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## **Pahayagang palabanan!!! Council condemns disappearance of activist balao**



**GANGSTERS CONTRA GRAFFITI.** Members of the newly-established "Brotherhood for Peace" composed of 15-local gangster groups unite to refurbish public and private properties laden with graffiti, October 1. Realizing the sincerity of the "Brotherhood," Davies Paints Northern Luzon Manager Jun Benavides donated cans of paints and brushes in support of the group which shall likewise be conducting a "Rap Jam" concert along Abanao Street on October 11./Monch David

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved a resolution "condemning the involuntary disappearance of Cordillera People's Alliance (CPA) member James Balao.

In a resolution, proponent Councilors Rocky Thomas Balisong, Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Galo Weygan, Perlita Rondez, Nicasio Aliping Jr., Antonio Tabora Jr., Erdolfo Balajadia, Isabelo Cosalan Jr., Nicasio Palaganas, Richard Carino, Fred Bagbagen, Elaine Sembrano, Joel Alangsab and Gloria Ysabel De Vera said Balao's disappearance is "a result of the continuing political persecution of activists and civilians critical of the government."

"This involuntary disappearance is alarming thereby curtailing and threatening democratic rights in the Philippines," the resolution noted.

Balao, an active member of the CPA contributing his research and education skills to advocate people's issues, was last seen last Sept. 17 somewhere between his residences at Fairview barangay here and in La

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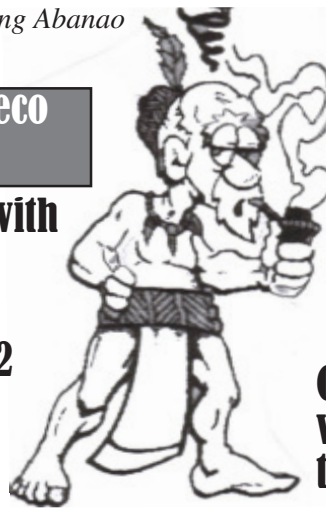
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BY: ODELL AQUINO

## Disaster rescue vehicle sought

**BAGUIOCITY** – The city council last Monday approved a resolution requesting Rep. Mauricio Domogan to donate P8 million for the purchase of a disaster rescue vehicle for the city's use during calamities.

**Proponent** Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia said the rescue vehicle similar to the one being used by the Philippine National Red Cross would help in the mobility requirements of the City Disaster Coordinating Council (CDCC) in

undertaking rescue and retrieval operations during typhoons, earthquakes, accidents and other emergency situations.

The rescue vehicle, according to Balajadia, "is a total and ultimate unit that can cope with all types of disasters."

Acquiring said vehicle would make Baguio the first and only local government unit to use sophisticated rescue equipment in the country.

"The acquisition of the said rescue ve-

hicle will not only serve the City of Baguio but can also serve its neighboring municipalities including the entire Cordilleras as the same is a mobile rescue unit which could be moved easily and conveniently to other places where it would be urgently needed for rescue purposes," Balajadia noted.

The city council resolution after approval by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. will be forwarded **Congressman** Domogan for action./ aileen p. refuerzo

## Solgen rules, CEZA covered by used car import ban

Chiz orders Customs to immediately implement the ban all over the country

**Opposition** Senator Chiz Escudero today directs the Bureau of Customs to immediately implement the banning of used cars in the country, which should include the Cagayan Special Economic Zone (CEZA) after the Solicitor General ruled that such importation is not allowed in the Philippine territory.

Escudero ordered Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales today to implement Executive Order No. 156, which prohibits the entry of used motor vehicles in the country via any port, including the freeports, other than the Subic Freeport Zone.

At the same time, pursuant to the hearings in the Senate and Ways and Means Committee which the senator chairs, Morales was also directed to submit to the Committee a report on the bureau's compliance regarding

the ruling on or before October 7.

The Committee has been hearing the issue on whether Port Irene which is in the Area of CEZA, is allowed to import and trade motor vehicles.

Port Irene officials question the applicability of the executive order even with the Supreme Court upholding the order thereof.

Escudero has always maintained that CEZA is covered by the used car importation ban as intended by EO No. 156.

However, during the hearings, Morales admitted that they allow entry of used vehicles in CEZA pending opinion/clarification from the Department of Finance and the Solicitor General's office.

Escudero berated Customs officials and even the Department of Finance for their failure to comply with the provision of the law. For continuously violating the law, Morales was told that he is criminally liable for being part of the vio-

lation. "With the SolGen's final legal opinion, the Customs cannot anymore hide under the cloak of pending legal matter. It is as clear as daylight that this matter is already resolved and the Committee expects the full implementation of such."

In the SolGen's decision dated September 22, it ruled under the principle of stare decisis which simply means that a conclusion reached in one case should be applied to those that follow if the facts are substantially the same, even though the parties may be different.

The SolGen says its decision comes from the basic principle of justice that like cases ought to be decided alike.

"This SolGen opinion should finally nail down the coffin of used car imports. Supreme Court's ruling on the used car import ban applies to CEZA. Where the law does not distinguish, we should not distinguish," Escudero said./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

## CSC-car fetes outstanding gov't workers, agencies

**BAGUIO CITY** – The Civil Service Commission Cordillera Administrative Region (CSC-CAR) feted outstanding employees and agencies in the region during the Regional Recognition Program that capped the month-long celebration of the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service held last Sept. 30 at the Pines View Hotel here.

2008 Presidential Lingkod Bayan individual category awardees Dr. Celia Flor Brillantes, medical officer V of

the city health services office and Warren Ambat, teacher II of the Baguio City National High School led the honorees during the program.

Brilliantes and Ambat were joined by the Lingkod Bayan semi-finalists Nora Amoway, Special Education Teacher III, Evelyn Joyce Taguiba, principal IV of the Mt. Province National High School, George Vidal Jr., teacher II of Quirino Hill Elementary School.

Also feted were Dangal ng Bayan

awards semi-finalist San Ubaldo Esteban, electrical inspector of the Bureau of Fire Protection Tabuk City and 2008 PAGASA award semi-finalist Regina Sarmiento, master teacher II of the Department of Education Benguet.

During the program, the CSC-CAR awarded the top four agencies with the best Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee namely the Benguet State University, first

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### city scouting for lot to house science high school

BAGUIO CITY – The city council has given the go signal for the identification of lot as future site of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) Cordillera region in the city.

The body approved the proposed resolution of Councilor Fred Bagbagen and the letter request of Rep. Mauricio Domogan for said purpose last Monday.

Domogan sponsored House Bill No. 498 for the establishment of the PSHS in the Cordillera in the city

to benefit deserving students in the region with scholarship grants and quality education dealing with specially designed curriculum that will train grantees for careers in science and technology.

Domogan and Bagbagen said a lot measuring 85,000 square meters located in Pinsao Pilot Project has been initially proposed for this purpose and the procedures need to be started to allocate the said lot for said intention.

Domogan requested the body for the immediate identification and relocation survey of

said lot to start the process but noted that there were opposing claims to the lot.

“In the light of the intent of the PSHS System and the DOST to enter into a MOA with the City of Baguio for the use of the area at the soonest possible time and to start site development in view of starting classes for the first 90 students by June, 2009, I consider this action on your part as a priority to forestall unnecessary delays I the establishment of City prior rights over the area,” Domogan told the council.

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### Gangsters take “war” on stage with “Rap Jam for Peace,” October 11

BAGUIOCITY – Who would have thought their “wish to be heard,” will be granted in a snap?

After showing sincerity in “turning a new leaf,” voluntarily submitting themselves to a bigger group that wishes peace amongst their peers and greater community involvement, local posses will get more than a microphone and a beat-box this month.

Walter Wong, Abanao Square Mall Marketing Manager last week confirmed that the “Rap Jam for Peace” concert which the “Brotherhood for Peace” themselves organized shall be pushing through along Abanao Street, October 11, from 5:00pm to the wee hours of the morning.

Local gangs Asul de Pamilya, Crazy Asiatic Pinoy, Hukbong Lirikkkal, Pinoy True Crips, Rappers Delta Foundation, Reckless Asiatik Gangstah, One Mic Productionz, Sandatahang Kritikal, Lam-Ang Warriors, Radicalz, Katuta Krew, Samahang Ilokano, Baguio’s Pride, Booyah Bity High have bonded to form the “Brother-

hood of Peace.”

He revealed, “The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) director Wilfred Franco and Police Precinct 7 chief P/C Insp. Engelbert Soriano; and city administrator Peter Fianza hatched the idea that the youngsters wanted to stage a concert as an avenue for them to express themselves.”

“We thought it was a good idea having them indulge in something creative,” he said adding, “thus, we jumped at the opportunity to give them exactly what they wished for as a part of our social responsibility... a chance to be heard.”

Wong said, “We hope that other non-government organizations see the benefits of this undertaking the way we did... our doors are open for support for our youngsters.

“After all, everybody would admit that we are better off listening to the music of erstwhile

gang-bangers as they make peace through the rap genre, rather than having them wage war in the streets,” he added.

Sharing credits in making the project a reality is San Miguel Brewery. On the other hand, the City Government through the Office of the Mayor guaranteed full administrative support to the endeavor.

Meanwhile, Lloyd Villegas of One Mic Productionz said, “Now we realize that local cops and some local officials are indeed like big brothers to us.”

“I couldn’t really believe it at first... after having cops run after us because of some petty fights; now I realize, they were in fact running after us to help us put order amongst our factions, after all.”

Last October 1, members of the “Brotherhood for Peace” took advantage of Muslim holiday “Eid’l Fitr” to go around the Central

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### Streetlights maintenance by beneco studied

BAGUIOCITY – The city council is studying the possibility of allowing the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) to maintain the city’s streetlights.

The body invited BENECO representatives and the city engineer’s office to its session on Monday to explain their positions on the issue.

The city engineer’s office is presently the one maintaining the streetlights and BENECO has offered to take over the responsibility.

BENECO’s offer was taken into consideration by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. who proposed a resolution supporting the power firm’s re-

quest to take charge of the lighting maintenance.

In his resolution, Aliping cited shortfalls in the engineer’s office’s management including failure to provide light in some areas and the delay in replacing busted lamps due to limited hours of operation and procurement process requirements.

He said BENECO, being the one with expertise on this aspect, could address the lighting re-

quirement better.

Under the present set-up with the city engineer’s office, the city is paying BENECO an amount equivalent to ten burning hours. If allowed to manage the lights, the city was requested to increase the payment to 12 burning hours.

This prompted the council committee on public utilities to first study which would be more beneficial for the city.

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## Restoring Hope

They never looted the government treasury or shot up the place. Hence, they rarely featured in the headlines. Now, 50 of these men and women are in the news for a change.

On it's "golden anniversary", the Department of Science and Technology cited "50 men and women of science". Their work, in laboratories, classrooms or newsrooms enfold hope in a country that seemed to have Dante's billboard tacked above the door: *Lasciate ogni speranza chi voi entrate.* ("Abandon hope all you who enter here.")

Look at some of these vitae and say instead: "When you say a situation is desperate, you slam the door in God's face."....

Dr Josette Biyo :Because of her research, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory named a minor

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planet, originally dubbed Planet 13241, as "Planet Biyo." Despite

shoddy rural high school facilities, she developed, over 24 years of teaching, innovative teaching methods in science research. She beat 4,000 teachers from around the world to win the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. She is also the first to receive an Award for Excellence, in Louisville, Kentucky. This honored teachers who promote inquiry and inspire students to engage in research.

Dr. Angel Alcala is a marine biologist. He won the Magsaysay Award for his studies and organization of marine sanctuaries first in Apo Island, Negros Oriental. It's success led to changes in Philippine laws on marine resources and setting up of similar sanctuaries nationwide. He taught at Silliman University and produced generation of Filipino marine biologists. He has written over 169 scientific papers.

Dr. Arsenio Balisacan: For every percentage gain in literacy, Filipinos reduce poverty by three percent, this scientist found in his research into penury here. He oversees preparation and publication of Philippine Human Development Report. This factual, insightful and incisive analyses of issues here is the national counterpart of the global United Nations Human Development Report.

Queen Lee=Chua is a mathematician and clinical psychologist. A full professor at the Mathematics Department of Ateneo de Manila, she has developed skill on making math and science "fun through simple and more understandable language." Thus, she writes a science column for the Philippine Daily Inquirer and written books on the subject. "In today's world, knowledge of science and technology is indispensable...For our country to advance substantially, people need to be literate and numerate in science and technology."

Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, SJ: is president of Ateneo de Manila University. Trained in mathematics at Stanford University, Fr Neberes has pioneered in developing a consortium of leading Manla schools to develop PhD programs in math. But he also has developed an innovative program for school children in notorious scavenger dumps like Payatas.

Jose Burgos Jr. It is perhaps a tribute to his work, as a science communicator, that years after his death, DOST saw fit to honor Burgos in it's golden anniversary. "as an outstanding communicator who brought to national consciousness the importance of rice and food security through appropriate science-based agriculture methods, and environment conservation".

He fought the Marcos dictatorship and won, in the process, other awards: one of the 50 World Press Freedom Heroes and International Journalist of the Year (Interpress Service, United Nations, New York, 1986), "A society that is informed about the latest scientific developments is open to new ideas," former New York Times correspondent Alice Villadolid writes. "And journalists are the bridge between scientists and people."/J.L.Mercado



## DIRETSAHAN

*Tabatsoy Na Abusado!*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Halos lahat ngayon ng mga gatas na galing tsina ay pinaalis na sa lahat ng pamilihan, dahil sa pangambang may halo itong MELAMIN, para tuloy itong delubyo na hindi lamang ang pilipinas ang apektado kundi ang buong mundo.

Nag-uunahan tuloy ang DOH at mga pribadong testing centers sa pagsusuri ng mga gatas na gawa sa tsina... tuwang tuwa naman ang mga lasenggo sa amin dahil safe na safe daw ang kanilang "AGUA DE PATARANTA"!...huwag lang silang uminom ng GSM, at baka maidagdag pa sila sa mga biktima ng GSM blues ay min GSM as in GATAS na SINANGKAPAN NG MELAMIN kung ako naman ang pagpipiliin, mas gusto ko na iyong gatas na galling kay MELANIE... Melanie pala ang pangalan ng isa naming alaga na baka sa probinsya, aba suguradong purong gatas ng baka ito "a real pure cows milk"ika nga!! Toast!!

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dapat ay suportahan at madaliin ang pag apruba sa iminungkahing panukala ni baguio city bise mayor Daniel Fariñas sa pagpapalawig ng responsibilidad at otoriti ng POSD, nakasaad din sa kanyang mungkahing ang kaukulang dagdag na mga benepisyong dapat na maibigay sa mga operatiba ng ahensyang ito, bunsod sa napakadelikadong klase ng kanilang trabaho.

Siguro naman ay hindi ito tututulan ng mga konsehal natin sa konseho at ni mayor Peter rey Bautista, hindi ba mga onorabel ser at mam!! APRUBAHANNA!!

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sino kaya itong matabang pinuno ng isang departamento sa city hall ang hindi ngayon makatingin tingin ng direktso sa mga may-ari ng nayt-klab dito sa lungsod ng baguio?

Lagi kasi siyang bisita sa mga establisimentong ito kunsaan siya ay binibigyan ng mga espesyal na benepisyo ang siste, karamihan sa mga klab ay naapektuhan sa direktiba na pagtibayin ang ordinansa hinggil sa "sound proofing" at "prohibited linear distance" kayat hindi sila ngayon nabigyan ng business permit at awtonatikong meron nang closure notice kaya naman mga bata niya ang pinalakad nitong si hepe sa pag-iisyu ng personal sa mga nabanggit na notice sa mga klab para niya maiwasan ang pagsingil sa kanya ng mga may-ari sa mga pabor at utang-na-loob na naibigay sa kanya!

CLUE? Kamag-anak siya ng isang mataas na politiko sa kordilyera at

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Chief Justice Puno as President  
Puno: "destiny"*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**CHIEF JUSTICE PUNO FOR PRESIDENT?** "A matter of destiny" was how Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno quipped in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, when asked by Mayor Edward Hagedorn, in the presence of mediemen, whether the magistrate was considering the presidency of the Philippines come 2010.

The answer may not have been a definite "yes" or "no", but we wish to assure the Chief Justice that, all other things being equal, destiny holds dear in its hands those who are doing everything they can to win back our people from godlessness, and to help spread the Word of God.

Come to think of it, it would be far better for someone like Puno, who goes around during his free time preaching the Word, to be given a chance to lead this country, for, surely, as a certified man of God, he would be able to bring heavenly blessings to a country and a people who are reeling, precisely because of godlessness, from God's curses.

When I was younger, I used to read again and again something I chanced upon from the Reader's Digest, which goes like this: "Be bold and the mighty forces will come your aid".

Several years later, I found out that these "mighty forces" actually mean God, who favors those honor Him with their minds, their thoughts and their actions.

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**CONGRATULATIONS, PNP GEN. VERSOZA:** Mabuti ang layunin ni Director General Jesus Versoza, ang bagong hepe ng Philippine National Police, na gawing mas epektibo ang pamunuan ng kapulisan sa kanyang panunungkulan.

Ito naman ang dapat dahil kung epektibo ang mga namumuno sa PNP, siguradong mbabawasan ang abuso at katiwalian ng maraming lokong pulis.

Pero, mukhang "impossible dream" din kumbaga ang layuning ito. Halos isang taon din lamang ang itatagal ni Versoza bilang pinuno ng PNP, at sa panahong yan, sigurado akong hindi sapat ang kanyang oras upang isakatuparan ang plano niyang professionalization of PNP leadership.

Sa totoo lang, wala ng ibang iisipin pa si Versoza, at ang lahat ng iba pang kagaya niyang mamumuno sa PNP ng iisang taon lamang ang kanilang ipanunungkulan, kundi ang kanilang retirement one year later.

Ang malaking bahagi ng isang taon ng pagiging hepe ng isang PNP chief ay gagamitin na nito sa paghahanda sa pagreretiro, kung naiintindihan ninyo ang aking ibig sabihin, kaya kadalasan hindi na sila talaga epektibo pa sa mga naisin nilang pagbabago sa nasabing ahensiya.

Kaya nga ang aking panukala, dapat mga mas batang opisyal ang italaga bilang PNP chief sa mga susunod na panahon, upang masunod talaga nila ang tagubilin ng Panginoong Jesus sa Marcos 10:43 at 44 ng Bibliya, na ganito ang sinasabi: "...ang sinumang nais maging pinuno ay dapat maging alipin ng lahat..."

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**BILYONG DOLYARNADONASYON, DISAGOTSA DENGUE:** Talaga namang dapat papurihan itong si Microsoft founder Bill Gates sa kanyang pagsusumikap na maalis ang dengue, malaria at iba pang mga sakit na nagdudulot ng matataas na lagnat sa pamamagitan ng kanyang panibagong donasyon ng US\$ 3 billion para sa mga biktima ng ganitong sakit sa Africa.

Pero kailangan talagang masabihan din si Ginoong Gates na hindi lamang ang mga pagsusumikap na mapuksa ang mga lamok na may dala ng mga sakit na ito ang makakalutas sa suliranin.

Habang hindi natin kinikilala na ang mga dengue, malaria, SARS, high fever, meningococemia, at iba pang mga sakit na nagdudulot ng mataas na lagnat ay mga sumpa pala ng Diyos dahil sa ating kawalan na ng interest na sumunod sa Kanyang mga utos at tuntunin na

## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Ano ang Melamine ?

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Para sa kaalaman natin lahat hingil sa mga napakainit na usapin hingil sa kung ano ang melamine basahin muna ninyo mga dear readers ang hingil sa kemikal na melamine.

Source: www.wisegeek.com

Melamine is an organic compound that is often combined with formaldehyde to produce melamine resin, a synthetic polymer which is fire resistant and heat tolerant. Melamine resin is a very versatile material with a highly stable structure. Uses for melamine include whiteboards, floor tiles, kitchenware, fire retardant fabrics, and commercial filters. Melamine can be easily molded while warm, but will set into a fixed form. This property makes it ideally suited to certain industrial applications.

Melamine resin is manufactured by mixing urea with formaldehyde under heat and pressure. The substances begin to polymerize and are forced into a mold which will create the desired shape. Under pressure, melamine releases water, which could make the plastic unstable if it is not removed. The materials finish polymerizing and create a finished product, melamine resin.

Melamine resin is known as a thermoset plastic, because the plastic is fixed after molding. If exposed to enough heat, melamine will melt. For this reason, melamine dishware should not be exposed to high temperatures like those in the oven and microwave. However, the plastic is able to withstand higher temperatures than other plastics. Because it is a thermoset plastic, melamine resin is difficult to recycle.

Melamine can be made into a foam product. Melamine foam has a distinctive structure composed of stacked bubble shapes, which are extremely hard and therefore can easily clean a wide variety of substances. Melamine foam is marketed under a variety of commercial names including Magic Eraser, a cleaning tool well known for removing scuffs and dirt from a wide range of surfaces.

Melamine resin is used in Formica and similar construction products made from composite materials. Formica is made using melamine resin, which is used to coat the fibers in the upper layer of the construction product. The melamine resin makes the end result heat resistant, so that hot objects can be set on the counter without concern. The surface of the material is designed to be easily wiped and cleaned, creating a long lived household product.

Melamine also plays a role in a wide range of flame resistant materials. These include textiles used in upholstery and the uniforms worn by firemen. Thermal liners, heat resistant gloves, and aprons to protect from splashback of hot substances are made using melamine. Melamine will protect a wearer from heat hazards, and will help to resist the spread of fire in aircraft and buses by providing a fire blocker.

Melamine is also used in the manufacture of some filters. The material is porous and will admit substances to pass through, but can be used to filter out particles of a particular size. Melamine filters are capable of handling a high capacity and can be used in hot environments due to the heat resistance of melamine. Melamine filters are also extremely efficient.

Aside from common commercial uses, melamine became a topic of much discussion in early 2007, when veterinary scientists determined it to be the cause of hundreds of pet deaths, because of pet food contamination. Prior to these reports, melamine had been regarded as non-toxic or minimally toxic. However, because of the unexplained presence of melamine in wheat gluten added to mass-produced dog and cat foods, it is the most likely cause. Pet owners report symptoms that are commonly associated with renal failure, which could be explained by the ammonia that may result from the digestion of the melamine.

## "Hopping" bad weather, Baguio "walks" again October 6

BAGUIO CITY – After hopping 2-months of stormy weather, the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives (CARE) through its education sector finally lands both feet, October 6, as it holds the third "Walk, Baguio, Walk," 7:45am, at the Baguio Athletic Bowl.

Coordinating the third "walk" are the Cordillera offices of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the Department of Education (DepEd) led by directors Freddie Bernal, Cenon

Querubin, and Benito Tumamao, respectively.

"Walk, Baguio, Walk," was launched by the Baguio Regreening Movement Inc. (BRM) and the City Government of Baguio, June 2. The endeavor advocates "walking" to ease traffic congestion; reduce pollution due to vehicle exhaust; encourage fuel conservation; and advance healthy lifestyle among Baguioans.

At City Hall, an excited mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr., October 2, issued Administrative Order 157-2008, enjoining the whole Baguio local government to join the multi-agency flag ceremony at the Baguio Athletic

Bowl.

He said, "With the efforts of CARE, CHED, DepEd, and TESDA, we are sure that volunteerism is indeed alive in the City."

"It may have slumbered a bit because of successive typhoons but now that we're above the weather, we can show the world that we are indeed serious in reclaiming our once famous pine-scented breeze."

He added, "The holding of the walk can never be timelier as we are likewise launching Local Government Month in the same event."

Reports from CHED, TESDA, DepEd, and DILG

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## GSIS exec affirms joint venture with sm over tree park

BAGUIO CITY – A Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) executive has affirmed the existence of a joint venture agreement with the SM Development Corporation for the development of the GSIS property near the Baguio Convention Center.

GSIS Asset Management Group senior vice president Sergio Andal Jr. in a letter to the city council confirmed that GSIS entered into the agreement with SMDC for the development of the property now the subject of a controversy as to its own-

ership and status.

Andal said the letter to the city council is "in compliance with your letter dated 13 May 2008... requesting GSIS to submit a Letter of Intent for whatever development it may undertake in the tree-planted area near the Baguio Convention Center" as filed by Honorable Councilor Betty Lourdes F.Tabanda."

The city council last Monday decided to invite Andal in its next session tomorrow (Monday) and to bring with him a copy of said joint venture

agreement.

Earlier, the SMDC through representative Carlo Alampay presented before the city council a concept plan for condotel project dubbed "Baguio Air" which 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

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## Mayor bats for shared exec function with councilors

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week revealed that the his office and the District Field Office of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) last week are mulling ways on how to “spread out City Government blessings more equally among barangays.”

During the weekly “Ugnayan” hosted by DZEQ, October 2, he said he and DILG Baguio Field Office director Evelyn Trinidad are looking into the possibility of sharing “some executive powers among city councilors who shall be made care-takers of the 129-barangays divided into 15-districts.”

Bautista said the plan, a first in the country, is geared towards bringing services closer to the constituents of the city.

He said, “Normally, a chief executive would try to hold on to as much power as he can... but not

in our city and under our administration.”

“Once we are able to do this,” he explained, “our councilors can easily assess and address various concerns of their respective districts via needed legislation and possibly, through direct consultation with our office who is tasked under RA 7160 to prepare the annual city budget.”

Bautista admitted the executive branch cannot go it alone in trying to address the minutest concerns of barangays.

“With this innovation, I am sure that aside from addressing barangay needs, we shall likewise be instituting a tight-neat local government,” he added.

Meanwhile, Trinidad clarified the division of 129-barangays into districts is “not political in nature as what Congressional districts are.”

“As thus,” she said, “it will not go against established

provisions of the RA 7160, particularly in non-delegation of powers further delegated to the local chief executive.”

“In fact,” she explained, “our local legislators are being tapped to lead some city special projects which is permitted under the code which is why we have councilors taking care of some special events or some ad hoc committees under the office of the mayor.”

She however admitted, “The only problem confronting the plan right now is the number of voters per district.”

She explained, “We cannot just divide the districts on the basis of the number of barangays because the population in some is much greater than the others.”

“To ensure that our local legislators would accede to the plan,” she added, “we need to find a way to at least approximate equal number of voters per council district.”/ISL

## Measure to regulate farm inputs proposed

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - In efforts to protect the farming industry and livelihood of farmers in the province, the Provincial Board is mulling for the passage of a measure regulating the selling of fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and other agricultural chemicals through the acquisition of permit to sell from the province.

Board Member Juan Nazarro, Jr. presented the proposed Ordinance entitled

“An Ordinance requiring manufacturer/distributor/wholesaler/dealer of fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and other agricultural chemicals to obtain provincial permit before selling their province in the province of Benguet,” in a meeting of the Benguet Vegetable Council held last week.

As premised in the measure, there is proliferation of unlicensed and fake products of such farm inputs being sold directly to

the farmers and have not undergone appropriate procedures prior to disposal for distribution. Likewise, there were some seeds being sold to farmers which were not viable resulting to losses.

Such farm inputs should still be duly registered with the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, an agency under the Department of Agriculture created under Presidential Decree 1144 responsible for assuring adequate

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## Role of family in crime prevention noted

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – The role of family is highlighted in the control of crimes, especially among the young, a government study showed.

This was stressed by Family Program Coordinator of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) Judith Puday who said that petty crimes in the community are usually perpetrated by youth who come from broken homes.

It is a sad truth that many young offenders are prod-

uct of unhappy marriages, and that their cases are increasing in society, Puday said.

Study shows how domestic violence affects the psycho-social nature of young children and that later they develop to become children who are in-conflict with law.

This social concern leaves heavy blow on the kind of families being established now a days, where couples also de-mean what is supposed to be a sacred union between man and woman, she said.

People marry for convenient reasons, while others just go and live as couples because of the pleasures of staying as husband and

wife.

To help address this social ill, the department mandates its social workers to take trainings on Enhanced Marriage Counseling Service for marrying couples.

Before couples could get marriage licenses, they are required to undergo pre-marriage counseling as part of their preparation. Here, the enhanced training applies, Puday said.

Aside from one-on-one counseling, the program has expanded to media advocacy to reach out to those in far-flung areas in the province./L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

## Oplan Kaluluwa executive committee formed

BAGUIO CITY – In preparation for the coming observation of All Souls and All Saints Day, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week issued Administrative Order 153 creating the executive committee for Oplan Kaluluwa.

The said committee shall formulate policies and guidelines for the orderliness of all activities including smooth vehicle and human traffic on Nov. 1 and 2, at the public cemetery along Naguilian road. The committee also oversees vending of

candles and flowers along designated areas within the city for cemetery-goers, peace and order within the cem-

etery, sanitary measures for food and water service. Designated pay/parking spaces for private vehicles enroute to the cemetery and re-routing for public utility vehicles are also the responsibility of the committee.

Headed by the mayor, Councilor Galo Weygan acts as co-chairperson and City Tourism Office Benedicto Alhambra is action officer.

Councilors Perlita Rondez, Joel Alangsab and Gloria Ysabel de Vera are likewise members of the committee, and joined by Boy Scout Executive Ramon Jacinto, Perfecto Itliong as representative for the transport group, and Baguio Water District General Manager Teresita de Guzman.

Punong Barangays of Irisan, Thomas Dumalti; San Roque, Gerry Uy; Lower Lourdes Subdi-

vision, Leonida Bernal; Lower Rock Quarry, Carlos Ananayo; City Camp Proper, Aurora Abellera; Cresencia Village, Augustus Valdez; Lourdes Proper, Bonifacio Quicho; San Luis Village, Benedicto Casilen; Quezon Hill Proper, Gloria Corazon Dalisay, as their respective areas of responsibility are affected by the traffic rerouting are also members. Barangay Affairs Officer Laurence Adube joins the barangay officials in all their deliberations for the Kaluluwa activities.

City Treasurer Thelma Manaois and Licensing Officer Cristio Lagyop; City Environment and Parks Management OIC Cordelia Lacsamana; Building and Architecture Officer Oscar

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## Diretsahan

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naging "RUBBER STAMP" ang kanyang opisina noong termino ni EX-mayor Braulio Yaranon! King hindi nyo pa nakuha, naku, sumama na lang kayo sa mga trak ng basura na bumibiyahе sa tarlac!

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At sino rin kaya itong retiradong opisyal ng militar na ginawang para-dahan ng kanyang mga sasakyan ang kalsada ng 1<sup>st</sup> kayang st. ilang metro lamang ang layo mula sa isang presinto ng pulisya? Aba, huwag sanang sabihin na kaya pinaalis ng POSD ang mga vendors ay para lang gawing paradahan ng sasakyan ng mga piling anak ng diyos?namkputsa., matagal na palang inirereklamо ang animoy "UNTOUCHABLE" na ex-general sa may palengke pero mukhang tiklop sa kanya ang ating mga opisyal, tama ba ako mayor Bautista at Atty. Fianza, ano rin sey mo konsehala Sembrano! GISING!!

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Wala akong kinakampihan sa gulo na kinasasangkutan ng isa naming kasamahan sa midya at ang hepe ng COMPAC IV, station 7 ng baguio city police.

Bahala na ang korte na siyang maghusga kung alin ang totoo. Patibayan na siguro ito ng ebidensya..

Pero sabi ng nakausap kong pulis, kasalanan daw ni Cesar Reyes, ang midya, pero sabi naman ng isang nakausap ko rin NA KAIBIGAN NI Mr. Reyes, mga pulis daw ang "Palpak"!

Ayon pa sa nakausap kong pulis malakas daw itong si "EL" kastilyo sa bagong hepe ng PNP na si heneral Jesus Versoza... Jesus patawarin, labanan na pala ito ng...PALAKASAN?!

Kung malakas nga itong si kastilyo, dapat itawag sa kanya ay kastilyong pader at hind kastilyong buhangin, tama ba bos, tsip Wilfredo Franco, ser? SUBAYBAYAN!

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ano kaya ang tunay na nangyari dito sa natitirang minero na natrap sa isang "Mining Tunnel" sa Itogon, Benguet? Buhay pa kaya ito o patay na? buhay pa kaya ito pero nagtatago lamang dahil sa kanyang "warranto De Arresto"? o patay na at naanod ng tubig?

Siguro naman, mas maige pa ang makulong sa likod ng rehas kaysa sa loob ng tunnel, pero ang pinakamahirap ay ang Magtago sa batas habangpanahon! AMEN!!

## Batas.....

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nakasaad sa Bibliya, patuloy na mananalasa ang mga sakit na ito.

Ayon kasi sa Deuteronomio 28:15 ng Bibliya, padadalhan tayo ng Diyos ng mga sumpa, kagaya ng sumpa ng umaapoy na lagnat (Deuteronomio 28:22), dahil sa pagtalikod natin sa Diyos, at hindi maaalis ang mga sumpang ito hanggang hindi tayo nalilipol.

Dahil diyan, kahit gaano man kalaki ang halaga ng gagastusin ng mga kagaya ni Bill Gates at iba pang bilyonaryo ng mundo, hindi

pa din ito maging sapat upang matulungan ang mga apektadong bansa at mga mamamayan nito.

Kailangan ay tumulong din sina Bill Gates upang maibalik ang tao sa mga saway at utos ng Diyos.

Itong lamang kasi ang tunay na solusyon, ayon sa 2 Chronica 7:14 ng Bibliya na ganito ang sinasabi: "Kung ang aking pamayanan na tinatawag sa aking pangalan ay magpapakumbaba at mananalangin, hahanapin Ako, at tatalikuran ang paggawa ng kasalanan, pakikinggan ko sila mula sa langit, patatawarin ko ang kanilang mga kasalanan at aalisin ko ang mga sumpa sa kanilang lupain."

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o sa [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com), at sa sulat sa 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

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supplies of fertilizer and pesticide at reasonable prices; rationalizing the manufacture and marketing of fertilizer; protecting the public from the risks inherent in the use of pesticides; and educating the agricultural sector in the use of these inputs.

Under Section 9 of PD 1144 it states that "no pesticides, fertilizers or other agricultural chemicals shall be exported, imported, manufactured, formulated, stored, distributed sold or offered for sale, transported, delivered for transportation or used unless it has been duly registered with the FPA or covered by a numbered provisional permit issued by FPA for use in accordance with the conditions provided in the permit".

For seeds, former Department of Agriculture Regional Director Dr. Elizabeth Verzola, now a consultant of the agency said seeds are certified and approved for release by the National Seed Board.

Seeds should be viable and adaptable to the environment according to Verzola saying that there may be some seeds which are being sold that may not be suitable to the climatic conditions of the area.

Aside from seeds, it was also suggested that the measure should likewise include the cuttings and corms which are also utilized as planting materials, to pass through quarantine measures.

Aside from the analysis being undertaken by concerned agencies, Nazarro requested the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist to make a computation for the funds to be used in evaluating such farm inputs and seeds circulating in the province. This will be the basis in the allocation of funds for the proposed measure, he said./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

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

NORMA C. MENDOZA

Applicant

Case No: 95-01-463

## NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 14, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish 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 2th day of October 2008.

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

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

RENY B. DARCIO

Applicant

Case No: 97-01-627

## NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 14, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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## Oplan kaluluwa.....

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Flores; City Engineer Leo Bernardez; City Health Officer Florence Reyes; are also members; as to candle and flower vending activities along a designated area; safety and order within the cemetery; and other structural planning.

Baguio City Police Office Director Wilfredo Franco; Police Chief of the Traffic Management Board Samuel Bumangil; City Administrator Peter Fianza and Information Officer Ramon Dacawi; are also included in the executive committee.

As in the past years, a separate traffic advisory shall be issued by the BCPO once the members of the executive committee meet and details are ironed out./juliefianza



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF

VALARAO  
*Mortgagors.*  
  
FORECLOSURE  
CASE NO. 08-18-S  
Real Estate  
Mortgage Contract  
Under Act 3135 as Amended

RURAL BANK OF SAGADA  
*Mortgagee,*  
  
-versus-

x—————x  
  
SHERIFF'S NOTICE  
OF SALE

ARLENE A. SY, ARNEL  
ALCANTARA,  
herein represented  
By their Attorney-in-Fact SPOUSES  
BENIGNO ALDEN and ANNALIZA

Upon extra-judicial petition for the sale Under Act 3135 as amended filed by RURAL BANK OF SAGADA, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, as against ARLENE A. SY ARNEL ALCANTARA, herein represented

by their Attorney-in-Fact SPOUSES BENIGNO ALDEN and ANNELIZA VALARAO, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGORS, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 31, 2005, amounts to PESOS: TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (2,600,000.00) exclusive of interest charges and expense incurred plus 10% attorney fees of the total indebtedness, but to exclude other expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court/Ex-Oficio Sheriff thru the Sheriff-in-Charge announces that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon there-

after, will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Lobby Justice Hall, Baguio City, the real property including its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-86450**

A parcel of Land (Lot 2-B-2, Psd-CAR- 012334) being a portion of Lot 2-B (LRC) Psd-53551, Rurban Code 131102. Situated at Res. Sec. "D", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., & NW.,

along lines 1-2-3 by Lot 2-1 (LRC) Psd-53551; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 2-A (LRC) Psd-53551; on the NE., along line 4-5 by Public Land; on the SE., along line 5-6 by Lot 2-C (LRC) Psd-53551; along line 6-7 by Lot 2-D (LRC) Psd-53551; on the SW., along line 7-8 by Lot 2-B-1; along lines 8-9-10-1 by Lot 2-B-3 (8.00 m.wide) Beginning at A point marked "1" on plan S.56 deg., 24'E., m. from Triangulation Station "D" Baguio Townsite. Containing an area of EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (8,736) SQUARE

METERS, more or less.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property and its encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, September 23, 2008

(SGD)  
**REMEDIOS B. REYES**  
Clerk of Court  
VI/Ex-Oficio Sheriff

MARANI S. BACOLOD  
Sheriff IV  
No. 137-06092  
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**NOTICE OF BENECO BOARD ELECTIONS**

BENECO Board Resolution No. 96008, Dated August 19, 2008, Calling for the Conduct of District Elections for Baguio City on October 25, 2008.

Relative to the conduct of elections on October 25, 2008 for Board of Directors representing Districts 1, 11, III, IV, V and VI of Baguio City, the requirements for candidacy are as follows.

- 1.) Duly accomplished and notarized Certificate of Candidacy;
- 2.) Two (2) copies 2" x 2" latest photo;
- 3.) Court Clearance;
- 4.) Xerox copy of Tax Identification Number (TIN);
- 5.) Barangay Captain's certification that the candidate is a resident of the district he/she seeks to represent for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the election;
- 6.) BENECO certification that the candidate is a bonafide member of the cooperative in the district he/she seeks to represent for at least ninety (90) days before the election,
- 7.) BENECO certification that the candidate is a consumer in the district he/she seeks to represent for at least sixty (60) days before the deadline set for the filing of the Certificate of Candidacy;
- 8.) BENECO certification that the candidate is a member of the cooperative in good standing. A member of good standing shall mean that said member-
  - a) Must have no unsettled or outstanding obligation to the cooperative at the time of his/her filing of the Certificate of Candidacy including accountabilities of commercial or industrial connections of which he/she is the owner or co-owner.
  - b) Has not been apprehended of electric pilferage by the cooperative.
  - c) Has not been removed for cause as a director or as employee from the electric cooperative.
- 9.) Birth Certificate or any proof that he/she is 21 years of age or above on the day of election.
- 10.) For government employees, must have a written permit from his/her superior allowing him/her to run and/or sit as director at the time of his/her filing of candidacy.

**Council .....**

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Trinidad, Benguet.

Before this, he was suspected to be under surveillance by unidentified entities since April this year. Balao was said to have observed white and blue vans tailing him from his residence to his daily chores.

The resolution also seeks to give assistance to Balao's family, the CPA and the Cordillera Human Rights Alliance (CHRA) for the immediate location of Balao and release from his captors if any.

The city council resolution will be furnished to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Department of National Defense, Philippine National Police, Dept. of Justice, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Commission on human Rights, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and Joint Monitoring Committee on CARHRHIL. / Aileen P. Refuerzo

**CSC- Car.....**

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placer; the city government of Baguio, second; the provincial government of Benguet, third; and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR), fourth placer.

For the Public Service Delivery Audit (PASADA), certificates were awarded to the following: the administration office of the Benguet State University; registrar's office also of BSU; the DepEd Benguet Division Office, DepEd regional office, Department of Public Works and Highways Cordillera (DPWH-CAR), Philippine National Police Cordillera crime laboratory and the PNP provincial office.

The seal of frontline service excellence was awarded to the Department of Science and Technology Cordillera (DOST-CAR) and the ATI-National Training Center.

The program was attended by CSC-CAR regional director Lorenzo Danipog, Assistant Regional director Rafael marco and CSC-CAR field office directors Adela Esteban of Baguio, Allyson Locano of Ifugao and Mt. Province, Rogelio Del Rosario of Abra, Cornelia Rillera of Benguet and Nerissa Canguilian of Kalinga Apayao and heads and representatives of the various line agencies./Aileen P. Refuerzo

**City scouting.....**

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"...In case there are substantial hitches and delays in the survey and development of said area, there are a number of similarly big areas nearby belonging to the city and which the city can propose as sites for the PSHS-CAR," Domogan added./ aSileen p. refuerzo

**Streetlights.....**

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chaired by Councilor Rocky Thomas Balisong recommended a six-month trial operation by BENECO to determine if there will be improvement in the maintenance vis-a-vis the increase in the maintenance cost.

But the body decided to first hear the positions of the parties before it acts on the committee's recommendations.

The BENECO through director Atty. Benny Bomogao said their offer has gained the support of some of the barangays as shown by the manifesto of support signed by representatives of the 17 barangays of district 2 of BENECO.

The city engineer's office was requested to report on the comparative analysis of the streetlight operations for the last five years during the council meeting on Monday./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

**Gangsters.....**

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Business District to repaint graffiti.

Jason Balag-ey of Hukbong Lirikkal meanwhile revealed, "The Brotherhood shall likewise be inking a pact on October 11."

"Realizing that indeed, there is a lot more that can be done, our member-groups have decided to come up with a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize lasting truce and to map out endeavors that we can undergo as a means of bolstering our unity," he added.

Earlier Fianza noted, "The fact that our kids have been able to sit down and talk things out is already a rich source of lessons for the older generation where we belong."

"Apart from the fact that we should now believe our kids can solve their problems on their own, we should sometimes yield to the changing times and not insist on what we know for their generation is entirely different from ours."

"All it takes for us to have peace in the neighborhood is to allow them speech and listen to them even in their silence," he added./ ISL

**'Hopping' bad.....**

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shall be highlighted in the event, spruced up by performances from various scholastic and technical skills institutions.

Meanwhile, Dr. Virginia Akiate of CHED-Cordillera said, "We are hoping to surpass previous numbers with the October walk."

She added, "Aside from highlighting the talents of our school kids as they perform during the program, we have likewise invited pupils and students to join us in the endeavor."

The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center hosted the July walk where an estimated 2,500-people from the public and private sector joined. On the said walk edition, Department of Tourism -Cordillera and CARE chair Pura Molintas volunteered CARE as the next host.

Earlier, BRM chairman and city councilor Erdolfo Balajadia encouraged both private and public sectors to join the walk by enlisting with the BRM through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environment Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) or the Public Information Division, Office of the Mayor (PIO).

He said, "We are encouraging everybody to walk or pedal their way to the venue; and from the venue to their respective places of work... We are likewise asking participants to bend a little to pick up pieces of litter along the way."

He added, "We appeal to individuals to donate some amount to the BRM for the purchase of seedlings and to fuel its various advocacy programs, instead of spending their money for fuel or public transport."

Participants are encouraged to bring coffee, juice, water and snacks which they could share for a morning quaff with other participants before the program.

BRM meanwhile advised those who, by health reasons could not participate in the program, to leave their vehicles and take public transport instead.

Balajadia explained, "By taking public transport, we can be assured that our streets are less than a vehicle and less than a possible source of air pollution, which in turn makes our streets safer for walkers."

Organizations interested in holding the next walk may contact the DENR Environment Management Bureau at 442-2346 or the Public Information Office, City Hall at 442-2502./ ISL

**ERRATUM**

In a Notice of Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate Among Heirs with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights published in this paper issues of September 6, 13 and 20, 2008. The name Ros C. Palma as published should have been spelled as Ross C. Palma and not as erroneously published.

**GSIS.....**

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land.

It would also include the "redevelopment" of the Baguio Convention Center and the Sunshine Park.

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 remain.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. recently assured that his position to preserve the forested area within the Baguio Convention Center reservation as a tree park remains unchanging and that the city's interest will be considered before any development will be allowed in the area.

He said that if ever there are transactions relative to the area's development, he will make representations to protect the city's stakes.

The mayor was reacting to reports that SM Investment Corporation plans to pursue its plan to transform the area into a condotel complex which plan was earlier said to be recalled after the city officials and organizations served notice to oppose the area's development.

But the mayor maintained that any such plan would not be plausible at the moment given the court cases questioning the status and ownership of the subject land.

He said that nevertheless any plan to touch the area would surely pass through the city government for approval and given the land's known status as institutional, he said he is poised to deny any plan to develop the area into something other than being a forest area.

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./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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emphasized due to the turn-over of the park from the national government to the city, as to Executive Order 695. Said EO fully devolved the park to the city, after years of being under the management of the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA), with employees from the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC).

Thus, human resource needs for the park was also presented, for the city's priority for manpower skills, including park maintenance. Education and training of personnel, for local needs and tourism purposes, was also discussed.

Legal aspects such as ordinances and resolutions as to Burnham concerns were delved into. The creation of the Burnham Park Development Authority, history and culture, arrangements, strategies, guidelines, and assistance needed were presented. The prioritization of the park's needs was also looked into.

Older participants who grew up with the park through the years then looked into more needs, such as maintenance of its being Baguio's water table, an aquifer connected with the Balili-Sagudin river which runs through the city to neighboring places; and the need for proper drainage, as more tourism structures are observed within the area. The need for security for park goers was also suggested. Less concrete, more plants and ornamental flowers was requested, as with

the removal of unnecessary concrete structures.

It was also agreed upon that users' needs be looked into before any priority, and to "enhance, preserve and protect" the park. It has been observed by Baguio-based travelers that Baguio is only one of the country's cities having a park to boast of./juliefianza

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cal contamination. She also observed that her kids don not easily get sick.

Guiniling, who had been giving birth at the Ifugao Provincial Hospital (IPH) said that the health workers had been advising her to breastfeed her kids. "Nurses at the hospital said that breast milk is still best for my baby so I followed them," Guiniling who is still breastfeeding her fourth kid who is three years and four months, revealed.

Guiniling also said that as per her experience, breastfeeding is also a natural way of birth spacing. She said that she and her husband never used contraceptives but she was able to have a spacing of six years between her eldest and her second kid; three years for the second and third kid and two years gap between her third and fourth kid.

She further said that all her kids who are healthy have good appetite and she didn't encounter much problem when it comes to their health conditions. Now I realized that I don't have any regrets in breastfeeding my children especially now that there is a milk scare due to contaminated milk products she added.

The World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund recommend six months exclusive breastfeeding for the best infant growth, development and health while infants who receive infant formula are more at risk to die from diarrhea and pneumonia than an exclusively breastfed baby

With her experience, she is advocating for breastfeeding to mothers which the Department of Health here is promoting to mothers who just gave birth. The IPH confiscates feeding bottles and milk formula being brought inside the hospital which is in line with their breastfeeding program.

Meanwhile, the Department of Trade and Industry said that based on their monitoring, there are no Chinese milk products that are being sold here.

Ms. Lenor Saludaes, the Trade and Industry Development Analyst said their office monitored five key grocery stores here as follows: Lagawe Trading, JMS General Mdse, Lagawe Drug and Commercial, ABS and Dimog Store.

DTI Provincial Director Valentin Baguidudol said that selling products which are banned is a prohibited act under Article 18b of the Consumer Act. DTI monitors and submit report to implementing agencies such as the Department of Health, Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD), and Center for Health Development Office for them to act on any violation committed by the establishment, Baguidudol said./Vency Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao

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## Burnham park summit held

BAGUIO CITY – City executives, non-government organizations, tourism-oriented establishment owners, technical planners, representatives from the academe, senior citizens group, business sector, and the Sangguniang Panlungsod met last Tuesday to forge a pre-planning agree-

ment for the forthcoming citywide Burnham Park summit.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., himself attended and spoke about the need to work together for Baguio's premier park, as sports, tourism, promenade spot, educational and environmental centers.

City Executives

then presented the development plan which included park goers' profile, conditions of facilities, and environmental needs for the area.

Budgetary concerns were also presented, as to income needs, future sources of revenue for the park to become self-sustaining side-by-side with environmental development plans. The need was

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## "Breastmilk is still best for babies"

HINGYON, Ifugao- With the recent controversy on contaminated infant formula made in China, the adage that "breast

milk is still the best milk for babies" is again proven true.

Elizabeth Guiniling, a mother of four here who breastfed her kids,

said that there are many advantages of breastfeeding. Aside from its economic advantages, it is safe, with no risk of chemi-

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## Council asks for tesda baguio office

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved the proposed resolution of Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda seeking the establishment of a "distinct and separate" city district office of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for the city.

Tabanda, in a proposed resolution, said the city, being a highly urbanized city in the region serving as the center of trade, commerce and governance of the Cordillera Region, should have a separate TESDA office.

"The TESDA-CAR Regional Office is located at

Loakan Road that caters to the needs of the region, but the concerns of the City are addressed at the TESDA Benguet Provincial Office located at La Trinidad, Benguet," Tabanda observed.

"Because of the uniqueness of Baguio City in terms of urban development, social strata, economic prospects and employment, there must be created a separate office that shall give attention to its peculiar needs," the alderwoman said.

She added that the separate office will enable TESDA to focus on the identification and formula-

tion of programs that are viable in the area.

Moreover, this is consistent with the thrust of the national government to establish national government agencies in the



*HINDI LANG PANG OPISINA... The City Hall Dance Company prepares for a performance during the 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service held last Sept. 30 at the Pines View Hotel. The group, together with the City Hall Choir and Cultural Dance Troupe has been recently institutionalized via a City Council resolution./PIO*

locality where its services can be readily accessed.

In her mea-

sure, Tabanda sought to urge the TESDA to create a T E S D A Baguio City

District Office through the assistance of Rep. Mauricio Domogan./ aileen p. refuerzo

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