsumbong at mag-ingay para mabawasan ang katiwalian sa Gobyerno!!!

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

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno

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Vulnerable Messengers

“(In the Philippines) crimes against journalists, and the impunity that surround such acts, show that the press is as vulnerable here as it is in Latin America.”

InterAmerican Press Association Ricardo Trotti gave this blunt assessment before 141 delegates, from nine countries, at the “Impunity and Press Freedom” in Manila.

“The press needs to denounce the most in those countries which can protect the least,” he added “It is in countries, with weak democratic institutions where journalists are frequently murdered, and those responsible go unpunished.”

The Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility and Southeast Asian Press Alliance organized the meeting to exchange experiences of other countries.

Since 1986, some 71 Filipino newsmen have been killed. Of these, 34 were cut down during President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo’s watch. There are few convictions. In Latin America, 334 journalists were murdered in over a decade. Seven were desaparecidos (the “disappeared”) - a legacy of Argentina’s brutal dictatorship.

“The number of crimes against journalists has not decreased,” Trotti said. “Organized crime is the major instigator.” So is corruption in government.

In Colombia, narcotics earn twice the country’s gross national product. That illicit income taints whole sectors of society. “Don’t ask where the cow was born,” Argentina’s Justice Eduardo Freiler advised delegates. “Ask instead where it grazes.”

Over 30,000 were “salvaged” in Argentina over eight years. As investigating judge, Freiler is helping untangle today the cruel scandal of chiquitos desaparecidos: infants given away once their “disappeared” mothers, who delivered in military gulags, were dispatched. Childless military families often were adoptive parents.

In the Philippines, money from warlords, companies and officials, cripples law enforcement, noted ex-defense secretary Ruben Carranza, now of the International Center for Transitional Justice. Civilian paramilitary units, like Cafgu, “get funding from political leaders like the Dimaporos and Eduardo Cojuangco”, he said. Paramilitary ride shotgun for politicians, mining companies and pearl farms in Palawan. Reparation for victims is ignored.

State tolerance or complicity in the killings results in “a sovereignty of the deaf and the dumb,” Supreme Court chief justice Reynato Puno said in his key note address. These cripple the press from providing information, crucial for a democracy.

“Until we do something to submerge this pernicious culture (of impunity), these attacks will continue to litter our collective consciousness with the corpses of people who were bearers of truth,” Puno added.

“Impunity results in a form of journalism that is less willing to expose the truth,” the delegates were told. To protect staff, some Mexican papers announced they would no longer report on drug trafficking. The press surrenders its role of watchdog and substitutes the superficial.

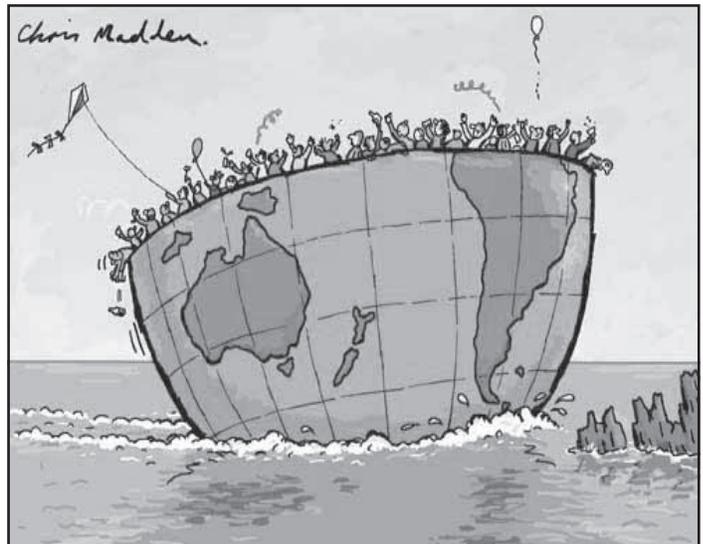
In “highly volatile societies with frail institutional network,” the press must devise ways to prevent from being silenced,” editor Maria Teresa Ronderos of Colombia said.

Competing papers formed “alliances” to publish commonly-investigated stories in massive corruption cases. To shield staff, no bylines were printed. “Use precise moderate language. Better facts than adjectives.”

The Puno Court had been concerned by state failure and disinterest in bringing killers to account. Soldiers or policemen, who moonlight as executioners, were shielded by gutting of the writ of habeas corpus. Their agencies stonewalled habeas corpus writs by simply denying they imprisoned the victim.

The military here also got government to refuse to join 103 other

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THE SHIP OF FOOLS AND THE ROCKS OF SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC PLANNING

DIRETSAHAN

KATOTOHANAN AT PAGBABAGO

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



KATOTOHANAN AT PAGBABAGO! Ito ngayon mga suki ang isinisigaw ng karamihan nating madlang pipol ng “Pinas na mukhang punong puno na sa umano’y mga katiwalian ng ating gobyerno. Kung noon ay kampante lamang at nailulusot ang mga gusot, dapat nang mangamba ngayon ang administrasyong Arroyo sa mga panawagang siya ay magbitiw! Bukod kasi sa mga manggagawa, religious, businessmen, at iba pang sektor ay lumantad na at nakisali na rin dito ang mga kabataan at mga dating mataas na opisyal ng mga dati at kasalukuyang rehimen sa mga panawagan at pag-iingay para sa katotohanan at pagbabago, dahil dismayado na sila umano sa administrasyong Arroyo.

Kung susuriin ay talagang magulo at hati-hati na ang mga Pilipino at hindi malayong lalong malugmok ang naghihingalo nating ekonomiya, dangan nga lamang at mukhang bulag, pipi at bingi ang mga nasa palasyo sa mga nangyayari dahil imbes na ilantad at ihayag ang katotohanan, mukhang gusto pa nila itong takpan at ikubli na lalo tuloy nagpapasiklab sa damdamin ng mga Juan at Pedro kung tutuusin ay puwede sanang ipakita ng ating pangulo ang kanyang sinseridad at katapatan kung siya mismo ang mag-utos sa mga sangkot sa mga ZTE scandal na humarap, lumantad na at magsabi ng totoo sa kanilang nalalaman, pero mukha yatang taliwas dahil dedma ang ale at pinipilit na ipalusot ang mga pananggalang nilang EO 464, at memorandum Circulo 108 o executive privilege.

Oo ngat binawi niya ang EO 464 pero marami ang bumabatikos. Anila ito raw ay kunswelo de bobo o pagbibigay lamang sa kagustuhan ng mga Obispo dahil andiyan pa rin daw ang MC 108 na dapat na rin daw ibasura! Dagdag na meron pang compromise agreement na ginawa ng korte suprema kunsaan pupuwede ng dumalo si Romulo Neri sa hearing ng senado pero ipinagbawal naman ang tatlong napakarelevant na katanungan sa ikaliliwanag sana ng isyu, hayun, tinanggihan tuloy ito ng senado!

Hay naku, kelan kaya tatamaan ng hiya ang mga lintek na makakapal sa palasyo? Kawawa naman ang mga ordinaryong pinoy. Nalugmok na, ibinibenta pa sa mga dayuhan, at mukhang pati angmatagal ng ipinaglalaman na isla, naibenta na rin, totoo hu ba itohindi AMININ!!!

ooOoo

Dapat maimbestigahan at lumabas ang katotohanan hinggil dito sa naglalabasang isyu ng spratly deal. Kung totoo kasi ang mga espekulasyon na ibinigay na ng gobyerno ang ilang parte ng Spratly kapalit ng pondo at proyekto mula sa Tsina, hindi na ito simpleng

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Regime, system, and lifestyle change

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



Probably by now, a number of people are tired of oust Arroyo topics in columns. Unfortunately, we could not avoid topics like this because Arroyo's ouster or resignation is indeed the necessity of the times. Further, a number of our people are actually involved in her ouster or resignation. This is akin to the situation between 1983 to 1986. 1983 was the assassination of Aquino. Spontaneous protests arose out of Aquino's assassination in 1983 (the same situation will likely emerge if star witness Jun Lozada gets assassinated) but the protests slowly went into ebb sometime 1985. A twist of events, however, took place in 1986 and, thus, in February 1986 we had the people power revolution.

The same situation can happen today. Indignation over the exposes on graft and corruption can die down momentarily but a situation can emerge in which spontaneous actions can culminate to the actual resignation or ouster of Arroyo. In principle, we should not let Arroyo remain in office until next election time. The nation and world must hear loud and clear that the Filipino people will not tolerate corruption. Otherwise, we will provide incentives instead for corruption to be repetitively sustained in a brazen manner.

There is also another dimension in the issue worth studying. University of the Philippines ex-President Francisco Nemenzo said that we must not be contented with regime change, meaning the replacement of Aquino by another President. For Nemenzo, what is most important is system change. System change, for Nemenzo, means that we must change our system so that corruption is not institutionalized and so that it will not breed corrupt Presidents and bureaucrats. This is much similar to the proposal I made in this column that the Linis Gobyerno should take a lead in reviewing and reforming anti-graft and corruption laws such as the Philippine law on procurement. Note that the law is being implemented to a fault in government agencies at the regional level to a point that flexibility is oftentimes deprived to government agencies. Yet, at the national level, as indicated in the ZTE deal, it can even happen that in unsolicited bids, rates can jack up by as much as 100% just so corruption and cuts can be accommodated.

Thus, indeed, there is a merit to Nemenzo's suggestion for system change.

However, for me, system change also require that we also remain introspective on the methodology we use for system or regime change. For example, I am saddened that Nemenzo tends to support initiatives without adequate analysis whether the initiative would weaken or strengthen people power. This column believes that we must not encourage military adventurism because it can lead the military to grab power on its own. If ever, the military's role in an essentially civilian undertaking is to exercise restraint in using the gun.

There is also a twist that I want to emerge in the current political turmoil. This twist is the recognition of the necessity to reform our system of governance into a system that is compatible with the ongoing climate change. Climate change, not merely regime or system change, is an issue of survival. It is an issue that will ultimately affect the lives of people all over the world. It is an issue that would exacerbate poverty and that can eventually result to the death of many.

Yes, we must reform our procurement system and move into a political system with less if not zero graft and corruption. But at the same time, we must also move into an economic system that is friendlier to the environment. It will require a change in lifestyle. Walking, for instance, is more healthy and friendly to the environment than taking a car, jeepney, or bus ride. If walking will be our primary mode of transport, this will require a new paradigm for constructing streets and roads. Instead of roads for cars, we focus instead on covered or roofed walk so people can walk to their offices than take a ride. Further, for walking to be a pleasure, the city must be pollution free and highly safe for walking. In short, lifestyle change would require a new paradigm. It will also determine the businesses and industries that should be encouraged and invested in. A shift to a new paradigm would also imply new manufacture, new industries, and new forms of livelihoods. In particular, it will imply environment-friendly livelihood systems. We will discuss more on these in the coming weeks. For now, I am examining satellite images of Benguet and I intend to write on these in the coming weeks. I am taking note of the assaults on the environment that are obvious based on satellite images of the province.

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*JUN LOZADA –dapat suportahan!!!
SEC. NERI – ano ang black mail???*

BY ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO

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Nananawagan ako sa ating mga dear readers na itong si Probinsiyang Intsik na si Jun Lozada ay dapat nating suportahan, dahil pinaglalaban niya ang katotohanan. Makatarungan at makatotohanan ang kanyang mga isinisiwalat at ang kanyang mga adhikain kaya't nararapat lang na suportahan natin ang isang katulad niya.

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Ito namang si Secretary Romulo Neri, marahil ay napaka-tindi ng black mail ng palasyo sa kanya, kaya ganun na lang ang kanyang takot na magsabi ng katotohanan. Bakit Sec. Neri ano ba talaga ang black mail ng Malacanang sa iyo???

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Mga hepe at pinuno ng military dapat ng pakinggan ang sigaw ng taong bayan. Attention General Esperon at Chief PNP Razon, sa palagay ninyo ano ba talaga ang kagustuhan ng taong bayan, pati na rin ang inyong mga junior and senior officers? Bakit hindi kayo makipag-dayalogo sa kanila at kunin ninyo ang kanilang sentimyento???

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Joke Time muna mga dear readers para ma libang tayo sa dami na problema at suliranin na hinaharap ng ating bansa.

USAPAN NG DALAWANG GAGO

Kiko: Berto, bakit naghihilamos ka sa inidoro? napakaboy mo ah!?

Berto: Bakit ako napakaboy, eh malinaw naman at malinis ang tubig na yan!

Kiko: Oo nga! eh hindi mo ba alam na d'yan ako umiinom, tapos hihilamosan mo! huwag naman ganon..

MENTAL

sa isang mental hospital..

(pasyente nagbungkal ng lupa)

nurse: oi! anu ginagawa mo??!!!

pasyente: di mo ba nakikita?? nagtatanim ako.. bobo!

nurse: wla ka namang seeds eh! pauso!!

pasyente: seedless to, tanga!!

hehkek

AWAY MAG-ASAWA

Isang gabi sa isang tahanan mayroong mag-asawang nag-aaway... sa kanilang pag-aaway naibulalas ni misis na lalayanan niya si mister...

Mister: sige lumayas ka kung gusto mo!!! sino tinakot mo?!

Kahiyaan na, nag-impake si misis... nakita ni mister na seryoso si misis sinuyo niya ito... Misis ay hindi nagpaawat lalong nanindigan... Naisip ni mister na tototohanin ni misis ang banta... tinakot din niya ito...

Mister: sige pag lumayas ka magpapakamatay ako!!!!

Misis: hindi ako naniniwala na gagawin mo yan!!!

Mister: (kinuha ang kutsilyo) Sige paglumabas ka ng pinto magpapakamatay ako.... Misis: (humalakhak at sinabi...) hindi ako naniniwala dahil duwag ka... hindi mo kayang masugatan!

Mister: anong duwag gagawin ko to!!!

Misis: hindi mo kaya dahil kung kaya mo nga, sana hindi ka na supot ngayon!!!

Mister: (kumalma...) Oo nga no?!

INTSIKNA MONKEY

TSUNGGO
MAT CHING
ORANGUTAN
ONGGUY
TSI TAH
GORILLA

O, naniwala ka na?!

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FAIR AND SQUARE

Why Can't "Fixing" Be Stopped at

DOTC-CAR
BY JAMES S. VALEROS



Fixing activities in government agencies are not isolated as claimed in defense but are pervasive in the bureaucracy, particularly among its frontline offices. As a gainful preoccupation engaged in by many in government, "fixing" has acquired a national notoriety that is now hard to contain, just like jueteng.

DOTC-CAR, as a frontline agency of DOTC in the Cordilleras is not an exemption to the general rule. Just like all its counterpart regional offices of LTO and LTFRB in the country, it is perniciously tainted with fixers in all its premises, whether it be in licensing of drivers, registration of motor vehicles or in the application and grant of franchises.

In the mind of the public transacting business with DOTC-CAR, two lingering questions almost always are asked:

1. Who is suppose to stop fixing in the LTO and in the LTFRB?
2. Why can't he or they do it?

Certainly, all personnel/or employees of DOTC-CAR denominated as "public servant" are suppose to do it, pursuant to the dictum that public service is a public trust. However, that is hard to expect from among the ranks and file of this agency because of utter inadequacy in compensation received from their government employer. They are thus compelled to look for material solace either by way of fixing, if not moonlighting, or engaging in some forms of "underground economies" just to adequately sustain the material needs of their families.

The situation of a Regional Director in the DOTC-CAR is however different. A Director under present compensation standard can already be considered well off for, aside from high salary, he also receives other monetary benefits not available to the ordinary employees. Therefore, for fixing not to cascade down to the rank and file, it should stop outright at the level of the Regional Director. He has the rank, the authority and the clout to do it. In fact, he can stop the practice by only setting the example expected of a leader, ideally speaking that is.

Strangely, all the past Regional Director of DOTC-CAR failed to stop the fixing activities in their turfs during their tenures of office. If the increasing numbers of fixers should be of any the gauge, they must have even abetted it, thus, instead of being diffused and ultimately eradicated, fixing has become a permanent fixture in the LTFRB and LTO.

As of recent count, there are at least a hundred fixers plying their trade in the Licensing and Registration Sections of the LTO and counting, or an increase of more than 25% from last year's count.

Funny is, to glamorize their practices, they do not want to be called as fixers, but prefer to be called employees or sub-agents of insurance outfit, facilitator, runner or broker of service, probably thinking these designations will glamorize them as to make a difference in their trade. They probably never heard of the cliché: A fixer is a fixer by any other name.

In franchising, fixing is even more glamorous, since fixers are able to practice law, albeit illegally, just like bona-fide practicing lawyers. Equipped with simulated Special Power of Attorney from their applicants, they are able to file CPC applications, submit or file legal forms and documents, attend hearings in representation of their "clients," cause releases of Decisions, Orders and resolution of their clients' cases. They are therefore known or called hereabout as "Attorney SPA."

Why? Why can't fixing in the DOTC-CAR be stopped?

With good income to count or bank on at the end of the day, with glamorize name and attributes given to their "vocation," who would not want to be a fixer?

Couple with the fact that nobody before from among the past Regional Directors has taken the cudgels for the victimized public they have allowed it to become a culture and these are reasons enough to explain why fixing in the DOTC-CAR has not been stopped or even slackened.

Can the new Regional Director stop it? This writer believes he can, if he will. Measured from the political will he exhibited in closing Kennon Road to inter-regional PUVs for the protection and safety of the riding public, stopping fixing activities in his exclusive domain is probably a peanut to him.

Sana nga!

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countries in the International Criminal Court. Canzas said. Article 28 of the Rome Statutes provides for "command responsibility", Yale University's Catherine Chung pointed out. Military commanders and superiors would be criminally liable for crimes committed by their forces. That's the legal vacuum the military use in ducking questions on desaparecidos like Jonas Burgos and others.

Taking a leaf from Latin America, the Puno Court adopted the "writ of amparo." This remedy protects those whose right to life, liberty and security is threatened. In these summary proceedings, mere denials.

The initial 14 writs forced the military to produce persons they denied holding. "They didn't want their camps searched." And the writ forced identification of retired General Jovito Palparan as connected with desaparecidos.

It's too early to tell if the writ of amparo will work, said Justice Adolf Azcuna. Since 1970, Azcuna worked to get the writ into the Constitution. But it was only in 2008, that the courts started using the writ.

Journalists, meanwhile, have mustered defenses, CMFR and other press groups got the courts to transfer venue for trial to more neutral Cebu for the murder of journalist Marlene Esperat and Edgar Damalerio. Training on mustering legal panels has been used.

Private prosecutors have proved invaluable in beefing up patchy, underfunded government prosecution. "These murders can be stopped only when assassins, up the mastermind are held accountable," human rights advocate Setena Diokno stressed.

"Keep in mind that behind each (murder) there is a journalist with a first and last name who died for defending a truth," Trotti said. There are widows. Orphans. Memory is important."

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

ROBERTO TAWAKI
Applicant

Case No. 2003-CAR-926
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of February 2008.

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

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

CRISPINA MERLINA D. GRAJO
Applicant

Case No. 98-BC-409
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 freights 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 April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

SATUR PALA - OG
Applicant

Case No. 2001-01-691
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 01th day of March 2008.

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

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

ANTONIO PARAN
Applicant/s

Case No. 98-BC-1170
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-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 April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 19th day of February 2008.

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

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

GUILLERMO DELA CRUZ
Applicant

Case No. 2002-BC-591
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish this NOTICE once in one (1) 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 and may if they so desire, appear during the set hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 28th day of February 2008 at Baguio City, Philippines.

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

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

STEVENSON GARCIA
Applicant

Case No. 2000-01-2216
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAAWN 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 April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of February 2008.

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

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

RONNIE SITO /DANILO ACAY
Applicant

Case No. 98-BC-702
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of February 2008.

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

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

GERRY PAE
Applicant

Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-1156
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of February 2008.

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

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

ROMEO NGAWA
Applicant

Case No. 87-01-407
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of February 2008.

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

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

PETER BADOL
Applicant

Case No. 88-01-1879
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of February 2008.

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

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

ZORRO QUINO
Applicant

Case No. 88-01-2249
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

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

Estate of the Late
FILEMON ASPERIN, JR, Rep. By:
MARIALBERTINE C. ASPERIN
Applicant

Case No. 2001-01-691
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 29th day of February 2008.

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

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 59
Baguio City

(Additional Family Court of Baguio)

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINORS TRACY B A L A G - E Y BATOLLOG and TRICIA BALAG-EY B A T T O L L O G and DECLARATION OF STATUS AS LEGITIMATED

TRACY BALAG-EY BATOLLOG and TRICIA BALAG-EY B A T O L L O G , represented by their MOTHER MARLYN B A L A G - E Y - BATOLLOG

Petitioner,

-VERSUS-

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,

Respondent.

SPL PRO CASE NO. 1809-R

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ORDER

A verified petition filed by the petitioner through counsel alleged among others, that:

1. Sometime in the month of December 20, 1999 in Sagada Mountain Province, NESTOR BATOLLOG AND MARLYN BALAG-EY BATOLLOG (now M A R I L Y N W A S W A S E N BALAG-EY) married in accordance with the practices of Sagada Mountain Province called (MADAWAK) and thereafter lived as

husband and wife up to the present.
2. Out of their love for each other, the two (2) petitioners were born at the Baguio General Hospital, Baguio City on the dates as follows:

1. TRACY BALAG-EY BATOLLOG- August 19, 2000

2. TRICIA BALAG-EY BATOLLOG - January 22, 2002

3. Believing that their native/tribal marriage earlier celebrated was sufficient to comply with the legal requirements of marriage, NESTOR B A T O L L O G supplied December 20, 1999 as the date of marriage of the Petitioners' parents which data were entered in the Certificates of Live Birth of the Petitioners, photocopies of which are hereto attached as Annexes "A", "B" respectively and made part of this Petition;

4. At the time of the Petitioners' conception and birth, their parents did not have any legal impediment to get married;

5. After realizing that their earlier marriage does not meet the requirements of the Family Code of the Philippines, Petitioners' parents married in a civil wedding on February 7, 2005 before the Municipal Mayor of Sagada Mountain Province in accordance with the requirements of the law. A photocopy of the Certificate of Marriage is hereto attached as Annex "C" and made an integral part of this Petition;

6. As a result of said entry of date of marriage mentioned in Paragraph 4, it would appear that petitioners were legitimate children

using the Family Name of their natural father but pursuant to applicable laws. They were born illegitimate and thus their names should have been as follows:

TRACY BALAG-EY BATOLLOGAS
TRACY WASWASEN BALAG-EY

TRICIA BALAG-EY BATOLLOGAS
TRICIA WASWASEN BALAG-EY

7. However, because of the subsequent marriage of Petitioners' parents which is valid and the fact that the said parents were legally capacitated to marry at the time of their conception and birth, Petitioners' have become "LEGITIMATED" and thus entitled to the rights of the legitimate child including the use of their father's surname;

8. To set records straight, Petitioners should be declared "LEGITIMATED" and the dates December 20, 1999 appearing on the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner as the date of marriage of Petitioners' parent should be corrected to read February 7, 2005;

9. The Petition was filed not for the purpose of concealing, misleading or misrepresenting Petitioners' identities or to escape any obligation of whatever nature and kind but to cause the necessary correction and to apprise the public of their true, correct and lawful identities and status.

On the basis of the foregoing, the petitioners pray that after due notice, publication and hearing, the Court would grant the petition by ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to do the Following:

A. To CORRECT the entries appearing under item # 18 in the Certificates of Live Birth of petitioners from December 20, 1999 to February 7, 2005;

B. To declare the status of the Petitioners as "LEGITIMATED" and thus entitled to the rights of a legitimate child including the use of their father's surname.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on May 28, 2008 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted. Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in The JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in Benguet province once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes be furnished the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila, the City Prosecutor of Baguio, and the

Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 1th day of February, 2008 at Baguio City Philippines.

(SGD.) ILUMINDA P. CABATO
Judge
March 1, 8, and 15, 2008

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC

JOHNA. BAYANGAN,
Petitioner.

PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 08-NC-0118
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary

hearing on the petition for application of notarial commission filed by the above-named petitioner shall be held on day of February, 2008 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning before the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, La Trinidad, Benguet. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto on or before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Weekend Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet province, the first publication to be made not later than March 2, 2008. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 28th day of February, 2008.

(SGD.) MARYBELLE L. DEMOT MARIÒAS
Executive Judge

March 1, and 8, 2008

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Joseph Bacdai who died intestate on February 10, 2006 at Parapad, Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet was extra-judicially settled by the heirs on February 27, 2008 as evidenced by Doc. No. 203; Page No. 41; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2008 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Jerome W. Selmo

March 8, 15, 22, 2008

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT La Trinidad, Benguet

SHIRLEY B. WADINGAN Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

BRANDOA. PETER, Petitioner-Mortgagor.

CASE NO. 08-EXF-1256

For:

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgagee

Under Act 3135, As Amended

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by SHIRLEY B. WADINGAN, of legal age, married, Filipino and with residence at Km. 14, Caponga, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee against BRANDO A. PETER of legal age, married to Agustina Peter, Filipino and with residence and postal address at Gayasi, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondent-Mortgagor to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 1, 2006 amounts to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding the stipulated 10% monthly interests and penalties, charges, attorney's

fees; and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on March 25, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning 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 Philippine Currency, the following described real property, to wit:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-016-00780

Property Index No. 009-03-016-08-102

OWNER: BRANDO A PETER and AGUSTINA PETER

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Gayasey, Wangal, La Trinidad Benguet

ASSESSOR'S LOT NO. 102

BOUNDARIES: North: Ass. Lot 103 South: Brgy. Bineng East: Ass. Lot 103 West: Lot 086

KIND: Veg. Land AREA: .0100 ha. CLASS: 1 ASSESSED VALUE: P250.00 MARKET VALUE: P630.00

Containing an area of .0100 HECTARES more or less.

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 said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

In case of failure in the auction sale, the same is hereby rescheduled on April 21, 2008 at the same time and place mentioned above without need of republication.

Let the foregoing be published at THE WEEKEND JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation on March 1, 8 and 15, 2008. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 28th day of January, 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) JOHN MARIE O. OCASLA Sheriff IV

March 1, 8, and 15, 2008

Historical oppression... from page 1

electric power plants in the country. It was built through WB-financing at a cost of \$83.7 million and started commercial operations in 1983. Aboitiz Equity Venture Inc. who joined SN Power of Norway to form SN Aboitiz Power Inc. won the privatization bid in 2006 against 11 other bidders. It is also ironic, governor Baguilat Jr. said, that we do not get

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF CLAUDINE BELALAY BENDADAN T U a.k.a. CLAUDINE BENDADAN YAG-O,

SPOUSES DINKER and JANET YAG-O,

Petitioners,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 08-A-0927

X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner spouse Dinker and Janet Yag-o, Filipino citizens and residents of PD 56 Upper Gayasi, Wangal, La Trinidad Benguet, through counsel, filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after due notice, publication and hearing,

electricity from it. We have to tap water from Isabela and Vizcaya which

the subject of adoption minor C L O U D I N E B I L A L A Y BENDADAN be declared the legitimate child of the petitioners as she is their illegitimate child considering that she was born when the petitioner wife delivered her when she was 17 years old, hence she will be known as C L A U D I N E BENDADAN YAG-O and direct the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to effect said adoption in her Certificate of Live Birth.

Considering that a child and Home Study Report of the Court Social Worker is an essential requisite in adoption cases, said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing on September 10, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

WHEREFORE, the Court Social Worker, Ms. Jacqueline Dontogan is directed to conduct a Home and Child Study Report its this case, incorporating therein her recommendation and to submit the same to the Court, furnishing copy thereof to the trial prosecutor deputy

makes our electricity cost higher, he said, though adding, yet

tized to represent the State.

The petitioner is directed to meet with the said Social Worker, for purposes of the Home and Child Study Report.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than March 9, 2008. All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted-

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Court Social Worker; the Junction; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED

This 4th day of March 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) FRANCISA. BULIYAT Sr. Presiding Judge

March 8, 15, 22, 2008

the water actually comes from Ifugao. Cont. on page 11

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SELF ADJUDICATION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED FLOR CLARINO TIONGCO

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Flor C. Tiongco who died on April 24, 1996 at Baguio City and Herminio S. Tiongco who died on June 26, 1994 at Mandaluyong City is the subject of an Extra Judicial Self Adjudication of Estate by the only heir Francis Joseph Tiongco as evidenced by Doc No. 235; Page No. 47; Book No. XX, Series of 2006 of the Notarial Registry of Elmer O. Datuin

March 8, 15, 22, 2008

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Maria Kilang duly registered with the Registry of Deeds of the city of Baguio, covered by TCT No. T-24453 has been the subject of an extra-judicial settlement by her heirs on February 27, 2008 as evidenced by Doc. No. 205; Page No. 41; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2008 of National Registry of Atty. Jerome Selmo.

March 8, 15, 22, 2008

Samaritans Dance day due to heart ailment.

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Luisa's Café served brewed coffee at a bottom price.

Oakes said proceeds from the Amarillo Folkden concert Thursday will help sustain Lee's twice-a-week dialysis treatment. The girl, a former pharmacy student, underwent kidney transplant in 2002 with support from a political leader. She had another kidney failure last year.

Veronica, daughter of the late waiter George Lee of Sunshine Lunch, can be reached at cellphone number +639187073438.

Those who can't come home yet send their contributions, some regularly, without donor fatigue.

An Ibaloi expat in Kentucky sent \$200, her latest in a series since the other year. Part of the amount (P1,000 plus P380.09 from an earlier remittance) was given to widow Marilou Serrano who is trying to make ends meet and raise her three children after her husband Rodell died of nasopharyngeal cancer February last year.

A total of P468.75 was spent for the calcium intake of garbage picker Rhoda Boquieren and milk for his five young children, while P493 was used for the treatment of a pony boy injured in an accident.

As it's easier to help others than your own, P2,000 was sent for Isabel Gayao, mother of Manny who had to bring her to the hospital in Bontoc, Mt. Province last Tues-

day due to heart ailment.

From Canada, architect Freddie de Guzman, he who designed the wavy Sunshine Lunch billboard while a student here, sent P12,000, also his latest contribution. It will be for two boys battling leukemia – six-year old John Brix de Guzman and 12-year old Simon Lardizabal, and psychiatry patient Nora (not her real name) a 31-year old mother of three.

Twelve-year old Jose Gundino III, a taxi driver's son suffering from Hodgkin's lymphoma, got P5,500 for his second chemotherapy form a fund set up by an anonymous civic leader. The woman donor earlier gave P12,000 for the first chemo session, aside from P5,000 for heart patient Geraldine Agustin and P5,000 for a former Samaritan who has been taken ill.

Still another anonymous donor also set up his own humanitarian fund, from which P5,500 was used by cancer patient Myrna Buhong, P3,162 for medicines of heart patient Juanito Mejia, P3,000 for ailing lawyer Amado Adquilen and P3,000 for still another patient who asked not to be identified but whose name will be reported to the donor.

From Germany, fourth dan karate instructor Julian Chees e-mailed he'll be sending some amount for Pablo Langpawen, a pocket miner who recently underwent surgery for spinal injury. / Ramon Dacawi.

added." That was 23-years after the Marcos-De Guia encounter and apparently, "Ferdie" doesn't forget loss that easy - especially to a woman.

Marcos graduated *cum laude* in the college of law. As a young law student he was indicted and convicted of the murder of Julio Nalundasan, the man who twice defeated his father for a National Assembly seat.

He continued studying while in detention and subsequently passed the bar with one of the highest scores in history. He appealed his conviction and the court unanimously acquitted him.

Beaming, Gene gamely related, "Marcos was a highly intelligent man, he was a friend... but sorry to say, I won...."

Gene had a lot of "firsts" even before her dark curly hair started turning silver and gold. Among others, she was the first Baguio lass ever to land a part in the silver screen opposite Rogelio De La Rosa.

As an actress in the UP Dramatics Club, she was written about as "Dramatics Find of the Year." She said, "My role was brief in that theater show were I was featured as 'the other woman' opposite Daisy Hontiveros Avellana."

Famous Filipino grammarian Jean Edades directed the UP Dramatics' shows. Avellana, on the other hand, was recently conferred "National Artist" honors at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

"I sure did get a lot of press for that little part I played in

Diretsahan... from page 4

korapsiyon, kundi pagtatraydor na ito sa pinoy at ng bansang Pinas. At ang mga taong nasa likod nito ay hindi na dapat pang mamalagi dito, bagkus ay dapat na silang ipatapon sa dagat at ipakain sa mga kapwani nila pating! Mga pweh sila!

ooOoo

mga balita senado itinanggi ang compromise deal ng korte suprema,... siyempre para kasing binigyan ka ng bolang pam basketbol na wala namang hangin at may butas pa, nakakataw! ha! Ha! Ha!

ooOoo

gobyerno naaalarma na raw sa pagtaas ng mga bilihin sa palengke kunyari pero anong ginagawani? HOY GISING!

ooOoo

Executive Order 464, binawi na ni Pangulong Arroyo! iyan ang tinatawag nilang konswelo de bobo at bow sa mga Obispo!

ooOoo

mgadating opisyal ng gobyerno

PVO Address..... from page 2

Juan, Agbannawag, Casigayan, Laya East and Magsaysay.

During the Swine Disease Occurrence Investigation conducted from February 4-5 in the above mentioned barangays, signs and symptoms observed among breeders ranged from coughing, sneezing, in appetite, fever, abortion and death.

For piglets signs are diarrhea and chilling, while the team observed sneezing, coughing, reddening of the body and ears and sudden death among growers or

binigyan ng isang linggong palugit ang pangulo para suspendihin ang lahat ng mga sangkot sa ZTE scandal! lagot, laban ng ngipin sa ngipin na ito ng mga paalis pa lang at pabalik na!

ooOoo

DEP-ED

hindi pumayag na maglibot si ZTE star witness Jun Lozada sa mga Public Schools he!he!he! ninenerbyos siguro ang mga kumag! nauungusan na kasi sila sa kasikatan ni Lozada.

ooOoo

kurapsyon daw ang dahilan kaya naghihirap ang pinoy.. katotohanan yan at hindi siete lan mga ungas lamang ang nagsasabing hindi!!!

ooOoo

Police Chief Superintendent Romeo Hilomen, bagong talagang Director ng PNP Region I Welcome Sir!

ooOoo

Pagtataas ng kaso ng mga sunog sa Baguio, patuloy na minomonitor ng

Baguio Fire Department... sana hindi lang ito papogi at ningas kugon lamang di ba mga sir? PATUNAYAN!

ooOoo

Naalarma ang mga mag-aaral at magulang sa balitang may nangingidnap umano ng mga bata dito sa lungsod ng Baguio gamit ang isang sasakyan kung totoo ang balita, hamon ito sa kakayahan ni Tsip Supt. Moises Guevarra at ang kanyang Intelligence Department!

ooOoo

dapat bigyan ng atensyon ang nangyayaring holdapan sa may T-Alonzo, ayon sa aking bubuwit nagreklamo ang mga naging biktima na wala man lang daw Barangay Tanod na nagroronda sa lugar! Atensyon mga Barangay opisyal ng T-alonzo, asan na ang inyong mga Barangay Tangad.. este Tanod? Atensyon din ABC PRESIDENT JOEL A L A N G S A B pakitutukan nyu naman ito!

slaughtered.

"The medicine or disease of the animal even if we could not observe any effect in human could be accumulated by the human body. For instance, the medicine given to a certain animal could also be absorbed by the body and could cause possible immunity to that drug," she explained.

She then advised that those slaughtering sick animals should take into consideration the innocent people who might be buying their products and likewise buyers or consumers should be aware of the possible effects of eating sick animals./ ggd/PIA Kalinga

before it was

**Traffic..
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road artery, but the upward route goes one-way from upper Session Road, from the road in front of Baguio City Post Office, through Session road 2, along Casa Vallejo, the City Social Welfare and Development Office (OCSWDO), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Office up to the Rotunda at the back of the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) building towards Session road extension.

Vehicles, however may turn left at side of Postal Bank and merge with traffic at Fr. Carlu St.; and the road fronting the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG-CAR) office, to merge with the traffic along Northdrive road.

**Ceyentano Exhorts.....
from page 3**

ticipation and representation in all aspects of social decision-making; review existing discriminatory laws and allow; and allow equal access and elimination of discrimination in education, scholarships and training.

The other highlights of the bill are the non-discriminatory portrayal of women in media and film; access to information and services relating to women's health; equal rights in all matters relating to marriage and family relations; recognition of the contribution of women to food production, right to housing, education and training and information, social protection, recognition and preservation of cultural identity or integrity; protection of "girl-children" and senior citizens and establishment of the Gender and Development (GAD) Ombud.

Cayetano reiterated her call during her short speech before public and private school principals and before the graduating college students of the University of the Cordilleras on that same day. - aileen p. refuerzo

outstanding women leaders honored
BAGUIO CITY - Six outstanding women leaders in the city were honored during the 3rd Kababaihan Festival program held last Wednesday at the Baguio Convention Center here in line with the celebration of the National Women's Month.

This year's awardees are Dr. Celia Flor Brillantes of the city health office, civic work-

The one-way scheme is also in effect from the junction of Session road extension, through the road in front of the PRC building, towards Northdrive road from DILG-CAR, towards the junction of Leonard Wood road, along the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) building through Leonard Wood road, to merge with the traffic at Fr. Carlu street at the back of the Post Office, along the side of Patria de Baguio building towards the main Session road.

Parking shall not be allowed on the entire route of the traffic scheme, the AO read.

Recommendations after the thirty day period shall be given, to ascertain whether the traffic scheme is effective, and ready for permanent implementation./ juliegfianza

**Historical
oppression...
from page 9**

Gov. Baguilat Jr. said he has tried several times to seek out

Department of Energy officials and Sec. Angelo Reyes but wala siya palagi.

It is also ironic, the obviously irked Ifugao governor said,

that they are asking us, the Cordillera governors, to declare support (for Pres. Gloria Arroyo), yet they have selective amnesia.

Baguilat and five more of the 6 provincial governors in the Cordillera Administrative Re-

ers Rebecca Domogan, Edna Dulay, Lilia Farinas, barangay health worker Lilia Gamba and educator Dr. Thelma Leal.

The awardees were chosen based on their personal human relations and accomplishments in community work and their impact on community development.

Brillantes was cited for her Bonjing website, a youth reproductive health awareness project which gained international recognition.

An outstanding employee of the city government, Brillantes was also instrumental in the institutionalization of the work fund for people living with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Gamba is an outstanding barangay health worker and nutrition action officer.

Dulay is an active member of the various socio-civic organizations like the Young Women's Christian Association, Girl Scouts of the Philippines and the Catholic Women's League while Leal is the pioneer of the city's streetchildren program and has been actively involved in social work.

Domogan was extolled for her quiet service and inspiring simplicity and Farinas for her avid involvement in civic service and social work.

The outstanding women leaders received their awards from program guest of honor Senator Pia Cayetano, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda and Elaine Sembrano.

The awardees were chosen by the search committee formed by the Gender Equality and Development Council (GEAD) which was headed by Baguio Center for Young Adults (BCYA) director Marlene De Castro.

The Kababaihan Festival was one of the highlights of the Women's Month celebration in the city, which was launched last March 3 at City Hall.

The celebration which focuses on the theme, "Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW): YAMAN NG KABABAIHAN," will be marked with a month-long calendar of activities.

gion (CAR) has declared their all out support for Mrs.

Arroyo. Last week, except for Apayao governor Elias Bulut, a

manifesto was signed by Abra governor Eustaquio Bersamin, Benguet governor

Nestor Fongwan, Mountain Province governor Max Dalog and Baguilat Jr. staunchly supporting the President amidst quit calls by the opposition and

critics. But Baguilat Jr. said, this simple request (for DOE) to direct NPC or Aboitiz to pay

the national wealth tax due us, is reaching deaf ears. I have been trying to get an appointment with any DOE official, yet they are always unavailable, he lamented.

Earlier this year, Gov. Baguilat Jr. started to contest the alleged

Theft of their lands within the Magat Dam.

They are questioning why two lots in Sto Domingo, Alfonso Lista town

where

NAPOCOR situated their facilities was declared as Isabela provinces domain. This is theft, the provincial governor said.

Isabela province only wants to have the bigger chunk of the taxes by

SN Aboitiz to them, Baguilat said.

Accruing To Keepers Of Watersheds

Last quarter last year, Ifugao congressman Solomon Chungalao raised during a meet-

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Health activities include free Pap Smear at the various health centers for the whole month of March from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while the BCYA offers Hepa B screening, pregnancy test and Pap smear also for the said period.

Last Wednesday's festival was kicked off by a parade participated in by the Gender Equality and Development groups in government offices and line agencies, women's groups and non-government organizations.

Other activities conducted were the slogan contest, a photo exhibit on CEDAW, a showcase of programs and services of the participating agencies and beauty and business fair.

The following day, the awarding of the most active barangay-based women organization was held at the SM Atrium while a lecture on Republic Act No. 9262 for Day Care Workers was also conducted at the CSWDO conference hall.

Also lined up are the women's summit and orientation on KALIPI and women welfare program organization of barangay-based women's groups.

The celebration is spearheaded by the GEAD Council with the involvement of the following agencies: the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development under Betty Fangasan, Office of Councilor Tabanda as chairman of the city council committee on women, the Population Commission under the City Health Office, the Dept. of Interior and Local Government city office, Civil Service Commission, the Regional Organization of GAD Focal Points, BCYA, Ebgan Inc., Abanse Pinay Pilipinas-University of the Cordilleras, Women Children Protection Unit-Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, the Baguio City Police Office, City GAD Focal Point, Igorota Foundation, Innabuyog-Gabriela, Office of the City mayor, community affairs office and Dept. of Social Welfare and Development./Aileen p. refuerzo

Hungduan regulates usage of government vehicles

HUNGDUAN, Ifugao - In line with the austerity measures of the national government, the Sangguniang Bayan here enacted an ordinance regulating the usage of vehicles owned by the local government unit (LGU).

Dubbed as parking ordinance, it shall cover vehicles of the LGU such as the dump truck, ambulance, vehicle issued to the municipal engineer, motor vehicles and other municipal vehicles to be purchased or donated, however the

vehicles issued to the municipal mayor and vice-mayor shall be exempted from the application of this ordinance.

The SB stated that the implementation of fiscal discipline and austerity measure is an avenue to attain greater services for the people hence there's a need to ensure clarity and uniformity of policies in the mobilization and proper utilization of government vehicles to contribute in the maximization of benefits derived from the limited

resources available for the municipality.

"The vehicles shall be parked at the motor pool and garage at 5:00 in the afternoon everyday except when utilized by the municipal officials and employees on official transaction beyond five o'clock in the afternoon and during week ends and holidays except when they are used on emergency cases," the SB said.

It further provides that municipal officials and employees requesting the usage of vehicles shall

present a written request to the office/employee designated/assigned by the municipal mayor to man the motor pool and garage.

Private individuals requesting for the use of municipal vehicles should first present the written request to the municipal mayor for his approval and upon payment of

necessary fees. The approved request shall be presented to the motor pool division accompanied by approved trip ticket and travel order for the official driver specifying the number of days when the vehicle is used and it shall be utilized according to their intended official use and shall not be used for personal purposes

except emergency cases.

Municipal officials who refuse to have the vehicles parked shall be held liable for gross insubordination while officials and employees found violating the provisions of the ordinance shall be dealt with in accordance with present laws./Mhars B. Lihgawon/PIA Ifugao.

Historical oppression... from page 11

ing of the Regional Development Council his concern over the lack of benefits accruing to the keepers of the watersheds of the Magat Dam.

President Arroyo, who presided over the meeting at the Presidential

Mansion in Baguio City directed the NPC to look into the issue.

It was raised before the then three sectoral representatives

representing the Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives, for them to lobby for a re-

definition.

Over in Hungduan town where the Hapao River serves as a big feeder to

the Magat Dam, Ifugaos, said multi-awarded environmentalist,

conservationist and Ifugao journalist Ramon Dacawi, can go as far as diverting

the water flow if nothing is plowed

back to them as keepers of the watersheds.

Benguet and Ifugao need not lobby alone towards a better deal on the

exploitation of Cordillera's water resources, Dacawi, Baguio Citys

information officer added.

A redefinition of keepers of watersheds will mean even Bauko town

in Mt. Province, which serves as the headwaters of the Agno, the main

headwaters of the 345-megawatt San Roque Dam, can demand for a share.

Baguio City, Dacawi added, will likewise be entitled as its Lucnab,

Kias and Happy Hollow barangays are within the Agno watershed. Despite

the murky water it delivers, the city, as headwater to the Balili, can

then claim benefits from the operation of the mini-hydros of Hedcor

downriver, he also said.

After all, we need to redefine the

queer concept of the

build-operate-transfer scheme that was pioneered in the Cordillera for the sake of

national development. They built the mines and dams here, operated them and transferred the gold and electric power (including the taxes) to

Metro-Manila./Artemio A. Dumlaog



I. NO WAYDOWN... As some motorists continue to second guess the best way to their destinations from Upper Session Road, City Government Officials have decided to extend the experimental one-way traffic scheme at Upper Session Road as, they say, 'it's too early to tell whether or not the solution to the city's worsening traffic woes indeed works... Well, you be the judge.'/Monch David

Pinoy, kaya natin ito! Yes the Filipino can!

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