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Feud Worsens Over Baguio Execs Car Plan Controversy



Soldiers supporting Army Brig Gen Danilo Lim, former vice president Teofisto Guingona and Sen Antonio Trillanes IV walks along the streets of Makati their leaders walked out of a court hearing in Makati City Thursday morning. PNS PHOTO

BAGUIO CITY – The “word war” between city officials over the controversial plan to buy cars has worsened.

Sort of calling Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. “a liar” for denying he knew all along their plan to purchase cars out from the P20 million IRA differential of the city in 2006, enraged councilors lambasted the mayor, vice mayor Daniel Fariñas and councilor Antonio Tabora Jr. for claiming innocence on the plan.

During Monday’s regular session, councilors took turns in venting their ire over denials of Bautista Jr..

Councilor Rocky Balisong, who was the temporary presiding officer of the city council when it approved the “car plan” ordinance

**Ayan na!
nagtuturuan na!
Talaga naman!**

two weeks ago in a manner described by critics as “surreptitious” and done in

haste, said Mayor Bautista approved buying the vehicles. “This (plan) had been discussed several times,” he said. “The mayor knew about this.”

Balisong denied there was wrongdoing in the approval of the measure as the councilors followed the process.

Councilor Nicasio Aliping threatening to abdicate his chairmanship of the important peace and order, human rights and public order committee as a protest explained that they dispensed with the first and second reading and went direct to the third and final reading in approving the measure, which according to councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr., is needed for

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'Most Filipinos Have Second Thoughts On Gov't High Econ Figures'

La Trinidad, Benguet – Most Filipinos are doubting government figures on a rising economy, a study by an independent survey group claims.

“As the Arroyo administration continues to trumpet the country’s economic gains, most respondents to the IBON nationwide continued to doubt government’s hype on the economy,” said Rosario Bella Guzman, IBON executive editor.

Out of 1,498 total respondents around the country, three-fourths said they did not believe there is truth to government’s pronouncements that the

economy has improved, while 12.5% said they believed government claims.

The respondents’ skepticism, Guzman claim, was not surprising considering that most of them said their livelihoods worsened over the course of the past year.

Half of the respondents (50%) reportedly said that their livelihood was worse compared to a year ago, while 6% said their livelihood was better and 42.6% said it was the same.

Those who believed their livelihoods worsened registered a sharp increase from the 41.8% registered at the start of the year, in the January 2007 survey round.

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Baguio boy makes sure ailing girl will complete chemo treatment

When Baguio boy Irwin Ilustre learned that Ericka Madriaga, a 10-year old girl from Loakan Liwanag here had her fifth chemotherapy last Nov. 2, he e-mailed his concern:

“Ericka had her 5th chemotherapy, and doctors prescribed chemo every 21 days. Has she had her 6th chemo yet? I can cover her 6th chemo as it’s past the 21 days already since the last one.”

Ericka, the second of three daughters of a farmer from Tubao, La Union, should be in the fourth grade now. As the school year was ending last March, however, she experienced pain in her right foot.

Doctors confirmed it was due to osteosarcoma, or cancer of the bone. They recommended

six chemotherapy sessions every 21 days, estimated at P8,200 per session.

“Through the assistance extended by some family relatives, welfare agencies and private individuals, (she) was able to complete four sessions,” noted social welfare officer Cynthia Langagan in her social case study report.

Early October, punong barangay Josephine Mariano of Loakan Liwanag wrote a letter-appeal for support. “I am attesting to the indigency and financial incapability of the family to support the medical treatment of their daughter, Ericka,” she said.

Late October, a Baguio-Benguet girl living with her young daughter in Kentucky sent \$200

(converted by the drawee bank at P8,590.70) for whoever needed it most. It was the latest in a series of remittances she made for indigent patients.

Like her previous transmittals, it was to celebrate her having survived breast cancer three years ago. Besides, she added, October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The donation came just when Ericka’s mother Lourdes was out looking for Samaritans. Of the amount, P8,200 paid for Ericka’s fifth chemo last Nov. 2. The remaining amount served as cash gift to Christopher, a special kid who was born with cerebral palsy. The donor met him during her morning

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Tremblor Sends Home Thousands of Baguio Students

BAGUIO CITY – At least 35,000 students in Baguio City, from all levels, were sent home after the intensity 3 tremblor that shook the ground at exactly 12:27 Tuesday afternoon.

The telephone lines of the City Disaster Coordinating Council (CDCC) based at the City Hall was almost smoking from calls of worried parents prompting Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. to order classes in all schools in the city

suspended, said CDCC action officer Atty. Peter Fianza.

But just as the ground was shaking, hundreds of students at the five-storey University of Baguio rushed down to General Luna, the street below it and watched the buildings as if preempting cracks or damage.

Occupants of tall buildings in the Central Business District especially those at the upper floors like at the third floor of Lopez Building, one of the

older buildings along Session Road, felt a stronger sway.

“Mas malakas sa taas,” said University of Baguio nursing student Grace Ang who was then doing her research at an internet shop at the said building.

A group of customers at a Korean restaurant at the de Guia building, also one of the older buildings along Session Road, planned to move down from the fourth floor of the building where the restaurant

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BENECO, City-led 'spaghetti party' intensify 'boodle fight' in CBD

BAGUIOCITY— If you're smellin' Philippine fine dining where a pile of food is dumped on banana leaves and then everybody jostles for position so they can eat as fast as they can using their fingers, think again.

Around 38-giant "chopstick-like" poles are due for the "toothpick factory" before year's end as a "spaghetti party," composed of local utility companies, intensifies tightening up of dangling wires in the Central Business District (CBD).

The Mission: "Operation Spaghetti." The line of attack: a coordinated "boodle fight" to "clean up"

dangerously hanging wires in time for next year's Panagbenga.

In a November 27 meeting attended by representatives from Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO), Bayan Telecommunications (BayanTel), DigiTel Philippines, Pilipino Long Distance Telephone Corporation (PLDT), Mountain View Satellite Corporation (Mountainview), and Sky Cable Novue Cable (Sky Cable), the team led by city administrator Peter Fianza vowed "not to leave a spaghetti wire unswigged from November to December."

Fianza said, "This is just pat of the

utility sector's continuing commitment to give better service to the people of Baguio, assuring them that their safety comes first before income derived from utilities."

"Our friends BENECO, the telecommunication companies, and cable providers have actually started tidying up lines and retiring poles as early as 2006, after the City Disaster Coordinating Council (CDCC) furnished them with a report on poles which have become hazards to life, limb and property."

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DOES THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINE EVEN GET SHORTER? Jobseekers line up in front of the Baguio Convention Center hoping, even against hope, they could finally become productive. With the multitude of jobs fairs all over the country held every year, it seems the line never really get shorter. The 2-day jobs fair was an undertaking by various companies in cooperation with the city government./monch s. david

Kotong Cops Beware "Anti-Kotong Text" Program On

La Trinidad, Benguet – In a renewed drive to weed away the police force from mulcting policemen, Cordillera police this week launched its "txt Anti-kotong" program with optimism the police organization can renew its image into being "good cops".

The organization aims to clean up itself of unscrupulous scalawags that rot (its) image," said Cordillera police director Chief Supt. Eugene Martin, while encouraging all

policemen here to tow the line.

At the Log Cabin in Camp Dangwa, the regional headquarters of the Cordillera police, the "PNP TXT ANTI-KOTONG" was launched also with the pinning of Anti-Kotong Pins to policemen.

Martin again reminded all policemen to do their jobs well while vowing the leadership will take care of their welfare. He warned though they "will not hesitate to punish those who do not do what is good and right".

In the Cordillera police though, said

Martin, kotong cops are not rampant, (but) we should uplift more the image of the police to the citizenry because sometimes, even if we are doing our job, people still doubt what we do and so we must prove to them that we are not corrupt."

The PNP Text Anti-Kotong Project aims to reverse the downtrend of public perception towards the PNP.

This project wants to elicit public support to rally behind the PNP in the fight against corruption or kotong.

A special cellphone number (0927-515-1515) is designated to receive

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Mayor vetoes car plan measure

BAGUIOCITY— Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday vetoed in part Ordinance No. 57, series of 2007, specifically, the car plan for city council members amounting to P15 million; and the purchase of vehicle for the city mayor amounting to P3 million

Ordinance 57 which appropriates P25,265,159 from the excess of the Internal Revenue Allotment of 2006 to fund various priority project concerns was approved by the city council the other week.

Apart from the car plans for the top city officials, other projects programmed under the ordinance were the purchase of vehicles amounting

to P1,665,159 and various barangays projects identified by the city council members amounting to P5,600,000. The said two projects were

not included in the mayor's veto.

In his veto message, the mayor returned the ordinance with the vetoed items on

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

Send us an email at info@hlurb.net or text/call 0917-5069123 and we will post the information at www.hlurb.net.

Magsumbong at mag-ingay para mabawasan ang katiwalian sa Gobyerno!!!

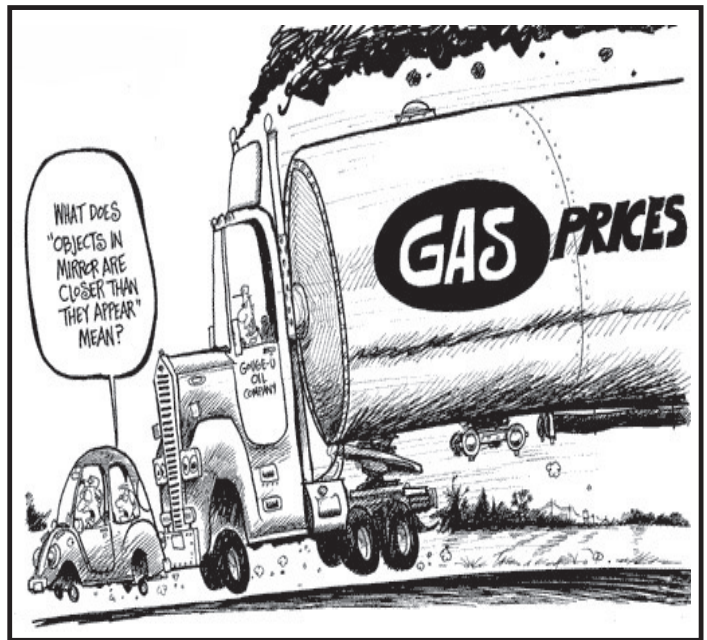
We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet 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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What's In A (Pinoy) Name?

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DIRETSAHAN

“Bomba ni Gloria”

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Malapit na naman ang pasko mga suki at syempre damang dama na natin ang simoy at ihip ng paskong hangin. Panahon na naman para ilabas ang mga nakatagong sweater at jacket.

Naku, siguradong marami na namang maglalaro ng hide en seek sa mga ninong at ninang paalala lang, may kawikaan tayo sa ingles “ITS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE” ninong! Ninang !!!.. pamasko ko poooo!!

En op kors, isang taon na naman ang ating itinanda mga suki! Kelan kaya madadagdagan ang numero ng Bingo?!!! Para naman ang edad ko ay nasa bingo pa rin, aba eh! Malapit na kase akong maging “SENIOR CITIZEN” at tawaging “LOLO” ngeeeek!!

ooOoo

Isang magandang pamasko na ibinibigay ng ating gobyerno sa atin mga suki ay ang kanilang panawagan na tayo raw ay magtipid tipid dahil sa banta ng krisis sa enerhiya at ekonomiya!

Palakpakan! Nananawagan ang ating mga lider gobyerno samantalang marami tayong nakikitang mga nakaparadang mga sasakyan na may pulang plaka kung saan saan, naytklab, videoke bars, massage parlors etceterang mga lugar na hindi natitiyak kung panglakwatsa o pang –opisyal na lakad nila ang mga ito! At ilang beses na ba nating nabalitaang nasa ibang bansa ang ating mga lider? Iyan mga suki ang sinasabi nilang magtipid tipid!

Kamakailan naman ay inaprubahan ng mga onorabel na onsealis... este konsehales pala ang pagbili ng sasakyan para sa kanila at kasama na rito ang para kay bise at meyor. Nasa opisina na raw ito nina bise at meyor para aprubahan naman daw ng dalawa. Ano sa palagay ninyo mga suki, aprubahan kaya nila ito o hindi? He!he! hulaan nyu na lang mga suki.

Matatandaan na ganito rin ang nangyari nung panahon nina APO VERGARING AT DOMOGS kunsan inaprubahan din ang pagbili ng kani kanilang mga cellphone na nagkakahalagang beinte otso mil bawat isa?!! Ang tanong ay kung naibalik sa pag –aari ng lungsod ang mga biniling cellphone pagkatapos ng termino sa mga opisyal na nabigyan!

Eh kung sakali kaya na matuloy naman ang pagbili sa mga sasakyan na nagkakahalaga umano ng kulang kulang sa beinte milyones, isasauli rin kaya ang mga ito, o hindi?

Kunsabagay, ay talagang nakatipid ang ating mga opisyal kung sakaling matuloy nga ito... nakatipid as in nakalibre sila ng dagdag na sasakyan, at kung lalo pang suwertehin, baka malibre pa sa gasolina.. iba talaga ang opisyal, libre na ng sasakyan, libre pa ang mangibang bansa.. at syempre hindi rin nawawala ang mga kaliwa’t kanang bisyong...este

THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Data suggest that mining
does not significantly contribute
to LGU income*

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*20 Million pang Kotse
(Part 2)*

BY ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



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TELL IT AS IT IS

Women or woe to men?

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



A male friend of mine once said ..there are only two classifications of women..the bitch and the babe.I don't know if you will agree with him or not. Anyway, since I have long wanted to write about women (and men, too!) and with much contemplation I decided to put this in this week's column.Initially, I was thinking of writing an article of national interest such as the Manila Peninsula (a hotel in Makati) incident or the curfew that they just implemented on NCR, CALABARZON..the impeachment,, the oil price hike.. the devastating typhoon..the earthquake that hit Baguio (intensity 5), Dagupan(intensity 6) and Manila,.etc. Aware of the fact that there are suckers among us eager to know what men think about women and vice versa..in the hope to bridge the gender differences and differences within a gender, I write this . I know a part of us probably already feel some sickening feeling towards these news of economic, political, social instability..sometimes even mental instability in some humans.

Anyway, going back to what my male friend said about the two classifications of women.He further described the members of each classification.So he said the women of "bitch" composition are the mistresses, the women who jump and suck from one man to another, those who lie incessantly, criticize and say slanderous things about other people, those who marry for money, the goldiggers and the social climbers, heavy smokers and drinkers and end up having one night stands or illicit relationship with their married boss, co-worker or any man they want to victimize.

On the other hand, the babes or the true women.. respectable women are the exact opposite of the bitch who is described as a woe to men.

Maybe this male friend was right or maybe wrong about his classification but he does make sense.As they say.. what is natural will truly come out whether in a fair weather or in a stormy weather of life.

No matter how some women camouflage their bitchiness with fake goodness, it will still show..it is even written all over their face (hahaha).

Although we can not avoid the fact that bitchy women exist in society (the contentious and envious, the mistresses, the slanderers, the goldiggers, the social climbers, heavy smokers, even drug users, women who destroy marriages and families without saying sorry) Each and every woman should make a conscious effort not to be like them.. although it is true that they have their story to tell but some of these bitchy women are bitches by choice..you know, they think they are powerful by being a bitch ..come on! what a crooked philosophy. I pity their sons and the men in their life...

But as the saying goes " what goes around, comes around".."what you sow, you will reap" and " goodness always prevail against evil" ..these bitches or woes to men (and maybe not just towards the male specie but mankind as a whole) will have their time of reaping of their deeds.We all take responsibility for our choices in circumstances and in what life put us through.

So woman, are you a bitch or a babe?

Are you a woman or a woe to man?

(and to you gentlemen don't laugh your heart out yet coz you too have issues you know)

For your comments and suggestions, problems that need advice or tips email me @jennyjlaw@yahoo.com

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR DEAR READERS.. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO WROTE ME , SENT MESSAGES (Mr. George,Ms. Lita, Mr .Ronald, Ms. Ivy, Mr. Jo. Pam, Myra. Marco I will be answering your letters..Thank you so much)

My greetings to the Junction staff and Mr. Aquino, Teacher Liberty and Teacher Mariel, BGHMC and WCPU Staff, Jena, Cathy, Jean,

Teachers complain of non-payment of honorarium in barangay and sk election

LAGAWE,Ifugao- Public School Teachers in the different municipalities of this province who served during the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections last October 29 are complaining about the non-payment and reduction of their honorarium for their respective duties.

They said that they were disheartened to receive only P1,000 instead of the P2,000 promised to them for their services during the elections as members of the Board of Election Tellers (BETs). They were also saddened when they were not paid their honorarium for their service in handling the extended days of receiving registration applications of the SK members.

For these they are blaming the Commission on Election (COMELEC) especially its field officers for the fiasco and of suspicion of misappropriating the funds which the Provincial Election Supervisor (PES) here avidly deny.

In his narrative report submitted by PES Ricardo Bulintao submitted to the COMELEC Main Office in Manila , he said that he is pained to hear that the field offices and personnel are blamed and accused for the problem they did not commit.

Bulintao stated that synchronized October 29,2007 Barangay and SK Election was conducted peacefully and successfully in the province with the active participation of the Department of Education, Treasury Offices of the different local government units and the Philippine National Police.

Counting of votes also went on as scheduled in all the precincts with no untoward incident or any election related violence reported by virtue of the aggressive efforts made by its field officers in maintaining an atmosphere of peace and honesty during the election.

He was disappointed that despite these efforts and aggressiveness, the peaceful election only created personal problems on their part because of the false accusations imputed to them on the reduced and non-payment of the honorarium of the public school teachers.

He said that the problem should not be blamed on them but to their Main Office because they are the ones who have the appropriation power and authority to decide on election money matters.

The problem arose when during the briefing of the members of the BETs by the COMELEC, they were informed that the maximum honorarium is P2,000 but after such briefing, the COMELEC Main Office abruptly communicated to the field officers COMELEC Resolution 8321 decreasing the amount of P2,000 to P1,000 and an additional P500 for members of canvassers.

Because of this, there was already no time to inform the members of the BETs on their reduced honorarium and it is now very hard on the part of the field officers to appease the disgruntled BETs who received only half of their honorarium instead of what they expected.

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Ifugao LGU partners with private entities for adopt a school program

LAGAWE, Ifugao-In line with the Department of Education's Adopt a School Program, the local government unit (LGU) here in partnership with SN Aboitiz, the National Book Development Board (NBDB) and Asia Foundation will establish one library in every school in the barangays here.

Ms Sahron Sarol, Private Secretary said that there will be one library in the 20 barangays here in the next two years.

The adopt a school program is a program of the present administration which allows private entities to assist a public school in a particular aspect of its educational program preferably located in any of the 20 poorest provinces identified by the Presidential Council for Countryside Development or

any other government agency tasked with identifying the poorest provinces in, but not limited to, the following areas: staff and faculty development for training and further education, construction facilities, upgrading of existing facilities, provision of books, publications and other instructional materials; and modernization of instructional technologies.

Sarol said that the LGU has done initial negotiations with Asia Foundation which donated an initial two boxes of books. She added that with the assistance of SN Aboitiz, the owner of the Magat Dam located in Alfonso Lista, they also received one box of books from Haggiyo Foundation.

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benepisyong natatanggap. Maka OVER or UNDER D TABLE na mga biyaya... at hanep, di ba mga suki ang swerteng dumarating sa ating mga Sir at Mam?., ang mahirap, baka pagdating ng araw, eroplano o bapor naman ang kanilang hihilingin (cellphone noon, kotse ngayon)... baka pati mga Barangay Tangad.. este Tanod. Hihiling na rin ng kanya kanyang kotse...sumaryosep... kotse na ..este konsensya asan na kayo?? GISIING!!

..... At habang sinusulat ko ang kolumn na ito ay may natanggap akong report mula sa aking "bubuwit" na hindi raw "pabor" si mayor" sa naaprubahang panukala na ito, na ayon ay marami pa raw ang dapat na mga prioridad.

Naku salamat at dininig ni lord ang aking panalangin at nagising din ang mga natutulog na konsensya. Saludo ako sa iyo mayor, ganyan nga, ipaglaban mo ang dapat, period!..

MGA BILYARANG GINAGAWANG PRENTE NG SUGALAN!!

Kung noon mga suki ay ginagawang prente ng sugalan ang peryahan o karnabal ngayon naman ay bilyaran! Ang mga sugarol basta't mairaos ang bisyo gagawa't gagawa ng paraan para lang makasugal, pati bilyar ginagawa ng laro ng pustahan at sugal.. eksampol na lang yung bilyaran sa may DAgothoy Street. Makikita mong maraming miron, pero ano ka, binabantayan nila ang kanilang Pusta.... Imbes pulat puti, winner or loser ang "kalag" at hindi naman halata dahil legal ito kung titignan, di ba???? Obyuuuus!!!

.... At kung merong sugalan sa bilyaran, meron ding "Bugawan sa mga videoke bars at mga music bars", Naglipana ang mga akala mo'y mga kostumers, yun pala'y mga "Naghahada" sa halagang P 1, 500.00 bawat sebisyon "short time" P500.00 ang nupupunta sa "bugaw" at P 1, 000.00 para sa "serbisyon short time" kung medyo may "class" P 2, 000.00 hanggang P 2, 500.00 ang "palo".

Kung tawagin ang mga ito'y mga "freelance prosti" dahil walang mga lisensya, kayat enter at your own risk

Ika nga, baka malibre pa kayo ng VAT veneral at tulo na sakit!! He!he!..... at kung gusto mu naman ng talagang mura as in. "Economy Package" na "Affordable", punta lang kayo sa ibaba ng oberpass sa kanto ng upper magsaysay at bonifacio st.... maraming mga "Masaysay Express Girls Doon", siguraduhin nyo lang na itago ang inyong wallet at cellphone at baka kase kayo bigyan ng libreng "Ativan"

At kung gusto nyo naman ng "Instant", maraming nagkalat na baklang bugaw, may "Yellow Page" directory ang mga ito sa kanilang cellphone,.. isang tawag at text lamang, darating na ang order na SM (sexy o macho) magtanong lang kayo sa mga bar mga suki at kilala na kung sino ang mga ito!.

O, ano pa ang hinihintay ninyo, larga na at ingat ano rin ang hinihintay ninyo mga bosing diyan sa Baguio Health Dept? Hihintayin nyo pa ba na lalong dadami ang mga nakakahawang sakit na dulot ng hindi nababantayang mga aktibidad na ito? **Aksyon na.**

Ayon sa aking "Bubuwit" baka raw sa unang linggo ng Disyembre sa taong ito na sisimulan ang pagbabalik ng "Bingo sa Barangay" at kung totoo man ito, mukhang nabibilang na ang maliligayang araw ng mga anak ng JUETENG at syempre ang pagwawakas ng kabanata sa JUETENG NILUDING..... HARINAWA!.

Nagkalat na naman ang mga "Text Messages" na nangongotong na naman daw ako sa isang illegal na pasugalan, ... at kasama ko pa raw ang isang ex policeman?!! Naku.... Hindi po ako ganyan "CHEAP" Saan kaya ang pasugalang ito para "Masampolan?"

Siguradong ang mga PIKON NA TIMAWA na naman ang may "Pakana Nito!" Nakasagasa na naman yata ako ng hindi ko alam! TABI TABI PO!

Mukhang NAGPAPAKITANG GILAS lang yata ang demolisyon ng POSD dahil noong bago pa lang sila panay ang matatagumpay na operasyon. Pero ngayon balik na naman ang mga matitigas na ulong vendors at mukhang libre na naman sila sa bulabog mula sa ating POSD. Nagkalat ang mga vendors diyan sa mga oberpass kunaan nahihirapan nang dumaan ang mga tao!

Ano sey ninyo ditto kayo diyan sa POSD? Sana ay nagkamali ako ng palagay na ningas kuno lamang kayo! HOY GISIING!

..... At kelan pa kaya mareresolba ng ating mga opisyal ang problema sa ating basura? Marami na naman ang nagkalat at namamahong mga hindi nakokolektang basura!

Inuuna kase nila ang kanilang "Pakulo" kesa sa totoong ikalulutas ng problema... at inuuna rin nila ang pagkuha para sa kanilang mga sasakyan kesa sa pagkuha ng sasakyang panghakot! MAAWANAMAN KAYO!

Hanep din itong si "Senator Elect" ANTONIO TRILLANES at ang kanyang magulo...este Magdalo mga suki dahil matindi talaga ang kanilang mga fighting spirit! Aba! Biruin ninyo na nagpunta lang sa korte para sa kanyang hearing kasama si General Danilo Lim, nag walk-out, nagmartsa tumuloy at kinubkob ang Manila Pen at nagpahayag ng pag-alsa laban sa administrasyon!

..At nakisawsaw din sa eksena sina dating Bise Presidente Teofisto Guingona, Father Robert Reyes at si Bishop

..At tulad ng dati na parang sirang plaka, isinisigaw nila ang pagbibitiw sa puwesto ni PGMA at lintek din syempre ang diyologo ng mga KSP na hindi raw sila susuko at doon na daw sila mamamatay para daw sa bayan at pagbabago...Palakpakan natin sila sa galing nila mga suki, dahil tear gas pa lang, bumigay na sila!..oh di ba?!!

Hindi ko sinasabi na mali ang ginagawa nitong si Tili..inis..este TRILLANES at kanyang magulo...este MAGDALO group... ang sinasabi ko lang ay mukhang pabarabara at nagmamadali na wala man lang sa akmang pagpapalano ang mga kilos nitong si Trillanes, kaya't hayun na pati taumbayan na susuporta sana nabigla kaya't ang kanilang "kudeta'y pumalpak!!

Isa pa na dapat bigyan ng pansit...este pansin ay ang pulisya na itrinatong parang mga puganteng rebelde ang ibang kapatid sa media na wala namang kasalanan kundi gampanan lamang ang kanilang mga tungkulin!!baka nakakalimutan ng mga pulis na katulad nila ay napakadelikado ring trabaho ang nagkokober na media sa mga kaganapan!

...at kelan din kaya matututo itong mga magulo...este Magdalo Oakwood noon na Manila Pen ngayon, saan naman kaya ang susunod. Pero sa palagay ko. Magtatagal sa pagkakakulong ang senador at mga kaalyado dahil sa patong patong na kasong ihahain sa kanila!

Samantala...abangan na lang natin mga suki ang susunod na kabanata, sa ngayon ay pansamantalang nakangiti sa tagumpay ang mga "timawang buwaya" sa Malakanyang! KAWAWANG PINOY!

Greetings to the Elected Barangay
Officials and SK Chairperson at
**MALCOLM SQUARE
BARANGAY**

WILLIAM DOM OGEN
Punong Barangay

**ALI BARAMBANGAN
LIDASAN ABDUL MADID
JEFFERSON LAWIYAN
SAIMA BANIAGA
MARCELO BAYO
DENNIS AMPARO
FERNANDO SORIANO**

Kagawads

KAREN SALINGBAY
SK Chairperson

**GREETINGS FROM: FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS
CONSTITUENTS and THE JUNCTION**

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

IN THE MATTER FOR THE PETITION OF CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ROSELIA CAOILI-BALUBAR,

ROSELIA CAOILI-BALUBAR, Petitioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, Respondent.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 07-C-1439

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court will order the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to change the following entry in her Birth Certificate: 1.Date of Birth from AUGUST 23, 1967 to AUGUST 23, 1969;

2.First Name from ROSILIA to ROSELIA;

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

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

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than November 18, 2007.

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

SO ORDERED.

This 26th day of October 2007 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(sgd.) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr. Presiding Judge

November 17, 24 and December 1, 2007

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF La Trinidad, Benguet

ARTEMIO A. PALANGDAN, Mortgagee

-versus -

SOFIA SAINGAN, DARIO SAINGAN, and ELEUTERIO REYES,

Mortgagors.

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE, Under Act No. 3135, as amended

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 05-EXF-1055

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by ARTEMIO A. PALANGDAN, of legal age, Filipino, married to Marina Palangdan, and with postal address at Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Mortgagee against SOFIA SAINGAN, of legal age, Filipino, widow, and with postal address at Asia, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet, DARIO SAINGAN of legal age, Filipino, married and with postal address at Asia, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet, ELEUTERIO REYES, Filipino, of legal age, married and with postal address at No. 65 Upper Engineers Hill, Baguio City, herein referred to as the Mortgagors, to entry the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition amount to ONE MILLION (Php1,000,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, charges and penalties, plus the sum equivalent to ten (10%) of the remaining total ablations due and outstanding as attorney's fees, besides expenses of foreclosure and soled secured by the aforesaid mortgage.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on DECEMBER 17, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock in the

morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan Bldg., Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described unregistered parcel of land, including all improvements existing or which may be introduced thereon, to wit:

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-001-00809 (Previously 94-001-00715)

"A parcel of unregistered land in the name of Mortgagor SOFIA A SAINGAN located at Adapang, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet, Philippines, particularly described under the covering Assessment of Real Property No. 99-001-00715 (now T.D. No. 99-001-00809) of the property index of Tuba, Benguet for the year beginning with 1994, as follows:

Boundaries: North-Remedios Abat South-Saguilec Sacay East - Public Land West - Public Land

Area: 10,000 square meters Assessed Value: Php 2,690.00 Present Possessor: The above-named mortgagor

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

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

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 19th day of November, 2007.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFFS EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (sgd.) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

November 24, December 1 & 8, 2007

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF La Trinidad, Benguet

JESUS C. BAYAWA, Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. PATRICIO COFOLAN, JR. and EDITH COFOLAN,

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 07-ExF-1238

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by JESUS C. BAYAWA, herein referred to as the Mortgagee against SPS. PATRICIO COFOLAN, JR. and EDITH COFOLAN, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, and with residence and postal address at Kapunga, Tubay, Benguet, herein

referred to as the Mortgagors. On October 13, 2004, respondents executed a Deed of Real Estate Mortgage over the property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-51094 of the Office of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Benguet, together with all the improvements existing thereon, to secure a loan of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND (P370,000.00) PESOS, which was amended on January 30, 2007, with respondents executing a Renewal and Amendment of real Estate Mortgage to indicate the total indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition amount FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND (Php 555,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, representing the principal obligation but excluding interest, penalties, attorney's fees and charges incidental to the foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on DECEMBER 27, 2007 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 hereunder described real property, including any and all improvements found therein.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-51094 (Registry of Deeds-Province of Benguet)

"A parcel of land (Lot D -2-k of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-38763), being a portion of Lot D-2, LRC Psd-21407, LRC Record No. _____), situated in the Barrio of Kapunga, Municipality of Tublay, Sub-province of Benguet, Mt. Province, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 1 to 2 by Lot C Psd- 16825; on the SE., points 2 to 3 by Lot D-2-J on the SW., points 3 to 4 by Lot D-2-ZZ; and on the NW., points 4 to 1 by Lot D-2-L; all of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S. 8 deg. W., 2119m. From B.L.B.M no. 1, Kapanga, Tublay, Benguet; Thence x x x x x containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) SQUARE METERS, more or less." (Pls. see complete technical description of TCT No. T-51094 of the Registry of Deeds of Benguet).

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

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

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La Trinidad, Benguet, This 26th day of November, 2007.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFFS EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

December 1, 8 and 15, 2007

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
ALPHA FADLEN
Applicant/s
Case No. 2002-BC-396
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 18, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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, or within five days from receipt of the notice, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and may if they so desire appear during the set 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 it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 24th day of November 2007.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
EDITHA B. CARREON - Assignor
RUBENA A. CARREON - Assignee
Applicant/s
Case No. 2004-BAG-CAR-1131/2007-CAR-0355
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for Assignment and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA- TUDING and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 18, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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.
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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 it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 22th day of November 2007.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Kotong cops... from page 3

a feedback from the public.

Martin said a dedicated information system for PNP Text Anti-Kotong will be manned 24/7 to process text messages in real time.

Actually, around the country, operating teams who will conduct case build-up and entrapment operations are organized in every Police Regional Office and NCR District Offices.

These operating teams are on stand by 24/7 for prompt

response to kotong complaints.

Cases filed against arrested suspects shall be properly monitored until the final verdicts are reached.

We will try to regain the trust and confidence of the public by promptly attending to all reports of corruption and by encouraging them to report corrupt activities, added Martin. "This will also improve the image of the PNP and its relationship with the public it serves and protect as reform and

Mayor vetoes... from page 3

account that the car plan "is certain to be declared inoperative by the Department of Budget and Management under its power of review."

The mayor said a previous opinion from the DBM on a similar case indicated that the car plan "runs counter to the time-honored principle that government/public funds/money shall be used only for public purposes..."

The mayor said the DBM even "emphasized the message that 'government vehicles should not ultimately be owned by, or transferred to the user official or employee.'"

Last Tuesday, the mayor in a press briefing announced his decision to veto car plan saying this will be anchored on the propriety of using the term "car plan" which he said is not allowed under

government accounting procedures, and not on the whether these vehicles are needed or not.

"Upon receipt of the ordinance yesterday, I noticed that the exact word they used was indeed car plan and I believe that the car plan is not possible in government accounting procedures so I have no recourse but to veto the legislative action," the mayor said.

"It is not for me to say whether these vehicles are urgently needed or not. I agree that the council needs service vehicles since the two vehicles assigned to them are old and dilapidated. What they did (of approving the vehicle purchase) is not really unethical. The only problem is the word that they used is inappropriate," the mayor explained.

development partners."

Meanwhile, In the Cordillera, administrative cases had been filed against PNP personnel for various offenses.

Eight (8) Non-commissioned personnel were dismissed, one (1) Non-commissioned and one (1) commissioned officer were demoted, seven (7) PNCOs and one (1) PCO were suspended and one (1) PNCO and three (3)

PCOs were exonerated.

A total of 17 admin cases were filed involving 22 respondents.

Martin said that appropriate action should be done to discipline offenders and face the consequences of their actions so that others will not follow.

Complaints against erring policemen may be now be reported through the PNP text 2920 and Patrol 117 and now the PNP Text Anti-Kotong hotlines./Artemio A. Dumlaog

A car plan scheme with the government would mean that the city government will purchase the vehicles for the officials' use. The officials using the vehicles would then pay the city government on an installment basis until they complete the payment and the cars would eventually become theirs.

"I noticed that the exact word they used was indeed car plan and I believe that the car plan is not possible in government accounting procedures so I have no recourse but to veto the legislative action," the mayor said.

During the press briefing, the mayor downplayed seemingly brewing conflict between him and the councilors over the issue saying this was only a case of miscommunication.

He said he is open to a dialogue with the legislative body to thresh out the issue.

The possibility of a dialogue was broached earlier at the city council after the members voiced over their sentiments earlier pronouncements over the matter.

"I believe the relationship between the executive and legislative departments remains to be very good," the mayor said adding the issue on appropriations is part of the government's system of "checks and balances./aileen p. refuerzo

Ifugao LGU... from page 6

Meanwhile, a readership seminar for English and Filipino public elementary, school teachers and a training program on the establishment of reading centers or libraries was recently held here.

These projects are in line with our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) thrust to assist our host communities in knowledge-building," said Rodolfo Azanza, CSR and External Relations Manager of SN Aboitiz Power. Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao

Yolanda Manghi, Teacher-In-Charge of the Cudog Elementary School, also disclosed said the

Lorma Colleges, San Fernando La Union has Chosen their school as a recipient of a Reading Literacy and Computer Competency Training and a sharing of best practices by the Lorma Colleges which will be conducted for the benefit of teachers on December 6-7.

Jose Maingang, President of Lorma Colleges made commitments to see other possible assistance they could offer to benefit pupils after the conduct of the training.

Schools Division Superintendent, Officer-In-Charge (SDS-OIC) Estella Carino is calling on the private sector to invest in schools in the barrios under the Adopt-A-School

program to provide learning opportunities for all despite its limited resources.

Assistance can be provided through the Early Reading Skills Package that aim to strengthen student's reading skills; School System Conversion Package that allows students to learn ICT and other alternative means; and Basic Education Completion Package that helps improve student participation and completion.

They could also opt to assist in the building of classrooms and multi-grade schools as well as in the improvement of the competencies of teachers./PIA-CAR

Tremblor... from page 2

is, had the swaying continued more.

The tremblor lasted for at least six seconds.

"We wanted to avoid panic and for us to assess the possible damage," mayor Bautista Jr. said as he immediately convened disaster management officers for reports.

The police and the fire department were also dispatched to assist and rove around the city to check on residents and buildings.

After the suspension of classes, thousands upon thousands of elementary, high school and college students filled up the

streets mostly heading home.

Some worried parents though rushed to their kin's schools to fetch their children home.

Benguet province Nestor Fongwan has also

directed disaster management officials in the province to assess the situation and determine if there were damages in the province, although no casualties were reported./Artemio A. Dumlaog

Most filipinos... from page 2

The IBON October nationwide survey was conducted from October 1 to 9, 2007 with a margin of error of plus or minus three percent, Guzman said.

Similarly, more respondents said there were no available jobs/livelihood opportunities in their area.

More than one third (43.3%) of respondents said there were no available livelihood opportunities in their area, 25% said there were, and 27% said there were but not enough.

In the January survey round, 35.5% said there were no jobs in their area, 21.8% said there were, and 37.6% said there were but not enough./Artemio A. Dumlaog

Feud worsens.. from page 1

them to serve the people of Baguio better "with better mobility".

Councilors also berated the mayor for claiming in public the councilors closed their eyes on priority projects and pressing problems on the "stinking" garbage crisis in the city and lack of police mobility. "We approved projects for barangays so it is not correct to say we disregarded priority projects," Balisong added.

Councilor Nicasio Palaganas also chided Mayor Bautista Jr. for claiming they "railroaded the ordinance" to gain "pogi points" to the public. "We are not rascals," insisted the councilor who took exception on news reports branding the 14-member city council as "official gluttons". "Criticisms against us are so derogatory," he

lamented, adding, at their expense, the mayor gained good points.

Evangelical pastor-councilor Galo Weygan also invoked that between them and mayor, the Baguio people knows who is telling the truth. "Let the public be the judge," he said as he also insisted like his colleagues, the need for providing councilors vehicles, which are anyway public properties and never theirs. He also forewarned, this issue can be a hot issue in the 2010 election where, he said, "I will defend this issue."

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, who also insisted they are entitled to have service vehicles, also blamed vice mayor Fariñas for insisting innocence while the earlier did not hear him

protest against the plan when they were discussing it. The vice mayor however denied he knew about the plan and belied he became part of the meetings about it.

Balajadia, chairman of the environment committee, went on berating also the city executive for not telling all along there is a need for more garbage trucks, while insisting that the city does not need more of these trucks because the piling garbage problem along Baguio streets is because of the strict implementation of the no-segregation no collection policy in the city.

The councilor, a former city fiscal said he suspects that the mayor has "spinned" this issue to get back at them when they refused to approve the mayor's P18 million proposal for books and P12 million collapsible parking project.

Neophyte councilor Fred Bagbagen explained the parking and book allocation projects were held in abeyance because they sensed "corruption".

"But do you really need vehicles to serve us?" asked public policy graduate student Marivic Madayag who braved the city councilors during the "citizen's forum" portion after the council session.

Madayag, together with some 1,000 signatories of a position paper opposing the car plan, instead said "the issue is not about who is telling the truth but why the ordinance is passed." She argued the car plan is not indicated as claimed by the councilors in the city's Medium Term Development Plan. "As a student of public policy," she reminded the councilors, "you

should be always thinking of the good of the majority." She added, "will it make you less efficient if you do not have cars?"

"Denial Too" In a hastily called press conference on Tuesday morning at his office, the mayor denied he lied when he claimed innocence. All along, he said, he was telling the councilors the car plan might not pass government accounting rules.

Letter of Intent number 667 of the Commission on Audit Circular on the procurement of Government Vehicles only allows city mayors and department heads service vehicles and never with legislators.

Section 451 of Article 11, Title 7 (Purchase with Specific Requirements) in the January 1992 Government Accounting and

Auditing Manual also only prescribes city mayors and heads of departments to have service vehicles.

Insisting further that he did not lie and took exception in the claim that councilors railroaded the local law, mayor Bautista Jr. who vows he will veto the car plan measure, maintained that "it is alarming why councilors have dispensed with the first and second reading (of the measure)."

It is unfortunate that they did not listen to my opinion," the mayor further said as he maintained that the misunderstanding is no infighting over anything, but a regular "checks and balances" as how governments would be.

But still, Bautista Jr. said, "the councilors are barking at the wrong tree" when they are calling him liar./Artemio A. Dumlaog

Teachers.. from page 6

He recommends that in order not to repeat these mistakes, there should be permanence of COMELEC policies during elections because fickle minded procedures are dangerous.

Furthermore, COMELEC Main Office should decentralize to field offices all election functions that can be properly addressed in the field and the management and expenditures of all matters is better left to the discretion of the stakeholders. **Dan B. Codamon/PIA Ifugao)

Meanwhile, based on the data gathered from COMELEC in the province, there is only 74.5% voter's turn-out for the barangay poll while the SK registered a

high 88.76% voter's turn-out.

There are 98,422 total registered voters for the barangay level election in the entire province of Ifugao but only 71,969 voters actually voted while in the SK there are 8,163 registered voters with 7,191 who actually voted.

According to the COMELEC, the low voter's turn-out in the barangay level can be attributed to the non-deactivation of some voters who did not vote during the last election and that many registered voters in Ifugao who reside in other provinces did not bother to come home and vote.

On the other hand, there is high turn-out in the SK level because the youth are very enthusiastic as it is their first time to register and exercise their right of suffrage.

The Municipality of Hingyon registered the lowest voter's turn-out with only 4,544 who actually voted from its total registered voters of 6,944 for a 65.44% followed by Hungduan with 69.66% of which only 3,671 actually voted out of its 5,270 registered voters.

Meanwhile, Alfonso Lista has a 80.57% voter's turn-out of which 11,705 actually voted out of its 14,527 registered voters.

For the SK election, Hingyon topped the list of voter's turn-out with 95.74% of which 494 actually voted from its 516 registered voters followed by Lagawe with 93.81% of which 728 actually voted from its 776 total registered voters.

According to many observers, there is great enthusiasm among the SK members in

participating during this year's political exercise that may explain the high turn-out of votes. Another reason could be because the election period is very close following their registration as voters.

However, some observers noted that some SK candidates resorted to dirty tricks just to win the election abetted by their parents, relatives and friends which bode for a negative future of young dirty politicians.

Furthermore, they surmise that the great motivating factor inducing the youth to enter politics are the lucrative expectations and considerations they may derive from the positions as they witness in the media and in day to day political affairs of our country. /Dan B. Codamon/PIA Ifugao

Kalinga's hunger mitigation plan out

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – The province has come out with its Hunger Mitigation Plan to address malnutrition and poverty in line with the national government's agenda as contained in President Arroyo's thrust of governance.

The plan designed by the Provincial Nutrition Council (PNC) has five major areas of activities on food supplemental program, crop production, livelihood program, food for work program and advocacy-social mobilization.

Food supplementation which carries out direct distribution of food is patterned after the national program of giving 1 kilo rice to school children everyday in 4 months.

Aside from the food provision, children are also motivated to report to school daily crediting the activity double marks for children.

In the province, Pasil, Tinglayan and Rizal municipalities are identified as pilot areas of the activity, being classified as poorest towns in terms of income class.

For crop production, the plan listed procurement and distribution of certified Unoy rice seeds to improve production of the upland rice now gaining wider demand in international market. There is also the introduction of advance technology to Unoy farmers to enhance their production.

The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist is advancing the Gulayan para sa Masa as component of this activity where assorted certified vegetable seeds are distributed to farmers, coupled with range chicken or sasso.

On livelihood, small business entrepreneurs are given micro-credit assistance to provide them seed capital for micro-enterprise projects. To augment income source, beneficiaries are offered projects on poultry raising at municipal levels.

Food for work program aims to tap poor families in government infrastructure project sites as source of labor. Kalinga today is opening a number of infra-projects under the Department of Public Works and Highways.

To let the plan generate awareness and support, the council will conduct massive advocacy and education through broadcast and print media. ***L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

Beneco... from page 3

television cables to new concrete BENECO poles was agreed upon during a meeting among representatives of the city, BENECO and the companies as early as March 2006.

Since last year and despite nil reminders from the city government, BENECO stood pat with its commitment to improve its poles and lines, constantly reminding other

utility companies of scheduled pole retrievals.

"Operation spaghetti," Fianza related, "was actually sparked by the most recent schedule for pole retrievals submitted to us by BENECO."

"We were just here to make the job easier for the companies involved by gathering them up to make the efforts concerted... credit already goes to

BENECO however for continuing what we have started last year," he added.

He assured, "The public doesn't need to worry about power outages as the operations shall be swift."

Earlier, Engr. Ricardo Pallogan, BENECO operations and maintenance department manager furnished companies pictures of poles located along Marcos Highway,

Military Cut-off, Kennon Rd., Kisad Rd. and Legarda Rd.

"Please facilitate immediate removal of your cable attachments from old poles and transfer them to the new ones so as not to impede our clearing operations come scheduled pole retirements," Pallogan said.

With the recently conducted meeting called by Fianza however, the spaghetti party agreed to do the clearing job starting from the CBD going out to other parts of the city as their contribution in the upcoming flower fest./ISL

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walks at the Wright Park two years before she resettled in the United States.

Last weekend, Irwin, who is now based in Canada, learned of Ericka's need to have her last chemotherapy. He called up his sister Juliet to make sure the treatment

protocol would be completed.

Juliet found Ericka was back in the hospital, this time due to tonsillitis. She handed Lourdes, the girl's mother, P13,500, just to be sure it was enough for the procedure. Ericka was the latest patient here that Irwin, through his

sister, had reached out to.

Lourdes, a seamstress, is the lone breadwinner in the family. Her husband Ricardo used to work in a farm in La Union but later quit due to poor health.

"Siya po ang nagbabantay sa aming mga anak," Lourdes said./ Ramon Dacawi.

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MINA'S PATH OF DESTRUCTION. Volunteers and members of the City Disaster Coordinating Council headed by Action Officer and City Administrator Peter Fianza inspect an eroded portion of road along Upper Pinget barangay asses the damage and put counter measures to prevent further erosion during the height of Typhoon Mina Nov.26.— Photo by Bong Cayabyab

9 Killed, 9 Seriously Hurt in Mountain Province Mishap

La Trinidad, Benguet – Nine were killed and another nine were seriously hurt when a passenger jeep bound for Besao town in Mountain Province dived into a deep ravine along the dirt highway in Mountain Province minutes before noon Wednesday.

Engr. Jojo Valera of the Office of Civil Defense said the passenger jeepney with plate number AYC 448 where the victims were riding was passing through the dirt highway when the accident occurred.

The driver, Engr. Valera said, tried to avoid a lumped sand and boulders, but failed to get the

jeepney on its track and fell into the ravine.

Mountain Province policemen and bystanders helped retrieve and rescue the victims Valera identified those 9 killed as: Dead Adelyn Bad-ay; John Botengan Sr.; Philip Aida Sr.; Tuesday Bigalan; Rosa Bal-i; Paulyn Boko; Francis Buyagan; Bellana Balisong; and Cynthia Banga-an.

Authorities also named those seriously hurt as: Saturnina Tade; Sylvia Balangyao; Libby Tadi; Lyn Payangdao; Feliza Balaw-is; Janice Bayden; Billana Bayudang; Daniel Tano and Eduardo Masweng, the jeep's driver.

The victims were rushed to the St. Theodore's hospital in

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Sagada town proper and Bontoc Provincial Hospital.

The casualties of the ill-fated jeepney according to Valera were brought to the morgue unit of the Bontoc Hospital.

Wednesday morning's accident is yet the worst mishap ever in Mountain Province this year, and perhaps along any Cordillera highway this year./Artemio A.Dumlao

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