

Sino ang dapat ninyong IBOTO at sino ang dapat IBASURA?

Ed Bilog, Kandidato Para Bise Mayor ng Baguio City Part Two Isang sinungaling ba itong si VM Bilog, Yes or No?

Kung inyong matatandaan nitong nakaraang issue natin ng April 23, 2016 sa section na Ito, mayroon tayong iniwanan na katanungan para kay Vice Mayor Bilog. Tinanong natin siya kung mayroon siyang mga reklamo o kaso na naka-pending o nakasampa sa opisina ng Ombudsman. Nang ating pinadala ang liham agaran naman siyang nag text at kanyang sinabi ang sumusunod: "Si vice mayor bilog po ito. wala po akong kaso sa ombudsman."

galang na Vice Mayor. Ano ba ang ipinalalabas mo na ikaw na isang certified gambler ay totoong hindi sang-ayon sa lahat ng uri ng sugal o baka naman sa E-Bingo ka lang hindi sang-ayon? Sa ibang sugal katulad ng jueteng at mga peryahan, tutol ka rin ba? Sigurado namin na sa sabong ay pabor ka. Tinawag ka naging na isang certified gambler sapagkat ito ay ating napatunayan sa nakaraan nating issue kung saan inamin mo naman na tumataya ka talaga sa tumapada o cockpit. Tapos sasabihin mo at paninindigan mo na hindi ka pumirma sa resolusyon para sa E-Bingo, at ang masama pa ayon sa iyo, pineke lamang ang iyong pirma sa resolusyon para payagan ang E-Bingo kung saan ang aplikante o nagnanais na mag operate nito ay isang Mr. Rafael A. Tabora? Alam naman natin na seryosong alegasyon ang sinasabi mo VM Bilog (nangyari itong insidenteng ito na pamemeke daw ng kanyang pirma nuong konsehal pa siya nuong March 2014).



SA ISSUE NG E-BINGO: TUTOL DAW SI KAGALANG-GALANG NA VM BILOG SA OPERASYON NG E-BINGO, BAKIT NAMAN KAYA?

Sa issue na hindi sang-ayon sa E Bingo si VM Bilog ay kataka-taka rin. Bakit mo tinututulan ang isang E Bingo na isang legal na palaro ng ating ating gobyerno? Matanong ka nga namin kagalang-

Malinaw sa liham ni Mr. Tabora na kitang-kita ng kanyang dalawang mata ang lahat ng pumirma mismo sa resolusyon na pumapabor sa operasyon ng E-Bingo. O baka naman si Mr. Tabora ang nagsinungaling, kasi either or lang naman yan, it's either you Mr. Vice Mayor Bilog are lying or Mr. Tabora is lying. Siyempre hindi naman na natin matatanung si yumaong the late Vice Mayor Farinas at isa rin naman siyang testigo sa pagpirma ng mga konsehal.

THE JUNCTION Pahayagang Palaban!!! Marketing & Business Office... ATTY. EDISON BILOG Vice Mayor Baguio City... Subject: Request for clarification on the following... Dear VM Bilog: With all due respect, in our papers intent to provide as much information to the voting public for and in behalf of the public interest...

Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon... MR. FREDDIE J. FARRIS Editorial Consultant... RE: Request for Information on Complaints filed against Mr. Edison Bilog... Dear Mr. Farres: This Office acknowledges receipt of your 01 April 2016 letter requesting for information on complaints filed against Mr. Edison Bilog, Vice Mayor, Baguio City.

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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

Prove you're psychologically, mentally and medically fit! Vergara to Rivals: Disclose Your Med-Health Records

BAGUIO CITY - Tide has turned, as the congressional front-runner candidate Bernardo M. Vergara challenges his rivals for the Lone District of Baguio to disclose before the people their respective health and medical records to prove how physically, mentally and psychologically fit to serve as the city's congressman in the next three years.



Utter disregard of COMELEC Rules. Not because you have all the money to afford those huge campaign signages that you are allowed to post them. These candidates should be voted down outright!//The Junction News Team

GO ROTAK MARK GO FOR CONGRESSMAN MOVEMENT

Nil Sinon pangikwanim en Igorot ka? Mayat kuma anggay sa no eleksiyon! Adim ikali nan ug-ugali mi! Baken kan Igorot!



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Mark Go pressed to answer questions regarding heart condition

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BY: NESTOR CASTRO

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PRANGKAHAN TAYO Brutal kung brutal. Walang Paikot-Ikot. www.junctionnews.com

Aliping may face dismissal and permanent ban from public office

“In case the offender is a government official or employee, he shall be deemed automatically dismissed from public office and permanently disqualified from holding any elective or appointive position,” thus stressed the Office of the Ombudsman in their resolution on the case filed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regional office and the Community Environment Natural Resources Office (CENRO) of La Trinidad, Benguet against incumbent Baguio Representative Nicasio Aliping Jr. and three others.

This is totally another case administratively filed against Aliping before the Sandiganbayan by the Office of the Ombudsman after a criminal was filed against him also by a group headed by Bishop Carlito Cenon of the Baguio-Benguet Roman Catholic Vicariate for the environmental destruction he allegedly did at Mount Kabuyao (or Santo Tomas) last April 2014.

“In fact, I have to admit to you. I started the project without complying or securing the necessary permits. So as not to make it illegal, Madame Chair, I wrote the Honorable Mayor (a) letter for the application of my excavation permit. That



ALIPING

request to the punong barangay on the endorsement of the barangay. But while waiting on (sic) the excavation permit, I have to admit to you that I already started the levelling and excavation. And there was miscommunication relayed to me by the Honorable Mayor to stop and decess (sic) in the excavation of the property, to which we

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Kidney patients pitch for ailing girl

People looking for substance by reaching out to others in need may want to take on the fight of Mordayne Gaye Naslangan, a 6-year old vegetable farmer's daughter from Sinto, Bauko, Mt. Province who is into a protracted and expensive battle against acute lymphocytic leukemia or cancer of the blood.

Their own suffering failed to deter members of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Hemodialysis Association from propping up the girl through a P20,000 fund they allotted for her from their annual fun-run last year.

“We are all in need of continuous fund support to sustain regular dialysis for ourselves and relatives, yet we also need to reach out to the more vulnerable and needy like Mordayne,” explained association past president Nora Mang-usan.

Mang-usan, a social worker at the BGHMC, took over the reins of the dialysis association last year to be able to cope the loss of her husband who died of complications of kidney illness last year.

“Coping means being able to help other people despite your own suffering,” she said after the association set aside the amount from its earning in the annual Baguio Day Fun Run that city mayor Mauricio Domogan directed as an annual event to support dialysis patients' lifetime treatment sessions from twice to thrice a week.

“It's comforting to remind yourself of being human by reaching out to others in need,” she said.

Mordayne, the eldest of three children of vegetable farm workers Martes and Domarlyn Naslangan, was diagnosed for leukemia last year and was given a protracted and expensive treatment protocol that the family could not sustain without support.

EMB-CAR discourages planting of trees during drought

BAGUIO CITY- The Cordillera office of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB-CAR) discouraged concerned government agencies, local governments and pro-environment organizations and local residents from conducting tree planting activities at the height of the onslaught of the El Niño phenomenon but instead encouraged stakeholders to be involved in equally important events designed to preserve and protect the environment.

In his letter to Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, EMB-CAR officer-in-charge Reynaldo S. Digamo suggested that instead of the traditional tree planting activities which has been part of the Earth Day celebration worldwide, concerned stakeholders must now venture on other equally important events to celebrate Earth Day this year because of the peculiar situation where the El Niño phenomenon is currently prevailing that might

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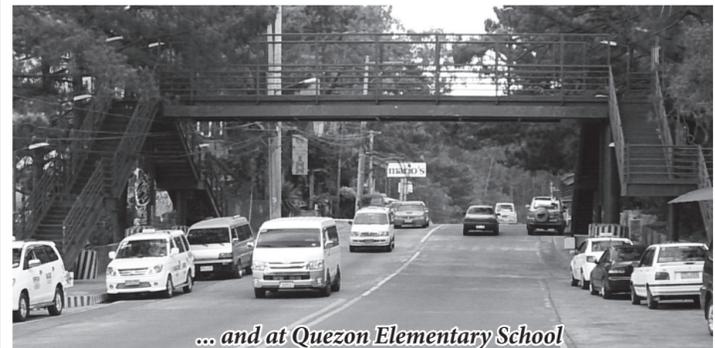
Magkano ba talaga ang mga walkways ni Aliping?



Walkway along Bokawkan Rd. na walang gumagamit



... at Baguio City High School



... and at Quezon Elementary School

These walkways, according to Congressman Aliping is worth

P30 Million Pesos

Aliping likewise made representations with the leadership of the House of Representatives and his peers from the party-list in order to obtain more projects and additional benefits for the City's residents. These resulted in the construction of three more pedestrian overpasses in the total amount of P30 Million funded by the Road Board in 2015 (P10 Million through Party-List ANKLA), the Senior Citizens Center at Salud Mitra Barangay

Ripped off from Aliping's campaign flyer

BUT...

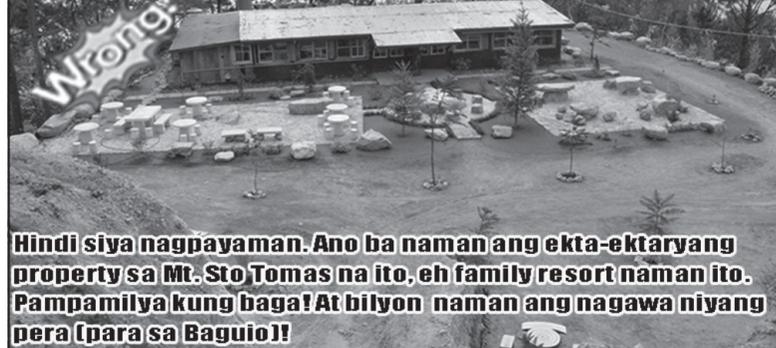
According to DPWH-CAR, the projects costs are as follows:

- 1. Front of Quezon Elementary School - P5,401,343.76
 - 2. Front of Baguio City National High School - P5,138,481.34
 - 3. Along Bokawkan Road - P4,880,627.06
- Total: 15,420,452.16**

ANG TANONG...

Bakit 'di tugma? Anong nangyari sa P14.6-M na sobra? Saan 'to napunta?

IBOTO! NIC ALIPING Nagpayaman daw?



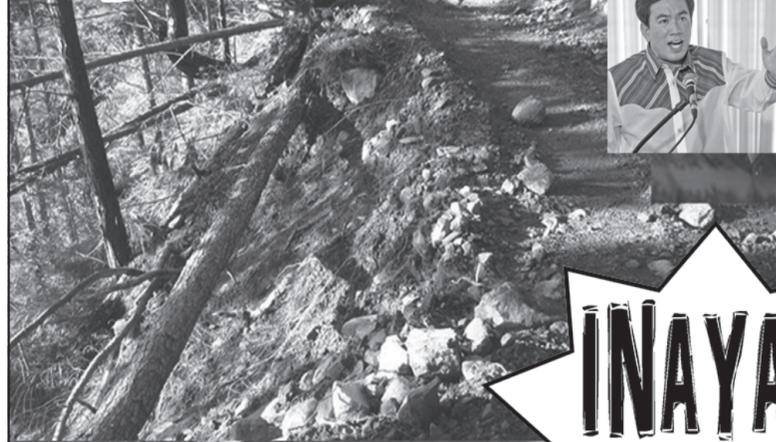
Hindi siya nagpayaman. Ano ba naman ang ekta-ektaryang property sa Mt. Sto. Tomas na ito, eh family resort naman ito. Pampamilya kung baga! At bilyon naman ang nagawa niyang pera (para sa Baguio)!

As member of the Committee on Appropriations, Aliping ensured that the City of Baguio got its fair share from projects and programs implemented by various line agencies. Hence, the DPWH Baguio City District Engineering Office implemented P392.3 Million in infrastructure projects under the 2014 GAA (RA 10633) and P679.6 Million under the 2015 GAA (RA 10651). P918 Million are being implemented under the 2016 GAA (RA 10717).

Dalawang Bilyong tumataginting!!

Pero mahirap na kasi talaga ang buhay ngayon, na pati dalawang bilyong piso, di na natin makita kung saan napunta!

Higit sa lahat, siya ay maka-kalikasan!



How would you describe Baguio's Congressman?

1. Irresponsible
2. Untrustworthy
3. Disrespectful
4. Hypocrite
5. Above the law
6. Shameless
7. Arrogant
8. A Liar
9. Unethical
10. Dishonorable

Answer: ALL OF THE ABOVE !!!

Kayo naman talaga, siya ay taong may isang salita! His word is good enough kumbaga, at magaling bumoka! No, no, no, 'di siya balasubas, never, promise!

Ang PROTEKTOR NG MGA SKWATER sa Baguio ay isa ding skwatter!!!

ALIPING SALARIN NG BAYAN



Siya ay maka urban poor! Eh ano ngayon kung watershed ang kinatatayuan ng bahay niya sa Crystal Cave, eh watershed din naman yung resort niya sa Mt. Cabuyao ah! Maghanap din kayo ng watershed niyo!

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 - * Without a Tree Cutting Permit,
 - * Without an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC),
 - * Without a License to cut, gather & collect Timber & other Forest Products,
 - * Without a License to occupy & destroy A Forrest Reserve, and
 - * Without a License to contaminate and pollute vital water sources.

INAYAN KA PAY IMAN!

Sobra na talaga kayo! Tutubo rin naman ang mga punong 'yan! Ang springs, lalinaw din naman 'yan, isa pa, marami namang tubig ang Baguio ah!

IBOTO! ang nararapat!

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Editorial

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bear, a Cebuano saying goes. To validate this saying, all one needs to do is look at the products of our schools – whether elementary, high school or college. Disappointing is the mild term to describe them; disgusting is the more appropriate term to define them.

THE CHURCHES: There is not much to say by way of praise to categorize them. Most of the Churches in this country are failures in the task of educating their flock. There is too much theorizing and verbalizing, which is not translated into action. Most of them prey on the incalculable ignorance of their followers. They are also involved in corruption in various forms – from corruption of the young to the corruption of women; corruption of their priests or pastors to the corruption of the leaders of their Churches. They are fast in saying, individually or collectively, that this country needs transformation when their leaders cannot transform themselves from their known and established corrupt habits to those of a properly oriented individual with character and discipline, and acts with the proper human values.

THE BUSINESSMEN AND OTHER OLIGARCHS: They do not observe labor laws; they think only of themselves; they are not concerned with the general welfare but only of profits; they support candidates, specially presidential wannabes not from the standpoint of qualifications and who could serve the country best but those who will serve their family and business interests; they do not pay the correct taxes; they flaunt their wealth and luxurious habits unashamedly in the midst of poverty and squalor of the ordinary citizen; and they wallow and delight in the filth of our current system which promotes national degradation.

THE REBELS OR SO-CALLED REVOLUTIONARIES: Some of these groups have been there for the past 57 years – fighting in the mountain vastnesses, in the hills and in the countryside. Their theory is obviously wrong. This country is an archipelago. The correct approach to rebellion or revolution in this country is to do it in the cities. In Leninist term, it is insurrection in the cities and it should be done only in the cities of Metro Manila. The correct precedents are EDSA I and EDSA II, though it need not be done the way it was done in these two examples. There are more effective ways to do it without involving massive crowds. All you need, as I keep on repeating, are a courageous and intelligent leader, logistics and apparatus. After that, all you need is four months at the maximum to effect the change of government. The rest will just follow to make revolutionary dramatic changes. You do not need 50 years to capture power, all you need is not more than four months and the game is over.

THE FAMILY: It is the primary institution in building a nation. The family today is a total failure in the raising of a good human being, much less a Filipino worthy of the country in which he lives. The government needs to reorient and retrain this institution in the proper and disciplined approach to the raising and training of a citizen properly armed with the proper human values

THE POLITICAL PARTIES: The current political parties are possibly the greatest inutile institution in the country today. They have no vision of what the country should be. They have no blue print to follow if their candidates are installed in office. They chose some of the most crooked, unprepared and ignorant candidates during elections. They do not have an intelligent process in choosing candidates either on the national or local level. There are only two basic elements in the choice of their candidates – money and/or popularity. There is no system followed in the choice of candidates. In the old days, whether it is presidential or mayoral, it is always through the process of a convention. Now, it is by self-acclamation or party dictation. There is no more consultation with the people. The people are just limited to the self-acclaimed candidates or the ones dictated by the parties.

Where are we now and where do we go from here?

For now, with the way our citizens behave, specially the voters, it appears that the country has gone insane – the symptoms are too glaring to ignore. Tomorrow seems too grim to contemplate. There seems to be no way out. In my studied assessment of the present circumstances, the country is at the crossroads. The choices are very limited. It is like Clifford Odets' Waiting for Lefty – the knight in shining armor. But he failed to appear.

It is easy to wish for a messiah. As our secretary in our law office articulates: wishing for a knight in shining armor or a messiah is a hallucination at noon day – like searching for a needle in a

Mark Go pressed to answer questions regarding heart condition

Two weeks before the May 9 elections and questions regarding congressional candidate Mark Go's health and heart condition continue to plague his campaign trail.

The allegations regarding Mark Go's health first came out in the Facebook Page facebook.com/AntiMarkGoMovement and in the blogwww.notomarkgo2016.blogspot.com. Administrators of the page, speaking under the condition of anonymity, said they were compelled to make the exposé in the spirit of "truth, fairness, and transparency." The site alleged that Mark Go had an open-heart surgery and a pacemaker installed in his body.

"The voting public has the right to know about the health of a candidate. This will help them decide whether a candidate can cope with the physical demands of serving the people of Baguio," one administrator said.

Another page administrator explained that they have done the research on Go's other con-

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growth that it is currently experiencing having been identified as a premier tourist destination, investment hub and one of the ten next wave cities in the country for the possible expansion of business process outsourcing companies.

He explained the city grew through the own initiative of city officials over the past two decades and what the city is now should be attributed to their resiliency and their passion to bring the city to greater heights for the benefit of the present and future generations.

From an annual budget of less than P100 million in 1992, Domogan claimed the city government was able to work through a consistent increase in the annual appropriations up to P1.622 billion this year because of the rapid growth that the city underwent over the past several years primarily triggered by the transparent and good governance of the city's leaders.

Furthermore, from over 2,000 businesses in the city right after the killer earthquake, he added the number of businesses in the city grew to over 18,000 last year which indicates that there is a good business climate in the city.

Despite the failure of the city government to increase real property taxes over a 19-year period and business taxes over a 16-year time frame, Domogan explained the city was able to address most of the priority development requirements of the barangays and the basic services needed by the populace through the years without being indebted to any of the government and private financial institutions that have offered to the city attractive loan./Dexter A. See

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haystack, as the cliché goes, or similar to Diogenes looking for an honest man in the middle of the day. The human factor is an imponderable factor. What appears hopeless in one moment brings surprises in the next. This is my hope. This is my article of faith. As Kalidasa put it so well, "For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow a vision. But today well lived makes yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day, such is the salutation to the dawn."/ by HOMOBONO A. ADAZA

gressional rivals. The group found out that incumbent congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr. "still runs the marathon" and former congressman Bernardo Vergara "still plays 36 holes of golf twice a week."

"We have reason to believe that Mark Go intentionally hid this information from the public to protect his reputation and improve his chances of winning the congressional race. The problem with hiding this information is you are not being truthful to your public. His integrity is certainly in question right now," the page Admin alleged.

The team also alleged that through interviews, parents and students of the Go-owned Berkeley School admitted that they had prayers and get-well-soon cards sent to the businessman during his bypass procedure several years back.

"Mr. Mark Go is definitely in a dilemma right now. Will he admit his poor heart condition? That will make him honest, but it will jeopardize his chances in the polls. It will also make him admit that he has been lying about his health to the people of Baguio since 2010 when he first ran," said the page administrator.

In a statement through his official Facebook Page, Mark Go said his life "is not dependent on a pacemaker." However, he made no mention of his bypass operation or the current health condition of his heart.

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Improvement Bontoc-Maintit Prov'l Rd, while Abra was allotted PhP 76,681,085 for the upgrading and improvement of San Juan – Tineg, Bituen – Lacub, and Sallapadan – Bucloc provincial roads.

Moreover, Apayao has three provincial road projects worth PhP 74,125,049. These are the improvement of Buluan-Mawigüe-Allangigan-Karikitan Prov'l Rd, Nararagan-Consuelo (Sta. Marcela)-Balluyan (Flora) Prov'l Rd, and San Francisco-Alem-Poblacion (Pudtol) Prov'l Rd. Kalinga, on the other hand, was allotted PhP 67,734,959 for the project Rehabilitation of Bulanao - Laya - Balong Prov'l Road, while Ifugao received PhP 57,510,814 for the upgrading of Zamora-San Quintin-Bangar Road and Lamut-(Sanafe)-Hapid Road.

The funds were already downloaded to the provincial governments and project implementation have commenced and are expected to be completed by December 2016./Carol Guidangan Gano (DILG)

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Mark Go Criticized Over Use of "iGORotak" for Campaign

Baguio congressional candidate, Mark Go, drew a lot of criticism and ire from netizens recently due to an open letter that went viral on Facebook. The letter, addressed to Mark Go, questioned the use of the word "Igorotak" as a campaign slogan.

"It was sent to us via email Monday evening and the sender requested for its publication under the name 'Baguio Chinita,'" said the administrator of the "No To Mark Go" Facebook Page, who spoke under the condition of anonymity. The admin said the letter has garnered almost 40,000 views, 500 likes, and 100 shares in less than three hours of being posted.

Netizens who read the post were also quick to criticize Go saying he was desperate to garner the "Igorot votes" to win the elections, even if it would compromise and bastardize the cultural integrity of the indigenous peoples in Baguio.

The letter sender also said she "cannot trust anyone who is not proud of his own heritage and origins. Are you ashamed of being the kababayan of Noynoy Aquino that's why you are forcing yourself to be one of us?" The question was in obvious reference to Go's and the President's provincial roots which can be traced to the province of Tarlac.

Baguio Chinita then challenged the congressional candidate to take down his



"iGORotak" banners, and ended with "IGOROTAK is not the same with 'IGOROTAK'"

Go was mum on his own Facebook Page regarding the issue. However, a video of him speaking at the "Baguio Leaders Forum" surfaced over the weekend where he explained he is not Chinese but a natural-born Filipino. He further denied his Chinese heritage in the video by saying the family name "Go" is not Chinese but English. This video is also currently posted at Facebook.com/AntiMarkGoMovement, the page admin disclosed.

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Cordillera provinces receive P449-M KALSADA fund

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) continues to provide technical assistance to local governments, this time to provincial governments on local road management (LRM) in the implementation of KALSADA or Konkreto at Ayos na LanSangan, ang DAan tungo sa Pangkalahatang Kaunlaran.

All six provinces in CAR received a total of PhP 449,862,368 for the upgrading and rehabilitation of a total of 52 Km of provincial roads. The fund for 14 provincial road projects was directly downloaded to the respective provinces upon the endorsement of the DILG

Regional Office based on the province's compliance with the readiness criteria. It may be used for provincial core roads as prioritized in the Provincial Road Network Development Plan (PRNDP). Core road network refers to the minimum road network required to support the economic and social development of a province by providing quality linkages between the major population, industrial and cultural valuable locations within the local government.

KALSADA is a performance-based incentive program under the Local Government Support Fund. It hopes to enhance local government

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Domogan says Baguio is debt-free

The city government did not acquire any debt from local and international financial lending institutions over the past 2 decades because the affairs of the local government were appropriately managed by transparent and accountable leaders.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the share of the local government from the internal revenue allotment (IRA) complimented by internally generated resources were more than enough to effectively and efficiently implement priority development projects and enhance the delivery of basic services to the people through the yeast several decades, thus, obtaining loans from various

local and international financial lending institutions was never part of his agenda. "It has never been my policy to secure loans because it will affect the good financial standing of our city. I do not also like to pass on to the future indebtedness that will affect the implementation of projects and delivery of services to our people," Domogan stressed.

He revealed that even during his first three terms from 1992 to 2001 when the city was trying to recover from the rubbles of the

July 16, 1990 killer earthquake, his administration did not resort to obtaining loans just to bankroll the implementation of numerous development projects that allowed the city to rise up from the extreme damages that it suffered. According to him, together with former Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara, they individual and collectively worked in sourcing out additional funds from the national government to help re-build the city and achieve the

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The symptoms of an insane country

"But we will not perish because we are not afraid to talk about our weaknesses and will learn to overcome them." - Vladimir Ilyech Lenin

I remember very well what Speaker Jose B. "Pepito" Laurel, Jr. used to tell me when he was our Minority Floor Leader in the regular Batasang Pambansa (The Parliament). "You know, Bono, it is better to be insane than stupid," he said. "Why, Mr. Speaker?" I pretended not to know the difference. "Because there is a hospital for the insane but there is no hospital for the stupid," he replied. "That's true, Mr. Speaker, insanity has cure but stupidity has none," I said in agreement. It has been three decades since the Batasan days but nothing much has changed in our country; probably for the worse but not for the better.

The symptoms

When I ran as the Opposition candidate for governor of Misamis Oriental under martial law, I had no money except P200,000 (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS) from my wife, Marge, who is the daughter of a former governor of our province, Alfonso Ratunil Dadole. The leader of the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL), Vice-President Emmanuel N. Pelaez belittled me so much, saying in his speeches that I did not have a Chinaman's chance to be elected.

EDITORIAL

My weapons against the millions of my opponent and the powerful Marcos machine were all God given gifts - brains, balls and tongue. The rest is history; the people of my province demolished the Pelaez and Marcos machines and elected me as one of two opposition governors out of 73 provincial governors in the country. As they say, God works in mysterious ways.

In my province today, one cannot get elected dogcatcher, unless he has money and much of it. So times have already changed - for the worse but not for the better.

THE ELECTORAL: The electoral process is the touchstone of the democratic system. On Election Day, the voter is the most powerful citizen of the country; he elects our leaders. The voter, however, must exercise his intelligent judgment but must never sell his vote. Today, majority of our voters sell their votes, which is a criminal offense. The candidates buy their votes, which is a worse criminal offense. The Comelec manipulates the votes, which is the worst criminal offense. The teachers who are members of the Board of Election Inspectors (BEI), the police and the military conspire in the manipulation of the votes, which is another criminal act.

As of today, the whole electoral process is criminal; so what is the idea of participating in elections, which is a criminal process. Is not participation a form of insanity?

THE JUDICIAL: The general knowledgeable perception is that the judicial process, as a rule, is a money and influence game; it is a case of whom you know but not what you know. In the engagement of lawyers, the first consideration is the influence of lawyers with prosecutors, judges and justices and other agencies of government. Even in the Supreme Court, clients want influential lawyers like Estelito Mendoza because they have access and influence in the highest perches of our judicial system. In the Supreme Court, many people comment that cases of powerful and influential persons like Senators Juan Ponce Enrile and Grace Poe are decided with surprising speed while cases filed by poor and underprivileged creatures like Herman Tiu Laurel and this writer are made to pass unnoticed and become moot and academic like the petition for certiorari on the Corona impeachment and the petition to declare the 2010 elections unconstitutional and illegal which will become moot and academic if not decided before the May 9 elections.

Many cases are enjoying a Rip Van Winkle sleep in the Prosecutors' Offices, Department of Justice, the Ombudsman, Sandiganbayan, and the regular courts for long periods of time. Justice delayed is justice denied. As they say, deprive a man of food and he will beg for food; deprive a man of justice and he will join the revolution!

THE LEGISLATIVE: It is one of the most expensive institutions of government. We have two houses of Congress composed of about 320 members infamous for the following activities - fruitless and lengthy investigations; composed of most ignorant citizens of this country whose resume can well be qualifications of barangay chairmen; the stealing of peoples' money in the hundreds of millions in the PDAF and the DAP; scandalous immorality in their public and private lives; absenteeism unheard of even in the worst of our legislatures; and taking ages in passing laws mandated by the Constitution like demolishing or regulating political dynasties, or even those that are necessarily obvious like the freedom of information and the right to reply bills. The current Congress and the past Congresses are notorious for their inutility.

THE EXECUTIVE: After Ferdinand E. Marcos, most of our Presidents lacked vision and qualifications; were ignoramuses in various levels; immoral and incompetent in the conduct of government; overwhelmed by graft and corruption; ignorant in the use of executive powers even in the observance of their oath under the Constitution which is to "faithfully and conscientiously fulfill my duties as President of the Philippines, preserve and defend its Constitution, execute its laws, do justice to every man, and consecrate myself to the service of the Nation." Cory Aquino was a disaster; Fidel Ramos was a calamity; Erap Estrada was a coupled disaster; Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was a multiplied calamity; and PNoy Aquino is a catastrophe. The Cabinet of every President since Marcos almost to a man was involved in various degrees of graft and corruption. The Presidents were never able to decimate rebellion and dissidence in the country. They have multiplied in number with the passing of the years.

THE SCHOOLS: Whether they are private or public, they have failed in the task of educating our children in terms of the collapse of the humanist value system; erroneous curriculum; failure in the building of character and discipline of the students; and inability to teach love of country in the most effective and pragmatic terms. Trees are known by the fruits that they **Cont. on page 8**

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Grand conspiracy to derail the May 09 polls

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness..." (Romans 1:18, the Holy Bible, New Living Translation).

THE REAL ISSUE ON THE HACKING OF COMELEC DATA: The real cause of concern on the hacking of voters' data from the Commission on Elections (Comelec), uploading to the Internet and the so-called world-wide-web system the precious personal information pertaining to some 54 million or so Filipino voters, is not that Comelec data can be hacked.

It is that, the hacking seems to be part of a plan to truly derail the May 09, 2016 elections, create chaos and confusion nationwide, and make people lose their trust and confidence that the automated elections on that date will not accurately reflect the will of the Filipino people on who their next president, vice president, and other political leaders will be.

If our people are brought to a point where they are no longer willing to believe the sanctity and integrity of the May 09, 2016 polls, wouldn't it be very easy for any interested party---whether natural or juridical---to declare the elections a failure, and, therefore, prevent a new president or a new vice president from being proclaimed and allowed to assume power?

MANEUVERS TO DERAIL THE MAY 09 POLLS: This, to me, is what is being cooked up in our country by unscrupulous people---politicians, businessmen, police and military officials---all along. The telltale signs are plainly written on the wall, so to speak, and they point to an overriding maneuvering to either prevent the elections from taking place, or to discredit its results even this early.

The very first sign that there are machinations against the holding of the May 09, 2016 elections came out two or three years ago yet, when various groups started clamoring that President Aquino should be allowed to continue being president even after June 30, 2016. Many dismissed these calls right away, in view of the Constitutional limit of six years for any president.

But then, later on, Aquino himself came out in favor of the move. That was when the same groups who had pushed for his continuing to be president earlier started clamoring for an amendment to the 1987 Constitution, presumably to change stringent economic provisions therein, but, in reality, was aimed at lifting Aquino's six-year term limit to allow him to run again.

GRAND CONSPIRACY VS. MAY 09 POLLS: When that tack met serious opposition from many groups, it was similarly abandoned. But, clearly, the desire for the President to remain in power continued to be strong. Lately, there is a clear mind-conditioning effort by many groups intended to make people believe that there is not going to be any election on May 09.

I am referring to the on-going, recurrent, and seemingly unstoppable, brown-outs or black-outs in Mindanao and in the Visayas, and in many other parts of the country. With no electricity, the automated machines which are supposed to record, count, canvass and transmit, our votes will not be working. Indeed, there is going to be no elections if there is no electric power on May 09.

Then, we also saw the maneuver to remove the issuance by the voting machines to be used by Comelec on May 09 by the so-called "voter's transaction receipt" that will show who the voters voted for, as well as the recent hacking of Comelec data. Undeniably, there is a grand conspiracy against the May 09 elections, and this is what a lot of people are now preparing against, really!

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Water and Electricity Amnesty Ordinance Okayed on Second Reading

BAGUIO CITY - The city council approved on second reading after publication a proposed ordinance granting amnesty to applicants for electric and water connections in the city for a period of four months that will take effect after the May 9,

2016 general and automated elections.

The proposed ordinance cited that the application for amnesty shall be filed with the city building and architecture office (CBAO) in the case of power connections and at the Baguio

Water District (BWD) for water connections with the condition that they pay the required fees with the concerned offices.

However, the council stated the amnesty does not mean the condonation for the structures built in violation of the provisions of the National Building Code and other related laws and that the CBAO and concerned

agencies shall not be prevented from demolishing the said structures based on other lawful grounds.

Among the requirements that must be accomplished by the applicants for amnesty include tax declaration under the applicant's name, if not, a waiver or authority from the registered lot owner, certificate of non-delinquency of tax, barangay certification attesting that the applicant is a resident of the place, that the lot or structure is not in a right-of-way, that the lot or structure is not located in

waterways and BWD water facilities and pipelines, that the lot or structure is not under high tension wires and that the lot or structure is not subject to demolition and had been previously demolished.

One of the salient provisions of the amnesty ordinance is that indigent applicants shall be granted a 50 percent discount on regulatory fees and labor and professional fees provided that they secure a certificate of indigency from the barangay and the city social welfare and development office.

The council cited the electrical plans or format must be uniform and must be confirmed by the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers (IIEE) Baguio-Benguet office. In the case of water connections, a standard form must be filed at the BWD.

In lieu of the certificate of final electrical inspection (CFEI) being issued to those with building and occupancy permits, the ordinance provides that a certificate of electrical inspection will be issued by the CBAO.

The local legislative measure pointed out that the amnesty shall not apply to structures built in forest reservations, watersheds, other properties identified as government or military reservations and those who squatted within title private properties.

Furthermore, the ordinance stated that the amnesty applies only to structures built on or before the effectivity of the ordinance based on CABO inventory and barangay certification.

Some of the councillors warned their colleagues that it is high time for the council to correct an erroneous act of passing an ordinance which cannot repeal a national law because it might open the floodgates to the filing of charges against those implementing the amnesty which usually crops up every election period.

An estimated 5,000 electrical and water connection applicants stand to benefit from the grant of the said amnesty./Dexter A. See

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already stopped. And as a matter of fact, we also received a complaint coming from the Office of the DENR, Environment Management Bureau, for lots of violation, and a cease and desist order against this representation and the owners of the heavy equipment. Likewise, I also received a criminal case for violation of Presidential Decree 705 on Section 77 and Section 78, 3 counts. Among the respondents were the contractors," Aliping said in his counter-affidavit to Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales

However, according to the Ombudsman, Aliping's own proclamation that Santo Tomas is no longer a forest land is unacceptable. "It should be pointed out that the fact that (even if) the forest land is already inhabited or that national roads or buildings have been constructed therein do not make a proclamation of a land as forest land void or no longer in effect. Its classification does not depend on whims or caprices of anybody. There should be a lawful order or pronouncement to that effect."

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in its reply to Aliping's counter-affidavit, stated that Mount Santo Tomas was declared a forest reserve by Presidential Decree 581 in the year 1940, thus, it cannot be converted into private property.

"Moreover, Aliping is not consistent regarding the area of his alleged land claim. While claiming that the land consists 2.6885 hectares only, copies of Assessment of Real Property Nos. 99-001-05853 and 05854 shows a total area of 5 hectares. Hence, the newly opened road could actually be inside his property. His letter to Barangay Chairman Paus of Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet, is also evidence that Aliping has the intention to construct a drive-in road on his land claim and that of other people within Mount Santo Tomas. He mentioned that a proposed road will be excavated leading to his claim," the resolution continued.

"DENR likewise assails Aliping's argument that there were no trees in the 3,000 square meter open area where the excavation was held. DENR attached some Facebook posts of Aliping when the latter sponsored a Fun Run where photos of trees could be seen in the area," it added.

"In finding probable cause to indict respondents of the crimes charged, the DOJ observed that Aliping admitted in his counter-affidavit that he is the owner of the subject area but could not present any document to support his claim. The said area, however, has been declared a forest reserve since 1940 and is thus incapable of being under private ownership.

Aliping also admitted that he requested from the concerned barangay council for an endorsement for the issuance of an excavation permit but no permit was issued to him.

This case is different from another one filed and pending appeal at the Supreme Court by a group led by the Roman Catholic Vicariate of Baguio and Benguet Bishop Carlito Cenzone against Aliping and contractors William Go, president of Goldrich Construction & Trading; Bernard Capuyan, president of BLC Construction & Aggregates; and Romeo Aquino, president of RU Aquino Construction & Development Corporation for a similar offense.

This resulted, after Aliping and the three contractors allegedly cut down 761 Benguet pine and alnus trees and saplings during the earth-moving and levelling of a 2.6-kilometer stretch of road leading to Aliping's claimed property located at Sitio Pongayan, Mount Santo Tomas, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet without any permits.

Although a charge was filed against them before the Benguet Provincial Prosecutor's Office, on July 14, 2014, Provincial Prosecutor William Bacoling voluntarily inhibited himself from the proceeding citing his close relationship with respondents Capuyan and Aquino.

He then forwarded the records of the preliminary investigation to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in La Union, by way of a motion, and the complainants did not oppose when the same office inhibited themselves from prosecuting the same case for still unknown reasons on July 22 the same year.

On July 31, 2014, Regional Prosecutor Nonnatus Cesar Rojas endorsed the records of the preliminary investigation to Secretary of Justice Leila de Lima.

On September 10, 2014, De Lima issued Department Order No. 773 designating Assistant State Prosecutor Gilmarie Fe Pacamarra as acting provincial prosecutor of Benguet to conduct a preliminary investigation or re-investigation of the complaint.

As a result, Pacamarra more recently stated in a resolution that she finds probable cause against respondents Aliping, in conspiracy with Go, Aquino and Capuyan for violation of Sections 77 and 78 of Presidential Decree 705, as amended.

That could mean that, if and when found guilty of forest destruction, Aliping could be automatically dismissed from public office and permanently disqualified from holding any elective or appointive position. The Junction News Team

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affect the growth of the trees that will be planted.

Although the theme of the Earth Day celebration this year is "Trees for the Earth. Let's Get Planting," Digamo explained most parts of the country are currently experiencing the serious negative effects of the prolonged drought aggravated by the summer season that is why the young tree seedlings and saplings that will be planted might not grow due to the absence of sufficient supply of water that will allow the planted trees to survive.

As an alternative event, the EMB-CAR recommended that activities lined up for the celebration of Earth Day should include a Recyclable Collection Event (RCE) will be done within the areas of jurisdiction of the EMB-CAR office in Pacdal and other local government units in the different parts of the region to help reduce the huge volume of wastes being discharged into the environment and lessen the possibility of air and water pollution.

According to Digamo, the RCE in Baguio City, which will be held at the EMB-CAR regional office compound, will be a spontaneous one-day buying and collection event for recyclable materials to promote year-round recycling or waste segregation or waste reduction and materials recovery.

Digamo cited recyclables which can be sold in the proposed RCEs include newspapers and cartons, scrap glass, used tires, aluminum cans, junked electronics or electrical equipment, used printer ink and toner cartridges, and used PET bottles and other plastics. It was learned that as part of the Earth Day celebration last year, an RCE was conducted where a total of 822.3 kilos of paper equivalent to 14 trees were saved.

Digamo revealed the aforesaid amount of paper has saved a 2.47 cubic meters space in the sanitary landfill and with the said contribution to the RCE, it will greatly help the environment in diverting still useful materials from the landfills and unto the hands of the recycling industry. He appealed to the general public to actively participate in the conduct of RCEs in their respective places for them to be able to contribute in significantly reducing the volume of wastes being dumped into the different garbage facilities and help in the further utilization of useful wastes that would spare the environment from further damage.

The EMB-CAR official recommended to the concerned government agencies and local governments to frequently conduct similar events year round so that the general public will be enticed to cooperate in efforts to reduce the volume of waste being dumped into solid waste disposal facilities. Dexter A. See

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tion, Baguio Urdaneta Carmen Cabanatuan Transport Association, Inc., and Millenium Transport for the legalization of their franchises to operate in the City of Baguio, subject to conditions, did not only recommend the legalization to the LTFRB but the Council itself legalized the operation of vans in the city which were operating illegally of which it has no power to do because the authority to legalize thereof belongs to the LTFRB. Councilors YANGOT, OLOWAN, DATUIN, MANDAPAT, BALAJADIA and MOLINTAS who are also running for various positions this coming election were among those who supported the Resolution which was also approved by then Mayor Domogan.

Now tell me Sirs and Madam whether or not, based on these precedents on record in the City Council, irregularly-issued franchises cannot truly be legalized as you all argued before and perhaps still maintain up to now? (to be continued on the next issue)

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of the vilest kind, the former solon who has served Congress for four terms lamented unfounded claims raised in this election that he is "just an aging, sickly man who deserves to be retired from the rigors of public office." It was an issue that has since outraged senior citizens and elderly groups who expressed disgust over the discriminating remarks.

"I am very much in good health, have not had any medical or surgical procedures, and I continue to lead a clean, healthy lifestyle. I can very well do the job with the same energy, focus, and determination that have marked my past congressional terms," he said.

He added that he has never thought that one's physical health or condition was a campaign issue, pointing out that "age is just a number," and not a hindrance in public service.

"Dapat pag-usapan, hindi edad, kundi abilidad, kalidad, at gigit sa lahat, integridad," he stressed.

Addressing the issue of his health head-on, Vergara challenged his opponents to bare their medical records for people to know who had heart bypass operations and who are psychologically unfit to handle the pressures of the job.

"Maglabasan na tayo ng ating mga health and medical record nang magka-alaman na! As for me, I am confident enough that of my own health condition. "I have not had any hospitalization or surgery at all, I have managed my health well enough to remain fit for the job. I sincerely hope that my rivals are of the same condition," he added.

Vergara asked his rivals to join him in a public display of their health condition at a time and place of the next congressional debate. "Kung dapat pag-usapan ang bagay na ito sa eleksyong ito, sige na, ipaalam natin ang tunay na kundisyon ng ating kalusugan."

He stressed that the coming election is a fresh opportunity for our citizens to nurse hopes for Baguio to move forward, based on platforms as against promises, on character as against character assassination, on competence against compromises.

"Abilidad, kalidad, integridad ang dapat na pag-usapan. Diyan tayo magkakasubukan!" Vergara emphasized. The Junction News Team

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- GOto, GaGO, BaGOong?
• Verdom Pa Rin- SUBOK NA!
• OMB Mosquera - binigyan daw ni Aliping ng 0.5-M?

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Wala talaga akong masabi sa kasikatan ng GoMoBill! Tingnan po ninyo, kapag ginoogle ninyo ang gomobil ang lalabas ay isang telecom company [http://www.gomobil.cz/] sa Czech Republic (saang bansa yan)? Ang Gomobil ay isang Czech company at ang kulay nila ay katulad din ng Gomobil dito ng tatlong sikat na kandidato. What a coincidence kung sabihin nila. Pero sa palagay ko itong Czech company na ito ang kumopya at nagsagawa ng copyright infringement sa pangalan at kulay ng the Very Original GoMoBill.

Matanong ko nga lang. Ano ba yung iGORotak na mga poster ni Mark Go? Ano ba ang ibig sabihin ni Mark Go dun? Na siya ay Igorot? Alam naman nating lahat ang kasagutan sa tanong na yan - na si Mark Go ay isang Tarlaqueno at hindi Igorot. Dapat sana ay maging proud si Mark Go na ipinanganak siya sa Tarlac. Wala namang masama dun at isang napaka-sikat at maunlad na lugar ang Tarlac at talo pa nga ang Cordillera pag dating sa economic progress. Biro, mo ang mga Aquino ay mga Tarlaqueno! Mr. Go, huwag po sana ninyo kalilimutan ang sinabi ni pambansang bayani na si Jose Rizal na "ang hindi marunong lumungon sa pinanggalingan ay may stiff neck, este hindi makararating sa kanyang parorongan," and of course kung mayroon ka ring mga kamaag-anak sa China ay lalung-lalo ng dapat ay proud na proud ka sapagkat nakuha na nga ng mga Chekwa ang Spratleys, Mischief Reef, etc. Tama ba aking sabi misteh Mak Goh? Kaya dapat sana, kung maisa-suggest ko lang, sa ibang mga posters ni Mark Go, imbisna iGORotak ang ilagay ay TarlaGo na lang at sa ilalim ay lagyan ng slogan na Ibotonatin si Mark Go (Mak Goh/金文大篆甲骨文) para laGOT ang mga gaGO at ang mga mababait ay mabibigyan ng libreng GOTO na may baGOong pa Hi! Hi! Hi! LaGOT ka na Aliping ng bayad este bayad at pati na rin ikaw Vergara laGOT ka na rin at andito na si GO GO GO gamit ang Gomobil! Hi! Hi! Hi!

Kung ako ang inyong tatanungin mga dear readers, kung papipiliin ninyo ako sa mga kasalukuyang kandidato kung sino ang iboboto ko, kung si Go, Vergara, o Aliping, malinaw naman na subok na si Vergara. Si Aliping DALAWANG BILYONG PISONG pondo ang kanyang nakalap pero saan na napunta at puros pag bubungkal ng mga magaganda pa na National Roads ang ating nakikita. Si Vergara nasa several hundreds of millions lamang per term pero ang daming accomplishments. Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Tunay na isang palaisipan ito na sumisigaw ng isang mainit na kasagutan. Maka-asa kayo na sa pahayagang ito through the Linis Gobyerno (www.linisgobyerno.org) ay ating ibubunyag, sisiyasatin at susuriin ng detalyado ang lahat ng pinagkagustasan at pinuntahan ng mga Bilyones na pondo ni Aliping!!!

Tutuo kaya ang liham na natanggap ng ating opisina mula sa isang Mark L. Santiago kung saan sinasabi na ito raw si Tongressman este Congressman Aliping ay nag-deposit ng halagang P500,000.00 o kalahating milyon sa isang BPI Account ni Deputy Ombudsman Gerald Mosquera (mayroon pang naka-attach na xerox copy ng BPI deposit slip na burado naman ang ilang numero ng nasabing account, bakit???) para daw upuan ang kaso laban kay Apo Tong este Apo Cong. Eh sinampa naman ng OMB ang reklamo, hindi po ba? Agad nating simulatan ang tanggapan ni Deputy OMB Mosquera kung ano ang kanyang masasabi. Susulatan sana natin ang BPI kaya lang sigurado ko na sasabihin lang nila ay sorry, bank secrecy laws will not allow us to divulge the authenticity of this document. Ayon pa sa sulat ay ang nasabing deposit slip ay binigay ng isang taga kampo ni Aliping

Kung tutuo ang info na ito, sino kaya ang humudas kay Apo Tong? Kung sabagay, maaring may katotohanan ang alegasyon sapagkat inabot din ng may katagalan ang pag-sampa ng reklamo kay Apo Tong ng OMB. Anyway, dapat lang na imbigstigahan ni Omb Morales ang ganitong klase na mga alegasyon at ating abangan ang magiging kasagutan ni Deputy OMB Mosquera at agad ko ring ipapaalam sa inyo.

Isa't kalahating linggo na lang at magkaka-alaman na kung sinu-sino ang mga papalarin na mamumuno na opisyal. Sa mga TALUNAN, DO NOT FEEL BAD paka-tatandaan ang parati nilang sinasabi na TRY AND TRY UNTIL YOU DIE este UNTIL YOU SUCCEED. Mabilis ang 3 years. Tingnan ninyo si Apo Jomol ayaw tantanan si Apo Morris at kung hindi ako nag-kakamali ay pang-apat (4th) na encounter na nila ito.

FASTRACK

Shit Head & Asshole Person(s) Who Cut or Order the Cutting of Pine Trees (Reprint from FARRES)

BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES



To the readers of this column, forgive the profane words, truth to tell is the subject of illegal logging more so if it hits home (and we are referring to the Baguio - Benguet pine tree), the subject simply gets me fired up and impassioned.

While this is not the first time I have expressed my views on the evils of those who engage in selfish and greedy criminal logging (the more appropriate term - criminal), likewise this paper on numerous occasions featured as its headline photos, headline stories, and also through its LG Komentaryo Section denunciations on criminal logging of the Benguet Pine Trees, under the strongest terms possible. In fact we have also made environmental protection as a secondary advocacy of the Linis Gobyerno (www.linisgobyerno.org).

To those dumb heads, or acting dumb heads who continue to engage in criminal logging, I can only say that you are among the most selfish people on the face of the earth. It is an undisputable fact that climate change is a reality and anyone who says otherwise, go get your head checked.

But what makes you criminal loggers truly selfish and greedy is you are also depriving the future generations your children and children's-children the right to a good environment, to enjoy the benefits of a Benguet pine tree. Simply put, if you can do this criminal act knowing fully well that it will affect the future generations, how should I possibly refer to you? How can you even be trusted to hold political office? The words to describe you like asshole, shithead, greedy is not enough right?

Do not get me wrong, I am not some stiff head myself who cannot understand that a tree can definitely be of substantial help to a poor man. There is in fact this unwritten tolerance in Benguet and perhaps even in the whole of the Cordillera or even at other parts of the country that one is allowed or tolerated to cut a tree for as long as he will use it for his own home. Meaning, for his and his families personal benefit. I have nothing against this unspoken or unwritten rule. I agree with it 100%. Of course the house should be modest and not a mansion or a resort, like what some asshole politico(s) etc are doing.

It is not tolerated if you cut trees for commercial purposes. You sell and transport pine wood to Baguio City for commercial purposes is a BIG NO NO. You cut pine trees to develop your property together with the road leading to your (self - proclaimed property) is a BIG NO NO. You cut young pine trees those in the diameter of from 6 to 11 inches for supply to the camote miners is a BIG NO NO.

TO HELL AND BULLSHIT TO THOSE WHO SAY YOU HAVE PROPERTY RIGHTS, WHAT PROPERTY RIGHTS ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT WHEN "YOUR PROPERTY" IS A MERE TAX DECLARATION??? AND EVEN IF YOUR PROPERTY IS A TITLED ONE AT THAT, THERE ARE PERMITS ONE CAN AVAIL OF. THE THING IS, WHAT ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF THE FUTURE GENERATIONS, WHERE IS YOUR LEGAL RIGHT TO ROB THEM OF A DECENT ENVIRONMENT AND/OR THE APPRECIATION OF A PINE TREE ???

In fact, I found all the noise being made by the oppositors at the SM Tree cutting to be highly questionable, when in fact it was done legally by SM in compliance with our laws. Apparently, this very same noisy- feeling environmentalists (not all but most of them) failed and refused to condemn and get involved with the rampant criminal logging ongoing around Baguio. Look at Itogon and Tuba! Is this not the height of hypocrisy?

Now you tell me, what the fuck is the difference between a Baguio Pine tree or a Benguet Pine tree?? At least with this columnist (modesty aside) I have together with my better half personally acted as private complainants in at least two instances for violation of PD 705 (Illegal Logging) that are currently being heard at the super-snail paced Benguet courts. In the process, we have spent quite a considerable amount of our personal resources (time and money), and we are also a witness to the Prosecution of another violation for PD 705 (Illegal Logging) against some supposed to be somebodies (as they imagine themselves to be) in Baguio's society. Given this unfortunate experiences with this type of Criminal Loggers, we will now do our best to raise funds, to secure grants in order to be able to strengthen this advocacy.

To those noise makers, this much I can say. Why not show your love for Baguio and the Cordilleras and invest in the future generations by putting your money where your mouth is!

FAIR AND SQUARE

For A Change: On The Issue of Legalization of Irregularly-Issued Franchises for Public Utility Vehicles

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In the 23 November 2009 Regular Session of the Baguio City Council, Councilor Richard A. Cariño delivered a privilege speech entitled "The Irregular and the Illegal Franchises: What Do We Do With Them?" He was referring of course to the thousands of illegal franchises or Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) of public utility vehicles, mostly taxis, issued spuriously and/or fraudulently by unscrupulous LTFRB directors in this region, in violation of law and existing moratorium in Baguio City and BLIST.

Soon thereafter, upon the behests of PUV operators who were fearful that their CPCs will be revoked or cancelled by the newly appointed DOTC-CAR Regional Director, Atty. Federico Mandapat who, in the first place, was opposed to the grant of franchises during moratorium when he was still a Councilor of the city, Atty. Cariño filed in the City Council Proposed Resolution Nr. PR 0042-10 entitled: "Recommending to the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) the Legalization of Irregular and Illegal Franchises of Public Utility Vehicles in Baguio City and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), subject to conditions."

Briefly put, this proposed resolution sponsored by Councilor Cariño did not pass the City Council, it did not even undergo a deliberation that it was entitled to. In the many times it was taken up in several months of sessions, the deliberation by the Council en banc were always rejected by members of the Council, the most vocal of whom were Councilors ERDOLFO BALAJADIA, TABANDA, BAGBAGEN and EDISON BILOG who all advanced the uniform argument that "Irregularly issued franchises cannot possibly be legalized" without even telling us their reasons why.

The rest of the Councilors were seemingly mum about it all either because they did not have a good grasp or understanding of the true issues involved, or they were simply waiting for some kind of signal (whatever it was) from the Chairman of sponsoring Committee, then Councilor now Congressman Aliping.

Thus, the proposed measure was invariably returned to the Committee of Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation that sponsored it every session that it was calendared, allegedly for further study(to my knowledge, the councilors never studied it.)

Pardon me, but until now, I am still reeling from the sad fact that Councilors Balajadia, Tabanda, Bagbagen and Bilog in consistently adopting the stand that irregularly-issued franchises cannot possibly be legalized, were not being honest to themselves, as well as, to their constituent operators who merely wanted to be helped legitimize their illegal CPCs which they thought they secured legally in good faith from the LTFRB. For, the truth is they actually knew and were reminded in fact by the proponents of legalization that there were established precedents on legalization of irregular franchises in the records of the City Council.

In 1999 for instance, under Resolution Numbered 323, S. of 1999, the City Council requested the LTFRB to legalize the operation of taxi units with Certificates of Public Convenience which were unscrupulously issued by then LTFRB Regional Director Daniel Tapia which request was approved by the LTFRB en banc in its Memorandum Circular No. 2000-019. In that Resolution, no less than Councilors Tabanda, Ortega, Mandapat and Datuin who incidentally are running for elective positions this coming May were among those who voted for the passage of the Resolution which was approved then by Mayor Domogan.

Also in 2005, under Resolution Numbered. 217, S. of 2005, the City Council approved the request of Pines Garage Association, Inc., Baguio Binalonan San Roque Carmen Transport Association, Rosario Express Vans Operators Association, Cabanatuan Express Vans Operators Associa- Cont. on page 6