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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND IA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! City Probes New Structures At Busol



GUN FREE BAGUIO - Gun slingers are prohibited to enter the city as Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. and City Police Director Atty. Agripino Javier show off to the local media the "GUN FREE SIGNAGE" under the City Resolution Number 242 Series of 2009./ By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIOCITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. has ordered an investigation into the alleged new structures being put up at the Busol watershed here.

The mayor said he directed the city buildings and architecture office to conduct an inspection at the site and work out the demolition of the structures in January to March next year.

The mayor said that it is unfortunate that some people have the temerity to take advantage of the situation even while the city and the squatters within the wa-

tershed are embroiled in a court battle over the removal of the illegal structures in the subject forest reservation.

Information on the new structures reportedly reached the Busol Task Force after the survey of the illegal structures was completed by joint forces from the task force, the CBAO and the public order and safety division.

The city was efforts to demolish the structures at the forest watershed last July was snagged after the National Commission on Indig-

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BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Lawmaker Calls for Probe of GSIS Pension Funds use

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday filed a resolution asking the Senate to investigate the use of GSIS funds particularly the funds of retired government employees to address complaints of delays in remittances to pensioners.

"The GSIS leadership needs to explain the delays in the remittances of our retired employees, most of whom depend solely on these funds," he said.

The 40-year old lawmaker acted on a published complaint by the Association of

Retired Government Employees Pensioners, Inc. (ARGEP, Inc. Phils.) last September 27, 2009.

The association also requested the GSIS to rescind the policy of postdating pension checks. It noted that this was corrected by the GSIS upon its request but this was later changed by the GSIS when it began to date checks from the 1st to 8th day of every month instead of every 1st day of every month.

Escudero said the concerns of the ARGEP, Inc. Phils. are "quite valid, per-

manent and apt at present time" especially since the reported Php1 billion peso release of the GSIS to the national government happened in 2004 — an election year.

"It is but natural and logical to be vigilant as ever on the use of the GSIS funds and to insist on what the law mandates for the use of these funds," he said.

Escudero called on the Senate Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises to conduct the inquiry in aid of legislation into the use of the GSIS funds./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

POPCOM: 'Teen Sex Awareness Key To Fighting Poverty'

BAGUIOCITY – In the heels of the brewing controversy surrounding the proposed National Reproductive Health (RH) Bill, Population Commission (PopCom) Cordillera launched an aggressive campaign before 'raging hormones,' apparently to gain leverage in favor of the measure.

The forum dubbed, "Educating the Youth to Fight Poverty" was conducted at the Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) campus last week.

PopCom director Tomas Osias said the forum targets adolescents in the high school level since studies show prevalence of sexual experimentations ending in unwanted pregnancies during that stage.

He added, "Four of ten 15-year old Filipinos are likely to engage in risky behavior."

Grace Cruz, director of the Uni-

versity of the Philippines Population Institute, bolstered Osias' observations adding, "Cordillera-based surveys reveal majority of women become sexually active during adolescence."

"This," she added, "Leads to the growing number of depression and suicide cases - the 3rd leading cause of death - among teens."

Osias meanwhile highlighted, "Parents should be more active in educating their kids especially about sex and its consequences."

He also advised students to use their time wisely warning, "Every wrong turn could end one's dream for better life [and a life of poverty for kids born out of wedlock]."

Pro-RH bill claim the measure is 'not anti-life but pro-quality life'.

The forum, proponents aver, will ensure em-

powerment of couples with the information and opportunity to plan and space their children.

This, they said, will not only strengthen the family as a unit but also optimize care for children who will have more opportunities to be educated, healthy and productive lessening poverty incidence in the country.

Meanwhile, 17-finalists from high schools representing 17-regions to the 2009 Population Quiz (Pop Quiz) were presented at the weekly Kapihan sponsored by the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives at SM City Baguio.

The Pop Quiz sponsored in tandem by PopCom and the Department of Education will be held at the Baguio Convention Center November 19, starting at 8:00am./ Bonnavie Romero (PIO intern)

Barangay Dads Asked To Be Vigilant On Protecting Minors

BAGUIOCITY – Barangay officials need to be more vigilant in the implementation of laws designed to protect the youth particularly ordinances setting curfew time to minors and banning the selling of liquor to minors.

In a resolution broached by Councilor Gloria Ysabel De Vera and authored by all the councilors, the body noted the need for barangay officials to step up efforts in enforcing said laws

in face of the rising number of cases on youth delinquency and violence in the city.

"There is a rising number of juvenile delinquents and those youth undergoing risky behaviors such as pre-marital sex, youth violence and other unlawful activities such as brawls and conflicts with other youths and involvement in 'gang wars'," the resolution said noting that these cases are related to

the laxity in the implementation of laws that should have been a deterrent to these crimes.

"There is a need for the barangay officials and the barangay tanods also the barangay constituents to be vigilant in implementing the existing laws of the city so as to ensure the safety and good upbringing of the youth," the resolution said.

To curb the sale of liquor to minors, the body recommended that the barangay of

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Mayor Cries Foul To News Release

BAGUIOCITY— Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week decried attacks to his person aired through the media on statements he made as to the sources of garbage and other problems in the city.

“Government officials, (and their constituents) from neighboring Benguet towns have never been the subject of my statements,” the mayor clarified, “they are my close friends and advisers.” The mayor also made reference to Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan as an ally, specially with the BLISTT concept, bringing the city together with nearest neighbors La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay.

It has never been my way to put blame on other people for the city’s problems, or mine, he added.

Moreso, when it

is Baguio’s call to share its blessings with neighbors for the BLIST concept.

It is in the interplay of words that twisted the whole idea, Mayor Bautista, Jr. said, with reports misquoting him, and cutting the phrases to fit a negative thought of blaming the neighbors for the city’s garbage.

Sentiments from Benguet constituents have been aired through the radio, after excerpts of the mayor’s flag ceremony message found its way to sensitive ears.

Specifically, mayor made several comments on sources of excess garbage which makes up part of about 300 tons of garbage being collected daily in the city.

Accordingly, there was a time when garbage collection totals to a little bit more than a hun-

dred tons, which made the mayor wonder where the excess came from.

The mayor may have made reference for city dwellers themselves to help lessen garbage, through segregation, recycling and re-use which was misquoted.

The BLISTT concept was born out of the need to share problems and blessings alike, the mayor said. With the city providing tourists, and the neighboring towns with resources; the city as education center which would trigger development in the neighboring areas; the city as jumping point for tourist off to Cordillera tourist spots.

Said concept would also set the city as a classic example for tourism-oriented businesses, the mayor ended./juliegianza

Forest Covers In Benguet Quickly Deteriorating

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – The provincial government is apprehensive of the deteriorating state of forest cover which it fear might be gone sooner than projected.

Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, in his report during the Regional Development Council meeting held recently, said denudation of forestland is at the rate of 8,400 hectares per year. Cur-

rently, the province has a total of 172,751 hectares of forestland.

Fongwan lamented that people cut trees as if they are harvesting cabbages. This is particularly observed in the tri-boundaries of the Benguet, Ifugao and Mt. Province. He presented this to members of the RDC as an urgent issue that need to be addressed.

The RDC has earlier passed a

resolution creating a Quick Response Team (QRT) purposely to contain and hasten the resolution of the escalating problem on forest and watershed destruction in the region.

National Commission on Indigenous People – CAR Regional Director requested the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to submit a report to the RDC on status report of QRT

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There Are No Safe Firecrackers Or Fireworks — DOH

The Department of Health (DOH) today strongly advised parents not to allow children to use firecrackers or fireworks whether of the legal or illegal kind.

“These devices are not toys and are very dangerous, especially in the hands of innocent children,” Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said. “We recommend a ban on the use of these devices in residential areas and encourage local authorities to designate an area where

fireworks could be lighted, displayed and handled by professionals or those who are trained in using explosive devices,” he added.

Health authorities said that the top 5 firecrackers that caused the most injuries in 2008 were (1) piccolo, (2) kwitis, (3) 5-star, (4) luces and (5) home-made or altered firecrackers.

“Piccolo, an ille-

gal firecracker, continued to be the number one cause of injury during the last holiday season and it did not only cause minor injuries but also severe ones like the ruptured eyeball of a boy in Bicol,” Duque disclosed.

He explained that the public should always be cautious and not to regard the legal fireworks as safe because Kwitis and Luces, both legal fireworks, were No. 2 and No. 4 in the list.

“The seemingly harmless Luces can burn up to 1093 °C (2000 °F) or 10 times the boiling point of water,” Duque said.

Duque also disclosed that the top 5 Firecrackers causing “Blast Burn with Amputation” were (1) Home-made or Altered Firecrackers, (2) 5-star, (3) camara, (4) rebentador, (5) and whistle bomb.

DOH records show that Watusi, long considered as il-

legal, continued to sneak in the market and caused two cases of injuries this year. The youngest case was a 9-month old girl from Tondo, Manila who was left unattended in the house by her parents while an elder sibling played

with Watusi. She was brought to the Philippine General Hospital for treatment.

The second case was a 31 year-old male from Rodriguez, Rizal with a history of psychiatric treatment. He allegedly ingested 2 boxes of Watusi. He was brought to East Avenue Medical Center for treatment. Both patients survived.

Health authorities said that there is also a significant increase in the number of stray bullet incidents caused by the indiscriminate firing of guns. These were reported in the two regions in Mindanao with no previous records./PIA

150 OFW Families Avail of OWWA’s Calamity Loan, Application Still Open

BAGUIOCITY— More than a hundred Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) families that were adversely affected by typhoon “Pepeng” have filed applications to the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration’s (OWWA) Zero-interest Calamity loan.

OWWA-CAR Family Welfare Officer Liezl Felix bared that they have already received 150

applications and have started releasing some loans. She also disclosed that about 100 of the applications they received were from Apayao. The OFW Federations in Apayao is helping in the dissemination and collection of the applications.

OWWA-CAR Regional Director Saul De Vries, also confirmed that the receiving of application

for the said calamity loan is continuing, and will be on a “first come, first serve basis,” until they have dispense with the P2.2 million fund allocated for the said program.

De Vries also lauded the OFW Federation of Apayao for helping their member avail of the OWWA calamity loan program.

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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.

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno

www.linisgobyerno.org

Stark Treadmill

Before the covered basketball court's tv, the "tambourine brigade" watched footage of Manny Paquiao trashing Miguel-Cotto. These kids whack flattened bottle caps to accompany off-key carols. They cadge coins from passers-by.

The Las Vegas fight had little to do with skewed chances that their next Christmas could be better. The 7th National Nutrition Survey and the World Food Summit in Rome dealt with that. "What's that?", they asked.

The 5th and 6th surveys documented savaging of this country's children and breast-feeding mothers. The Food and Nutrition Research Institute's 7th survey concludes: chronic hunger keeps ajar floodgates to TB, blindness from Vitamin A deficiency to anemia.

Our politicians mumble vague promises to end this scourge as 2010 nears.

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"The poor cannot eat promises," the Rome meeting also

heard. Delegates recalled that the 1974 and 1996 summits failed to deliver on State Secretary Henry Kissinger's goal: No man, woman and child will go to bed hungry within a decade.

For the first time in history, over a billion men, women and children lack food, FAO Director General Jacques Diouf said. The 2007 and 2008 food riots, in 22 countries, underscore the danger.

The G8 Summit, which met in L' Aquila, Italy, anted up only half the \$40 billion needed to jack up food harvests. More than half of that is not new money, Reuters pointed out.

"Plenty sits still. But hunger is a wanderer "In the 21st century, a major dynamic will be the flow of human capital. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo stressed: at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting. She didn't need to say driven by need.

Nutrition adequacy here barely budged from cellar-levels of 2003 or 2005. "There are more undernourished children and nutritionally at-risk pregnant and lactating women today" than there were six years ago," the survey found.

Out of every hundred pre-schoolers, 26 are underweight. Another 28 were stunted. And six were thin. "A significant increase in the proportion of underweight (24.6% to 26.2%) and under height (26.3% to 27.9%) among preschoolers was noted."

Scrub the jargon. That means more kids, below 5, are emaciated, shorter, skinnier. The most crucial period, for infants is while they're in the womb, up to age 5. If mothers get adequate pre-natal care, chances improve for babies to mature. Fewer scrunch into dwarfs,

"Many of the things we need can wait," Nobel Laureate Gabriel Mistral wrote. "The child can not wait. Now is the time his bones are being formed, his blood made, his sinews developed. To him, we can not say: tomorrow. His name is today."

PEM or protein energy malnutrition, in fact, sends far too many Filipino pre-school children to premature graves, ADB and World Bank said in their previous study: "Early Child Development." But proportions of Filipino infants who die are larger than in poorer countries like Bangladesh, Kenya or Tanzania. That is the real—and glossed—over-scandal.

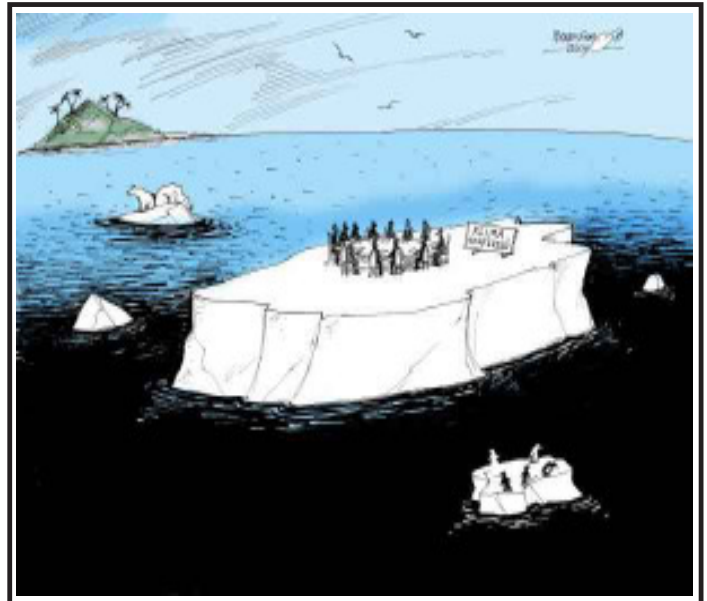
The proportion of "nutritionally at-risk" (i.e. ill-fed) pregnant women hasn't shrunk, the new study reports. In fact, the number inched up (1.7%).

The 6th Survey already found four out of ten, who breast-fed then, were anemic. Six out of 10 infants, up to a year old, were—Surprise! Anemic.

By age 3, many infants are stunted, Asian Development Bank notes. This stark proportion dwindles, in five years, down to one or two infants. Some will have died. But irreversible damage will have been inflicted by the survivors.

They're swept, willy-nilly into a grim treadmill: Today's ill-fed will give birth to wizened infants. In turn, they'll mother the next generation of dwarfed babies. "(The small mother's) risk of dying in pregnancy is 10 times greater than a woman of normal height or

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DIRETSAHAN

LANTARAN PASUGALAN, LANTARAN HUBARAN !!!
HOY MGA BINGI, BULAGAT PIPI NA MGA OPISYALES-TAMAAN NA KAYO NG HIYA !!!

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Magandang Balita, tatlong kumpanya, nag-alok ng solusyon sa problema sa basura ng lungsod... gud en beri mats welkam... baka naman abutin ito ng siyam siyam bago ito maaksyunan?... **Hele hele** muna bago hello... kasi kelangan munang me mapag"cash"sunduan, hindi kaya?

Masamang balita, nagbanta na magtataas ng singil sa pasahe ang transport group sa Baguio kung hindi mapigil ang pagtaas ng presyo sa petrolyo... kapit na tayo ng mahigpit dahil siguradong lalo tayong maghihigpit ng sinturon... imbes galunggong o tuyo baka asin na lang ang uulamin ko, taas dito, taas doon puro nakakataas ng presyo sa dugo, pweh... buwisheet!!!

ooOoo

Tuloy pa rin daw ang sugalan sa may Fortunatas ng Kayang St. ayon sa aking bubuwit, nilagyan pa raw ito ng telon na nagsisilbing kurtina para hindi disimulado ang mga nagsusugal... "untouchable" siguro ang may-ari nito. Sino o sino sino kaya ang mga protector? Alam kaya ito ng Hepe sa **Compact I** ng **BCPO**? Pakisagot nga po ito inspector **Del Castillo**?

ooOoo

Lantaran din daw ang "hubaran" sa mga girlie bars diyan sa panulukan ng upper burgos at magsaysay ave. bukod sa paso na ang kanilang mga business permit, naghuhubad pa raw ang kanilang mga mananayaw na models.

Ooops, apo **Cristio Lagyop** ng permits and licensing, ano ba ang ginagawa mo? Mukhang hindi mo yata ito napapansin o baka ayaw mong pansinin, bahkeet?

Atensyon, **CIDG - CAR** Chief apo **Moises Guevarra** at **POSD** Chief Engr. **Greg Delijero**, bisitahin nyo naman itong nabanggit na lugar.

ooOoo

Bakit kaya naipatayo ang isang istraktura sa may tabora park (Rabbit Sinkhole) ng lower magsaysay na wala man lamang building permit? Ang lupang pinagtayuan daw nito ay pag-aari umano ni councilor **Galo Weygan** kaya ba sa kabila ng sunod sunod na notice of violation galing sa **CBAO** ay hindi ito pinapansin?

How true na wala rin daw business permit ang mga establisimento na umuukopa ngayon doon? Alam kaya ito ni **Apo Weygan**?

Kung alam niya, ano ang kanyang ginawa samantalang alam naman ng karamihan kung gaano sya kaistrikto pagdating sa ganitong mga bayolasyon o baka naman nakikipagsiksikan na rin siya ng siko sa kapwa niya mga konsehal kaya ayon sa report ay hindi inaaksyunan umano sa City Council ang reklamo. Totoo ba ito apo councilor "Da Pastor" **Galo**

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*Usapang haka-haka sa Pulitika!!!
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Mukhang nagkaka-linawan at nagkaka-ayuasan na ang mga magkakasama at magakakapartido sa politika. Anjan ang grupo at tambalan nina Bernie "**The Walang Sawang**" Vergara for Tongressman at Mauricio "**Sya Lang ang Magaling at Anak ng Diyos**" Domogan for Mayor sa partido ng administrasyon, ang partidong responsable sa kasulukuyan kahirapan ng karamihang Pilipino. Nandiyan din ang grupo ni Lolo Braulio "**Jadewell**" Yaranon (hindi ako sigurado kung tongressman o yorme ang tatakbuhan ni Lolo Y) at kung sino ang kanyang katambal at kung saan grupong nasyonal (kung mayroon man) siya naka aliyado. Nandiyan din ang grupo ni ERAP kung saan pinangungunahan ni Atty. Edgar Avila for Tongressman at Butch Mandapat for Mayor nuong hindi pa siya na-underground ni Councilor Elaine "**Mucho Dinero**" Sembrano. Alam niyo naman ang politics Pinoy style sa ating bayan mga dear readers, puros kaliwaan, puros siraan, puros plastikan at trayduran, parang hindi ka pa sanay Apo Butch!!! Mayroon din yung solo flight na Mayor Peter Rey "**BASURA/BUSOL/FORBES PARK**" Bautista na tatakbo as Tongressman at Councilor; "**May Bayag/San Carlos**" Aliping na tatakdo as Tongressman. Nandiyan din yung grupo ni Councilor Rocky Thomas "**Mr. Transport**" Balisong na tatakbo rin as Tongressman. Mayroon din yun grupong walang dangal este marangal, kung saan mula pa noon at hanggang sa ngayon, ang **PARTIDO LIBERAL** ni Ralph Recto at Vilma Santos este ni Mar Roxas at Noynoy Aquino, puros marangal nga ba?!?! Ang grupong ito ay pinangungunahan ni Councilor Leandro "**IDOL**" Yangot for Tongressman at Atty. Jose "**JOEMOL**" Molintas for Mayor . Sino kaya ang nasa grupo ng Nationalista (NP) si Lolo Y kaya? Eh yung grupo daw ni Kiss "**Mr. Hinagpis**" Escudero?

Maganda ang magiging magkakatungali. Sa muli, yun dating Yangot -vs- Bautista once again at yun dating Domogan -vs- Molintas once again. Sino kaya ang lulusot sa puros magagaling na ito? Tekang pala, sino kaya itong konsehal na ito na gustong sumapi sa isang partido na ang kanyang pakay lamang ay maging SPY at isumbong sa kanyang lover (na isa rin top official) ang mga magiging kaganapan sa partido , is he a he or is she a she? Hi!Hi!Hi, Bukiing Ka Na!

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Sa usapang pang Vice Mayor at mga Councilors, napakarami ng mga walang magawa sa kanilang buhay ang tatakbo as Councilors, kasama na rin ang yours truly at inyong lingkod na tatakbo rin once again (round 2 pa lamang mga dar readers). Sabi nila kapag, round 3 na, trying hard na raw at semi-desperado, ngunit kapag round 4 na ay **DESPERADO** na at **SUPER KAPAL MUKS NA** . Sinu-sino kaya ang mga mag **ra-round 4** na mga **DESPERADO AT KAPAL MUKS** na tatakbo, meron kaya??? Hi!Hi!Hi. Kung sabagay maraming mga **KAPAL MUKS** at **SUGAPA SA KAPANGYARIHAN!!!**

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Ayon kay ERAP sa isang national TV interview ay kanyang kinuha bilang kanyang legal defense team para ipagtanggol ang kanyang karapatan na tumakbo muli as President of the Republic ay ang mga sumusunod: Justice Magdangal Elma, former Presidential Legal Counsel of the late President Corazon Aquino; Pacifico Agabin, dean of the University of the Philippines' College of Law; Amado Valdez, dean of the University of the East College of Law; Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez, former dean of San Sebastian Law School; George Garcia, elections lawyer; and Aquilino Pimentel III, law professor. At mayroon pang retired Supreme Court Justice at isang Election lawyer. Samakatwid ang mga kinuha ni Erap ay puros magagaling at tanyag na mga abogado este abogado. Bery Gud Erap, Bery Gud Erap. Magaganda ang iyong hakbangin, ngunit tutuldulakn ko na ang resulta ng iyong apila na kung makakarating

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Baguio as garbage city
is now a nationwide knowledge*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The Philippine Daily Inquirer of 21 November 2009 carried a picture of one of Baguio City's streets with a mountain of garbage. This is happening 100 years after the city's founding.

We should be getting better as we get older as a city but this is not happening in Baguio. We are growing backward.

Now Baguio City is infamous for its garbage. Unfortunately, it is slowly but surely getting a reputation of being the garbage capital of the north.

As pointed out by this column last week, allocating a "mere" 5% of the city's budget for amortization for loans will enable the city to borrow about a billion pesos for modernizing the city's garbage management facilities. May I recommend therefore that the city considers the suggestion and build a group to study the matter.

Rather than allowing the garbage to be an election issue against them, perhaps the incumbents can turn things around and do some positive action on the matter. Come next centennial or bi-centennial, they will be known instead as leaders who acted on the garbage problem.

Otherwise, they will be remembered instead as city officials who exacerbated the garbage problem or situation during their term of office.

That the garbage problem is solvable is also indicated by the presence of methane gases in one of the garbage dumps of Metro Manila. This indicates the garbage dumps can be a source of fuel.

There is potential that our garbage dumps can be a source of a mountain of cash. Fertilizers can be produced from the organic wastes or kitchen wastes. Recyclables can be gathered from papers, bottles, containers, and the like.

Energy can eventually be produced from methane and other gases as some of the wastes are converted to fertilizers.

Rather than being known nationwide or worldwide as a city of dumps, our city officials must convert the situation to become an opportunity instead for the city to be known instead as a city of action.

Baguio can choose to be known as a city who has taken concrete steps towards achieving an environment-friendly solution to its garbage problem.

One possible scenario for Irisan is the emergence of super infrastructure for recycling, fertilizer production, and energy industries. There are very bright prospects that we can even convert our garbage into a boon rather than a bane for all of us.

Some of the initial energy for the fertilizer, recycling, and other industries (as methane gases may take some time to be produced) from the garbage can come from solar and wind electric generators (subject for feasibility study assessment).

Indeed there are bright prospects that we can convert over a long term our garbage site in Irisan into an industrial hub.

Our city officials can choose to be known as visionaries in the city's centennial year or Baguio or be known forever as the officials who allowed Baguio City to be known as the garbage city of the north.

Our city officials can also explore tie-ups with other cities of the world under a city sisterhood arrangement to learn from them some technologies or methods that may be helpful in addressing our garbage problem.

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*May God's people win
in May 2010!*

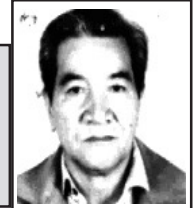
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*The Papal Letter on Sunday
(20th of a Series)*

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN



MAY GOD'S PEOPLE WIN IN MAY 2010!

Now, only Brother Eddie Villanueva, the chieftain of Jesus Is Lord Church and the confirmed standard bearer running for the presidency in May 2010 of the Bangon Pilipinas Party, remains without a running mate.

All the other declared presidentiables have running mates by now: former President Joseph Estrada, Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay; former Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro, former Optical Media Bureau chief and actor-TV host Edu Manzano; Sen. Benigno Aquino III, Sen. Mar Roxas; and Sen. Manny Villar, Sen. Loren Legarda.

The stage is therefore set for May 2010. Our wish? May God's people win, for the sake of the candidates, and for the sake of the long-suffering Filipino people. If those who will be elected next year are still not God's people, the Philippines will see difficulties and hardships among its people never before experienced by them.

The reason is that a leader who does not have the true fear and love of God in his heart will only bring more ruin and destruction to his people, especially during these times of great turmoil and widespread economic chaos, and that is what is impending to happen to Filipinos worldwide, if we don't shape up.

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LIFE ON EARTH IS A PREPARATION FOR ETERNITY: Here is another inspiring Internet posting, forwarded by Mario Lopez of the Yahoo egrouop "RY0607" (the social site of Rotary club presidents who served for Rotary Year 2006-2007, and who are known as "leader presidents"):

"You will enjoy the new insights that Rick Warren has, with his wife now having cancer and him having 'wealth' from the book sales. This is an absolutely incredible short interview with Rick Warren, 'Purpose Driven Life' author and pastor of Saddleback Church in California.

"In the interview by Paul Bradshaw with Rick Warren, Rick said: People ask me, What is the purpose of life? And I respond: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven.

"One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body—but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act - the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity.

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WE WERE MADE BY GOD FOR GOD: "We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense. Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one.

"The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life.

"The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness. This past year has been the greatest year of my life but also the toughest, with my wife, Kay, getting cancer.

"I used to think that life was hills and valleys - you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life..."

More of this in succeeding issues. Stay tuned, folks!!!

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD: The "Ascension of our Lord" is the second "Glorious Mystery" in the Holy Rosary of Roman Catholic Christians, and it speaks about the manner by which the Lord Jesus was taken up to heaven after His resurrection.

Dealing With Civil Heretics

Since the papacy is both a civil and a religious body, having its own country (known as the Vatican City) and its own ambassadors, the organization has a religious-political agenda. The papacy's primary goal is the establishment of "the one true religion which subsists in the Catholic and apostolic Church" in every country of the world, as attested by the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Naturally, even if the governments agree to the papal agenda, there will always be some who will resist the recognition of Roman Catholicism as the "one true religion", abstain from rendering allegiance to the Roman pontiff, and refuse to adopt Sunday as a civil rest day. What is the official position of the Roman Catholic Church toward those who adhere to what the papacy interprets as error? What will she do with Sabbath keepers?

The Roman Church labels those who do not believe her dogmas as heretics. The Catholic Catechism states, "Heresy is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same".

Freedom Of Religion

But what about religious liberty? Does not every individual have the right to worship as he or she sees appropriate? Again, the Catholic Catechism responds: "The right to religious liberty is neither a moral license to adhere to error, nor a supposed right to error". Thus, if the Roman pontiff declares that Christians are to "strive to ensure that civil legislation respects their duty to keep Sunday holy", any who oppose the measure are declared "heretics". They are denied the right to religious liberty, because the Catholic church claims that no one has a right to embrace a "supposed... error", or, in other words, to disagree with her.

What is the Roman Church to do with heretics? Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), considered both a canon saint and one of the four divine doctors of the Catholic Church, explained what the Roman Church is to do with heretics. "Though heretics must not be tolerated because they deserve it, we must bear with them, till, by a second admonition, remain obstinate in their errors, must not only be excommunicated, but they must be delivered to the secular power to be exterminated."

The Roman Catholic Fourth Lateran Council, which met from November 11th to 30th, 1215, decreed the same penalty for heretics, namely capital punishment. This ecumenical council, the 12th of the Roman Catholic church, decreed, "We excommunicate and anathematize every heresy that exalts itself against the holy orthodox and Catholic faith, condemning all heretics, by whatever name they may be known, for though their faces differ, they are tied together by their tails. Such as are condemned are to be delivered over to the existing secular powers to receive due punishment... Catholics who shall assume the cross for the extermination of heretics, shall enjoy the same indulgences, and be protected by the same privileges as are granted to those who go to the help of the Holy Land. We decree further that all those who have dealings with heretics, and especially such as receive, defend and encourage them, shall be excommunicated."

Although guilty of murder (both the church and the person carrying out its mandates), The Roman Catholic Church offered "indulgences"-forgiveness and freedom from penance-to all who punished and slaughtered heretics. Solomon says that history repeats itself. "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been." Ecclesiastes 3:15. In the near future, will the papacy label Sabbath-keepers heretics and condemn them to death?

Jesus foretold that His followers would be persecuted and slain. "Yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me." John 16:2,3.

To be continued...

NYC Now Accepting Applicants To 10 Day Visit Japan Program

The National Youth Commission (NYC) is now accepting applications for the 2010 Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme for student ambassadors and supervisors.

A collaboration among the Japan Information and Culture Center, the Japan International Cooperation Center and the NYC, the 10-day visit Japan Programme aims to promote mutual understanding for a stronger solidarity and closer friendship between the two countries.

The JENESYS Programme is open to students between 16 to 18 years old and those between 30 to 50 years old for the supervisor category.

Applicants for student ambassadors must be Filipino, single, between 16 and 18 years old, or born between April 2,

1992 and April 1, 1994. An applicant must be of good moral character; currently enrolled in a college or university with a Graded Weight Average (GWA) of 2.25 or 85% equivalent, with no failing marks in the preceding semester; an officer or an active member of a youth organization for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application; knowledgeable of the history, geography, culture and arts, and the current issues on the Philippines, and fairly knowledgeable in those on Japan and other East Asia countries;

Applicant must be a first time traveler to Japan and/or have not been a grantee or recipient of any NYC funded international travel or Japanese Government grant and must be willing to be an active NYC and JICC volunteer after the program to continue promote the

learnings about Japan and the Japanese culture gained from the JENESYS Programme.

For supervisors, applicants must be between 30 and 50 years old, of good moral character; physically and mentally fit to travel; experienced in handling, managing, or supervising groups; knowledgeable in ASEAN, Japan, and other international concerns; and preferably speaks the Japanese language.

According to Jun Angeles, NYC Area Officer-Northern Luzon, deadline for submission of application to NYC offices is 5:00 p.m. of December 4, 2009.

Application forms may be downloaded at www.youth.net.ph. For more information, visit the NYC-NL Office located at 2/F Forest Inn, Legarda Road, Baguio City or call telephone no. (074) 442-0609/PIA

Silahis Ng Pasko'09 Brings Hope And Joy This December

The traditional Silahis ng Pasko sa Baguio will celebrate its 36th anniversary this December with series of religious, education, cultural, sports and international tourism-oriented activities prime to radiate the joy and the "spirit of Christmas," and the Yuletide Season.

Over 3,000 CSWDO Day Care children and their parents, Clad in various colorful and symbolic costumes of Christmas design and are ready to showcase their wares on December 1 in a mardigras to

kick the month long program. A group of pupils from PHASES Learning Center are also joining the event.

The annual parents-children mardigras will start on top of Session Road down to Magsaysay Avenue to end at the Melvin Jones Grandstand at the Burnham Park for the grand opening program with City mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and Congressman Mauricio Domogan principal guests.

Special prizes are at stake for the most colorful, most sym-

bolic, most original and best overall mardigras groups.

The days' program will be capped with the presentation for the Miss Little Silahis ng Pasko '09 Muses and their escorts to be held at the Malcolm Square at 2pm. Top media persons in the city will compose the crown-jointing entourage.

Former City councilor and NCCB President Nars Padilla and CSWD Betty Fangasan co-chairpersons of the annual "caring and sharing" Christmas Season project said the much awaited "PMA Cadets Day at the Park"

Joint Circular On The Quarterly Release Of Lgu Mining Shares To Be Fully Implemented Next Year

BAGUIOCITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) assured that the local government units (LGU) will soon receive their share from mining taxes following the issuance of a joint circular updating guidelines and procedures on the collection of taxes due the LGUs.

In a Regional Minerals and Development Council (RMDC) meeting held recently, Mines and Geosciences Bureau of DENR Central Office, Director Clarence Baguilat said the RMDC is instrumental in the facilitation of the formulation of the Joint Circular No. 2009-1 of the Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the DENR.

Baguilat added that the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB) Central Office will hold an orienta-

tion on the proper coordination and implementation of the joint circular before the year ends.

He said the implementing guidelines of the joint circular took effect March 31, 2009.

The DOF will coordinate with DBM the estimated mining tax to be collected for the current year following the scheme of sharing for LGUs.

The DBM will release the shares of the LGUs and issue allotment and corresponding cash allocation based on the joint certification issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Treasury of mining tax collections and the schedule of the corresponding shares of the LGUs.

The DILG prepares and submits to the BIR the validated list of actual extraction sites of all non-metallic mineral products such as sand, gravel and limestone.

The DENR will furnish the BIR the

estimated annual volumes and values of metallic mineral production of mining companies.

Based on the provisions of the guidelines, the release of share of taxes will be quarterly and no longer on a yearly basis. According to Baguilat, the LGUs will be receiving their share for the three quarters this year on the ensuing year which is February 2010 while the succeeding share of taxes will be received May next year when it will fully take effect.

The two percent excise tax under section 292 of Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code will be 60-40 percent, meaning 60 percent will go to the national government while the 40 percent will go to the LGUs.

The sharing scheme within the local governments is equivalent to 20 percent for the province, 45 percent for the municipality, and 35 percent for the barangay. *S.C. Arol/PIA-Benguet*

is another major attraction of the yuletide offering. The PMA-city residents immersion sked which in 1973 will be staged at the Burnham Park on December 6, thanks to Vice Admiral Leonardo Calderon Jr., Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy.

An elite Company of Cadets will display its razor sharp "silent drill" exhibition at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon with BEA officials and members, Baguio Balikbayans, OCSWADO Day Care teachers and parents as special guests.

At 3:00 p.m., the famed PMA Band will hold a band concert at the historic Malcolm Square for the general public.

Padilla and Fangasan said Silahis ng Pasko is "our share in celebration of the Baguio Centennial Year!"

Other salient feature of Silahis ng pasok '09 are: the guest for Baguio lucky Christmas family; Immaculate conception Day feast; special day for special people (differently abled persons), hosted by Texas In-

struments Philippines; BCNSH singing and dancing Christmas tree hosted by B A M A P C O M, children's get together fellowship fun alleys hosted by McDonalds' Jollibee and CNS International School, the selection of the Christmas Day and New year's Day babies, the guest for the lucky Baguio Balikbayans and finally the NCCB Kafagway Sports Award Recognition program honoring the most outstanding athletes and sportsmen. (NCCB release)/PIA

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

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR THE CHANGE OF STATUS/ CHANGE OF NAME OF MARK C. MANGAOANG FROM MARK M. POMONDON

WITH CORRECTION AND CANCELLATION OF ENTRY,

MARK M. DOMONDON,
Petitioner,

VERSUS

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY and THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BURGOS, ILOCOS SUR,

Respondents,

X—X

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE
09-C-1584

ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court will order the change of surname and to correct the following in his Birth Certificate (Local Civil Registrar No. 3851-I-81)

1. Last Name: from DOMONDON to MANGAOANG
2. Date of Marriage of Parents :

CANCEL all the entries and LEAVE it blank

And to cancel the Late Registration of Mark Mangaoang at the Local Civil Registrar of Burgos, Ilocos Sur.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on February 10, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may

appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the 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 November 15, 2009.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its an-

nexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Junction; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 10th day of November 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD)
FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR.
Presiding Judge
November 14,
21 & 8, 2009

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
La Trinidad,
Benguet

BERNARD C. SAMDAO,
*Petitioner-
Mortgagee;*

-versus-

ROSITA BALIWAN & ORGAN BALIWAN,
*Respondent-
Mortgagor;*

X—X

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: 09-EXF1386

FOR

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended:

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by petitioner-mortgagee, BERNARD C SAMDAO, of legal age Filipino, married and with residential and postal address at Pidaosan. Loakan,

Baguio City, against SFS. ROSITA BALIWAN and ORGAN BALIWAN, both Filipinos, of legal age and with residence and postal address at Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 06 Nov 2009, the date wherein the petition was filed, amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (P150,000.00) PESOS, excluding penalties, charges attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on 17 DECEMBER 2009 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the BULWAGAN NG

KATARUNGAN, JUSTICE HALL, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. T-32104

A parcel of land (Lot 1-L, Psd- 1-014279, being a portion of Lot 1, PSU127975, L.R.C. REG. NO. _____) situated at Bo. Ambiong, Mun. of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet. Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along lines 6-7-1-2 by Lot 1-U of the subdivision plan; on the NW., along line 1-0, of the

subdivision plan. on the SE., along line 5-6 by Lot 1-M of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot 1-1, on plan being S.48 deg, 35'E., 3757.00 M. from triangulation Sta. "NORTH BASE", La Trinidad, Benguet; thence N.40 deg., 56' W., 23.63 m to point 2; thence N. 50 deg., 16'E., 14.78 m. to point 3; thence S.62 deg... 00'E., 24.43 m. to point 4; thence S. 42 deg., 05'E., 17.62 m. to point 5; thence S. 60 deg., 30'W., 10.0 m. to point 6; thence N. 32 deg, 22'W. 16.20 m to point 7; thence S. 45 deg., 14'W., 15.78 m to point of beginning; containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE (593) SQUARE METERS."...xxx

All sealed bids

must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on 14 January 2010 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 16th day of November 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

By:
(SGD) WHINSTON P. DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

Publication dates:
November 21, 28
and Dec. 5, 2009

DPWH requests P25 M for road clearing

The Department Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Cordillera Region requested more than Php 25 million for the payment of removal and clearing of slides along the national roads caused by the recent typhoons.

DPWH Director Roy Manao said that they have forwarded the request for funding to their Central Office and awaiting allocation.

The Abra District Engineering Office (DEO) needs total amount of Php 9 2 8 , 8 0 0 . 0 0 ;

Baguio City, Php 3,875,446.00; Benguet First DEO, Php 7,389,876.00; Benguet Second, DEO P6,325,343.80; Apayao First DEO, Php665,800.00; Apayao Second DEO, Php 2,208,320.00; Ifugao DEO, Php 3,892,910.00;

Kalinga DEO, Php 532,644.85 and Mt. Province DEO, Php 3,684,662.00. The amount is computed as of October 2009.

The private contractors who work for the clearing of the roads so it will be passable are not yet paid up to this time, Manao added.

We are lob-

bying for the speedy release of funding so we can pay the private contractors. I would like to acknowledge them for working out of credit just to clear our roads and make it passable, Manao said.

It can be recalled during the typhoon Pepeng, Baguio City and other parts of the region were iso-

lated for several days due to massive road cuts and landslide.

Our office and other government offices can not do it alone during the clearing operations and without the private sector as our partners, perhaps some of our roads are still closed. Manao said. /Joseph B Zambrano/ PIA

DOST focuses programs to assist Small and medium Enterprises

BAGUIOCITY— In line with the national government's effort to provide alternative employment and livelihood for the Filipino people, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has lined up programs to assist present and would be Small and Medium entrepreneurs or SMEs.

One major program of the DOST for the SMEs is the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program, otherwise known as SET-UP. DOST Urban Science and Technology (USTC-Baguio) Director Nancy Bantog, informed that this program provides an interest-free soft loan for the upgrading of equipments of SMEs which can provide as high as up to P1 million loan to a registered single or group SME proprietor.

According to DOST-CAR Science and Research Specialist II Shai Singa-Claver, since the start of the program, the agency has already

released more than P15 million funds to 56 projects in the different provinces in the region. Up to the third quarter of 2009 alone, more than P3 million has been released, she said.

Aside from the SET-UP program, DOST also provides packaging and labeling assistance to SMEs. Bantog said, a Regional Packaging Graphic Design Contest last held last March. The top three winners are now working for DOST on an on-call basis, to help Cordillera SMEs on their packaging design.

DOST also offers Laboratory Service, which aims to help entrepreneurs in terms of micro-biological and chemical analysis, especially, those who are involved in water and food processing business..

Science and Research Specialist II Jasmin Lee-Donaal noted that more and more SMEs are availing of their laboratory services, especially

those who wants to get a Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) licenses and those who want to determine the nutritional facts on their respective products for packaging purposes.

Donaal also announced that they have just recently acquired a lead-content testing machine for their laboratory services, which they hope that can be fully implemented for public service by January of 2010.

DOST-CAR is also providing trainings to SMEs. For now, they are focusing more on request-driven trainings to ensure that these are what are really needed by their clients in particular areas.

Bantog also confirmed that the DOST, through the Philippine Commission on Industry and Energy Research Development, and in partnership with other government agencies, is now working on a climate change road map./Lito/Dar/PIA

Ifugao stude vies for national environmental contest

L A G A W E , Ifugao -A high school student here will compete in the national poster making contest on environmental concern.

Levita Camat of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) here said that Jamie Malingan of the Ifugao Provincial Science High School will represent the region in the contest dubbed P a n d a i g d i g a n g Kumprehensya ng mga Bata at Kabataan para sa Kalikasan.

With the title "the future is now", Malingan bested other contestants from 11 schools here in a draw and tell contest held on November 17, 2009 at the Division Office of the Department of Education (DEPED) here. Ifugao was chosen for its unique way of preserving the environment which is the muyung system.

If Malingan will win at the national level, he will represent the country in a conference to be held in Brazil on June 5-10,

2010 which will be participated by the youth aging 12-14 from the different parts of the world.

The said program is a joint activity of the Charter of Human Responsibilities (CHR), DEPED, DENR, National Association of Secondary Schools of the Philippines and UNESCO-Philippines.

The program seeks to inculcate into the minds of the young their roles and responsibilities at the local level on the protection of the environ-

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Authorities alarmed by rabies upsurge in Tinglayan

TINGLAYAN, Kalinga – Health authorities in the province raised alert on the reported rabies upsurge in Barangay Luplupa, this town, the Provincial Epidemics and Surveillance Unit (PESU) said.

According to PESU Officer Jose Pardito Jr, 12 victims of dog bite from the area sought treatment at the animal bite center at the Provincial Health Office (PHO) in Tabuk. All were suspected to be positive of rabies.

Pardito said the case is very alarming since all the 12 cases took place in a period of four days, from November 9 to 13.

According to the patients, a dog

suspected to be rabid, had been biting other dogs in the place before the 12 persons were bitten. To prevent these dogs from biting more victims, residents killed them but failed to bring the heads for rabies test.

From January to October, this year, there were nine cases of dog bites reported in the municipality. The PESU noted that this as an unusual case in the place.

Following this, Pardito immediately requested for the massive vaccination of dogs in Barangay Luplupa, before the virus could infect other dogs.

Pardito appealed to some elders in Upper Kalinga to refrain from the cultural practice of feeding the

dog bite victim with the dog's liver as antidote to rabies, as was revealed by some of the patients. He stressed this practice has no connection, whatsoever, to fight rabies in the body of the person once he is infected. Pardito urged the public instead to observe if the dog survives or dies within 14 days.

If the dog survives, the patient need not be given anti-rabies vaccine, but if the dog dies, the patient should be brought to the animal bite center at the PHO for treatment, together with the head of the dog so it can be brought for rabies test in Tuguegarao, Cagayan, Pardito said./L.Lopez, PIA-Kalinga

Kalinga products on display during science fair

TABUK, Kalinga – Local products made here will again be on display on this year's science fair to be held December 2 at Rosales, Pangasinan under the promotional program of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

According to Kalinga Science and Technology Center (KSTC) Provincial Officer Alfonso Berto, government-assisted small and medium enterprises operating in the province particularly those engaged in food processing, handicraft and weaving industry organized a trade caravan to Pangasinan.

"Handicraft, woven manufacturers, and food processors have already signified their intent to participate to the week-long fair", Berto said.

He said two products are also be-

ing assisted on design, labeling and packaging to make it to Pangasinan. That of Norma's buko pie owned by Norma Gonzales was already released and Yema of Sheila Mae Doclan Romero is on progress.

Under DOST's manufacturing, productivity and expansion program, representatives of the Calzado Management Consultancy Firm were in the province last week to check if the 11 firms consulted last year have already adopted the recommendations given them to improve their businesses, Berto said.

Two trainings were also conducted at Taga, Pinukpuk for members of the Mananig Multi-Purpose Cooperative on Taro and Cornic processing. They were trained by local trainers under DOST's training program,

Berto said.

Meanwhile, a forum will be held on November 23 at the Laoagan resort here to determine the training needs of entrepreneurs in the province. It will be in collaboration with DENR and DTI since other resources of manufacturing firms are sourced from the forest and they also need to be registered.

Berto announced that two trainings were approved this year on charcoal bricketing and special effects finishing techniques on wood products but are yet to be scheduled pending the availability of lecturers. He said staff from DOST's Forest Product Research and Development Institute will join speakers from the Department of Trade and Industry and those from the Kalinga-Apayao State College./PIA-Kalinga

City Probes

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enous Peoples (NCIP) issued temporary restraining orders and injunction in favor of the squatters.

For this, the city filed a petition before the Supreme Court to cite NCIP-CAR hearing officer Brain Masweng for contempt for issuing the TROs despite the Supreme Court decision giving due course to the city's bid to remove the illegal structures.

The Supreme Court in a decision dated February 4, 2009 sustained the city government's bid to demolish structures within the Busol Watershed in 2006 by reversing an earlier decision of the Court of Appeals which upheld the jurisdiction of the NCIP to issue temporary restraining orders and later a preliminary injunction to stop the implementation of the three demolition orders issued by then Mayor Braulio Yaranon.

Masweng last July 28 issued a 72-hour TRO and extended the same for 17 more days on July 31 maintaining that the city government has no power under the NIPAS Act of 1992 "to evict indigenous communities from their present occupancy nor resettle them to another area without their consent.

He also said the owners of the Busol structures "have a clear legal right to be protected against the summary demolition of their houses as the law provides that the Indigenous Cultural Communities and the Indigenous Peoples are presumed to be holders of native titles over their ancestral claims."

Masweng also later granted the petition for writ of preliminary injunction of the occupants of illegal structures within the Busol watershed./aileen p. refuerzo

Forest Covers

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such as the number of cases filed and the resolution of cases.

Ifugao Governor Teodoro Baguilat Jr suggested the best approach in dealing with the mounting problem of deforestation is to talk to the community such that they become stewards of the area.

Talking through experience, Baguilat cited efforts the Social Action and Development Commission (SADC), a non-government organization in Ifugao, which providing alternative source of livelihood to the community which minimized the utilization of forest products. The community themselves protect the mossy forest.

"We cannot just say stop cutting trees as the people also need resources," Baguilat said.

He added the denudation of forest is affecting geological balance which greatly contributed to the calamities being experienced today. "It is not only the DENR to blame but all of us," he pointed out.

Batay-an, on the other hand, said that the government should stop issuing tax declaration to the forested areas.

As provided for in the local government code, the management of community forests is now a devolved function of lo-

cal government units which called for the creation of the Environment and Natural Resources Office.

In strengthening the provision of the code and to formally turn-over the management and supervision of community forest, Fongwan believes that a Memorandum of Agreement should be forged between the LGU and the DENR.

RDC Acting Chair and National Economic and Development Authority Regional Director Juan Ngalob said that devolution of such function requires further study./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

150 OFW

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has been going around the provinces in the region to strengthen the Federation of OFWs, through the conduct of organizational management training. An OWWA team headed by Program Chief Evelyn Laranang are in Ifugao to conduct such trainings

The OWWA Calamity loan program offers a two-year to pay, zero-interest, no collateral calamity loan of P10,000, to each qualified family of an active OFW OWWA member in the region, who is adversely affected by typhoon "Pepeng."

Documentary requirements include duly accomplished loan application, certification from the Local Government Unit (office of the Mayor), Barangay Captain, DSWD and/or other relevant offices that applicant is a victim or adversely affected by typhoon "Pepeng," Proof of OWWA membership, proof of relationship to OFW (if applicant is a dependent of OFW member).

For more information or details you can also call them at telephone numbers (074) 4452260, 3003658 or 4452260

Meanwhile, De Vries is inviting OFW families to join OWWA for this year's OFW Family Day celebration slated at the SM City Baguio on December 5. According to De Vries, they are expecting about 500 participants who will be invited through the region's different OFW family circle.

Aside from the regular program for the OFW Family Day, De Vries also disclosed that they are planning to include a Financial Literacy Orientation for the OFW participants, which would be conducted in partnership with Francisco Colayco Foundation, a well known business and entrepreneurial foundation./Lito Dar/PIA

Barangays Dads

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ficials through the barangay tanods conduct random inspection of bars, sari-sari stores and other establishments to ensure that these entities are complying with rules and regulations.

Those found violating laws must be reported to the city police and the business licensing division of the city through a formal report from the punong barangay. The barangays must also submit a regular monthly report on these establishments to monitor their activities.

On strengthening the curfew ordinance for minors, the barangays must also strictly

monitor their youth to ensure that they are home within the 7 p.m. time limit. Monthly reports on this end must also be submitted to the city social welfare and development office./aileen p. refuerzo

Billionaire Manny

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defined by the four major sanctioning boxing bodies, namely the World Boxing Association (WBA) a 1962 spin-off of the National Boxing Association formed in 1921, World Boxing Council (WBC) established in 1963, International Boxing Federation (IBF) established in 1983, and World Boxing Organization (WBO) established in 1988.

It seems that Bob Arum fits the role of Shylock in the *Merchant of Venice*. Note that the promoter Arum wagged the color of money to Cotto on the condition that he agrees to slug it out with Pacquiao at the catch (agreed maximum) weight of 145 pounds. The former hesitantly consented to shed two pounds of pure muscle. Just imagine how much strength and punching power Cotto lost with that lost poundage.

On the other hand, Pacquiao had the golden opportunity to gain weight, and therefore, more power provided the added poundage is pure muscle. Hence, the necessity of a thoroughly serious physical training and proper nutrition, which Manny is incapable of unless given the reality therapy by his coach, now "Master," Freddie Roach.

The same is true for Pacman's victim Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton. The latter had to give up some muscle pounds to meet their fight catch weight of 140 pounds while Pacman did not have any problem at all. In fact, he was only all of 138 pounds during the weigh-in. And the result? The dehydrated Hatton fell asleep even before hitting the canvass when Pacman uncorked a brutal left hook to his jaw.

So on both instances, Bob Arum got his "pound of flesh."

By the way, Hatton is no pizza. In 2005, the Britisher was named the Ring Magazine Fighter of the Year. Two years later, Hatton was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II as she named the boxer a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

For fighting Cotto, Pacquiao was assured \$13 million, which translates to P611 million at the exchange rate of 47 pesos to one American dollar. From this amount, you add his share of the Pay Per View revenue which should total at least \$100 million. And that's the PPV gross income from the United States alone. Pacman's share of this large pie is a minimum of 30 percent or \$30 million. In Philippine pesos, that will be P1,410,000,000.00 (or in short, P1.410 billion)!

In sum, Manny is entitled to a MINIMUM P2.21 billion for one day in the office.

If you want to belabor the issue, Manny's pay per round is equivalent to P184.2 million or P61.4 million per minute!

In his last two matches (against Oscar de la Hoya and Hatton), The Pacman pocketed at least \$30 million.

Manny the billionaire, indeed, has got the money./ Art Jimenez/ PNS

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There were articles about trainings on journalism, cooking, baking, industrial painting, spiritual enrichment, suffrage (albeit among inmates), Cordillera autonomy, and sports.

There were pieces on how to survive jail, hope, and about the pretty warden's golden heart.

Strikingly, though inmates are supposed to be shutout from the outside world, one of 'em even wrote about his grandfather as the 'most outstanding citizen' in his heart.

Alex (name withheld) who wrote about how his granddad said, "In prison, I thought my heart would break, but God has taught me that I am not alone."

Knowing his vote wouldn't really count for Baguio, he wrote, "[In line with the city's centennial... I would like [to nominate my granddad] for Baguio's Most Outstanding Citizen."

Among the many reasons he gave, he penned, "Because he is an outstanding family man who gives equal treatment to his children and grandchildren, including a rebellious grandson."

In Pag-asa, there is order; there is learning; there is interaction; there is governance. Most of all, there is this vice which leads one to wonder - 'who is inside; who is out?'/ Xania Carandang

PDEA leads

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contest (with original lyrics) for high school students in La Trinidad, Benguet; and PDEA-CAR regional office open house.

The activities were participated by different schools, government line-agencies, security agencies, business establishments, local courts/prosecutors, Local government Units, church and the mass media.

In support to the government's continuous fight against illegal drugs, the PDEA-CAR reported an impressive accomplishment against illegal drugs.

From January 1 up to November 19, PDEA-CAR, in partnership with the Philippine National Police, LGUs and other law enforcement units have seized more than P700 Million worth of illegal or dangerous drugs (based on Dangerous Drugs Board value).

Of the 146 anti-illegal drug operations conducted this year, there were 95 persons arrested, including 10 in the watchlist, 6 from the wanted list and 25 persons from the target list. Of the 95 persons arrested, 80 cases were already filed in court.

Anti-illegal drugs operations in Cordillera also resulted into the neutralization of four local drug groups.

PDEA-CAR is calling on every citizen and all sectors of society to help in the campaign against illegal drugs. To be the force and be a responsible citizen by reporting any drug violation.

For any report, queries or to those who want to avail of PDEA services, the PDEA - CAR hotlines are 422-5544 or 446-9134./Lito Dar/PIA

Editorial

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weight."

Ill-fed kids are deprived from "10 to 14 percent of their potential intelligence quotient (IQ), the ADB study said. Scientists dub this "cognitive deficits". That is "mental capacity missing a few buttons on the remote control."

Cognitive loss is 10 percent for stunted kids. For iodine-deficient victims, the deficit can crest at four percent. That loss can never be recovered." Up to their often earlier graves, these children will be boxed into lives far below God-given potentials.

Will our kids be scrawnier, shorter, frailer—and less adept—than their Malaysian, Korean or Singaporean counterparts?

Yes, if our officials persist in greed. "Pork embedded in the (public works departments) alone in 2009 amounted to P19.6 billion," Philippine Human Development Report notes. Avarice will deny our kids and their mothers the needed care and resources. One item—clean water—can reduce infant deaths by 23 percent.

Growth in political fortunes, in contrast, dwarf improvement in nutrition. Consider Pampanga Rep Juan Miguel Arroyo's net worth: It bolted from P5 million in 2002 to P99 million last year. Just like Mama.

But "prevalence of underweight" women, who breast-fed, dwindled by less than one percent (13.9% to 13.1%.) Anybody hear their whimpers? Or those from the "Tambourine Brigade"?

"Do you hear the children crying. O my brothers 'Ere sorrows come with the years?'/ J.L.Mercado

Diretsahan.....

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Weygan? Pakisagot nga po! Oh ano rin sey mo apo **Cristio Lagyop**, puntahan mo na biliiiiis!

ooOoo

Hanep, at mismong si Meyor **Reinaldo Bautista, Jr.** ang unang sumugod sa COMELEC at nagpila ng kanyang kandidatura bilang pagkakongresista ng Baguio, as in bwena mano. Bwenas kaya sya o malas sa kanyang "First Home Base?" ika nga, early bird catches the worm, eh paano kung ang bulate ay galing sa basura, di kaya siya pulutin din sa basurahan... ng Irisan? Sumunod naman na nagpila ng kandidatura ay ang alipin daw ng bayan, si councilor **Nicasio Aliping Jr.** ... aba, puro Junior yata ang ating mga early birds,... tignan nga natin kung sila pa rin ang mangunguna sa surbey? Sa susunod na kolumn ay atin pong ilalathala ang mga kandidatong lokal ng Baguio, at kuwidaw lamang po sa mga hinayupak na politikong walang ginawa kundi mangorap, magnakaw, mang-abuso, mag-sipsep, etsetera, etsetera dahil ito na ang tamang pagkakataon na mailabas ang kanilang mga bulok at baho, **Didiretsahin** ko na po, walang puwang sa **Diretsahan** ang suhulan, himasan at hindi kami nakikipag—"cash" sunduan sa sinumang Pul-politikong maaring matamaan. **PERYOD!**

Batas

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Only two of the Gospels contain an account of the ascension. The first account is found in Mark, in its Chapter 16, verses 19 and 20, while the second account is found in Luke, in its Chapter 24, verses 50, 51, 52 and 53.

The Gospels of Matthew and John do not have this story, but the Book of Acts, in its Chapter 1, verses 1 to 11, contain a vivid description of how Jesus was "taken up to heaven."

In Mark, this is how the story is told: "After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it." In Luke, the ascension is described in this manner: "When he had let them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left and them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God."

In Acts, the promise of Jesus returning after He was taken to heaven, "in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" was made.

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sa korte suprema ay magiging Kaput!!! Yes Kaput Mga dear readers. Walang pag-asang makalusot, kahit na isang daan libong de kampanilyang abogado este abogado ang kunin mo pa. **BAKIT SAYO BAANG KORTE SUPREMA???** Pero ok lang, total naman may substitution pa naman for disqualified candidates, Hi!Hi!Hi!, welcome President Binay!!!

Ifugao stude

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ment. It also aims to create a venue wherein all youth from the different countries all over the world will share experiences on how to preserve the environment through education.

Camat said that the program also would want that climate change be included in the curriculum of the DEPED and to strengthen the activities of the youth organizations which are related to the environment.

Other winners in said contest were Myra Flor of Hingyon National High School, second and third was Abigail Tayaban of Asipulo National High School./Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao

Billionaire Manny Pacquiao

Manny “The Pacman” Pacquiao used his much vaunted lightning speed and jackhammer power to confuse, demoralize and reduce Miguel Angel Cotto to a pulp in what could rightly be considered as the match-of-the-year held at MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas yesterday (Manila time). Only the intervention of referee Kenny Bayless 55 seconds away from the 12-round fight’s end spared the backpedaling defending welterweight Puerto Rican champion from further corporal punishment and a most likely knockout.

With the referee-stopped-contest TKO, Pacquiao collected his seventh boxing crown in seven weight divisions, a world record.

And there’s absolutely no possibility for that record to be broken. Firstly, Pacman’s peers in the six-titles, six-divisions column are either retired or near retirement. They are Oscar de la Hoya, Tommy Hearns, Hector Calma, and James Toney. And secondly, the present crop of champions could snatch no more than three additional championships. Ask Alex Vidal.

I leave the details of the annihilation to the sports writers. However, I would just like to share some thoughts on the fight, which should not detract from the impressive win of The Pacman.

As with his recent opponents in the square ring, Manny

Pacquiao’s had an anesthetic effect on Cotto. They all climbed the ring deathly serious, wide-eyed, and dry lipped. This nervousness, nay, fear, slowed their blood flow and numbed their arms and legs. Thus, they became easy targets what with the speed and power of The Pacman.

Manny, of course, was their exact opposite. He was totally at ease and even acknowledged those he recognized seconds before introducer Michael Buffer boomed his famous “Let’s get ready to rumble” line.

And second, we must remember that Cotto is a natural 147-pounder, the maximum weight limit in the welterweight division as

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PDEA leads observance of Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week

BAGUIOCITY—Every third week of November is being celebrated nationwide as Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week. This year’s observance slated from November 14-20, adopted the theme, “Kilos Pamayanan: Sa Droga Patuloy Na Lumaban”.

The theme briefly enunciates the national leadership’s call for the unity of various Filipino communities in the unrelenting fight to eliminate the menace

posed by drug abuse to society and existence.

Locally, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA-CAR), under the leadership of Police Chief Inspector Edgar Apalla, headed the inter-agency week-long observance. Activities undertaken included seminars/lectures in schools and security agencies; photo exhibits and film showings; ceremonial destruction of dangerous drugs; gift giving/outreach program; tree planting; setting up of an exclusive desk at the

Melvin Jones Grandstand basement office for a weeklong public assistance on rehabilitation and treatment; anti-drug solo singing

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Who is in and who is really out?

If freedom and parity are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons share in the government to the utmost.

Such is the case at the Baguio City Jail (BCJ) where everyone is innocent – or at least claim to be – but confined to drawing sticks on walls to maintain sanity as they await verdicts on their pending criminal cases.

Don’t believe it? Try going to the BCJ, otherwise known as ‘Barangay Pag-asa’ – so-called because if there’s one thing common to all of ‘em prisoners, it is ‘hope’.

They have elected their ‘mayor’ early this year; provided avenues where they learned various trades where they can earn money from; they have commerce and a production line for Christmas decors –

signs any society would fight to have.

Hell, they even held a concert during Earth Day in there for free.

But what is most astounding is that, of those freedoms which they have but most on the other side of the jail walls thought they didn’t have but do, is ‘freedom of speech’ – the avenue where all the freedoms inmates experience ‘inside’ is made known in an effort to make people from the outside know “they are not who the regular Juan DL Cruz believes them to be.”

History happened June 2009. It was the first time a jail in the entire Philippines ever came out with an ‘in-house’ publication – “The Insider.” And Barangay Pag-asa was it.

Editor and inmate George Dela Cruz said, “We

dubbed [the paper] ‘The Insider,’ pun or no pun intended, [because] it evokes humor... a need that makes us human, whatever side of the wall [we’re] at.”

And indeed, 15-pages was all it took for the ‘in-house’ writers to let come up with catch 22 – which world is inside, which one is out?

One would be surprised to read about inmates raising funds for a toddler and a fellow prisoner. At the inset was a photograph of 8-month old Trinalyn Mangisel who had a hole in her heart receiving cash from ‘mayor’ Salvador Tubedan together with the tod’s parents and jail superintendent Rebecca Pawid.

The photo was taken by jail officer Christopher Maldis; the writer, an inmate who preferred to go anonymous.

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