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Pahayagang palabanan!!! Baguio Debates On Fate of STL



TYPHOON COSME'S PATH OF DESTRUCTION: Two vehicles were totally crushed caused by a landslide along BAH compound./ By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – The fate of PCSO's Small Town Lottery here will certainly again divide Baguio as attempts to ram in its operations are continuing.

On June 17, anti-gambling advocates and church leaders will be pitted against STL proponents, supporters and officials pushing for its operation instead of the illegal numbers game-jueteng. The city council on Monday afternoon opted to conduct a public consultation on the bid of proponent Green 2 Corporation who again wrote the city council to favor "test runs" in the city, unluckily though, councilors have been deferring their official action probably deeply thinking its consequences on them come 2010.

On April 14, a certain Mr. Jaime Mangahas, president of the Green 2 Corp., the same firm that attempted the city council's favorable response on July 2007, asked for authority for "test runs" of the PCSO STL project.

Mangahas also asked the legislative body, who apparently sat down on several STL proposals in the past because of public pressure against all forms of gambling including legalized

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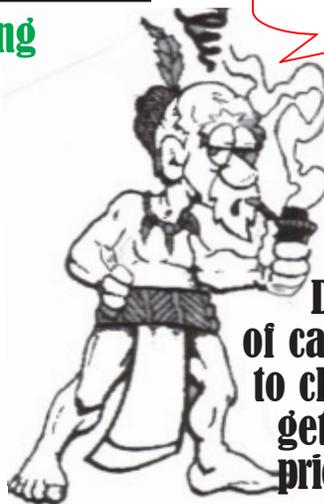
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FAIR AND SQUARE

Roll on the GT Express Service, but...

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



Plan to develop convention center forested area confirmed

BAGUIO CITY – Indeed, there is a plan to develop the pinestand within the Baguio Convention Center area into a condotel complex under a joint venture between the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Shoemart Development Corporation.

This was confirmed before the city council last Monday by SMDC representative Carlo Alampay.

Alampay presented before the body a concept plan for the said project

dubbed “Baguio Air.” It would involve the development of the 1.4 hectare area with the construction of four 13-storey condotel buildings and commercial complex as highlights.

Alampay said that under the joint venture, SM would finance and undertake the constructions while GSIS would contribute the land.

It would also include the “redevelopment” of the Baguio Convention Center and the Sun-

shine Park.

Alampay however assured that the development framework takes into consideration concerns for the environmental preservation. He said they hired a private company, the Manila Seeding Bank Foundation to guide the firm on preserving the trees in the area.

He said the company has inventoried a total of 967 trees in the area. A total of 313 trees were recommended for cutting and 105 for balling and transplanting thus, a total of 549 trees will

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Violence Continue In Cordillera’s Killing Fields” Abra Town Councilor Gunned Down

La Trinidad, Benguet – Violence in Abra province seemed to have never really died down. Instead, assassins have become bolder.

The latest victim – 65 year old Tineg town Sangguniang Bayan Pedro Inon — who was shot to death with an M16 rifle by an assassin Monday night inside his own boarding house in Calaba, Bangued, Abra’s capital town.

Only on April 20, a septuagenarian lawyer and a security guard were killed in-

side their own turfs several hours in between.

Veteran criminal defense lawyer Demetrio Villamor Pre, 75, was shot to death inside his house cum law office at Pratt Street, barangay zone 4, Bangued town at around 3:30.

At around 11PM on that same day, and just a few steps away from Pre’s house, 32-year old security guard Efren Bersalona was slain by assassins inside the Bangued town

hall where he was on duty.

The Bangued town hall is also just a few meters away from the provincial capitol building where Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo met with National Security Council officials and

Cordillera leaders a week on the peace situation in Abra and CAR a week before the killings.

Both murders have not been solved by authorities.

Then comes again councilor Inon, the third highest ranking

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Ifugao incident illustrates vulnerability of community journalists

The harassment of Malaya correspondent Ma. Elena Catajan and the Philippine Information Agency’s Redgie Cawis by Alfonso Lista, Ifugao Vice Mayor Clarenca Polig and his cohorts illustrates very clearly how the culture of impunity in this country is allowed to flourish and embolden those who would wish to suppress the free Philippine press.

According to Catajan, a drunken Polig and his bodyguards drew guns on her and Cawis when they sought an interview on festivities in the town that they had been invited to cover by Mayor Charles Cattling.

The incident, by itself, is a classic example of how, in the Philippines, petty warlord-politicians can lord it over isolated communities, wielding virtual life and

death powers that have time and again proven fatal for vigilant community journalists.

It should be noted that most of the media killings in the country have happened in the provinces, where politicians, warlords, corrupt military and police officials, and crime lords – many in collusion with or indistinguishable from each other – rule their own little fiefdoms.

The general inaction to these killings by the national government in far-away Metro Manila, which appears to be inflicted with an “out of sight, out of mind” attitude, if not downright apathy, has only served to embolden these enemies of press freedom.

In the case of the harassment of Cawis and Catajan, however, Polig has actually appeared to have received encouragement closer to home, from someone whose sworn

duty it supposedly is to protect citizens.

Even before a complaint had been filed or an investigation carried out, Cordillera police director Chief Superintendent Eugene Martin has already ruled the two journalists’ account of the incident “exaggerated.”

How can any ordinary citizen expect protection from our law enforcement agencies when even journalists threatened or worse in the course of their work are brushed aside?

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines demands that the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Philippine National Police immediately investigate the despicable action of Vice Mayor Police and the cavalier and unprofessional behavior of

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Esperon as peace Adviser an Irony - Chiz

The appointment of retired General Hermogenes Esperon as the president's adviser on peace process is a paradox, senator Chiz Escudero today said.

Escudero said it would be difficult for Esperon and the public to reconcile his previous role as a combatant with his new-found position in the peace negotiation. "How can he advise GMA on peace if all he did throughout his career is search and destroy the enemy?"

The opposition senator has reservations on

Esperon making "unity attractive" to those considered by the government insurgents. "For someone to sit in the peace negotiating table, he or she has to provide the stimulus to forge genuine peace and end the long standing war and impunities from both sides. He has to provide the momentum to also resolve other conflicts in the country through democratic processes."

Escudero said trust and respect from both sides should be present to gather everyone on the peace negotiation table. But with Esperon who furiously implemented the counter-insurgency program that was deemed a ticket to extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances by the UN special rapporteur, the senator

said Esperon "might find himself a square peg in a round hole".

The neophyte senator said he believes there are other people who are a lot qualified and suitable to the job and who can command acceptability and respect to the parties involved in the peace agreement. "Although I have serious doubts about General Esperon, I wish him well since he welcomes the job in a tight embrace. Let us just hope that he can usher democratic transformation in the country's search for a long lasting reconciliation and peace./ Office of Sen. Chiz Escudero



NBA BASKETBALL FANATICS - Basketball crazed Baguio residents doing business at city hall take their time-out to watch the live television NBA 1st Semi-Final elimination round between Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs./By Bong Cayabyab

Dads seek inventory of call center workers to check if baguioans get job priority

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday asked the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to submit an inventory of workers in Information Technology (IT) and call center companies in the city to determine if these firms have been complying with the city's policy to give local residents priority in the employment opportunities.

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia who broached the matter to the city council said there were reports that the first call center firms that opened in

the city have employed workers who mostly came from the lowlands.

Balajadia pointed out that this is in violation of the city ordinance mandating these firms to devote at least 80 percent of their manpower requirement to local employment.

PEZA officer-in-charge Modesto Agyao Jr. who attended the session last Monday said Balajadia's claim may be true during the initial years of call center operations in the city which started in 2004 since the companies saw the need to hire call center experts from the lowlands to train local employees at that time.

But Agyao said that eventually, these companies have hired employees from the locality especially now that most

schools have been giving trainings to make their students competitive in the call center industry.

Agyao said that nonetheless, the PEZA has continually reminded these companies to honor the city government's policy.

"We strongly urge these companies to give priority to local employment especially with the increasing population of the city," Agyao averred.

He said this was reiterated during the recent meeting with the human resource managers of these companies.

He said that to

City declared under State of Calamity

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday declared the city in state of calamity due to the damages wrought by typhoon "Cosme."

The declaration was made upon the request of Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. after assessing the damage wrought by the howler and decided that the city would need to avail of the calamity fund to speed up the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure.

City Disaster Coordinating Council through action officer, city administrator Peter Fianza said there were no casualties.

The howler resulted to ten cases of landslides and five incidents of flooding. The strong winds also caused 55 cases of fallen trees and seven blown out roofs.

No estimate of amount for damages was released as investigations of the damaged infrastructures continued as of Friday.

City social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan said there were 77 families evacuated due to the land-

slides and flooding.

CDCC chairman Mayor Bautista immediately activated the CDCC at the onset of heavy rains which caused massive power outages and rendered Kennon Road and Marcos Highway impassable last Saturday./ailen p. refuerzo

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The Litmus Test

The litmus test to determine if governments tackle graft seriously is how they protect—or jettison —“whistleblowers.”

The Philippines and 134 other countries cobbled that yardstick at the 9th International Anti-Corruption meeting in Durham, South Africa. “Governments must create an environment that encourages, instead of penalizes, citizens who denounce venality”.

The good whistleblowers do is patent. Banker Clarissa Ocampo unflinchingly revealed that Joseph Estrada masked himself in the notorious “Jose Velarde” account. Academic supervisor Antonio Calipjo-Go repeatedly exposed flawed in textbooks.

But do whistleblowers here have institutional, not merely whimsical, protection against retaliation? The devil is in the details.

EDITORIAL

Ensign Philip Pestano denounced, in 1997, misuse of Navy boats to haul illegal lumber and drugs. He was shot in his cabin. Suicide, the Navy ruled within 24 hours. “Murder most foul,” a Senate investigation found. Yet, 11 years after the rubout, the Military Ombudsman hasn’t budged beyond securing counter-affidavits. Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro can’t be bothered.

Land Bank’s Acsa Ramirez hit the alarm button on tax scams. Instead of being protected, inept NBI agents shoved her into a police line-up. President Arroyo used that for a photo op. No one apologized.

“When whistleblowers end up as the accused, it’s time to ask: Is today’s policy is canonize crooks as crusaders,” the Inquirer asked in a commentary titled: “Beatifying The Crooks.”

Recent World Bank and IFC Enterprise Surveys show that 45% of companies here paid bribes, “often solicited in meetings with tax officials”. Lapu-Lapu City perfected, to an art, the wringing of bribes for operating licenses, construction permits, etc. But barely 7% of managers report the fleecing.

“This indicates reluctance to be whistleblowers,” the surveys note. Majority (69%) of managers declared it was futile to report it.” Almost half (49%) were afraid of reprisals. “In this country, those who horsewhip money changers out of the temple end up excoriated.”, the Sun Star observed.

Now, Senator Aquilino Pimentel demands a fine-tooth audit of P2 million incurred for security of broadband witnesses Rodolfo “Jun” Lozada and Dante Madriaga. Protecting whistleblowers is the job of cops, Senator Juan Ponce Enrile insists.

“Ingratitude”, responded the Whistle-blowers’ Association. Dropping witnesses after obtaining their testimony was an act of thanklessness. This would discourage prospective whistleblowers from coming out.

Senator Panfilo Lacson wants Senate security for Lozada and Madriaga continued. He should know. He was PNP chief when whistleblower Bubby Dacer, and driver Emmanuel Corbito were intercepted by 22 men, at Zobel Roxas St. in Manila. Blindfolded, then strangled, their bodies were burned in Indang, Cavite.

As investigation tightened, Lacson’s men—Cesar Mancao and Michael Ray Aquino—skipped town. Today, Mancao is penned at Miami Federal Detention Center. Aquino plea-bargained for a six year prison term for transmitting US classified information to Joseph Estrada, Panfilo Lacson and other opposition. The US, this week cancelled the US visas of Estrada, Lacson and other opposition figures.

Where auditors refuse to bed down with politicians, they’re effective whistle blowers. Their clout is magnified when media publishes their findings.

The Commission on Audit’s Helen Hilayo revealed Mayor Tomas Osmena’s yen loans, in City Hall books, were “under-stated”—a polite word for “doctored”—by P1.71 billion. That was almost two thirds of City Hall’s budget.

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DIRETSAHAN

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



“UNGAS” talaga itong bagitong kupitan....este Kapitan ng Barangay sa may Central Business area ng lungsod. Gumawa kasi ito ng sulat para sa mga kasamahang medyas, este... media para iparating sa mga kinauukulan na dapat aksyunan ang posibleng pagpapabaya sa kanyang mga naunang ipinarating na reklamo.

Oki sana itong ginawa ng lintek na bagitong “BOCAP” kaso kasinungalingan at kasiraan sa isang lehitimong establimento ang ibang nilalaman ng kanyang sulat. Naisip kaya niya kumbakit hindi inaksyunan ng mga otoridad ang unang reklamo? Hindi kaya naisip ni Bocap na maaring mali ang pinarating sa kanya at maaring ginagamit lamang siya para siraan ang establimento ng mga kalaban?..

Naku, Mr. Attorney to be na “BOCAP” lumabas ka naman sa gabi at personal mong pasyalan at manmanan itong inaakusahang ng prostitusyon, etcetera sa sinasabi mong establimento. Mag pakatotoo ka at huwag ka sanang gumaya sa tatay mo..... kundi iisipin ko na lang na “LIKE FATHER LIKE SON!”... pwe....!

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“CERFEW FOR MINORS”, IPINAPATUPAD PA BA, O ISANG NINGAS KUGON LANG? nagtataka lang kasi ako dahil makailang beses akong dumadaan sa parting Session rd. ng mga alanganing oras ng gabi at nasasaksihan ang mga gulong kinasasangkutan ng mga kabataang lalaki at babae na mukhang mga menor de edad. Nitong huli ay nasaksihan ko pa ang pangungursunada ng mga kabataang lalaki sa mga dumadaan, at take note na armado pa ang iba sa kanila ng patalim at isang tako ng bilyar na may patalim sa loob. Ang paboritong tambayan ng mga ito ay sa harapan ng PNB at sa dating Pines theater.

Matatandaan na noong kabago bago palang ipalabas ang batas local hinggil dito sa “CERFEW” nagpakitang gilas ang ating kapulisan at DSWD na kuntodo inaalalayan pa sila ng mga miyembro ng media sa kanilang mga operasyon, pero ngayon... Ewan itanong nyo nalang kay Meyor at kay Bos Tsip Guevarra, Peryod!

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“Bingalan” (Binguhan at Sugalan) sa km. 5 La Trinidad ni aling Linda, tuloy pa raw umano sa kanilang operasyon, may “basbas” po ba kayo dito Meyor Galwan at Governor Fongwan? Ano sey mo Bos Tsip General Eugene Martin ng Campo Dangwa, alam nyu ho ba ito ser? Gisiing!!

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Ayon sa isa kong “bubuwit”, hinahanap daw siya ng ilang Pulis Syete, at ito ay napag-alaman daw niya mismo sa isa ring pulis. Totoo hu

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

BWD water is 1,000% more expensive than Manila water

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



The Baguio Water District's (BWD) recent decision to increase water rates from 5.7 to 20.36% proves the claim made earlier by this column that BWD management is callous, inefficient, and does not deserve public support. My recent bill indicates that BWD water is as high as P118 per cubic meter compared to Manila's rate of around P8.22 per cubic meter. This implies that BWD water rates can be more than 1,000% expensive than the water rates in Metro Manila.

Even if we grant that BWD lowest water rate is only P278.80 monthly prior to the increase being planned, BWD's rate imply an effective rate of P27.80 per cubic meter (assuming that the P278.80 is good for 10 cubic meters and does not include other charges, hidden or otherwise). This is still at least 200% more expensive than Metro Manila water. This is highly ironic, irregular, and revolting because BWD is supposedly non-profit. Assuming there is no corruption in the BWD, this can only imply that the BWD has been mismanaging Baguio's water supply because the high rates indicate inefficient operation.

Again, why is BWD callous? Other than the arguments I have raised in my column last week, we can add this point: there is really no public consultation in the recent decision to raise water rates. This suggests that the BWD intended to increase the rates even without the benefit of a real public consultation. At best, what happened in the Lion Clubhouse last May 9 can be described as railroading. The venue is too small for a genuine public consultation to take place and there was no ample public information on the supposed public meeting. No documents were circulated before the meeting and there was no mention of the intention to the increase rates before the meeting. These confirm that the BWD never really intended a genuine consultation to take place.

Like in the Meralco issue, we must demand transparency in the BWD. We must demand that they release their financial and operational records, made them public, publish them in the newspapers. Publish their arguments in the Baguio City newspapers! What is happening in the BWD is similar to what is happening in Meralco. Rates are so expensive and there are no data made available to the public that would indicate that the rates being planned are justified.

In the Meralco issue, Government Service Insurance System President Winston Garcia has proposed that the solution to unjust rates of Meralco is a change in management. Garcia's solution applies to BWD. We must discover ways and means to have a management review and fundamental change in the BWD. The fundamental change must include a management change. This early we can identify some of the options towards a fundamental change of management in the BWD. One option is to transform the BWD into a consumers' cooperative. This especially applies if we are able to discover unspent funds that are refundable to the consumers that we can convert into consumer stock investments. Once the BWD is transformed into a genuine cooperative, we can establish accountability in the BWD such the management of our water services becomes answerable to the consumers: genuinely reporting and being transparent as well as following the fundamental wishes of consumers. Another option is to transform the current BWD set-up into one similar that is similar to BENECO in which the Board of Directors is accountable to the consumers. Again, in this scenario, we can reorganize the management of the BWD into one that is accountable to consumers.

In the interim, whether the long-term solution is to transform the BWD into a genuine cooperative or into a set-up similar to BENECO is adopted, we must have a management change in the BWD. Needless to say, however, we must protect the rights of employees to security of employment and work. Fundamentally, only the management of BWD needs an overhaul so long as the employees do not allow themselves to be used by management in perpetuating inefficiency and callousness. For the meantime, as there is no evidence or strong indication, we will assume that there is no corruption at the BWD.

This column's statements today on the BWD will not be its last.

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Yano will also eat the same lies as Esperon—CPP

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The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) today said newly installed Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Alexander Yano will be forced to eat the same lies as his predecessor did about ending the 'insurgency' by 2010.

In a statement, CPP spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal asked what the 38th AFP chief of staff was taking about when he vowed in his inaugural speech on Monday to "carry on the sustained momentum" by his predecessor "to put an end to the long-drawn communist insurgency in 2010." Retired AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon claimed that under his 22-month watch, "the AFP was able to dismantle 28 NPA guerrilla fronts, and downgrade 10 more towards eventual dismantling."

As if on cue, Gloria Arroyo even garnished her top generals' lies by adding that "All insurgency parameters are on the downturn, with NPA numbers plummeting to a historic low."

The CPP spokesperson said that no iota of truth exists at all in this litany of lies. He said that "Reports from the field attest to the brilliant series of all-sided victories by the revolutionary movement, including the NPA, ever since Gen. Esperon had been making his empty boasts last year."

"Reports from most regions and guerrilla fronts show significant increases in practically all areas of revolutionary work during the previous year to date. Party membership has grown to an unprecedented level. NPA recruitment has grown significantly. Around 500 tactical offensives against enemy armed forces have been launched. Additional guerrilla fronts, zones and bases have sprung up. Membership in mass organizations has increased tremendously. Many victories have been achieved in revolutionary land reform, people's socio-economic movements and other mass movements in guerrilla fronts and adjoining areas," Rosal elaborated.

Rosal said that the revolutionary movement is geared to achieve even more victories this year as the CPP celebrates its 40th anniversary and next year as the NPA enters its 41st year of fighting. He added that the revolutionary movement aims to make a major forward advance within the present stage of its people's war in the next few years.

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AFTERSHOCKS

The Siren song: How the left Wields Pornography against Family and Church (20087)

BY: ANNABELLE PEDRONIO



Robert Knight, Remarks to The World Congress of Families IV Warsaw, Poland, 12 May 2007 (<http://www.worldcongress.org/wcf4.spkrs/wcf4.knight.htm>)

As liberals are fond of telling us, pornography has been part of the human experience since the dawn of time. Its found on the walls of a destroyed brothel in the ancient city of Pompeii. Its found on Greek urns and in archeological digs in Asia.

Few people in any culture went broke exploiting the infinite human capacity to transform the God-given gift of sex into an engine of lust, greed and perversion.

But now we are faced with a pornography industry that has many powerful supports:

An explosion in technology that makes pornography universally available.

A political movement that wields porn to destroy family-based resistance to its totalitarian aims.

A shift from indifference to outright promotion and sale of even hard-core pornography on the part of large, multinational corporations.

A legal culture that is hostile to traditional values and is transfixed on atomistic individualism at the expense of families, communities and ultimately, nations.

Those of us watching from the United States are extremely thankful for Polands resistance to the siren song of pornography, homosexual activism and the degradation of the family. Thank God for Polands insistence on decency. Its an inspiration to us all, and we are all watching you buck the tide of the other nations in the European Union that are drinking the Kool-Aid of sexual celeration.

When I was first getting into the business of defending family values on the think tank level, I saw Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family at a political conference. We were on a panel discussing threats in the culture. I presented a study about Americas National Endowment for the Arts and its bias towards avant-garde, anti-religious and shocking art that was designed to offend people and to violate standards of decency. Dr. Dobson gave a talk on the effects of pornography, particularly on families. Afterward, I asked him why, given all the well-documented evidence of the harmful effects of pornography, cant we win this part of the Culture War?

He said, and Im paraphrasing, Because in many mens closets, or in their dressers, there is a stack of Playboys or some other so-called soft pornography. When they hear us attacking obscenity, its like hearing distant cannons. They know that hard-core porn is bad, but they also know they have no business pointing a finger at anyone else, given their own private stash. Of course, now, we can expand that to include the easy access to porn via the Internet.

The political and cultural Left have a deep interest in promoting pornography. Millions of men who might have championed the moral high ground in the public square feel that they dont have the right to take up any moral causes, given their own moral failures. One of the Devils best tricks is to persuade us that we are not good enough ourselves to favor good over evil, lest we be found out as hypocrites.. Whatever you do, dont talk about grace and redemption.

The Bible verse says, The righteous are as bold as lions. Shame keeps men on the sidelines, which is where the Left wants them so it can continue forging a new society based on more government control and less personal responsibility.

The Left advocates strict government regulation of nearly everything in life from what we can drive to what kind of light bulbs we can use. Singer Sheryl Crow has even suggested that people use only one square of toilet paper during each bathroom visit, except, and I quote, for those pesky occasions when two or three squares are necessary.

The one exception to this zealous drive to regulate everything is sex. The Left wants unfettered access to abortion, pornography, and homosexual sex because it advances their cause. All three work together in an Iron Triangle.

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FAIR AND SQUARE

Roll on the GT Express Service, but...

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



The present controversy raging between the van operators in Baguio City and CAR on one hand and the DOTC-CAR, on the other hand, hinges on the issue of whether or not these vans which are franchised mostly as vehicles for hire, popularly known before as garage, will be allowed to convert into GT or Garage to Terminal Express Service (formerly called as Point to Point (P2P) Express Service during the time of Chairman Maria Elena Bautista).

The Conversion to GT Express Service will enable these vans to operate between two terminal points (such as from Baguio City to Carmen and vice versa) and to charge fares or fees on "per head basis" at rates prescribed by the Board, which otherwise are not authorized them by just being vehicles for hire or garage. For, in the latter, their lines or routes are territorial (like Baguio City to any point in Region I and vice versa) and they may only charge the rate or fee fixed by the Board regardless of the number of passengers renting or contracting the vehicle (similar to the AVIS Rent a Car).

As a concept, the GT Express Service intends to "motivate those currently using private vehicles to shift to being commuters utilizing an express alternative and comparatively convenient mode of public transport. This will also correct the practice of operators to refrain from operating on a "per head basis" despite not having been authorized to."

In the NCR and in all regions of the country, the implementation of the LTFRB's GT Express Program has been ongoing since last year, converting not only franchised vans but also legalizing colorums or those without franchises and simultaneously converting them to GT Express Service. EXCEPT... vehicles for hire and/or vans in Baguio City and in the Cordillera Administrative Region. WHY?

The situation of vans in Baguio City and Cordilleras and the circumstances by which they exist either as franchised vehicles for hire or colorum vans differ very much from those in the other regions of the country.

For one, when the vans were allowed to come in Baguio and in BLIST by the LTFRB Region I and DOTC-CAR as Garage, Mega Taxi, School Transport Service, Filcab or Shuttle Service from 1996 onward, these were done without limitation in the number of units despite the existence of Moratorium in the acceptance and issuance of new franchises as prescribed by the Board en banc. This was not the case in the other regions. Consequently, these vans which were in fact allowed to enter the Central Business District contributed to the further congestion of the city.

Secondly, in the absence of any control adopted by the LTFRB in this Region, coupled by the lack of active opposition hoisted by our City Government, Baguio City became the actual base of operations and terminus of all vans originating from as far as the different towns and cities in Region II and Region III. These include colorums and out-of line vans which are not suppose to touch and operate in Baguio City.

Thirdly, unlike the other cities and regions, Baguio City is already too congested, it cannot accommodate all the vans illegally operating in the city if they were allowed to apply for legalization and/or conversion to GT Express Service.

For all which reasons no less than the DOTC-CAR Regional Director, Atty. Federico Mandapat, Jr. expressed opposition to the legalization and conversion to GT Express Service by all these vans with base of operations from town and cities in the other regions but operating in or touching Baguio City.

Question is what do we do with all the vans in the city which are providing transport service to the riding public anyway? By not allowing them to convert to GT Express Service and consequently refusing them likewise to register or renew franchises as vehicles for hire, will it not cause a transport crisis in the city or BLIST?

In my view, it will if done simultaneously or in wholesale manner. Therefore, the conversion of vans to GT Express Service should be better allowed by the City Council and the DOTC-CAR but under certain criteria and conditions that will not prejudice the interests of the residents of Baguio and the commuting public.

(to be continued...)

Aftershocks....**.... from page 6**

I used to wonder why homosexuals were in the forefront of those defending abortion clinics against people praying outside. I thought, They're not having children, so why should they care? But it makes perfect sense. Porn, abortion and homosexuality all work to destroy God's design for the family, whose very existence is a constant rebuke to their sad and destructive choices. Leftists do not want people to have any loyalties other than to their socially superior masters.

C.S. Lewis once said that the agenda of the Left is to make pornography public and religion private. This has been the agenda of the American Civil Liberties Union and its international allies for many decades. By confusing smut with freedom of speech, the ACLU has managed to redefine public morality while pretending to maintain neutrality. If capitalists were foolish enough, as Vladimir Lenin said, to give Communists the rope to hang them with, too many well-meaning Americans are turning over their United States Constitution to a group that is distorting its First Amendment freedom of speech protections into a club to destroy all the other protected liberties.

Many communities attempt to balance the interests of public decency with those of professed civil libertarians who demand public access to pornography. But they are unwittingly siding with the pornographers. It is not a middle ground. In the absence of clear, community standards, the pornographer gets to establish the moral tone. Common sense, experience and research all show that the presence of sex-oriented businesses (SOBs) bring crime, prostitution, and neighborhood decline wherever they take root.

The explosive growth in pornography in Western nations did not happen organically, that is, naturally, but is part of an orchestrated, revolutionary movement to replace ordered liberty with totalitarian control.

It is that serious.

After Russia fell to the communists in 1917, Marxists waited in vain for workers to foment economic revolution in the rest of Europe. It didn't happen. The Communist advance did not come from the bottom up but from the top down. So they switched tactics to target the West.

Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci flipped Marxism on its head by proclaiming that the culture, not the economic structure, was the true foundation of society. He proclaimed a new battle cry: Capture the Culture. Gramsci's pupil, a German, Rudi Dutschke, came up with the strategy: Marxists had to make the long march through the institutions, which meant subverting universities, media, art, and entertainment.

In Frankfurt, Germany in 1923, Marxists founded the Institute of Social Research, which became known simply as the Frankfurt School. This center was moved to Geneva in 1933 when the Nazis took over, then to New York, then to California, and finally back to the University of Frankfurt in 1955. A history of the Frankfurt School by William Lind is available on video at

www.freecongress.org. But to make a long story short, the school spawned the likes of Theodore Adorno and Herbert Marcuse, who preached a new form of cultural Marxism. Their weapon of choice was sexual freedom from Judeo-Christian restraints. I can recall being assigned Marcuse's book *Eros and Civilization* when I was in college. Even then, I thought he was an odd bird, but my professors liked him.

The ultimate aim of the Frankfurt School and the Gramsci contingent was to destroy the family and the Church, which stood in the way of a brand new social order that would usher in the new Socialist Man. This was not a new idea. Friedrich Engels had proclaimed the marriage-based family as the enemy decades before.

It all began coming together in the 20th Century, with key elements falling into place.

1) a group of dedicated revolutionaries who began selling sexual liberation as a personal and social panacea;

2) a rapid growth in media which increased the availability of pornography.

3) Two World Wars, which put tremendous pressure on family life and helped to push more women into unconventional roles and kept men away from their families for long periods.

4) a new science of sexuality, led by Alfred C. Kinsey, which provided the academic basis for the justification of the sexual revolution that was about to explode.

5) a degree of affluence that facilitated more leisure and thus the pursuit of pleasure.

As Harvard sociologist Pitirim Sorokin wrote in his classic 1941 study *The Crisis of Our Age*, America was already shifting at that time from being an idealistic culture, that is, one that extols virtues attainable through delayed gratification, to a sensate culture, in which the highest calling is inflaming and satisfying the senses; in short, hedonism. He saw the shift in several places, most notably in advertising, in which the ads began emphasizing the sensual and pushing the envelope in terms of taste.

When Kinsey published his *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* in 1948, a large segment of America's intelligentsia was ready to buy into his theme, which was that science had proved that sexual normalcy is a myth, and a dangerous one at that. Marriage, fidelity and restraint were inhibitions to an outlook that prized sexual experiences above all. Religion was at the bottom of it all, so religion had to be neutered, if not destroyed. One way to do that was to unleash wolves amid the sheep. Hence we are living in a day when openly homosexual clergy are making their claim to moral propriety.

Without critical examination, the liberal media gave Kinsey a huge megaphone by which he proclaimed his new gospel of sex. In 1953, as Kinsey published his companion volume, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*, Kinsey's astute pupil, a young man named Hugh Hefner, unveiled the first issue of *Playboy* magazine. By combining serious articles with pornographic photos, Hefner got around the censors and softened up America, and eventually Europe, for more and more explicit pornography. Dr. Judith Reisman, in several books including *Kinsey, Sex and Fraud* and *Kinsey: Crimes & Consequences*, details how Kinsey

and his associates, most notably Planned Parenthood and the Sexual Information and Education Council of the United States, worked to weaken laws against pornography and sexual predators and to create a monolithic sex education establishment to rob children of their innocence at younger and younger ages. Kinsey, himself a compulsive homosexual and probably a pedophile, as revealed in recent biographies, used junk science to justify his perverse predilections.

In 1956, Pitirim Sorokin published another remarkable book, *The American Sex Revolution*. He argued that America was now awash in pornography, had a shockingly high divorce rate exceeding 10 percent, and was headed for decadent decline much in the manner of Rome and Greece.

The spillover effect of *Playboys* success was immediate. Advertising became more sexual, television began pushing boundaries, and by the 1960s, with the addition of hallucinatory drugs and unprecedented affluence, a generation bought into hedonism and free sex, epitomized by the nudity and LSD binges at Woodstock in 1968. From then on, through the last decades of the 20th Century and into the 21st, the sexual revolution blossomed into more and more perverse forms, with pornography as its currency. Or perhaps it might be more accurate to describe pornography as a sort of cultural carpet bombing.

Such is the power of sex that the AIDS epidemic among homosexual men, the rise in sexually transmitted diseases from two gonorrhea and syphilis in the 1960s to more than 30 in the last decade, and the litany of broken marriages, child abuse victims and broken men, has not slowed it down. This is due partly to a liberal media and entertainment industry that refuses to count the bodies and show the dark side of the sexual revolution. Let the good times roll.

Fast forward to today. We are facing a frightening future in which the worst, most explicit forms of pornography are being readily accessed by children via the Internet and even their cell phones and iPods. As C.S. Lewis observed, every power gained by man also becomes a power over man.

There actually is some good news amid all this, so let me conclude by sharing it.

There are signs that increasing numbers of teens and young adults are waking up to the fact that some very wicked people have stolen their innocence and destroyed the possibility of romance. When they perceive this truth, they are able to resist. That's why the Left in the United States is right now attacking abstinence programs so viciously. These courses, which are wildly popular with parents, succeed because they de-program teens from the toxic cultural messages bombarding them in the form of MTV, television programs, movies and music.

The totalitarian Left cannot afford to allow any young minds to escape the conditioning. Their wholesomeness is a direct threat to the cultivation of a universal, cynical outlook that is ripe for manipulation by social engineers. Its not for nothing that German education auto-

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
La Trinidad Benguet
DIAMOND RURAL BANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,
-versus-

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-Exf-1280
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGED UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED.
SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

SPS. MARGARITA FERNANDEZ AND LORETO FERNANDEZ, Represented by Atty.-in-Fact FELICIDAD S. DUYOT,
Mortgagors.

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra judicial foreclosure of real mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended, filed by DIAMOND RURAL BANK INC., with office and postal address at No. 2 Kayang Street Baguio City, herein referred as the

Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPS. MARGARITA FERNANDEZ and LORETO FERNANDEZ, represented by Atty.-in-Fact FELICIDAD S. DUYOT, with residence and postal address at Banangan, Sablan Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagors, In real estate mortgage duly entered on 27 October 2003

That as of 30 April 2008, the above-named mortgagors, SPS. MARGARITA FERNANDEZ and LORETO FERNANDEZ, Represented by Atty.-in-Fact FELICIDAD S. DUYOT, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS AND SIX-

TEEN CENTAVOS, (Php. 317,129.16), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, surcharges and Attorney's fee but excluding the cost of other charges arising from this application for foreclosure.

That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 16 JUNE 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Benguet Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements, erected thereon to the following described properties to wit:

KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO Bldg.P-6994 REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF BENGUET Lot. No. 5224, Cad-1008-D, Case No. 7

"Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot No. 5224, Cad-1008-D. Case No. 7, Banangan, Sablan, Benguet, being S., 43-19 E., 4148.55 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad-1008-D, Sablan Cadastre; thence S., 79-40 W., 59.24 m. to pt 2; N., 62-33 W., 57.12 m. to point 3; N., 27-05 E., 124.27 m. to point 4; S., 22-31 E., 136.79 m. to point 1; to point of beginning. Containing an area of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN (7,510) SQUARE METERS. More or less x x x x x x x x x x.

Prospective bid-

der/buyes may investigate to the title / tax declaration of the property herein above-described encumbrances thereof, if any.

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

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, 21st day of MAY 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITO F.SALES Sheriff IV

May 25, & June 1, 8, 2008

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

(Additional family Court of Baguio)

praying that after due notice and hearing, ordering Angelyn M. Santos be declared for all legal intents and purposes, the adopted daughter of the petitioners and that Angelyn M.Santos be freed from all legal obligations with respect to her natural parents and order the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to issue new Certificate of Live Birth of Angelyn M. Santos incorporating therein the following facts to wit:

interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this order be published at the expenses of the petitioner in the The Junction newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in Benguet Province once a week for (3) consecutive weeks.

The petitioners are directed to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor Angelyn M. Santos. The Court Social Worker is required to submit to the court the case study not later than September 5, 2008.

SO ORDERED

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 15th day of May, 2008 at Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SGD) ILUMINADA P. CABATO Judge
May 24, 30 & June 7, 2008

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF MINOR ANGELYN M. SANTOS

SPOUSES REMY and EUGENIO SANTOS,
Petitioners,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,
Respondent,

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SPL PRO CASE NO. 312-A

ORDER

The petitioners spouses Remy and Eugenio Santos filed this verified petition

1. fact of legitimation; and
2. the names of her parents as Eugenio Santos and Remy Santos

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on September 10, 2008 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Baguio City Community Service Center
Rm. 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Magsaysay. Ave Baguio City
Te. No. 300-3753

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ANCESTRAL LAND CLAIMS

Pursuant to section 53(e) R.A. 8371 in relation to Sec. 7(d), part 1, Rule VIII NCIP Administrative order no. 1 series of 1998, notice is hereby made for the Petitions for Identification, Delineation and Recognition of Ancestral Land situated in Res. Sec. "J" Baguio City filed by WAGNER MASING as their ancestral land particularly: A parcel of ancestral land claim situated at Res. Sec. "J" City of Baguio Island of Luzon. Bounded: on the northwest along lines 3-4-5-6-7-8 by creek; on the northeast along line 8-9 by public land, claim by Lacmeo Ibano; on the southeast along line 9-10 by property claim by Buella Masing, and along lines 12-1 by public land claim by Pulido Calio; and, on the Southwest along lines 1-2-3 by property claim by Romeo Depayso. Beginning at point mark "1" on sketch plan being S 79-15 W 1689.70 m. from City Boundary Monument no. 2. (New) Baguio Townsite; N 22-52 W 50.74 m. to point 2; N 08-37 W 68.99 m. to point 3; S 90-00 E 97.29 m. to point 4; N 74-11 E 23.90 m. to point 5; N 48-41 E 70.01 m. to point 6; N 70-18 E 41.90 m. to point 7; S 24-18 E 62.89 m. to point 8; S 23-17 W 74.71 m. to point 9; S 83-23 W 47.36 m. to point 10; S 62-30 W 112.65 m. to point 11; N 87-09 W 31.69 m. to point of beginning containing an area of TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (23,487) sq.m. more or less. points 9 and 10 are alnoes tree 50 and 60 cm diameter respectively and the rest by old P.S Cyl. Conc. Mons.

Any protest or opposition thereto must be filed within fifteen days from the last date of publication and addressed to the Baguio Community Service Center, Room 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Magsaysay Ave. Baguio City

(SGD) NIEVES L. AQUINO
CDO III

May 17, & 24, 2008

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF
M I N O R CHRISTOPHER L. KIANG

SPOUSES DENNIS CLAY SIMONSON and MARIE CRIS KIANG SIMONSON,
Petitioners.

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SPECIAL PROCEEDING
CASE 08-A-0935

ORDER

*P*etitioner spouses Dennis Clay Simonson and Maria Cris Kiang Simonson, American Citizen and Filipino citizen respectively and resident of Betag La Trinidad, Benguet, through counsel filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption minor CHRISTOPHER L. KIANG be declared free from all obligations with respect to his parents and vice versa, be declared for all legal intents and purposes as the adopted child of petitioners and for them to acquire the reciprocal rights and obligations arising from parents-child relationship, including the right of said child to use the surname of petitioners, henceforth, he will be known as CHRISTOPHER K. SIMONSON and direct the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to effect said adoption in his Certificate of Live Birth.

Considering that a Child and Home

Study Report of Court Social Worker is an essential requisite in adoption cases, said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing on November 19, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

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

The *P*etitioners are directed to meet with the said Social Worker, for purposes of the Home and Child Study Report.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than May 18, 2008. All persons interested may come to the Court and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

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

SO ORDERED.

This 13th day of May 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr.
Presiding Judge

May 17, 24, & 31, 2008

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JEREMIAH DIEGO TALLAYO,

JEREMIAH DIEGO TALLAYO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR CHANGE OF STATUS OF MINOR CHILD, LORDAN SANTIAGO SILOY FROM LEGITIMATE TO ILLEGITIMATE CHILD AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH,

L A U R E N I A G A M B O A SANTIAGO SILOY and DANTE SILOY,
Petitioners,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRARs OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, QUEZON CITY

Respondents,

OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,

Respondents.

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SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
CASE 08-C-1466

ORDER

*P*etitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following entry in his Certificate of Live Birth as follows:

Gender: from FE-

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SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
CASE 08-C-1465

ORDER

*P*etitioner spouses, through counsel, filed this verified petition on March 27, 2008 praying that after due notice, publication hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of their child: First Name of Mother; LORIE to LAURENIA Middle

Name of Father: from LLOBERERE to LLOBRERERADate of Marriage of Parents: from December 28 1988, to October 11, 2004 Place of Marriage of Parents: Palauig, Zambales

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on September 17, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons inter-

MALE to MALE

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in substance, the court sets it for hearing on September 18, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Capitol, La Trinidad Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION, a news paper of general circulation in Baguio City; the Provincial and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first

estimated may appears and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than May 11, 2008.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City,

publication to be made not later than May 11, 2008.

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

SO ORDERED.

This 4th of May 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

BY (SGD)
FRANCIS A. BULIYAT, SR.
Presiding Judge

May 10, 17, & 24, 2008

and the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet, the JUNCTION, the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

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

BY: (SGD)
FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR.
Presiding Judge

May 10, 17, & 24, 2008

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late GORINTO I. SAGANDOY, who died intestate on May 8, 2002 at Mankayan, Benguet, has been settled by his heirs though a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the National Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 433 on Page No. 087, Book No. V, Series of 2008.

May 10, 17, & 24, 2008

Baguio Debates....

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ones, to manage and operate the actual test runs in the city.

Councilor Richard Carino, head of the laws committee where the STL proposal was referred, said, the public debate on June 17 "will give us the opportunity to ask if the sectors opposed to it are receiving any from jueteng."

The councilor has lamented that he and other members of the city council are being criticized this early even if they have not decided on it yet.

These anti-STL groups include the religious sector, the councilor said.

"Processing"

After the May polls, then newly-elected city vice mayor Daniel Fariñas said STL proposals can be entertained once again as long as it will with the usual process.

This after STL operators-applicants wanted to lurk in the shadows via the local legislature with the help of two "graduating" legislators.

Such efforts to ram through an STL "test run" however turned futile when it was deferred, then inadvertently scratched out of the city council's agenda during the last session of the old council before the new set of councilors took over on July 2, 2007.

Then Desita Garcia, manager of the same Green2 Corp. on September 1, 2006, asked then acting City Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. to thumb up a "test run".

Also on October 13, 2006 another letter by a second proponent named as Alexander Trinidad, president and chairman of D New Ace Builders Corporation requested amendments to a city ordinance on STL operations in the city; an issuance of a resolution condemning jueteng and permanently erasing such via endorsing STL operations in the city. Not contented, another letter on November 19, also in 2006 by Orville M. Roque, president of JOECALF Amusement Corporation, was received by the city mayor intending to operate STL. "Divided Leadership"

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr.'s firm stand against "gambling" in the city vows he will veto any approval on STL. Bautista earlier wanted "all games of chance applications pending in the council to be put on hold, " as he made a "gentleman's agreement" with the old council members. But with the composition of the new set after the May 2007 polls, with four of those who agreed "against STL" with him, the ball rests on the city council composed mostly of lawyers.

Vice mayor Farinas, a lawyer, himself admitted that STL is perfectly legal. Councilor Carino hinted that he feels four in the council are sure of their support for STL operations "in lieu of the supposed unabated jueteng operations in the city". "I do not know yet of the others (councilors)."

There is only one civil engineer, one accountant-pastor, one geodetic engineer-pastor, one business woman, a barangay captain and of course the SK federation chairman. There are 8 lawyers in them./Ace Alegre

Plan to Develop....

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remain, according to Alampay. He said they also intend to convert the rooftops of the said buildings into garden decks.

The representatives from SM, GSIS and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regional office were invited by the council to shed light on the issue in the light of pending proposals opposing any development in the subject area.

Alampay assured that everything will be subject to approval by the city council. He said they have submitted a letter of intent to the office of the mayor but Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said the city council has yet to receive a copy of said letter.

DENR-CAR representative Guillermo Fianza informed the body that the office has not received any application for tree cutting permit from the SM and assured that no application will be processed unless the same is endorsed by the city government.

The city council asked SM to submit copies of the joint venture agreement and other documents. The aldermen however asked Alampay to consider the following:

*that the area being eyed is classified as institutional and therefore cannot be built on;

*that there are questions as to the ownership of the subject lot with cases still pending before the courts;

*that there is an agreement between the GSIS and the city as to the purchase of the convention center;

*that if ever implemented, the project should address concerns on accessibility by the local populace and must answer the acute need for housing facilities in the city.

Three proposals are now pending before the city council calling for the preservation of the pine forest as such and opposing any plan to development the same into anything but a pine forest.

Councilor Richard Carino filed a resolution "opposing any plan to cut trees or construct a building by SM properties or any other persons over the lot situated between the Baguio Convention Center and Court of Appeals building."

Councilors Fred Bagbagen, Isabelo Cosalan Jr. and Elaine Sembrano's joint proposed resolution also opposed the "removal of the Pine Forest at the BCC grounds to allow construction of a commercial structure by private developers."

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, meanwhile, wants to request the GSIS to submit a letter of intent for whatever development it may undertake in area.

The aldermen said that removing the woodland would have great effect on the environment as apart from being one of the few remaining pinestands in the area, it supplies part of the water needs of the city. Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. in his media briefing assured that the city's interest will be considered before any development will be allowed in the area. He said the area should be preserved as such and that the proponents instead find other areas to develop./Aileen p. refuerzo

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Chief Superintendent Martin, and, if warranted, impose the fullest sanctions possible on them.

It is bad enough that so many of our colleagues have fallen in places much like Polig's kingdom. But to have police officers like Martin backing him up can only make it infinitely dangerous not only for journalists but for ordinary citizens. Continued inaction by the national government can only seal more death warrants not just for journalists but for press freedom.

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validate if these firms have been complying, the PEZA has conducted a survey of their employees.

Agyao said that at present there are 5,000 seats in the various call center firms operating in the city while the PEZA record showed a total of 2,7000 employed in said sector, 2,200 of whom employed in the Sitel company.

The 5,000 seats include those from newcomer People's Support.

Another firm, the PCH IT is set to come in to be situated along Bonifacio Road. The firm is now applying for registration with the PEZA and is seeking endorsement from the city council.

The body however deferred action on the request deciding to first consult with the city finance team on said matter./Aileen p. refuerzo

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ba ito Inspector Engelbert Soriano, hepe ng BCPO station 7? Kung totoo, bakit hinahanap o baka naman hinahanting?

Nagkamali pala ako kung ganon sa pag-aakalang pulis patulong itong mga bata ni Tsip Soriano, Gising na Gising at hinahanap ang aking impormante, Bakiit? Ano kaya sey ni Tsip Superintendent Moises Guevarra? Baka naman pwedeng sabihin niya sa mga tauhan niya na imbes hanapin nila ang aking bubwit eh ang mga mandurukot, holdapers, sakal boys at mga kriminal ang kanilang hanapin, di ba ser?

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GINAGAPANG kayang operyator nitong binguhan sa Otek St. Rizal Monument ang ating mga opisyal dahilan para hindi pa niya idimolis ang ipinatayong mga straktura sa pag-asang makakapagbukas uli ito, at kung nakapagbukas nga ito ibig lang sabihin na totoo ang mga "bulong" na mayron na naman "cashunduan" at swerte ang mga naunang "nahilot", madodoble ang kanilang kabig, he! he! he!

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SB member of hinterland Tineg town.

Abra police director Sr. Supt. Alexander Pumecha claimed that the councilor was sitting inside their rented boarding house's kitchen and reading some personal documents when the lone assassin sprung from nowhere at around 8:30 Monday night and pumped bullets from an M16 rifle into the official.

Four empty shells of 5.56 Armalite rifle at the murder scene, Senior Police Officer 1 Antonio Abendaño of the Bangued police station said. The assassin fled on foot.

The victim, who was declared dead-on-arrival at the Seares Hospital, also in Bangued, is a known political ally of Tineg town mayor Edwin Crisologo, one of the controversial political figures in Abra because he is an ally of former governor Vicente Valera.

Like Valera, Crisologo is being tagged by the police as one of those harboring goons and is linked to killings of supporters of his political foes.

Earlier on April 5, four civilians in Tineg town including a 13-year-old boy were killed in an ambush along the provincial road in sitio Dangpaoan, barangay Alaoa by supposed combined NPA rebels and goons. Their target was apparently councilor Rey Tandí, a known government counter-insurgency ally who was reportedly involved in the earlier ambush killing of a young NPA leader. He escaped unhurt.

"No Reconciliation In Abra?"

Fanning all the more the violence in the province are supposed vendetta "actions" versus former Gov. Valera, who lost in congressional race to former Lagayan mayor Cecille Luna in the May 2007 polls.

Armed-to-teeth men linked to Valera's political foes reportedly broke into several times already the now abandoned Bangued town "Emerald Hills mansion".

The latest - at around 11 o' clock on the morning of May 7, - 11 armed men reportedly carted away the backhoe of Valera, an incident belied by the Abra police command to have happened.

But according to lawyer Estelita Cordero, private counsel of the former governor who is embroiled in a series of ombudsman's cases and the murder of former Abra rep. Luis Bersamin on December 16, 2006, armed men without Valera's permission took away the heavy equipment from the mansion.

Actually, added Atty. Cordero, on April 17, armed men linked to a powerful politician in the province forcibly took several pieces of 6-inches and 8-inches GI pipes. Two days after, the same group reportedly took again several GI pipes "without Valera's permission".

The incidents were reported to the police by Cordero in behalf of Valera who together with his wife, former Bangued mayor Ma. Zita, have been living out in Abra after their defeat.

The Valeras ruled in Abra for more than 20 years.

"This is outright breakdown of law and order," Atty. Cordero blurted out, contrary to

the Cordillera police's insistence that violence in the province linked to warring politicians had died down.

After the killing of Atty. Pre and security guard, Cordillera police director Chief Supt. Eugene Martin insisted the incidents were not related and could not speak of the real situation in the province. He had maintained that there is relative peace there..

But Atty. Cordero, speaking in behalf of former gov. Valera questioned, "how come does armed men can do what they want in Abra now?"

Abra police director Sr. Supt. Alexander Pumecha who looked into the alleged "theft" and "robbery" in the former governor's mansion denied armed men could do such things like that there. "Police troops are around the area, so it is not possible."

The Abra police director also claimed that he had talked with Lagayan mayor Jentrix Luna, son of Abra Rep. Luna, an arch political enemy of Valera, but the mayor belied going to the mansion./Ace Alegre

Aftershocks....**.... from page 7**

crats are waging war on home schoolers.

But, the other good news is that science is catching up and beginning to expose the toxic effects of pornography. Numerous studies now show that exposure to porn results in attitudinal change, behavioral change, and even alterations in brain structure.

Dr. Judith Reisman coined the term cerototoxins to describe the brain chemicals unleashed by viewing pornography. In grown men, they create a pattern in the brain conducive to ever-increasing urges to seek pleasure through more exposure. In children, they create a profoundly dangerous primary pathway to addiction.

The nature of addiction any addiction is really not that complicated, especially when you factor in morality.

Human beings are prone to sin, that is, to misuse our God-given bodies and brains to pursue pleasure at the expense of family, community and ultimately of our relationship with God.

As psychiatrist Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, who now teaches at Princeton, notes, the brain is quite vulnerable to accommodating addictions. Heres what happens. A person looks at pornography and experiences excitement through the excretion of chemicals such as adrenaline and pleasure through the excretion of dopamine. This is followed by guilt, since God's laws are written in every human heart. To push the guilt away, the person indulges in the activity once more, with the brain making it easier and easier to access, but harder and harder to please. It takes more and more of a chemical boost to reach pleasure. Thus the addiction requires harder and harder materials or activities, whether it is alcohol, homosexuality or pornography.

Satinover notes that the Talmud says,

Sin begins as thin as a spiders web, but soon becomes a thick cord that binds. Its a perfect description of the power of addiction.

To reverse this destructive trend toward societal porn addiction, the demise of family life and the inevitable rise of opportunistic government experts to pick up the pieces, we must expose the porn industry for what it is, to shame the corporations that are trading in it, and to educate the media as to the new science..

As dark as things now appear, there is hope on the horizon. This very gathering is proof that people are fighting back and arming themselves with the facts.

And we must remind ourselves, often, that what is good and perfect and true is uniquely powerful because it comes from an unimpeachable source Who will not be moved nor mocked forever. And Who loves us beyond measure.

As no less than Jesus Christ Himself said, You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Thank you. ***

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PR people claim "Winston Garcia has been God's gift to government employees", notes Inquirer's Solita Collas Monsod. "It's a totally different story of misuse of government funds, abuse of authority, favoritism and incompetence revealed by award-winning auditor Leonor Boado.

Durham was a decade ago. But "the kind and extent of support that a legitimate whistleblower should be able to expect remains unclear," says the Asian Institute of Management study: "Whistleblowing in the Philippines: Awareness, Attitudes and Structures." The country needs "an explicit policy that will govern whistle-blowing."

The country's medium-term development plan urges "enactment of a whistle-blower law." Lacson filed Senate Bill 2040 to provide incentives and shields for whistleblowers. And here's one of this country's ironies: Given the Dacer and Kuratong Baleleng murders, Lacson was a target for whistle blowing. Now, he postures as author for whistleblower legislation. It blows the mind.

Only with protection from reprisals will citizens step forward to unmask crooks. Thus, Philippine Jesuits and the Ombudsman prepared "Aha". This is a 76-page primer on whistle-blowing. When Filipinos stumble across wrongdoing, they blurt out "Aha", then Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo said.

Based on 263 interviews, the primer pinpoint six roles: tipsters, squealers, witnesses, complainants and watchdogs. "But not all whistleblowers can be trusted," warns research leader Fr. Albert Alejo, SJ. The one denouncing must "put public interest above selfish motives."

"Every failure to recover proceeds of corruption feeds it's growth," the Durham statement warns. "Corruption bears with special cruelty on the poor," the Durham statement said. "It destroys confidence in democracy and the legitimacy of government."/J.L.Mercado

CAR prepares for Arabica Coffee development program

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — Aiming to become Arabica capital of the Philippines, the Cordillera Regional Arabica Coffee Council (CRACC) in coordination with the Department of Agriculture (DA-CAR), the Benguet State University (BSU) and other private and government stakeholders conducted a presentation workshop for the development program of the Arabica coffee industry in the Cordillera Region.

Presidential Assistant Thomas Killip, who oversees the program, said cultivation of the Arabica coffee is favorable with the region's temperate climate, high altitude, rich soil conditions and indigenous knowledge systems.

However, Killip claimed that despite its potential, the product remains secondary crop which are produced and traded in negligible quantities due to the lack of understanding and appreciation of the real value and potentials of the Arabica coffee.

He said developing the Arabica coffee industry will provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to 60% of the region's agricultural farmers while promoting organic farming, environmental protection and biodiversity enhancement by empowering various stakeholders to be globally competitive but culturally

grounded.

Killip explained the program covers a six-year period towards the establishment of the Cordillera Institute for Arabica Coffee that would provide sustainable and self-reliant program for the industry in the region.

The first phase of the project from 2009 to 2011 aims to increase the Arabica production by 300%. This also includes the promotion and to market quality Arabica Coffee, to develop Arabica coffee based enterprises at various level and to set up an Arabica coffee center, formalize the organizational structure, institutionalize policies and standards governing the industry.

The second phase of the project from 2012-2015 will be the establishment of the region as Arabica Capital of the country by increasing production to sustain domestic supply while capturing sizeable percentage of the export market. Promote and market premium quality Arabica coffee to the world. Increase local industry and tourism potentials through coffee festivals and to establish a Cordillera Institute for Arabica Coffee.

He further explained, the attainment of the program objectives could be achieved through seven components

that include organic coffee production; quality coffee processing; enterprise and marketing development; organizational development; capacity building and training; information-education-communication (IEC) and the research, documentation and data banking on the progress of the industry.

Under the organic coffee production component, this starts from the rehabilitation and rejuvenation of existing Arabica plantation followed by the propagation of certified seedling through establishment of nurseries. This will also involve establishment of a clonal gardens and techno demonstration farms to improve the variety of the coffee. Review and resolution of land use conflicts and tenurial rights for the expansion of production areas.

The formation of Coffee Councils at various levels is a mechanism uniting all the various stakeholders of the industry in the region as well as the formation of the Federation of the Arabica Growers that will

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BAGUIO CITY -- The legendary Zuma is in Baguio? No, a just mere snake fanatic displaying his elaborately colored 9-month old Burmese python as he rides his bicycle around town as if taunting that man's best friend has become the snake and not anymore the dog. --Artemio A. Dumlaog

ensure the voice and representation in the councils. This would likewise provide structure to enforce policies and standards among coffee growers. Killip said.

At present, the region has a total of 14,417 coffee growers with a total of 2,147.77 hectares of land planted with Arabica coffee. In 2007, the growers harvested a total of

1,675.23 tons.

Mt. Province has the highest production with 876.80 MT with 1,096.4 hectares of plantation that is being maintained by 1,818 growers while Benguet has a total of 562.86 MT with an area of 642.49 hectares and 10,733 growers.

Ifugao harvested a total of

MT in an area of 287 hectares and a total of 1,467 growers while Kalinga has 85.07 M from an area of 105 hectare plantation managed by 359 coffee growers. The province of Abra has only 7 MT of coffee beans harvested from a 13.75 hectares of plantation with only 40 coffee growers while Apayao has no report on its coffee production./fm/PIA-CAR

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