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## Pahayagang palaban!!!

# Dads seal STL fate in Baguio with NO Vote



BAGUIO CITY – In a move intended to “hammer the last nail on the Small Town Lottery (STL) coffin,” the city council last Monday rejected proposals to operate, whether on temporary or permanent basis, the STL in the city.

Adopting the recommendation of its committee on laws chaired by Councilor Richard Carino, the body also decided not to entertain any more proposals for STL operations in the future.

At the same time, the body adopted a resolution enjoining all law enforcement agencies and barangay officials to help eradicate all forms of gambling in the city.

Two companies earlier offered to operate the STL in the city – the Green 2 Corporation represented by president Jaime Mangahas and the Horizontal Flyers Amusement Corporation headed by general manager Christopher Reyes.

Mangahas and Reyes in separate letters to the council requested for the city council’s endorsement of their conduct of test runs for the STL.

The committee on laws, in its report, noted that these were the latest of the strings of offers

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Naku ginawang iligal yung ligal. di kaya dahil mas malaki ang patung sa iligal?

BAGUIO CITY -- Disasters waiting to happen everywhere! 83 year old Fil-Chinese Robert Lim is assisted by restaurant crew Arlene Bagyan towards the dangerous sidewalk along Session Road undergoing repair for a month already. The repair though has caught the ire of some residents including pedestrian-victims who have either slipped or stumbled along the repairs that private contractors never even installed early warning devices. This aside from the controversy of the alleged overpriced repairs.--Ace Alegre

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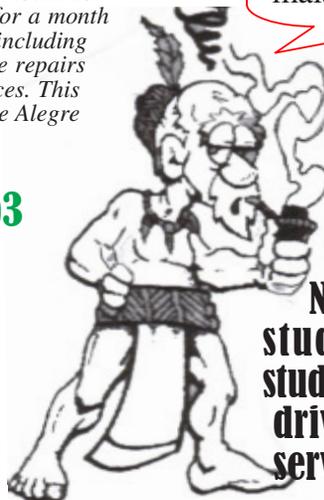
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## Two Salvage Victims Found In Ifugao

La Trinidad, Benguet – Two alleged male salvage victims, both hogtied and heads wrapped with packaging tapes, were found in Lamut town, in Ifugao, Tuesday morning, startling townsfolk including policemen there.

Supt. Jesus Cambay, regional intelligence and investigation chief of the Cordillera police command said the duo, whose hands and feet were tied and heads wrapped also with packaging tapes were discovered by Ifugao policemen along the national highway in barangay Mabatobato, Lamut.

The first male victim was described by policemen to be 5 feet and 3 inches tall was wearing a red t-shirt, faded green short pants. His left arm bore a flower tat-

too, said Cambay quoting Ifugao police intelligence operatives.

The second victim was also about 5 feet and 3 inches tall, around 35-40 years old and was wearing white t-shirt and long brown short pants. Also, the second victim bore tattoo markings at his back: b06-18-5, SSS (Sigue Sigue Sputnik), N80. His right arm bore DD letters on the snake tattoo and a bugs bunny figure on his right hand with a scapular object.

Ifugao police director Sr. Supt. Joseph Adnol said the bodies was only found there, hinting the duo might have been killed somewhere else then dumped only in the lowland Ifugao town.

Lamut is the first town of Ifugao from Nueva Vizcaya province.

The cadavers were brought to the Carbonnel Funeral Homes in Bagabag town, also in Nueva Vizcaya.

Both the local and the regional commands of the police are looking for answers on the dumped bodies as even details of the victims comes in trickles.

Governor Teodoro Baguilat Jr. of Ifugao has yet to come out with any comment on the matter, as apparently, the incident can tarnish the image of the province, home of the world famous UNESCO-inscribed Rice Terraces, perhaps the most sought-after destination of foreign tourists in the Cordillera region./Ace Alegre

## Mayor bans motorcades

Except for the triumphant homecoming of our-time world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao, this is no season for motorcades in the struggling Third World – at least here in Baguio.

“Well, Manny should rather walk to keep fit,” Baguio mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. said Wednesday, just after he ordered a ban on convoys of wailing and head-light flashing vehicles up here in the country’s summer capital.

Taking cue from a provision of the Civil Code against extravagance during a period of “acute public want or emergency”, Bautista suspended the issuance of permits for motorcades along Baguio’s roller-coaster roads.

In an administra-

tive order, Bautista directed the Baguio police to deny outright applications for motorcades in the face of the rising costs of petroleum products and basic commodities such as rice.

He cited Article 25 of the Civil Code (Republic Act 386) that bars “thoughtless extravagance in expenses for pleasure or display during a period of acute public want or emergency”.

With the escalating costs of basic consumer items, the mayor said, there exists “acute public want”, thereby “making expenses for promotion of business and/or special activities through the holding of motorcades fall in the category of ‘thoughtless extravagance in expenses for pleasure’”.

The mayor’s order came a day after representatives of vari-

ous government offices aboard about 20 vehicles with their flashers and sirens on in a sweep around the city’s central business to launch activities marking the 22nd founding of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

The CAR, composed of Baguio and the provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mt. Province was established on July 15, 1986 through Administrative Order 220 signed by then President Corazon Aquino.

Two days after the mayor’s order, surviving Filipino veterans of the second world war, of foreign wars and of the United States Navy walked with city officials, boy and girl scouts last Friday to wreath-laying ceremonies in some of the city’s historical landmarks in observance of Philippine-

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## Nepali Doctor and students to train and study in RP, to boost DOH drive for more Medical services to poor

AN INFLUX of doctors of medicine and medical students from Nepal will boost the campaign of the Department of Health to make health and medical services more accessible to the poor in the next few days, despite the ongoing brain-drain of

Filipino doctors and other medical professionals.

Dr. Udip Shrestha, the 30-year old president of Nephil Education Consultancy of Nepal and of Nephil General Merchandising Inc. of the Philippines, said the

Nepali doctors and medical students will be brought to the Philippines by the two Nephil companies as part of a residency training program under Philippine public and private hospitals and schools and colleges.

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## Trio On A 24 Hour Non-Stop Biking For New Trees In Cordillera Forests

La Trinidad, Benguet – Dreaming to help revive the already deteriorating Cordillera forests, three mountain bikers are going on a 24-hour non stop off-road biking.

Not to “preach” though, but to establish a seedling fund that would ease up the continued denudation of Cordillera forests, which in recent years have not slowed down, even hastened because of the inroads of commercial vegetable farming on Cordillera mountains especially in

northern Benguet and beyond.

Called “Padyak Para sa Binhi ng Kordi” on November this year, the “crazy idea” said 27 year old Ibaloi-Igorot mountain biker JP Alipio, a National Geographic fellow, of riding 24 hours non-stop over rough Cordillera back roads “will be more no simply a physical challenge, but for the benefit of the mountains which we play in.”

Alipio, Ben Muni, and Donni Gonnatice are worried, “much of the Cordillera Mountains have in recent years suffered severe deforestation from logging and other human activity that has slowly deteriorated the quality

of the forests in the region.” Many of these forests, Alipio, who holds and masteral degree in environmental science, “are important watersheds and repositories of biological wealth that may be lost to time if the deforestation is not slowed.”

In an effort to promote re-growth in already deforested areas, the 3 riders will dedicate each kilometer that they will be able to cover in 24 hours towards establishing a seedling fund to plant new seedlings in the many

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*Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, members of the CDCC, EMS,PNRC-Baguio Chapter and the Baguio fire station supervise the evacuation drill./Bong Cayabyab*

## Samaritan responds to a mother's cry

If not for her serious illness – and her mother's persistence –, 20-year old Manellaine Solis, like other ordinary people, would not be in the news.

Her mother, 45-year old laundrywoman Elena,

last Tuesday pleaded that her daughter's plight be published, hoping Samaritans out there would respond so the girl could have her chemotherapy treatment set on Monday.

A Samaritan responded Wednesday, same day Sunstar Baguio carried Elena's

appeal. Not wanting publicity, the donor had someone in a government office call Elena's cellphone number to advise her to pick up P4,000 - the cost of one chemo session.

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## DENR to go “180-degrees” as probe team counsels ‘nix Hwa Ping title’

BAGUIO CITY – “Be careful reinforcing your front; otherwise, your rear might just get shot up by guys who share the same foxhole.”

City officials saw heroes in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Cordillera (DENR-CAR) probe team last

week after it counseled cancellation of prime property title “erroneously issued over a road-right-of-way (RROW) along Chuntug Street.”

The heroes: Atty. Joseph Humiding (chair), Atty. Cleo Andrada, Engr. Wilbert Mangliwan, Evelyn Wales, Norbert Aquino, and Filipinas Mallare. DENR-CAR regional executive director (RED) Samuel Peñafiel earlier

issued Special Order (SO) No. 14, creating the probe team to settle the 18-year “tug-of-war” between the Baguio Government and Hwa Ping over the lot located right at the foot of City Hall.

The probe team in its report said, “There are sufficient grounds to petition the Solicitor General [for cancellation of

the title] issued [to Yu Hwa Ping].”

The report was furnished by RED Peñafiel to council committee on laws chair Richard Cariño, July 2, so the committee may be guided in deciding on several proposed city actions regarding the property.

The probe team found two titles pertaining to the same Chuntug property. Original Certificate of Title (OCT) P-2607 covering a 360-sq. meter lot was signed August 16, 2002 by then RED Isaias Barongan. It was registered in the Registry of Deeds (ROD) August 30 of the same year.

On the other hand, an undated title with serial number (SN) 026330 was likewise issued by Barongan in favor of Hwa Ping over the same lot. It is bereft of OCT and patent identification numbers.

Despite the fact that SN 026330 was the title containing pro-

viso which several city councils under different administrations painstakingly legislated to be annotated on the title of the disputed lot, it was never registered in the ROD.

The proviso: “The lot shall be used exclusively for gardening, protection, and parking area... no vertical structures shall be allowed thereat.”

While Hwa Ping tried to convert the area into a “concrete belt” late 2007,

the team postulated the lot “should not have been awarded to a private person who will be deprived in the exercise of his rights over the property.”

They concluded, “The issuance of DENR of 2-OCT's describing the same property raises the presumption OCT P-2607 was not regularly and validly issued.”

ROD chief Juanito Ampaguey was quoted in the **Cont. on page 11**

### PROBLEMA Sa Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB-CAR)?

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## Scuffed At Lessons

"Is it part of our culture to always forget?," Almar Lagaras e-mailed Inquirer after Typhoon "Frank" pummeled "Princess of the Stars" and entombed over 700 on board. Lagaras' brother died when MV Princess of the Orient" floundered in 1998. Nobody has been held accountable.

Cebu City councilor Edgar Labella leapt from that same boat. He bobbed, in a life vest, for 38 hours in typhoon-lashed seas, before rescue came. Haven't we learned lessons from a corpse-littered past both ask?

"The most important of all lessons that history teaches," author Aldous Huxley wrote, "is men do not learn very much from the lessons of history".

Scan the press coverage: from the ship's frantic unanswered SOS calls to today's body bags, toxic pesticide cargo and marine

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insurance short-cuts. Then, change the names of vessel, typhoon, dates, headcount of victims, etc. What emerges?

Reports of earlier tragedies: Dona Paz, MV Cassandra, MVDona Maryln and others. Their stories were written up before. They'll be rehashed in the future. That doesn't snuff out their news value. Human pain is always unique. News desks, however, dub recycled stories as de-cajon.

ABS/CBN Newsbreak, meanwhile, reviewed Senate probes into seven sea tragedies over two decades. No reforms laws emerged from the hearings. They ended with a whimper: an appeal to speed up compensation. That was archived.

Now, legislators threaten a probe. Change the names of witnesses, probers, schedules, etc and what will emerge? De-cajon stories of posturing legislators. The mountain will again labor and shove up another mouse. Do we swap form for substance from habit?

In his "Memoirs", former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yew recalls signing a communiqué with Ferdinand Marcos and other Asean leaders. Marcos considered the rite as "the end all," a flabbergasted Lee recalled. The slogging work of institution building never crossed Marcos' mind.

In dispatches on murder of journalists, "we stitch the latest victim's name, plus details of where, when, what, and how, into a rigid box," noted the column: "A Macabre Treadmill" (PDI/ 23 Nov 2004) "Editors slap on a recycled head. Done - until the next killing". That murder occurred in March 2005. And the victim was investigative reporter Marlene Esperat.

Government efforts to nail shadowy masterminds clone flabby implementation of shipping safety laws. The result is: 72 de-cajon stories on murdered newsmen have accumulated since Manila Bulletin's Pete Mabazza was rubbed out, in Tugegarao, 1986.

Consider ecosystems. "There does not seem to be a common perception as to what lessons were learned" from past degradation, notes the new book: Forest Faces - Hopes and Regrets in Philippine Forestry. "Memories that do not feed vision are but a lost future."

Forests once covered 94 percent of this country. Even the 18 percent remnant today is dwindling from chainsaws in Surigao, Samar and the Cordilleras. With official connivance, loggers turned much of this country into emerging deserts, then scrambled Are we also a people of truncated memories?

Who recalls the over 10,000 Ormoc flood victims? Or killer floods in Aurora, Quezon, and landslides in Southern Leyte? This month, rivers rampaged thru much of Iloilo.

And did we teach the wrong lessons? Filipinos invented, in the '60s, the squirting of cyanide into reefs to stun fish, UN Environment Program notes. Marine poisoning spread to Asean countries, then leapfrogged to the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.

Amnesia that embeds lack of accountability extorts a cost no country can pay indefinitely. Today, only four percent of our reefs remain in pristine condition. Of the country's 530 bird species, 56 are threatened with extinction. Many rivers are biologically dead.

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## DIRETSAHAN

*Ang Tama ay Tama, ang Mali ay Mali- Pero ang Pikon Talo*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Ibinabagsak ngayon ng sulpicio lines, may-ari ng tumaob na barkong PRINCESS OF THE STARS ang sisi sa PAG-ASA hinggil sa naganap na aksidente sa dagat ng romblon. Ayon kay "Mang Sulpicio" kaya raw inilayag ang barko dahil sa "Forecast weather Report" ng Pag-asa. Wala namang "Sey" ang Pag-asa sa alegasyon.

Sa nangyaring aksidente. Kunsaan marami ang nawawala at namatay, galit na inatasan ni pangulong GMA ang Marine Coastguardna imbestigahan at gawan ng resolusyon ang nasabing trahedyo. 15 araw ang ibinigay ni PGMA para maisumite ang resulta ng imbestigasyon.

Sa ngayon ay hindi pa napapalutang ang tumaob na barko. Hindi kasi ganun kadali lalo na at may mga kemikal na nakaimbak sa loob. Marami pa ring bangkay ang pinaniniwalaang nasa loob pa rin ng barko.

Kung ano't anu man ang kalalabasan ng imbestigasyon, dagat lamang na maparusahan ang mga dapat managot sa lalong madaling panahon, hustisya ang dapat mangibabaw at maibigay sa mga naging biktima ng nasabing trahedyo sa dagat. At sa puntong ito, dapat nang pag-aralan at gumawa na ng karampatang hakbang ang dating mga kinauukulan para maiwasan at hindi na maulit ang katulad ng ganitong mga aksidente. Huwag naman nilang hintayin na may sumunod pa bago sila kumilos. (GISIING!)

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Tapos na ang boksing nina PACQUIAO at DIAZ pero mukhang may laban na naman tayong masusubaybayan mga suki. Hindi ito bakbakan sa arena kundi tunggalian ito sa korte ng hukuman. Hindi mga boksingero ang magpapakita ng kaniyang husay at galling kundi mga matitinik na abogado na pinangungunahan nina attorney Adaza, Attorney Fortun at Attorney Guevarra.

Tingnan nga natin mga suki kung hanggang saan makakarating ang kasong ipinila ni fortun kina Adaza at tignan nga din natin mga suki ang gilas nitong si Atty. Guevarra sa pagdepensa sa kanyang mga kliyente? Ilang round kaya ang aabutin bago matapos ang laban? Sino kaya ang mana "Knock-out?" at sino rin kaya ang sisigaw ng nanang "Coup" po! [ABANGAN!]

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Marami ang nakumpiskang mga depektibo o may dayang mga timbangan sa may palengke bunsod sa biglaang inspeksyon na isinagawa nina konsehala Elaine Sembrano at mga kinatawan ng local na [DTI].

Ibg sabihin maraming mga mamimili ang nadaya at kundi pa kumilos sina butihing konsehala Sembrano at DTI eh patuloy pa rin sanang nakakadenggoy ang mga pasaway nating mga tindero't tinder o ngayon, buking kayo ano? Pweh!

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

*MRF facilities for barangays:  
potential sources of boon and graft*

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



The Peace Combatant had been a critic of the Honorable Mayor Peter Ray Bautista when the Honorable Mayor tried to implement his no-segregation-no-collection of garbage policy sometime this year. The Peace Combatant supports waste segregation but does not believe that that refusing to collect garbage would contribute something positive to the people of Baguio. The Peace Combatant believes that the opinion it expressed on the matter has been fair and just. The opinion it expressed was not politically-motivated. It has no ill-feeling against the Honorable Mayor.

In fact, this time The Peace Combatant believes that the positive steps currently being taken by the Honorable Mayor deserve strong public support. The Peace Combatant will strike and criticize anyone and everyone who deserve the axe but, similarly, it will not hesitate to praise and provide at least moral support to anyone and everyone who deserve such support. The Peace Combatant adheres to the values being promoted by The Weekly Junction.

A direction being espoused by the Honorable Mayor that deserves strong public support is the establishment of materials recovery facilities. The Honorable Mayor is eyeing the establishment of fifteen (15) materials recovery facilities in the barangays. While it is the opinion of the The Peace Combatant that the proposal must be checked further for feasibility, the proposal nevertheless is a positive direction to address two issues: the need for barangay local government units to have a source or revenue and the need to provide facilities for waste management and promote a better environment.

Many of the barangays of Baguio have been battling for bingo events to augment their revenues. It is noteworthy that the Honorable Mayor is against bingo (and hopefully also strongly against Jueteng). The establishment of materials recovery facilities would help address the concern for raising revenues although it remains to be seen whether the income that would be generated from the material recovery facilities would be big enough. A good feasibility should be able to find that out and anticipate the sustainable income that the material recovery facilities would likely generate.

More than the issue of revenues, however, the MRF facilities can help reduce the volume of wastes in the city and transform a large portion of the wastes into useful products and materials. The MRF's can contribute towards the reduction of forest denudation and the pressure to engage in mining that destroys the environment.

At the same time, however, sadly the MRF facilities can be a source of graft. One area in which graft and corruption can take place is in the construction contract for the facilities. Another area for graft is in the operation of the facilities. Being a potential source of revenues, local officials assigned to manage the facilities can convert the MRFs as milking cows for their personal coffers, especially if it becomes untransparent and, therefore, fundamentally unaccountable just like the Baguio Water District. Just like the Baguio Water District, the MRFs can also charge rates in the future that can be exorbitant. Like the Baguio Water District, the MRFs can also reproduce inefficiency.

Thus, to prevent graft and corruption in the MRFs, should the establishment of the MRFs be pushed through, it is important that the operational guidelines for the MRFs be subjected to public consultations. Environmentalists, nongovernment organizations, and other stakeholders must be invited en masse to input into formulation of the operational guidelines for the MRFs. At the same time, the said groups must see to it that ample measures are built into the operational guidelines for the MRF such that they would function as facilities that can genuinely improve our environment, deprive grafters of vehicles for corruption, and serve as paragons of public accountability, transparency, and trust.

We must support every positive act of our Honorable Mayor as well as criticize him for negative moves as applicable. This is democracy at work.

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## FAIR AND SQUARE

*As FEJODABB's Prexy, Itliong  
Has Outlived His Usefulness*

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



Our friend Perfecto Itliong or Jonie as he is endearly called, became President for the first time of the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of Baguio-Benguet, later to include La Union (FEJODABB-LU), as a protégé of then Councilor Daniel Fariñas who, incidentally, was also the counsel of the Federation (I think up to now).

At that time in the Federation, whatever Atty. Fariñas would say was doctrinal (I just don't know if that is true until now). So, when he said his man Friday Jonie should be the Federation President, the members willingly followed and voted him to the position. After all, Jonie was anyway a qualified member in good standing of the Federation. More than that, it was thought by the members that Jonie has a convenient access to the Councilor (later Vice-Mayor) beneficial to the interest of the Federation. Of course, it was a vice versa proposition. Jonie also became the facilitator of Atty. Fariñas for all projects or intentions he would embark on, but especially for the election.

As it turned out though, Jonie as President was conscientious and probably more effective than his predecessors, belaboring solutions to all problems and issues encountered by the Federation.

However, there comes a time in the life of a person when coming to grasp with amenities and convenience unheard of before, he or she would aim for more which is but natural in man. And so, following his boss he would also try the realm of politics believing that he also has the Federation as a mass base to back him up.

To further boost his chances of success, he decided, consciously or unconsciously, that it was necessary for him to accept membership and position in government related committees and offices to gain mileage and material advantage. But as he realized it twice, while it worked good to his patron, it did not in his case. It even alienated many of the members in the Federation.

For, as an observer member of a Committee in the TTMC before and now as Regional Transport Coordinator of the Public Transport Affairs in CAR, how could he truly promote the interest of the Federation when his hands are tied representing the interest of the government, as well. Patently, in cases like this, a clear conflict of interest exists whereby effectiveness in pursuing the objectives of the organization is neutralized.

The Federation, especially during this time, needs serious representation from its officers on many issues adversely affecting its members—the bad state of traffic, the iniquitous rates of passengers fare, the excesses in the administrative regulation of transport utilities by government agencies, among others.

But in the circumstances that Jonie is in, how could he when to do so he has to kowtow with people in government whose interest is diametrically opposed to that of the interest of the Federation. He cannot even hold a megaphone to air the grievances of the members of the Federation against the policies and the rules being implemented by its agencies, unlike Mr. Carlito Ways of the Piston. Most of all, he is probably shackled even to constructively suggest or criticize the administrative inadequacies in the policies and procedures implemented by government agencies such as the DOTC-CAR, in which there are many.

Thus, in this circumstance, he could have allowed negligently new units of jitneys to multiply in the city despite the moratorium, despite its ill-effects caused to the operational incomes of the Federation members, despite the added congestions in traffic at the CBD that reduces the number of trips units of Federation members can make. He also did not even lift a finger to support the oppositions of some Association members against the arbitrary issuances of Route Measured Capacity and false declarations of new and developmental route by the LTRFB / DOTC done without conducting actual surveys and which pave the way for the issuance of new

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Globe cellphones, di magamit sa international roaming*

BY. BATAS MAURICIO



KUNG kayo ay papuntang abroad at nagnanais na magamit ang inyong mga cellphones sa ibang bansa, irerekomenda ko sa inyong huwag kayong gagamit ng Globe.

Bagamat sasabihin ng Globe na maaari kayong magkaroon ng "international roaming", marami palang problema kayong susuungin, hindi niyo magagamit ang inyong Globe cellphone, at maiinis lamang kayo ng todo.

Ito ang nangyari sa akin, sa sampung araw na ako ay nagtungo at may inasikasong trabaho sa Nepal.

Dahil gusto kong nakakatawag sa aking opisina sa BATAS Party List (o Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan) at sa aking law office, ang Mauricio Law Office, at sa aking free legal aid group na BATAS (o Buklod ng mga Abogadong Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan), at sa aking pamilya, nag-text ako sa Globe (2884), para ma-activate ang aking Globe cellphone (0917-984-24-68) para sa pandaigdigang gamit.

Sumagot ang 2884 ng Globe sa akin na mag-uumpisa daw ang aking "international roaming" sa June 18, at matatapos sa June 28, pero kailangang may load daw ako na isandaang piso araw-araw.

Para walang problema, nagload ako ng tatlong libong piso kaagad, upang tuloy-tuloy ang gamit ng telepono.

Noong dumating ako sa Bangkok International Airport para sa stop-over bago tuluyang tumungo sa Nepal, laking tuwa ko dahil nakakatanggap pa din ako ng text messages at mga tawag mula sa Pilipinas.

Pero noong ninais kong sagutin ang mga text na ito, at ninais kong ako naman ang siyang tatawag, hindi pumuwede, at may sinasabing kailangan ko pa daw tumawag sa "DTAC", ang partner ng Globe sa Thailand. Ang problema, hindi din magamit ang Globe sa pagtawag sa "DTAC".

So hindi ko nagamit ang Globe cellphone ko. Noong dumating na ako ng Nepal, lalo ng nagkaluko-loko kasi hindi na talaga ako matawagan, hindi na ako ma-text, at lalong hindi din ako makatawag.

Ano ang ginawa ko para masolusyunan ito? Bumili ako ng SIM Card sa Nepal, at siyang ginamit kong pantawag at pan-text pabalik sa Pilipinas.

Yun pala ang remedyo—bumili na lamang ng SIM Card sa abroad. Kaya't sa susunod, hinding-hindi na ako magpaparooming pa sa Globe. Hinding-hindi ko na gagamitin pa ang Globe sa abroad.

At ito ang aking mensahe sa Globe Cellphones: kung kayo ay nangangako ng serbisyo sa inyong mga customers, makakabuti para sa inyo na tuparin ang pangakong ito, at siguraduhing masisiyahan ang mga gumagamit ng cellphones ninyo.

Ang problema sa Globe, parang ang ninais lamang nito ay makuha ang pera ko, pero wala naman pala itong kakayahang magbigay ng "international roaming service."

Masama ito, mga nasa Globe, kasi ayaw ng Diyos ng ganito. Sabi nga ng Mateo 16:26 ng Bibliya: "Sapagkat ano ba ang mapapala ng isang tao makamtan man niya ang buong daigdig, ngunit mapapahamak naman ang kanyang sarili?"

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**TANONG:** Atty. Batas, unknown ang nakalagay sa ama ng bata sa birth certificate. Tinanong ang hospital kung san nanganak ang misis ko ang sabi kailangan kausapin ang abogado. Ano po dapat gawin? (639103314442 Rey Salazar).

**SAGOT:** Rey Salazar, maraming salamat sa tanong na ito na ipinadaan sa text.

Upang mabago ang pagkakalagay ng salitang "unknown" sa ama ng isang may-ari ng birth certificate, kailangan ang pagsasampa ng kaso sa hუსgado.

Ang tawag sa kasong ito ay "petition for correction of entry in the civil registry" at ito ay isinasampa sa Regional Trial Court sa lugar kung saan nandoodon ang local civil registrar na nag-iingat

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## Planting of malunggay trees encouraged in schools

L A BENGUET – Planting of malunggay trees is encouraged in schools in support to the Food for School Program and the *gulayan sa paaralan* program under the accelerated hunger mitigation program (AHMP).

The Department of Education (DepED) is promoting the planting of malunggay trees in schools which is vital in sustaining in-school feeding of children with low-cost nutritious foods.

DepED Secretary Jesli Lapus issued Memorandum 234 series 2008 dated May 2,

2008 which encourages the planting of malunggay trees in schools.

Malunggay scientifically named *Moringa Oleifera* is considered as one of the world's most useful and nutritious plants propagated for human food, livestock, medicine, dye and water treatment. A gram of malunggay leaves contain seven times the vitamin C found in oranges, four times the calcium and two times the protein found in milk, four times the vitamin A found in carrots and three times the potassium found in bananas.

Accordingly, scientific researches likewise show that malunggay trees are sources of olea oil

and biofuel potential of becoming an alternative source of income.

The Department of Agriculture is also advocating the planting of malunggay trees nationwide as an answer to hunger, poverty, and malnutrition.

As stated in the directive, school administrators should encourage the planting of malunggay trees in the schools and communities through integration in Science classes and school community outreach projects.

Nurse-In-Charge of DepED Benguet Virginia Basatan said there are a number of varieties of malunggay suitable in lowland and highland areas.

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## Disposal committee created

B A G U I O CITY- Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week issued Administrative Order 93, creating a committee to dispose off unserviceable property in the city government of Baguio.

The chair of the committee would be the General Services Officer, for now, is Romeo Concio; co-chair, is

City Administrator Peter Fianza; and members, City Accountant Antonio Tabin and City Treasurer Thelma Manaos.

A Commission on Audit (COA) representative and the department head where the unserviceable property was used, would be oversight members.

The committee would inspect or verify the disposable

property and set the final appraised value, recommend the best manner of disposal to the mayor and conduct the public bidding for sale of said property. The condition of the property would be considered in the appraisal, the AO states. The committee shall also have the recommending power to the mayor on disposals.

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## Low performing schools show high incidence of malnutrition.

L A BENGUET – The Department of Education Benguet Division reported that the low performing schools recorded high cases of below normal weights.

In a meeting

of the Provincial Nutrition Council held recently, Governor Nestor Fongwan said DepEd should inform the respective local government units and provide them with such reports for them to give necessary interventions.

Benguet DepEd Division Nurse-In-Charge Virginia Basatan reported that based on the recent National Achievement Test for school year 2007-2008, of the 236 participating schools in NAT, there were 32 low performing schools.

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**Fare and Square..****.... from page 5**

franchises, to the prejudice of existing operators who are members of the Federation.

No wonder, foremost in the minds of these neglected and aggrieved Associations, is the troubling question: *What is the Federation for?*

Yes, what is the Federation for really if it cannot come to the aid of the members when things matter most? As I see it, what remains to be done when the head of the Federation appears to have outlived his usefulness is to usher in a new one. Among its more than 5,000 members, many are also very interested to serve as President of the Federation, contrary to the thinking of the monopolizing incumbent who seems not to show any inclination of relinquishing the position. This way, the Federation may still be strengthened with the vigor of a new face.

This is a better proposition than creating another Federation in rivalry with the FEJODABB-LU.

**Batas.....****.... from page 6**

ng iawasto o may pagkakamaling birth certificate. Kailangang isama sa kaso ang local civil registrar na siyang aatasan ng hukuman na magsagawa ng pagwawasto ng pagkakamali. Isasama din sa kaso ang lahat ng taong maaaring may kinalaman sa bata, upang mapatunayan talaga kung sino ang ama ng bata.

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**BATAS PARTY LIST:** Maari na po kayong maging kasapi ng BATAS Party List, o ang Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtayod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Ipadala po ang inyong mga pangalan at kumpletong address sa text 0919-609-64-89, o tawag sa (02) 433-74-49, (02) 433-73-53, o sa email sa [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com), at sa sulat sa 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawangawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

**Planting..****.... from page 6**

Basatan, in a School Health and Nutrition Congress held in Teachers Camp last summer, DA Central office announced that their office is still on the process of propagating various varieties for distribution.

As per the directive issued, DepED and DA will be working together for the implementation of the program in close coordination with the Bureau of Plant Industry for their technical assistance to the propagation, processing of fruits and leaves for food and for the provision of seeds, seedlings, stem cuttings of malunggay to the schools.

Basatan said there are malunggay-based recipes developed and being standardized. This will be distributed later and to serve as guide in the preparation of nutritious foods for in-school feeding and for the families./ S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

**Editorial.....****.... from page 4**

Indeed "great evils brutally enforce ignored lessons."

Memory loss also rides tandem with impunity – and spawn today's glut of "pseudo-leaders". Their names are interchangeable: Gloria, Erap, Ping, Lito, Joe de V – the lot.

This produces, in turn, a nation starved for heroes. Hence, euphoria swept the country as Manny Paquiao's 788 punches battered the daylights out of his game Chicago challenger.

Others are probably more heroic but less known. Infanta flash floods swept Father Charlito Colendres to his death as he tried to save trapped people. Forest guard Raul Zapatos spent 23 months in prison for enforcing the ban on illegal logging.

Four Good Shepherd sisters — Mary Consuelo Chuidian, Mary Concepcion Conti, Mary Virginia Gonzaga and Mary Catherine Loreto –gave their life vests to others, as MV Cassandra listed, Inquirer columnist Ma. Ceres Doyo wrote.

"Man will learn at no other school but example", the old axiom says. But what if they prefer to play tong-its instead of mustering, say for disaster preparedness? Jaro Archbishop Ladgame discovered just that... Noon-time soap operas anaesthetize audiences in a country skidding into the poorhouse.

"Star dust" addiction factored into the Ultra Wowowee stampede – where 78 were killed and 392 were injured. This is "the greatest death toll in a game show," the 2007 "Guinness World Book of Records" asserts.

"We spend more on a 'fiesta culture' Peter Walpole of Environmental Science for Social Change at Ateneo observed. "This prevents (our) coming together develop institutes of society where the common good is not sold short.

"Change is not impossible," he adds. "But we need to generate new realities that establish discipline and accountability"/J.L. Mercado

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

At sa iyo apo councilor mo Sembrano, saludo ako sa iyo, sana ay ipagpatuloy mo ang paglilinis sa ating palengke! [IPAGPATULOY! ooOOoo

Hanep, at sino o sino-sino kaya ang mga nasa likod at mukhang may mga tao na naman na gusto kong banatan nang patalikod, una ay ang nangyaring pag-areto sa akin ng dis-oras ng gabi at ang pangalawa ay ang mga "Black Propaganda" laban sa akin.

Pustahan kung sinuman ang mga nasa likod nito ay sigurado kong silang iyong mga [ungas] at [pikon] na nasagasaan sa aking mga hataw. Pero nagkakamali sila dahil hindi nila ako pwedeng "patahimikin". Gumawa sila ng mali, babatikusin ko pa rin sila, pero kung gagawa sila ng tama, pupurihin ko sila, trabaho lang, walang personalan! [TULOY ANGLABAN] ooOOoo

Sa susunod, tuloy na mga hataw! Abangan.

**Low performing.....****.... from page 6**

Apparently these low performing elementary schools with below 55 mean performance scores recorded high cases of below normal weights. These were identified as priority schools for the Division Comprehensive School Health and Nutrition Package.

The following 32 elementary schools (ES) found in the 11 towns are as follows: Cagui-ing ES in Atok; Bagtangan ES, Ampusongan ES, Dio-alan ES, Tingbaoen ES in Bakun, Bantas Suanding ES and Bisal ES in Bokod; Lam-ayan ES and Paing ES in Buguias; Anteg-in ES, Baguio Gold ES and Botic ES in Itogon Districts I; Dalicno ES in Itogon II; Boklaoan ES, Cayapes ES, Gaswiling ES, Laoangan ES, Liblibeng ES in Kapangan, Am-am ES, Balili ES and Lasigan ES in Mankayan, Palali ES in Sablan; and Klondykes ES and Pimangan ES in Tuba. Schools in La Trinidad and Tublay recorded above 55 MPS which were not initially included in the Comprehensive School Health and Nutrition Package.

Although there are schools in Bokod identified as low performers, it ranked the top in the NAT with a total Performance Score (PS) of 66.7.

The rest of the municipal schools are ranked as follows: Buguias – 2nd; Tuba – 3rd; Sablan – 4th; Tublay – 5th; La Trinidad – 6th; Itogon II – 7th; Atok – 8th; Bakun – 9th; Mankayan – 10th; Itogon I – 11th; Kapangan – 12th; Kabayan – 13th; and Kibungan – 14th.

Project 55 is a comprehensive health and nutrition packages for turning around low academic performance. This is being implemented to improve academic performance of children starting school year 2008 – 2009.

The packages will ensure the provision of basic health care and nutrition services to the school children, teachers, and non-teaching personnel.

According to Basatan, these include provision of vitamin A supplement, medical-dental check up, deworming, school feeding program and provision of supplemental reading materials, intensify *gulayan sa paaralan* with the provision of seeds and planting of *malunggay* in schools, and intensify sodium fluoride mouth rinsing and tooth brushing program .

Other activities of the package include the establishment of profile of children at risk on their health and nutritional status profile, visionary and auditory and dental profile. Health profile of teachers will also be established according to Basatan to determine the correlation of performance of school children vis-à-vis the health status of teachers.

The Comprehensive Health and Nutrition Package is aimed to establish baseline data on the health and nutritional status of the populace, create awareness among school children and parents on the importance of keeping healthy for effective learning. This is also to institute intervention measures if needed./ S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

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

PATIL-AO y KIS-EWEN,  
  
SPOUSES PHILIP JOHN MONTILLA PATIL-AO and MARIBEL KIS-EWEN PATIL-AO, represented by herein Attorney-in-Fact MARIBEL KIS-EWEN PATIL-AO,  
*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET,  
*Respondent.*

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION F DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR CHILD, FIREENE XELYNE

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CASE NO. 08-C-1479

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ORDER

**P**etitioners, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to change and correct the following entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Eireene Xelyne Patil-ao y Kis-ewen as follows:

Place of Marriage of Parents: from SIPA, STA. MARCELENA, APAYAO to LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

Date of Marriage of Parents: from APRIL 18, 2000 to May 25, 2007

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on November 13, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet

and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION, 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 June 29, 2008.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy

of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction; the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) MARYBELLE L. DEMOT MARINAS  
Pairing Judge

July 5, 12 & 19 2008

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

**EUSEBIO ANG -Vendor**  
**HENRY D. RULLODA - Vendee**  
Applicants  
Case No. 93-CAR-1182  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with 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 July 22, at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB 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 4th day of July 2008.

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

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

**EDGAR TAMO**  
Applicant  
Case 2000-01-1231  
**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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 4th day of July 2008.

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

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

**TOMMY CAYABAN**  
Applicant  
Case No.2001-01-353  
**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 July 22, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 4th day of July 2008.

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

**Disposal..**  
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“Ugnayan” with members of the media last week, Vice-mayor Daniel Farinas clarified that the committee was created due to observation of unserviceable property such as equipment, cars, and furnitures, within offices in city hall.

The vice-mayor also revealed that unserviceable properties may be put to use through bidding, sale, or donation. Willing buyers may contact the General Services Office, the vice mayor said, while equipment which could be used for technological or technical education may be donated to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

The Administrative order is anchored on provisions of the Local Government Code and COA circulars for disposal of unserviceable properties.

A secretariat was also assigned to take care of records from the disposal committee; the different offices from city hall duly represented./ Julieg Fianza

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

**LINDA RIMANDO**  
Applicant  
Case No.88-01-2324  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience 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 July 22, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB 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 4th day of July 2008.

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

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

**JUANITO CABANES**  
Applicant  
Case No.97-BC-875  
**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 - ASIN HOT SPRING. and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 17, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB 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 30th day of June 2008.

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

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

mother LILIBETH LAOYAN ESPIRITU, *Petitioners,*  
-versus-

THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY and P A T R I C K P A G A W A Y LOGASPI, *Respondents.*

SPL.PROC CASE NO. 1828-R

ORDER

A verified amended petition filed by petitioners through counsel alleged, among others, that:

1. The petitioners were born on March 28, 1993 and March 10, 1995, respectively

at Baguio City and such facts were duly registered with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City as evidenced by the machine copies of their Certificate of Live Birth which are marked and attached hereto as Annexes "A" and "B".

2. The parents of the petitioners - Lilibeth Laoyan Espiritu and Patrick Pagaway Logaspi are not married to each other under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines evidenced by a certificate to that effect issued by the National Statistics Office and marked as Annex "C" hereof.

3. However, in the certificate of live birth of minor Pia May E. Logaspi, the entry with regard to the date and place of

marriage of her parents were mistakenly and erroneously supplied therein as "JANUARY 12, 1989" and "LA TRINIDAD BENGUET". The same mistake and error appears in certificate of live birth of Milton E. Logaspi as the entry was supplemented to read as "JANUARY 5, 1989" and "TUBA, BENGUET".

4. Considering that the parents of herein petitioners were not legally married to each other, the entries with regard to the date and place of marriage of petitioners parents as appearing in their certificates of live birth should be corrected and deleted to conform to the true facts.

On the basis of the foregoing, the petitioners pray that the petition be granted

and cause the correction of entries in the certificates of live birth of petitioners by ordering the deletion of the entries with respect to the date and place of marriage of their parents.

Finding the amended petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before this court on October 29, 2008 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this order be published at the expense of the petitioners in The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio

and Benguet province once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes, be furnished the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila; the City Prosecutor of Baguio; the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; and respondent Patrick Logaspi.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2008 at Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SGD)  
ILUMINADA P. CABATO  
Judge  
June 28, July 5, & 12, 2008

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

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

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by PEACOCK FINANCING CORPORATION, a corporation existing under and by virtue of Philippines of Law, Herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee with business and office address at Carangalaan District, Dagupan City against Sucat Sapang, of legal age, Filipino and with residence and postal address at La Trinidad,

Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondent-Mortgagor to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May, 2007 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS (P224,350.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, including penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on July 29, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the following described real

property with all the buildings and improvements now existing or which may hereafter be erected or constructed thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1373

"A parcel of land (Lot B-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-17873, being a portion of Lot B described on plan Psd-50084, LRC (GLRO) Record No.), situated in the Barrio of Takian, Municipality of La Trinidad, Sub-Province of Benguet, Mt. Province, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the N. points 4 to 1 by property of Fernando Cosalan; on the SE and SW. Points 1 to 4 by Lot B-2 of the subdivision plan...XXX

Containing an area of THREE THOU-

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Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at THE WEEKEND JUNC-

TION, a newspaper of general circulation. Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous place, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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July 6, 13 & 20 2008

PEACOCK FINANCING CORPORATION

*Petitioner-Mortgagee,*

-versus-

SUCAT SAPANG, *Respondent-Mortgagor.*

Case no. 08-EXF-1289

For:

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROMEO EMBESAN YMANA, who died intestate on May 10, 2005, at Dagupan City, Pangasinan, has been settled by his heirs through a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 433 on Page No. 087, Book No. VI, Series of 2008.

July 5, 12 & 19, 2008

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ALEJANDRO C. SISON, SR., who died intestate on February 26, 1991 at Philex, Tuba, Benguet, has been settled by his heirs through a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the National Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 360 on Page No. 072, Book No. VI, Series of 2008.

July 5, 12 & 19, 2008

**Dads seal....****.... from page 1**

received by the city on the STL despite the city council action on August 13, last year rejecting proposals to conduct test runs or operate the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office-sponsored games in the city.

The committee said that during the public hearing held on the issue last June 17 where representatives from various sectors unanimously opposed the STL test runs, the proponents did not show up along with the other applicants invited by the council including one Joji DG De Guzman, president of the Sumikadanti Cordillera Gaming Corporation, Orville Roque, president of JOE CALF Amusement Corporation.

The committee said the "non-appearance of the proponents clearly indicates their lack of interest to further pursue the proposal."

The committee also noted that the letters of invitation sent by the council to the proponents were returned to the council as the address was "unknown" and the addressee cannot be located in said address.

"This is significant. To the mind of the committee, the proponents are not transparent of their real intention," the committee noted.

STL was revived in 2006 and was groomed by the administration as a legal lottery game in the tradition of sweepstakes and on-line bingo and lotto to combat jueteng in the countryside.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. upon assumption as chief executive assured that he will not allow STL in the city in keeping with the prevailing sentiment of residents to oppose the entry of any form of gambling, whether sanctioned or not by the national government.

The city has an existing anti-gambling stand elucidated in Resolution No. 122-02 entitled "Expressing the Sentiment of the People of Baguio and the Policy of the City Government against Gambling..."

The influential Metro Baguio Multi-Sectoral Movement led by religious leaders in the city, which had in the past been at the forefront of the successful campaigns against casino and lotto, also objects to STL saying it is just a legalized form of jueteng.

The city council also led in the fight for the reopening of the casino in 1991, the lotto in 1994, 1995 and 2004 by virtue of Resolution No. 221 series of 1989 and Resolution No. 122 series of 2002 which registered the city's opposition to the entry of all forms of gambling in the city./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

**Nepali Doctor....****.... from page 2**

sued during a seminar entitled "Gateway to Higher Education in the Philippines" held in Kathmandu, Nepal. Dr. Shrestha said the residency and school training program for Nepali doctors and students is envisioned to provide specialized knowledge and skills to them, but, at the same time, it is designed to make medical services accessible to many Filipin-

nos.

Dr. Shrestha is himself a graduate of a Philippine medical school, the Virgen Milagrosa University in San Carlos City, Pangasinan, studying in the country for about seven years. Lawyer Melanio Mauricio Jr., the general legal counsel of the two Nephil companies and who is also known as Atty. Batas, on the other hand, stressed that the Nepali doctors and students will function under the direction of Filipino doctors, who will act as the Nepalis' trainers and professors and teachers.

One of the government hospitals participating in the residency training program is the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) in Quezon City, considered to be the second-ranked government medical institution when it comes to volume of poor and destitute patients are concerned, second only to the Philippine General Hospital in Manila.

Under the leadership of Dr. Roland Cortez, its youthful medical director and chief of hospital, the EAMC boasts of hands-on and relentless training for doctors in almost all fields of medicine. One other important thing with EAMC is its linkage, by way of a consortium agreement, with several other government hospitals located also in Quezon City—the National Kidney Institute, the Philippine Heart Center for Asia, the Lung Center of the Philippines and the Philippine Children's Medical Center—where doctors undergoing residency training can also be rotated.

Dr. Arthur Platon, the head surgeon of the Jose Reyes Medical Center, said the residency and medical training of Nepali doctors and students in the Philippines was immediately met with approval from the Nepal Legislative Assembly, and from the honorary consul general of the Philippines in Nepal.

MANOHAR Prasad Bhattarai, the acting secretary general of the Legislature-Parliament Secretariat of Nepal, is among those who believe that there is now an increasing trend of Nepali students going abroad for higher education.

"I would like to wish good luck to the students who are about to make important decisions about their futures and best wishes and to Nephil Education Consultancy in their mission," Bhattarai said during the "Gateway" seminar.

Dr. Vijaya Gajananda Vaidya, the Philippine consul general ad honorem in Nepal, on the other hand told the participants in the "Gateway" seminar that Nephil's attempt to train Nepali medical doctors and students in the Philippines is an opportunity that should be grabbed by his countrymen.

"My full cooperation will always be there in the campaign to build a better future for this country and her people. It is my conviction that Nepalis should be able to get an education at affordable cost and easily," Dr. Vaidya said.

Nepal Member of Parliament Ek Nath Dakal, whose wife is a Filipina from Zamboanga City, also welcomed Nephil's decision to bring Nepali doctors and students to the Philippines to train and study. Serving

the two Nephil companies, aside from Dr. Udip Shrestha as president, are the following: Niraj Man Shrestha, Vice President, Pravin Shrestha, Chief Executive Officer, Utsab Shrestha, managing director, Prajib Lal Shrestha, senior consultant, and Sanjay Poudel, marketing manager, of Nephil Education Consultancy of Nepal; and Niraj Man Shrestha, vice president, Lorraine R. Cabarubbias, treasurer, Glenda Quiambao, secretary, Jerome R. Cabarubbias, public relations, Utsab Shrestha, managing director for Nepal and Pravin Shrestha, marking director for Nepal./ REFERENCE: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO, 433-75-49, 433-75-53

**Mayor bans....****.... from page 2**

American Friendship Day.

Banning motorcaes, the mayor said, will avert a possible court order abating the same pursuant to the cited provision of the Civil Code.

It will also "encourage a healthier, cost efficient, and environmental-friendly way of promoting businesses and events by walking", Bautista added.

He also anchored his order on the general welfare provision of the Local Government Code.

Last June 2, the mayor led city officials, government employees and sector representatives of the city in launching "Walk, Baguio, Walk", a program to encourage people leave their cars at home and to walk or ride public transport to and from their places of work.

A brainchild of the Baguio Regreening Movement headed by city councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, the program is designed towards reduction of smog from vehicle emissions, lightening up traffic and clearing sidewalks of obstructions.

The next "Walk" rally on June 14 will be spearheaded by the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center headed by Dr. Manuel Factora, with focus on the health benefits derived from walking as a form of exercise.

In the spirit of the observance of the CAR anniversary, it will be dubbed "Walk, Cordillera, Walk", with the organizers hoping the other localities in the Cordillera will adopt similar programs.

Aside from the ban on motorcades, the mayor directed city officials and employees to strictly comply with the city's "number coding" ordinance banning cars from entering the busy central business district at least once a week.

Bautista ordered the city hall security and the police to prevent cars covered by the number coding from being parked within the city hall compound before the 7:00 a.m. effectivity of the ban.

City administrator Peter Fianza, who recommended the move, noted the practice of some car owners in parking their vehicles until the ban is lifted at 7:00 p.m. deprives others parking space when they go to city hall to pay taxes or transact business.

Over at the city council, vice-mayor Daniel Farinas pushed for the city's formal adoption of "Walk, Baguio, Walk" as a regular city program so its emerging features can be funded by the local government. /Ramon Dacawi.

**Trio on A....****.... from page 3**

denuded areas of the mountains.

"We are encouraging everyone to help in the cause for the Cordillera Forests and would like to invite interested individuals, establishments, companies, and organizations to donate money or seedlings per kilometer that the riders will be able to cover in the span of 24 hours," Alipio said.

He explained that the seedling pledge mechanics will be for individuals to write the trio at [padyakbinhi@gmail.com](mailto:padyakbinhi@gmail.com) for the intention how much you would like to pledge per kilometer. Alipio said, it can be as low as 1 peso or as high as 1000 pesos. Instead of cash, pledge maker can even give seedlings instead of cash, like one seedling per kilometer.

At the end of the 24 hour ride on November, the trio will tally the total distance that they covered and that will be multiplied by the pledge of individuals or firms. "We will be sending a notice of how much a total pledge will be so the pledge maker can officially donate the funds for the seedlings."

Donations will be through Bank deposit and Globe G-cash or seedlings will have to be delivered.

The trio are also encouraging their fellow biker and bike shops to help them. Since we will be training for this ride over an extended period of time (from June-November), bike shops can pledge equipment for the riders to use during training and especially for the ride itself, the trio said.

We will not be needing whole bikes but mainly spare parts as this much training over this terrain tends to destroy even the most expensive of bike parts, said Alipio.

They listed these for all 3 riders: 6 pairs of Tires: Tire Preference: Size 2.1: Kenda Dread Treads/Nevegals/Maxxis Ignitor/WTB Velociraptor/Panaracer Fire XC Pro; 8 pairs of V-Brake Pads and 4 pairs of disc brake pads; 6 Chains: XT 9 Speed Chains; Chain Oil: 3 Bottles; 10 Pieces Inner Tubes; 3 sets gear cables; 3 sets break cables; 6 Water bottles; 3 pairs Full Finger gloves (medium); 6 pairs of cycling shorts (medium); and 3 sets of Shimano hub bearings and Rubber Cup Seals. "Corporate Pledges"

Alipio and his co-bikers explained that they do not plan to have any logos on their jerseys besides the logo of the "Padyak para sa Binhi ng Kordi" in order make this as the main focus of the ride.

But corporate sponsors who will be pledging a minimum of PhP300/Kilometer will have their logos on all the press releases and statements to the media for the Padyak para sa Binhi ng Kordi, Alipio vowed. For corporate pledges please get in touch with us directly through email, said Alipio. Nei Castro of the UP Baguio Mountaineers has volunteered to be the contact person for the pledges and will be handling all the pledges for the Padyak para sa Binhi ng Kordi./Ace Alegre

**Samaritan responds....****.... from page 3**

alam kung sino s'ya (I don't know who he or she is)," Elena said. "Basta na lang tinawagan ako ni Ma'am Au para kunin yong tulong sa upisina n'ya (Ma'am Au just called me to get the donation from her office)."

Manellaine, the eldest among three sisters, and her mother traveled Friday to San Fabian, Pangasinan for the patient to rest in her father's native home before the four-hour chemo session in Dagupan City tomorrow.

"Nasa Dagupan po ang doctor n'ya dahil sa kanya kami ini-refer noong malaman ang sakit ng anak ko noong 2005 (Her doctor is in Dagupan as we were referred to her after my daughter's illness was diagnosed in 2005)," Elena explained.

Manellaine, a high school graduate who wants to become a teacher, is suffering from lupus nephritis, an inflammation of the kidneys caused by a disease of the immune system.

Somehow, her parents raised the needed amount for her initial six monthly chemo sessions, aside from the cost of her first of another six treatment cycle scheduled quarterly and pegged at P4,000 each. Tomorrow will be her second.

The continuing medical ordeal has left the family deeply in debt. Manuel earns P184 a day while Elena averages P300 in her clothes-washing. Hardly enough for the daily basic needs and monthly rent on their two-room place at 20 Maria Pucay, Central Guisad Barangay.

To cope, Ana Minerva, Manellaine's 18-year old sister, also began working as a housemaid after her high school graduation for P2,000 a month. Mikki, the youngest at 15, is in third year high school. She may also end up as a housemaid. "Whoever he or she is, our family will always be indebted to the donor and pray for God's blessings to him or her and his or her own family," Elena said of the unknown Samaritan.

As this coming Monday was nearing, Elena had vainly knocked on doors for help. The city social welfare and development office headed by Betty Fangasan, however, allotted P2,000 for the mother-and-daughter's transport and other expenses.

Others who would like to follow suit for Manellaine's third chemo may ring her mother's cellphone number 09207034496./Ramon Dacawi.

**DENR to go....****.... from page 3**

report as saying, "At the time the issues concerning the lot hit the headlines, it was Barongan himself who furnished [the Registry] a copy of the [SN 026330 title]."

It could be remembered that 10-years earlier, then mayor Mauricio Domogan issued Administrative Order (AO) 69, September 3, 1998, commissioning surveyors from DENR-CAR, the Hwa Ping camp, DPWH-CAR, Office of the Assessor, and Office of

the City Engineer to settle the issue whether or not the lot is alienable.

Subsequently, the AO 69 surveyors agreed the lot was outside City Hall Reservation. Further, save for DPWH-CAR representative Roy Dickpus, the rest of the AO 69 members claimed the contested lot was outside the RROW.

Contrary to AO 69 report however, the probe team's own inspection, March 2008, revealed while the controversial lot did not lie on City Hall Reservation, it however straddles the RROW of Chuntog.

They reported, "Even before AO 69 was issued, the TSA of Hwa Ping had already been cleared by the AO 504 committee under its resolution No. 98-3 issued March 14, 1998."

"Such," they added, "gives the impression that whatever the result of the AO 69 survey will be, [it will be] moot and academic because the TSA of Hwa Ping had already been cleared 6-months prior the issuance of AO 69 itself."

The team likewise pointed out, regardless of the DPWH-CAR refusal to sign notification survey letters to all adjoining lot-owners of the Hwa Ping lot, the survey plan describing the questioned property has nevertheless been approved, October 6, 2000.

With the report, Cariño and city legal officer Carlos Rabanes, who earlier subscribed to independent city action, lauded Peñafiel and his team.

In essence, both claims the cloud of doubt surrounding DENR's capability of being objective in investigating their own has finally been proven wrong.

Cariño said he will reiterate sidelined proposals to prosecute all persons involved in the processing of the Hwa Ping title and to file appropriate charges; and to ask the solicitor general to cause cancellation of title and reversion of the lot as inalienable public land during the next council session, Monday.

Rabanes for his part declared he is ready for action depending on what the council deems fit./ISL

**KNN Baguio....****.... from page 12**

just so they and their family can eat. And, they are exposed to hazardous chemicals, endangering their health", Balmonte said.

Balmonte explained that in his personal view, videomaking is an outlet of his emotions, it is very rewarding especially when an audience get to see your creations and give feedback.

Videomaking is more than a hobby, it's a restorative endeavor feeding the soul and mind. There's a saying that "a picture can paint a thousand words", a moving picture quadruples that effect. Videomaking is a very powerful vehicle of information especially in today's modern world where almost everyone is bombarded with tons and tons of information, whether it be on the television or other sources like the internet, Balmonte said.

The KNN is a developmental media project being implemented by the PROBE Media Foundation, Inc. , in cooperation with the Philippine Information Agency, and supported by the UNICEF. It is a program "for the youth by the youth". KNN outputs have been shown over ABC 13 and ABS-CBN./fnm/PIA-CAR

## Feasibility study on market construction sought

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city council Monday sought the conduct of a feasibility study on the adoption of a design concept for a two-storey market building to be built at the area affected recently by a fire.

The body approved a resolution proposed by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas asking Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. to create a technical

working group to undertake said study.

Farinas said there is a need to put up a building at the burnt section to accommodate the displaced occupants but before that, a feasibility study should first be done “using the design and build scheme for infrastructure projects as provided for in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184.”

“The city market being the show window of our city should look presentable not only to our local residents but also to foreign and local visitors. As could be observed, the buildings surrounding our city market are old and dilapidated and might even cause danger to our marketgoers,” he said.

The resolution further authorizes the mayor to negotiate with other government or non-government agencies to finance the implementation of said project after its feasibility has been established./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

# THE WEEKEND JUNCTION



Homeless families Iloilo City, use the SM City terminal as a temporary evacuation site while they wait for relief goods to come their way./ CHRIS FERNANDEZ/ PNS

## KNN Baguio Bureau youth reporter is a finalist at Stranger Awards 2008 in Amsterdam

Kirk Anthony Balmonte of the Kabataan News Network (KNN) Baguio-Bureau joins 250 international young video makers and guests at Stranger Festival on 3 - 5 July at Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam.

His film entitled, “Breath of Freedom” is among the 21 videos produced by KNN reporters for the One Minutes Jrs Organization last September 2007 during a workshop provided by United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) for selected members of the KNN here in the country.

These videos were then submitted to the European Cultural Foundation (ECF) as part of the Stranger Festival, Europe’s biggest event for young video makers.

In the course of the Stranger Festival, the ECF received over 1000 videos from all over the world. 65 videos were selected by video, film and media students. These videos were presented to the juries, who made the finalist selection and who will choose the winner. The Audience award finalists were chosen by the visitors of this website.

Balmonte, a fourth year communication student of the Saint Louis University (SLU) made it to the top five finalists among other international countries, and the only Asian finalist.

Kirk’s video is nominated in the “Inside Out” category. This category is about the fine line between being included or

excluded. It’s about stereotypes and prejudices and ways to overcome them.

Nineteen year old Balmonte, a senior reporter and assistant bureau manager of KNN Baguio conceptualized the winning entry with Guillermo Ocampo, his buddy in the network. During the work-

shop, they were instructed to make one minute film focusing on the Children’s Rights in celebration of UNICEF’s 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The film give emphasis on the plight of children who are being enslaved as child laborers in the country

“It’s very sad- dening to see them in this plight since at a young age, instead of going to school - learning and playing - they’re working

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