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LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **Committee to identify area for reforming peddlers formed**



LAW ON THE STREET? - A "hot tempered ambulant vendor" spews invective words to the members of the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) when the latter cleared the City Market of illegal vendors and obstructions from pedestrian alleys and roads last October 28./ By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – City mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week signed Administrative Order (AO) No. 169 "creating a committee to identify vacant areas in the city with which to accommodate registered vendors and to formulate and implement policies and programs for the purpose."

The AO comes in the heels of Council Resolution No. 134-2008, "Seeking compliance by the mayor with Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2001-135 [compelling local government units] to identify and designate within 90-days vacant areas for vending by duly registered vendors."

Heading the committee is administrator Peter Fianza (chairperson and action officer). The members include Coun. Elaine Sembrano, Coun. Isabelo Cosalan, Jr., treasurer Thelma Manaois,

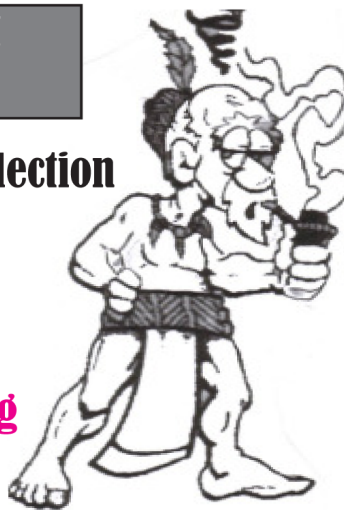
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"Tax amnesty runs counter to collection efficiency" – Manaois

BAGUIO CITY – "We might be sending the wrong signals to taxpayers."

Thus said city treasurer Thelma Manaois last week, dispelling claims the city council-approved tax amnesty would encourage tax payments by delinquent taxpayers in the city.

She said, "Tax amnesties are generally frowned upon by treasurers across the country... it runs counter to the thrust of every local

government unit to collect more taxes."

Earlier, the measure penned by alderman Nicasion Aliping, Jr. was approved by the City Council on final reading. The measure remains nil mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr.'s signature of approval as of press deadline.

Tax amnesty, being a general pardon on persons otherwise guilty of evasion or violation of a tax law, partakes of an absolute forgiveness or waiver

by government from its right to collect what otherwise would be due it.

Vice mayor Daniel Farinas during the executive-legislative meeting Monday said, "It is granted particularly to tax evaders who wish to repent and are willing to reform, giving them a chance to a clean slate."

Under the measure, amnesty would be given to real property taxpayers who are delinquent. **Cont. on page 10**

Landfill site options trimmed down to nine

BAGUIO CITY – The city environment and parks management office (CEPMO) Tuesday said the city's options for the future site of its engineered sanitary landfill have been trimmed down from 42 to just nine locations.

The sites are titled lots in Bubon, Virac, Itogon; Binga, Itogon; Poblacion, Sablan; Nangalisan, Tuba; Poyopoy, Taloy Sur, Tuba; Camp 3, Tuba; a mining site in Ampucao, Itogon; an open pit mining site in Antamok also in

Itogon and a city government property in Sto. Tomas barangay.

Engr. Nazita Banez of the solid waste management division of CEPMO said the profiling of the nine prospective sites have been completed based on the results of the ocular inspections and assessments done by members of the inter-agency technical working group (TWG) tasked to assist the city government on the landfill project.

The profiles were presented before the TWG members and concerned

offices and agencies last Tuesday as the TWG continues the evaluation and ranking process based on the guidelines adopted until a suitable location is finally selected.

Banez clarified that the criteria being used for the assessment do not include the social acceptability requirement.

Banez said the TWG assessment will now focus on the cost-benefit analysis to determine which among the sites is the most financially viable and beneficial to the city.

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Solo parent pleads for ailing boy

Twenty eight-year old Gina Enriquez finds herself in quite an unenviable position. Looking older than her age, she's a solo parent without work and two young kids to raise. She needs to have over P21,000, a hefty sum she might have not seen, much less held.

She breaks into tears – saying she just couldn't help it – whenever asked what she would do with the amount. It's for the cobalt radiation therapy of John Mark, her younger child who'll turn four this coming Thursday.

A clinical report, issued when John Mark was two years old, diagnosed him for medulloblastoma. It's a tumor of the brain. And hydrocephalus, marked by a bloating of the head due to excessive fluid.

Doctors then advised CT scan, an imaging procedure to fully diagnose his condition. An anonymous soul shouldered the cost of the test and then

went on to bankroll the kid's initial 25-day cobalt therapy pegged at P21,000.

"It had to be done in Pasig City as we do not have the equipment here for brain radiation therapy," Enriquez said.

Early this year, the boy had another ST scan, paid for from a P50,000 fund a woman donor set aside for distribution to indigent patients.

Recently, doctors again advised another radiation cycle, prompting Gina to again knock on doors. She's unaware whether the cost she based from last year has gone up.

John Mark went home from the hospital last Tuesday. It proved a relief to her sister, eight-year old May Anne, a second grader at the Don Mariano Marcos Elementary School. Each time her mother had to be at John Mark's hospital bed, she is left alone.

Home is at 18 Rimando Rd., a

lodging place for visitors which the Church of Christ opened as refuge for the broken family. Gina said her husband abandoned them two years ago. She has no idea where he is now.

Since the separation, Gina has depended on her parents in Rosario, La Union, for support.

"My parents can hardly help us, as my father has been bed-ridden due to spinal injury when I was still young," she said.

Samaritans may ring up Gina at cell phone number 09067449198.

Only last week, a son of the woman who paid for John Mark's second CT scan called up. He asked that P2,000 be picked up and divided for two other patients – 41-year old Josephine Almeron and two-year-and-eight-month Angelix Marie Felix.

Almeron, a 41-year old security guard and a solo parent with three

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Dad urges SM, pay income taxes direct to city

BAGUIO CITY – Progress can only be made when a precedent already exists.

Councilor Nicasio Aliping in a proposed resolution last week requested Super Value Incorporated (SVI) to register SM Baguio as a “head office” in the City.

SVI owns and operates SM City Baguio as a “branch” of the SM chain of malls. Consequently, income taxes computed by government against SM Baguio are paid directly where

SVI’s head office is located – Bacoor, Cavite.

On the other hand, SVI in part directly remits to the Bureau of Internal Review (BIR) Central Office as a perk allowed to big tax paying companies by the National Revenue Code. SM is among the top 10 taxpayers in the country.

However, Aliping in his proposal observed, “[SM malls in] Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, and Rosales in Pangasinan are registered as separate entities in these local govern-

ment units (LGU).”

He said if SVI has been able to arrange with the BIR and the SM group for them to register their company in the said LGU’s as head offices and not as mere branches, there are no legal impediments for SM Baguio to be considered for the same arrangement.

“This way,” the alderman added, “They will pay their income taxes here and this will translate to more revenue for the city and more services for the people of **Cont. on page 10**



EYE CATCHING ADZ - An enterprising owner of this pet dog becomes the center of attraction of passing pedestrians along Session Road to advertise his profession as dog trainer./ By Bong Cayabyab

Traffic scheme evaluation report sought

BAGUIO CITY – The Traffic and Transport Management Committee (TTMC) must submit an evaluation report to the city council on the results of the new traffic schemes being implemented in the city for several months now.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, in a proposed resolution said it is high time that the TTMC make a final recommendation on these traffic designs to determine if these are effective or not.

“The TTMC of the City of Baguio devised an experimental traffic scheme which was implemented along the major thoroughfares of the City, designed to study and make a final recommendation on the permanent

traffic route to be implemented,” Tabanda noted.

“With the experiments having been conducted for several months now, the TTMC can make a recommendation as to whether the schemes are beneficial or not.

Tabanda noted that one of the areas affected in the traffic rerouting is Marcos Highway, specifically the along the Campo Sioco area but that there have been several complaints regarding the implementation of the

project, particularly on safety concerns.

Tabanda said she received reports that accidents happened in the area allegedly caused by the schemes and the barriers placed along the roads.

“Last October 5, 2008, a pastor named Edmund Foronda met an accident when his motorcycle collided with a traffic barrier which was set up as part of the traffic scheme along the Campo Sioco Area. To date, the pastor is

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AO for anti-squatting committee out

BAGUIO CITY – A comprehensive guideline relative to the anti-squatting and anti-illegal structures committee has been prepared, and is ready for implementation, as it is through an Administrative Order signed by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week.

The guidelines indicate details to be undertaken from the start of a complaint up to either the implementation of a demolition order, or an appeal; and the number of days needed for the procedure to move on.

Though the committee accepts all complaints, its limitations are: to struc-

tures built prior to year 1992; cases on boundary disputes; ejectment cases; Accion Publiciana; and Accion Reivindicatoria.

The flowchart shows the complaint being filed, endorsed to the secretariat, initially assessed by the committee and either approved, dismissed, or referred to court or other agency.

If the case goes on, a parallel investigation and ocular inspection by the Public Order and Safety

Division (POSD) and City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) would be done. Both bodies would give ten (10) days for monitor compliance to owner; but if the case progresses, another five (5) days would be issued for second supervision. A report would then be submitted to the committee.

A deliberation shall be done by the committee, and a notice of demolition

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Beyond Mortal Dust

"We give them back to you O Lord, who first gave them to us. Yet, as you do not lose in giving, so we have not lost them by their return." (Prayer for the Departed)

"All Soul's Day is so what's the word now? —so bifurcated," the wife said after a Halloween dinner. "Words like 'bifurcated' drive editors nuts," I replied. "Just what did you mean?"

"Half a world away, our grand-daughters — one dressed as a pirate and the other as a princess — join other California kids in trick-or-treat parties," she mused. "Here, our grandchildren bring flowers and light candles for family graves. And those plots will include ours, sooner rather than later." Oh, that.

Halloween is a contraction of "All Hallows Eve" (All Saints Day). It marked the Celtic new year. And in 1848, Irish immigrants brought those spooky costumes to the US where it continues

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today as a fun-filled kids' feast. Reaching out to the departed goes back thousands of years. "It is a good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead," declares the ancient Book of Macabees. By the year 998, the Benedictine abbot Oddilo of Cluny picked November 2 for remembrance. This practice spread to other countries, including the Philippines.

The living aid the departed, the teaching went, by asceticism's trio: prayer, sacrifice and alms. They'd help atone for past transgressions, and pave entry into the Beatific Vision.

"Lift us up, that we may see further, as one by one, You gather scattered families, from the distractions, strife and weariness of time, to the peace of eternity," an ancient prayer goes.

"Death is only a horizon. And a horizon is the limit of our sight. We thank you for the labor and joys of these mortal years, We thank you for the deep sense of mystery that lies beyond our mortal dust".

The desire to "see further" echoes, even in newsrooms. "Here come those de-cajon stories," an editor wearily grouched. Whenever All Souls' Day comes around, news desks are swamped with humdrum reports: traffic jams, jostling crowds to squatters living in crammed cemeteries. "Is that all there's to this?"

No, it's not. The familiar, however can blur realities beyond the customary: from votive candles, cemeteries turned into two-day cities, zapped by karaokes.

Still, the central —and stunning —reality remains of life beyond a handful of ashes.

"We Filipinos use the idiom itaga mo sa bato to assert our utmost confidence," Pastor Lino Pantoja writes. "Such were Job's exact words: 'Oh, that my words were engraved in rock forever.'"

They're words of Job's primitive theology of the Resurrection: "I know that my Redeemer lives. And in the end, He will stand forth upon the earth. And after my skin shall have been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God."

These words were written 2,500 years before Easter's empty tomb. And in 1741, George Fredric Handel had worked it into his soaring oratorio that the world never forgot: "The Messiah."

The liturgy for All Souls spotlights this reality. Vita mutatur, non tollitur, priests murmur in the Eucharist's preface: "For unto your faithful, O Lord, life is changed, not taken away". The same theme resonates wherever religious or laymen read the Liturgy of the Hours.

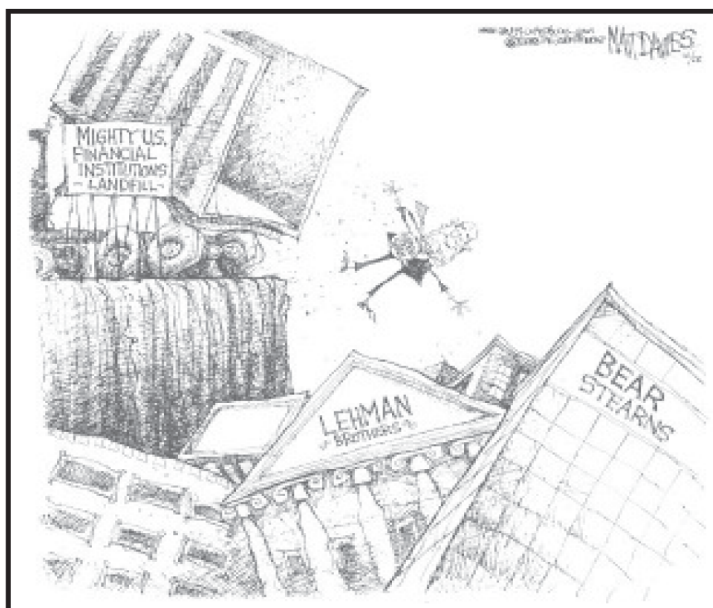
Our grandchildren belong to the post-Vatican II generation. They never heard what echoed in requiem services of our long-vanished youth: the Dies Irae ("Day of Wrath") in plain chant.

Tuba mirum spargen sonum / Per sepulchra regionum / Coget omnes ante thronum, the choir would sing. My now-hazy freshman Latin translates that into: "Trumpets blare through sepulchers, calling all to appear before judgement's throne."

Young and old, however share the universal aching for assurance of what lies beyond the grave.

"If only I could see him, for just a second, and know he's all

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DIRETSAHAN

Opisyales Ng City Hall Maging Makatarungan Dapat Sa Mga Vendors!!!

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Balik 'Pinas na si Bulate...este Bolante matapos siyang ipadeport pabalik ng 'pinas ng mga 'merkano... matapos siyang mamalagi doon ng halos apat na taon... sa kanyang pagbabalik.. masasagot na kaya ang tunay na pangyayari hinggil sa kinasangkutan niyang "fertilizer fund scam?!..."

Paglapag niya sa airport, agad inisyu sa kanya ang kanyang "waranto de aresto" ng senado na maayos namang tinanggap ng kanyang abogago...este abogado pala!.. lamang ay sa ospital ng St. Lukes siya idineretso imbes sa senado, dahil sa paninikip ng dibdib!..pero sa ngayon ay wala pang ibinigay na opisyal na pahayag ng ospital kung ano ang tunay niyang sakit!

Dapat magsalita na si Joc-Joc, kasi baka maunahan siyang mabusalan ng bibig, o baka bigla siyang dalawin ng "karet" ni pareng Taning... mas maigi pang mangumpisal na siya habang maaga at baka tanggapin pa siya sa langit.. at para hindi rin siya maisumpa ng kanyang kalahing pinoy... di ba mga suki? Abangan ang pagkanta ni Joc-Joc sa senado, kung tama o sintunado! O hihingi ng pribiliheyo sa Korte Suprema... Abangan!

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Nagtuturuan daw ang mga opisyal ng Baguio City kung sino raw talaga ang dapat na kausapin ng mga napektuhang mga vendors sa palengke! Ayon sa bulong, nagtingit daw ang mga vendors dahil sa pagtuturuan nina Meyor B, Peter Fianza, Elaine Sembrano at si Greg Delijero.

Ayon pa, hindi raw sinunod ng City Hall ang napag-usapan noong nagkaroon sila ng kasunduan sa mga vendors at sa halip ay tigas daw sa pagtanggap ang POSD

At hindi lamang iyan, kapansin-pansin daw ang pagiging diyos diyosan ng grupo ng alay sa kalinisan o ASKI kunsan ang tatay daw ni Meyor B ang presidente. Marami tuloy ang nagtatanong kung sino ba talaga ang Meyor ng Baguio, Si Senyor B ba o si Junior B?

At dahil dito, tumitindi tuloy ang iringan sa pagitan ng POSD at ang mga vendors, at nitong huli nga ay napag — alaman na nagkademandahan diumano ang hepe ng POSD na si Greg Delijero at isang vendor na nagngangalang "aoyong" matapos magkasagutan habang isinasagawa ang "clearing operations"!

Kaugnay nito, labis daw na nagtingit ang isang opisyal ng mga vendors sa isang "lokal na TV outfit" dahil diumano sa pagiging plastik!...

Oki naman daw ang mga ito kapag nakaharap pero mga tipaklong

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Enforced disappearance as tactic to deprive people movements of martyrs

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



In this column, I temporarily suspend my write-ups on the new guidelines of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) on the rights of indigenous peoples to free and prior informed consent (FPIC). This is to give way to a write-up that may be more appropriate this November.

We Filipinos allocate November 1 to commemorate the lives of our departed. We reserve November 1 as a day to express our love for loved ones who have gone from this life to afterlife. It is therefore fitting that this column gives space for the departed among us who were victims of salvaging via enforced disappearance.

It is sad that there are elements in the military who think that the best way to end insurgency is via the use of fear and terror among cause-oriented groups. This is the way of the barbarians and those among the military who have no honor as warriors and combatants. They belong to the age of centuries ago and not in this time of the 21st century.

Gentlemen combatants must fight guns with guns. But ideas and revolutionary zeal are not defeated by guns. They are only eliminated by correct ideas and good direction. Thus, insurgency will not end with terror and fear.

Revolutionaries are always able to overcome fear and terror because they are convinced that what they are fighting for is correct and just.

On the contrary, the use of terror only provides justification for revolutionary groups to keep up with their zeal. The use of terror provides proof that indeed the state is an institution of the ruling class ala Lenin. For revolutionaries, the use of terror by military men validates their dictum that the state is an instrument of violence through which the ruling classes oppress the exploited classes.

Thus, what the barbarians in the military are doing is that they are basically strengthening rather than weakening insurgency. Ironically, the barbarians within the military are basically providing political and moral support to revolutionaries precisely by the use of terror. Combatants who use terror are combatants without honor. They are unthinking warriors and will be defeated as history itself has shown.

The Russian tsars used terror but it did not prevent the emergence of the first socialist republic in the world. Similarly, the use of terror by the Chinese Kuomintang did not prevent the emergence of the People's Republic of China, one of the greatest powers today. Further, many of us still recall that the use of napalm, assassinations, carpet-bombing, Agent Orange, chemical and biological weapons, and other large-scale terrorism did not prevent the rise to power of the current Vietnamese regime. All these show that terrorism on the people's movement will only strengthen not weaken revolutionary insurgents.

Now it appears that another tactic is being used by the barbarians in the military establishment. This is the use of enforced disappearance against those in the various people's movements. My guess is that the use of enforced disappearance is a tactic used by the barbarians in the military establishment to deprive the people's movements of martyrs. This will not succeed however because it is clear that the disappearance was enforced because they have causes to fight for. Thus, I appeal to the patriots in the military establishment to rid themselves of barbarians within their ranks and embrace instead the rule of law.

The elimination of insurgency is a political problem that requires a political solution. The military must provide time for that political solution to be reached by the general population. In the meantime that the political solution is not yet defined, the best way for the military to respond to the political problem is for it to simply allow the rule of law to dominate. This approach will lead us to genuine and sustainable peace.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Constitution must be changed to remove its "people power" provisions

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR "PEOPLE POWER": Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno said removing leaders of government at this point is an "extra constitutional change" which must not happen since elections are just 19 months away, but is this mode of changing leaders "extra constitutional", really?

I am compelled to raise this question because what Puno is saying, in relation to the call of five Catholic bishops to change the government now, may provide an interesting jump off point for an honest to goodness discussion on whether or not the 1987 Constitution authorizes a change of government even without an election, by virtue of its so called "people power provisions."

Now, if the Constitution indeed authorizes a change of government even without an election by virtue of its so called "people power provisions", we may have to seriously consider changing the charter at this point of our nation's history, to remove these "people power provisions", and lay the issue to rest.

If you ask me, I believe (and I have been saying this all along) that, by virtue of these "people power provisions", the basic charter could be an authority for the perception that the people and their people's organizations can effect changes in government even without an election, something that is against God's laws (Romans 13:1 and 2, among others).

Consider this: in its Section 16, Art. 13, the Constitution says "The right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision making shall not be abridged x x x"

Consider this also: in its Section 1, Art. 2, the Constitution intones: "The Philippines is a democratic and republican state. Sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them."

Clearly, when the basic charter says it grants to our people and their organizations sovereignty, and the right to an effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision making, what it is saying in reality is that the people and their organizations can effect a change of government on their own, and that if they do so, that is still within the bounds and parameters of the Constitution.

Note must be made of the fact that Section 16, Art. 13 was never contained in the 1935 and 1973 Constitutions of the Philippines. It was inserted by the 1986 Constitutional Commission, a body created by the Aquino government which, concededly, was a government brought about by the "participation of the people and their organizations" in political decision making.

It is therefore good that the Catholic bishops are talking about changing government now, and that Puno is reacting the way he did. What should be done however is to study these matters in relation to what the Constitution is saying, so that we could act collectively to amend or change the Constitution altogether.

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RESURRECTION OF JESUS, AS FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY: After the "Sorrowful Mysteries", the "Glorious Mysteries" in the Holy Rosary of the Roman Catholic Christians follow. The "Glorious Mysteries" constitute the last batch of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

The first of the so called "Glorious Mysteries" is the "Resurrection of Jesus", and long accounts of it are contained in Matthew 28:1 to 20, Mark 16:1 to 20, Luke 24:1 to 53, and John 20 and 21.

All of these Gospels say that Mary Magdalene and another woman went to the place where Jesus was entombed, after his

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Tabuk City government rallies for Gawad Kalinga support

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The city government is calling for the involvement and support of all sectors in the province for the realization of the on-going Gawad Kalinga Matagoan Village project at Agbannawag of this city.

Through a forum, the city government in partnership with the Couples for Christ (CFC), the prime movers of the GK project worldwide, invited barangay officials, government employees, school institutions, the business sector and several others to become partners in said poverty alleviation endeavor.

In his message, City Mayor Camillo Lammawin Jr. stressed the need for partnership among all sectors to achieve the GK goal of providing homes and livelihood for the poor in the province.

He said that since it was launched on September 14, 2007, only 14 duplex houses were built, thus the call for more volunteers to speed up the undertaking. The project he said is programmed to put up at least 100 houses through the partnership of ANCOP

Canada, the city government, beneficiaries and volunteer groups.

"The local government needs more partners and volunteers to speed up the implementation of the project which caters not only for the poor Christians but also for our landless Muslims brothers in the province," expressed the mayor, who is also the CFC GK Head of Kalinga.

Help, he said is not limited to the construction of houses alone but also in the provision of livelihood assistance through training and value formation of the GK community.

He also disclosed that to help more poor people in the province, the city government is looking forward to expanding the program and establish another GK community in a two-hectare land at Lanna, Tabuk City.

Recalling how the program started in the province, Provincial Area Coordinator Dr. Joseph Aguilar said that with the strong support of Lammawin, the project was realized through the passing of a resolution

authored by then Councilor Oliver Gacuya.

To initiate the work, the local government as a 'padugo' (to bleed for the cause) donated a 3.1 hectare of the municipal park reservation at Agbannawag. 2.1 hectares Aguilar said will be allocated for the GK houses and the remaining one hectare will be used for livelihood projects to ensure income and availability of food for the GK community.

But the volunteers he said lack the technical know-how for the project to succeed which also contributed to the slow implementation. Thus, the appeal to the other sector of society and resources from partner agencies to team-up to help the poor.

Gawad Kalinga which means "to give care" had started in 1995 through the initiative of the CFC in partnership with the ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor) international as an alternative solution to solve poverty in the country by providing land for the landless, homes for the homeless, food for the hungry, giving each and every Filipino dignity and peace. /ggd/PIA-Kalinga

Work-out for the environment set on nov. 8

The benefits of exercise will take on an environmental dimension for Baguio if you do your work-out routine with others this coming Saturday morning (Nov. 8) at the Burnham Park grounds.

Every calorie

you burn will be paid P1. That would mean thousands of pesos for the city's environmental cause if you would take your family, co-workers and friends to an hour of synchronized sweat-out in front of the Melvin Jones Grandstand. Coca-Cola

Company, which has chosen the Baguio Regreening Movement as beneficiary of the "exercise for a cause", has targeted at least 1,000 participants, but the BRM more would appear to help raise funds for the city's environmental thrust.

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P2M sought for bayan park development

BAGUIO CITY - Councilor Perlita Rondez is seeking an outlay of P2 million from the city's general fund or from any other fund source for the immediate development of Bayan Park located at Aurora Hill barangay here.

"Bayan Park through the years has been a haven for vandals, petty criminals and gangs who turn the park into their own drinking venues and at times hazing and initiation grounds," Rondez said.

"There is a need therefore to allocate funds for the

immediate repair, rehabilitation and maintenance of the park as it could be a new tourist destination of the city and at the same time a collective source of income of all the barangays belonging to the Aurora Hill districts.

The proposal
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Tightfist RP banks cited for saving country from crisis

Strict and overly-cautious banks in the Philippines have been cited for saving the country from being drawn deeply into the current global financial crisis.

"For all you know, this country may not even be hit hard by this global financial turmoil," says financial adviser Myrna Valdez who runs her own MPV Asset Management Company, a financial consulting firm in the southern city of Davao.

Valdez said most Philippine banks have "very tight credit policies" that turn off many Filipino businessmen unlike in the United States where credit is easy to get with hardly any collateral.

"It's much more difficult to get bank loans here. Philippine banks have this pawnshop mentality and don't want to lend you money unless you meet their requirements which include so much collateral," says Valdez who also sits as corporate financial officer of the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The noted financial adviser agrees with the recent views of US-based rating agency Standard and

Poor's which stated that the Philippines is an "island of calm" in Asia amidst the ongoing financial turmoil in the higher-rated and supposedly more stable countries like Malaysia, Thailand, India, and Korea.

Philippine bank's "inherent distrust" of borrowers, strict lending guidelines and other banking reforms have placed the country in a much stronger financial position to withstand another worldwide financial crisis after going thru the devastating and crippling 1997 Asian financial crisis, according to Valdez.

The financial consultant explained that the financial turmoil started in the US when banks owning a lot of long-term assets, like subprime home mortgages, took short-term debts which they tried to pay off with short-term loans borrowed from other banks. Nervous bankers, out of fear, stop extending short-term credit and hoarded their capital, shutting out the flow of cash in the system which caused a lot of bank failures in the US.

"A country's economy cannot function if people can't get credit easily. This is what's happening and it has a domino effect

on the global economy," Valdez said.

Trade Undersecretary Merly Cruz, however, cited government banks and financial institutions for their prudent banking policies that helped the country weather the worldwide financial turmoil and boost the steady growth of the Philippine economy in recent years.

PGMA calls on all countries to ratify int'l convention on migrant workers' rights

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo called on all countries, especially migrant-receiving countries such as the United States, Australia and European nations, to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

The President issued the call in her keynote address at the two-day 2nd Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD2) Government Meeting at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) as she stressed the need for a concerted effort to address issues on migration, foremost of which is the protection of human rights.

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right, I'd be able to cope," Seamus tells the priest blessing his son's crumpled body, killed in an accident.

"I remembered Seamus' comment" at a Mass for a student accident victim, writes Jesuit theologian Catalino Arevalo. "The boy's classmates chose the Transfiguration for gospel reading. 'The one about Jesus going up to the mountain and changing into dazzling white,'" they suggested.

"It struck me, for the first time, that Jesus allowed his friends to see, 'for just a second', what was beyond. Their reaction was strange: they did not want to leave the spot. It's 'wonderful for us to be here.' But Jesus reminded them they had to go down the mountain.

"What if we could get some vision, 'for only just a second'? Or if we could, 'for only just a second', see people who've gone before us, in faith, especially those suddenly or tragically taken, in that place of light that is God's promise?

"What if we, too, had some authentic extended experience of what 'our eyes have not seen, nor our ears heard' of what God prepared for those who are faithful?

"It is truly the better thing that an authentic extended experience is not given us —because we would not want to leave the spot. Better still because there is still so much of the humdrum, the frustrating, the difficult for us to endure, and if possible, with courage, to build some small beginnings of the Kingdom which Jesus wanted to make our work in this world."

Whether in the dim catacombs, off Rome's Appian way, or in our garishly lighted cemeteries, All Souls' Day speaks to us in Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's poignant verse: "Death is not the extinguishing of life. It is putting out the lamp, because dawn has come."

Diretsahan

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daw kapag nakatalikod. He!he! at ano naman kaya ang "tv outfit" na ayon ay mukhang pera pera lang naman? Itanong nyu na lang po iyan kay kagawad "Rene" ng Hilltop Barangay!

At hanggang kelan naman kaya magkakaroon ng solusyon ang problema sa mga vendors ng palengke?... at hanggang kelan din kaya magtuturuan ang mga opisyal ng Baguio? Baka naman katulad ng problema sa basura eh, hanggang "Praise Release" na lamang at ni wala pang maliwanag na solusyon para ito maresolba?... o baka naman hinihintay lang nila ang kampanyahan para sa 2010 eleksyon para makakopo ng mga kredito? Nagtatanong lamang po!!!

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At sino naman kaya itong isang "Division Chief" ng Baguio City na ayon sa mga bulong ay isa raw talamak na sugarol? Kilalang kilala raw siya sa mga sugalan dahil bago pa raw siya naging personalidad sa City Hall ay laman na raw siya sa mga sugalan, casino at sa mga sabungan.

Kuwento pa ng isang tsismoso, meron

daw itong nakaalitan sa loob ng isang sugalan. Nagtext lamang daw ito at presto, nagdatingan daw ang kanyang mga alagad na puro armado ng baril, totoo nga kaya ang tsismis? Itanong nyu na lang po sa mga kilalang sugarol sa palengke at magugulat kayo kung sino ang aming tinutukoy na ayon pa ay meron daw "baket" o "kabet" o number two, three.. na anak daw ng isang tintera din sa palengke.

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Hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring linaw kung ano ang nangyari at nasaan na ang nawawalang aktibistang si JAMES BALAO. Patuloy ang pagkalampag ng kanyang mga kaalyado at pamilya sa pulisya at militar na pinaghihinalaang mga dumukot sa kanya, itinanggi naman ni Bos Tsip Heneral EUGENE MARTIN ng PNP-PRO CAR na may kinalaman ang pulisya sa pagkawala ni Balao.

Ang tanong, kung wala ngang kinalaman ang pulisya o military at pati na ang gobyerno sa pagkawala ni James Balao di ba dapat sila ang manguna na pursigidong hanapin siya at iharap sa publiko? Yan ay kung wala silang itinatago! Dapat, kung sinuman ang may responsibilidad sa umano'y pagdukot kay Balao ay dapat managot na ang kaparusahan ay hindi simpleng parusa lamang. Dapat siyang ibitin ng patiwarik o ipakain sa mga pating! Pweh!

Batas.....

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crucifixion and death, and found that His body was no longer there.

Then, an angel of the Lord appeared, and told the women that Jesus has risen, as He prophesied about Himself, and was in fact going to Galilee, to meet His disciples.

Shortly after this and in many other incidents thereafter, Jesus showed Himself to His disciples, allowing them to touch His wounds, even eating with them, and, finally, giving them the Great Commission: to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus likewise ordered His disciples to teach the nations to obey everything that He taught and commanded the disciples, assuring them that He will be with them, to the very end of the age.

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TANONG: BATAS 220 PO B NA KPAG 2 YRS. O HGIT PA NA NKPGHUHULOG SA PAG-IBIG AY MAAARING KUNIN ANG 60% NG HNULOG? F YES, PAANO PO I2 MKKUHA? Salamat po sa Diyos, sa ngalan ni Jesus! (639062194402).

SAGOT: Salamat sa Diyos sa ngalan ni Jesus sa tanong na ito.

Sa ilalim po ng batas na naglalang ng Pag-Ibig, hindi maaaring kuhanin ang anumang bahagi ng mga naihulog ng Pag-Ibig contributions hanggang hindi

umaabot sa retirement age ang isang manggagawang kasapi sa Pag-Ibig.

Ang retirement age sa ngayon ay animnapung taong gulang hanggang animnaput limang taong gulang.

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BATAS PARTY LIST: Interested parties can now become members of the BATAS Party List, or the Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Please send your names and complete addresses to us, through text, at 0919-609-64-89, or you can call (02) 433-75-49, (02) 433-75-53, or send an email to www.batasnews.com, or at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, or you can write us at 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

Work-out.....

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the grandstand in proper exercise attire between 6 to 7 a.m. for the registration and then for the exercise the following hour. Free drinks and t-shirts await you and the other participants.

"This is one way that we can all walk the talk about really doing something for the Baguio environment and the city we love," said city councilor and BRM chair Erdolfo Balajadia.

The BRM, founded in 1988 by a group led by Catholic Bishop Ernesto Salgado, has been the umbrella organization of volunteers at the forefront of the city's environmental campaign. Among its contributions are the international award-winning Eco-walk environmental and watershed program, the ongoing "Walk, Baguio, Walk" campaign for discipline, and the successful lobby for the proclamation of two city watersheds.

Dubbed "Halika! Baguio", the mass exercise on Nov. 8 is the third charity work-out this year sponsored by Coca-Cola, following those in Cebu and Davao, as part of the company's social responsibility program.

It's fun and the moves are easy, inspired by your day-to-day activities, Coca-Cola assured. You'll learn more about the importance of regular physical activity, balanced nutrition and proper hydration, it added.

Invited to join you are mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and other city officials, Bishop Carlito Cenzon of the Baguio Catholic Vicariate, government and private company employees, civic clubs, students, teachers, soldiers, drivers, police officers, barangay officials and residents.

The calories shed by the exercising community this coming weekend will be totaled as soon as the work-out is over at 8:00 a.m. The figure, converted into pesos, will be reflected on a check to be issued out to the BRM./Ramon Dacawi.

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TRINIBANK - A
RURAL BANK,
Represented by its
manager, Ricardo C.
Solis

*Petitioner-
Mortgagee,*

-versus-

SPOUSES Ramon
Kiswa & Dionesia
Kiswa,

*Respondents-
Mortgagors.*

CASE NO. 08-EXF-
1315

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

NOTICE OF EXTRA- JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by TRINIBANK- A RURAL BANK, a banking institution, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee, with principal business and postal address at Solis Bldg., Km. 5, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet against SPOUSES RAMON KISWA & DIONESIA KISWA, both of legal ages, Filipinos and with residence and postal address at Acop, Tublay, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondents-Mortgagors to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 14, 2008 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND (P1,079,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency.,

excluding running interest, penalty, surcharge, attorney's fees and all other incidental expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on November 25, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG CATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real property including all other rights and improvement or benefits annexed to or inherent, now existing or which may thereafter exist thereon and herein-after called the mortgaged property, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-26210

"A parcel of land (Lot 2-A, Psd-1-015862, being a portion of Lot 2, Psu-198808), situated at Barrio Kapunga, Municipality of Tublay, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE along line 5-1 by Lot 2-B of the subdivision plan; on the SE along line 1-2 by Lot 2-F; line 2-3 by Lot 2-G; on the SW along line 3-4 by Lot 1, Psu-198808; on the NW along line 4-5 by Lot B, Psd-16825 (Fp-7624, Sixto Acop). Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot 2-A, on plan Psd-1-015862 being S. 43 deg., 51"W 309.03 m. from BLBM No. 1, Bo. Of Acop, Tublay, Benguet. Thence S. 15 deg., 46"W., 3.43 M. to point 2; thence S. 15 deg., 46"W., 8.00 M. to point 3; thence N. 72 deg., 31"W., 18.39 M. to point M. to point 4; thence N. 04 deg., 54"E., 11.72m. to point 5; thence S. 72 deg., 31"E., 20.59 M. to point of beginning, containing an area of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THREE (223) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on plan and marked on the

ground as follows points 1, 2, 3, and 5 PS cyl. Conc. mons. 15 x 60 cms.; all the rest by OLD PS cyl. Conc. mons. 15 x 60 cms.; bearings true; date of original survey on February 11, 1963, date of subdivision survey on April 30, 1989, executed by Engr. Isabelo B. Cosalan Jr. under the supervision of Engr. Victor M. Cosalan, and approved on July 17, 1989." Xxx.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 16, 2008 at the same place and time without further notice.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation. Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of Tublay, Benguet, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 27th day of October, 2008.

FOR THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF'S
EX-OFFICIO
OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD)
JOHN MARIE O.
OCASLA
Sheriff IV

Nov 2 - 8 & 15,
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TRINIBANK - A
RURAL BANK,
Represented by its
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Solis

*Petitioner-
Mortgagee,*

-versus-

SPOUSES Rosalinda
M. Alberto & Jose B.
Alberto,

*Respondents-
Mortgagors.*

CASE NO. 08-EXF-
1311

X——X

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

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by TRINIBANK- A RURAL BANK, a banking institution, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee, with principal business and postal address at Solis Bldg., Km. 5, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet against SPOUSES ROSALINDA M. ALBERTO & JOSE B. ALBERTO, both of legal ages, Filipinos and with residence and postal address at 057, Camp Dangwa, Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondents-Mortgagors to satisfy the mortgage indebt-

edness which as of January 14, 2008 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT and 25/100 (P503,198.25) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding running interest, penalty, surcharge, attorney's fees and all other incidental expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on November 25, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG CATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the following described real property with all the buildings and improvements now existing or which may hereafter be erected or constructed thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-50013

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, Psd-CAR-009385) being a portion of Psu-1-006853; situated at rurban code code 131110, Brgy. of Alapang, Mun. of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the S., along lines 1-2-3 & on the SW., along line 3-4 by Serafina Abela; on the NW., along line 4-5 by Clemente Sadurnas; on the NE., along lines 5-6-7-8 by lot 1 of the subd. Plan; on the SE., along line 8-1 by an alley (3.00 m. wide). Beginning at the point marked "1" on plan being N. 56 deg. 59' E., 1040.79 m. from Tri. Sta. "NORTHBASE", La Trinidad, Benguet, thence;

N. 77 deg. 52' W., 3.86 m. to point 2;
N. 87 deg. 28' W., 5.44 m. to point 3;
N. 52 deg. 16' W., 17.32 m. to point 4;
N. 30 deg. 20' E., 11.46 m. to point 5;
S. 69 deg. 25' E., 19.34 m. to point 6;
N. 29 deg. 11' E., 4.98 m. to point 7;
S. 71 deg. 01' E., 2.40 m. to point 8;
S. 17 deg. 17' W.,

22.17 m. to point of beginning.

Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO (362) SQ. METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by Ps. Cyl. Conc. mons. 15 X 40 cms.; except cer. 1, 2, 3, 4 by Old Ps. Cyl. Conc. mons. 15x60 cms. Bearings true; date of orig'l survey on 6/1/85; date of subd. Survey on Jan. 16, 2002; executed by Engr. Antonio V. Abyado and was approved on 04-2002.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 16, 2008 at the same place and time without further notice.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 27th day of October, 2008.

FOR THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF'S
EX-OFFICIO
OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD)
JOHN
MARIE O.
OCASLA
Sheriff IV

Nov 2 - 8 & 15,
2008

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was based on a resolution adopted by the Bayan Park Management and Advisory Board requesting the office of the city mayor for the approval of the BPMAB's project proposal and appropriation of P2 million from the city for the said park.

The BPMAP is an organization of the different sectors of the Aurora Hill community to help maintain and eventually assist in the park's development into a tourism showcase for the barangay and the city.

Among the BPMAB's proposed priority activities in the said project are the budgetary requirements for the perimeter fencing of the park, installation and replacement of park lights and posts, landscaping, construction of structures representing the provinces and cities comprising the Cordillera region and budget for personnel, equipment and gears needed for the park's maintenance.

The board also included in the request for funding a project proposal and feasibility and economic viability study on maintaining the park.

The park which covers 16,062 square meters is straddled by 13 barangays of Aurora Hill district

The area was identified as a park for recreation purposes and ecological balance under Ordinance No. 51 series of 2001.

It is one of the 16 parks in the city which were requested for survey by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Lands Management Services (DENR-LMS).

Rondez' measure will be discussed by the city council soon./Aileen . Refuerzo

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said the global forum on migration and development is one venue where coordinated action among nations can be effectively pursued as this is the "better path than going it alone."

She urged the participants of the Global Forum for Migration and Development to work together for that transformation by ensuring that globalization is for everyone, including migrant workers who contribute much to the economy through their remittances that often buoy up the economy, including that of the Philippines.'

The United Nations Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families constitutes a comprehensive international treaty regarding the protection of migrant workers' rights, emphasizing on the connection between migration and human rights. The Convention aims at protecting migrant workers and members of their families. It sets a moral standard that would serve as a guide and stimulus for the promotion of migrant workers' rights in each country.

The primary objective of the Convention is to foster respect for migrants' human rights, guaranteeing equality of treatment, and the same working conditions for migrants and nationals.

The Convention must have a minimum of

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M A R C I A N A
TALAKAN,
*Petitioner-
Mortgagee,*

-versus-

SPOUSES MARIA
D U Y O T
LAWANGEN, AND
JOSE LAWANGEN,
*Respondent-
Mortgagors.*

CASE NO. 08-EXF-
1306
For:

Extra-Judicial
Foreclosure
of Real Estate
Mortgage
Under Act 315, As
Amended

X——X

NOTICE OF
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by MARCIANA TALAKAN, married, of legal age, Filipino, with residence at Sagada, Mountain

Province, herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee against SPOUSES MARIA DUYOT LAWANGEN AND JOSE LAWANGEN, both of legal age, Filipinos and with residence and postal address at KC-121 Cruz, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondent-Mortgagor to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 5, 2001 amounts to THREE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND (P368,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding interest, attorney's fees and all other related expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will set a public auction on November 11, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real property with all the buildings and improvements now existing or which may hereafter be erected or constructed thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-22100

"A parcel of land (Lot 4-B of the subdivi-

vision plan (LRC) Psd-329615, approved as a non-subdivision project, being portion of Lot 4, Psd-1-06144; L.R.C. Record No. Free pat.), situated in the barrio of Cruz, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 3 to 4, by Lot 3, Psd-1-06144; on the SE, points 4-1, by Lot 4-A of the subdivision plan; on the SW., points 1 to 2 by Lot 8; and on the NW, points 2 to 3, by Lot 1, both of Psd-1-06144, Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N. 42 deg. 42'E., 761.83m. from triangulation station. "North Base", La Trinidad, Benguet, thence N. 51 deg. 41 (W., 14.16 m to point 2; thence N. 45 deg. 17'E., 14.50 m. to point 3'E., 12.20 m. to point 4; thence s. 36 deg. 37'W., 17.12 m. to the point of beginning; containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FOUR (204) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: points 2 and 3, by Old Ps. and the rest by P.S. Cyl. Nons. 15 x 60 cm., bearings true; date of original survey, April 20-21, 1975, and that of the subdivision survey, executed by P. Pagnas, Geodetic Engineer, on May 1975."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 2, 2008 at the same place same place and time without further notice.

Interested bidder/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said property and the encumbrances thereon, if in any there be.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation. Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 13th day of October 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) JOHN MARIE O. OCASLA Sheriff IV

Oct 19 & 26 Nov 2, 2008

So far, those that have ratified the Convention are primarily countries of origin of migrants. No Western migrant-receiving state has ratified the Convention, even though the majority of migrants live in Europe and North America. Other important receiving countries, such as Australia, the Arab states and India, have not ratified the Convention either.

Thus, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, in his opening address at the GFMD2, stressed the need for a "triple win" in dealing with migrants' issues.

He said countries of origin of migrants, receiving countries and the migrants themselves must all benefit from migration.

Some 462 governments are participating in the GFMD2 hosted by the Philippine Government.

be handled by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) will receive a P600-million funding./PIA

20 ratifications before it could be enforced. When El Salvador and Guatemala ratified it on March 14, 2003, this threshold was reached.

As of March 2007, Argentina, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, East Timor, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, the Philippines, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uganda and Uruguay have already ratified the Convention.

In addition, several countries have signed the Convention to express their intention of adhering to the Convention. These are Bangladesh in 1998; Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Paraguay, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone in 2000; Togo in 2001; Cambodia, Gabon, Indonesia, Lesotho, Liberia, Serbia and Montenegro in 2004; and Peru in 2005.

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planning officer Arturo Orig, local police chief Wilfredo Franco, secretary to the mayor Ronald Perez, and public order and safety chief Greg Deligero.

The staff of the Treasury and Planning and Development Offices acts as secretariat for the committee.

It could be remembered erstwhile president Fidel Ramos issued Executive Order (EO) 452, "Providing guidelines to ensure security of registered vendors in the workplace."

The implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of EO 452 provide mayors shall cause the conduct of a survey identifying possible sites for vending. The Sanggunian concerned, within 90-days after such survey are obliged to pass an ordinance to effect the area as a permanent souk.

Records reveal that in 2007, there are over 1,500 vendors spread throughout the Central Business District.

However, observations pertaining to night market experiments of lore revealed the number of vendors practically doubles with the "new faces" that constantly sprout every time calls for registration are made.

Bautista said, "This time it would be different... much as we are giving chance for vendors who shall register to legitimize their business, the IRR likewise provides that only relocated vendors who acquire business permits may be permitted to sell."

"Thus," Bautista explained, "While the EO secures vendors in their respective work places, it does not likewise allow a free-for-all situation where any vendor could just occupy a spot in the identified areas – they have to register first."

He warned, "With an area identified to accommodate vendors who would want to legalize their trade, the city government shall likewise be more stringent against those who fail to register and avail of perks that go with it."/ISL

Solo parent.....**.... from page 2**

kids, needs fund support for her cobalt therapy, the next step after surgery and a six-cycle chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. She's back on duty, on the 7-3 day shift as guard near the emergency room of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center. She can be reached at 09217936655.

Angelix Marie, daughter of a taxi driver, was born with hydrocephalus and epilepsy. Her mother accepts she'll never grow up a normal kid. Nonetheless, she's pleading for support to sustain her baby's daily medications. The family can be reached at 44 Engineer's Hill or through cell phone – 09202923865./Ramon Dacawi.

Tax amnesty**.... from page 2**

linquent in the payment of real property taxes as of December 31, 2007.

The measure provided the amnesty may only be availed within 3-months upon approval by the mayor.

Manaois, hoping the measure would not ripen to an ordinance meanwhile averred the mayor's approval of the measure may only daunt taxpayers who religiously inject city coffers with needed "lifeblood" on time.

She said, "The grant of amnesty is unfair to taxpayers who pay without delay... it is a precedent susceptible to abuse by those who shall be benefited as they may just defer future payments hoping another amnesty may be approved."

"Instead of pampering delinquents, we should have otherwise exerted more efforts educating them about the benefits of paying on time," she added.

Manaois pointed out under Section 276 of the Local Government Code (LGC), an LGU may only grant amnesty to delinquent taxpayers in case of general failure of crops; or substantial decrease in the price of agricultural or agri-based products; or calamity in the LGU concerned.

"These," she said, "are reasons why we never had any tax amnesties since 1994."

Under the measure, an amnesty may only be granted after a taxpayer has explained in an affidavit reasons why he must be benefited by the amnesty.

But a lawyer who spoke on condition of anonymity observed said reasons, may run contrary to the tax principle, "amnesty must be construed against the taxpayer and liberally in favor of the government."

The measure likewise provided grounds upon which an amnesty may be granted including acts of man or fortuitous events.

But the same lawyer said the measure is in danger of being challenged on the ground that "the justifications for its grant discriminate against other taxpayers with no ample support in reason... it is simply too broad, too subjective."

He said, "All persons in the same situation must be treated in the same manner, the conditions not being different both in privileges conferred and liabilities imposed."

"Besides," he added, "The mere fact delinquents can cite fortuitous events in their affidavits are too broad to cover any kind of reason for financial woes."

"Remember, it is not only the City of Baguio which is feels the economic plunge but the rest of the country as well."

He averred, "In several case laws, the Supreme Court consistently pointed out, if none of the conditions to warrant the grant of amnesty under the LGC are present, any act by the local government granting the same is considered to have been done *ultra vires* (beyond its power)."/ISL

Landfill site.....**.... from page 2**

The TWG is scheduled to report to the city council and the City Solid Waste Management Board the results of the assessment next week.

Of the nine prospects, two have been considered as special cases – the open pit mine site in Antamok and the Sto. Tomas property.

The mine site was offered for the city's free use by the Benguet Corporation while the Sto. Tomas site is owned by the city.

So far, the two sites have been touted as the most viable of all the options as landfill stations.

Banez said the Ampucao mine site which offers a long-term solution to the garbage problem can be tapped immediately if developed by phase. So far the city government is laying down parameters for its use with the Benguet Corporation and the Itogon town officials.

The Sto. Tomas lot on the other hand can be developed as a secondary landfill station to supplement the Ampucao site.

While the landfill site selection is still in the pipeline, the city will continue to rely on hauling activities for its waste management until December this year.

Banez said they are now preparing the ground works for the completion of the required measures to rehabilitate the Irisan dumpsite to enable the city to operate it as a temporary sanitary landfill.

Banez said a survey of the dumpsite is in the works to determine the design necessary to fully restore the area.

Works expected to be implemented in the area to prolong the facility's life are sloping, completion of fence, canal and piping system./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Dad urges.....**.... from page 3**

Baguio expressed through greater shares from the Internal Revenue Allotment."

As early as when SM Baguio opened its doors to the Baguio community in 2004, city officials already manifested they wanted the local branch to remit income taxes directly to BIR Baguio.

However, it is only after new SM malls were allowed to operate as head offices were they are located that the proposal may finally be considered.

Meanwhile, city treasurer Thelma Manaois demystified claims of milk and honey should the proposal be approved.

Admitting that local BIR would be benefited as it will be able to surpass its target collections, she however said direct payments would be felt no greater than a feather's touch vis-à-vis the city's coffers.

She said, "We do not really receive our share from BIR collections regularly."

"Besides," she added, "our so-called shares are mere excess in Value Added Taxes collected by BIR."/ISL

AO

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may be issued. A written protest with evidence may be filed within seven (7) days and a hearing would be conducted, otherwise, the complaint is dismissed. A recommendation however may be issued by the committee, otherwise, the demolition order may then be implemented by the CBAO demolition team.

A case for violation of National Building Code of the Philippines may also be filed against the owner of the illegal structure, without prejudice to the issuance of a demolition order.

The AO issued by the mayor is anchored on the Local Government Code; Letter of Instruction (LOI) 19, LOI 691 in relation to PD 1096; City resolution 23, 1990; Tax Ordinance 2000-001; Presidential Decree (PD) 296 and other related laws and ordinances.

The anti-squatting and anti-illegal structures committee as mentioned would have the City Legal Officer as Chairman; and the regular members as, representatives from the CBAO, Philippine National Police-Baguio City Police Office (PNP-BCPO), Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP), and POSD-City Mayor's Office.

Ex-Officio members would be the Department of Public Works and Highways-Baguio District Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO), if and when the case involves national roads; and the City Demolition Team from the CBAO.

The Punong Barangay concerned would also be invited during demolition proceedings./juliefianza

Traffic scheme.....

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still recovering from the accident," Tabanda noted.

"There is an urgent need for the TTMC to determine the steps to be undertaken specially for the safety of motorists who traverse these roads everyday," she said.

If approved, TTMC would be requested to submit to the City Council "an evaluation report regarding the on-going Traffic schemes being experimented upon within the City of Baguio, taking into consideration the easing of the traffic situation, environmental and safety concerns and including recommendations as to what routes should be adopted for the City Council to take the necessary steps to amend existing ordinances."/ Aileen P. Refuerzo

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Sheriff's Public Auction Sale with the Home Development Mutual Fund (Mortgagee) and Sps. Francis and Myrna Nadnaden (Mortgagor) with Case No. 08-Exf-1305 published on the October 12, 19 and 26, 2008 issues of the Junction Newspaper. Indicated therein in the Transfer Certificate of Title is No. T- 58949. The correct Title Number should be **T-58945** instead of what was erroneously published.

Concert

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over the floor were Mike Santos and Criise Control, The Blue Graz composed of lawyers Bubut Olarte, Rolly Vergara, Angie Cabrera and Sara, together with lawyer Nes Mondok, weekly publisher Alfred Dizon, Liza and Sumitra, Dick Oakes. Bolivian flutist Munay and the rock group Dalluyon.

Homecoming Felix Tayaotao, a member of the band of expatriates that did their own concert for another patient here last Oct. 11 in Daly City, California, joined them with his own compositions.

Mark Anthony, younger of two surviving kids of Ernesto Viray, an unemployed taxi and family driver from DPS Compound, was diagnosed last August for Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of the big C that attacks the body's lymph nodes.

Former world traditional karate champion Julian Chees paid for the boy's first two chemo sessions, through the Shoshin Kinderhef Foundation he established with his students in Germany. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes provided the medicines for the third, done the other week.

The boy, wearing a protective medical mask, went to Amarillo on concert night, listening to the initial performers then told his dad he was sleepy and needed to go home.

Responding to Ernesto's appeal for help, the whole DPS barangay council led by punong barangay Narcisa Laguitan, also trooped to the show, the latest in a series of musical fund-raisers for seriously ill and indigent patients that Olarte and other folksingers began in the 1980s.

A lady fan opted to buy a P50 general admission ticket for P1,000. A visitor and mother of two from Manila added P1,000. Another woman signed a check for P500. Jonie Itliong, president of the jeepney driver's federation and a German visitor whipped out P500 each.

So the proceeds won't be whittled down by expenses and rentals, Amarillo manager Novie Balageo offered the establishment, together with its sound system and instruments. Freddie de Guzman, a Baguio boy now living in Canada and a regular supporter of patients here, provided snacks for some of the performers.

Swanny Dicang, who spearheaded the "Operation Sayote" relief operations to lahar-devastated Central Luzon in 1991, picked the beer and finger food tabs of some of the tables.

Newly elected directors Rocky Aliping and Antero Buswilan, both barangay chiefs, used the occasion to treat their campaign supporters, thereby adding to the fund.

"There are many people to thank, including our police officer friends who bought patron tickets even if they didn't come," Fianza said./Ramon Dacawi

Water

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ally limitless power."

But for a few magic seconds in 1997, JET managed to "return 60 percent of the energy it consumed, but that's the best it's ever done and is typical of fusion research all over the world."

Not quite if what four groups this year have witnessed happened during the demonstrations performed by a Filipino engineer-inventor - Mr. Victorio Ayco. Energy was generated by mixing water with limestone and acid plus the so-called Ayco catalyst, under room temperature. Where JET continues to fail to break-even in the energy input-output, and where almost all laboratories the world over chasing after the golden goose of hot fusion after billions of dollars spent continue to struggle to obtain any meaningful results, and where only four of the 5,000 academic journals would barely consider papers which mention low temperature fusion, the Ayco demonstrations appear to be the key to end all the speculation, bickering and uncertainties in the cold fusion controversy.

It was suggested that one way to do an end run around the barrier erected against cold fusion was to manufacture a marketable product, say, a cold fusion water heater and the phenomenon would be undeniable. Well, the Ayco demonstrations invariably generated LPG-like energy which supplied "fire" to a burner and to a torch, and which ran a four-stroke stationary engine and a two-stroke tri-cycle engine. All "simply" from a mixture of your ordinary water tap water and limestone so abundant throughout the country. But what makes it all happen is the chemical catalyst Engr. Ayco has painstakingly developed over 35 years of research and experimentation.

Moreover, there are two other practical devices which utilize the Ayco catalyst to the benefit of the environment and the economy: the AeroNitro and Hybrid Reactor car devices. The first one converts nitrogen in ambient air into nitro gas which is shoved into the intake manifold during air and fuel intake. When nitro gas mixes with the fuel, fuel combustion attains maximum of 99.5 % efficiency and coupled this with the explosion of nitro gas itself as fuel, added power translates into up to 60 % savings on fuel consumption. And since there is almost complete burning of carbons, emission of pollutants is almost completely eliminated, thus more than satisfying the requirements of the Clean Air Act of 1999.

The second device - Hybrid Reactor - splits the atoms of water and utilizes the hydrogen as fuel in a 60-70 % to 30-40 % water-fuel (diesel or gasoline) ratio. This device comes along with water in a plastic bottle and is the authentic Filipino-made hybrid that utilizes water as fuel.

The devices may be fitted singly in any motor vehicle, but when installed jointly, savings in fuel consumption may run as high as over 100 % - a great breather to the economy - and pollution would be reduced to almost nil, thus paving the way to pollution-free cities, starting with our very own Baguio City.

Concert brightens up boy's hope for chemotherapy

They sang mostly folk and country last Tuesday night, and dance buffs who dig rock and roll for the nightly jigs at the former Spirits Disco along Carino St. patiently waited.

Folksinger-turned-columnist March Fianza, who did the groundwork for the evening show, had his fingers crossed that

night that while the bar wasn't jam-packed, people bought enough tickets even if they weren't there.

After all, all the proceeds will be for Mark Anthony Viray, a 10-year old boy who dreams of one day flying an airplane. Hopefully, the amount raised, to be known this week after the remittance of sales, would be enough

for his third chemotherapy in his protracted battle against cancer.

Fianza was encouraged enough that there were more than enough performers – talents drawn from lawyers, newsmen, farmers, professional musicians and such, including those who squeezed time between their hourly sets in other folk dens to be able to sing for the boy.

Among those who made it to the stage before the dancers took

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Water and Limestone to produce Fuel of the Future ?

In the Preface for his book Profiles of the Future, Arthur C. Clark wrote, "It is really quite amazing by what margins competent but conservative scientists and engineers can miss the mark, when they start with the preconceived idea that what they are investigating is impossible. When this happens, the most well-informed men become blinded by their prejudices and are unable to see what lies ahead of them

This could have been a good commentary on what happened after chemists Martin Fleischmann and B. Stanley Pons of the University of Utah announced in a press conference that their recent experiment yielded excess heat or energy under room temperature – prescriptions for the

energy of the future. This announcement unleashed unprecedented controversy and intrigue in the scientific community because what was reported ran contrary to every theory – all theories and all physical laws known to this day tell us that that was impossible.

Further, Fleischmann and Pons suggested that their experiment was very easy to reproduce, and that scaling it up to practical, power-producing devices would not be especially difficult. Less serious shortcoming but significant still, was their initial incomplete disclosure of relevant experimental protocols. These and other "procedural failings" gave "cold fusion" detractors added ammunition to further undermine the two scientists' discovery, and to their being condemned as

imposters and ultimately to their getting exiled by their peers or fellow scientists.

To understand the real story behind the controversy, we need to imagine a four stories-high building housing the Joint European Torus (JET), the largest fusion power experiment in the world lo-

cated in England, where "deuterium gas is energized with 7 million amperes and heated to 300 million de-

grees Celsius – more than ten times hotter than the center of the sun. Under these extreme condi-

tions atomic nuclei collide and fuse, liberating energy that could provide virtu-

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