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BAGUIO CITY, BENGUET, AND THE REST OF THE CORDILLERAS, La Union ILOCOS Provinces

Pahayagang palaban!!!

Demolition head loses over vendors in various charges



Dog meat trading Luzon! This map of the Philippines downloaded from the website of Political Animal Lobby (PAL), www.networkforanimals.org, an international NGO claiming to be spearheading the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act, has projected almost the entire Luzon as dog meat trader. The map has a caption "The area enclosed in yellow indicates the source area of live family pet dogs; the red dots indicate the locations of Government markets where the majority of live dogs are commercially traded as food." Story on page 6.

BAGUIO CITY – The Office of the Acting Prosecutor of Baguio, recently dismissed the complaint filed by Baguio City’s Demolition Head, Engr. Nazita Bañez for Inciting to Sedition, Seditious, Grave Coercion, and Physical Injuries against a Baguio Lawyer and vendors at the city market.

Prosecutor I, Danilo C. Bumacod of Urdaneta City, Pangasinan dismissed all the charges in his 15-page Joint Resolution dated May 9, 2003. Bumacod was assigned by Regional State Prosecutor Nonnatus Rojas as Acting Prosecutor for Baguio for these charges when the Baguio City Prosecutor’s Office inhibited itself from conducting the preliminary investigation. Named as respondents

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Baguio council asks DENR to check wastewater from PEZA

The city council has asked environment and health authorities to immediately check anew wastewater discharges from the Philippine Export Zone Authority (PEZA) compound which residents of neighboring Loakan-Liwanag Barangay suspect are toxic.

Acting on the renewed complaint, Mayor Bernardo Vergara approved last week the council resolution supporting the request of the barangay council headed by Punong Barangay Josephine Mariano for a probe of PEZA's wastewater discharges.

"Wastewater from the PEZA may be contaminated with chemicals and other dangerous substances, which may be prejudicial to the health and welfare of the residents of the concerned barangay, the city council noted.

The PEZA may contribute to the economic interest of this country, but it should not be pursued at the detriment of our people," the council's committee on public utilities headed by Council Delfin Balajadia stressed.

Balajadia said "the attention of the concerned agencies

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Jadewell expenses report bloated – SP

BAGUIO CITY – The expenditures reported by Jadewell Parking Systems Corporations in the monthly statement of income it submitted to the city government are "bloated and (some entries are unnecessary.)"

The council committee on laws under Councilor Elmer Datuin made this observation at the city council last Wednesday.

The committee which reviewed that audit report of the city financial audit team recommended to the body the adoption of all the comments and recommendations made by the team.

"But this is without prejudice to the pending appeal of the City Council before the Court of Appeals on the issue of the Memorandum of Agreements with Jadewell," the committee noted.

In its report, the audit team made various observations and findings among which

that Jadewell's accounting system was "very poor" resulting to "discrepancies in the recording of expenditures from the books of original entry to the books of final entry."

The team also noted that some of the company's expenditures were not covered by receipts and that there was lack of guidelines on allowable expenditures "especially for those falling under administrative expenses which may deprive the government of its proper share of income."

During the discussions Datuin said the accounts on expenditures contained in the monthly statement of income and expenses under the direct cost and operating expenses appear to be unrealistic while there were some entries that are not necessary to the operations.

He said this "prejudiced" the city's interest as it affected its income shares.

The committee recommendations were

should be worked up to prevent possible health (problem) outbreaks form said wastewater".

"Nangis it, agburbureken nasakit ti mata (It's black, bubbling and painful to the eyes)," Barangay Secretary Priscilla Cutaran said, quoting complaining residents along a creek into which the effluents flow from the PEZA compound.

Cutaran said representatives of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Baguio Health Department already inspected the wastewater flow

unanimously adopted by the city council.

The city is in the process of collecting from the Jadewell its unpaid account totaling P22,111,602 incurred from December 2000 to March 2002, as per report of the audit team.

The report said Jadewell failed to remit P4,508,323.06 as it only paid a total of P1,737,554.46 out of the P 6,245,877.53 collectible for said period broken down as follows: P2,370,784.40 covering the pay-parking operations at Ganza restaurant and P3,875,093.33 covering all other streets except Ganza. Added to the unpaid amount were the penalties amounting to P209,044.45 as penalty for late remittance and P17,394,234.89 as penalty for unremitted city share.

The audit team is still in the process of looking into Jadewell accounts for the period April 2002 up to present. *Aileen P. Refuerzo*

Not guilty plea for dubious foreign animal welfarist (as court denies motion to re-investigate)

Baguio City- After almost a year of waiting, members of the International Wildlife Coalition of the United Kingdom (IWC-UK), headed by Charles Wartenberg appeared before the Baguio City Metropolitan Trial Court Branch 1 for their arraignment.

British national Wartenberg, together with Luis Buenaflor and Winston Samaniego were accused of violating the Philippine Animal Welfare Act, the very same law they were supposed to implement.

It was alleged that Wartenberg's group during a raid of dog slaughterhouses conducted in June last year, the recovered dogs, which were promised by Wartenberg's group to be brought to an animal shelter, were instead killed through

euthanasia, without first securing permission or clearance from a veterinarian from the city's very own Veterinary Office. Furthermore, the recovered dogs which were supposed to be used, as evidence were not even presented to the police, or the inquest prosecutor. The dogs were also said to have been transported by the accused outside the city without clearance and permit from concerned government offices.

In the arraignment held last Monday, May 26, the accused' lawyer, Atty. Heidi Caguioa admitted in court that she advised her clients not to appear in the scheduled arraignment as she has assumed that their motion for a re-investigation will be granted.

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Mayor tells Jadewell to stop towing and clamping vehicles

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Bernardo Vergara last week directed Jadewell parking Systems Corp. to stop clamping or towing vehicles illegally parked or for other violations as their parking attendants or employees are not authorized to do so.

Invoking his authority under the general welfare clause of the Local Government Code, the mayor asked Rogelio Tan, Jadewell's president and general manager, "to suspend your towing and clamping activities".

Vergara reminded Tan that as per

Section 4 of Ordinance 003-2000 and agreement with the city, Jadewell parking attendants can only enforce traffic laws and ordinances under Republic act No. 4136 only upon deputation by the Land Transportation Office.

"Unless and until the said deputation is obtained, Jadewell parking attendants are disauthorized from undertaking towing and clamping activities," the mayor said in his letter to Tan last May 27.

Earlier, the city council also adopted a resolution urging the Department of Trans-

Judge Danilo Camacho of MTC Branch 1 however, denied the motion. A deferment of the arraignment was even scheduled. However, a few minutes after the discussion, Wartenberg's group appeared. They pleaded not guilty for violation particularly of Section 6 of RA 8485, otherwise known as the Philippine Animal Welfare Act.

Last September 16, 2002, City Prosecutor Carantes signed a resolution ordering for the filing of the case at the Municipal Trial Court. The accused were made to post a bail bond of P2, 000,000 each.

Meantime, the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) warned the public, not to buy dog meat sold in the market, as it did not pass

portation and Communications "to take immediate and appropriate actions against the officers and personnel of Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation for ignoring, disregarding and defying its cease and desist order".

The resolution, on motion of Councilors Elmer Datuin and Reinaldo Bautista Jr., noted that Sect.4 of Ordinance 003-2000 provided that Jadewell parking attendants shall enforce traffic laws and ordinances only on authority of the DOTC.

"In obvious dis-

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Storekeepers warned not to sell cigarette to minors

Kabayan, Benguet-The local officials of Kabayan in their effort to regulate the selling of cigarette to minors, and to somehow draw the youth away from vices, the municipal councilors of Kabayan proposed an ordinance regulating the selling of cigarette to minors especially in sari-sari stores where cigarettes are openly sold to children.

This proposed ordinance was forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Benguet, in the Committee on Laws headed by Board Member Danio Bolislis for their endorsement.

In his committee report, Bolislis said that based on his consultation with the Provincial Legal Office, although they (the Committee on Laws) can give their favorable

endorsement, his committee cannot totally agree with the contents of the Municipal Ordinance specifically the provision where a minor, when caught possessing a cigarette should be punished. He said it is the adults who sell these prohibited goods who should be made accountable and not the youth as they are not fully aware of its implications.

Under Section 447 of the Local Government Code, the power to regulate the selling of cigarettes and/or smoking is not expressly provided, Atty. Noli Guiad of the PLO said in his written legal opinion regarding Kabayan's proposed ordinance. However, Section 447 (3) (ii) provides for the power of the Sangguniang Bayan to regulate business. There is no question he said, if the said

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municipality wishes to regulate the sale of cigarette to minors. But this is limited only within the jurisdiction of said municipality.

In Section 3 of the proposed ordinance where the ordinance calls for a prohibition, and a minor caught possessing a cigarette is punishable, the legal office said, "The Sangguniang Bayan may only discourage but not punish the violation of Section 3b." As the title implies, the proposal is just for the regulation, and not its total banning.

Section 3b of the proposed ordinance states that minors are not allowed possessing or using cigarettes. In Section 4, if a minor is caught violating the ordinance, he/she shall be referred to the Municipal Social Welfare Officer for the first of

Typhoon damage in Benguet estimated at P4.6M

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet: Initial damages on agriculture brought about by tropical storms Batibot and Chedeng in this province pegged at P4.6 million.

The typhoons that hit the country early this week caused one and three injured persons in Itogon, Benguet including numerous slides in various provincial and municipal networks.

Provincial Disaster Coordinator and Benguet Governor Raul Molintas disclosed that there were 1,380 affected farmers involving 44,408 hectares of farm lands with estimated initial com-

bined volume loss of 735.44 metric tons production valued at P4,647,063.42. Highly affected plantations include potato, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, and carrot.

Damages to 12.5 potato plantations with total combined volume of 225 metric tons reached P1.68 million affecting 350 farmers.

For cabbage, there were 300 farmers who incurred total loss of P1.3 million covering combined areas of 11.91 hectares planted damaging 238.2 metric tons.

More than half a million worth of Chinese cabbage was damaged or P513,000 was incurred by 160

planters involving total areas of 2.56 hectares. Damages to carrot plantations pegged at P489,698 involving 60 farmers with a total volume of production pegged at 66.99 metric tons.

Police report reaching the PDCC indicated that the victims were inside a shanty within the compound of a DENR-CAR project located at Mambolo, Tinongdan, Itogon when rains induced by tropical storm "Chedeng" that loosened the soils which caused big boulders to roll down hitting a retaining wall and eventually falling to the shanty where the victims were taking refuge. A certain

NCIP denies Tuba request on issuance of land titles

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet: The National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) declined request of the municipality of Tuba on the issuance of tenurial instrument.

The NCIP claims that the proper agency of the government that could attend to the concern of Tuba, is either the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or the Land Registration Authority.

It shall be recalled that on February this year, invoking Section 12 of Republic Act No. 8371 otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act, Tuba requested NCIP through its regional office to issue land titles in this town as embodied in its Resolution No. 45-2003.

Section 12 of the

Benguet-La Union Boundary dispute may soon be over

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet: Boundary dispute between the provinces of Benguet and La Union is expected to be resolved soon.

Catherine Molina, 18 years old was the lone fatality while survivors were taken to the Benguet General Hospital for treatment. The three wounded were Jerry Terry 24, Maritess Terry, 19 and certain Behedic Gerosa

The two typhoons have caused unstable and eroding slopes including falling rocks on road lines along Kennon Road; slide erosion in various portions of Baguio-Bua-Itogon road including Itogon-Dalupirip road.

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law provides, "Individual members of cultural communities, with respect to their individually-owned ancestral lands who, by themselves or through their predecessors-in interest, have been in continuous possession and occupation of the same in the concept of owner since time immemorial or for a period of not less than 30 years immediately preceding the approval of the Act and uncontested by members of the same ICCs/IPs shall have the option to secure title to their ancestral lands under the provision of the Commonwealth Act 141 as amended or the Land Registration Act of 496."

This section further added that, "said individually-owned ancestral lands, which are agricultural in character and actually used

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This developed as both provinces agreed last Monday for the creation of a joint task force commissioned to look into and study basis of

In a related development, Molintas issued a warning to the public to refrain from traveling unless necessary.

Although he raised the alleged slow rehabilitation and improvement of the Halsema Highway with the Department of Public Works and Highway to act accordingly, he dismissed this observation saying that implementation is within target.

Molintas explained that based on monthly report submit-

for agricultural, residential, pasture, and tree farming purposes, including those with a slope of 18 percent or more, are hereby classified as alienable and disposable agricultural lands."

NCIP - Central Office Legal Officer lawyer Serverino Lumiqued rendered an opinion that NCIP is not the proper government agency to implement the aforementioned section. This is indicated in a communication dated April 23, 2003, a copy of which was provided to members of the Provincial Board this week.

The lawyer said that while it is true that the titling of ancestral land lies with the NCIP as one of its power and functions in the issuance of Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT) as provided

claim. The task force is composed of representatives from the provincial board of both provinces; municipalities of Tuba and Pugo in Benguet and La Union, respectively; and the affected barangays including those from the Land Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of Region I and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

The affected barangays are Taloy Norte, Taloy Sur and Tabaan Norte in Tuba while Kares, Pubo and Poblacion in Pugo.

Governor Raul Molintas disclosed that LMB-DENR offices from both regions

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Dogs

Last Tuesday, the PIA Benguet had as their topic during their Kapihan sa Benguet the issue of dog eating and dog meat trade.

Baguio and Benguet has become known for dog meat trade. In fact, it is no secret that several restaurants here have dog meat as their specialty. These restaurants are thriving and are being patronized by no less than our local government officials.

To this, Igorots are branded as dog eating people, although the Americans described us, Igorots, as dog

eat-ers from the very start. But the situation then and situation now is different. Fifty or so year ago,

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Igorots were already eating dogs. But they do not eat dogs just for the heck of it. They eat dogs when they have what is called *begnas*, or a ritual conducted to drive away the *malas* that besets the family, such as when somebody dies in an accident, when members of the family are getting sick one after the other, or in any other misfortune like when somebody witnessed a person being killed, etc. The rule is that the sacrificial dog should be the family's pet dog. The belief is that the dog has to be sacrificed so that its spirit will guard the spirits of the members of the family.

This is also the reason why, nowadays, you hear people saying that dog meat has some medicinal value, so that when they get sick, they will eat dog meat. You will encounter not only Igorots but some lowlanders swear about the healing properties of dog meat.

But things are different now. What used to be a spiritual and meaningful activity became an ordinary activity by most drinkers. Dog meat became a favorite pulutan. You can even encounter some saying that dog meat is aphrodisiac. The dog's blood that used to be thrown away (part of the ritual) by the elders is now being cooked and served as pinuneg!

But getting drinkers to stop eating dogs is a far shot. Tell them that dog meat may be infected with various diseases and they laugh at you. They might even lecture you on how dog meat "cured" someone. Tell them about the spiritual significance of dog meat eating and they will tell you all sorts of stories.

Educating children can be the last resort. But the education should focus on love for animals, and the law of Animal Welfare. This way, they understand the importance of dogs, and that they will learn to respect lives of animals.

Another problem now is the fact that even our community leaders take the Animal Welfare Law for granted. Some Judges do not even believe in the law. Go to the courts, and you hear all sorts of comments like "ah, diay aso, he he he". It just reflects that most of us look at our dogs as some dumb and useless animals.

JUST A MINUTE

The Prosecution Service
3rd Part

BY ELMER MANUEL SAGSAGO

After a case has been filed in Court for trial, this is the time that a Prosecutor now performs his second important duty which is the PROSECUTORY FUNCTION. It is also a power exercised by him. This function consists principally of presenting all available evidence against the accused so that the Court will have enough basis in determining whether the accused is guilty or not.

According to the law, all criminal cases are under the "CONTROL AND DIRECTION" of a public prosecutor. He alone will determine who will be the witnesses to be presented, including the order to be presented as evidence. He is the one, not the complainant, who "does the talking in Court": when to postpone and when to continue presenting evidence; when, how and what to argue; and how to persuade the Court. In other words, it is the Trial Prosecutor who plans and carries out the over all strategy to be followed in proving the guilt of the accused, as well as how to counter the evidence of the accused. He is the *prima donna*, the star and the director of the show, all rolled into one.

Although the public often takes it against the Trial Prosecutor if the accused is acquitted or the case is dismissed, this attitude and view however is misplaced. The truth is that the law defines the role of the prosecutor as an instrument of justice so that his duty is not to seek conviction at all cost, but to see that justice is done by presenting all available evidence for the Court to rule upon. If on the other hand the evidence of guilt is strong, then it is his duty to see that the accused is convicted. However, he is forbidden to manufacture evidence of guilt, in the same manner that he is not expected to suppress evidence of innocence.

As an instrument of justice, the Trial Prosecutor is even expected to ask that the case be dismissed if he honestly believes that the evidence he has cannot prove the guilt of the accused, and that its useless to proceed with the trial of the case.

In the exercise of this PROSECUTIONAL POWER, the Trial Prosecutor cannot be dictated upon, not even by the Court, much more by the complainant or the witnesses.

It is in the exercise of this power that the Trial Prosecutor is said to be the lawyer for the complainant or victim of a crime. At the time a Prosecutor is performing his INVESTIGATORY FUNCTIONS, he remains neutral. But the moment the complaint is filed in Court, the Prosecutor now takes the side of the victim or the complainant.

Some victims of crimes often hesitate to file a complaint because of their belief that they must have a lawyer to help them but they cannot afford one. This is a mistake because their lawyer is the Trial Prosecutor. He is paid by the government purposely to be the lawyer of victims of crimes. If there is the Public Attorney to defend the accused, there is also the Trial Prosecutor to assist the victim obtain justice.

This does not however prevent the victims of crime from hiring their own lawyer to present their side during the trial. These lawyers are referred to as the Private Prosecutors but they can only participate in the trial if they were authorized by the Office of the City Prosecutor. This is because Public Prosecutors are supposed to represent the damage done to the public while Private Prosecutors are there only to seek damages for the injury done to the victim. In fact if the Public Prosecutor believes the presentation of the case against the accused is being bungled by the Private Prosecutor, he can withdraw the authority given to the latter and take over. Or he may, in the first place, refuse to grant authority to the Private Prosecutor for lack of confidence in the latter's ability.

So if Atty. FF is the Private Prosecutor but does not know what he is doing, or proves to be an ignoramus, then Prosecutor Bing Dawang can order him just to sit down and shut his mouth. (TO BE CONTINUED)

But no, dogs are lovable and trusted animals. As a matter of fact, you can trust your dog most often than you can a lot of people. They could even be more intelligent.

Dogs have feelings too. And you can count on them at times when you cannot count on a lot of people.

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• **Kapihan sa Baguio, Benguet, what for?**
 • **Doggone issues!!!**
BY FREDDIE J. FARRÉS

There is this two (2) weekly kapihans that are spearheaded by the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), the Kapihan with CARE (Cordillera Assoc. of Regional Executives) held every Wednesday morning 'till lunch and hosted by Tina Chua, Production Manager of DZWT and Helen Tbaldo, PIA Regional Director. Likewise the Kapihan sa Benguet is held every Tuesday morning 'till lunch and hosted by Tina Chua and a certain Nathan Alcantara of the PIA-Benguet. Both kapihans are held at the Kalapaw (Abanao Ext.) restaurant. The usual format of these kapihans are to invite a panel of guests/speakers, and topics and/or issues vary from government, non-government concerns etc.. These kapihans are regularly attended by members of the media, where media is given a chance to ask questions to the guests during an open forum type question and answer portion.

I have no idea how many years this type of kapihan has been around, although it must have been around for sometime. In my case since I got involved in media, there has only been three (3) occasions where I personally attended these kapihans.

Normally, I would make an effort and go out of my way to attend when the topic at hand is something I feel strongly about. Unfortunately there have been topics of interest to me that I would have wanted to attend like when they had as guest this **VERY CORRUPT DOTC-CAR OFFICIAL** but I happened to be out of town. But more so my non-interest in attending was due to the impression I had that these kapihans would provide very little value in terms of input and factual info given the time spent listening to the usual panelists and guests who more often, are heads of government offices mouthing one PR line after the other, and true to what my impression is, has recently been re-affirmed by Mr. Nathan Alcantara (I will explain later what I mean).

For one thing the lunch or snack during or after the kapihan is usually sponsored by the agency concerned (correct me if I'm wrong on this) who happen to usually be the guests/panelists, and you know how it is - **sa ugaling pinoy**- you know better than to go hard on the guy whose buying you lunch, petty as it may sound, but I believe there is some truth to this. That's what some may call as common courtesy, right?

Another reason for my seldom attendance was I felt that the question and answer portion was not really a no-holds barred type, uncensored-say it as you wish face to face type of Q & A, and why do I say this? Other than the reason of not being able to go hard on the guys buying you lunch, the main sponsor and organizer of the kapihan is the government administration mouthpiece, PIA (the Philippine Information Agency). There you have it, strike 2, so tell me how far and how hard do you think any self-respecting hot blooded media person can go given these circumstances. **Tamaan ka naman ng hiya** would be the operative word (how naïve could I be at times!) that would be the likely situation one would be faced with.

WELL NOT FOR ME - those of you who know me, must know that I do not mince my words and I'm in the habit of saying things as I feel they are, more so I do not have the patience to put up with rude kapihan hosts like Mr. Alcantara who probably taught he was a hard hitting columnist/opinion writer or a paid lackey instead of a neutral and unbiased kapihan host.

In fact there have only been three (3) occasions where I have set foot on these kapihans. One is the topic regarding that **SCAM** of a Baguio Circumferential Road (where we actually formally requested the PIA to take it up). The second was recently regarding the BWD - Baguio Walang Danum palusutan blues, and most recently was just last Tuesday the topic being on animal welfare where the panel of guests were the City Veterinarian, members of law enforcement and representatives of a United Kingdom based non-government organization, Political Animal Lobby (PAL). In fact I did not intend to attend, not until the last minute, but since the topic is one close to my heart and it being part of the advocacy of Linis Gobyerno (I will explain later why I said this), having learned of the topic I rushed to the kapihan despite of the bad weather.

This Kapihan sa Benguet had as its hosts Ms. Tina Chua and Nathan

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Single, young and pregnant
BY GRACE BANDOY

"Oh my God she's pregnant?!" That must what all of you guys have in mind, the answer of course is I am not. Thousands of single young women are pregnant out there as I speak. They are unmarried and the suppose-to-be fathers of their child are nowhere in sight. They are carrying this pregnancy thing solely on their shoulders although there are some lucky few whose families are supportive.

This girl I know looks depressed. She has this sad look on her eyes every time I bump into her. She hasn't told me yet but I know she's two months pregnant and that her stupid boyfriend says he doesn't want anything to do with it. I know she thought of (and she still probably does) having an abortion. She's pretty and sexy and tall and she has really beautiful eyes. I think she deserves better than being left alone by an asshole she once loved so much.

I guess I, and most of her other friends would be happier if she kept the baby. But it's her life and whatever decision she makes is what's best for her. We have no right whatsoever to tell an able person what she should do with her life.

But what really really pisses me off with this story are those asshole guys thinking they can get away with everything!!!! Just what kind of mindsets do these gago guys have?! It's true that it takes two to tango but when the tango produces a baby, the guy doesn't just leave and say "**bahala ka na diyan**". That is so f--g unfair!!!! **Pu-eta nag enjoy din naman sila ah!** And we women don't just sleep around for enjoyment or for the sex of it. Almost 99% of us do it for love of the other person. And men should respect that.

I know there are this million of differences between men and women but respect is something due to both sexes. We cannot force you guys to marry us or take responsibility for our pregnancies but you should at least be man enough to tell us "hey I'm sorry I wasn't expecting this but you're a strong woman and you can go through this alone...." we will of course break down into fits of rage and anger and misery but you guys are right!!! We are strong women and we can go through anything alone - without stupid men to help us like most of you are. If you don't want it then we don't need it.

So even if my friend is in a state of daze right now, I know she can make it and be able to bring into this world a beautiful child ALONE, by herself, a child to grow up as beautiful as her...

Alcantara. Truth to tell, **wala akong masabi sa hosting ni Tina and Helen**. At times, I notice some leaning but that's normal, we are after all allowed to entertain certain biases - we are just human, for as long as the host/moderator does not act like a paid lackey of a certain party/interest and act rude and interject (causing to censure and/or distract) without valid reason into the questions being asked by a participant, then **ok lang**. Unlike what Mr. Alcantara subjected this columnist to in the recent Kapihan sa Benguet, **simple ka lang kasi Mr. Alcantara puwede mo namang saluhin at depansahan yung mga guests nang hindi ako sine-censure, nakalimutan mo na bang nasa demokrasya tayo Mr. Alcantara?**

So what did this gracious host do? When it was my turn to ask **FASTRACK ...p. 7**



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to the complaints are Atty. Thomas Tayengco, Lilia Calicdan, Leonora Guinid and other unnamed vendors at the city market.

Bañez, in her complaint that on February 4, 2003, while her team was conducting a demolition job on the alleged illegal structures at the Block III of Hilltop at City Market, Atty. Tayengco, the legal counsel of the vendors went to the location and made a speech that provoked that vendors into riot, hurting her and her men. Bañez further alleged that Calicdan and Guinid led a group of 20 to attack her team, clubbing, slapping, boxing, and throwing stones at them. Bañez claims that due to the resistance, they were not able to proceed with the demolition and clearing works at the city market. On February 7, Bañez' team went back to the site, but upon arrival she allegedly saw Calicdan making a speech on a rooftop instigating the people to resist the demolition team. Thereafter, Calicdan and Guinid, again, allegedly led the people in attacking them.

Bañez, attached as her evidence, medical certificates of her men, and sworn statement of PO2 Adelito Termino, one of the policemen that accompanied Bañez' team.

P/Supt. Ernesto D. Gaab and P/Supt. Diosdado L. Danglose supported Bañez in her complaint, in their Joint-Affidavit, saying that upon their arrival, they saw Calicdan in the rooftop of the toilet to be demolished, rallying vendors by shouting "Lumaban Tayo". Thereafter, around 45 to 60 vendors came out from different directions. When the team started to demolish the structure, they were attacked by the vendors, by throwing stones, bottles, sands and crushed pepper. Danglose and Gaab tried to intervene but the vendors all the more became more violent and aggressive and started attacking also the policemen. The vendors were shoved away when water canon was applied to them by the fire department.

Atty. Tayengco denied the allegations saying that he and the Sheriff of RTC 61 went to the market where Bañez' team was conducting a demolition to serve her (Bañez) a copy of the Injunction Order issued by Judge Ruben Ayson. Bañez allegedly refused to accept or recognize the order saying it being old and no longer valid. She was allegedly furious when the Sheriff made the notation that she (Bañez) refused to accept the Order saying "walang inju-injunction sa akin!"

Tayengco argued further that the demolition of the vendors' stalls is not part of A.O. 03 (the order of the city mayor, which Bañez said to be implementing), because the said order covers only clearing and not to demolish structures. The stalls, he said are legally possessed by the vendors, having been constructed by them at their own expense in a space allotted to them by the city (during the time of former Mayor Domogan) in compliance with the plans and specifications set by City Arch. Ignacio Estipona. Tayengco said that demolishing the said structures violate the vendors rights over their private property.

He said he did not make a speech, but as their legal counsel, he explained to them their rights. Tayengco used the Affidavit of PO2 Termino (which is supposed to be part of the evidence of Bañez), saying that no less than the policeman said that before Tayengco left the site, he told the vendors that if they knew that it is their private property subject of unlawful aggression, then they have the right to protect it by using force as may be necessary, such that if the demolition team use guns against them, they will also use guns, if they use barreta, the vendors can also use barreta. Termino also did not mention that violence occurred.

Calicdan and Guinid also denied the allegations

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of Bañez, saying that it was Bañez who was arrogant, and that the vendors did not receive any notice for demolition for their structures. Further, Guinid said that if indeed she and Calicdan led the vendors to attack Bañez, why were they not arrested and jailed by the policemen who were at the site right away?

Bumacod said in his Resolution that at first blush, the charges are trifling and not worth a whoop. "In view however of the complex and ramified issues ranging from constitutional right of due process; executive vs. judicial power; doctrine of self-help vs. seeming police power and/or taxation, undersigned resolves the same not on the personalities of the warring parties but in the issues aforementioned".

On charges of Inciting to Sedition/Grave Coercion

Bumacod said that the charges must fall. "What is lucid is not a seditious mind working on Atty. Tayengco to prevent Engr. Bañez in the implementation of A.O. 03 but was merely exercising his Code of Ethics and Profession in defending his clients' rights against the demolition of their stalls. There was never a clear intention to defy or prevent the execution of A.O. 03 but for Engr. Bañez to honor a judicial Order affecting the questioned area which has been issued since September 1998 and has never been lifted since then. It is not to defy blatantly an executive order but precisely legal measures are being exhausted to prevent a clash of two (2) powers that of the Executive and Judicial branches". "Atty. Tayengco did not advise nor commanded his client-vendors to use force, to resist Engr. Bañez and members of her team, to use guns and bareta against the latter. Everything was conditioned and premised on the fact that if the vendors know that the stalls are their private properties they have the right to protect it", Bumacod added.

Although Bañez attached medical certificates of hers and her men, Bumacod noticed that the injuries, as per the certificates were sustained on February 7 at 10-11 in the morning and not on February 4. "Without stating the obvious, there was neither a riot nor violence that transpired after Atty. Tayengco allegedly incited the vendors/stall owners to resist, use force, guns or bareta".

On the grave coercion, Bumacod said that aside from the fact that no violence or riot occurred, there was no material force to produce intimidation was employed to Bañez and her team. "The inevitable query is: why would Engr. Bañez be intimidated when she has the full backing of policemen and no less than the City Mayor where she works and derive her awesome power?"

ANIMAL WELFARE... p. 12**On Sedition Raps vs. Calicdan, Guinid, et al.**

As there was no violence that occurred on February 4, there was no sedition to speak of. Further, Bumacod said that communications sent by the vendors to the parties concerned would prove that there they had not malicious intention to defy the execution of the A.O. without legal and factual bases but anchored on the existing rights they fully established since 1993. "Parenthetically, the insistence of Engr. Bañez to proceed with the demolition despite legal persuasions which respondents were trying to avail was an invitation for the latter to repel such force in protecting their possessory rights over the premises which they deemed to have constructed legally. In this context, it is safe to conclude that indeed, as Atty. Tayengco would convey in his counter affidavit, the principle of self help was all in the mind of the respondents". On the February 7 incident, Bumacod said is far shy constitutive of sedition, as the vendors' act of resisting the Demolition Team is tantamount to seeking redress their grievances against the implementation against and executive order where an injunctive relief had been issued as far back as 1998.

On Physical Injuries Against Calicdan et al.

While it may be true that Bañez and her men sustained injuries on February 7, Bumacod said that the resistance put up by the vendors was spawned by Engr. Bañez' reluctance to honor the injunction shown to her, and other communications relative to the demolition which she was given a copies of, still "it itched her so much to implement A.O. 03 and proceed with the demolition. Hence when she proceeded with the demolition, did she not voluntary assume the risk arising the moment she started with the demolition? Precisely, such reckless conduct under the pretext of performance of duty does not sit well for her." Again, the Joint-Affidavit of Gaab and Danglose used by Bañez worked against her as Bumacod gave credence to the statement of the cops saying that the attack ensued when the Demolition Team started demolishing the stalls. "In other words, Engr. Bañez implicitly agrees to accept a risk of harm arising from respondents' conduct. Nay she now charges respondents for the injuries she sustained including that of her members when they themselves are not complaining. Such cannot be countenanced".

Bumacod ended his Joint Resolution by saying that although he hails the over-zealousness to perform her duty, she should have tempered her eagerness with the advent of mounting protests. "Such is the essence of democracy, adherence with the due process clause under the Constitution is primordial."/B.A. Dawang

Barangay Update: Typhoon Chedeng lives six families in Bgy. Dominican homeless

From Metro Manila to Northern most part of Luzon, typhoon Chedeng has not spared anyone. Barangay Dominican-Mirador for example, has once again experienced the power of nature, when recently four houses were ruined due to a landslide. Six families were affected.

Punong Barangay Remedios Laigo said landslides have always been a perennial problem in the barangay. Even before she assumed her position as Punong Barangay, Dominican Mirador has been in the watch list of the CDCC every time a calamity occurs.

Laigo said she has done her part in warning the residents of the risk involved in constructing houses in critical areas such as those that near a ravine or in areas where construction is not feasible because the soil is loose.

When the rainy season comes, Laigo said the barangay officials are up on their toes in anticipation of possible landslides. Due to its topography, Laigo said some areas in the barangay are not feasible as a residential area. She said she

couldn't blame other people for taking the risk. Baguio City is thickly populated that even danger zones are inhabited.

Of the six families that were rescued, two were relocated at their Chapel. Since not a single thing was recovered from their houses, one barangay kagawad volunteered to lend her stove to the families that were affected by typhoon Chedeng.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) have also coordinated with them. In fact, they have already given relief goods to the affected families. They were also advised not to go back to their homes until given a go-signal by the City Engineers Office that they can go back to their homes.

Meanwhile, Laigo warned some individuals who have used the name of the barangay in getting relief goods. Last Tuesday, the DSWD called her attention regarding some people who went to their office, claiming that they are residents of barangay Dominican-Mirador. Allegedly, these individuals were trying to get the relief goods reserved

for the barangay. The attempt was however foiled by the DSWD. When they were about to conduct an interview with those claimed as representatives of Punong Barangay Laigo, both refused to be interviewed. Laigo said perhaps the two women sensed that the authorities were already suspicious so they immediately left the office.

With the advent of calamities, Laigo said they also have to stand guard on people who take advantage of situations such as this. Aside from land-

slides, Laigo said about ten households at Middle Dominican-Mirador don't have water for five months now. They have informed the Baguio Water District, but they haven't heard from them of the latest development.

Meanwhile, PB Laigo expressed relief that the plastic hose factory that operates in their barangay has finally transferred. She said this one is a noble achievement not only for her but for the entire barangay council composed of Kagawad Pepito Liwanag, Joseph Rosado, Ricardo Niere, Marcelino Saniatan Sr., Luvimin Aquino Sr., Lorenzo Collado, and Ian Niño as well./RAO

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questions and that was around 11:15 (and these kaphians I understand usually reach around 12 noon), on my second question directed at the representative of PAL by way of trying to elicit a reaction from their representative, Mr. Gracious host cuts me and informs me that I am just allowed two questions (how lucky can the others get, in fact the two (2) guys before me had ample time and more questions to ask) that I should instead leave the matters to the court etc.... Why cut me off Mr. Alcantara, did you sense that I would be asking sensitive questions that your guests might not be so pleased to hear? Why, Mr. Alcantara, were you given some form of monetary consideration or something similar that you felt out of gratitude that you must help in shielding those Political Animal Lobby representatives? Incidentally Mr. Alcantara, who approved of the guesting of Political Animal Lobby, was it not you? For your information Mr. Alcantara, our group Linis Gobyerno has, as its special project, the stopping of the illegal dog meat trade in Baguio/Cordillera. In fact we could be among the first, if not the first to have filed a complaint for violation of the Animal Welfare Act against a British, UK based NGO-International Wildlife Coalition (IWC) together with a few of its Filipino paid lackeys in the courts of Baguio (our complaint is now pending at the MTC 1). You so proudly mentioned that PAL has statistics to show. For your information we have checked the facts and figures of PAL and for now this much I will tell you (see page 6_ of this paper for additional info on this group). We have reason to believe that this group is no different from the IWC, they are a dubious group whom we believe is not truly concerned with the welfare of the dogs much less putting a serious stop to the on-going illegal dog meat trade in Baguio/Cordillera Region for to do so would not justify their continued solicitation efforts of funding from their gullible bleeding heart foreign donors. Oh, but I guess you have already done your own research and are convinced on the intents and purposes of this group? Or perhaps you also do not care about the welfare of the dogs being mercilessly butchered?

I happen to be a dog lover Mr. Alcantara. I take care of a few pit bulls at the moment and as far back as I can remember our household has never been without the presence of a number of dogs that are treated with the love and care befitting man's truly loyal and best friend. I'm surprised at you Mr. Alcantara (or maybe I should not be) you have as a guest a foreign UK based group that clearly is meddling into a Philippine internal affair/ problem and you happen to seem to believe what they say hook line and sinker (otherwise you would not have so proudly commented to me if whether or not I have read their statistics) I suggest you do your own research Mr. Alcantara, before you delve into matters and come to the seeming aid and defense of a foreign based group. I challenge you to a public open forum/discussion on the efforts being conducted by this group Political Animal Lobby. There

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Barangay councils warned on entering into agreements

Baguio City- Following the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into between Barangay Padre Zamora and the Baguio-Bayabas Operators and Drivers Association, members of the City Council advised the officials of P. Zamora to come up with a barangay ordinance rather than a MOA, regulating the satging of La Trinidad bound jeepneys at their barangay.

Since the Bayabas drivers association began staging at the street within the jurisdiction of said barangay, it had been a constant complaint among pedestrians that the place was dirty and crowded because of the passenger jeepneys. Added to that is the smell emanating from the area.

The barangay officials then informed the jeepney association that in order for them not to be displaced in their present staging area, the number of jeepneys there should be reduced. To this effect, they signed a MOA, which was subsequently referred to the City Council. This move, was however, disapproved by the city's legislative body, as the barangay is not authorized to enter into a MOA considering that the area is a public property, and that only the local government could decide what should be done to properties owned by the government.

Councilor Braulio Yaranon also warned that public roads should not be the subject of dealings as it is beyond the commerce of man. Furthermore, all barangays should be informed of this policy of the State. Councilor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. also said that this move of the City Council could become a precedent to all other barangays. Before they enter into a MOA, they should think first of the legal implications./RAO

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FAMILY COURT OF
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IN THE MATTER OF
CHANGE OF NAME
OF ESTER ABAD
ESTERA TO MYRNA
ABATESTERA WITH
CORRECTION OF EN-
TRY
ESTER ABAD
ESTERA, ALSO
KNOWN AS MYRNA
ABATESTERA,
Petitioner,
-versus-
THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,
Respondent.

**SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO. 1320-R**

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ORDER

This is a verified petition through counsel, praying that after due notice, proper publication and hearing, the Honorable Court issue an Order directing the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to change the name of petitioner from ESTER A. ESTERA to MYRNA A. ESTERA; to correct the date of birth of petitioner from October 12, 1947 to September 21, 1947; to correct the family name of her mother from ABAD to ABAT; and prays for such other reliefs and remedies just and equitable in the premises.

Petitioner alleges, among others the following: that she is of legal age, Filipino married to TELFO ORTALEZA, with residence and postal address at No. 27 Regional Street, Pacdal, Baguio City, while respondent is the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, with office address at

Health Center Building, Baguio City, where they may be served with summons; that she is one of the legitimate children of spouses Federico B. Estera and Encarnacion Abat of Baguio City; that she was born on September 21, 1947, at Baguio City and such fact of birth was duly registered with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City as evidenced by her Certificate of Live Birth; that in her Certificate of Live Birth, the name appearing therein is ESTER A. ESTERA and was born on October 12, 1947; that however, she has been using the name MYRNA A. ESTERA as evidenced by her Baptismal Certificate, School Diploma, Marriage Contract, and employment Record; that she is known to her relatives, friends and co-employees as MYRNA A. ESTERA and that the date of birth be corrected from October 12, 1947 to September 21, 1947; that the family name of her mother Abad as appearing in her Certificate of Live Birth be change to ABAT, the true family name of the mother of petitioner; that she was never charged of any offense nor convicted of any crime.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the hearing of the said petition be held before this Court at its Session hall, Hall of Justice, Baguio City on October 2, 2003 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, and all interested persons may appear at the aforementioned date, time and place, and show cause, if any why the said petition should be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in The Junction Newspaper, a lo-

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REGION
**OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF**
Baguio City

SOCIAL SECURITY
SYSTEM,

Mortgagee,
-versus-

S P O U S E S
BIENVENIDO &
FATIMA TANGAN
Mortgagors.

**FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 224-03-B
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, As
Amended**

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, hereinafter referred to as the

cal newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Northern Luzon, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before the aforesaid hearing, the first publication be made not later than June 1, 2003.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; and the Prosecutor of Baguio City, the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED

In the City of Baguio, Philippines this 4th day of December, 2002

(SGD) AMADO S.
CAGUIOA
Presiding Judge
May 31, June 7, & 14,
2003

MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPOUSES BIENVENIDO and FATIMA TANGAN, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition now amounts to PHP 481,302.32 including stipulated interests, penalties, but excluding, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and other expenses of foreclosure, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff, thru her deputy, hereby announces that on June 24, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency, at the lobby of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following property with all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-35359 City of Baguio

"A parcel of land (Lot 68-A-3-B-3, Psd-1-06061, being a portion of Lot 68-A3-D (LRC) Psd-153182, L.R.C. Rec. No. __), situated at Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Lot 68-A-3-B-2, of the subdivision plan; on the NE, along line 2-3 by Lot 68-A-3-C (LRC) Psd-153182; on the E., along line 3-4 by Lot 68-A-3-1 (LRC) Psd-153182; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 68-A-3-D (LRC) Psd-153182 and existing Road Right of Way (2.00 m. wide). Beginning at a point marked "1" xxx to point of beginning containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED AND NINE (509) SQUARE METERS."

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate the property and the encumbrances thereon if any there

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several years ago as requested by punong barangay Josephine Mariano.

As a result, Cutaran said, PEZA authorities assured residents it would construct a sewage treatment plant to abate pollution of the tributary creek that flows into the Bued River.

"Two years ago, they said they were ready to construct the plant but have not done so up to now," she added.

In response, PEZA Zone Administrator Sansaluna Pinagayao said the bidding for the project was already published in two national newspapers and is scheduled to start in August this year and to be completed in July next year.

In a statement, the administrator explained that PEZA earlier obtained a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation for the project which includes conservation of underground water resource.

Although the project was bidden out in April, 2001, it got snagged by problems on its award to the winning bidder.

Director Fredric Villanueva of the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources said it seemed that the winning bidder was a firm based in China while the JBIC pushed for a Japan-based contractor.

"Regarding the dangerous substances from company processes, Pinagayao assured, "it passes through a treatment system before it goes out from the company", and that the EMB is monitoring the effluents.

"Domestic wastewater from septic tanks is being chlorinated to eliminate foul odor of the water flow," Pinagayao said, adding that "residents below the Loakan bridge are using the same to water plants and (for) car washing."/Ramon Dacawi

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through the routine inspection being done to meats such as pork and beef.

According to Dr. Roberto Umali, Director of the NMIC, meat that does not pass the NMIC has a high possibility that it may not be safe for consumption. Dog meat for instance, may contain disease-carrying organisms that may be transferred to the person eating it. The rabies virus he said, contrary to the common notion that it dies when cooked, is not at all one hundred percent accurate. There is still a possibility that it can survive even when subjected to over 100 degrees temperature.

Aside from that, dog meat may also carry internal parasites that can also survive under extreme heat. There were also few incidents of gas-

(sgd) DELILAH N.
GONZALES-MUNOZ
Clerk of Court VI &
Ex Officio Sheriff

(sgd) JAMES D.
BALAGTEY
Sheriff-in-charge
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2003

**NOT
GUILTY...p. 14**

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
AGUSTIN GAYAO
 Applicant
Case No. 98-01-990
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the 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-IRISAN 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 10, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City 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 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 ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 29th day of May 2003.
 (SGD) ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
MAGNO WAKIN – Vendor
VALERIANO PIAY – Vendee
Case No. 2000-01-205A/2003-CAR-505
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Sale & Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: CAMP 30-ATOK TO ANYPOINT IN CORDILLERA & REGION I and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
CECILIALANGAWAN
 Applicant
Case No. 88-01-1169
NOTICE OF HEARING
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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
VICTORIA PINKIHAN-Vendor
RICARDO CURA JR.-Vendee
Case No. 93-CAR-376/2003-CAR-504
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Sale & Transfer with 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-BECKEL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
MELTON GONZALES – Vendor
NOEL AGPES – Vendee
Case No. 97-BC-330/2003-CAR-506
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Sale & Transfer with 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 THE CORDILLERA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
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 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
EDWARD MADONGIT
 Applicant
Case No. 97-BC-782
NOTICE OF HEARING
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 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 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 ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 29th day of May 2003.
 (SGD) ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

NCIP DENIES...

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for under Section 44 of IPRA law, applying the options given to applicants as indicated in Section 12 of the same law, the NCIP does not have any jurisdiction anymore.

“The moment, however, that an individual member of a cultural community exercises the option in Section 12 of the law to secure the title to his ancestral land under the provision of Commonwealth Act 141 as amended, or the Land Registration Act 496, the NCIP is no longer the responsible government agency,” Lumiqued said.

The lawyer further added that if the individual ancestral land claimant opted to secure title under the first option; applicant must file his application before the DENR for the issuance of either a free patent or homestead patent.

“Should he avail of the second option, his application for land title must have to go through an ordinary or cadastral registration proceeding before the Regional Trial Court which after the finality of its judgment shall forthwith issue an order directing the LRA to issue the corresponding decree of registration and an Original Certificate of Title (OCT),” Lumiqued said./Tina Sales (PIA-Benguet)

BOUNDARY...

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were requested to jointly undertake three types of survey to determine boundary line of these provinces. They include legal documentation of the DENR; survey on the basis of the claims of both provinces and concerned municipalities; and ethnic origin survey.

Both provincial government units will share in the expenses necessary for the completion of the activity. Both provinces set a one – month period to finish the survey which is expected to be undertake next week.

Molintas explained that in the conduct of the survey, the DENR would not only locate the boundary line on the basis of pertinent existing laws the agency have in determining the point of reference. DENR would likewise consider LGUs legal basis of claim supported by ordinances or resolutions enacted at the local level emanating from the barangay to the provincial unit including other laws.

Molintas expounded basis and how ethnic origin survey could be conducted. He said that as a result of the first dialogue held Monday, May 26, concerned LGUs were claiming that DENR should also recognize or consider in their survey the political boundaries known to them where elections campaigns were usually being held as basis of establishing the boundary line.

“We hope the issue on boundary dispute be resolved for both provinces and not only for those concerned localities but the entire Benguet and La Union. With an open mind, not being too legalistic, we would be able to arrive at a reasonable and comfortable compromise solution on our boundary dispute,” the governor said.

Molintas disclosed that aside from Tuba, other problematic areas in Benguet include the towns of Sablan and Kapangan having boundary disputes with the province of La Union. / Tina Sales, (PIA-Benguet)

By:



Linis Gobyerno

P50.00 para sa Police Clearance na hindi nakaresibo para saan, at kanino napupunta?

ATTENTION: P/SUPT. FRANCISCO MANALO, PNP City Director, Baguio City Police Office

Talaga namang, pagdating sa graft and corruption, marami sa ating mga kababayan ang wala pinalalampas. Napakarami ng daing at sumbong ang nakarating sa ating tanggapan mula sa iba't ibang miyembro ng Linis Gobyerno at mula sa iba't-ibang mga mamamayan .

Ayon sa kanila hindi nila maintindihan kung bakit, maliban sa kinse pesos (P15.00) na kanilang kailangang bayaran sa Treasurer's Office ng lungsod bilang police clearance fee ay sinisingil pa sila ng karagdagan singkuenta pesos (P50.00) sa opisina ng nagbibigay ng Police Clearance sa BCPO.

Minabuti ng ating tanggapan ng kumpirmahin ang ating mga nakalap na impormasyon at agad tayong nag-request sa isa nating miembro na kumuha ng actual na police clearance para sa ganoon ay matiyak natin ang impormasyon, maliban dito ay ni-request din natin ang isang reporter ng pahayagang ito na kumpirmahin ang impormasyon at kung magkano ba talaga ang sinisingil ng nasabing opisina.

Ating nakumpirma na talagang naniningil ng karagdagan singkuenta pesos (P50.00) para sa police clearance na hindi binibigyan ng kaukulang official receipt. Sa dakong ito ay nais natin tawagan ng pansin si P/Insp. Amador P. Orcino na siyang pinuno ng nasabing departamento sa BCPO. P/Insp. Orcino maaari sigurong ipaliwanag mo sa amin para ng sa ganoon ay maihayag din natin kung bakit hindi kayo nagi-isyu ng official receipt para ha halagang inyong sinisingil. Samahan ninyo na rin ng kinaukulang official documents na nagpapakita na ang inyong pagsingil ng additional P50.00 ay totoong official policy and/or regulation in securing

a police clearance.

Bagama't sa ating pananaw ay posibleng isang paglabag sa RA 3019 o Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices Act ito, nais muna nating bigyan ng pagkakataon ang mga kinaukulan para magbigay ng kanilang panig hinggil sa isyung ito.

Sa dakong ito ay nais lang natin kayong iwanan ng ilan komentaryo hinggil sa bagay na ito.

- Ayon sa isa natin miyembro noong May 5, 2003 ay mahigit dalawang daang (200) katao daw ang kumuha ng Police Clearance, samakatwid kung ating susumahin ang halagang nakolekta ng Crime Records and Identification Section ng BCPO na hindi naka-resibo, ang kalalabasan ay ganito:
P50.00 X 200 police clearances =
P10,000.00

- Dagdag pa ng ating miyembro, paano pa sa mga ibang araw, alam ninyo naman ang dami ng kumukuha ng police clearance sa araw-araw.

- Umaasa tayo sa agarang aksyon at reaksyon ni P/Insp. Orcina at ni P/Supt. Manalo hinggil sa problemang ito para ng sa ganoon ay maliwanagan ang napakaraming kumukuha ng police clearance.

- Ayon din sa isa nating miyembro, kaya lang naman maraming kumukuha ng police clearance ay para sa employment at pang abroad at heto pa at pabibigatin pa nila maliban sa dagdag na balakid pa sa ating kababayan!

Pasugalan sa Tabora Park, tuloy pa rin

ATTENTION : JOSE LINA JR., DILG - Secretary, at PDG. HERMOGENES EDDANE JR., Chief - PNP

Nitong nakaraang LG Komentaryo ay pinarating natin sa kinaukulang opisyal na sina Mayor Bernardo Vergara at P/Supt. Francisco Manalo ang on-going gambling sa Tabora Park..

Noong May 24, 2003, pinadalhan pa natin ng follow-up letter ang dalawang nasabing opisyal (makikita ang

liham na nakahayag dito). Malinaw sa ating liham na inaalam natin kung may permiso o approval mula sa Mayor's office o sa ano mang kinaukulang opisina ang nasabing pasugalan. Nitong May 29, 2003 ay nakatanggap tayo ng liham (dated May 27, 2003) na kasagutan mula sa Mayor's Office (basahin ang sagot

mula sa Mayor office sa pahinang ito).

Kami ay nagtataka sa sagot ni Mayor kung saan hindi niya sinagot ng direktso ang ating simpleng tanong, kung mayron nga ba siyang na-isyung permit. YES or NO lang naman ang sagot nito Mayor, bakit hindi ninyo masagot? At kung NO ang sagot, alam ninyo na siguro ang dapat ninyong gawin?!?

Nakapagtataka rin na ipinasa pa ni Mayor ang ating reklamo sa Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) para magsagawa daw ng kinaukulang imbestigasyon. Ano ka ba naman Mayor, pang-ilang beses na ba ang problemang ito sa lugar na 'yan, pang ilang taong paulit-ulit ang ganitong sitwasyon sa nasabing lugar, sawang-sawa na tayo sa ganitong systemang nagbubulag-bulagan at pagkukuwari ng ating mga opisyaes. Ok lang na pa-imbestiga mo hanggang gusto mo ang nasabing pasugalan, subalit ano pa ba ang kailangan mo, marami sa ating mga Linis Gobyerno members ang handang mag-testigo (under oath) na talagang lantaran ang pasugalan.

Mayor, bakit hindi ka pumunta sa nasabing pasugalan at iyong makikitang nakapaskel ang klase klase ng mga Bingo na laro at ang kinaukulang tama katulad halimbawa ng Straight Bingo na may patamang P400 hanggang P600 o di kaya ang inaanunso na Black out Bingo na may patamang mula P5,000 hanggang P10,000 (lima hanggang sampong libong piso)! Ano pa bang klaseng imbestigasyong ang gusto mong mangyari MAYOR? Lantaran naman ang pasugalan sa nasabing lugar at LIKAS NA BULAG at BINGI lamang ang hindi makakakita nito.

P/Supt. Manalo, nagtataka rin kami at nabibigo, sa iyong kawalan ng aksyon! Noong mga nakaraang reklamo na aming pinarating sa iyong tanggapan hinggil sa mga problemang ganitong klase ay agad mong inaksyonan. Bakit ngayon ay TAHIMIK KA AT WALA kang aksyon?

Dyan kami bumilib kay dating Mayor Domogan, nang nakarating ang ilan reklamo sa kanyang tanggapan noong siya pa ay Mayor hinggil sa pasugalan sa Quezon



Ang pasugalan sa Tabora Park. - Linis Gobyerno file photo

Elementary School ay agad niyang pinuntahan ang nasabing lugar (naka-disguise pa nga siya at simple lang ang inspection niya) kaya't ayun, kanya mismong nakita ang pasugalan at agad niyang pinasara ang nasabing pasugalan, hindi katulad ng kasalukuyan administrasyon ni Vergara na isang linggo na ang nakalilipas ay ipapa-imbestiga pa lang!!!

TAONG BAYAN KAYO ANG HUMUSGA. SIGAW NG LINIS GOBYERNO, TAMA NA SOBRA NA ANG MGA OPISYALES NATING NAGBIBINGI-BINGIHAN AT NAGBUBULAG-BULAGAN!

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ipinagpaliban ng iba pang miyembro ng konseho.

Ayon kay Konsehal Edilberto Tenefrancia, hindi sila maaaring lumagda sa isang panukala na hindi nila alam ang nilalaman, at kung tunay ngang mayroon ng pinal na kasunduan hinggil sa naturang usapin.

Kung kanilang aaprubahan ang panukala, maaring binibigyan na rin nila ng pahintulot ang lokal na ehekutibo na pumasok sa isang kasunduan na hindi pa ganap na nalilinawan ang mag miyembro ng konseho kung ano ang mag kondisyones ng naturang kasunduan.

Ayon kay Konsehal Antonio Tabora, sa kanyang kaalaman ay magkakaroon swapping. Ang lupaing kinatatayuan ng munisipyo ng Tuba ay maibibigay na sa kanila, samantalang ang kalsada patungo sa Barangay Sto. Tomas ay maibibigay naman sa siyudad ng Baguio.

Sa usapin ng conversion mula sa the Animal Welfare Act for the end benefit of the dogs?

4. Where do the dogs they claim to have saved during apprehension end up, do these dogs end back in the food chain which is part and parcel of what the Animal Welfare law is trying to prevent?

These are just a few questions that if you allowed to be answered would have said a lot about this group.

Finally, lest you forget Mr. Alcantara that you are also a public servant working for government, hosting the kapihan during official government time and of course drawing compensation from government. If you cannot at least act like an objective and non-partisan host, at least act like an intelligent public servant not like a high strung paid lackey.

In fact, I do not even know you from Adam, Mr. Alcantara. We have not even been formally introduced and you cut me off just like that. But despite of your demeanor, Mr. Alcantara, as I said earlier, you have just re-affirmed to me my earlier impression of the kapihan. Now I am certain that there are at least a hundred more productive things I can do rather than attend a kapihan where you are one of the hosts. But don't get me wrong, Mr. Alcantara I can also indulge myself in non-productive activities, therefore you just might see more of me in the kapihan where you are host.

FASTRACK

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would have been no need for me to hurl this challenge at you had you allowed me a few free flowing set of questions during the kapihan. After all, is that not supposed to be the intent and purpose of this kapihans, which is to bring out and take up matters openly? So why the unceremonious censuring in the first place ?

Now, as to the information I wanted to hear directly from the representatives of PAL (from the horse's mouth so to speak) of which you did not give me the chance to do so, perhaps you can give me an answer to the following:

1. Were does the funding of PAL come from?
2. What amount of donations have they so far solicited for this purpose, do they have a system of transparency in solicitation of funds, if they do how is it?
3. What legal measures have they undertaken in relation to the numerous apprehensions they have undertaken in the implementation of

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pagiging isang agricultural lot, sa panibagong klasipikasyon, ay wala pang malinaw na kasunduan dito. Ayon kay Tabora, maaaring staggered ang magiging pagpapalit ng status ng mga lupain, o maaari ring i-mantine ang kasalukuyang binabayaran sa isang agricultural lot at saka lamang babaguhin pagtapos ng limang taon.

Matatandaang noong Disyembre 1996 sa bisa ng resolusyon bilang 456 serye ng 1996, si dating Mayor Mauricio Domogan kasama ang ilang mga opisyal ng lungsod ay bumuo ng isang task force upang siyang mamahala sa mga usapin hinggil sa malaon ng isyu sa pagitan ng Baguio at Tuba. Hanggang nitong mga nakaraang buwan ay naghain ng resolusyon ang mga opisyal ng Tuba na humihingi na pansamantalang wag munang magkaroon ng diskusyon sa Kongreso hinggil sa pagpapalit ng Charter ng Baguio hangga't hindi nagkakaroon ng pinal na kasunduan.

Noong nakaraang buwan ay nagkaroon ng konsultasyon ang dalawang pangit na nilinaw ni Congressman Mauricio Domogan na ang mga ancestral land claims ay hindi magagalaw sapagkat ang may sakop nito ay ang NCIP.

Samantalang wala pang pinal na napagkayarian ay kasalukuyang nakabinbin ang nasabing panukala sa Committee on Local Government sa Kongreso. **JRAO**

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
CHARLIE BALANGUE
Applicant
Case No. 88-01-1065
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the 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-SCOUT BARRIO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 30th day of May 2003.
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fense. For the second and succeeding offenses, a minor who will be caught shall be made to render community service for three days under the Supervision of the Municipal Social Welfare Officer. Bolislis said inasmuch as this effort of the municipality of Kabayan is appreciated, the Local Government Code also limits the power of Local units.

In Section 3, subsection c and d of the same proposed ordinance, parents were encouraged to advise their children to refrain from smoking, including the prohibition that they should not let their children buy cigarette for them. Bolislis again said that Presidential Decree 603 or the Child and Youth Welfare Code already has provisions relative to the protection of minors.

Presidential Decree 603 already provides that parents shall take special care and prevent their children from vices, such as smoking. "Negligence or deliberate act nugatory to this obligation was not however among the punishable acts of parents under such code. The national government had numerous issuances and statutes for the protection and promotion of the welfare of the youth but there is yet no law punishing such prohibited acts of the proposed ordinance.

Board Member Bolislis said the prohibition on smoking is an innate concern or a responsibility of the parents or guardians. Even without any law, parental responsibility would dictate what the parents should do. "In fact, the problem concerning minors in which the proposed ordinance would like to address can find primary solution within the pillars of a home. Programs for responsible parenthood as well as programs for the diversion of attention of minors from smoking and education on its ill effects and regulating the sale of cigarettes may be alternative solutions to the problem." In the meantime, they will also have to wait and see the result of a proposed bill in Congress which also calls for the banning of the sale of cigarette to minors. **RAO**

MAYOR...

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regard and defiance of the law and of the cease and desist order of the DOTC-CAR, the officers and personnel of Jadewell... have again embarked on a campaign to clamp and/or tow vehicles to the prejudice and damage of vehicle owners".

The council pointed out that Jadewell tried but failed to secure DOTC deputation and that DOTC informed the corporate officers that such authority may only be extended to members of the police and the armed forces, together with regular government employees whose work is actually and directly to traffic law enforcement.

The body quoted the DOTC's order of March 13, 2002 which partly said "demand is made upon your company to cease and desist from clamping and/or towing vehicles for violation of traffic rules and regulations immediately upon receipt hereof".

The transport office said it would take legal and administrative actions to protect public rights and interest should Jadewell defy its order. **Aileen Refuerzo**

CLEAN

AIR...

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Lourdes Church in Kisad Road requires all its rooms in preparation for its conversion into a full parish. For further inquiries or assistance to the street children, Hoover Agyao, the Executive Director can be reached at the veteran's office or through Tel. Nos. 443-9245. the campaign statement of the foundation goes.. " please don't throw your office wastes, instead give it to us for recycling and let's keep mother earth smiling." **BRM/IEC**

TYPHOON...

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ted to his office, percentage of completion is more than the target programmed of works.

"it is not correct to say there is a slow implementation of the project if the basis is the concreting of the road because there are other works to consider such as the improvement of the retaining wall and slope protection. With the onset of the rainy season, slow down of rehabilitation work is expected," Molintas said. **Tina Sales (PIA-Benguet.)**

NOT GUILTY...

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trointestinal, and lung or liver diseases, which could be attributed to eating dog meat.

Last month, the NMIC asked meat vendors in the city market to refrain from selling dog meat. Aside from being illegal, there is no assurance that the consumer is safe.

With regards the Animal Welfare Act, P/ Sr. Insp. Ricarte

SHUT OUT OR SHUT IN

The Revised Implementing Guidelines Of The 2002 Secondary Educ. Curriculum Effective SY 2003-2004 By MALOU T. MABALOT

The Seminar conducted last May 28, 2003 for teachers disseminated the Revised Implementing Guidelines of the 2002 Secondary Education Curriculum effective this year signed and approved by Dep-Ed Sec. Edilberto de Jesus, to be strictly put into effect for the guidance of all concerned Regional Directors, School Superintendents and both Private and Public Secondary School Principals. The DepEd order 37, S, 2003 contained and covers the following areas:

A) Time allotment and units Credits – which include the following learning areas: Filipino 240 minutes 1.2 units, English and Math 300 minutes and 1.5 unit each, Science 400 minutes 2.0 unit. MAKABAYAN includes the following components, AP (Araling Panlipunan) 200 minutes 1 unit, TLE (Technology and Livelihood Education) 240 minutes 1.2 unit, MAPEH (Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health) 240-300 minutes .3-.6 units. In addition to the allotment, students are encouraged to conduct outdoor science investigatory projects, spend time for practical works skills development activities outside the classroom (e.g. Minor repair of school facilities as practicum in Civil Technology or Industrial Arts) and additional of 60 minutes weekly for pilot testing in the fourth year.

B) Medium of Instruction: English shall be the medium of Instruction in the following subjects: English, Science, Mathematics and TLE. Filipino shall be use for Filipino, Araling Panlipunan and Edukasyong Pagpapahalaga. For MAPEH – the medium of instructions shall follow the language of the textbook.

C) Grading System; There shall be four grading periods using the cumulative method. This means that the grades for the second to the fourth periods are computed based on the 30% - weight of the previous grade and the 70% - weight of the tentative grade for the quarter of grading period. The numerical system of grading shall be used and grades shall be expressed in multiple of one. There shall be no maximum grade for any grading period. The lowest passing grades in any given subject shall be 75. the lowest grade (to appear in the report card) that can be given to the student after transmutation of performance shall be 70. The grade in each subject area shall be based on certain criteria weighted accordingly.

The composite grade for MAKABAYAN & MAPEH shall be computed by getting the average and percentage of all the components. In case a student does not obtain a passing grade in MAKABAYAN and MAPEH due to failure or deficiency in any one of the component subjects, he/she shall be given a mark of Incomplete but shall be allowed to complete within the next grading period. The deficiency in the component which he/she failed.

D) Promotion and Retention – Promotion shall be by subject and by the number of units. In this case, a student who fails in three (3) units or less is promoted to the next curriculum level. On the other hand, a student who failed in more than three (3) units is retained in the year level. Under this circumstances, the student shall only be required to repeat the subjects that he failed and should be given advance subjects in the next curriculum level.

E) The Report card basically patterned in Filipino language that includes all the learning areas, records of attendance and student's character formation.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this order is desired....

Source: DepEd

Marquez of the CIDG said that in order to fully implement this law, people should be discouraged from eating dog meat. Moreover, our local officials should also show concern, and should lead in its implementation.

Culture should not be a deterrent in implementing the law.

Dr. Umali said the Animal Welfare Act precisely respects the culture of indigenous peoples. The butchering of dogs is permitted provided

that it is used for their religious rituals. The Act, has taken cognizance of the cultural aspect, but serving dog meat in restaurants is definitely not a part of culture and religious ritual, he said. **RAO**

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III. INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS

Sec. 9. Exemption from taxes and fees. – All BMBEs shall be exempted from income tax for income rising from the operation of the enterprise.

The Local Government Units (LGUs) are encouraged either to reduce the amount of local taxes, fees and charges imposed or to exempt the BMBE from local taxes, fees and charges.

Sec. 10. Exemption from the Coverage of the Minimum Wage Law. – The BMBEs shall be exempt from the coverage of Minimum Wage Law; *Provided*, that all employees covered under the Act shall be entitled to the same benefits given to any regular employee such as social security and healthcare benefits.

Sec. 11. Credit Delivery. – As stated in Sec. 9 of the Act, the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation (SBGFC), and People's Credit and Finance Corporation (PCFC) shall set up a special credit window that will service the financing needs of BMBEs registered under the Act consistent with the BSP policies, rules and regulations. The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and Social Security System (SSS) shall likewise set up a special credit window that will serve the financing needs for their respective members who wish to establish a BMBE. The concerned financial institutions (Fs) are encouraged to wholesale the funds to accredited private financial institutions including community-based organizations such as cooperatives, non-government organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations, which will in turn, directly provide credit support to BMBEs.

All loans from whatever sources granted to BMBEs under the Act shall be considered as part of alternative compliance to Presidential Decree No. 717, otherwise known as the Agri-Agra Law, or to Republic Act. No. 6977, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Small and Medium Enterprises, as amended. For purposes of compliance with Presidential Decree No. 717 and Republic Act No. 6977, as amended, loans granted to BMBEs under the Act shall be computed at twice the amount of the face value of the loans.

Any existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding, interests, commissions and discounts derived from the loans by the LBP, DBP, PCFC and SBGFC granted to BMBEs as well as loans extended by the GSIS and SSS to their respective member – employees under the Act shall be exempt from gross receipts tax (GRT).

To minimize the risks in lending to the BMBEs, the SBGFC and the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corporation (QUEDANCOR) under the Department of Agriculture, in case of agribusiness activities, shall set up a special guarantee window to provide the necessary credit guarantee to BMBEs under their respective guarantee programs.

The LBP, DBP, PCFC, SBGFC, SSS, GSIS, and QUEDANCOR shall annually report to the appropriate Committees of both Houses of Congress on the status of the implementation of this provision.

The BSP shall formulate the rules for the implementation of this provision and shall likewise establish incentive programs to encourage and improve credit delivery to the BMBEs.

Sec. 12. Technology Transfer, Production and Management Training, and Marketing Assistance. BMBEs can avail of technology transfer, production, management training programs and marketing assistance of the DTI, DOST, UP-ISSI, CDA, TESDA, TLRC and other concerned agencies.

Sec. 13. BMBE Development Fund. As stated in Sec. 10 of the Act, a BMBE Development Fund shall be set up with an endowment of Three Hundred Million Pesos (P300, 000, 000.00) from the PAGCOR and shall be administered by the SMED Council.

The DTI, DOST, UPISSI, CDA, TESDA, and TLRC may avail of the

BRM launches Clean Air Campaign

BAGUIO CITY - June is World Environment Month. It is also a time when tree planting is encouraged because of the rains. The Baguio Greening Movement in its fifteenth anniversary enjoins all stakeholders to be part of a program that will launch a Clean Air Campaign. The activity includes a walk-for-clean-air that will start on June 5, 10AM at the Melvin Jones Grandstand. BRM Chair Atty. Erdolfo Balajadia together with a marching band will lead the participants to Camp John Hay passing through Harrison, Session, and Loakan Raod. Ceremonies and program proper will then continue at the John Hay Old Chapel. Speakers from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Environment

Management Bureau will give a situationer on air quality and responses from various sectors will follow. The program will include a play by the Cordillera Youth Theater Group, a team of performing advocates organized by the Philippine Information Agency-CAR. Baboo, Mondoñedo of the BRM Committee on Public Information will present a concept paper and campaign plan on clean air. Twelve Years old Tam Jewel Tibaldo of the Eco-Walk Program will deliver the closing remarks. Young Tam was last year's representative to the United Nations World Environment Program held in Shenshen, China together with Ramon Dacawi, the Executive

Officer of Eco-Walk.

In related activity, the Save Our Street Children Foundation Inc. has appealed to regional government offices in Baguio to donate their office wastes for recycling. In a letter to CAR Executives, scholars and volunteers from SOSCFI scheduled June 6 as a collection day with the General Services Office providing a transport vehicle. Said paper wastes will then be sold to a buyer who will transport it to recycling plants in Manila. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the foundation in its continuing scholarship program.

The SOSCFI is temporarily sheltered at the Veteran's Building at Camp Allen as its former home at

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said Fund for technology transfer, production and management training and marketing assistance to BMBEs.

Sec. 14. Trade and Investment Promotion. – The data gathered from business registration shall be made accessible to and shall be utilized by private sector organizations and non-government organizations for purposes of business matching, trade and investment promotion.

Sec. 15. One-Stop Business Registration Center. LGUs are encouraged to establish a One-Stop Business Registration to handle the efficient registration and processing of permits/licenses of BMBEs.

IV. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

Sec. 16. Information Dissemination. The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) in coordination with the concerned agencies (DOLE, the DILG, and the DTI) shall ensure the proper and adequate information dissemination of the contents and benefits of the Act to the general public especially to its intended beneficiaries in the barangay level.

V. PENALTY

Sec. 17. Penalty. Any person who shall willfully violate any provision of the Act or who shall in any manner commit any act to defeat any provision of the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Thousand Pesos (P 25,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 50,000.00) and suffer imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years.

In case of non-compliance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Act, the BSP shall impose administrative sanctions and other penalties on the concerned government financial institutions, including a fine of not less than Five Hundred Thousands Pesos (P 500,000.00),

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Sec. 18. Annual Report. The DILG, DTI, and BSP shall submit Annual Reports to

Congress on the status of the implementation of the Act.

Sec. 19. Effectivity. – These rules shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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PRANGKAHAN TAYO

• Pakialamerong Int'l. NGO
• Ombudsman walang pinapagbago

Ni KENSHI

MTC Judge kabado kaya o ano?- Ano ba naman itong si Judge Danilo Camacho ng Municipal Trial Court (MTC 1), noong pinapanood ko siya nu'ng arraignment nitong mga sinampahan ng reklamo ng Linis Gobyerno for violation of The Animal Welfare Act, kabilang dito ang isang British pati ang kasama niyang dalawang Pilipino (isang Beterinaryo at yung isa naman ay matadero), ang request lang naman ng kasama natin ay makakuha ng photos during the arraignment for purposes of posting sa ating website. Aba, noong una ay pinayagan na ni Judge at mismong si Judge pa ang nagsabi sa Abogado ng akusado na mayroon daw isang circular mula sa Korte Suprema (Supreme Court) na pinapayagan ang media sa pagkuha ng still photos sa loob ng korte basta't hindi lalagyan ng kung ano mang hindi kanais nais na komentaryo ang larawan.

Eh, yun pala naman Judge, alam mo palang puwede, ikaw mismo ang nagsabi eh ba't bigla kang nag-aalinlangan kung papayagan mong makakuha ng photos during the arraignment samantalang mismo ang aming impakto est'e de facto publisher ang nagbigay ng garantiya sa iyo na ito ay gagamitin lamang para sa website posting. Bakit Judge mukhang nine-nerbiyos ka yata sa Abogada ng kalaban? PRANGKAHAN TAYO Judge Camacho sa mula't-mula, noong araw pa man 15 years ago, noong kauumpisa ko lang sa media (sa Manila Bulletin pa) nababahala na ako sa mga istilo ng mga otoridad o may kapangyarihan na pag-pipigil sa malayang pamamahayag kasama na rito ang malayang pagkuha ng mga larawan sa isang pam-publikong lugar (public place). Curtailment of press freedom ang ginawa mo Judge.

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Attention CIDG-CAR- Mga taga Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG-CAR) na pinangungunahan ni P/Supt. Generoso Bonifacio... maiba ko lang yung kuwento sandali, bakit kaya itong kasama natin na si Ka Bert ang tawag niya kay P/Supt. Bonifacio ay YOKABA? Bakit nga ba Ka Bert? Anyway, konting advise lang sa mga magagaling na mga ahente (agent 007, 008 and 009, 010) ng CIDG-CAR payong kapatid lang po mga SIR. Sa susunod po na maisipan ninyong tumulong (o makialam) sa foreign based UK group na Political Animal Lobby (PAL), maari lang po sanang pag-aralan ninyong mabuti ang lahat ng mga legal implications ng inyong involvement, sapagkat ang animal welfare, particular na ang illegal dog meat trade ay isa ring special project ng Linis Gobyerno at matagal na nating minamanmanan at pinag-aralan ng maigi ang inyong mga (he-he) tawagin na lang nating "accomplishments". Ayon sa ating mga legal advisers ay posibleng ma-damay kayo o malagay kayo sa alanganin sa inyong hindi pag-observerba ng tamang proseso lalo na during post operation and in aid of prosecution. Payong nagmamalasakit lang naman po. Kung tatanungin ninyo kung ano ang ibig kong sabihin, ay huwag niyo nang itanong at malalaman niyo rin ang ibig kong sabihin. PRANGKAHAN TAYO mga SIR- kung nais niyo rin lang na tumulong para sa maayos na implementasyon ng Animal Welfare Act, eh bakit isang foreign group pa ang inyong tinutulungan sa isang problemang pan-sariling atin, na wala dapat pakialam ang sinumang dayuhan o banyaga?

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Ombudsman walang pinagbago- Katawa-tawa nga naman talaga ang ating Ombudsman's Office. Sa dami ba naman ng isinampang reklamo ng Linis Gobyerno sa dating DOTC-CAR Regional Director na si Socrates Suayan, kasama pa ang malakas na ebidensya ng malinaw na COA findings na talaga namang may kalokohan itong si Suayan, aba pakunwaring isinampa ang kaso at saka ni-reverse din ang kanilang sariling resolusyon! He-he, magaling talaga kayo diyan sa Ombudsmans Office! Talaga nga manam kung MONEY WALKS AND MONEY TALKS, ika nga. Eto ngayon ang nakakatawa. Ang mga accessories lamang na kasama ni Suayan na mga tauhan niya katulad ni Atty. Juan Nazarro (pinsan ni Suayan), Psyche



Baguio at Benguet malapit ng magkasundo hinggil sa boundary dispute

Baguio City- Miyerkules ay naghain patungkol sa mga Matapos ang ng isang panukala si lupang sakop ng mahabang panahon ay Konsehal Elmer Datuin lungsod, at ng maaring matapos na na nagbibigay ng munisipalidad ng ang sigalot hinggil sa pahintulot kay Mayor Tuba. boundary sa pagitan Bernardo Vergara na Subalit ang ng Baguio at Tuba. pumirma sa isang panukalang ito ni ng ginanap na kasunduan hinggil sa Konsehal Datuin ay regular na sesyon ng n a p a g k a y a r i a n p a n s a m a n t a l a n g konseho noong **BAGUIO ... p. 13**

Bulo at Amadeo Doton na mga tauhan lang naman ni Suayan na sunod-sunuran lang naman sa kanyang utos ang latest na sinampahan at kinasuhan ng Ombudsman. Hanep talaga itong Ombudsman na ito oo, walang pinagbago! Ganoon pa rin -LUNGGAPARIN TALAGANG MGA KORAP! Kung sino lang ang mga nadamay, sila pa ang nalagay sa alanganin! Kawawang mga nakasuhan ng Ombudsman, napilitan tuloy silang mag-piyansa ng tig-sampung libo sa sala ni Judge Fernando Pamintuan. PRANGKAHAN TAYO, Atty. Suayan, bakit naman kasi pinabayaan mo yung tatlo mong kasamahan? Hindi ba package deal ang pag-ayos mo? Bakit ikaw lang at sina Dupli, Andanan at Daccog ang na-absuwelto, ba't kasi hindi ninyo tinawag si Voltaire, eh di sana ayos agad, may libreng padasal pa! Tingnan ninyo si Fernando -BOKYA din, mali yata kasi yung pinagdasalan!

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Mag-ingat sa mga pakialamerong international na NGO- Meron dalawang foreign based Non-Government Organizations (NGO) na kasalukuyan ay pakunwaring nagmamalasakit at nag-operate sa ating lugar (Baguio, Cordillera etc..) para mapatigil ang ilegal na pagkain at pagkatay ng mga aso (doggie). Pakialamero talaga ang mga ito ano? Alam ninyo mga dear readers, para sa akin, mahilig talaga ako sa asusena at sa aking palagay ay walang sino man ang may pakialam kung kumain man ako ng doggie, kaya nga lang ay mayroon na palang kinaukulang batas na ipinagbabawal ang pagkatay ng mga aso. Subalit ayon sa aking on-going research hinggil sa dalawang NGO na aking tinutukoy ito ay ang International Wildlife Coalition (IWC) at ang Political Animal Lobby (PAL). Sa aking mga nakita at sa aking pananaw ay hindi talaga seryoso ang mga ito na mapatigil ang problemang ito sapagkat pag napatigil ito eh, di wala na silang ma hihingan na mga foreign donors para sa kanilang pa kunwaring malasakit sa mga aso! Kung tutuusin ay hindi naman natin pinakikialaman ang kanilang pagmamaltrato ng mga doggie sa kanilang lugar katulad ng Britania kung saan ay binabaril lang nila for hunting purposes daw at sports lang daw ang mga aso na lahing Hound yun nga ay para katuwan lang, samantalang tayo para mabusog ang atin mga tiyan. O, nakita niyo na? Eh bakit nila tayo pinakikialaman sa ating pagkain ng asusena samantalang hindi naman natin sila pinakikialaman? Kaya't babantayan natin ng mabuti mga dear readers ang dalawang grupong ito na mga pakialamero na nga, ay sinisira pa tayo sa buong mundo at kung ano anong mga kasinungalingan ang nakahayag sa kanilang mga website. PRANGKAHAN TAYO, mga Pinoy na nagtatrabaho para sa mga grupong ito, katulad nitong si Melchor Alipio ng PAL at Luis Buenafior ng IWC hindi ba't mahihilig rin naman kayo sa doggie at talaga namang dog eater din naman kayo noong araw pa? Hindi naman talaga kayo likas na dog lovers, pakunwari lang kayo. Bakit, magkano bang suweldo at sideline ninyo mula sa mga banyaga ninyong hepe?

