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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palabanan!!! **Council twits casino plan at John Hay**



FOR FREE — City officials and technical working group represented by City Councilors Tony Boy Tabora and Isabelo Cosalan Jr. and City Administrator Peter Fianza together with Benguet Corporation Vice President for Development Leopoldo Sison III and local officials from Antamok, Itogon, Benguet jointly inspect the proposed site of the planned Engineered Sanitary Landfill being offered for free by Benguet Corp. under a joint venture between Baguio and Itogon which is projected to be operational for more than 100 years. Photo below (PIX 0084) shows the former open pit mine along Luneta Hill at Antamok Mines./By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIOCITY – The city council last Monday joined the mounting opposition against the revived plan to establish a casino at Club John Hay here.

In a resolution adopted jointly and collectively, the body expressed “vigorous opposition” to the plan.

“Any plan to put up an activity that would corrupt the family, destroy the moral fiber and offer wrong choices to the people will create a societal problem in the city,” the resolution noted.

“It is imperative that the city take an aggressive action to immediately stop any plan to put up a casino or any gambling activity in any form or guise in the city including within the Club John Hay.”

The body cited Resolution No. 362 series 1994 that set the 19 conditionalities for the city council approval of the Master Development Plan for Club John Hay formulated by the Bases Conventional Development Authority.

They said that in said resolution, “condition no. 2 on entertainment activities” provides that “the BCDA shall ensure that only wholesome, family-oriented entertainment and recreational activities are conducted

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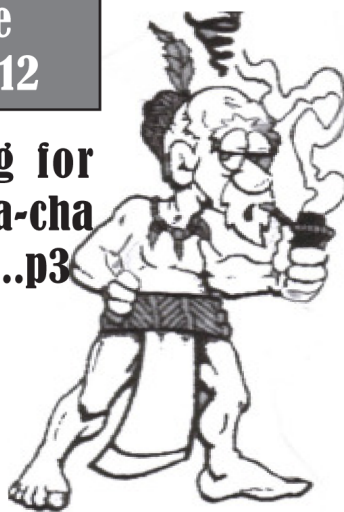
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Pia: Bolante running out of excuses

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today expressed support to efforts in the Senate to make former agriculture undersecretary Jocelyn 'Joc Joc' Bolante appear before the Blue Ribbon Committee next week to shed light on the P728-million fertilizer fund scam.

"His doctors have categorically declared that his health is not under serious threat. The chest pains he was complaining about when he arrived at the airport apparently does not relate to any

serious heart condition," the lady senator said.

"Bolante has run out of excuses. He should not abuse the latitude being accorded to him by the Senate."

"Evidently, it's just Joc Joc or perhaps the masterminds of the scam who have been insisting on his continuous confinement in order to evade the Senate."

She added that nothing bars the Senate sergeant-at-arms from bringing Bolante to the Senate next week to face the inquiry.

"Instead of the Senate doctors going to St. Luke's, why can't Joc Joc request his doctors to routinely check his condition at the Senate and at the hearing itself?" she asked.

"The Blue Ribbon Committee has already taken the prerogative of scheduling a public hearing, *moto proprio*, while the committee chair has taken the position that the case remains unclosed without Bolante's testimony. I hope my colleagues would re-

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Passport services on nov. 15

BAGUIO CITY- Passport applicants may still be accommodated for pre-evaluation of documents this Monday, Nov. 10 at the City Administrator's Office, City Hall. Document evaluation and passport processing by Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) personnel shall be done this coming Saturday, Nov. 15, at the city hall Multi-purpose Hall, and issuance on December 5, at the same venue.

This is according to guidelines issued by City Administrator Peter Fianza last week, as application forms were made available in his office. Pre-evaluation started at the city administrator's office last Monday.

The passporting services is being done by the Local Government of Baguio in coordination with the DFA based in San Fernando, La

Union.

The services, which is for Baguio residents, as well as for neighboring town residents, aims to ease difficulties and expenses of applicants in travelling to the DFA office in San Fernando, La Union.

Applicants are required to bring with them upon pre-evaluation; the duly accomplished application form, Birth Certificate (BC) in Security Paper (SecPa) issued by the National Statistics Office or Certified True Copy and photocopy issued by the Local Civil Registrar duly authenticated by the NSO; documents indicating full name, date and place of birth and citizenship. Said documents may be: valid employment ID, voter's affidavit, NBI clearance and drivers license.

For the picture taking, applicants are requested to

come in decent attire with collar.

Pre-evaluated forms shall be assigned chronologically arranged numbers for processing.

Applicants assigned numbers One to Two Hundred shall be catered to at exactly 8:30 AM, Nov. 15 but they are requested to be in line at 7 AM. Thereafter, processing of fifty persons per batch, until 4:30 PM, and later, batches of ten (10) until the quota is completed or as time allows.

All other additional documents shall be required: for married women, marriage contract in SecPa or Certified True Copy by the LCR duly authenticated by the NSO; widows, death certificate of the deceased husband; for minors, personal appearance of parent. Other requirements are shown at the application forms for special cases, as minors,

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RAB to ask MGB to study Antamok landfill site

BAGUIO CITY – In the heels of a marching order from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for Baguio to abandon its garbage capital Irisan, the city's top dog is not leaving no stone unturned if only to end the search for a engineered sanitary landfill (ESL) site.

During the "Ugnayan" press conference hosted by Radio ng Bayan (DZEQ), mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. revealed, "We are requesting DENR Mines and Geo-

sciences Bureau (MGB) to verify feasibility of an abandoned open pit mine in Antamok as site for our ESL."

DENR apparently warned the city government any attempts to open Irisan even as a controlled waste facility shall no longer be allowed beyond 2008.

Earlier, Bautista revealed the redeemer in Benguet Corp. president Philip Romualdez who volunteered the abandoned open pit mine as an alternative site for an Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL).

Benguet Corp.

is the oldest mining firm in the Philippines, starting mineral explorations in 1903. It abandoned mining as its bread and butter sometime in 1997.

Bautista revealed DENR is likewise pressuring Benguet Corp. to fill-up the abandoned mining site.

Benguet Corp. and Baguio, the mayor said, are in "tongue and groove situation" with one being ordered to fill a huge pit and the other looking for a site to dispose of its garbage.

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BAGUIOCITY— We are not giving up on our dream of autonomy and we will continue to push for it, even if move to change the present form of government to federalism has started.

So said Baguio Representative Mauricio Domogan in an interview when he graced the 47th anniversary of local radio DZEQ Radyo

ng Bayan last Friday.

Domogan said that Cordillera, aside from Mindanao, is the only region in the country that can have an autonomous status under Article 10 Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution. But we failed to take advantage of it, he said.

The main reason, according to Domogan, is the lack people's under-

standing on the issue of autonomy as he battled for more information and education among people in the Cordillera.

Domogan explained that there is really need to inform and educate the Cordillerans on the five basic principles of autonomy that we clamored during the second autonomy at-

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City can't have Casa Vallejo but DENR vows to preserve asset

BAGUIOCITY— Don't look now but one of the few remaining American-vintage patrimonies in the City of Baguio may soon be bidded-out to a private concessionaire.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. during the weekly "Ugnayan" press conference hosted by Radio ng Bayan (DZEQ), November 7, revealed plans of the Department of

Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to have Casa Vallejo up for grabs in public auction.

He said, "The turnover of the asset to the city came to an unexpected turn when Don Ramon Bagatsing, president of the Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC), informed me of DENR plans to make better use of Casa Vallejo."

NRDC is an attached agency of DENR.

City officials earlier asked President

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to transfer the ownership of Casa Vallejo to the city government through Resolution 276-2006.

Resolution 276-2006 was authored by Councilors Edilberto Tenefrancia, Erdolfo Balajadia, Pinky Rondez and Antonio

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World- renowned researcher to write the first book on Kalinga Batok

Lars Krutak, a world renowned archaeologist and cultural anthropologist will soon be writing the first book documenting the Kalinga Batok (tattoo) which he described as a "show of Kalinga artistic ability, cultural pride and status."

Starting the documentation of his latest book project during the "Batok Festival" held last October 31, 2008 at the Man-ugudan Hall of the Pastoral Center, Bulanao, Tabuk City, Kalinga, Krutak said that the book which would be entitled 'Voices of the Ancestors – the Living Tradition of Kalinga Batok' will give focus on the vanishing art of Kalinga traditional tattoo. This he said aims to "capture the living and beautiful history of Batok in a beautifully illustrated book that is bi-lingual in Kalinga and in En-

glish."

The Voices of the Ancestors is a very important project. It will be the first book to tell of the Kalinga Batok, an incredibly rich tradition that is believed to be over 1000 years old, he underscored. The book would "preserve all this knowledge for the future Kalinga generation especially the youth of today" being the 'lifeblood of the Kalinga people'.

This tradition which shows the connection of tattoo ritual with nature, is one of the still unrecognized traditional art form indigenous

to the people in the Cordillera, Krutak said as he expressed his appreciation for the Kalinga tattooed elders who came all the way from the upland communities to be a part of his research documentation.

He informed that a research team will be traveling to the other areas of Kalinga to enjoin all the living tattooed elders for interview and photo documentation "to incorporate their voices in the book" that would portray the Kalinga myths, legends and stories.

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ASK planning session set

BAGUIOCITY— Leaving no stone unturned in implementing "programs that will provide sustained mechanisms to maintain the cleanliness of the city to promote Baguio as a premier tourist destination and education center," the Alay Sa Kalinisan, Inc. undergoes a comprehensive planning session this week.

Members of the ASKI planning group convenes at the University of Baguio to look at key areas: the city public market, the barangays, the solid waste management and clean air programs; and work out plans for each program.

According to

ASKI chairperson Reinaldo Bautista Sr., active participation and assistance to the planning session and eventual plan implementation would be requested from the academe, the church, the tri-media group in the city, the business group and the community as a whole.

Literally, a map of the market shall be spread for the group's information on the metes and bounds of the city public market. The action is an offshoot of the confusion on proper areas

and boundaries during the last clearing operation. The sidewalks and streets, which are supposedly "beyond the commerce of man," were not spared, the ASKI group lamented, as market stalls were extended beyond boundaries. The problem was also compounded by itinerant vendors crowding the sidewalks and the market road, the ASK group observed.

The issue on "tolerance permits," "legitimate" itinerant vendors and sug-

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

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Dodging Change

Tuesday's U.S. elections, we're told, fractured almost every other record on the books: from voter turnout, youth and ethnic mix of electors to cost.

"Internet and cellphones were leveraged in ways never imagined before," Washington Post observed. But a blue card, flashed at Barrack Obama rallies, probably summed up the core issue: "Change."

"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading", the Chinese sage Lao Tze wrote 2,600 years back. Midway in the campaign, John McCain heeded Lao Tze: He, too, stood for "change."

Exclude hermetically-sealed North Korea. And scrub paranoid Burma. The rest of the world got, from this poll, a cyberspace tutorial on ballot power. "Man's capacity for justice

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makes democracy possible," theologian Reinhold Niebuhr once said.

But "man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.

Media showed us, in real time, people queuing up for hours to dust off unused tools for keel-hauling government. Americans were appalled by greed of their super rich. Chief executive officers bailed out with "golden parachutes" after bankrupting their companies. They erupted when avarice chewed into their home mortgages, retirement egg nests, jobs and health care.

Americans "accept the verdict of the past until the need for change cries out loudly to force upon us a choice between the comforts of inertia or the irksomeness of change," Justice Learned Hand once said.

"Tama na," Filipinos say. "Sobra na, Palitan na. Sometimes, we call that "people power". And when we switch off US elections coverage, our problems – which demand radical recasting.—crouch there.

Take hunger. It spins off into premature graves for infants, school drop outs, TB and health problems—even insurgency. "There are sharp elbows attached to hungry stomachs"

Some 3.3 million Filipino families went hungry, at least once, in the last three months, Social Weather Stations (and Inquirer columnist) Mahar Mangahas reports. Some families eat only rice with salt. Hunger bit most sharply in Metro Manila. There, at least 500,000 families lacked food, estimates World Food Day survey by Gallup International-Voice of the People 2008.

"When hunger strikes, the poor pull in their belts by another notch," the late National Scientist Dioscoro Umali once observed. "The rich re-arrange their menus."

The President ordered release of emergency doles. That's fine as it goes. Hunger, however, does not just stem from lack of food. But the poor lack either resources to produce it or money to buy it.

Handouts are a placebo. They duck the basic issue: the stranglehold on resources, by top officials and "an anarchy of families," as author Alfred McCoy put it. Their capture of bureaucracy stymies structural reforms.

This administration is corrupt. But so is the opposition. Arroyo is no better or worse than Estrada. Both clone Ferdinand Marcos before them. And what differentiates Imelda Marcos from Mike Arroyo? No one is keen on change, only in clinging to pelf and power.

The names of their exiles may differ. El mismo per con different collar. (Same mongrel, different collar) When People Power erupted, Fabian Verand Eduardo Cojuangco squeezed into Marcos escape helicopters. Soldiers stopped Estelito Mendoza at the airport.

Jaime Dichavez, Dante Tan, Lucio Co and Yolanda Ricaforte scrambled when People Power II chased Erap out. They left no forwarding address Panfilo Lacson's trusted cops — Michael Ray Aquino and Cesar Mancao — skipped town to duck questioning on publicist Bubby Dacer's murder.

"Joc-Joc" Bolante is a prototype for future exiles of the Arroyo regime. He clung to his US jail, until deported. Today, Bolante uses

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DIRETSAHAN

Nevada square lunga ng gulo!

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Tapos na ang eleksyon sa Amerika at ang nanalo sa pagkapangulo ay si BARACK OBAMA! Ika – 44 na presidente at tinaguriang "First Black U.S. President". Opisyal siyang mauupo sa Enero, 2009.

Ano kaya ang epekto nito sa mga kaalyado at mga tuta ng Amerika? Ipagpatuloy kaya ni Obama ang pagpasan sa mga kaalyado at tuta o bibitawan na niya ang mga ito?

Kung sinabi niyang "tama na" ano kaya ang masasabi ng Malakanyang? Hindi kaya sila lumipat ng didilahan, sabay sigaw ng "Kung Hey Fat Suy" ABANGAN.....!!

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Isa na namang bangka ang tumaob sa may karagatan ng Masbate kunsan marami ang namatay at nawawala. Sa inisyal na imbestigasyon, masamang lagay ng panahon at "overloading" ang mga dahilan ng aksidente. Ayon pa sa report, wala pa raw permit na makapaglayag ang bangka, at kung paano ito nakalusot ay isang misteryo na dapat ipaliwanag ng mga awtoridad patikular ang Maritime Commission at ang Philippine Coast Guard.

Sa madaling salita, bulag, pipi, bingi at inutil ang mga ito pagdating sa pag implimenta ng mga regulasyon at magaling naman sila pagdating sa LUSUTAN, may pinagmanahan kasi, PWEH!

ooOoo

Kung may trahedya naman sa dagat, siyempre mas marami naman sa ating mga kalsada katulad ng mga seryeng nangyayaring banggaan ngayon sa mga pangunahing "highways". Pagpapatunay lamang ito na marami sa ating mga tsuper ang walang disiplina, at kung paano sila nabigyan ng lisensya, itanong nyu po yan sa mga kinauukulan ng LTO, at kung paano rin nakakapag-opereyt ang mga pampublikong sasakyan na ang drayber ay sobrang kaskasero, itanong nyu naman po yan sa mga bosing ng DOTC – LTRFB at pwede nyu rin pong itanong ng DIRETSAHAN kung merong mga "fixer" sa kanilang mga opisina, at meron bang "ayusan", "palakasan" at "cash-sunduan" na nangyayari kaya marami ang "nakakalusot" na lisensya at prangkisa, siguradong isasagot sa inyo ng DIRETSAHAN, wala, wala, wala, none, Awaan.....Bwisheeeet!!!

ooOoo

Meron na namang mga nagrereklamo na mga residenteng malapit sa may Nevada Square, at ito ay hinggil sa mga gulong nangyayari tuwing alanganing oras ng gabi na ang mga sangkot ay mga lasing na kabataang kostumer sa mga bar o inuman ng nabanggit na lugar.

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Significance of the Obama win

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The American people rejoice in the victory of Barak Obama, its new president-elect. This column joins the American people in the celebration of that victory even as it is skeptical whether Obama's win will really bring about long-lasting positive regime change in the world's most powerful nation.

True, the victory of Barak Obama has genuine significance.

Firstly, Obama is the first black American to win the U.S. presidency. This is a 180-degrees-about-face of America. Blacks were the Whiteman's slaves. The whites discriminated against the indigenous peoples of America: the American Indians. In fact, the whites decimated the Indians, populated America, procured slaves, and secured immigrants as immigrants are discriminated against.

Thus, the victory of Obama implies this important lesson: minorities need not always be minorities. The discriminated need not always be discriminated and racial discrimination can end. Similarly, indigenous peoples who have less voice in society can become the majority. They need not be discriminated forever.

Secondly, Obama is also the first American with a Muslim background to win the U.S. presidency. If discrimination based on races can end, so can the discrimination based on religion can end. If the social divide based on races can come nearer to an end, this also implies that the social divide produced by faith can also come nearer to its end.

Thus, the victory of Obama has important significance not only for the people of the United States but also for the people of the world. His win implies oppression and discrimination are not eternal. Through struggle, both discrimination and oppression can end.

Needless, to say the Obama win is a product of struggle of peoples all over the world. People who stood up against slavery, people who fought against discrimination and racism, and people who stood for equality regardless of faith, race, and creed.

This is not to say, however, that the victory of the American people has been completed.

There are signs that the discrimination against Muslims will continue in spite of the Obama win.

One of those signs is that Obama has declared the war in Iraq will have a responsible ending. This is like "responsible mining," something akin to a "responsible rape." Degradation of the environment continues with "responsible mining" and so a "responsible" ending to war can mean that the war on Iraq can continue under a different name. For instance, in Vietnam, the war against the Vietnamese people continued once under the name of "civic action."

Another sign is that Obama has declared that he will move to increase the size of the U.S. armed forces under his term by around 65,000 more troops. A responsible "ending" to war accompanied by an increase of troops? Baloney.

Further, on Iran, Obama says the use of force has not been ruled out. This is similar to the imposition of bullies: be good to me so that I will be good to you.

In short, although the victory of Obama is not only a victory of the American people but also of all peoples of the world, the fight for a better world has not yet ended with the electoral victory of Obama.

Obama's victory can also mean that U.S. annexations and dominance of the world will assume a new face. One side can be benign but the other side can be as violent as before. Nevertheless, the Peace Combatant expresses his greetings to the victory of the American people and of people of the world.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Something is missing in Obama speech

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



WORRIES OVER OBAMA SPEECH: Something worries me about the victory speech of US President-Elect Barack Obama. Something is telling me that there is something wrong somewhere, even if the whole word is now toasting his impressive win over his rival, John McCain.

There is something terribly missing in that speech.

While Obama tried hard to impart a ray of hope to Americans and to all the peoples of the world with his invocation of what he called as the "timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people", the phrase "yes, we can", it is clear to me his presidency likewise may not be able to do something to solve the ills and maladies pervading his country, and for which very reason he was elected president.

Why? I don't know if you noticed, but, whether wittingly or unwittingly, or whether it is brought about by the giddiness of victory or by some other factor, the 44th President of the United States of America, the one single individual who can make a difference in putting an end to the sufferings of all the world, glaringly failed to include God in his plan of governance.

I listened intently to that speech while Obama was delivering it for the first time, live via CNN, and I read and re-read it again from the Internet thereafter, but, indeed, except for the usual mandatory invocation of God's blessings upon America at the end of the speech, God seems not to have any part at all in how Obama will discharge his duties and responsibilities at the White House come January 2009.

And this is where my misgivings come in. The undeniable fact is that recent events have shown that, contrary to Obama's "yes we can" mantra, Americans no longer "can", as it were.

See how America has become powerless to solve, by itself, the economic meltdown that has hit its oldest banks and other businesses, requiring it to accept the humiliation of seeking the help of China, Russia and Middle East Countries?

At this point in its history, something is telling the United States and all Americans that, unlike in the past, they no longer can, by themselves, solve the ills of their nation, and that they have to turn to the true solution of all its woes, which is God.

If America, under Obama, does not realize this immutable truth that without God Americans can do nothing, Elections 2008 would have been another useless exercise.

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BIRTH OF JESUS ANNOUNCED BY THE ANGEL GABRIEL:

The Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary represent an account of how Jesus Christ started His life here on earth.

The first joyful mystery, the annunciation, is found in Luke 1:26 to 38, where the Angel Gabriel, "who stands in the presence of God", came to Mary, a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.

Gabriel told Mary, who was greatly troubled by the angel's statement that she was highly favored in the eyes of God and that "the Lord is with you", that she will be with child and give birth to a son, whose name will be Jesus and will actually be called the Son of the Most High and will be given the throne of King David.

Mary was incredulous, and actually asked the angel how could she give birth when she had not known a man. The angel told her that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and the power of the Most High will overshadow her "so the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

The angel then assured Mary: "For nothing is impossible with God." In reply, Mary uttered "I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said."

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STEALING CARABAOS CONSTITUTES QUALIFIED THEFT:

TANONG: Sir, Atty. Batas, si Gerson po ito dito sa Davao. Hingi po ako advice Sir. Ang carabao ko ay ninakaw, ano bang kaso sa korte ang

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Ifugao continues to stand up, take action to eradicate poverty

L A G A W E , Ifugao - After joining the world in October 17 to stand up and take action against poverty, concerned government agencies are continuously pooling their efforts together to eradicate poverty.

Provincial Population Officer Miriam Baguidudol said that government agencies are delivering services to identified poor areas in the different municipalities here. "We join other prov-

inces, regions and countries all over the world to take action in eliminating poverty," she said.

The province has its own local version of the program dubbed IADAP or Integrated Area Development Assistance Program. With the program, the different agencies has already and will be conducting their own activities such as donating books to far flung barangays which the Ifugao Youth

Confederation which is under the Provincial Population Office (PPO) has already started, lecture on reproductive health for women which is being done by the Health Office and also the PPO; distribution of livestock by the Provincial Veterinarian Office, grain, corn and vegetable seeds by the Provincial Agriculture Offices.

On the other hand, Governor Teddy Baguilat Jr

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New law expands credit access of small entrepreneurs, cuts risks of defaults

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed into last week the Credit Information System (CIS) or Republic Act (RA) 9510 that broadens the credit access of small and medium-scale entrepreneurs and at the same time reduce the risk of defaults, thus creating a healthier and more transparent financial system.

In her statement before the enactment of RA 9510, the President described the Credit Information System Law (CISL) as a "very welcome addition to the legislation to strengthen our financial system by improving its regulatory environment."

RA 9510 also broadens the credit access especially for the under-served sectors such as small and medium enterprises as it will reduce reliance on collaterals and credit facilities.

The new law will reduce the credit premium charged by lenders and increase lending volumes. It will help expand the reach of credit to small and medium en-

terprises," the President added.

The salient features of the law include the following:

- * The establishment of a Credit Information Corporation (CIC) with the primary mandate to receive and consolidate basic credit data and to act as a central registry of credit information which will provide access to reliable standardized information on credit history and financial condition of borrowers;

- * The allocation of 60 percent of the total common share of the corporation in favor of the national government and the remaining 40 percent to be owned and held by qualified investors such as industry associations of banks, quasi-banks and other credit related associations.

The amount of P75 million will be provided by the national government in the General Appropriations Act representing its equity share and the P50 million to be subscribed and paid up by qualified investors;

- * The designation

of a chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as chairman of the 15-men board of directors of the corporation. The directors representing the government shares shall be appointed by the President;

- * Strict confidentiality of credit information is to be maintained by the corporation, the submitting entities, the accessing entities, outsource entities. The special accessing entities and duly authorized non-accessing entities;

- * The SEC shall act as the lead government agency to implement and enforce the provisions of RA 9510 and shall submit an annual report to Congress on its implementation status;

The law is not meant to be an exception to the Bank Secrecy Law (BSL) because confidential information under the Law of Secrecy of bank Deposits, Foreign Currency Deposit Act, General Banking Law and the Anti-Money Laundering Law are expressly excluded from the information to be shared in the system./PIA CAR

World-renowned

Talking on the significance of traditional tattoo as part of history, he relates that during his years of research on tribal tattoo, the complex symbolism and indigenous practices has been slowly vanishing. He said that 500 years ago there were at least 1000 ethno linguistic groups practicing tattooing around the world but now there are only 50 or less left.

"Because of this reality I focused my anthropological research for the past 12 years working with 20 indigenous communities around the world trying to document the vanishing art form of tattooing among the traditional people," he recounts.

He relates that in 2007, through NCIP Kalinga Director Natividad Suguiyao, he began to work with the only living Kalinga

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tattooist Whang-od to document the rich Kalinga culture of tattooing. This work helped him produce the first one-hour documentary on Kalinga Tattoo for the Discovery Channel which will start airing in January 2009.

The publication of the "Voices of the Ancestors - the Living Tradition of Kalinga Batok" will add to the increasing work of Lars Krutak on traditional tattoo that includes his book 'Return of the Headhunters: The Philippine Tattoo Revival' published in 2005 that documented tattooing among the Bontoc Igorot, Kalinga, and Ifugao people.

As gathered from his web page, Krutak who was trained as an archeologist and cultural anthropologist started his tattoo research in 1996 as a

graduate student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is a Ph.D. candidate in Arizona State University's School of Human Evolution and Social Change.

In 2002, he pursued a full time work as a tattoo researcher travelling around the world to record the lives, stories, and experiences of tattooed people. He has worked as an Anthropological Consultant for three National Geographic television documentaries, and is the Technical Advisor for one of the world's largest and most popular tattoo website, www.vanishingtattoo.com.

In 2003, he was a co-recipient of the American Book Award in Literature. Lars has also appeared on these two National Geographic Channel television documentaries: *Tattoo - Body Art* aired in 2004 and *Tattoo - Under the Skin* in 2005./ggd/ PIA Kalinga

Kalinga rekindles cultural identity

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Concluding this year's celebration of the Indigenous People's Month in the province is the manifestation of the unique and still living arts and traditions of the Kalinga people through the *Diddiga Festival*.

Highlighting the two-day activity is the celebration of the *Salidummay Choral* featuring the dances, songs and musical instruments of the Kalinga people, *Batok* (tattoo) festival that showcased the still living Kalinga

mambabatok (tattoo artist) Whang-od and the conduct of the Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Forum which served as a venue to clarify issues concerning the rights of the Indigenous People.

During the event, leaders have called on the Kalinga people especially the youth to reinforce their connection to their cultural history and learn more about their identity as a people with unique ethnicity.

In her speech Governor

Floydella R. Diasen underscored the significance of the cultural heritage in molding the province as it is today. "We must not shy away from the lessons we have learned in the old days and let us be proud of our ethnic roots for it is from looking back into who we once were that we become more enlightened with where and who we must be in the future," she said.

With this she posed a challenge for all Kalingas to preserve their cultural identity and heritage along

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peptic ulcers to dodge Senate grilling on the fertilizer scam. Nobody is fooled.

Joseph of Scriptures showed there's no alternative to a country raising it's own food. Using food imports as a crutch, over prolonged periods, isn't a viable policy option. "Dependence on others brings a perpetual fast," Asian farmers say.

"The unfulfilled promise of food still lies in the tropics," the Food and Agriculture Organization's director general said at the UP College of Agriculture in Los Banos. "These areas could be the food granaries of the future... But hunger exacts it's highest toll in this very zone... Human life here is often 'nasty, brutal and short.'"

Ignored promises, however, are often withdrawn. BBC reports that the new "Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity" study forecasts: "Current rates of natural decline might reduce global GDP by about 7% by 2050... Damage to forests, rivers, marine life and other aspects of nature could halve living standards for the world's poor".

Natural systems that produce food are being savaged. Half the wetlands have disappeared over the past century. A third of coral reefs is in ruins. There's been a sharp decline in ocean fish stocks "Species loss is estimated between 100 and 1,000 times the rate that would occur without 6.5 billion humans on the planet."

Isn't that a mirror image of crumbling Philippine ecosystems? Only 18 percent of the country has forests left. Soil in about 70 percent of a province, like Cebu, is eroded. Vital mangroves have been recklessly cut, coral reefs decimated.

"It's not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change," the evolutionary biologist Charles Darwin once said. If the hat fits us, we wear it./J.L.Mercado

Batas.....

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isasampa ko na ayon sa Revised Penal Code. Thanks, Atty. Sana matulungan mo ako (0919 7168906).

SAGOT: Gerson, salamat sa text question na ito. Sa ilalim ng Revised Penal Code, maaaring ituring na qualified theft ang paganakaw ng kalabaw o ng baka o ng iba pang hayop.

Ang kasong qualified theft ay isang usaping kriminal na mas mataas sa ordinaryong paganakaw o theft o robbery. Mas malaki ang parusang pagkakabilanggong itinatakda ng batas dito.

Anyways, sa ilalim naman ng Revised Rule on Criminal Procedure, lilitaw na kailangan munang magsampa ng sinumpaang salaysay ang taong nanakawan ng kalabaw sa piskalya (Office of the Provincial Prosecutor o Office of the City Prosecutor), o sa Municipal Trial Court, doon sa lugar kung saan naganap ang nakawan.

Pagsampa ng sinumpaang salaysay na ito, mag-uumpisa ng isang imbestigasyon ang

piskal o ang hukom, na ang tawag ay preliminary investigation, upang alamin kung may nakawan nganagap at kung ang taong nakahabla ang maaari ngang siyang gumawa ng pagnanakaw

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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.

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Teka, matagal na ang problemang ito pero mukhang tinutulugan yata ito ng ating mga magagaling na opisyal ng Baguio city. Dahil ba sa wari ay untouchable daw ang may-ari nito? O mismong mga kaanak nila ang mga regular na kliyente kaya hindi nila ito magalaw-galaw.

Aba, ilang metro lang yata ito sa opisina ng DEP-ED at QUEZON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL pero, paano ito nabigyan ng lisensya, kung meron man? Ano na ang nangyari sa ating "Liquor Code Ordinance" na prohibited linear distance?!!... at ang inisyu ni Meyor B na Administrative Order? Huwag nilang sabihin na ipinapatupad nila ito sa iba, pero dito sa NEVADA ay hindi, Hoy, gissiiing!

OoOoo

At sino naman kaya itong dalawang miyembro daw ng Baguio City POSD na nagmura daw at nanakot umano sa mga Muslim Vendor ng mga CD sa may Magsaysay Avenue.?

Ayon sa bulong ng aking "bubuwit" nagsumbong diumano itong mga vendor na muslim sa kanya dahil sa pagmumura at pananakot ng 2 POSD sa kanila. Lasing diumano ang dalawa at may mga sukbit na baril sa bewang.

Taliwas naman ito sa nakausap kong miyembto ng POSD na ayon sa kanya ay itong mga muslim vendor daw ang mainit sa kanila at gusto raw silang tirahin sa mga oras na iyon, dahil may mga ilegal daw na ginagawa itong mga huli. Isa umanong nagngangalang "Abbas" ang isa sa mga "terong" ng cellphone na siyang bumibiktima raw sa mga dumadaan ng naturang lugar

Atensyon, Bos Tsp GREG DELJERO ng POSD, baka pwede mo namang busisisin ang bagay na ito, at kung totoo man ang "ibinulong" ng bata mo sa akin, aba eh ano pa ang hinihintay ninyo, makipag ugnayan na kayo sa pulisya at timbugin nyu na ang mga diumnao'y "terong" na iyan, peryod!

ooOoo

Karamihang ipinagamamalak ang mga pasaway na mga kabataang nasasangkot sa

gulo ay ang mga kaanak nilang mga pulis daw o sundalo. Kung hindi kapatid, ay tatay o uncle at maging ninong daw nila ang isang pulis na kung hindi kapitan ay kernel o heneral kaya.

Dapat ay magkaroon na tayo ng batas na parusahan ang nasasangkot at isinasangkot at kung ayaw namang masangkot ang isinasangkot, ay dapat niyang ireklamo ang nagsasangkot sa kanya para malinis ang kanyang pangalan.

Dapat din na ipagbawal sa mga pulis o sinumang nasa pwesto ang makialam sa anumang isinasagawang imbestigasyon, lalo na ang mga pulis na hindi nakatoka sa kaso, dahil kung sakali kasi ay matindi and idinudulot na tensyon ang kanyang pakikialam, imbes na maayos ng tama at patas ang hidwaan, nagkakaroon tuloy ng takot at pag-aalinlangan ang mga taong walang ipinagamamalak samantalang lalo tuloy lumalak ang sungay ng mga pasaway na may ipinagamamalak ang mga pulis o military. Kumbaga, ang tawag ay "Obstruction" at interference of justice".

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said that the province has also launched the AYOD project of the provincial government in coordination with the Department of Health and other stakeholders such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which covers the health of mother and child.

The different local government units are very supportive to the our project. In fact some municipali-

ties such as Asipulo had just conducted their AYOD Convention, Baguilat said.

Baguilat also said that the project will expand next year to include the males so that they will know how to take care of their health. The males play an important role in alleviating the economic conditions of their families thus their health should also be taken into consideration Baguilat said./ Vency D. Bulayungan/ PIA-Ifugao

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

JUANITA VIERNES

Applicant

Case No: 88-01-2784

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on November 25, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

At least FIVE (5) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 5th day of November 2008.

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

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

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

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 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,
2008

REPUBLIC OF THE
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TRINIBANK - A
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*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

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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.

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Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Community Service Center, NCIP-Baguio City
Rm. 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Mags. Ave Baguio City

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ANCESTRAL LAND CLAIM

Pursuant to section 53(e) R.A. 8371 in relation to Sec. 7(d), part 1, Rule VIII NCIP Administrative order no. 1 series of 1998, notice is hereby made for the Petition for the Identification, Delineation and Recognition of ancestral land situated in Res. Sec. , "L" Baguio City filed by **MICHAEL ALOS** as their ancestral land more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land situated at Res. Sec. "J" City of Baguio Island of Luzon. Bounded on the northwest by lot 3-D-1-B, Psd-Car-014554; Bounded on the southeast by Public land, and; bounded on the southwest by creek 5-10 m wide. Beginning at point marked "1" on the sketch plan being S. 36deg. 15' W. 1586.99 m from triangulation station "Algue" Baguio Town site; N. 46deg. 54' E. 59.14 m. to point 2; S. 29deg. 18' W. 66.97 m. to point 3; S. 68deg. 56' W. 45.79 m. to point 4; S. 70deg. 38' W. 68.20 m. to point 5; N. 59deg. 26' E. 112.26 m. to point of beginning containing an area of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN (1813) Sq. m. more or less. Corner three marked on the ground by concrete post 40 x 40 cm. and the rest by old points cylindrical concrete monuments.

Any protest or opposition thereto must be filed within fifteen days from the last date of publication and addressed to the Baguio Service Center, Room 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Magsaysay Ave. Baguio City

(SGD) NIEVES L. AQUINO
CDO III
NCIP Baguio Service Center

Nov 15 & 22, 2008

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

IN RE: PETITION
FOR CORRECTION
OF
GENDER AND
ENTRIES IN THE
CIVIL
REGISTRY,

AMY BAGAN
PADILLA,

Petitioner,

- versus -

THE MUNICIPAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF
KIBUNGAN,
BENGUET and the
NATIONAL
STATISTICS
OFFICE(NSO),
Respondent,

x———x
SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 08-C-1515

ORDER

Petitioner through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of Kibungan, Benguet to correct the following entry in her Certificate of Live Birth as follows:

Sex: from Male to Female
Middle Name: from B. to BAGAN

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on April 15, 2009 at 9:00 o' clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this

petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than November 9, 2008.

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

SO ORDERED

This 29th day of October 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By(SGD)
MARYBELLE L.
DEMOTMARINAS
Pairing Judge

Nov 8 -15 & 22,
2008

PUBLIC APOLOGY

1, Eric B. Abellera, wish to extend my sincere apologies to Mr. Odell P.Aquino of The Junction Newspaper and Linis Gobyerno Inc., for having uttered defamatory statements during the period of the last week of September 2008 before other concerned citizens.

It is with deep regret that I have uttered those unsavory and defamatory comments against Mr. Aquino that is why I am issuing this public apology with the intent and hope to assuage his hurt feelings.

Done this 22nd day of November 2008 at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) ERIC B. ABELLERA

Council twits**.... from page 1**

within the Zone.” It expressly states that “no casino operations shall definitely be allowed under any guise of form.”

The body also invoked Resolution No. 221 series of 1989 “which condemns all forms of illegal gambling in the city and calls on all concerned government agencies to eradicate and stop the proliferation of gambling activities in the city.”

Moreover, Resolution No. 107 series of 2003 declared Baguio as a Character City “where families are strong, morally upright and socially responsible.”

“The presence of gambling activity runs counter to the moral standards which our heritage has impressed upon our people,” the measure noted.

The city government on several occasions warded off attempts to put up casino at John Hay taking cue from the various sectors in the city which joined hands and took to the streets to prevent the entry of bingo, casino and lotto in the city.

Another measure, Resolution No. 122-02 entitled “Expressing the Sentiment of the People of Baguio and the Policy of the City Government against Gambling...” was passed by the city council in June 26, 2002 and remains in effect up to this time./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Passport**.... from page 2**

travelling alone, or with parent, minors with parents abroad, those with brown passport, or green passport issued after May 1, 1995.

For individuals born on or before 1950, requirements include; certification of non-availability of birth record from NSO, joint birth affidavit signed and executed by two disinterested persons, and baptismal certificate, voter's affidavit or other public document with place and date of birth and citizenship.

Other requirements which may be requested are: Social Security System form or digitized ID, Baptismal certificate, income tax return, school form 137 or transcript of records, Government Service Insurance System, Seaman's book, marriage contract, Professional Regulations Commission ID and Postal ID.

Fees for passporting services is pegged at P500, with an additional P250 for expedited processing for a total of P750.

According to the DFA in-charge, the passporting program is in line with the commitment of the consular office to enforce, as to government directives, the delivery of frontline services “promptly, extensively and closer to the people.”

Applicants are advised not to bring along friends or children, as they will not be allowed entry in the processing area. Elderly passport applicants, however shall be given consideration in the processing./juliegfianza

Pia: Bolante**.... from page 2**

spect that,” added the lady senator on the question of whether the arrest warrant issued in the 13th Congress remains valid.

At the same time, Cayetano said it was easy to see through the move by Bolante's lawyers this morning to withdraw from the Supreme Court his petition for a temporary restraining order on the Senate arrest warrant.

“It's just a ploy for filing a new case, this time for a writ of habeas corpus at the Court of Appeals, so as not to be accused of forum shopping.”

“Bolante is exhausting all legal means to prevent himself from appearing in the Senate. The public should be alerted on his real intention,” she concluded. Office of Senator Pia Cayetano

RAB to ask**.... from page 2**

Bautista prayed DENR-MGB would give the green light for Antamok which could spell additional livelihood for the people of Itogon; savings for the part of the Baguio government; and filth free city streets.

Meanwhile, Bautista said he ordered administrator Peter Fianza, environment officer Cordelia Lacsamana, and city engineer Leo Bernardez to draw up plans for the Irisan closure.

On top of this, he ordered the city's waste management technical working group (TWG) to double up on efforts in locating a permanent ESL site.

To date, the TWG have trimmed down ESL site options from 42 to 9.

The sites include lots in Bubon, Virac, Itogon; Binga, Itogon; Poblacion, Sablan; Nangalisan, Tuba; Poyopoy, Taloy Sur, Tuba; Camp 3, Tuba; a mining site in Ampucao, Itogon; the Antamok abandoned mine pit also in Itogon; and a city government property in Sto. Tomas barangay.

Engr. Nazita Banez of the City Environment and Parks Management Office said the profiling of the sites have been completed based on the results of the ocular inspections and assessments done by the inter-agency TWG.

The profiles were earlier presented before the TWG members and concerned offices and agencies as the TWG continues evaluating and ranking the sites. Banez however clarified the criteria used for the assessment do not include social acceptability.

Bautista meantime revealed he tapped teams to negotiate with concerned local governments which “do not include executive officials.”

This, he said, is to give the TWG and executive officials more leash to do their jobs without any conflicting influence whatsoever.

As of press deadline, a team of city officers led by Fianza is negotiating the Antamok site with Itogon officials./ISL

Domogan**.... from page 3**

tempt that failed.

These principles are 1) to ensure sustenance of our regional identity that covers our cultural heritage, customs and traditions, 2) that the abilities and powers we are exercising under existing laws, like the Local Government Code, will not be removed nor diminished, 3) All National Government Line-agencies will continue to be funded nationally, the only thing that will differ is that the supervision, teamwork and coordination will now be under the autonomous region, 4) to speed-up our socio-economic development, we will ask the national government for a subsidy package, and 5) The national government will continue to provide for the budgetary needs of the Cordillera Autonomous Region, even after the subsidy package, for it to ensure its sustainability.

He also explained that autonomy is more or less synonymous to federalism, the only difference is that, a Federal state is more independent than an autonomous state.

Domogan took time out to celebrate with the only government station in Baguio City and lauded its anniversary theme: Focusing on Positive Approaches to Global Crisis.

As part of its celebration, DZEQ and its many partners held a free medical and dental mission. The NFA also sent a rolling store that sold cheaper NFA rice. /Lito Dar/PIA

City can't**.... from page 3**

Tabora Jr.

The aldermen in the resolution said, “As we prepare to cross the bridge to city's centennial, places of historical significance such as Casa Vallejo must be restored and maintained into its former glory to guarantee future generations the experience of [experiencing our city's colorful past].”

Most recently, it was recommended by the Centennial Committee as possible Centennial Museum.

Casa Vallejo, one of the oldest remaining structures built before 1910, served as a German Prisoners of War (POW) detention center in 1917; a hotel in 1923; and a British and Indian refugee center in the 1940's.

It was likewise one of the few American-built structures that survived the Japanese carpet bombing in World War II. In 1945, it also served as a temporary school site for the Baguio City High School.

Bautista meanwhile said earnest efforts have been done by the local government to prevent total facelift of Casa Vallejo.

He said, “[Despite botched efforts for us to own the Casa,] we were able to convince Bagatsing that the preservation of the property be made a priority in the terms of reference for whoever shall takeover the property.”

Meanwhile, some concerned city officials are studying the possibility of the city joining the bidding fray if only to protect one of the few remaining American legacies to the people of Baguio./ISL

ASK planning.....**.... from page 3**

gested possible relocation sites shall also be discussed in the planning session.

Department of Trade and Industry representative Art Tibaldo also observed the slow deterioration of a mini-park within the letchon and shoe section of the market. He called the attention of the group to the presence of three matured trees in the said area, which he said deserves to be preserved.

A review of plans for the market and adjoining barangays for the coming year is needed, Bautista, Sr. said, and confirmed by businessman Vic Agcaoili.

For the clean and green barangays, funds are being allocated for the intern-barangay annual contest, with P20,000 as the plum prize, P10,000 and P3,000 for the second and third prizes, in the district level. For the cleanest barangay level, prizes would be upped to P50,000 for the cleanest barangay, P40,000, P30,000, P20,000, and P10,000 for the rest of the top performing barangays. Others would be given cleaning equipment, Bautista, Sr. said. Details would also be discussed during the planning session.

Active participation from the barangays, and the Punong Barangays headed by Councilor Joel Alangsab is thus enjoined, Bautista, Sr. added.

For the solid waste management planning activity, City General Services Officer (GSO) Romeo Concio and City Environment Parks and Management Officer (CEPMO) Cordelia Lacsamana would be around to help out.

Clean Air advocates shall also be invited, Bautista, Sr. said, as with the academe counterpart, Boy and Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Baguio chapter.

The Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc., SM, Fast food giants Jollibee and MacDonalds, Texas Instruments, and other willing private entities were said to be interested in helping out in the planning session, and plan implementation, it was learned./juliegfianza

Carnapped.....**.... from page 12**

no plate numbers attached on both ends was spotted at Km 24, Atok, Benguet at the vicinity of the house of one PETER CHILEM on the night of October 27, 2008. The following morning at about 8:00 AM, Mr. Chilem was seen driving the vehicle and hid it inside their enclosed compound.

Immediately, PSI MARCOS together with his team SPO4 Bromeo Lumiib, SPO1 Robert Sagmayao; PO3 Reynaldo Badua and PO3 Pedro Mendoza Jr, agreed to meet with the informant and proceeded to the said location. Upon reaching Mr. Chilem's residence, the operatives identified themselves and briefed him of their intention regarding the vehicle. He was read his Constitutional rights in Ilocano and said person cooperated. Mr. Chilem said that the vehicle was brought to him by five male persons whom he knew only by their first names as "JUNJUN"; "JORDAN"; "ALLAN"; "AMBOY" and "BEN", all from Bauko, Mt. Province. Junjun told him that the vehicle was allegedly owned by his uncle. Upon knowing it was stolen, he surrendered the vehicle to the operatives.

PSI MARCOS instructed PI TAN of Police Station 4 to contact the complainant and go to said location for proper identification of the vehicle which was confirmed later on by the owner who showed proper documents. The complainant claimed that some items of undetermined value were missing. Peter Chilem revealed that "Junjun" told him that they will get the subject vehicle on the night of October 28, 2008. He even requested the operatives to stay as he will send a text message to "Junjun" to come and get the vehicle so that their arrest could be effected. However, after several hours of waiting, Mr. Chilem received a text message from "Junjun" that they will not come anymore. Nevertheless, Mr. Melchor Chilem y Makkanoy a.k.a "Peter Chilem", 43 yrs old, married, native of Maligcong, Bontoc, Mt. Province, a contractor by calling, volunteered to go with the operatives at the CAID-SOTG office.

Mr Chilem was then subjected for medico-legal examination at Baguio General Hospital after which, he was turned over to Station 4 together with the complainant and the stolen vehicle. Moreover, the subject was ordered to be detained by City Prosecutor Alfredo Centeno on the night of October 28, 2008.

Efforts to identify and arrest the other members of this carnap group will be intensified. The Baguio City Police vows to take every step to put criminals behind bars. "Our job is to protect and guard the peace and maximize all our resources in ensuring our people that our services will not falter by religiously doing our job because we know we can and solve the mayhem of society because we must for the sake of all."/PIO-BCPO

Baguio police.....**.... from page 12**

Wa-a and PO1 Eugene Manuel who were on foot patrol in downtown Baguio during the holiday period when they were alerted that "a robbery was in progress at a pawnshop in the area."

The trio when accosted tried to flee but the Baguio lawmen chased them until their eventual arrests. Records show that the suspects were already through boring a hole towards the pawnshop when lawmen chanced upon them. A security guard in a nearby establishment positively identified the suspects as those who attempted to enter the pawnshop.

Franco, having been informed by his operatives that the suspects were among those being sought for other similar complaints in the past has asked other victims of the gang to follow-up their complaints against them.

The notoriety of the gang was established by their handiwork getting through well secured business establishments by either destroying well-entrenched front doors with steel entrapments, or boring tunnels to reach either concreted floors or walls.

Charges are now being filed against the three suspects while being detained at the city jail for further investigations of their past involvements in similar robberies.

Franco has already recommended COMAPC 4 personnel under Police Inspector JOSEPH DEL CASTILLO, COMPAC 4 Commander of Precinct 7, the arresting Baguio policemen for appropriate commendation or award under PNP rules./PIO-BCPO

Kalinga rekindles.....**.... from page 6**

with their determination to become competitive in the modern world.

"Culture and tradition should empower us to become more dynamic as we leap forward with a new chapter in the story of our people," she pointed out.

National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)-CAR Regional Director Amador Batay-an likewise post a challenge for the people to learn from past, maintaining "whatever is good, conducive and desirable for these are the tools that we need for development,". Anything that becomes an obstacle to development from our past are better forgotten, he stressed.

Spearheaded by the Provincial Government and the National Commission on Culture and Arts (NCCA) and NCIP, the Didiga Festival also marks a historical event in Kalinga since it started the documentation of the Kalinga Batok by the world know researchers and archeologist Lars Krutak who committed his latest book project for the Kalinga traditional tattoo./ggd/PIA-Kalinga

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SAMELITO DURAN**Applicant****Case No: 2002-CAR-020****NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

Notice is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on November 25, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

At least FIVE (5) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 5th day of November 2008.

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

Baguio police arrests three of the notorious "bolt cutter gang"

BAGUIO CITY – The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) in its sustained Integrated Patrol System and anti-criminality campaign in this mountain resort 250 kilometers north of Manila has arrested three suspected members of the "bolt cutter gang", a criminal syndicate notorious for robbery against business and financial establishments on All Saints Day.

Based on the report of Police Chief Inspector Renaldo D. Pasiwen, Chief of Police of Precinct 7 to Police Senior Superintendent Wilfredo D. Franco, City Director of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), the collared suspects who allegedly ran away after being accosted trying to break-in at a pawnshop in downtown Baguio were: GERALD BAIDO Y

Coten, 23, native of alab, Bontoc, Mt. Province; ARY DUMAWAWA Y Bailo, 26, native of Dalican, Bontoc, Mt. Province residing at Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet; and ROY VILLALOBOS Bangangan, 38, native of Dantay, Bontoc, Mt. Province and resident of Km 3, La Trinidad, Benguet.

PO3 Stephen Palome, PO2 Andrew L manacnis, PO2 Wilner F

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Carnapped vehicle recovered in one day

There is no arguing that the anti-carnapping law is a special law, different from the crime of robbery and theft included in the Revised Penal Code. It particularly addresses the taking, with intent to gain, of a motor vehicle belonging to another without the latter's consent, or by means of violence against or intimidation of persons, or by using force upon things. But a careful comparison of this special law with the crimes of robbery and theft readily reveals their common features and characteristics, to wit: unlawful taking, intent to gain, and that personal property belonging to another is taken without the latter's consent. However, the anti-carnapping law particularly

deals with the theft and robbery of motor vehicles. Hence a motor vehicle is said to have been carnapped when it has been taken, with intent to gain, without the owner's consent, whether the taking was done with or without the use of force upon things. Without the anti-carnapping law, such unlawful taking of a motor vehicle would fall within the purview of either theft or robbery which was certainly the case before the enactment of said statute.

In the morning of October 27, 2008, the Tactical Operations Center of the Baguio City Police Office received a complaint that a private maroon Tamaraw FX Wagon bearing plate no. TSR 311 which was parked near the victim's residence

located at Purok 5, Hillside, Baguio City was discovered to be missing at about 5:30 AM of same date. Investigation disclosed that the owner parked the said vehicle at the said place at around 6:00 PM of October 26, 2008. This prompted the victim to

report the matter to Station 4. Flash alarm for all units was aired to look out for the said vehicle in their area.

At about

9:30 AM of October 28, 2008, personnel of BCPO headed by PSI JOSEPH MARCOS, were preparing for a follow-up op-

eration on the said incident when they received a telephone call from an informant that a maroon Toyota Tamaraw FX with

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THE JUNCTION WEEKEND



CHILD PROTECTORS - Barangay officials from Pinsao Pilot Project led by Barangay Councilor Bernard Batay-an share their collective expertise during a two-day training workshop on the strengthening of the barangay councils for the protection of children being undertaken by City Mayor's Office, Barangay Affairs office and the City Social Welfare Development Office. looking on is Acting City DILG Director Evelyn Trinidad./By Bong Cayabyab

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