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## Pahayagang palabanan!!! “No to Bingo, STL, & Bingoteng; Casino yes, but...” - Mayor



“ANOTHER ONE BITES THE BUST.” Public Order and Safety Division chief Greg Deligero shows off confiscated gambling paraphernalia after the city’s anti-vice team raided the “bingo socials” along Otek Street for the N<sup>th</sup> time, May 10. (PIX 020) shows team leader Cesar Zamoranos turning over the confiscated gambling bets worth P2,450.25 to treasurer Thelma Manaois, May 12./Ace Alegre

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week reiterated his stand against all forms of gambling highlighted by a recent closure order against a barangay “bingo fund-raiser.”

During the “Ugnayan” press conference hosted by DZEQ Radio ng Bayan, May 15, he said elements of the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) seized gambling paraphernalia and almost P3-thousand in bet money from operators of a barangay fund-raising project along Otek Street, Rizal Monument Barangay (RMB).

It could be remembered that RMB chief Marcelo Sabado in a letter to Bautista, April 21, admitted approval of barangay resolution 4-2008, allowing operation of a “bingo social” and “kiddie carnival” for 2-months, which started late April. This, apparently “to raise funds for their fiesta; and the purchase of equipment and supplies for their barangay.”

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Naku Meyor, lip service lang naman yan. Tumingin ka nga sa salamin!!

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## Lepanto Unions Inks 3-Year CBA With Mine Firm

Mankayan, Benguet – The 1,477-strong labor force and the security force unions of Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company has already inked separate collective bargaining agreements.

Elated and glad, Brian Yap, Lepanto president and chief executive officer showed great optimism for the oldest gold mining company “to go over the humps in the next few months” with better production.

Lepanto is the country’s biggest

gold producer with at least 5 kilos in an average of three days in its underground mines in mineral-rich Mankayan town in northern Benguet.

Atty. Crisanto Martinez, chief of Lepanto’s negotiating panel said it took only eight meetings for both sides to agree to a new CBA while the management and the security union took only four meetings to agree to a new contract. “The negotiations were peaceful as the parties saw the need to cooperate with each other

at this stage,” he said.

Three years ago, Lepanto suffered multi-million losses when its workers close down the gates of the firm for two months over disputes on wages, benefits and other labor union issues.

The new CBAs granted a 10-point economic package for the employees union capped by an P86 hike in wage that will be distributed in a three-year span. Under both CBAs, union members are entitled to P27 increase for the first year (retroactive to Novem-

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## NPA Rebel Beheaded By Army Troopers In Abra Vows Charges Before JMC

La Trinidad, Benguet “ An NPA rebel was allegedly beheaded by government troopers in Tubo town in Abra during almost two-month long military operations along the tri-boundaries of Ilocos Sur-Mountain Province and Abra.

1Lt John Pedrigosa and 2Lt Abdul Rashid Avila of the Charlie Company of the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion is being blamed for beheading and desecrating the remains of a certain Sammy Rey “Ka Cholo” Cayago, an NPA rebel after an encounter with them on March 24 in a forested area of upland barangay Tubtuba, in Tubo.

Cayagos decomposing remains was retrieved by the NPA only last April 21, said Diego Wadagan, spokesman of the Abra-based Agustin

Begnalen Command of the NPA, while the 50th IB and 52nd Reconnaissance companies were still reportedly on combat operation against NPAs in the tri-boundaries.

The slain rebels one hand and one foot were allegedly missing. His head was decapitated from his body.

Wadagan also claimed that the back portion of his skull was shattered to pieces.

Cayagos remains were placed in a makeshift coffin and buried until it was exhumed last May 2 and turned over to his family.

Charges Before JMCNPA-Abra and Cagayos family, Wadagan claimed, will file a formal case against the 50th IB and 503rd Infantry Brigade through the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC), a neutral venue set by the Comprehensive Agreement on the Request for Human

Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) signed by Philippine government and the National Democratic Front in 2003.

Wadagan claimed that government soldiers had been bragging around in Pananuman and Tubtuba villages how they allegedly riddled the slain NPAs body with more than 50 bullets.

He claimed soldiers even boasted that 2Lt Avila hacked off Ka Cholo’s head with a bolo and how another soldier smashed the head with a rock, shattering the back portion of his skull.

This is a gross violation of the provisions and articles of war specified under Protocol 1 of the Geneva Convention and reaffirmed under the (CARHRIHL), the rebel spokesman insisted.

The savagery they have done to Ka Cholo are an addition **Cont. on page 10**

## Urgent Review of Deregulation Law Sought Escudero says the law excludes the poor

For its utter failure to accomplish the objective it was created for, Senator Chiz Escudero is urgently calling for the review of the oil deregulation law to either repeal it or amend it.

Escudero said when RA 8479 or the oil deregulation law was enacted almost ten years ago, the Department of Energy had been given enough powers and prerogatives to monitor the prices of oil commodities to ensure reasonable pricing on the basis of prevailing inventory

and market price by oil companies and dealers.

However, despite such powers and prerogatives, it is apparent, as observed by many sectors, that any oil price increase is implemented faster than the public can cope with, as opposed to a decrease in oil prices by oil companies and retailers.

Escudero said the law has become biased to the big oil players in the country because they can easily raise oil

prices without having to seek the consent of the government. In contrast however, small people like the transport sector who bears the brunt of reckless soaring of oil prices have to court, seek and plea for the government’s consent for fare hike to cope with the escalating oil price.

“ B a k i t napapaboran nang husto etong mga malalaking negosyante? Wag nilang isangkilalan na nalulugi sila dahil pwede naman silang

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## Ifugao Town Vice Mayor Snaps At Journalists During Ifugao Town Festival

**BAGUIO CITY**— The lives of two Baguio-based journalists of a national daily covering a festival at Alfonso Lista town (Ifugao) were put to danger when the towns vice mayor reportedly snapped at them, even to the point that guns were allegedly drawn.

Ma. Elena Catajan and Redgie Cawis, both correspondents of the Malaya, who went to Alfonso Lista town together with Department of Tourism-Cordillera regional director Purificacion Molintas on May 10 to cover the towns festival

claimed vice mayor Clarence Polig after getting intoxicated harassed them, a thing that the town executive has belied.

Catajan who vowed to formally bring the matter to justice narrated that after doing their news and photo gathering around town, they went to the vice mayors house as a last late afternoon stop for interviews.

Polig is a direct descendant of Alfonso Lista, the man from which the towns name was named after.

The lady correspondent claimed that she first wanted to reset the interview as it was already dark and raining heavily, but Vice mayor Polig insisted because he would be busy the following day. I agreed to conduct the inter-

view immediately, Catajan said.

The interview was reportedly short as the two journalists were tired and hungry too.

But the vice mayor allegedly refused to allow them to leave saying they should drink with them.

Polig was reportedly then drinking with the towns jail warden and several others.

The vice mayor was very nice at first, Catajan claimed. But snapped including the officials drinking buddies. Redjie (Cawis) sat beside me the whole time as he felt the men were picking on me

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*IT USED TO BE FOR WALKING. Now, the sidewalks along Session Rd. are even used for parking by nonchalant bikers. Wonder where the cops have gone... /Bong cayabyab*

## Congress Probes Oceana Golds Mining In Nueva Vizcaya

**BAGUIO CITY**— The Congressional Committee on National Cultural Communities has decided to hold an on-site investigation in mining affected areas in Nueva Vizcaya in the next few weeks.

This after Thursdays congressional inquiry digging deeper on the reported encroachment of the Australia-owned mining firm Oxiana Philippines-RoyalCo and New Zealand

owned Oceana Gold. Clemente Bautista Jr., national coordinator of the environmental activist group Kalikasan PNE lauding the congressmen who took the cudgels of probing the mining firm said that Thursdays inquiry will lead to further investigation on the current mining-related problems afflicting the Nueva Vizcaya province.

Nueva Vizcaya Governor Luisa Cuaresma and the provincial board members are currently leading a barricade to stop the operations of Oceana

Gold because of tax disputes.

Oceana Gold was reportedly ignoring the provincial government order for them to pay million pesos of tax on the quarry materials the mining firm are using, saying that under their mining agreement Oceana Gold has no obligation to do so.

“Private and foreign mining corporations are exploiting and depleting our natural resources, displacing our communities, polluting our rivers and degrad-

ing the environment. Worse, the local government are being disempowered by the mining policy and program of the Arroyo government for the interest of these foreign corporations,” Bautista claimed.

Kasibu mayor Romeo Tayaban has firmly reiterated his opposition to mining operations in his town. “Since the entry of mining companies in our province, there is a lot of tension between our indigenous peoples. The peace and order now becomes one of our major problems.

Unidentified armed groups are now roaming the mining areas and harassing local people”, said Tayaban.

Tayaban has urged the Congress Committee on National Cultural Communities during their site investigation in Nueva Vizcaya to

visit the barricades against Oceana Gold and Oxiana Philippines-RoyalCo for them to see how serious and united the locals are in relation to the mining project.

We hope the experiences of the people in Nueva Vizcaya from foreign mining operations will convince our legislators to stop

the large-scale mining projects in the province, Bautista of Kalikasan said.

But earlier, DENR sec. Jose Atienza urged Nueva Vizcaya governor Cuaresma to think again on their stance on mining in their province vis-à-vis the gains it will accrue to the development of her province. /Ace Alegre

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*We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.*

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## The Poverty of Greed

Stirring his coffee, the Norwegian guest wondered: "Newspapers here report about many exemplary Filipinos in the inside pages. Does that balance the greed that headlines scream about? The Chinese say: 'Greed is insatiable'."

Here are some examples he cited: In the \$330 million ZTE broadband scandal, kickbacks were jacked up from the usual 20% to more 60%. Bubukol yan chief, whistleblower Jun Lozada warned. But ex-commissioner Benjamin Abalos & Partners retorted: "Back off." Ex-justice secretary Hernando Perez denies he extorted \$2-million from then Rep. Mark Jimenez to grease approval of a contract with an Argentinian power firm.

Joseph Estrada masqueraded as Jose Velarde, the courts found. Yet, almost all of the P3.32 billion, stashed into the notorious Jose Velarde account, had been siphoned after Erap was

convicted for plunder. In Switzerland, over \$4 million, in numbered accounts, were whisked away by Marcos crony Herminio Disini. Earlier, Disini skimmed purchase of a flawed Westinghouse nuclear plant that never produced a kilowatt of power.

"A greedy father will have thieves for children", Serbian farmers say. Avarice on the national level is cloned by locals.

In full-page ads, Catholic leaders, in Surigao, denounced scalping of remaining forests in Bislig, despite a Supreme Court decision against Picop. Drivers plying ARRM roads fear Land Transportation Office agents as much as armed bandits, Inquirer's Michael Tan wrote: A "man's greed is like a snake that seeks to swallow an elephant," Asian sages teach. That fits Lapu-Lapu city. The Ombudsman ruled that Mayor Arturo Radaza and officials be haled to court for overpricing by six to seven times street lamps bought for the Asean summit. Radaza et al bought computer clones at P49,500 each—double the cost in legit shops, a pending charge claims.

A Mactan Island Chamber of Commerce and Industry survey found that 25 of 28 respondents were fleeced by City Hall grafters for permits and clearances. So, did President Arroyo approve Radaza's P10 billion Mactan North Reclamation project, sleaze notwithstanding?

What's clear is Radaza bypassed National Economic Development Authority, Cebu Provincial Government and other agencies. Isn't that throwing good money after bad?

In Cebu City, Mayor Tomas Osmeña urged visitors to report harassment by immigration officials. Korean nationals Lee Dong Bum and wife Kim Sun were threatened, then bundled into a car and hustled to Manila, by agents Bernard Cruzata and Eduardo Silverio. There, a red-faced Commissioner Marcelino Libanan released them after finding the couple's business was legal and they had permits to stay until 2009.

"That's not an isolated case," the Norwegian friend added. "That happens everyday. To keep grafters at arm's length, I don't go to immigration. I just fly to Hong Kong and have the consulate there process my papers."

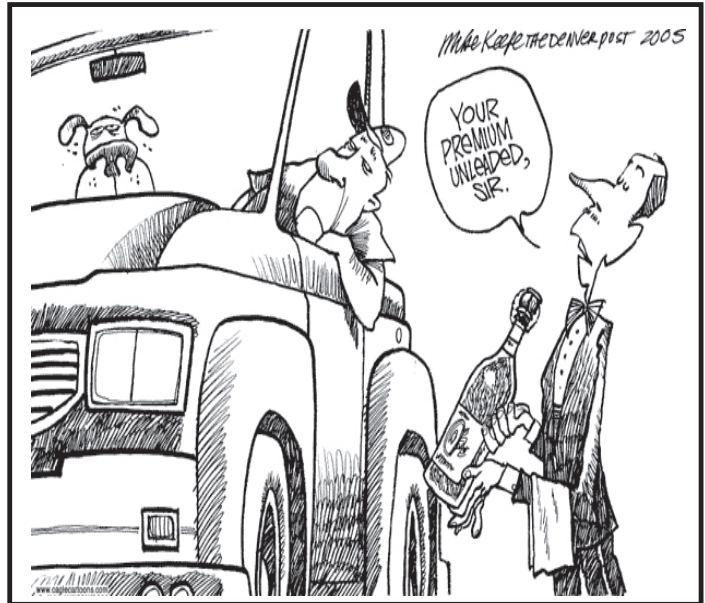
"How quickly nature falls into revolt. When gold becomes her object," Henry IV told Gloucester: That partly explains continuing instability of government as well as impotence of the opposition.

From Malacanang, Congress down to Lapu-Lapu, Bislig and offices like customs, cash has become the end-all-and-be-all. From a position for service, public office morphs into a tool for conserving perks.

Older Filipinos called that "ley del estomago." Where "law of the stomach" prevails, poverty becomes the original sin. Thus, the lives of a Jose W. Diokno who battled for a nation of integrity, or Good Shepherd nun Christine Tan, who served Malate's poor, turn into "aberrations". They're ignored for hewing to

notorious Jose Velarde account, had been siphoned after Erap was

## EDITORIAL



## DIRETSAHAN

*Sugalan pa rin*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Huli man daw ay gusto kong batin ng Happy Mothers Day ang lahat ng mga nanay sa buong mundo en op kors lalo na sa aking nanay na kapiling na ni lord. Sa kaalaman ng mga suki, ang mama ko po ang orihinal na may-ari ng MOTHERS RESTAURANT na kanyang pinasikat dahil sa kanyang masasarap na Fried Chicken, Pork chop at Beefsteak. Sa maniwala kayo't hindi mga suki ay nagsimula ang aking nanay sa kanyang negosyo sa halagang P 18.00 lamang hanggang sa kanya itong napalago, mga CADDY BOYS sa dating CAMP JOHN HAY ang una niyang mga naging kliyente, sumunod ay ang mga Golfers, Police, Drivers, mga Opisyal na kalaunan ay pati mga Artistang Sikat, naging paborito na rin nilang kainan ang MOTHERS RESTAURANT. Dangan nga lamang at pumanaw ang aking ina noong abril 1996 na siyang pagsisimula ng pagbagsak ng MOTHERS. Pero sa ngayon ay ipinagpapatuloy pa rin ng iba kong kapatid ang pangalan na pinalago at iningatan ng aming nanay. Magkaganun pa man, hindi naman kailaman nakakalimutan ang ipinamulat sa amin ng aming Dakilang Nanay, kaya't kahit nasa kabilang buhay na siya, binabati ko siya ng HAPI MOTHERSDAY!

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Hindi pa natatapos ang problemang dinaranas ni Juan na mga krisis, eto at meron na namang mga problemang nagsulputan at isinabay pa ang mga kalamidad na lalong nagbibigay hirap at dusa sa bansang pinas ni Juan. Sa pagtataas ng pandaigdigang petrolyo, ay direktang naapektuhan ang naghihingalong si Juan. Nagtaas ang mga gasolina, mga pangunahing bilihin at maari ring magtaas na rin ng pamasaha at kamakailan ay nagtaas na naman ang LPG at may bantang magtataas rin ang singil ng kuryente at tubig.

Kung ang pangunahing pagkain ay hirap ng pagkasyahin ni Juan, sa mga ibang pangangailangan pa kaya? Diyos na mahabagin, hindi na yata matapos tapos ang kalbaryo ni Juan maawa ka naman aling Gloria!!!

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Suwerte kaya sa ating pangulo ang pangalang Oscar? Hindi po yung Oscar na pang award sa Hollywood ang gusto kong sabihin kundi itong dalawang Oscar na mistulang bangungot kay PGMA. Ang isang Oscar ay isang alagad ng simbahan at ang isa naman ay isang alagad ng kuryente... este tserman pala ng meralco, at sino pa kundi sina Archbishop Oscar Cruz at Oscar Lopez.

Siguro ay kelangan nang bigyan ni aling Glorya itong dalawang Oscar ng Oscars award para matapos na ang bangungot sa kanyang buhay.

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May lumulutang na naman na bagong testigo sa ZTE NBN deal at ito raw ang mag uugnay kay PGMA at first gentleman Mike Arroyo na may direktang kaugnayan sila sa kontrata ng Zte Nbn.

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

*BWD plea for rate hike does not deserve Baguio support (reprint)*

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



This Friday, 9 May 2008, the Baguio Water District had scheduled a public meeting to discuss its proposed rate hike. Earlier, I really intended to attend the meeting to strongly express my displeasure on the way BWD has been serving the public: highly insensitive, callous, primitive, technology-ignorant, and highly inefficient compared to national and international standards.

May I inform the BWD that I was unable to attend their 9 May 2008 public hearing because I had to attend to the needs of my wife who is a stroke survivor. I have to occasionally or frequently go down to Manila and assist her because she is half-paralyzed.

This brings me to the next point. Why is the BWD highly insensitive to consumer situation and callous? Well, I learned that from direct experience. On two occasions this year, BWD had cut our water services. I failed to pay my water bills on time because I really have to go to Manila quite occasionally or frequently to take care of my wife. Naturally, there would be really be times that I would be failing to pay water bills on time. I suppose that there are other people and families who are in the same boat as mine. Most likely there are senior people out there who really cannot promptly pay on time. BWD must be strongly reminded that not all families are in good health all time and they must factor this in the way they serve the public. If they are sensitive and callous, people in the BWD do not have the right to manage a public utility that is very important: water services.

Know what? When they cut our water services, I felt that I have been giving love for the BWD that was taken for granted. For instance, I know that the minimum water consumption is 10 cubic meters monthly but I continue to keep our water consumption at around 5-6 cubic meters monthly. I do not save money by doing so but I just keep doing it just the same. And what did I get in return? Nothing. They even cut our water supply at a time when I was taking a bath to go to their office to pay. Callous! Heartless. People who are not considerate of the public do not deserve to handle public utilities.

Why primitive and technology-ignorant? Today this 21<sup>st</sup> century, the BWD is still on the technology of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (they have computer but they are using their computers like electric typewriters). Just take a look at how they conduct their billing system. Simply compare the way they conduct their billing with BENEKO and you will know what I mean. Compare also their billing system with the water companies of Metro Manila.

Why inefficient? BWD water services can be one of the most expensive water rates in the country. For instance, water in Metro Manila is around P115 for a consumption of 14 cubic meters. In Baguio, it is at least P300 for 10 cubic meters. In my case, it is at least P300 for a consumption of around 5 cubic meters. Thus, water is about P8.22 per cubic meter in Manila but in Baguio it can be as high as P30 per cubic meter or even P60 per cubic meter in my case.

Does the BWD feel I have been unfair? Feel free to deliver to my office in University of the Philippines-Baguio the documents you have circulated in your public meeting last 9 May 2008. I will study your documents deeper. I am willing to support your case if you deserve the support. But right now, to be honest, I despise you for reasons I have explained above. Right now, I do not think you deserve any support. Nevertheless, I will continue to maintain an open mind. I consider that my responsibility.

You must also be prepared for this though: if I remain unconvinced that you deserve the support you need, please be assured that this attack against you will not be my last. I have not been a keen supporter of privatization but I am willing to take an exception in your case. Rest assured though that I will make a stand for or against you based on sound economic theory. If you have simply served the public faithfully, I may be your reliable ally in your fight for survival. Unfortunately, I have been one of your victims of your disservice.

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## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Coun. Sembrano tumatangap ka ba?*

*Welcome back Bingo-Jueteng sa barangay!!!*

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### THE HONORABLE COUN. ELAINE SEMBRANO -

Maganda ang naging hakbang nitong si Councilor Elaine Sembrano kung saan kanya raw ipinasara ang isang karnabal sa may Otek St. na di umano ay isang front lamang ng iligal na pasugalan. Talaga naman OO, asa sentro ng business district, napakalapit sa city hall at sa PNP main station at kung paano nakakalusot ang ganitong mga uri ng iligal na pasugalan ay talagang kataka- taka at hindi man lang nalalaman nitong si PNP City Director Moises Guevarra, hay !yay ! yay! onli in the pilipines hndi ba Col. Guevarra ser? Mahirap talaga ang nagbubulag bulagan! Maganda sana itong hakbangin ni Councilor Sembrano kung sana lang ay consistent itong si Madam Konsehal sa kanyang mungkahi o pagtutol sa lahat ng uri ng iligal na pasugalan, Ang problema lang ay ayon sa ating mga impormante ay mukhang mayroon selective likes and dislikes itong si Konsehal Sembrano at pinipili lamang niya ng kanyang tataluhin at hindi raw lahat ng iligal na pasugalan ay kanyang tinututulan??? At bakit ka ninyo, ayon sa obserbasyon ng ating impormante, bakit raw hindi tinututulan ni Konsehal Sembrano ang talamak na operasyon ng Jueteng??? Tanong tuloy ng ating impormante ay kung si Councilor Elaine Sembrano ay tumatangap sa Jueteng ? I second the motion Coun. Sembrano, tanong rin ng inyong lingkod , tumatangap nga ba kayo sa Jueteng at sa karnabal ay hindi kayo nabigyan kaya ninyo ipina tigil yun operasyon ng karnabal? Alam ninyo mga dear readers mayroon isang kasabihan sa ingles na "actions speak louder then words" . Anong palagay ninyo mga dear readers, ang mga aksyon ba ni Konsehal Sembrano bilang isang tumututol sa iligal na pasugalan ay consistent at pare parehas sa lahat ng sugal o namimili lang siya ng kanyang tataluhin?

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**BINGO JUETENG** - Happy days are here again. Ayon sa impormasyon at mga na ipapabalita, mahigit sa kalahati ng lahat ng mga barangay kupitan este kapitan sa lungsod ay sang ayon na ipag patuloy ang Bingo Jueteng sa barangay!!! Hep-hep-hooray!!!, Hep-hep-hooray, Happy Happy Days are here again!!! Maraming masasayang mga kupitan, este kapitan ang masaya dala ng mga hakbangin na ito ni kagalang galang na kapitan bosing Joel Alangsab kung saan ayon sa isa nating impormante ay ang magiging cut daw ng mga kapitan ay na sa 30% ng gross ng kung ano man ang siyang ma kokobra, tutuo kaya ang ipormasyon na ito? At ayon din sa ating impormante ang siyang cut o parte ng PNP ay nasa 40% at ang cut daw ng mga medyas este media ay nasa 3 % he!he!he! kawawang mga media na tumatangap . Tutuo kaya ang mga impormasyon na ito mga dear readers. Basta kung ako ang tatanungin ay malaki na nga ang 3% cut ng media, ok na yun 1 % to 2 % para sa mga medyas tatal naman, sanay na sanay sa latak ang mga medyas na walang prinsipyo at dignidad na walang pinag ka iba sa mga putatsing na nag bebenta ng kanilang laman!!!

### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of late APOLINARIO MOLINA SR., who died on April 25, 2007 at JC-78 Central Pico, La Trinidad Benguet, consisting of two (2) parcels of land registered and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-2242 and T-24320 both located Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, bank accounts if any and shares of stocks if any, has been Extra-judicially settled by his heir as per that Extrajudicial Settlement entered in the National Registry of Atty. Jerome W. Selmo as Doc. No. 360; No. 72; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2008

May 10, 17, & 24, 2008

## AFTERSHOCKS

*Food Price Rise Could Last  
Another 2 Years*

BY: ANNABELLE PEDRONIO



by: Parija B. Kavilanz / CNNMoney.com

You may have to get used to paying more for your groceries for another two years or more. Experts say an increase in global food consumption combined with increasing use of crops such as corn and soybeans for alternative fuel production are partly to blame.

Agricultural economists who've studied food price fluctuations cite historical trends that show run-ups in farm commodity prices typically happen in five-year cycles.

Prices flare up in the first two to three years of the cycle and then start to moderate by the fourth or fifth year, said Chris Hurt, agricultural economist at Purdue University. If 2007 was the first year of this latest cycle, Hurt said farm supply could start catching up to demand by 2010, helping to push down milk, bread, cereal and other grocery prices.

Until then, "Americans will be moving backward in their [food] lifestyle." By that he means that more families will trade down to cheaper food alternatives, or eat out less often, in order to adjust their budgets to both higher food and fuel costs.

Wal-Mart, the No. 1 discounter and supermarket chain, said Tuesday that spending patterns in its stores already support the trend. The retailer said shoppers are buying more white meat and less red meat, stocking up on larger package sizes and buying more boxed frozen meals as eating at home replaces going out.

"This is the first price boom we've seen since the 1970s," said Bill Knudson, professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State University, agreed. "There's an old industry saying that high prices cure high prices. My personal opinion is that food prices will remain high for another two or three more years."

The good news, however, is that "there's no grave concern" of a pending food shortage in the United States, Hurt said.

#### Why Is Food More Expensive Now?

Experts point to four main global trends for the rise in food prices. First, growing incomes in developing countries such as China, India, Malaysia mean citizens in these countries are eating better and more frequently, thereby putting more demand on the global food supply.

"People are consuming more quantity and higher-quality foods," said Hurt. "They are eating more meats, eggs, grains and [drinking] milk."

Second, adverse weather patterns over the past four years have harmed crop production in Australia, southern Europe, Ukraine and even parts of the United States. American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) economist Jim Sartwelle said a prolonged drought in Australia - a major wheat and dairy producer - has led to big drops in world exports of wheat and milk.

Third, the United States is normally a big food surplus nation but, "with a weak dollar, there's been a run on our pantry of food supplies," Sartwelle said. "A lot of our excess production is going overseas and this is pushing up domestic prices."

Fourth, burgeoning demand in the European Union and the United States for ethanol and other biofuels has sparked a price surge in corn, soybeans, sugarcane and other commodities used to produce those alternative fuels.

It's not only consumers feeling the price pain, Sartwelle said.

He said that "even with higher retail prices, farmers and grocers get very little increase in their profit margin," because it's being offset by higher packaging costs, energy cost to produce and stock food and fuel to transport products.

Bill Ferriera, president of the Apricot Producers of California, also sees a bump-up in the costs of farming.

"Fertilizer costs have doubled from last year and farm labor availability is a big problem," he said. "Many farmers are choosing not to grow produce that is labor intensive."

## From the Mail



As part of our commitment to provide a safe and secure environment for the community and the countless number of students flocking the Central Business District, we would like to seek for your help to inform the public of our appeal addressed to the City Mayor of Baguio.

This office has been steadfast in its stand against the proliferation of nightclubs, bars and liquor stores along our area of responsibility (Session Road, Assumption Road and Mabini Street) it being the primary source of Peace and Order problems resulting to loss of lives, infliction of injuries, damage to property and the like. However, despite our effort and commitment to serve by the non-issuance of Barangay Business Permits, coupled with the numerous written complaints against the said businesses coursed through various government agencies, apparently no concrete action has been taken by the City.

We therefore seek the help of Media to bring such matter to the attention of the authorities and the public as a whole. We hope that through your intercession, we may be able stop or the least deter the further deterioration in the peace and order situation in the Central Business District.

We are sending you

1. Our latest letter addressed to the City Mayor dated May 8, 2008;
2. Our first letter dated December 26, 2007 addressed to the Mayor which was not acted upon;
3. A list of liquor related incidents along Assumption Road and Upper Mabini Street, Baguio City as documented by the Baguio City Police Office;
4. Letter of the owner of one of the establishments along Upper Mabini affirming the fact that they were able to secure the necessary Business Permit despite the strong opposition of this Barangay;
5. Closure Order of former Mayor Bernardo Vergara addressed to Tequiros Bar (which is also known as Joshmical Bar and eventually Studio 59 which has allegedly been the source of prostitution of women and children;

For queries and clarification, kindly visit us at Kabayanihan Barangay Hall, Upper Mabini Street, Baguio City, Telephone Number (074) 443-9389 or personally call or contact me at Cell Phone Number 0917-867-6633 or e-mail us at kapmike\_kabayanihan@yahoo.com.

In the service of the community and the students, I remain.

Sincerely yours,  
Michael Karl C. Flores  
Punong Barangay  
Kabayanihan Barangay

Despite these food price hikes, Americans still spend only about 10% of their disposable income on food and beverage purchases per year, according to the Department of Agriculture.

That's below the 15% share of disposable income that Europeans spend on food and drinks, and the whopping 70% that citizens of Pakistan and Bangladesh budget for consumables, said Hurt.

So even with a 4.5% expected rise in overall food prices, Americans, per person, will only spend an extra \$87 this year on groceries, according to the Economic Research Service of the Department of Agriculture.

But that's little consolation for consumers whose budgets are already stretched amid the the worst food price inflation in 17 years, according to government reports.

The latest nationwide quarterly survey from the AFBF, which tracks supermarket prices for 16 basic grocery items, showed the total cost of its basket of goods rose to \$45.03 in

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TELL IT AS IT IS

World concerns and a concern from the mail

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



China struggles to save quake survivors rising to count of around 50,000. Myanmar cyclone death tolls soars above 43,000. Lebanon tries to prevent civil war... Quake shakes part of Luzon... so many problems in the world..not to mention the personal concerns of individuals.

From global concerns to individual concerns we find that life is spiced up by challenges. To those who sent letters and messages..thank you so much. Thank you for reading Junction and writing to my column

Have a nice weekend. Take Care.

Dear Jenny/ Tell it as it is:

My mother-in-law drives me nuts. She finds fault with everything I do. She thinks I don't take good care of my family. She criticizes everything I do and say. My husband says I should not mind her. What do you think I should do? - Mrs. S.P. of M. C.

Dear S.P.

Greetings!

Thank you for your message and letters. The problem you just shared is a common problem with in-laws. I think your husband is right, just ignore her. If you tried at one point to be at peace with her and if you know you did and is still doing your best to be a good wife and mother and still your mother-in-law continue to speak and show rude words and actions , just ignore her. You can't please everybody and remember a person's character depends greatly on one's upbringing and decisions.If you really can't stand her , try to live separate from her but do not forbid your husband to communicate with her. Your husband should be mature enough to stand his ground as a family man. Doing that does not mean he is less of a son or a man.

Good luck and Take Care.

Thank you for reading Junction and writing to my column. for your messages email me @ jennyjlaw@yahoo.com

Dads mull Fate of Computerization Contract

BAGUIOCITY – The city council will study whether or not it will annul the city government's contract with the COMFAC Corporation for the computerization of the city's real property tax administration and collection system.

The body last Monday decided to seek opinion from the city legal office while it tasked its committee on laws to review documents of the contract including the accounting of the hardware and other Information Technology equipment purchased by the contractor for the project vis-à-vis those bought by the city,

before recommending any action to the city council.

Councilors Galo Weygan and Perlita Rondez, in a proposed resolution, sought to declare as null and void the contract agreement and deed of understanding between the city and COMFAC because of the private firm's failure to complete the project despite the lapse of the agreed term of one year.

The contract was made on June 21, 2001 and was scheduled for completion after one year but it was only last May 9 this year that it was turned over to the city government.

COMFAC chief operating officer Juliet

Capala who attended the council session asked the body not to rescind the contract saying the delay only involved "some technicalities" and did not affect in any way the intent of the project.

She said they were able to computerize the real property tax requirements of the city assessor's office as intended by the project in 2003 while that of the city treasurer's office was completed in 2005. Both offices have since been using the computerized programs until today.

Capala said the only thing that was delayed was the acceptance aspect as they

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From the Mail



April 30, 2008

THE STATION COMMANDER  
Philippine National Police  
Presinct No. 7,  
Baguio City  
Sir,

This is as regards the column of Rudy Garcia, "DIRETSAHAN ", in the News Paper, The Junction, alleging among others that the undersigned being the Inquest Prosecutor on April 23, 2008, can not be contacted nor can not be found thus many cases were pending before your good Office.

The said news article cause great annoyance and damage to the undersigned considering the fact that it is false and baseless .Please be informed that as per Letter/Memorandum by the Honorable City Prosecutor, Alfredo R. Centeno, dated March 14, 2008, which was DULY RECEIVED by your Office, the undersigned WAS NOT the Inquest Prosecutor. A copy of the said letter/memorandum is hereto attached for ready perusal.

It is very lamenting if not disgusting to know that some of your Officers do not verify matters first before disseminating information to other persons, worst to the Editor of the said News Paper to the great damage and prejudice to the innocent public servant.

In lieu of the above, the undersigned vehemently demand for public rectification and apology through the same News Paper of the above derogatory article and that the concerned erring Police Officer be dealt accordingly.

Truly Yours:  
Pros. Merly Cara-Espinosa

Cc: The Chief Editor  
The Junction News Paper

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ANCESTRAL LAND CLAIMS

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

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

(SGD)NIEVESL.AQUINO  
CDO III

May 17, & 24, 2008

# Councilor denies "vendor protector" accusation in privilege speech

BAGUIO CITY- Councilor Nicasio Palaganas in a privilege speech last week has suggested that "while in quest for a better solution to the problem of illegal vending, the campaign (against vendors) be suspended" until the mayor in compliance with the law, "shall have found and designated a relocation site."

The move stemmed from supposedly accusations from a colleague that Councilor Palaganas is protecting illegal vendors, due to his request done earlier for the release from the Public Order, and Safety Division (POSD) of three confiscated carts, which were not being used for vending.

"The three empty and idle foodcarts illegally confiscated by POSD men while not in use for vending... have been parked for weeks in the rear-most nook of the Tabora Park," the councilor stated in his speech.

"There was no agreement that the owner of the carts and me... in exchange for his vote or political support in the future. Politics was not only the farthest from my mind then; it never crossed my mind at the time."

The councilor further said that his note-request to POSD head Engr. Greg Deligero was unjustly used against him, with allegations that he is protecting illegal vendors, for political purposes; and that is to solicit votes for the next elections.

He also said the allegations, though not specifying him as the guilty party, made him appear "by innuendos" in a television interview, that he is.

The privilege speech thus, was delivered by the councilor, to "defend myself against these charges."

Councilor Palaganas expressed apprehension about the illegal vendors' campaign, though he

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## Aftershocks...

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the first quarter of 2008, up 8% from the prior quarter.

Products with the steepest retail price jumps were a 5-pound bag of flour, up 69 cents to \$2.39; cheddar cheese, up 61 cents to \$4.71 a pound; corn oil, up 58 cents to \$3.01 a 32-ounce bottle; and dozen large eggs, up 55 cents to \$2.16.

But higher prices aren't here to stay, Hurt said. He's confident that producers will allocate more land to production over the next two to three years. "I expect greater use of technology to increase crop yields and better use of genetics to create drought-tolerant crops," he said.

Knudson said the United States this year is expected to dedicate 2 million acres of land from its federal Conservation Reserve Program to farming in order to increase production during lean times.

"In Canada more land will also be committed to farming this year," he said. "All this should help to eventually increase food supplies through the [price] boom cycle."

## Editorial....

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"values that endure even after the sun goes out."

In far too many offices today, ingots make for right. "Here, net worth equals self worth," a banker explains. Balances in bank accounts, the make of one's car and residence address open doors. They set the pecking order at dinner tables.

As a result, the priority becomes seeking larger locks, hiring more security guards, and raising more already high walls of gated enclaves. Many withdraw from contact with the needy. In so doing, they jettison the chance to ease pain—which keeps all of us human. The Ilokano saying puts it very well: "Greed is a tree that grows on arid souls".

"There is a widespread problem of purposelessness," Catholic University president William Byron observed. "To have becomes more important than to be. To possess is better than to share. To do for self takes precedence over doing for others. And things, rather than values, shape our decisions... We stress the material side of our existence and exclude the spiritual."

The 1987 Constitution—which every other man in this jaded town wants to keel haul—declares: "The use of property bears a social function." In street jargon, that means the goods of this earth, from scarce rice, water, land to talents, are meant for all. "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions," the Master once said.

Far too many in public office shred that constitutional yardstick. But there are hundreds of ordinary citizens, out there, who quietly share with the deprived. They give of their time, funds, skills and time. They are, as Chesterton once said, "wandering fires" who somehow "balance the greed that headlines scream about". / J.L. Mercado

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING  
AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City  
**IRENE CONCEPCION**  
Applicant  
Case No. 2007 CAR -0060  
**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 PLAZA -FAIRVIEW ie FAIRVIEW, AVELINO STGAERLAN, AYSON ST., to NAGULIAN back KAYANG and loop and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 3, 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 12th day of May 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  
**RUBEN B. NGAWA**  
Applicant  
Case No. 2004-1028/2004-BAG-CAR-0038  
**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- AGOO via Marcos Highway and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 3, 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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Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING  
AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City  
**VIVIAN NEPOMUCENO**  
Applicant  
Case No. 2007-CAR -0018  
**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 PLAZA -AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 3, 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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(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  
**RUDY MADAYAG**  
Applicant  
Case No. 93- CAR -0325  
**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 PLAZA -BROOKSIDE via New Lucban and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer



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

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

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

OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,  
*Respondents.*

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF MINOR CHRISTOPHER L. KIANG

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.

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

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 08-C-1466

ORDER

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

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

SO ORDERED.  
This 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

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

JEREMIAH DIEGO TALLAYO,  
*Petitioner,*

Gender: from FE-

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

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

May 10, 17, & 24, 2008

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SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASE 08-A-0935

ORDER

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

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

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

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

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 08-C-1465

ORDER

Petitioner spouses, through counsel, filed this verified petition on March 27, 2008 praying that after due notice, publication hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of their child: First Name of Mother; LORIE to LAURENIA Middle Name of Father: from LLOBERERE to LLOBRERADate of Marriage of Parents: from December 28 1988, to October 11, 2004 Place of Marriage of Parents: Palauig, Zambales

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

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

SO ORDERED.  
This 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

May 10, 17, & 24, 2008

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

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

May 10, 17, & 24, 2008

SO ORDERED.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

May 17, 24, & 31, 2008

LAURENIA GAMBOLA SANTIAGO SILOY and DANTE SILOY,  
*Petitioners,*

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

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

*Respondents,*

Considering that a Child and Home

**"No to Bingo,...."****.... from page 1**

dated April 25, Sabado pointed out the activity was approved in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Code (RA 7160). The provision Sabado apparently alludes to provides "[barangays are empowered to] hold fund-raising activities for barangay projects without the need of securing permits from any national or local office or agency."

A lawyer speaking on condition of anonymity observed, "'Scrutiny of Letter of Instruction (LI) 816 issued by then president Ferdinand Marcos excluded bingo from the operation of PD 1602 (*Anti-Gambling Law*)."

"However, LI 816 likewise provided bingo may be allowed only if they are played as *parlor games* or for *home entertainment*."

"Thus," he added, "the Otek bingo operations risk going against the provision of the LI as 2-months of gambling operations may not fall under the category of 'parlor games' or 'home entertainment'."

LI 816 further warns bingo may be allowed only if the betting is not disguised to defeat the intent of PD 1602. Sabado signed an agreement for operation of the bingo socials for and in behalf of the barangay with one Emanuel Langrio of Cavite for a consideration of P200-thousand of the net proceeds from the 2-month activity. In June 2007, a similar activity run by Lucky Amusement and Variety Show (LAVS) in the area was likewise foiled by agents of the City Government. LAVS likewise dismantled amusement rides in the area following AO 198-2007, pointing apparent violations to PD 1096 (National Building Code), requiring building permit for the structures. LI 816 penalizes those who permit gambling "in places reputed for gambling or areas considered public with a penalty of 4-years, 2-months, and 1-day up to 6-years, a fine of P6-thousand," and "temporary absolute disqualification from holding public office" should the same person be a barangay official. It likewise outlines heavier penalties for private persons and government officials who participate or close their eyes in jueteng operations. Meantime, in tow with an earlier City Council decision sending jueteng's legal derivative – the Small Town Lottery (STL) – to the gallows, Bautista said "there's no chance STL" can be hard-pressed in the limelight. He likewise accented apparent skimming of the "Bingo sa Barangay" in the foreground and declared he "will not allow" test runs of the Association of Barangay Councils' (ABC) innovative yet controversial fund-raiser. Punning alleged establishment of casinos in the city sparked by construction of 2-new hotels along Legarda and Kisad Roads he said, "I would consider casinos in the city provided they can employ 5,000-10,000 Baguio locals."

"[Corollary], if they can infuse billions to our coffers, maybe we can reconsider our position against this form of 'hotel entertainment'," he added sneering./ISL

**Lepanto Unions....****.... from page 2**

ber 17, 2007),

P29 for the second year and P30 for the third year The whole economic package is estimated to reach at least P95 million. Engr. Magellan Baggayao, Lepanto's resident manager and vice president challenged the union officers to help bear the burden of improving productivity and efficiency. "We were performing strongly over the past few days but is is not enough considering our losses for the previous years." Yap said the mine division lost P200 million last year from low production. Yap and Baggayao led Lepanto officials in signing the CBA with the Lepanto Employees Union and the 28-member Lepanto Security force Union. Manuel binhaon Jr. , president of LEU and Pablito Sicdoy, president of the LFSU signed in behalf of their union members.

**"Improved Production"**

Baggayao showed optimism of an improved production in the next three months as the firm hopes to jack up production of copper ore to 3,500 tons daily from its current 1,000 tons only. Lepanto is now producing at least 2,000 tons of gold ore a day. Baggayao claimed that the firm has decided to shift to copper while it is still exploring its gold deposits in Mankayan./Ace Alegre

**NFA Rebel....****.... from page 2**

to their already long list of heinous crimes committed against the revolutionary movement and the people, Wadagan warned adding, the ABC vows that the 50th IB will pay dearly for the injustice they have done to Ka Cholo.

At least 8 government soldiers were reportedly killed by NPA rebels during the two-month long combat operations in the tri-boundaries in March but denied by the military insisting only two were killed and one wounded.

Instead, the military claimed that it killed several NPAs but were brought by their comrades who fled, thus no body counts./Ace Alegre

**Urgent Review....****.... from page 2**

mag-advance kung totoong nalulugi sila. Pero etong maliliit nating mga tsuper, dumadaan pa sa butas ng karayom bago matugunan ang kanilang mga pangangailangan at karaingan".

Escudero said the government should be protecting the small people who have little or no access at equal opportunities. If the call to amend or repeal the oil deregulation law will be continuously ignored, Escudero added, the government will prove to be a disempowering institution to its people.

"Shouldn't it be that those who have less in life should have more in law? If we can't give tangibles to the poor, then we should at least give them their day under our laws.

Escudero long before filed Senate Resolution No. 217 to immediately review the Oil Deregulation Law in order to, among others,

strengthen the Task Force of the Department of Justice and the Department of Energy in monitoring and resolving oil price hike petitions, grant the President of the Republic of the Philippines stand by powers to address the impact of any considerable increases in oil prices and redefine the concepts of cartelization and predatory pricing as provided for in Section 11 of RA No. 8479 to make them more apt to the policy of deregulation./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

**Ifugao Town....****.... from page 3**

based on personal questions they asked when I stepped out to buy something at a nearby store (questions like if I was redjies wife, did I have a family usapang lasing questions).

Vice Mayor Polig who obviously had too much to drink started a heated argument with the two journalists, Catajan said. The vice mayor allegedly insisted their coverage was illegal and accused us of trespassing. He claimed we have no work order from him. Polig also allegedly insisted that all dealings with the town had to pass through his approval.

Catajan and Cawis claimed that they explained to the vice mayor that mayor Charles Cattling invited them to cover the event through the department of tourism.

Polig did not listen. And at that point, we were alarmed to notice him and his three companions bringing out their guns.

We wanted to leave the town but were stopped by Poligs companions and an unidentified man wearing a bonnet and heavy sweater appeared, Catajan said.

Fortunately, we were able to flee without anything, Catajan said, as they both headed to the Lagawe police station on May 11 to officially report the incident.

Ifugao police director Sr. Supt. Joseph Adnol confirmed such an incident. He however bared that Polig belied the drawing of guns to scare the journalists.

Cawis in his statement at the Lagawe police station said, We may never prove we saw a gun, at there was no lights but we felt our lived were in danger.

Catajan still trembling in fear, three days after the incident said, Polig cursed and maligned us for covering the festival using Tagalog, English and Ilocano curses!

The vice mayor has reportedly belied before the Phil. Information Agency in Ifugao he and his companions drew guns and cursed them. Instead, turning the table against the two journalists, Polig claimed Catajan and Cawis were showing malicious public display of affection in front of him, thus insulting his position and presence. Cawis is an employee of the PIA-CAR regional office in Baguio City. Polig also reportedly warned that when the matter goes out in the media, careers will be destroyed. Catajan however insists of filing charges versus the vice mayor and his cohorts until she gets justice./Ace Alegre

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

Hindi naman daw nababahala ang palasyo sa paglutang ng bagong testigo pero inamin na nagkaroon ng pulong o pagsalamuha ng first couple at ang mga opisyal ng Zte.

Hindi naman kaya, dahil may mga litratong ipinakita ng testigo kaya mahirap nila itong pabulaanan dahil para umamin na lamang sila ayon pa, wala naman daw masama sa ginanap na pulong! Ganun naman pala, bakit mukhang itinag nila ito sa publiko? Nasaan na yung tinatawag nilang "Rule of Government Transparency?"

Ang tanong ngayon, may mangyayari naman kaya sa paglutang ng bagong testigo? Ilang imbestigasyon na ba ang idinaos sa senado, pero hanggang ngayon ay mukhang malabo pa na matukoy at maparusahan ang mga nasasangkot... Ilan pa kayang De Venecia, Lozada, Madriaga, San Miguel at itong huling si alex ang kailangang lumantad at "Sumipol" bago maresolbahan ang eskandalong ito. At paano na rin ang ibang eskandalong korapsyon na ang sangkot ay ang gobyerno? Ipipikit na lamang ba natin ang ating mga mata, at magbibingi bingihan at pababayaang na lamang na kainin ito ng alikabok? Naku Juan, gumising ka na... [Kiloos!]

ooOoo

Kumpara naman sa bansang Tsina na tinamaan ng malakas na lindol at and bansang Myanmar na tinamaan naman ng malakas na "Cyclone" o "Bagyo", suwerte pa rin ang 'pinas at hindi pa nagkakaroon ng mga delubiyong ganito sa ngayon.

Batay sa nakikita nating balita, halos 50,000 Thousand ang namatay sa tsina at 22,00 thousand naman ang naitalang namatay sa Myanmar at maaring tumaas pa ang bilang sa mga darating na araw.

Magdasal na lamang tayo mga suki na hindi tayo abutin ng lupit ni inang kalikasan. Tama na sana ang nararanasan nating hirap at dusa! Amen!

ooOoo

Mainit daw di umano ang agawan ng mga miyembro ng lions club na makopo ang pagkadirektor sa naturang samahan. Ginaganap kasi nila ang pagpulong dito sa lungsod ng baguio kunsaan, ihahalal din nila ang bagong pangulo at iba pang puwesto.

Kahit pala sa eleksyon ng mga opisyal sa pribadong sector ay mainit din. Dapat, ipuwera nila ang pulitikahan, para madama ng mga miyembro ang sigla ng demokrasya!

ooOoo

Sugalan dito, sugalan doon at ano naman kaya ang ginagawa ng ating mga opisyaes dito sa mga nagsusulputang mga illegal na pasugalan?

Dito sa isang bilyaran ng Upper Mabini St. ay lantaran ang sugalan lalo na sa gabi. Katunayan ay ginagawa pa nilang lamesa ng pasugalan ang isang lamesa ng bilyar. Hindi mahirap matunton ng ating otoridad kung saan ito. Isa itong establisimentong videoke bar at billiards na paboritong tambayan ng mandurukot, menor-deedad at mga "swarding"!

At dito naman sa peryahan ng Otek, St. na ipinasara ni Meyor Bautista, ilang araw din daw na nagpalara ng "Dropball" ang opereytor nito, at tatoo ba ang "naiibulong" na mayroon na raw mga namantikahan ng nguso kaya't nakapagsimula ang peryahan kahit wala pa raw

itong meyors permit.? Ano kaya sey ng ibang opisyaes sa city hall at baranggay? Ano rin kaya ang sey ng ating kapulisan at ibang myembro ng media? Totoo ho bang bulong o hindi? Aaminiin!!

At ano rin itong ibinigay na impo na mayroon na rin daw peryahan o bingguhan at gagawin daw itong "pergalan" (peryahan at sugalan) sa may KM. 5 ng la Trinidad? At ang nag- mamay ari di umano ay isang "aling linda" na katiwala umano ng isang "Arthur"?

Ano rin sey dito ni Mayor Galwan at ang kanyang kapulisan? Meron na bang "aregluhan"? magkano? Nagtatanong lamang po!

ooOoo

Bakit kaya kinasuhan ako ng libelo ng isang prosekotong... este prosektyutor, samantalang wala akong natatandaan na akin itong binanatan ng "below d' belt"!!!

O baka naman may lahang "pikunin" ang piskal kaya't napikon agad sa aking mga isinulat, pero bakit? (why oh why?)

**Dads mull Fate..****.... from page 7**

had to follow their process of completing the users' acceptance testing to ensure effectiveness of the project. Capala said another cause for the delay was the need to change the forms being used which necessitated redoing the system. She said they were not obligated under the contract to make said adjustments, but they accommodated said changes just the same to ensure effectiveness of the project. The contractor said they have not claimed nor received any payment from the city for the project which costs P5 million.

Capala said that they expect to get paid now that the project has been completed and turned over to the city. The councilors however expressed reservations saying the contractor evidently violated the contract term after it failed to turn over the project on time. Capala appealed for consideration saying the city should also consider the benefit that the city derived from project despite the delay.

City budget officer Leticia Clemente supported Capala's appeal and recommended payment of the project.

"I think that we gained more than we lost on this deal because the (target) offices have been assisted by the project," Clemente said.

The body however resolved to further study the matter with the help of the city legal officer.

Meanwhile, Councilor Antonio Tabora Jr. asked Clemente to submit a report on the various Management Information System (MIS) projects funded by the city over the years. Tabora cited appropriations made by the city since 2001 amounting to close to P30 million for the computerization project and he said the council should be apprised on these projects.

Clemente said the MIS project includes installation of programs for interconnectivity of the offices, purchase of hardware and maintenance and improvement of servers. She said the COMFAC deal is just one of the projects of the MIS./aileen p. refuerzo

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supports and investigation and identification of "flaws of our program on ambulant vending and consequently, to institute any needed reforms thereon."

The privilege speech was referred to the council committee on ethics, government affairs and personnel, though the committees on market, social services, ways and means are expected to be involved in the action to be done./ juliiegfianza

**SSS implements..****.... from page 8**

include calamity, emergency, educational, study now-pay later, vocational/technical, Y2K, stock investment and privatization fund loans.

De la Paz-Bernardo said 721 delinquent members from 19 cooperatives which borrowed under the SSS Members' Assistance for the Development of Entrepreneurship (MADE) could also avail of the amnesty.

The MADE program, which ended in 1994, had released over P140 million to cooperatives, which in turn lent the funds to its members for livelihood activities.

More than 540,000 delinquent borrowers benefited from five amnesty periods for SSS short-term loans, the last of which was from January to June 2007. The SSS also has an ongoing amnesty for housing loan borrowers./PIA CAR

**BRM, City join..****.... from page 12**

The members include Baguio prelate Bishop Carlito J. Cenon, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Cordillera Dir. Samuel Peñafiel, Cordillera Association of regional Executives (CARE) chair Purificacion Molintas. Environmentalist Dr. Julie Cabato, police traffic manager P/Sr. Insp. Samuel Bumangil, and Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club president Pigeon Lobien completes the initial list of committee members. The action officers include vice mayor Daniel Fariñas, administrator Peter Fianza, local transport coordinator Perfecto Itilong, Jr., and mediamen Ramon Dacawi and Isagani Liporada. The DENR-CAR staff shall act as secretariat of the committee. The committee is tasked to come up with a monthly schedule of Flag Ceremony and Program hosting / co-hosting geared towards perpetuating the project and to draw up an Information-Education Campaign and strategies to encourage private organizations to adopt the "hike-to-and-from-work" program, among others.

Bautista said, "We can no longer rely merely on expensive contraptions or just look at figures representing particulars if we want to bring back the city's pine-scented breeze."

"We need to protect the air we breathe by encouraging walking amongst our citizens if only to promote a healthier way of life; cut down on the use of combustible fuel to reduce air pollution; and to aid in the smoother flow of vehicular traffic in our city," he added. He said, "The key word here is volunteerism... if we allow nonchalance to set in once again, we will not be able to reclaim our once famous pine-scented breeze." Interested organizations may contact the DENR Environment Management Bureau at 442-2346 or the Public Information Office, City Hall at 442-2502./Aileen Refuerzo

## SSS implements year-long amnesty for short-term loans

The Social Security System (SSS) has implemented a year-long amnesty for short-term loans starting May 1 to help ease the burden on Filipino workers coping with rising prices, a senior official said.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Corazon de la Paz-Bernardo said the pension fund would condone penalties on loans of members who would avail of the amnesty, which is part of the non-wage benefits package offered to workers to mark Labor Day.

"This is an excel-

lent opportunity for delinquent borrowers to settle their unpaid accounts at a huge discount," she said. "Under the amnesty, they would only pay the principal and interest, with their penalties written off by the SSS."

The SSS expects to collect P2.62 billion in principal and interest from about 620,000 delinquent short-term loan borrowers. The amnesty would end on April 30 next year.

The amount of penalties to be condoned would be pro-

portionate to the arrears, or the outstanding principal and interest, paid by the borrower. Payments may be partial or in full.

"If only half of the arrears are paid during the amnesty, then only half of the penalties would be condoned, while the balance would continue to accumulate penalties," De la Paz-Bernardo said. "This is why we urge borrowers to fully pay their delinquencies within the amnesty to enjoy 100 percent condonation of penalties."

The SSS has been granting salary loans to actively-paying members with at least 36 contribution payments. Previous loans granted to members

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## BRM, City join forces to launch "walk" program

BAGUIOCITY—A 'hike-to-and-from-work' program is set to be launched via an inter-government agency Flag Raising Ceremony and program at the Baguio Athletic Bowl, 8am of June 2.

This, in line with the celebration of World Environment Day and the formal launching of the "walk Baguio, walk" advocacy, both spearheaded by the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM); and National Flag Month under the auspices of the City Government and national line government agencies in the city.

BRM and city mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. are encouraging employees from government and non-government organizations to join the inaugural walk to the venue

and later, back to their respective offices.

Bautista said, "Sometimes, we just have to literally walk around to solve a global-scale pollution problem."

BRM chair and councilor Erdolfo Balajadia in a separate interview said, "This year's program is entirely unique as it integrates the flag month, our clean air advocacy and the 'pulot' walk."

He added, "The mayor's support to the program likewise promotes greater coordination between line agencies, the local government and the private sector."

To boost BRM's environment advocacies, Bautista meantime signed Executive Order 69-2008 creating a multi-sectoral coordinating commit-

tee "to establish a year-round 'hike-to-and-from-work' program for all government offices and private establishments."

Bushed by the growing indifference among Baguio lo-

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**SO THIS IS HOW THEY MAKE MONEY...** Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, his personal secretary Jay Co, and alderman Antonio Tabora puns around confiscated gambling paraphernalia seized from a purported barangay "fund-raiser" along Otek street, Rizal Monument Barangay./Monch David

cals vis-à-vis the city's worsening traffic and air pollution he said, "Every June 5, we celebrate World Environment Day, trying to show everybody we know a lot about the environment... the rest of the year

leaves us inundated by our nonchalance." Bautista said, "Taking cue from the indefatigable efforts of the BRM, there is a need to propagate and perpetuate environment care endeavors, making it

a year-round program, rather than a mere annual 1-day commemoration."

The committee is headed by Bautista (chair) and BRM chair and Coun. Erdolfo Balajadia (co-chair).

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