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Pahayagang palaban!!! **Public warned not to transact** **with erring lot developers**



WASH UP - A market vendor joins hand with city hall workers during a clearing and cleaning operation along the Fruit and Vegetable section gutted by fire last week./By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – The city government warned the public anew against transacting with real estate developers, contractors and subdivision owners that have deficiencies in documentary requirements of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB).

“There is a need to warn and discourage would-be real estate buyers from transacting with these violators to avoid future housing or subdivision-related problems legal or otherwise (apart from) the possibility of putting the lives and properties of clients in danger,” the city council said in an approved resolution authored by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr.

“The proliferation of subdivision developers (and the like) circumventing or outrightly ignoring the law had caused a myriad of urban problems due to unsound urban planning, such as housing subdivisions with substandard roads and alleys, inadequate public facilities, non-delivery of title to buyers and other problems as a result of poor planning,” the resolution read.

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Mercy's day as Ombudsman are numbered

Opposition Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero on Wednesday said the days of Merceditas Gutierrez as Ombudsman are numbered as she is only serving the unexpired term of her predecessor, Simeon Marcelo.

"By my calculation, Ombudsman Gutierrez's term as head of the anti-graft body ends this October. She has only seven months left as she only serves the unexpired term of her predecessor," Escudero said in a

statement. The senator, a member of the Judicial Bar Council, pointed out Marcelo was appointed Ombudsman in October 2002 and resigned in November 2005, when Gutierrez was then named as his replacement.

"Marcelo served as Ombudsman for over three years and Gutierrez's tenure is now nearing four. Under the Constitution, the Ombudsman and his or her deputies shall only serve for seven years without the benefit of reappointment in the same position," Escudero

said. He explained that Gutierrez is not entitled to a full term of seven years, citing a Supreme Court ruling in 1955. Escudero said that in the case of Republic v. Imperial, the Court ruled that: "When the Constitution fixes the duration of a term of office, and at the same time provides for its being filled at a fixed time occurring periodically, it necessarily follows that, a casual vacancy occurring during such term of office, necessity must arise for filling it for the unexpired term; and also

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Put torturers away for life

Senator Chiz Escudero on Thursday said torturers must be put away for life as he pushed anew for the passage of an anti-torture bill pending in Congress in the light of the brutal killing of the daughter of a communist rebel leader in southern Mindanao.

"Torture and other cruel and inhuman acts have no place in a civilized society. I call on my colleagues in both houses of Congress to once and for all criminalize and

penalize these acts," Escudero said in a statement.

"The immediate passage of this bill becomes more urgent with the brutal killing of Rebelyn Pitao. We have to act now for torturers have, for so long, acted with impunity," he said.

Escudero, chair of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights, said the consolidated anti-torture bill he authored along with Senators Jinggoy Estrada, Miriam Defensor-

Santiago, Juan Ponce Enrile and Rodolfo Biazon had already been approved in his committee and is now in the period of interpellation in the Senate floor.

Under Committee Report No. 28, torture that leads to the loss of life and the commission of sexual abuse, as in the case of Pitao, and those committed against children are punishable by reclusion perpetua or life imprisonment.

Other penalties range from a minimum of 6 months to a maxi-

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RP has greatest percentage of women in senior management positions in the world

Here is good news for Filipino women on women's month: The Philippines — which is headed by a woman President — holds the world record in the greatest percentage of women in senior management positions.

"The greatest percentage of women in senior management is in the Philippines where women hold 47% of senior po-

sitions," said the Thornton International Business Report (IBR) 2009.

"They (Filipino women) are followed by Russia (42%) and Thailand (38%)," added the Thornton IBR which interviewed senior executives of Philippine private firms and cited figures from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) showing that women "have steadily outnum-

bered men in executive positions."

"In 2002, the ratio was 1.86 million females to 1.4 males in supervisory and executive positions. In 2006, the ratio was 2.257 million women managers to 1.629 million men."

"By 2007, there were 2.281 million female managers to 1.677 million males," it added. The Filipino women's breaking the proverbial "glass ceiling" for women in manage-

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Mayor creates team to negotiate with uniwide on market dev't

BAGUIOCITY — Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. last week created a team to negotiate with Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation (Uniwide) on the development of the city public market.

The team will be chaired by the mayor himself with the following as members: Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, Councilors Richard Carino who

heads the council committee Aon laws, Elaine Sembrano, chair of committee on market and Antonio Tabora Jr., committee on public works, city treasurer Thelma Manaois, city administrator Peter Fianza, legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes and secretary to the mayor Ronald Perez.

The group will

meet soon to establish possible talking points with Uniwide and later to hold talks with the firm which was awarded the market development project way back in 1995. The project which did not materialize due to the court case filed by vendors groups.

The need for the development of the city market was emphasized anew following the fire that gutted a section of the trading

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Everybody may soon be compelled to do waste segregation

Malacanang will be issuing an order to require households and business establishments to segregate their garbage.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has tasked Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Lito Atienza to draft the order after visiting a materials recovery facility in Pasig City.

The President made rounds last week to find out the rate of compliance of government offices to her directive to reduce wastes by fifty percent.

She also visited the Philippine Navy in the afternoon where she led the renaming of the Presidential Yacht from BRP Ang Pangulo to BRP PAGASA and heard the Navy officers' report on their

compliance with her instructions on waste reduction.

The President assumed the chairmanship of the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change (PTFCC) under Executive Order 774.

Friday has been designated as Climate Change Day where the President spends five hours on environmental concerns.

At the International Women's Day Celebration at the Palace, the President underscored the importance of solid waste management to address global warming.

Like coal and fossil fuels, she explained, methane gas emissions from garbage contribute

heavily in warming the world.

President said the Philippines may have less than one percent contribution in global warming but once it kicks off, the country will be among the firsts to suffer its effects.

"We are not climate maker but we are a climate taker, it is in our interest to make sure that global warming is arrested," said the President.

She also lauded the efforts of women's groups such as Linis Ganda of Narda Camacho that have been recycling materials from garbage since the 1980s.

Recycling, the President said, is one important program of government against the global warming./PIA

Dad calls for banning of liquor, cigar, gambling in public places during festivals

BAGUIO CITY – The city government should ban the promotion, serving or selling of liquor and cigarette alongside the conduct of gambling activities in public places designated for the celebration of festivals and similar activities. Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. made this pitch in a proposed ordinance.

"Festivals are supposed to promote the indigenous culture, products and eco-tourism sites of the city and neighboring Cordillera provinces distinct and unique from other places," Cosalan said.

He noted that during festivals, fiestas, carnivals or other similar public celebrations, the city is often requested to allow the use of roads, alleys, parks, open grounds and other government facilities or buildings as venues.

He said that to adhere to the true

purpose of these celebrations and to safeguard the city's reputation as a city of character, the city should "prohibit the conduct of promotion, serving or selling of liquor or any alcoholic beverage, cigar and cigarette, including gambling,

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Student welfare body created

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. last week created the Council for Student Welfare (CSW) to take charge of implementing programs for the advancement of growth of students in the city.

In Administrative Order No. 40, the mayor also established the student welfare desk to be operated by the Public Employment Services Office (PESO). The desk will be tasked to receive complaints from the students

and act in solving the concerns.

The mayor will serve as chairperson of the council with Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas as vice chairman. Councilor Fred Bagbagen, chair of the council committee on education, culture and historical research, will serve as action officer with executive assistant Juvy Ballug as student welfare officer and secretary.

Named members are Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda and Gloria Ysabel De Vera, Commission on

Higher Education (CHED) Cordillera officer-in-charge Freddie Bernal, schools division superintendent Dr. Ellen Donato, city health officer Dr. Florence Reyes, representatives from the colleges and universities, high schools and elementary schools.

The mayor said this is in compliance with Ordinance No. 53 series of 2009 on the protection and enhancement of student welfare. Cont. on page 10

Kalinga woman entrepreneur earns from her coffee product

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – "One has to go through great sacrifices and labor pains before reaping the fruits of hard work."

This is the working principle of one successful woman-entrepreneur from this city who started to earn as a young girl and is now an enterprising woman managing a commercial enterprise that popularized Kalinga's own marked product.

Assertive, frank and with a ready smile, Antusa Wanason Refalda

(Tosa to her friends) is one among hundreds of hard working women who started business from small capital and more of her sweat and patience. She is the woman-farmer-entrepreneur behind the Kalinga Brew, roasted ground native coffee known for its distinct flavor and wonderful aroma.

Due to sheer determination and busi-

ness acumen, Antusa was able to build up her capital. In 1985, she started dealing directly with the town's coffee traders. The added bonus was that, Antusa was entrusted with money for buying coffee in the barangay. If funds run out before delivery of the stocks, she could write the trader to send more money. Thus, Antusa was

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Strange Virus

Are we, Filipinos, afflicted by a strange virus? Do we have "amnesia and déjà vu at the same time"? Look at how today's scandals blot out yesterday's scams.

Current headlines zero in on Celso de los Angeles and plunder of Legacy funds. The theft, in Legacy banks and companies, is staggering, even by this jaded town's standards. Victims are mostly low-income folk: retired school teachers, self-employed workers, etc. They deserve expose of this sleaze.

But intense Legcay coverage had unintended results: It smudges equally-shocking holdups, like the World Bank's documented reports on rigged bids for road construction. "Al que no le miran, le olvidan," my grandmother used to say. "Out of sight, out of mind."

A spineless Ombudsman and white-washing congressmen saw to it that World Bank bid crooks were not nailed. As in Jose Pidal's bank

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accounts, the First Gentleman was insulated from answering tough questions. Presidential immunity, in this country, has a reach beyond letter of the law.

Thus, all the road thieves, plus their official "godfathers", cheekily remain in business. "The past is never dead," William Faulkner once said. "It is not even past."

Tell that to former Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn Bolante. The Senate Blue Ribbon Committee reported "Joc-Joc" and coterie of runners plundered P728 million worth of fertilizer funds.

Did Bolante and runners blush? Why should they? Joseph Estrada didn't blink when he signed as "Jose Velarde" Example remains the best teacher. And if anything, "Joc Joc is a quick learner. Now he may run for Capiz governor, come 2010. "One is never so dangerous than one who has grown too old to blush," warned Marquis de Sade.

Some 193 officials dipped into fertilizer loot. Gleeefully, they've back-peddled as this scam slipped into the inside pages. But they leave a worrisome question: Is stealing citizens blind now a qualification for public office?

These are the more recent examples of felony. They're fading rapidly into collective forgetfulness. This lack of recall vests criminals with impunity. Many keep the loot, prosper, only to rob again tomorrow. Indeed, "we live in a world where amnesia is the most wished for state."

You doubt that? Run down an even abbreviated check list of past scams. Whatever happened, for example, to the P532 million overprice for the Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard? No one went to jail. That turned into a dry-run for raids on World Bank road construction projects.

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OK. So, military rouges did it. But why do they disdain the Commander-in-Chief's diktats? Is it because her words don't square with her deeds? She coddles, for example, former Gen. Jovito Palaparan. The man ran this country's "dirty war" ala Pinochet.

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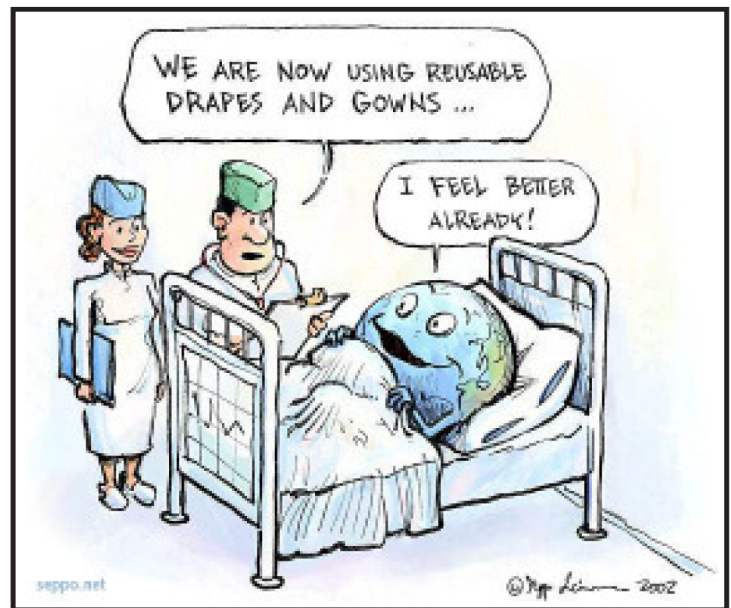
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BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Nagbanta ang bansang north korea na magkakagiera kapag tinambangan ang kanilang ipapaalinalang na "satellite"...nakupoo huwag naman sana, ayokong maranasan ang naranasan ng aking lolo at lola!!

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Sec commissioner Jesus Martinez, malas o swerte? Malas, kasi ilang araw bago siya magretiro ay isinangkot siya sa kontrobersiyal na legacy ng dalawang dating ehekutibo ng huli. Swerte, kasi pinagbabakasyon lang siya ng Malakanyang, at lalo pa siyang susuwertihin kapag ang bakasyon nya ay may bayad. Bah, ikaw na ang binigyan ng lupa at bahay, pati daw kotse may milyong patong pa, oh di ba engrandeng bakasyon si Apo "kumisyuner"?

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Bukod kay Cesar Mancao, lumantad na rin si mang "Berong" Berroya para kumanta sa nalalaman nya hinggil sa "Dacer-Orbito Double Murder Case"... Tuturuan kaya sila ni Apo Gonzales ng tamang tono para lumabas na maganda ang "kantahan"? mahirap na kasing maging sintunado ang kanta at baka marindi sina Apo Senador Lacson at dating Pangulong Erap... at sino kaya kina Mancao at Berroya ang mas magaling kumanta?... at sino kaya ang mabibigyan ng "Bonus" mula sa palasyo?... at san kaya manggagaling ang mga "Bayong" na isasaklob sa kanilang ulo?... sigurado ko hindi sa mga Hapon kundi sa mga gorilyang, este mga gerilyang sipsip at taksil sa bayan!

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Nagkakaroon naman ng "iringan" ngayon ang Commission of Human Rights at ang Public Attorneys Office hinggil sa imbestigasyon sa nangyaring engkwentro sa pagitan ng mga pulisya at mga pinaghihinalang "Carjacks"... idinedepensa kasi ng PAO ang mga pulis samantalang hindi naniniwala ang mga CHR sa mga isinumiteng awtopsiya at imbestigasyon ng S.O.C.O ibig kayang sabihin nito, na ang PAO ay hindi na Public Attorneys Office, kundi Police Attorneys Office ang swerte naman ng mga mamang pulis??

Hindi ko kalaban ang mga pulis, katunayan marami akong kaibigan sa kanila dati rin naman akong kasapi dito.. maliban nga lamang sa dalawang "Bugok" na dating Pulis sa Compac4 ng Siyete, na namersonal ng husto sa inyong lingkod. Arogante at mayabang ang 2 pulis na ito kasi may baril at De-Tsapa. Alisin nila at humarap sa akin kundi magmukhang pinukpok na "Bisukol" ang mga "Gunggong"! Pustahan!

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Sumisigaw ng hustisya ang mga kaanak at kaibigan ng pinaslang na Empleyado ng Assessors Office sa Baguio City Hall.

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Looking for President Right

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



This year is jockeying for presidency year. News says that the leading contenders for the Philippine presidency include Noli De Castro, Francis Escudero, and Manuel Villar. Of course, dark horses led by Mar Roxas, Panfilo Lacson, Bayani Fernando, and Lloren Legarda can easily come into the political picture.

This will be a battle of network, legwork, machinery, funds, and platform.

Hopefully, the winner of the election will not have a dubious background. Further, the president-elect of 2010 must not have a record or image of involvement in graft, drugs, extra-judicial murder, and gambling syndicates.

For national unity, it is important that the president-elect enjoys a fairly large political following. However, as in the nation's experience under former President Fidel Ramos, the new president-elect can use political and managerial experience to compensate his or her lack of a political base.

Largely, except if Joseph Estrada or Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo re-run for president, the top contenders for president do have a relatively pleasant image. All of them are roughly Mr or Mrs clean. All, except for one or two, do not have an extremely contentious background.

Admittedly, networks and popularity will determine the outcome of the elections. Big business and foreign stakeholders will probably be largely indifferent on who will win because the candidates who are likely to win are basically pro-business and also pro-foreign business anyway.

Most likely, even the Philippine left will probably not keen on who will win the presidency because the political and economic platforms of the candidates are not really different. Of course, the Philippine Left MAY still choose to support one presidential candidate but they will probably focus on reaching the grassroots.

Further, the Philippine Left has the option of not supporting any presidential candidate but only local ones. They have nothing much to win or lose anyway by supporting any of the presidential candidates.

Instead, the Philippine Left may concentrate on the local by establishing alliances focused on the local elections. Of course, they will also strongly support their party list parties.

So what?

I say we follow the probable indifference of the big business groups and the Philippine Left and focus instead on voter education. We clarify the issues involved both at the national and local levels. We give voters the freedom to choose their presidential candidates and suggest a set of criteria they can use in choosing both their president and officials at the local levels.

Of course, as citizens, we have to make a decision, especially at the local level. I say we do this after a discussion of platforms and issues involved at the national and local levels. We make a stand after a period of discussion.

After the elections, we convert ourselves to become critics of all government officials, including those that we have supported. In some cases, critical collaboration can be appropriate.

However, the proper function of the press really is to serve both as critic and mirror of society. It is not the proper role of the press to be a collaborator of any politician. Leaders come and go and cease to be relevant. Both a mirror and a critic are needed for society to see when leaders cease to be relevant.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Msgr. Olaguer's attack vs. Danding Cojuangco: most unfair

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



FORMER ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS TURN ANGELS:

Angels do come in various forms, and, for the Alyansa ng Mananampalataya (or the Alliance of Believers), two of them came in the form of Rotary Leader Presidents Sonny Japay and Johnson Tan, in time for its launching on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

Responding to the Alyansa's calls for Bible donors to be distributed to members who will be at the Mabini Hall of the Quezon Memorial Circle in Diliman, Quezon City on March 15, Sonny and Johnson promised to donate 100 Bibles each. That's a total of 200 Bibles, of course.

When I asked them what prompted them to donate, Sonny and Johnson, though they spoke to me separately, nevertheless gave a uniform answer: they wanted to be a part of a movement that will push the preaching of the Word of God among Filipinos.

Sonny and Johnson, who served as presidents of the Rotary Club of Manila Maynilad Seafront and Rotary Club of Jose Abad Santos, both under District 3810 of Rotary International for Rotary Year 2006-2007, told me they share my belief that the reason why the Philippines and its people are undergoing sufferings and difficulties now is the fact that many of us no longer know and thus do not anymore follow God's commands, laws and decrees.

"Giving Bibles to our countrymen, on their promise that they will read and study God's laws, and later make what they read as the basis of their thoughts, words and actions can bring back God's blessings to us," the two said.

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NEW TEACHING FROM MSGR. OLAGUER? This is not in defense of Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, but I am really appalled at the media attack which Muntinlupa Penitentiary Chaplain Msgr. Robert Olaguer carried out against the businessman in connection with accusations that Cojuangco masterminded the 1983 killing of his brother-in-law, former Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr.

Not that the Aquino family, led by Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III and media personality Kris Aquino Yap, already ruled out Cojuangco's involvement in the killing.

What is highly atrocious to me is the fact that a man of the cloth like Msgr. Olaguer could dare blabber serious accusations against someone, and purvey those accusations publicly as if they were the truth, without offering any proof at all and in a forum where the person being accused could not even respond.

What is this, a new teaching? Destroy your fellow human being even without evidence, and disregard his Constitutional right to due process even?

If it is true that Msgr. Olaguer had been convinced, since 1990 yet when he became the spiritual adviser of the soldiers who were convicted of killing the late senator, that it was Cojuangco who masterminded the dastardly deed, why did he not do something even then so that the matter could have been brought to court and thoroughly investigated?

I can understand Olaguer's concern for the soldiers who were guided by him spiritually while they were in prison, but would that concern be a sufficient license to spread rumors and innuendos on a matter as serious as murder and involving someone like Danding Cojuangco?

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AMAN OF GOD MUST BE INSTALLED IN MALACANANG
BY 2010: Gov. Ed Panlilio of Pampanga and Jesus Is Lord Bishop Eddie Villanueva are fast becoming the front-running

Cont. on page 7

CORDI NAWI

THE SCRIPTURES A SAFEGUARD
(Fourth of 5 Parts)

BY: EMILIO M. LIWANEN (GUEST COLUMNIST)



The truths most plainly revealed in the Bible have been involved in doubt and darkness by learned men, who, with a pretense of great wisdom, teach that the Scriptures have a mystical, a secret, spiritual meaning not apparent in the language employed. These men are false teachers. It was to such a class that Jesus declared: "Ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God." Mark 12:24. The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed. Christ has given the promise: "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17. If men would but take the Bible as it reads, if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse their minds, a work would be accomplished that would make angels glad and that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error.

We should exert all the powers of the mind in the study of the Scriptures and should task the understanding to comprehend, as far as mortals can, the deep things of God; yet we must not forget that the docility and submission of a child is the true spirit of the learner. Scriptural difficulties can never be mastered by the same methods that are employed in grappling with philosophical problems. We should not engage in the study of the Bible with that self-reliance with which so many enter the domains of science, but with a prayerful dependence upon God and a sincere desire to learn His will. We must come with a humble and teachable spirit to obtain knowledge from the great I AM. Otherwise, evil angels will so blind our minds and harden our hearts that we shall not be impressed by the truth.

Many a portion of Scripture which learned men pronounce a mystery, or pass over as unimportant, is full of comfort and instruction to him who has been taught in the school of Christ. One reason why many theologians have no clearer understanding of God's word is, they close their eyes to truths which they do not wish to practice. As understanding of Bible truth depends not so much on the power of intellect brought to the search as on the singleness of purpose, the earnest longing after righteousness.

The Bible should never be studied without prayer. The Holy Spirit alone can cause us to feel the importance of those things easy to be understood, or prevent us from wresting truths difficult of comprehension. It is the office of heavenly angels to prepare the heart so to comprehend God's word that we shall be charmed with its beauty, admonished by its warnings, or animated and strengthened by its promises. We should make the psalmist's petition our own: "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." Psalm 119:18. Temptations often appear irresistible because, through neglect of prayer and the study of the Bible, the tempted one cannot readily remember God's promises and meet Satan with the Scripture weapons. But angels are round about those who are willing to be taught in divine things; and in the time of great necessity they will bring to their remembrance the very truths which are needed. Thus "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19.

Jesus promised His disciples: "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26. But the teachings of Christ must previously have been stored in the mind in order for the Spirit of God to bring them to our remembrance in the time of peril. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart," said David, "that I might not sin against Thee." Psalm 119:11.

to be continued...

Blood, tears & victory for Team Lakay in URCC Highland rumble

It was blood, sweat, tears and victory for Team Lakay that flooded the Baguio Convention Center for the first ever Universal Reality Combat Challenge (URCC) held in the city. Dubbed as "Rumble in the Highlands", the matches featured URCC debutants and former URCC champions from different regions in the country. It was notable however that majority of the URCC competitors are from the Cordillera region.

Team Lakay, the country's major representative in international URCC matches, is almost completely composed of Cordilleran fighters.

It seems there's a new game craze in town as hundreds of screaming fans, enthusiasts, sponsors and curious on-lookers jam-packed the venue last Saturday, March 7, 2009 even with tickets selling at

P200.00 for General Admission and P500.00 for ringside viewers. Team Lakay's throngs of fans chanted "Lakay! Lakay!" as all their representatives went on a winning streak sending their competitors home without a single trophy in hand.

The matches sanctioned by the country's Games and Amusement Board commenced with Crisanto Pitpitungi from Kapangan, Benguet and representing Team Lakay, winning the team's first medal after a triumph by "Referee Stoppage" against fellow Cordilleran Loyd Faruden of Contender Gym.

The Bantamweight Division went to Mike Tabamo of Manila defeating Michael Rubio also of the manila-based Hybrid Yawyan team while Baguio's Ryan Tablac

scored Team Lakay's 2nd medal in the Flyweight Division against Batangas' Harold Bucayo in a match that lasted for less than three minutes.

In a dramatic "Doctor's Stoppage" match in the Pinweight Division, Reggie Amarante defeated Augusto Juarez of Manila. Remsen Alangab went home with Team Lakay's 3rd medal against co-Cordilleran June Benito of Benguet in the Flyweight Division and Felix Sangiao with the 4th medal in the Bantamweight Division against Challenger Team's Charles "El Tigre" de Thomas.

Erwin Focad and Edward "The Rock" Kelly, both of Team Lakay, ruled the 2nd Bantamweight Division and Lightweight Division respectively.

The highly-anticipated match between George "Pretty Team Lakay" and Erineo "Tata" Cont. on page 7

BIR Kicks-off Tax Payment Campaign in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY – The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) kicks-off its tax payment campaign Thursday, March 12, through a motorcade around the city and with the playing of the Baguio City National High School Marching Bands, in front of the regional office along Leonard Wood, signaling the

start of the of the income tax return filing season in Cordillera.

In an interview, BIR Cordillera director Norberto Vitug appeals to all taxpayers, to pay the right amount of taxes, as the country needs everyone's help, especially, this year as we are facing a global economic recession.

According to Vitug, the taxes we pay would be a very big help for the country, in coping with the recession, because this will translate to funds, for the government's economic resiliency programs and on creation of jobs.

As for BIR-CAR's target, goal is initially set at P3.5 billion which is 15% higher Cont. on page 7

Diretsahan..**.... from page 4**

Si Jordan Katigbak ay pinatay sa bugbog habang palabas ng Videoke bar sa may Otek St., lungsod ng Baguio. Selos ang pinapaniwalaang dahilan samantalang nakakulong na sa piitan ang pumatay. Dapat pagtuunan ngayon ng pansin ang mga patuloy na karahasang nangyayari sa may Otek at Cariò St. kung hindi pa kikilos ang mga opisyal local, barangay at pulisya, malamang na masusundan pa ang mga walang kakwenta kwentang patayan katulad sa nangyaring pagpaslang kay ginoong Jordan Katigbak! Atensyon meyor Reynaldo Bautista Jr., Counsilor Nicasio Aliping Tsip BCPO Wilfredo Franco at Kapten Sabado, ano po ang sey nyu mga Apo? Aksunan nyu naman!

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Hanep at sino o sino sino kaya ang nasa likod sa mistulang demolisyon laban sa dalawang Non-Government Organization Volunteers na nagbabantay at nangangalaga ngayon sa napabayaang lote na balak pagtayaran ng Condotel sa tabi mismo ng Convention Center at harap ng U.P. Baguio at Korte Suprema.

Inaakusa ang Soroptomist International of Pines City (SIPC) at Guardians sa pamumutol ng mga buhay na punong kahoy sa naturang lugar. Lumabas pa nga ito sa isang lokal na pahayagan kung saan kapansin pansin ang tuwirang pag-akusa ng hindi man lamang binigyan ng pagkakataong ibigay ang kanilang panig.

Dahil sa isyung ito ay napilitan akong personal na bisitahin at siyasatin ang naturan at sa aking opinion walang basehan ang mga akusasyon. Katunayan ang mga sinasabi nilang pinutol na kahoy ay matagal nang patay at ang iba ay natumba na bunsod sa dahilang pangkalikasan. Dapat pa ngang magpasalamat ang lungsod dahil malinis na ang lugar na dating pinamumugaran ng masasamang elemento katulad ng mga mandurukot, isnatser, hold-aper,etsetara., at naiwasan na ring gamitin ito para pagparausan ng mga taong walang pambayad sa otel.

Kung matatandaan, ay plano sanang pagtayaran ang lugar na ito ng isang Condotel pero dahil sa pagiingay ng iba't ibang sektor, kabilan na ang kolumnistang ito ay pinalamig muna ang planong ito ng S.M at GSIS

Hindi ko sinasabi na may kaugnayan ang nangyayaring demolisyon sa naturang plano at hindi ko rin sinasabi na ang mga plano ay siya ring nagpakana pero may kasabihan, na kung saan ang usok, andoon ang apoy. Ano man ang pagtatakip sa amoy, sisingaw at sisingaw din at iyan mga suki ang ating aalamin kung meron nga bang misteryo sa isyung ito! He! He! Meron kayang maalisan ng maskara? Abangan!

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Sa wakas ay nagkaisang naglahad ng kanilang posisyon ang mga opisyaes ng Baguio laban sa hueteng, illegal na sugal casino. Palakpakan! Tignan nga natin mga suki kung tunay ang kanilang ginawang posisyon o resolusyon. Baka naman kasi hanggang sa papel lang ito at pampapogi lang sa publiko. Sige, Umpisahan na!.. para maniwala ako!!

Batas.....**..... from page 5**

presidential candidates among Catholic and Christian believers of this country for the 2010 elections.

While I was at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City last Saturday, I chanced upon two groups which were furiously discussing how to entice Panlilio and Villanueva to seek the presidency in 2010, and ride on the increasing disenchantment of Catholics and Born Again Christians with the present crop of political leaders and their style of leadership and governance which is now perceived to be unresponsive to the times.

This is of course nice, but if Among Ed and Brother Eddie would decide to be "enticed" to run, and Brother Mike Velarde of the equally-numerous El Shaddai Movement will also be convinced by his supporters to join the fray likewise, it is going to be a disaster for them and their groups, because that would divide the vote of the faithful and the believers.

Anyone wishing to install a "man of God" in Malacanang in 2010 must therefore see to it that only one candidate coming from these three groups—the Catholics, the Born Again Christians and the El Shaddai Movement—will be fielded.

Otherwise, the politicians who have no instruction in the Word of God and who are even now salivating to take over the presidency will again prevail, to the detriment. The year 2010 is, to me, the last chance of believers and spiritually-inclined to make their move so that God's "anointed one", the one whose mouth speaks Biblical verses and who thinks, talks and acts on the basis of God's commands, laws and decrees, be installed.

If someone else other than a man of God is elected, the destruction and peril promised by God Himself to a nation who has turned their backs on Him will now come to us in full measure.

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REMINDERS: Please watch Atty. Batas Mauricio give free legal advice at the Internet, through "YouTube", "metacafe" and "iGoogle", and listen to his radio programs: **DZRB RADYO NG BAYAN 738 khz.** in Luzon, Mondays to Fridays, at 5:30 in the morning (simulcast worldwide at www.pbs.gov.ph); **DZRM RADYO MAGASIN, 1278 Khz.** also in Luzon, Mondays to Fridays, 6:45 in the morning (also simulcast worldwide at www.pbs.gov.ph); **DYKA 801 khz.** in San Jose, Antique (simulcast over www.wowantique.com, o www.kiniray-a.com), Mondays to Fridays, at 10 in the morning; and **DYMS Aksiyon Radyo** in Catbalogan City, Samar (simulcast at www.samarnews.com), Mondays to Fridays, at 11 in the morning.

Blood, tears.....**..... from page 6**

Galendez of Batangas in the Pinweight Division did not fail to excite viewers as Erineo's win by "Technical Knock Out" came as a surprise because of Galendez's coming on strong in the early stages of the fight.

The main bout between Team Lakay's Mark "D Machine" Sangiao, a South East Asian Games Gold Medalist for the sport Wushu and Reysaldo "D Hurricane" Bagtian, also a Martial Arts medallist, failed to thrill spectators as Sangiao easily grabbed the medal with a less than 4-minute match ending the rumble at 10PM.

URCC, a mixed Martial Arts sport and founded in the Philippines by Martial Arts veteran athlete Alvin Aguilar is the Philippine version of the international Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) sport matches now predominating in the United States and in other major countries in the world.

Competitors are professional martial arts athletes. The city will expect more of these matches to be held here as many of these martial arts athletes and medallists hail from the Cordillera region, Aguilar says. "Bakbakan Na!" it is.—Grace Bandoy

BIR kicks.....**..... from page 6**

from their 2008 goal. Vitug said they will have their usual campaign for registration of businesses, tax-mapping and bench marking. Accdg to Vitug, their registration campaign is doing well this first quarter of 2009 as they already had an increase in revenue of almost P1 million, from their La Trinidad/Benguet Revenue District Office (RDO9) alone.

For the BIR's "Oplan Kandado", a program against taxpayers who are evading or omitting payment of correct taxes, Vitug said they are now conducting covert operations, which is the initial phase of the program, and that they have already submitted some names of establishment to BIR commissioner Sixto Esquivas.

Vitug reiterated that their thrust, for the first semester of this year, is to achieve their collection goal, as this semester is a challenging period and an increase in their collection would be better for the country, especially, in helping those who are in need or the displaced workers.

"We will continue to strictly impose our tax codes, regulations and issuances and probably at the same time look on the businesses, on how to help them", Vitug added. The BIR will also meet with the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations to tackle the status of businesses in the region./Lito Dar/PIA

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

PETITION FOR THE
CORRECTION OF
ENTRIES IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH OF
ANDREW M.
CAWAING

ANDREW M.
CAWAING,
Petitioner,

- versus -

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
ATOK,
BENGUET and
the NATIONAL
STATISTICS
OFFICE(NSO),
Respondents,

X -----X

SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE No.09-C-
1532

ORDER

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

Family Name :from "Cawaing" to "Cawaing"
Date of Birth : from April 22, 1970 to April 22, 1972
Name of Father : from Jose Cawa-

ing to Jose Cawaing

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on July 1, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial 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 NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than March 1, 2009.

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

SO ORDERED.

This 25th day of February 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

Feb 28 March 7 & 14, 2009

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

EVELYN JOAQUIN

Applicant

Case No: 2000-01-1444

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 17, 2009 at 9:30 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 03th day of March 2009.

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

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

ADRIANO B. ANABLON

Applicant

Case No: 89-CAR-095

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 24, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 13th day of March 2009.

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

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

ERIC SIBAYAN & RAQUEL CABRAL

Applicant

Case No: 94-CAR-408

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 24, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 11th day of March 2009.

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

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

BORRY S. PAGNAS

Applicant

Case No: 94-CAR-183

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 24, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 11th day of March 2009.

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

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

ROSA TUVERA

Applicant

Case No: 2003-CAR-518

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 24, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 11th day of March 2009.

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

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

The public is hereby informed that the BANAO ASSOCIATION OF GRAVEL AND SAND INCORPORATED (BAGSI) with address at Banao, Ambucla Benguet has filed for dissolution.

Sgd. Willy Lamsis
Association Representative

Publication dates: February 28, March 7 and 14, 2009

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

IN THE MATTER OF
ADOPTION OF
MINOR JEA XELENE
BAWAS ALICO,

Spouses JUNIE T.
DOMAOA AND
VALENTINA
CARINO DOMAOA,
Petitioners,

X-----X

SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 09-A-
0943

ORDER

*P*etitioner spouses Junie T. Domaoa and Valentina Carino Domaoa: Filipino Citizens with residence at JF-20 Pica, La Trinidad, Benguet, through counsel, filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption JEA XELENE BAWAS ALICO, be declared free from all obligations with respect to her parents and vice versa be declared for all legal intents and purposes as the adopted child of petitioners and for draw to acquire the reciprocal rights and obligations arising from parents-child relationship, including the right of said child to use the surname petitioners, henceforth, she will be known as JEA XELENE CARINO DOMAOA aid direct the Local Civil Registrar of Bokod, Benguet to effect said adoption in her Certificate of Live Birth

Considering that a Child and Home Study Report of the Social Worker is an

essential requisite in adoption cases, said report should be Submitted to the court before the initial hearing on July 15, 2009 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 petitioners 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 petition in tree Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three(3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than March 1, 2009. All persons interested way come to Court and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted

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

SO ORDERED

This 25th day of February 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet

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

Feb 28 March 7
& 14, 2009

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

IRENE GUANSO,
*Petitioner-
Mortgagee,*

-versus-

SPS. ROGELIO
L. IGUALDO and

OFELIA G.
IGUALDO,
*Respondents-
Mortgagors*

X-----X

CASE NO. 09-
EXF-1340

For;
Extra-Judicial
Foreclosure
of Real Estate
Mortgage
Under Act 3135,
As Amended

NOTICE OF EXTRA- JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by IRENE GUANSO, of legal age, married to JOSEPH

GUANSO. SR., Filipino and residing at JC-34, Km. 5, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee, against SPS. ROGELIO L. IGUALDO and OFELIA G. IGUALDO, both of legal ages, Filipinos and residents of JB-37, % 4, Central Pica, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein referred to as the Respondents-Mortgagors to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 5, 2005 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN PESOS (Php418,615.00), Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalties and other charges accruing thereon until fully paid; and all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on March 14, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following de-

scribed real property including all improvements thereon and hereinafter called the mortgaged property, to wit:

TAX DECLARATION ARP No. 99-016-01748

"Camotal land situated in Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet known as Assessor's Lot No. i63 and bounded as follows: North by Wt 164; South by Lot 162; East by Lot 164 and West by lit 019, containing an area of .0648has. and assessed at P770.00 for the current year."xxxtogether with all improvements now existing or which may hereafter be erected or constructed therein, which the MORTGAGORS declare that they the absolute owners, free from any liens and encumbrances and/or from any adverse claim whatsoever."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 14, 2009 at the same

place and time without further notice.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation. Likewise; let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad; Benguet, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 19th day of January, 2009.

FOR THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF'S EX-
OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

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

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Editorial

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peaceful elections... were put in jeopardy by the illegal and gravely abusive acts of Comelec," the Supreme Court ruled.

Ombudsman Mercedes Gutierrez prosecuted no one. She didn't get back the money paid. There was a major crime, Ms. Gutierrez admitted. But no one was liable. "Where in the world does a major crime occur without a criminal?," asked Viewpoint (Inquirer, 7/29/08) "On Linda Pilipins."

Many scams disappear in a miasma of spits: from 1,353 overpriced but lightless street lamps installed, during Asean's Summit, funneling of Girl Scout funds into a congresswoman's personal account to; kickbacks in text-

books, etc...

The press does a yeoman's job of exposing these finagling. But does our job end there? "We're always moving on to the next thing," a broadcast executive noted. "Hence, we really never develop a vocabulary for sustained coverage."

Officials must be held accountable. In ancient Rome, the engineer would stand under an arch when the last capstone is put into place. Accountability in today's government is possible only if the press dispels amnesia. Follow-up ensures. "permanent ghosts, stamped, inked, imprinted, (are) eternally seen."

Newspapers are now developing checklists. They track how a scam develops or fizzles. That shapes the tough follow up questions. As Saul Bellows stressed: "Memories keep the wolf of insignificance from the door"

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City Government of the needed revenues for public services and facilities, aside from unduly altering the existing plans and uses of certain communities and zones prescribed by the law, issuances, local ordinances and resolutions," the resolution added.

At the same time, the resolution enjoined the said developers to comply with the requirements by applying for development permit, final approval of subdivision, certificate of registration and license to sell with the city government.

Cosalan said the HLURB had recently furnished the city government a list of subdivisions monitoring without certificate of registration and license to sell.

As a requirement, the developers need to apply for a development permit and final approval of the subdivision from the city government which will be the basis of the HLURB in issuing the required certificate of registration and license to sell.

In the resolution, the city directs the city planning and development office and the city buildings and architecture office to issue the necessary notice of violation to the subdivision developers which were listed as delinquent by the HLURB.

The said offices were also urged not to issue locational clearances, building, excavation and other permits to said erring developers. /aileen p. refuerzo

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though the mode of filling such vacancy is prescribed by the Constitution, yet the incumbent only holds until the time arrives for filling the office in the regular mode and at the regular time prescribed by the Constitution." He explained that Section 9 of Article XI of the Constitution provides for the appointment of the Ombudsman and his or her deputies, which includes the President choosing from a list of at least six nominees prepared by the Judicial and Bar Council, and from a list of three nominees for every vacancy thereafter. Section 11 of the same article provides for their terms of office, which is seven years, Escudero said.

"So the Office of the Ombudsman fits the rule enunciated by the Supreme Court in its 1955 decision. It has not been overturned so it is still binding and absolutely enforceable," the senator said.

Put simply, Escudero said that it is the Office of the Ombudsman that has a fixed term of seven years and not the person occupying it.

"Therefore, to say that Gutierrez has only until October 2009 to serve as Ombudsman rests on firm and solid legal basis. This is a Supreme Court decision and all of us must follow the rule of law," he said. Gutierrez is now facing possible removal from office as an impeachment complaint had been lodged against her at the House of Representatives.

"I hope she makes the most out of her remaining days in office by sending the biggest crooks in government to jail," said Escudero. /Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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ment is in contrast to the global reality of women hardly making it to the top of their organizations.

"New research from Grant Thornton International reveals that women still hold less than a quarter of senior management positions in privately held businesses globally," according to the IBR's press release about its 2009 report.

The IBR added that only 24 percent of senior management positions are currently held by women – "a figure identical to 2007 and only a marginal improvement from 2004 when only 19% of senior level positions were held by women."

The Thornton IBR 2009 also lamented that "34% of privately held businesses globally have no women in senior management."

The Grant Thornton International Business Report is an annual survey of the views of senior executives in privately held businesses (PHB) all over the world. Launched 17 years ago in 1992 in nine European countries, the report now surveys over 7,200 private businesses in 36 economies providing territory, regional and global trend data on the economic and commercial issues affecting a sector often described as the 'engine' of the world's economy." /PIA

Put tortures..**.... from page 2**

mum of 12 years depending on the gravity of the offense.

The bill defines torture, involuntary disappearances and other cruel and degrading treatment or punishments, and penalizes the perpetrators of such acts. It also provides for the protection of complainants and witnesses and persons involved in the prosecution and the establishment of a rehabilitation program for victims.

The 20-year old Pitao is the daughter of Kumander Parago, head of the New People's Army's Pulang Bagani Command. She was abducted by unidentified armed men while on her way home from St. Peter's College in Toril District in Davao. She was later found dead in a ditch, her body showing signs of torture, strangulation, rape and stabbing.

Escudero reiterated his call for the capture of Rebelyn's killers, saying those responsible should be made to answer for their atrocious acts.

Under the bill, no justification can be offered to justify torture and other inhuman punishments, which will be declared as criminal acts. Persons who participate in acts of torture will be penalized as principals, as well as their superiors in the military, police or law enforcement establishments who ordered the infliction of physical harm to any victim. /Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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center amid the Panagbenga celebration last March 2. Last year, another portion was razed in another blaze.

"The recurring fires at said area are unavoidable due to the rapidly deteriorating state of the market exposing market frequenters, mechants and tourists to the risk of being caught in another mishap. Aside from being a fire hazard, it poses danger to health and life as it also has become a health and peace and order risk," the mayor noted in Administrative Order No. 50 which created the said team.

He said the Regional Trial Court has upheld the validity of the contract between the city and the Uniwide, a decision that dissolved the temporary restraining order that prevented the city from pursuing the deal with Uniwide.

He said the Local Government Code also authorizes local government to do actions that are "essential to promotion of general welfare,"... "promote health and safety,"... and "preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

"These alarming condition of our iconic Baguio City Public Market needs to be addressed immediately, hence the need to create a team to take necessary steps to avoid these destructive and injurious occurrences from taking place yet again," he said.

Rabanes said that three possible actions can be expected from Uniwide which are either to push through with the development, form a consortium to undertake the project or sell rights over the project.

The city's talking points will be open to all possible measures that would lead to the development of the market which is long overdue.

The mayor had earlier expressed preference for Uniwide to cede the development project to the city government so the city can have the freedom to chart the development on its own. /aileen p. refuerzo

Student welfare..**.... from page 3**

dent welfare which calls for the creation of the CSW to promote the best possible advancement and growth of every student in the city.

"There is a need to organize the CSW for the city and other concerned sectors to have a more orchestrated and concentrated effort towards creating a more conducive atmosphere for students to live and learn," the mayor said.

The council will serve as the "clearing house of all issues on the student welfare such as tuition fees, student housing and scholarship funding" and will recommend policies, programs and activities and legislative measures to the city council and other concerned offices to enhance and enrich student interaction in the city.

It will meet at least once a year while the sub-groups or tertiary and secondary education will meet twice a year. /aileen p. refuerzo

Kalinga waman..

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able to take advantage of the coffee boom in the country in the mid 80s.

There was scarcity of public utility vehicles then (the Refaldas reside in Gawidan, Bagumbayan which is about 35 kilometers from town), in 1986, she was challenged to buy a second hand Ford Fiera, the first ever indication that her family was beginning to progress. For fear of being held up when she goes home late, Antusa decided to buy a house and lot in Dagupan Weste, their present residence in the city proper. She said that it was a product of their earnings from coffee and savings from the salary of her husband.

Over the years, they acquired an additional five hectares of land and planted 2,500 Arabica coffee, now fruit-bearing. In 2005, she was awarded the ARB Female Entrepreneur during the Agraryo Trade Fair.

In the 1990s, she joined an educational trip organized by KALINGA Coffee growers and the DTI to places where coffee mills were being fabricated. In one farm owned and managed by a coffee processor in Batangas, she was surprised to see a sack with her name among those being classified and later labeled as Batangas coffee. This prompted her to come up with the idea of establishing her own processed coffee. She was also challenged with the thought, "If the Batangas farmers can, why can't we?"

She actively participated in trainings, trade fairs provided by DAR, Nestle, DTI, DOST and LGU. She was able to purchase a roasting machine and other equipments for her processing plant from the P300,000 loan she availed from the Small Business Guarantee Fund of DTI.

In 2003, she started producing Kalinga Brew packed in cacha bags designed by Design Center of the Philippines (DCP). Antusa said her first paper packaging received a lot of criticisms from customers, thus she approached DAR and DOST for the redesigning of Kalinga Brew packaging. Antusa also admitted that for the first three years of coffee processing, she did not have a good return of investment (ROI). She reasoned out that probably, it was because she was still perfecting the product.

But she remained undaunted. She has complete faith in her technology, which she says is her own. "My blend is my own, no preservatives. My product is unlike the instant coffee, which has a lot of aroma but has a bland taste. The coffee roasting process which is done five hours is also my edge." With a glow in her eyes, she gladly says, "it really take a lifetime to reach our dream and it's not always the financial benefits that keep you craving for more but the lessons that you learn along the way."

Kalinga brew is one of the selected local products of Kalinga exhibited in regional and national trade fairs like the Impakabsat, OTOP exhibit, Philippine export, international food fair at the World Trade Center and last week at the national trade fair held at the Mall of Asia. Antusa also brought her product to Macau, Hongkong and China. Aside from walk-in sell-

ers and her own outlets in the province, the product has gained entrance in known city supermarkets and hotels around the country.

"Modesty aside, my coffee business reached a phenomenal profit and is well earning, Antusa said./PIA-Kalinga w/ Jocelyn Bengwayan of *DAR-Kalinga*

Dad calls..

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in public places designated for the said celebrations."

As proposed, the city mayor's office through the public order and safety division in coordination with the city police, city treasurer's office and the city council committee on market trade and commerce will be tasked to monitor compliance by the organizers.

Printed advertisements of liquor and cigarette or gambling companies sponsoring any of the activities will be posted only in designated areas as approved by the city engineer's office and no such materials will be posted within the premises of the festival site.

Proposed penalties are immediate stoppage of the activities or removal of illegal advertisement materials upon discovery of the violation; fine of P5,000 if activities continue after four hours of due notice to stop or remove the materials; and cancellation of permit if activities continue after 24 hours of issuance of stoppage and removal notice.

The proposal will be discussed by the council soon. - *aileen p. refuerzo*

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ment and has been active in socio-civic works; Dr. Purificacion Claridad, founded of the Baguio Medical Center and pioneer of OB-Gynecology; Nimia Concepcion, 78, founder of Pines City Doctors Hospital and Pines City Collges Schools of Nursing and Midwifery; Dr. Virginia De Joya, 69, who strengthened the blood center of the BGH and served in the control of sexually transmitted diseases; and Eulialia Gamad, 71, who served as midwife for 25 years and initiated the development of the new building of Pacdal Health Center.

For education the awardees are as follows: Dr. Fe Atanacio, 88, who served as professor in various universities; Mercedes Coloma, 78, founder of Mary Immaculate School; Sr. Lourdes Dulay, 74, leader in upgrading of CEAP Schools and promoted the transformational values and education thrust of curriculum in schools for the secondary level; Dr. Margarita Fernandez, 90, who established the Easter Philippines Colleges and Sto. Nino Hospital; Noemi Jularbal, 80, who founded the Women's Vocational Institute; Macrina Olarte, 82, founder of the Association of Baguio Private School Administrators and awardee of the International Golden Award 2000; Lucia Urban Pagador, 80, for her meritorious services in the Boy Scouts of the Philippines; Aida Reyes, 74, a merit awardee of the DECS and was coach of the regional champion in the National Quiz Bee; Dr.

Amparo Rimas, 71, co-author of the Primer on Student Teaching and active member of various organizations; Dr. Milandre Rusgal, 69, outstanding women awardee for education and active education, environment protection and leadership advocate; Dr. Gorgonia Nenita Rico, 85, professor emeritus of the University of the Cordilleras, a productive educator; Dr. Ruperta Vergara, 72, the first lady chair of the BSP and outstanding trainer for elementary teachers; Carmen Balajadia, an outstanding educator;

Teresita Bayquen, 74, awarded for heroism during the killer earthquake and initiated the first organization for child/youth welfare in Aurora Hill; Onesima Bugnosen, 81, an active socio-civic worker; Jean Cruz, 85, who implemented several programs and activities for youth; Edna Dulay, 72, active in conducting seminars on self-enhancement and gender development; Lourdes Gaskell, 85, active socio-civic worker; Josephine Lapira, 72, who initiated the Action Research on the Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of mothers who deliver without medical assistance and outstanding citizen and president of YLAC; Rosa Navarro, 91, founder of the CWL and initiated the construction of Aurora Hill church; Josefina Ruff, 80, initiated the scholarship for street children; Violeta Teel; Virginia Valencia, 70, who assisted in projects of the Cordillera Coalition against Tuberculosis and established the administrative procedures of BFAD; Avelina Jackie Ver, 71, dedicated in the implementation of vision, mission and goals of the various organizations; Arch. Gloria Vergara who conducted landscaping and planting of trees in the center island of Session Road; and Socorro Vispera, 73, a strong advocate of moral values, character formation and recovery in the city and region.

The awarding program is part of the activities lined up for the Women's Month celebration which focused on the theme, "Babae, Yaman ka ng Bayan." For the centennial, the city adopted a local theme, "Baguio Centennial: Women as Co-Builders of the City."

Among the activities lined up are grand parade and women's day program, showcase of programs and services of agencies, women's summit, recycling fair, centennial tree planting and launching of the centennial women's park and kapihan with the media on March 4 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod session hall.

The Women's Month celebration is spearheaded by the city government in co-operation with various government and non-government agencies and organizations like the Office of the City Mayor, Office of the City Social Welfare and Development under Betty Fangasan, Office of Councilor Tabanda as chairman of the city council committee on women, the Population Commission under the City Health Office, the Dept. of Interior and Local Government city office, Civil Service Commission and others. / *aileen p. refuerzo*

50 chosen as centennial women leaders

BAGUIOCITY— Fifty outstanding women who have made an impact in the city's history particularly in terms of their significant involvement and contribution towards its development were chosen as centennial women leaders in the city.

Leading the awardees who were feted during the 4th Kababaihan Festival program held last week in line with the celebration of the National Women's Month were media stalwart Cecile Afable for journalism and Judge Heilia Mallare Philipps for the legal sector.

Afable served as model of public communication through print media and serves as editor of the Baguio Midland Courier while Philipps, 81 has led several socio-civic organizations and excelled as presiding judge of the 1st Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in 1917.

Dr. Lenora Fe Brawner, 71, an awardee for sports, was cited for her contributions in sports development. She is a member of the executive board of the Philippine Olympic Committee and president of the National Archery Association of the Philippines.

For the culture and the arts, the awardees were Norma Arevalo, 68

who is at the forefront of Annabelle Interior-Yamaha School of Music now known as Musar Music Corporation and Leonora San Agustin, curator of the Baguio Camp John Hay Museum that kept the history of Baguio in the hearts of the people.

On business and trade the awardees were Zenaida Cating, 79 who established the landmark Solibao and Ganza restaurants, Betty Del Rosario, 84, founder of Sunshine bakery and grocery store and Mary Pul-oc, 70, organizer of the Hangar Market Vendors Association.

Cited for community service were Feliza Bandonill, 77, an active Catholic Women's League member and socio-economic and religious category awardee; Prospera Lee, 76, an outstanding barangay campain in 1981, Virginia Luna, 74, who initiated the construction of the Balenben farm-to-market road and construction of the Irisan Health and Day Care centers, Isabelina Ronquillo, 74, an

active member of various civic groups.

For public service, the awardees were Virginia De Guia, outstanding public official and champion of various causes, Estelita Pedroso, 70, an advocate to enhance accountability and responsibility of public officials through the implementation of auditing laws; Lourdes Pedroso, 78, who spearheaded the connection of water services for day care center and construction of barangay hall; Lilia Yaranon, 78 an upright, honest public servant who served as three-time councilor; and Rose Marie Tabora, an outstanding public official.

For health services, the awardees were Lolita Abastilla, 73, who served for 40 years as public health midwife and awarded the most outstanding midwife of the Philippines; Perseveranda Acoba, 69, who founded the Herbal Society of the Philippines and established the medicinal garden of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center; Lourdes Agcoicol, who served for 30 years as senior public health midwife of Baguio Health Department.

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THE JUNCTION WEEKEND



At left is Mrs. Jackie Acoba-Ver, awardee for outstanding Centennial Women Leader of Baguio City 2009 in the Socio Civic Sector, Mrs. Jackie Acoba Ver is also one of the Founding Director's of the Linis Gobyerno Inc. an anti graft, corruption, prevention and detection NGO. At right is Miss Persiveranda Eden Acoba, awardee for outstanding Centennial Women Leader of Baguio City 2009 in the field of Health Services. the Acoba sisters are among the Centennial Outstanding Women Leaders of Baguio City for the year 2009. Awarding was held on March 10, 2009 at the Baguio Convention Center in celebration of Womens Month along with the theme "Women as Co-Builders of the City" "Babae Yaman Ka Ng Bayan!"

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