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## *Pahayagang palaban!!!* **Mayor Assures Busol Demolition To Take Place This Week**



BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday assured that the planned demolition of the illegal structures within the Busol watershed will push through this week.

ruling (that sided with the city government in its intention to purge the watershed of illegal structure),” the mayor added.

“Definitely we will take action next week,” the mayor told his media briefing saying enough time had been devoted to fulfilling the procedural requirements and to planning.

Members of the anti-squatting committee led by city administrator Peter Fianza and the demolition team headed by Engr. Nazita Banez also met Thursday morning with various agencies to finalize the demolition proceedings in accordance with the mayor’s order to undertake the dismantling operations from July 20 to 31.

“We have to take action and definitely we will be guided by the Supreme Court

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**BOMB HOAX - Bomb disposal unit from the Baguio’s Finest inspect every nook and cranny of the City Prosecutors Office from any suspicious objects or packages containing bomb. A prank caller threatened to bomb the prosecutor’s office last July 16. The police are now investigating and tracing the telephone number./ By Bong Cayabyab**

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## City Officials Deny Snubbing Cordi Day Program

**BAGUIO CITY** – City officials here denied claims that they snubbed the celebration of the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary celebration of the Cordillera Day last July 15.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday told a press briefing that there was no malice in their not attending the program.

“Our city played host to the event and the program went on successfully. Its success does not depend on us or on anybody so people should not attach any more stories to that,” the mayor said.

He said the city remains committed to

the aspirations of the Cordillera region and the absence of representation from the local government during the program does not mean a regress to this commitment.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, for his part, said their absence in the program was not intentional.

He said he verified their records and found that there was no invitation sent to them to attend the event.

Moreover, he said there were prior commitments and functions needed to be attended during that date like a Philippine Councilors

League function where some councilors had prior appointments.

“We could not require our councilors and even our employees to attend the program to which we were not invited but this would not also mean that we intentionally boycotted the program,” he said.

He said during the opening of the Cordillera Month celebration, he was invited and had a part in the program which he attended.

“We did our part as asked. We are supportive of all the activities of the CAR and that has not changed,” he said. / aileen p. refuerzo

## Dev’t program for city library sought

**BAGUIOCITY** – Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda proposed a resolution seeking the formulation of a ten-year comprehensive development program for the city library.

Tabanda said the comprehensive plan must spell out various strategies and activities to fulfill its purposes as a public library.

She said this would include the conduct of a literacy and reading campaign, organizing and supervising barangay reading centers, augment-

ing or supplementing school libraries, providing facilities and ambience for education and distance learning, making an interactive children and young people’s section, being the repository of culture, and making the library relevant to everyday life.

Tabanda said the city public library which was first established in 1946 continues to serve the city populace and as a public library, it must fulfill its purpose of providing resources and services for education, information, personal development, for change and

for programs for children and young people.

“In keeping up with the times, the public library must be equipped with the latest technology and developments, thus the need for a development program,” Tabanda noted.

As proposed, the plan would be formulated by the city library personnel and would be included in the City Development Plan and in the Annual Investment Plan for funding purposes.

Tabanda’s measure will be discussed by the city council soon. / aileen p. refuerzo

## Market Improvement up for Implementation

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city government will implement the improvement project that would restore the fire-affected areas at city public market anytime soon.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday said he has signed the project plan amounting to P12 million for the construction of a building that would replace the structure gutted by recent fire incidents in the market area. The mayor said the project

will be undertaken by administration enabling the city to save P 4 million from the earlier P16 million project cost projection.

He said that the savings will be used to also improve the adjoining structure to achieve uniformity and at least improve the façade of the trading center.

He said he had tasked the city building and architecture office to draft an additional plan for this

purpose.

The structure will be located at the vegetable proper building 1 and 2 and sari-sari and tobacco sections where a total of 238 stalls were affected by the recent fire.

He said the additional work to be funded by the savings aims to also improve the sari-sari B which was not affected by the fire but which also needs to be improved.

The city government insisted on undertaking the market reconstruction plan **Cont. on page 10**

## Lawmaker Lays Down 6-Point Priority Policy

Good governance, self-sufficiency in basic food supply, lower bureaucratic costs, and environmental stewardship are some of the key elements of opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero’s six-point priority policy to address “decades of missed opportunities.”

Speaking at the 10<sup>th</sup> Ramos Peace and Development Foundation (RPDEV) Lecture yesterday, Escudero said his six-point policy aims to eliminate poverty and improve the quality of life of every Filipino.

“After the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, the Philippines had the second highest per capita GDP in Asia. Today, we have one of the lowest. During

the 50’s, the Philippines had one of the highest standards of education in Asia. Today, we are ranked so poorly in achievement scores,” he said.

Escudero said that as public servants, “we serve the highest interests of our people.”

“Primarily, we seek to eliminate poverty and improve the quality of life of every **Cont. on page 10**



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## Burnham park rehab goes on

**BAGUIO CITY-** The city mayor, during the media Ugnayan last week, mentioned that the planned rehabilitation of the Children's park section of Burnham Park goes on with .

Though the mayor lamented the lag due to the bidding process and the misdelivered facilities, he was very optimistic that all would go well, and that the planned beautified park would be realized for the centennial celebration of the city.

There were no payments for the misdelivered goods, he clarified. The ongoing works shall also be assessed meticulously by the Burnham Park Management Committee, he said. This is being done to ensure that only approved facilities shall be installed at the park.

The same thing happened to garbage trucks earlier delivered to the city which are said to be

non-functional. The trucks were not issued payments, the mayor clarified.

Earlier, garbage trucks were delivered to the city in the hopes that this would speed up the hauling from the barangays. Sadly, however, two trucks allegedly would not run properly, thus slowing down the hauling.

Said incident would serve as an example for suppliers for the city, the mayor clarified./julielfianza

## DFA opens Baguio passporting office

It took 21 long years for the Department of Foreign Affairs to deliver Baguio's request to decentralize its passport and consular services to the Cordillera. However, it will take a few months from tomorrow for the department to make up for the long wait.

Persistence of local officials did it, stressed department Assistant Secretary Domingo Lucenario Jr., as he announced last Monday the regional office here will open and in full operation tomorrow.

This means considerable time and money savings for Baguio residents and Cordillerans who used to line up in Pasay City or San Fernando, La Union for their passports as their passport to uplifting the lives of their families, especially overseas Filipino workers, noted city mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr.

He and Rep. Mauricio Domogan said visitors can now enjoy their vacation up here while having their

travel documents processed at the regional office at Moneylife Bldg. along Legarda Rd. , beside the Prince Plaza Hotel.

Consular officials and staff smiled their approval to Domogan's would-be threat to block DFAs budget request for next year if they procrastinated in opening the Baguio office.

Lucenario, who came up with fellow Assistant Secretary Renato Villapando, pointed out other regions had filed similar requests but Baguio's officials were "the most persistent." He added the regional office,

the 16<sup>th</sup> to be established, serves as DFAs contribution to the observance of Baguio's founding centennial this year.

Domogan recalled that the office inauguration and blessing came exactly 21 years and 21 days from the time he and then fellow city councilors Eddie Aguilar and Virgilio Bautista filed the initial resolution-request. That initial push, Domogan said, was followed by a barrage of others, including initiatives by former mayor Braulio Yaranon.

"It's a dream come true," the mayor and congress-

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## Five pre-need officers sued for pocketing multi- Million peso contributions of planholders

Five top officers of Phil Asia Care Plans, Inc., a pre-need company specializing in hospitalization and other benefits at minimum prices, are being sued by the company for allegedly pocketing millions of pesos representing premium payments of plan holders recruited by them in their respective territories.

In cases for accounting, one of which is now docketed as Civil Case No. MC09-4017 before the Mandaluyong City Regional Trial Court, the five officers were identified as Allan Rey Carpen-tero, Joelito Mendizabal, Ernesto Baclay, Jose Rodriguez and Nena Manguilimotan of Negros, Mindanao, Mindoro and Palawan operations of Phil Asia.

Carpentero,

Mendizabal, Baclay, Rodriguez and Manguilimotan are senior assistant vice presidents of the company but which have been dismissed from the service recently.

In a complaint filed for Phil Asia by lawyer Melanio Mauricio Jr., the company's chief legal counsel, the company asked its former top officers to account for the millions of money received by them from their recruits as premium payments, which they allegedly pocketed as their "cash advances."

However, the same complaint added, the officers having taken the contributions of their recruits as cash advances constituted malversation and misappropriation because they were not given any prior authorization to take the premium payments as cash advances.

The complaint's allegations regarding this issue follow:

"Unknown to (Phil Asia), however, all of the foregoing Defendants have dipped, as it were, their fingers into portions of the moneys coming from their respective territories, by pocketing these moneys as 'cash advances..."

"Plaintiff learned much later that Defendants (Carpentero, Mendizabal, Rodriguez have ordered the ATFOs in their territories and even the cashiers assigned to Plaintiff's different branches under their jurisdiction to divert the moneys intended to be deposited to the Plaintiff's depository banks in the areas where the branches are located, to be given to them as 'cash advances' as

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## Belchers monitoring group nets 235, 54% fail tests

**BAGUIO CITY** – Not even the vehicle of Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia's wife was spared from the Roadside Inspection, Testing

and Monitoring Team (RITMT) of the Clean Air Monitoring Unit (CAMU) during one of the operations along Loakan road last week.

The said vehicle failed the smoke belching test thus had to undergo proper maintenance procedures before the confiscated plate number was retrieved, and the car used on the roads again.

The RITMT operated for seven (7) days several hours at a time, flagged down

235 vehicles for testing and had 128 failed readings. Said vehicles were caught along Harrison road, Magsaysay avenue, Upper Session road, Gov. Pack rd, Marcos Highway, Loakan road and Naguilian road.

The team, composed of a leader, flagger, spotter, education officer, vehicle plate remover and keeper, accredited smoke emission technician, recorder and

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

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## Perpetual Feast

Talk does not cook rice," the Chinese say. "Presidentiables" Chiz Escudero and Loren Legarda, chatter about rice. Specifically, they mutter about kickbacks for imports. They haven't shown hard evidence – so far.

But when did this administration skip a chance to shear "big ticket" items? Never. Be they broadband deals, road construction, fertilizer or rice.

Rice prices spiked in summer of 2008. They surged 36 percent over the previous three years. "This could be the end of the 'Goldilocks era' when food prices kept an even keel for three decades," BBC noted. "We're on the cusp of a new era of volatility and rising prices."

The President wasn't surprised, huffed Palace spokesmen. Really? Nonetheless, Ms Arroyo scrambled to shop abroad. In Asia, governments can collapse when rice runs short.

## EDITORIAL

Premium prices, then prevailing, stiffed us.

Today's hefty import orders mean Ms Arroyo is ensuring there'll be rice in 2010. That's when computers tally our votes for the first time. But what about the day after?

And who of the "presidentiables" has really sketched out a program against hunger? Even among those with jobs, almost 14 percent suffered "involuntary hunger, at least once in three months, Social Weather Stations reports.

Hunger is a prison camp. And malnutrition is slow-drip torture whose effects span generations. Scrawny kids are Exhibit A. As in Togo, Africa, 28 percent of our children, under five, are underweight. In next door, Thailand, it is nine percent.

The IQs of wizened kids, borne and nursed by ill-fed mothers, will be impaired. "Their remotes will always lack a button or two." Every time dismal results of the International Mathematics and Science Tests trickle in, we're reminded of this extortionate cost.

The chronically hungry far out number those held in the country's 1,069 jails. Last we looked, there were 61,021 inmates held by the Bureau of Jails Management and Penology. The ill-fed form about a fifth of our population.

Worldwide, UN shows the number of malnourished will top 1.02 billion this year. This reverses decades of declines. The global recession could add 103 million to rosters of the hungry.

Food is the most basic human need. Man has a fundamental right to adequate food. This right is the bedrock for other human freedoms. So, what we have today is a massive infraction of human rights.

Does that sound abstract?. At the core of all rights are people. Most are poor. They are not "another race of creatures, bound on other journeys," to borrow a phrase from Charles Dickens. (Rather, we all) are fellow passengers to the grave."

"Philippine Human Development Report 2009" reveals incidence of poverty varies widely: from 8.5 percent in Metro Manila, 34 percent in Cebu, 54 percent in Sorsogon to 94 percent in Sulu.

The affluent can pay for better nutrition, modern health services, schooling, not to mention the third car, summer vacations, etc. They live, on average, almost a generation longer than the poor.

Consider varying life expectancies of our provinces. People born in La Union in 2006, for example, could hope to live 74 plus years. That's not the case with those in Palawan where life spans are 63 years. Tawi-Tawi's is even shorter: 53 years.

"The shortened life spans of the poor is a scandal that calls for urgent redress," the late National Scientist Dioscoro Umali wrote. "We can ignore this injustice only if we forfeit all claims to being a civilized society."

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## DIRETSAHAN

*Iligal ng pagmimina sa Camp 6!  
Demolisyon sa Busol, ano pa  
inaantay?!*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Nanalasa ang bagyong si "ISANG" sa ilang lugar ng 'pinas, at katulad ng dati, baha at trapiko ang idinulot sa mga apektado nito. Katulad sa ibang parte ng Kordilyera, pagguho sa lupa ang problema at siyang pinangangambahan ng mga residente dito sa Baguio. Sa kabutihang palad ay wala namang naitala na nadigrasya sanhi ng bagyong ito. Datapwa't signal No. 1 ang naitala ay sinuspinde ang ilang klase ng high school pero atrasado nga lamang. Eniwey, wala pa naman tayong napansin na atrasado ang anunsyo publiko ng Dep-Ed at ang lokal na pamahalaan, op kors dapat lang silang maging maagap sa pagbibigay impo kung may pasok o wala, or else katulad ng dati, malaki laki rin ang espasyo ng kolumna na ito para sa kamila.

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Isa lang ang ibig sabihin kumbakit marami pa rin ang mga sasakyan na nagbubuga ng "killer usok" at marami pa ring sektor ang gumagawa ng paraan para masupil ang mga ito. Mga inutil at walang silbi ang mga tao sa gobyerno na binigyan ng mandato para ireguley ang mga ito o posibleng may kutsabahan sa wala ring silbi na mga "Emission Testing Centers" na binigyan ng akreditasyon. Anu sey nyu mga Boss, Tsip, Ser, Madame diyan sa LTO, LTRFB ng DOTC-CAR at Baguio City Hall? Ano rin sey nyu mga onorabel sa City Council? Gaano katagumpay ang kampanya "kuno" laban sa mga lintek na sasakyang ito? HOY GISING!!

ooOoo

Suportado ko ang posisyon ng lokal na pamahalaang Baguio na ituloy ang demolisyon sa mga apektadong istraktura sa may Busol Watershed. Datapwa't tayo'y nakikisimpiya sa mga pamilyang mawawalan ng bahay, wala tayong magagawa kundi sundin ang batas, ika nga sa ingles, "The law could be harsh but it's the law" at naniniwala ako na sinusunod lang ng mga opisyal ang desisyon ng korte suprema kundi ay baka sila naman ang makasuhan ng "contempt of court" ang magandang silipin dito ay kung paano nakapagpatayo ng mga mala-palasyong bahay ang iba dito na hindi man lang nasilip ng mga opisyal. Alam kasi natin na hindi maglalakas loob ang iba na magpatayo ng kaniilang higanteng bahay na walang kinakapitan o sinasandalang padrino at maganda sanang alisan ng maskara kung sinuman ang mga "padrinong" ito! Di ba mga onorabel na onsehal... este konsehal?

ooOoo

Ayon sa aking "bubuwit" bumalik na naman daw ang "usok" o ilegal na pagmimina sa may bulubundukin ng Camp 6 at Camp 4 sa Kennon Road, ng Tuba, Benguet. Pag nagkataon, hindi malayong mangyari doon ang nanyayaring pagguho ngayon ng lupa sa Mankayan, Benguet na siyang magbubura ng tuluyan sa Kennon at baka magising na lamang tayo na ang BAguio City ay nasa Pangasinan na, whew! Ano ba yan GOVERNOR NESTOR FONGWAN, atasan mo naman ang MINES AND GEOLOGY BUREAU ng DENR na magsagawa ng inspeksyon sa naturang lugar at saltikin sa "wetpu" ang mga opisyal ng munisipalidad at Barangay na mga BULAG, PIPI, BINGI, at INUTIL!! IPAIMBESTIGA mo rin kung sino itong mga "Cosalan" at "Balajadia" PERYOD!!!

## FASTRACK

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## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Bantayan ng mabuti ang Forbes Park Forest Reservation Former Mayor Yaranon- sintensyado sa Libelo!*

BY: ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



Every now and then, a number of persons ask me how we came up with some advance information on the Forbes Park Forest Reservation (FPFR), as it appears that we were among the few parties that had known about this illegal FPFR titling through the NCIP. Unless of course the Mayor and some or all of the remaining eight (8) city councilors who had not bothered to give us a reply state that they had knowledge of this earlier than May 2009 which was more or less the time that the other Five (5) City Councilors together with the Good Congressman had learned about it. Although, the claim of most officials (on the record and off the record) is that they had just recently learned about the titling of the FPFR. In our case, as I have stated on record during the city council invitation that I personally had learned about this from a person who identified himself as a certain Elmer Dimaguiba (let's call him ED) who claims to be the head in Baguio of the Kapatiran ng Masang Pilipino (whatever that group is, we are still getting more info on this group and this person?!). As early as October of last year (2008), this person had already gotten in touch with yours truly and had wanted to set a meeting as he claimed that he will be providing me with very important information on an ongoing land titling scam. In hindsight, I now feel honored and disturbed as to why this person had insisted on meeting specifically this columnist alone (and not anyone else from our group), and likewise it now appears that it is only us in the whole media community who had learned about this as early as last year. When I got a call from this guy, I did not think anything much about it. In fact I was thinking that it could be one of those as usual land scams in Baguio, so what's new or worst it could be a prank or a security threat. Finally after a couple of phone conversations with ED, I agreed to meet him at the Pancake House sometime early November 2008. In fact I even paid for our coffee. During the meeting I was handed by this person some documents and among these documents, what is interesting to note is that there are a couple of names that appear to be behind the Caranteses in the titling of this property. Whether or not this Manila based individuals are the persons truly behind the Caranteses or are also fronting for another person(s)/group we will all get to know in due time!

So when we learned about this information (in fact when I first learned about this I did not think much about it as I did not exactly know that the FPFR property being referred to by ED was along South Drive. All the while I thought that this was a property located at the back of the Country Club area/Kadaclan). I assigned the research of this scam to a couple of Linis Gobyerno researchers and after gathering as much data as possible given our meager resources, on January 2009 we sent a letter to the Chairman of the NCIP (Atty. Eugenio Insigne) but unfortunately our first letter inquiry together with our follow-up letter inquiry were simply ignored. Note that we did not bother to inquire from the NCIP-CAR Regional Director (Atty. Batay-an) as we had known all along courtesy of our informant *na sa Manila ang lutuan nito* and that Batay-an as confirmed on two (2) occasions by the City Council is as **inutil** as can be! In fact our letter inquiry was simply asking about basic/fundamental questions that unfortunately was ignored by the NCIP Chairman, therefore we could not proceed with asking /confirming (at the NCIP) other information we had been provided by ED and gathered during the course of our research.

In this column, let me first forego on possible scenarios and tackle this in forthcoming issue(s). Let me first shoot a couple of ideas to our thinking and discerning readers.

\* To finance a deal of this nature, 25 hectares more or less along South Drive at P15,000/per sqm (conservative price per sqm.) X 250,000 sqm = P3.75 billion pesos, is not peanuts. My thinking is you cannot finance a deal like this if you do not have or are not

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**FPFR PAPASUKAN NA NG MGA SQUATTERS**- Kamakailan lang ay ating sinulatan ang dalwang kagalang-galang na konsehales na sina Konsehal Popo Cosalan at Konsehal Erdolfo Balajadia. Ang nilalaman ng sulat ay ilan sa mga suhestiyon at rekomendasyon ng marami sa mga miyembro ng Linis Gobyerno kung saan yours truly is the Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices. Simple lang naman ang nilalaman ng ating liham, at ito ay hinihiling sa mga kagalang-galang na konsehal na kung maari ay mag sponsor sila ng isang panukala sa konseho para mag karoon ng budget para sa pag secure ng Forbes Park Forest Reservation (FPFR). Atin itong ihahayag sa LG Komentaryo portion ng pahayagang ito sa mga darating na issue. Ang suhestiyon at rekomendasyon natin ay kung maari na mag tala ng mga security guards (at least 2 guards) on a 24/7 basis at kung maari ay mag request na rin sa Philippine National Police (PNP) na mag detail sa FPFR ng kahit na isang miembro ng PNP also on a 24/7 basis. Maliban dito, ang karagdagan pang suhestiyon ng Linis Gobyerno ay dadagdagan pa ng perimeter security fences at ayusin na rin ang existing security fence na mga nasira. Ayon sa ating IK as in Intelligence Konti, malapit ng magsagawa ng ala oplan Busol o yung sinasabing OSB (Overnight Squatting Brigade) ang ilan sa mga partidong may hawak ng extended rights na nagmumula sa mga ma-susuwirting na nakakuha ng titulo para sa nasabing FPFR. Ayon pa sa ating IK, ang mga magsasagawa ng OSB ay daraan sa parteng Teachers Camp, DPS at Cabinet Hill at hindi sa parte ng South Drive. Kaya kahit gaano kadalas dumadaan o sumilip mula sa South Drive ay hindi mo aakalain na marami na palang mga nag oplan Busol o nag OSB sa loob ng FPFR!! Anong say ninyo mga kagalang-galang na konsehal, Mayor, Congressman, aantayin pa ba natin na matulad sa Busol ang nasabing lugar at muling magsasagawa ng demolisyon o magiging pro-active kayo instead of the usual reactive lamang? Anong hakbangin ang inyong gagawain mga PUBLIC SERVANTS? Papapasukin ba ninyo ang mga illegal squatters o pipigilan ninyo sila. Tandaan, actions speak louder than words, at babantayan kayo ng madla at ng Linis Gobyerno.

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**MAYOR Y NA LIBEL** – Ayon sa napabalita, ito raw si dating Mayor Y ay nahatulan na guilty ni Judge Reyes ng RTC 61. May multa na kalahating milyon piso bilang danyos ang hatol ng korte. Ang kasong ito ay nagmula kung saan itong si dating Mayor Y ay nag sabi sa isang interview noong taong 2005 (campaign period) na ito raw si Dr. John De Vera asawa ni Gladys Vergara De Vera (manugang ni dating Kongresman at Mayor Bernardo "Bossing" Vergara) ay pinatay raw mismo ng kanyang pamilya. Kaya ayun, dala ng isang napaka reckless na komento ni dating Mayor Y kaya siya nahatulan ng libelo. Ayon sa balita, sa ngayon ay iaapila pa ni Mayor Y ang desisyon ng RTC. Kaya sa madaling salita ay mahaba pang proseso ang dadaanan bago maging pinal ang nasabing desisyon sapagkat maaari pang umabot sa korte suprema ang proseso ng pag-apila. Bayaran mo na lang kasi ang danyos Mayor Y, kalahating milyon (P500,000.00) lang naman yan, sisiw lang yan Lolo este Mayor SER, he!he! Joke lang SER? Ngunit, kung ako naman si Madam Gladys ay patatawarin ko na si Lolo Y total naman hindi yung danyos ang kanyang hinahabol (although kung makuha mo sakali at magbayad si Lolo Y, balato naman jan, Hi!Hi!Hi!) kung hindi ang bindikasyon ng kanyang pagkapanalo sa kaso. Sa madaling salita, sapat na napatunayan niya na mali si Lolo Y sa kanyang mga binigkas na salitang libelous. Ngunit tama man o mali, sa mata ng batas ang mas matimbang pa rin ay ang imahe at impresyon ng publiko (sapagkat mga public figures po kayong lahat hindi ba Madam Gladys). Samakatwid ano ba talaga ang pananaw at impresyon ng marami sa isyu na ito, na kung sino nga ba talaga ang pumatay kay Dr. John De Vera???

**THE PEACE COMBATANT**

*There will be elections,  
prepare for battle*

**BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN**



As pointed out earlier by The Peace Combatant, there is actually a Plan A and B for 2010. Plan A seeks a charter change, the conversion of the Philippine political system into a parliamentary form of government, and term extension for Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and all congressmen of the republic.

However, a charter change move will not likely prosper at this time, especially when preparations are lacking due largely to the people's consistent opposition. The motive for charter change is supposedly to bring our economic policies more attune to a globalizing world. The main objective is to grant more privileges for foreign investment and fully integrate Philippine economy into the world economy. Of course, much of the debate will revolve on the shift to a parliamentary form of government but this is only a cover for the more fundamental objective of making Philippine economy more open and World Trade Organization-compatible.

There is adequate ground in the new classical economic perspective (the dominant paradigm or perspective in economics today) to move towards a more global Philippines but, yes, a large part of the charter change agenda has to do with granting more privileges for foreign investments and products. Making the Philippine economy more WTO-compatible is the continuing agenda of policy makers, conservatives, and the elite. However, it is likely that they will fail again as indicated by a very strong opposition. Thus, what is really in play at this time is not charter change but a strong likelihood that the Philippine national elections will push through in 2010. Unfortunately, the possibility that the administration candidate will win remains strong because the opposition is divided.

It is obvious that both Mar Roxas and Manny Villar are aiming their guns at the Philippine presidency. They are both strong candidates and enjoy a fairly broad national support. Both are also financially capable. This is obvious in the sheer volume of TV ads that they can afford. Mar Roxas is Mr Palengke while Manny Villar is Mr Siggag at Tiyaga. Both has managed to build a good image through the magic of mass media.

Thus, as mentioned earlier by this column, there is really a plan B. By drawing the people's attention to the charter, the administration is also trying to deflect political attacks against their candidates. The administration will be keen to marshal the people's attention to charter change as it prepares its machinery for its presidential candidate.

By drawing attention to charter change rather than to its candidate, the administration hopes to shield their presidential candidate from political attacks. Thus, as oppose charter change for various reasons, it is important that we are aware of the administration strategy and adjust our conduct accordingly.

The problem with 2 strong candidates (Mar Roxas and Manny Villar) is that they can both lose to a united administration machinery. Although it can be argued that the administration candidate won't count and the choice really is between Mar Roxas and Villar, so many things can happen.

El Shaddai's Mike Velarde can come into the picture. There is also a snowballing campaign for Ed Panlilio and Grace Padaca. All are strong candidates. Thus, there is still a chance for the administration candidate to win if all opposition candidates are strong candidates and are not united.

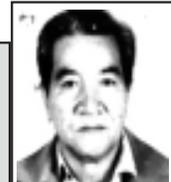
The opposition to charter change can actually be used by the administration to smokescreen the administration candidate from political attacks and make him/her appear as another Mr. Clean in Philippine politics. Vice-President Noli de Castro and Gilbert Teodoro fits into the frame. They do not have many issues against them and the strategem to divert the people's attention to charter change and away from criticizing the leadership styles can work and make the two figures as winnable bets in the 2010 elections.

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**CORDI NAWI**

*The Papal Letter on Sunday  
(6th of a Series)  
By: Emilio Liwanen*

**BY: EMILIO LIWANEN**



**The Mark of the Beast**

Since the Sabbath is the true sign, seal, or mark of God, what is the mark of the beast? Naturally, it would be a day which rivals the seventh-day Sabbath-Sunday, the day of the sun. Thus, "each Sabbath institution, both true and false, bears the name of its author, on ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each"

According to the great Reformers Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Casiodoro de Reina, William Tyndale, Matthew Henry, and John Wesley, the beast of Revelation is Papal Rome. That power has declared in section 23 of Dies Domini that God's "seal...[is] the first day of the week", Sunday. Since seal and mark are synonyms, Sunday is the mark of papal authority and, therefore, the mark of the beast.

Revelation 13:18 contains a helpful mathematical formula: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six". Let's apply it to prove, or reconfirm, that the seven-headed, ten-horned beast described in Revelation 13:1-8 is the papacy and that its mark, or seal, is Sunday worship. Notice what Sir Isaac Newton wrote in 1733 about the beast of Revelation: "His name [is] LATEINOS [written in Greek letters], and the number of his name 666"

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LATEINOS literally means, in Greek, the Latin-speaking man. Latin is the official language of Papa Rome. The priests of Rome still recite certain phrases in Latin while giving mass. The pope of Rome signs his name in Latin on his official publications. The official Bible translation of Rome is the Latin Vulgate.

If the letters of LATEINOS are added up using their corresponding Greek numerical values, the sum 666:

Irenaeus, writing "Against Heresies", stated this: "Then also LATEINOS has the number six hundred and sixty six; and it I very probable, this being the name of the last kingdom [of the four seen by Daniel]. For the Latins are they who at present bear rule"

The official title of the pope is VICARIUS FILII DEI. According to a 1914 issue of Our Sunday Visitor, a weekly Catholic publication, "The Title of the Pope of Rome is VICARIUS FILII DEI and if you take the letters of his title which represent latin numerals and add them together they come to 666". Now, instead of using Greek numerals, we will use Latin numerals since the phrase was originally written in Latin. Thus,

V	=	5	F	=	0	D	=	500
I	=	1	I	=	1	E	=	0
C	=	100	L	=	50	I	=	1
A	=	0	I	=	1			
R	=	0	I	=	1			
I	=	1						
U	=	5						
S	=	0						
		<b>112</b>			<b>53</b>			<b>501 666</b>

Added together, these numbers too equal 666!

Not only is the beast identified by the numeric letters of 666 in both Greek and Latin, but the mark of the beast is also identified by the numeric letters of 666. Both Irenaeus and Vitorinus state that TEITAN is the Greek name which the Romans gave their sun god.

According to Irenaeus, "TEITAN too (TEITAN, the first syllable being written with the two Greek vowels e and i), among the names which are found among us, is rather worthy of credit. For it has in itself the predicted number, and is composed of six letters, each syllable containing three letters; and [the word itself] is ancient, and removed from ordinary use...Among many persons, too, this name is accounted divine, so that even the sun is termed 'Titan' by those who

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## MGA TAXI NA BULOK para sa isang tourist city na katulad ng Baguio?!

Isang luma na pam-pasaherong behikulo (taxi) mahigit trese anyos (13 years old) maari palang mabigyan ng extension ng prankisa na parang panibagong prankisa basta't magpalit lamang ng chasis ng sasakyan? Ito ba ay totoo, ito ba ay ligal??? Good news sa mga may-ari ng mga lumang sasakyan, mag palit lang kayo ng chasis at OK na, hanap buhay na muli!!! Bad news para sa publiko, bulok at lumang mga taxi ang inyong masasakyan, enjoy your not so safe ride. Saan kayo papanig? Ating malalaman sa mga darating na araw kung ano ba talaga ang legal at tama hinggil sa isyu na ito.



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### FAIR AND SQUARE

TOYOTA FX WAGON MODEL  
2009, ANYONE?

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



A friend of mine whom I have not seen for almost 3 years, scurriedly arrived in my office the other day and without excusing himself from clients I was entertaining, sputtered out, "Pare, may itatanong lang ako." I said to him, Sandali lang, pare, tatapusin ko lang ito."

After my clients had left I returned to him, "Pare, ano ba ang problema?" In response to my question, he told me his story. Let's call him Delfin, not his true name.

*From his house at Marcos Highway, a day before he came to my office, he took a Tamarax FX taxi going to the city since his car was borrowed by a nephew whose friend was preparing to get married.*

*According to Delfin, as soon as the taxi that he flagged stopped at the other lane of the highway, he crossed and immediately tried to open the rear door behind the driver, but it would not open. The driver told him to take the door at the other side because the left door would not really open, it has not been functioning.*

*Upon being seated, he tried to close the window since it was becoming windy as the taxi was speeding up when the driver again said, "Sir, sira po yan." At that moment, he was already trying to control his temper for the discomforts and inconveniences he was being subjected to riding in that taxi, but he was unable to do so, so he said, "Bakit, Pare, ano bang model itong taxi mo at mukhang maraming sira? He tried to refrain from further saying that the upholstery of the taxi was dirty and torn at many parts and that the shocks appear not to be functioning anymore, hence, he was bouncing like anything. But to his surprise, the driver said, "Sir, bago po ito, Model 2009."*

*In amazement, he was almost unseated he could not believe what he heard, so curious that he was, he requested to see the registration papers of the taxi and to which the driver obliged by giving the xerox copies of the C.R. and O.R. To his complete surprise, there it was below the box for year model clearly written, the number or the figure 2009.*

*"Hindi ba fake itong C.R. mo? Bakit Model 2009 ay luma naman ang taxi mo?"*

*"No, Sir. Bagong palit po kasi ang chasis nito. Parang rebuilt po daw sabi ng operator ko."*

This was the first time I heard of it, an FX taxi rebuilt just by changing the chassis. And, since it was a rebuilt unit it was registered as a 2009 model by the LTO. I have my doubts so I just told my friend to wait for the answer to his problem until I have inquired from the concerned authorities.

As soon as he left, I called up the LTO if there was really an FX taxi that had underwent change chassis and was registered as 2009 model. The answer I got was a stunning YES, the reason being that as having changed chassis, it was classified as a rebuilt unit, hence, it could be given the current year model, allegedly, pursuant to law. This, according daw to one, Atty. Diaz, the Chief of the LTO Pilot agency in Quezon City.

Inyong mababasa ang column ng ating kasamahan na si Atty. James Valeros (left portion) na na-publish sa pahayagang ito noong July 11, 2009. Ating ilalathalang muli ang bahagi ng kanyang artikulo. Sa kanang bahagi ng pahina na ito ay inyong mababasa ang ilan sa ating mga katanungan kay DOTC Director Federico Mandapat. Makaaasa kayo na ating ilalathala ang kanyang kasagutan para malinawan ang lahat sa na paka importanteng isyu na ito.

### Liham ng LG kay Atty. Federico Mandapat.

July 15, 2009

#### ATTY. FEDERICO MANDAPAT JR.

Regional Director  
DOTC-CAR / LTFRB-CAR  
Post Office Loop, Baguio City

**Subject: Request for clarification /verification on rebuilt units as use for Taxi/PUV**

**Dear Director Mandapat:**

With all due respect, the undersigned **for and in behalf of the public interest** would like up to be clarified on the following:

- 1.Can a rebuilt unit, specifically a unit with change chassis that has already exceeded the thirteen (13) years date of manufacture be given an extension of taxi franchise contrary to DOTC Dept. Order No. 96-965? Please refer to the attached newspaper column of Atty. James Valeros published at the The Junction Newspaper , July 11, 2009 issue.
- 2.In your view as a lawyer and DOTC-CAR Regional Director is this granting an extension of franchise on a rebuilt unit that has exceeded the guidelines contained in DOTC Dept. Order No. 96-965 legal?
- 3.Since when have you known of this practice of granting extension of franchise on newly rebuilt unit more specifically on units with changed chassis?
4. There is talk that for a franchise extension of this nature to be extended an amount of at least Seventy Thousand Pesos (P 70,000.00) as grease/bribe money goes to the fixer and other concerned DOTC staff, are you involved in this and/or are you aware of this?

Should your reply be ready for pick up, please text or call **0917-5069123** so that we can send over our representative to pick up your reply.

Thank you and more power to you and your office.

Sincerely,

Odell P. Aquino  
Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*What is Sen. Roxas' agenda against the pre-need industry?*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**PEP COALITION BACKED BY SEN. ROXAS AGAINST PRE-NEED COMPANIES?** The “Unang Hirit” Channel 7 Wednesday appearance of Philip Piccio, the leader of a group calling itself “PEP Coalition”, was preceded by a frenzy of text messages sent to officials and plan holders of Phil Asia Care Plans, Inc. a day before, warning that Piccio will touch, although indirectly, about the Phil Asia problem.

Included in the flurry of day-long and night-long text messages is a warning that Piccio is working with Sen. Mar Roxas and a law firm hired by Roxas which, Piccio claimed in the interview with broadcaster Arnold Clavio, will also seek the disbarment of Phil Asia’s lawyer—which means me, even if the pepped head did not say so!

Indeed, Piccio got interviewed by Clavio and, true enough, Piccio talked about a pre-need company whose owners will be sued by ousted and dismissed officials of Phil Asia who have since joined PEP Coalition.

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**WHAT IS THE AGENDA OF ROXAS FOR PRE-NEED COMPANIES?** The question here is this: is it true that Sen. Roxas is helping the ousted and dismissed Phil Asia officials to stop the company from seeking ways and means to fulfill its obligations to pay the benefits of its plan holders despite the grave and insurmountable problems it is facing?

There is nothing wrong, of course, if Roxas will want to assist those who are seeking his help, but can he explain why he would want to stop Phil Asia—and its lawyer, me—in finding efforts to continue serving its plan holders, against all odds?

Will Roxas, a contender for the presidency in 2010, also explain why, instead of finding ways to help pre-need plan holders at the very least (if he does not find it in himself to help the pre-need companies likewise), he has been trying his best to keep pre-need companies dead and therefore unable to help the millions who took out plans from them?

What, indeed, is the agenda of Roxas, as far as pre-need companies are concerned?

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**WHY IS ROXAS INTERESTED IN THE COLLAPSE OF THE PRE-NEED INDUSTRY?** If I am to believe the claims of lawyer Perfecto Yasay Jr., the former head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and lawyer Tomas C. Toledo, the former revenue deputy commissioner, the pre-need business functioned smoothly and was able to meet the needs of plan holders during the time of President Diosdado Macapagal, all the way up to the time of President Estrada.

The two have been one in saying, in previous interviews of mine with them since we all belong to the group called “Coalition for the Deserving” led by the Bigkis Pinoy Party of Chairman Efraim C. Genuino of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), that it was only when Roxas, as secretary of trade, commissioned a study assailing the pre-need industry that the industry collapsed.

People are telling me that it was because of this study, which Yasay rejected when he was still SEC chairman, that the SEC, after Yasay left it, imposed stringent regulations on pre-need companies that caused them to collapse.

The question then, and the question now, is this: why would Roxas exhibit an interest in the collapse of the pre-need industry? Why would he want the pre-need industry wiped out without however providing for an alternative to address the needs of affected plan holders?

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**PLAN HOLDERS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD BY ROXAS STRATEGY:** Of course, it is the duty of Roxas and his fellow legislators from the upper chamber of Congress to look after the welfare of the Filipino people, particularly those who invest as plan holders in pre-need companies.

## Cerdi Nawi

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do now possess [the rule]”, that is, Pagan Rome, which ruled during the time when Irenaeus wrote these words.

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TEITAN, the name of the sun god, in Greek numeric letters adds up to 666:

Victorinus, a bishop who lived in the fourth century and was martyred during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, wrote a commentary on the book of Revelation. He, like Irenaeus, cites TEITAN as the name of the sun god. But Victorinus introduces another name used in Latin by the Latin, or Gentile, Romans to represent the sun: DICLUX. Victorinus concludes that the name DICLUX also identifies the Antichrist.

“As they have it reckoned from the Greek characters, they thus find it among many to be TETTAN, for TEITAN has this number, which the Gentiles call Sol [sun in English] and the Phoebus [light in English]; and it is reckoned in Greek thus: T three hundred, E five, I ten, T three hundred, A one, V [the Greek equivalent of N] fifty—which taken together become six hundred and sixty-six... Which name if you wish to turn into Latin, it is understood by the aniphphrase DICLUX, which letters are reckoned in this manner; since D figures five hundred. I one, C a hundred, L fifty, V five [U and V were considered the same in antiquity], X ten,—which by the reckoning up of the letters makes similarly six hundred and sixty-six, that is, what in Greek gives TEITAN, to wit, what in Latin is called DICLUX; by which name, expressed by antiphthesis we understand Antichrist... who transforms himself into the angel of light”

The name DICLUX has each of the Latin numerals: I, V, X, L, C, and D. It consists of six letters and has the numeric value in Latin of 666. It means the light. The sun gives light, so it was used by the Romans to represent the sun god. Sunday was the day which the Romans used to worship and honor their sun god. They called the day “dies solis,” meaning sun day.

This, LATEINOS and TEITAN in Greek identify the papacy and the sun god as the beast and the mark of the beast, respectively, because their numeric value is 666. Likewise, VICARIUS FILII DEI and DICLUX in Latin identify the same papacy and the same sun god as the beast and the mark of the beast, because their numeric value is also 666.

*To be continued...*

But then, it is also the obligation of the senator and the other lawmakers to see to it that in their zeal to close down pre-need companies perceived by them as threats to the public, a way out is provided by them.

It will not be enough for Roxas and his cohorts to bask in the glory of having closed down the pre-need industry, what with big names like College Assurance Plan (CAP), Permanent Plans, and Prudentlife Plan, among others, already virtually interred.

For, while pre-need companies are no longer operating now, the thousands and thousands of their plan-holders are left out in the cold, holding the proverbial empty bag, and there is no one to be blamed by them except Roxas and company.

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**SEC REGULATIONS: ANTI PRE-NEED:** If the truth be told, the regulations being implemented by the SEC for pre-need companies now should share the blame for the mess that the pre-need industry has found itself in.

During a meeting I had two Mondays ago with lawyers from the Non-Traditional Securities and Investments Division of the SEC, I was informed by them that when a businessman or a company wanted to engage in the pre-need business, that businessman or company should deposit, immediately, Php50 million, if they wish to sell only one pre-need plan.

The amount to be deposited increases by another Php25 million, if another plan is to be sold, and so forth and so on, with additional of Php25 million for every other plans that is sought to be sold to the public.

Can you imagine this? The businessman or the company engaging in the pre-need business already has to shell out at least Php100 million before he can even begin, making that businessman or company lose to the tune of Php100 million right from the start

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Baguio City

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED  
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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC., hereafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of YVONNE G. JULATON, herein after referred to as

*Mortgagee,*  
-versus-  
YVONNE G. JULATON,  
*Mortgagor.*

FORECLOSURE CASE No. 09-136-S

the MORTGAGOR, which as of November 11, 2005, now amounts to P3,641,716.08, Philippine Currency, plus interest and penalty charges thereon from December 15, 2007 to date of foreclosure sale, excluding expenses of foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on JULY 29, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following described mortgage property and all its improvements exist- ing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-88155, CITY OF BAGUIO

"A parcel of land (Lot 4 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-30008, approved as non-subdivision project, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 44-A & 44-B (LRC) Psd-271185 and Lot 42-B, Psd-1-03885, L.R.C. Record No. Townsite Patent), situated in the Res. Sec. "K", City of Baguio, Province of , Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 6-7 by Lot 42-A, Psd-1-03885; on

the SE., points 7 to 8 by Lot 5 of the consolidation-subdivision plan; on the SW., points 8 to 1 by Ferguson Road (10.00 m. wide); on the NW., and SW., points 1 to 3 by Lot 3; on the SW., points 3 to 4 by lot 2; and points 1 to 3 by Lot 3; on the SW., points 3 to 4 by Lot 2; and points 4 to 5 by Lot 1, all of the consolidation-subdivision plan; and on the NW., points 5 to 6 by Lot 40, Residence Section "K", Baguio Townsite, Beginning at a point marked "1" xxx to the point of beginning; containing an area of a TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR SQUARE METERS AND SIXTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (264.60) more or less."

Prospective bidders may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to the encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

By: (SGD) ROMEO R. FLORENDO  
Sheriff-in-Charge

July 4, 11 & 18 2009

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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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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for foreclosure of real estate mortgage under act 3135 as amended filed by the Rural Bank of Itogon (Benguet) Inc, duly organizes and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at

*Mortgagee*  
-versus -  
APOLONIO B. UDUNA,  
*Mortgagor*

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 09-Exf-136S

1993 Public Market Bldg., Km 5. Pico La Trinidad, Benguet., against Apolonio B. Uduna of Caucalan, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet, In a real estate mortgage duly entered on August 7, 2007. That the indebtedness of the mortgagor to the mortgagee as of June 6, 2009 amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (Php 115,000.00) Philippine currency, excluding eighteen percent interest per annum, ten (10%) per annum of the principal amount as penalty, twenty (20%) percent on whatever amount is due the mortgagee from the mortgagors as attorney's fees as agreed and contained

in the pertinent promissory note other litigation expenses and legal expenses incidental to this foreclosure proceedings. That the undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on August 4, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hall, La Trinidad Benguet to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency the parcel of land, together with the improvements now existing or which may hereafter be made thereon described as follows:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-012-02468

"A parcel of land located at Dongboy, Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet. Bounded on the North by Olarte Paus; on the South by Sps. Adam Yap & Leonor Yap; on the East by Marcos Highway; On the West by Esteban Dangpas. Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS. Assessed at Php 2,800.00 Realty Tax paid under O.R. No. 0191485 on June 15, 2007 at Tuba, Benguet. Not yet registered under Act. 496 nor under Spanish Mortgage Law, but registrable under Act. No. 3344 as Amended Bounded by visible monuments and the present Possessor is

Mr. Apolonio B. Uduna.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein-above described and the encumbrances thereon if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, July 8, 2009.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET  
By: (SGD) JOSELITO S. TUMBAGA  
Sheriff IV

For publication at the Junction Newspaper on July 11,18 and 25, 2009

**SSS provides**

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Meanwhile, the Department of Health (DOH) is reminding the public if they have the following symptoms similar to regular flu such as fever, headache, fatigue, lack of appetite, runny nose, sore throat, cough, vomiting or nausea and diarrhea, they should visit the nearest hospital or medical centers.

To prevent the spread of the A H1N1 virus the following must be observed: cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing, always wash hands with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers, avoid close contact with sick people, increase body's resistance, have at least 8 hours of sleep, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food. /PIA-CAR

**Fastrack**

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willing to spend at least (how much) Php30M, Php50M or more!

\* According to our source ED, regarding the issue on the alleged lots given to some City Officials, when I asked him if he has any evidence to support and back up his claim, I got a funny and puzzling look as though he was talking to some naïve rookie journalist. After some discussion with ED, this much I can say, it can be proven that some officials may have benefited from this, once there is a full disclosure on the actual ownership of the subdivided titles (actual titles and attached rights to the land titles). This can be done by association, meaning, if I were given a

bribe of a portion of the property, I would obviously not place it in my name but instead place it in the name of a relative, a trusted friend, a company name, a holding company etc... In other words, through thorough verification of documents relating to linkages, and by association, can we link certain officials if they indeed were given a portion of the property. Whether they like it or not, there will be a paper trail, and the best way to disprove this is for those city officials beginning with the City Mayor and the Congressman to do everything in their power to see to it that the PPF does not end up in the hands of private individuals, otherwise there is no need for this columnist or for our source to prove anything!

## Mayor assures

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The concerned agencies agreed to be involved with the activities and committed support to make the operations smooth and peaceful if possible.

The group also set pre-demolition meetings with the settlers on Monday and Tuesday for final arrangements and notices.

City legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes during the meeting urged the group to pursue the operation as there is no more legal impediment for the city to undertake the same.

The mayor said three strategies are being considered in undertaking the dismantling operations but the decision on what scheme will be employed will be consulted with the city council.

The operation is covered by a demolition order issued by the mayor for the removal of 33 structures in three areas of the watershed. The operation is deemed critical as most structures are large houses with some reaching even three floors.

Fianza assured that the city will take into consideration the need to temper the effects of the demolition on the affected parties.

According to him, there are around 900 illegal structures in the watershed but only 33 were scheduled for demolition this month because these cases had been cleared ahead of the others either by court decision or city council recommendations. He said the remaining cases, some of which are even older than those resolved, are still the subject of unresolved questions and contentions.

He assured that the demolition activities will spare no one in the critical watershed but the dismantling operations will be done by batch as procedures would allow./aileen p. refuerzo

## Lawmaker lays

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Filipino. This means striving for higher family income, a highly educated and trainable workforce, better health care, affordable food and housing and peaceful communities," he said.

"First on my list is good governance. We must repair our house. Many of our institutions have been severely weakened," he said.

"We must follow the principle of subsidiarity – devolving authority to the lowest level of government which can handle the problem. Regions and provinces, cities and municipalities are tired of waiting for Imperial Manila to act on their problem," Escudero added.

In line with this, Escudero pushed for environmental stewardship which aims to preserve the environment and at the same time boost tourism development.

Stewardship means acting as caretakers of the environment, he said. And as tourism leverages the natural bounty of the land, Escudero said it will also encourage development of the far reaches of the country.

The senator called for strengthened finances since huge budget deficits are unsustainable. "We must put a stop to smuggling –

estimated to be as much as \$10 billion a year. The uncollected VAT alone would be over P50 billion," he said.

"Third, we must invest in our youth and in our future. We must give our children the equal opportunity to develop their minds and bodies to the fullest. We must cut down drastically that 34-percent drop-out rate in primary grades," the senator stressed.

"Fourth, we must be self sufficient in producing our basic food staples such as rice and corn and fish. The average Filipino household spends about 52 percent of its income on food. Seventeen percent alone goes to buy rice or corn grits," Escudero said.

"By lowering their expenditure on food, we would be awarding every family with an increase in disposable income, and mitigate labor demands for wage increases," he added.

"Fifth, we must fast track our infrastructure development. Aside from pump priming our economy, we would be bringing down the cost of transportation and opening up those areas of our country which have not been developed," he said.

"We must prioritize projects already partially built. Half a bridge is equivalent having no bridge at all. Then we have to focus on widening our major arteries. Especially where traffic jams occur daily. The wastage of people's time and fuel runs into billions not counting the inefficient use of trucks which deliver goods," Escudero noted.

"Sixth, we must make our goods and services globally competitive. We must move heaven and earth to lower energy costs. We must complete the sale of (National Power Corp.) generating plants and PPA contracts to the private sector to generate more competition. Thus far, only about 40 percent have been privatized," he explained./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

## Market Improvement

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despite offers from the vendors to do the repair work by themselves.

"It is our responsibility to undertake and finance the project," the mayor said.

Mayor Bautista earlier assured that the structures to be built will all be temporary or collapsible so these can be easily dismantled should the full-blown market development project be implemented. In deference to the contract with the Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation (Uniwide) which had been declared binding by the courts.

CBAO head Engr. Oscar Flores earlier assured that the space allotment for the vendors in the plan was made equitably based on the original area allotted for said sections.

He said the spaces allotted to the vendors are of equal size and that the number of stalls in the plan corresponds to the number of legitimate vendors affected by the fire thus nobody will be displaced.

He said the space extensions made by the vendors themselves will be removed in the new plan thus the area will be inevitably reduced.

Bautista said that in the new building, the city will prohibit the vendors from putting up additional constructions like mezzanines or space extensions./aileen p. refuerzo

## DFA opens Baguio

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man told other city officials and sector representatives of the community, after tourism regional director Purificacion Molintas and Rebecca Domogan cut the ribbon and Fr. Vicente Decoran did the blessing. They then offered a toast.

City officials also acknowledged the series of mobile passport services conducted here prior to the office establishment by the staff of Region 1 consular officer Eleanor Belgica, in tandem with the staff of city administrator Peter Fianza.

Regional consular officer Grace Clavecilla was yanked out of her office in Bacolod to oversee operations of the fledgling regional office here.

The officials acknowledged the operations in Baguio will also unplug the regional office in San Fernando, La Union of thousands of passport applications.

"We hope to live up to the motto of your (city's) centennial," Lucenario said.

The Baguio centennial committee headed by Dr. Virgilio Bautista has adopted the theme "Fostering A Culture of Caring" to mark Baguio's hundred years./Ramon Dacawi

## Five pre-need

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stated in the immediately preceding paragraph...

"These 'cash advances', estimated to running into millions of pesos, were illegally taken by the Defendants because they were not permitted nor allowed by Plaintiff, nor by its president-general manager in the person of Vicente Afulugencia, nor by any of Plaintiff's rules and regulations...

"When Plaintiff and its officers came to know of these illegal 'cash advances', demands, albeit verbal, were made against the Defendants to account for the moneys received by them, more particularly in relation to how much of these moneys actually represented 'new sales collections' (or the initial premium supposed to be paid by a newly-recruited plan holder)...

"Plaintiff was interested to find out the amount of 'new sales collections' which were taken as 'cash advances' by the Defendants so it could consider the payor, or the new recruit, to have been validly enrolled as a plan holder of the Plaintiff;

"There was a necessity for this clarification because of the policy of the Plaintiff that no person shall ever be considered as its plan holder unless and until he or she clearly paid the first premium, and, thereafter, all subsequent premiums;

"More so, because Plaintiff found out that Defendants caused the issuance of company official receipts in favor of certain individuals who were supposed to have duly paid their first premium, but without Plaintiff in reality receiving the money covered by the receipts...

"In this case, what is apparent is that, Defendants reported many individuals as having paid their first premium, and yet these payments appeared not to have reached the Plaintiff at all, as they appeared to have been taken by the Defendants as 'cash advance'./Office Of Atty. Batas Mauricio

**Belchers monitoring**

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toolkeeper, in coordination with the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), environmentalists, and volunteers; including several senior citizens, were earlier properly trained for the purpose. Representatives from the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) of the City Mayor's Office, and the City Legal Office were also present when strict instructions for apprehensions were given.

Though as of now, only diesel-fed vehicles could be tested, efforts are underway for the procurement of a gas analyzer.

Every now and then, the group installs the testing machine along city roads where passing vehicles are flagged down once black smoke is noticed from their exhaust. Apprehensions and testing shall be done on flat terrain, it was also emphasized, not on uphill drives.

As earlier agreed upon also, not even government vehicles are exempt from being tested, nor with the vehicle of a police officer which was noticed emitting black smoke.

Accordingly, anti-smoke belching campaign shall go on continuously, to effectively clear the air of the city, as to COB 61, 2008, known as the Clean Air Ordinance of the City of Baguio, which was primarily crafted by Councilor Balajadia. The Philippine Clean Air Act should also be strictly implemented as well, it was agreed.

The drivers were then advised to properly maintain their vehicles, have it tested and certified clean by the RITMT, before getting back their plate numbers and licenses.

The team shall spot and flag down vehicles with visible dark emissions, test the said vehicle/s, and issue appropriate citations. Owners of the vehicle, when caught, shall be penalized and registration documents and the vehicle plate numbers withheld unless the offending vehicle be tested, cleaned up and certified clean by the RITMT.

During an evaluation meeting done last week, the group requested for more accredited smoke emission technicians so that more operations could be done specially on roads on the outskirts of the city. This would be for the campaign to include vehicles from neighboring areas.

The anti-smoke belching campaign is among other environmental programs designed to clean the city of water, soil and air pollution; Walk, Baguio, Walk, the closure of the open garbage dumpsite in Irisan, the No Smoking Ordinance, Solar lighting cells, the passage of the Bio-fuels ordinance, the banning of tricycles, and the air monitoring machine use at lower Session road. Other programs such as the Baguio, Bike" would soon be implemented, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. earlier mentioned.

Other offices involved in the cleaning up of the air includes the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Land Transportation Office, and Jeepney Drivers and Operators Association./julielfianza

**Editorial**

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Today's "fault lines zigzag between an affluent few, blind to responsibility that wealth entrusts, and an indigent minority whose human needs, stoked by rising expectations, fester unmet. Yet, justice is the insurance we take out for our skins.

The causes for hunger interlock. Many can not afford to buy. More than 5.6 million have only part-time jobs. Population increases are another. There are five mouths today where there was one in 1940. And if a "demographic transition" doesn't occur, there'd be six mouths by 2015.

Neglect, conflict and abuse kept Mindanao from fulfilling it's potential to be the country's breadbasket. Food for our grandchildren depend on a few inches of topsoil. And this soil is being washed into the sea by flash-floods from deforestation. Our fishing grounds accumulate deposits of plastic and cyanide.

If food is to be on our grandchildren's tables, cynical neglect of farmers and fishermen—symbolized by Joc Joc Bolante's fertilizer scam—must end. No one else can produce food but these frail men and women.

The G-8 leaders, at their L' Aquila summit meeting, stressed this point. They called for a shift from food aid to investments in agriculture. It pledged \$20 billion to help small farmers, in poor nations, get the seeds, irrigation and mechanisms to secure a fair price for their produce.

This new G8 thrust is relevant to us. For political survival, government reduced food security policy to two components: (a) availability and (b). affordability. It gave agricultural production short shrift. "Importation became a strategy equal to production, no longer just a policy tool to address food shortages."

That has to be reversed. Joseph of Scriptures illustrates there is no alternative for ensuring food security than by raising food. Asian farmers always said: "Dependence on others brings a perpetual fast."

**Nominations**

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nances" will also be considered.

There will be one regional winner each for the "land-based" and "sea-based" categories, which will represent Cordillera in the national level competition. About P2 million in cash and in kind, are at stake as prizes for the regional and national winners and special awards from OWVA and its major corporate sponsors.

Any Non-Government Organizations (NGOs); People's Organizations (POs); religious organizations or associations; community-based socio-civic organizations/associations; and Local Government Units (LGUs) can nominate an OFW family.

Criteria for nominations are: the family should be headed by an OFW, land-based or sea-based, formerly or presently working abroad, with a formal or informal contract of employment or work permit and with a proof of OWVA membership; the OFW either married or single, is the head of the family and has at least for years of work experience as an OFW; the OFW family should be known as a solid/stable family in the locality (with certification of family solidarity by their barangay captain, Parish priest or religious leader); and the family must be financially stable.

In case of OFW migration, it should be not permanent, that is he/she is a holder of valid Philippine Passport and does not have an immigrant status in a foreign country; and not irregular, that is employment is documented and possesses a valid residency or work permit, as well as other employment documents.

Previous MOFYA nominees who have not won at the regional level yet can be nominated again. Relatives of officials/employees of OWVA, DOLE and its attached agencies and corporate sponsors of MOFYA, up to the third degree of consanguinity and affinity are disqualified from nomination.

Nomination period is until August 15. For more details and nomination forms you may inquire to the OWVA-CAR office at telephone number (074) 445-2260, 619-4558 and 3-3658./Lito Dar/PIA

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

**NOEL ANTHONY RAMOS - Vendor**  
**MICHAEL G. BAUCAN - Vendee**  
Applicant  
Case No:2000-01-1050

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 4, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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 16th day of July 2009.

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

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

**ROBERTO RULLODA - Vendor**  
**ROMELO N. SERDAN - Vendee**  
Applicant  
Case No:2003-CAR-720

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

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## Let's not forget 3 teachers still held hostage

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday welcomed the safe release of International Red Cross volunteer Eugenio Vagni but reminded the government about the plight of three teachers who remain in captivity in Basilan.

"The end of Mr. Vagni's ordeal should convince those working behind the scenes to exert more effort in securing the release of other Abu Sayyaf hostages," he said.

The three teachers were abducted by last March 13 off the island barangay of Bangkaw-Bangkaw,

Naga town, Zamboanga Sibugay while they were on the way home.

Jocelyn Enriquez, Jocelyn Inion and Noemi Mandi, who all taught at Bangkaw-Bangkaw Elementary School, were then reportedly turned over to the group of Furuji Indama, an Abu Sayyaf Group commander based in a coastal village in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan.

"We must take all steps possible so that these teachers can be reunited with their loved ones as soon as possible," Escudero said.

There have been reports that Mandi died in captivity, al-

though this has yet to be confirmed.

The Abu Sayyaf Group is a band of radical fundamentalists tagged as a terrorist organization with links to Al-Qaida by the US government.

Nearly 200 people have been kidnapped by the group since 2000, including foreign aid workers, tourists and teachers. Most were released only after huge ransoms were made.

It is estimated that the group has been paid at least P260 million from kidnappings. Office Of Sen. Chiz Escudero



**SANITIZED** - Volunteer groups and members of the Baguio Fire Department lead the city-wide clean-up drive headed by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas to contain and prevent deadly flu viruses and water borne-diseases from spreading in the city./By Bong Cayabyab

## SSS provides medical service benefits to employed members stricken by AHINI

Employees who are stricken by A HINI can avail of the Employees Compensation (EC) Program of the Social Security System (SSS).

According to Mr. Luis V. Olais, cluster head for SSS Northern Luzon, all registered employers and their employees are covered under the EC Program of the SSS and can avail of medical service benefits, but which are limited to the ward services only of an accredited hospital and physician.

Olais clarified

that only employed SSS members are covered by the program. The employer should be notified of the member's sickness five days from the occurrence of the illness. However notice is not necessary if the illness occurred during the working hours, at the place of work and with the knowledge of the employer.

To claim for medical expenses reimbursement, concerned employee should accomplish SSS form B-301 (EC medical reimbursement benefit application) and submit to

any SSS branch or representative office nearest the member's residence or place of work.

Olais informed that that for as long as the employees works in his company, the employer is obliged to pay EC contributions.

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## Nominations for the 2009 Model OFW Family of the Year Award on

**BAGUIO CITY** – The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA-CAR) is now accepting nominations for the regional search for 2009 Model OFW Family of the Year Award (MOFYA).

The search for the MOFYA is an annual award-giving project designed to give recognition to outstanding Overseas Filipino Worker

(OFW) families. It also promotes the best practices of OFW families in achieving success in all aspects of their life in the face of overseas migration of one or more members of the household.

For this year's MOFYA search, it emphasizes the importance of

family values thereby giving more credit for the "wholesome OFW family relationship and solidarity." "Civic or community involvement", "success in education or profession of family members" as well as their "success in managing family fi-

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