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Pahayagang palaban!!!

CLO mulls ombudsman case vs. DENR over Chuntug fix



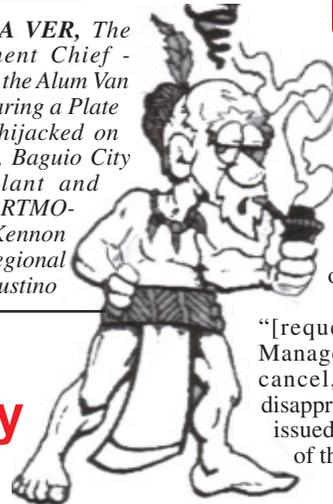
BAGUIO CITY – If you discover several possible ways in which something can go wrong, and circumvent these, then a glitch, unprepared for, will promptly develop.

Peeved by apparent disregard of city resolutions pertaining to a parcel of land “a stone throw” away from City Hall, City legal officer Melchor Rabanes, last week, said his office is mulling Ombudsman cases against certain officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

This, on top an option to “present the case before the Solicitor General who could press for the annulment of the title issued to Yu Hwa Ping.”

He said, “We are now digging deep into city records showing DENR’s wanton disregard of earlier city declarations for the reservation of the subject lot we believe he was

Back to reality muli!!!



PSUPT. ROMEO CACHOLA VER, The Regional Traffic Management Chief - Cordillera subjected for SOCO the Alum Van contained of WYETH milks Bearing a Plate Number WAH 556 that was hijacked on December 17 at Campo Sioco, Baguio City by still unidentified assailant and immediately recovered by the RTMO-COR personnel at Camp 8, Kennon Rd., Baguio City led by their Regional Chief. Photo by P02 Glenn Faustino

Firecracker injuries in city up by 90%

erroneously given title to.”

As early as 1995, Hwa Ping worked double time securing the property under his name despite opposition from then local officials.

Resolution 303 of 1998 “[requested the] DENR Land Management Bureau to reject, cancel, revoke, or otherwise disapprove applications or permits issued for the acquisition or use” of the questioned prime realty.

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Alangsab wins as ABC president

Newly elected and sworn in Association of Barangay Councils president Joel Alangsab will join the flag ceremony in front of city hall tomorrow morning and then attend his first session at the city council in the afternoon.

Comparatively a greenhorn, Alangsab bucked the perceived well-heeled campaign machineries of his more experienced rivals to score a stunning victory in

the ABC elections last Dec. 29 at the multi-purpose center of city hall.

Alangsab, the re-elected punong barangay of City Camp Central, garnered 49 votes to upstage former vice-mayorality bet Faustino Olowan and incumbent ABC president Rufino Panagan during the polls supervised by the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Olowan, a three-term city councilor who slid down to

punong barangay of Lucnab, got 41 votes while Panagan, on his fourth consecutive term as punong barangay of South Sanitary Camp, received 35 votes, while Rodolfo Ocon of Camp Allen had one vote.

Alangsab's victory came 17 days after his 48th birthday. He will now have to yield his post as director of the Benguet Electric Cooperative where

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'Retaking' CBD from hawkers starts with end of 'giving season'

BAGUIOCITY—“Left to themselves things tend to go from bad to worse.”

The tandem of city administrator Peter Fianza and Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) chief Gregorio Deligero last week recoiled to the drawing board, troubleshooting a busted anti-illegal vending strategy implemented in the Central Business District (CBD) during yuletide season.

In a December 29 letter to the concerned barangay officials known as “ABC from the CBD,” Fianza observed, “Regulations have been sacrificed that some areas identified to be cleared of vending activities [have been occupied by hawkers].”

Thus he declared, “Strict implementation of

vending ordinances will resume starting January 1,” hinting of massive city government-led clearing operations in the CBD in the coming days.

In a field where “mice outnumber the cats a thousand to one,” the duo earlier suggested to call in the newly installed cavalry of reserves—the “ABC from the CBD” to aid the petite POSD manpower.

The strategy: “Restrict use of cheesy lanes for vending purposes by forcing hawkers to relocate in rather concealed CBD easements using ‘watchdogs.’”

But while Fianza admitted Executive Order (EO) No. 5-2007 “looked good on paper,” the very “watchdogs” the city empowered to control the informal hawkers’ fiesta “had

more of the heart and less the mettle” to drive away vendors who refused to vacate restricted selling areas for snippets.

EO 5-2007 directed concerned barangay executives (PB), the market superintendent and the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) to come up with vending regulation plans for approval of the committee.

To effectively control vendors while not sacrificing city and barangay coffers, the order provided for payment of barangay clearances and special permits so the city can apply its “no permit, no vending” policy.

Curiously, some PB’s apparently appreciated the “EO” to mean “Economic Outbreak.” They allowed vending nil

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DOLE: Prospects for Filipinos seeking employment abroad remain bright

Prospects for Filipinos seeking employment abroad remain rosy, Labor Secretary Arturo Brion said as he pointed out that job opportunities still abound for Filipinos in many foreign countries.

“For example in the past two years, we have always topped the one million level of overseas Filipino workers. And I would say that for 2008, we will easily top the one million level,” Brion said.

Although it is not a policy of the government to send workers abroad, Brion said overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) continue to help the country’s economic growth through their remittances, especially the OFWs belonging to the higher pay levels.

“One reason why we have steep remittances now is, in 2007, we had more professional and skilled workers going overseas rather than non-skilled workers,” Brion said.

In 2006, he said that 60 percent of the more than one million Filipinos who worked abroad were professionals, while 40 percent were non-skilled workers.

In 2007, Brion said the deployment of skilled overseas workers increased to 73 percent compared to 27 percent for non-skilled workers, including domestic workers.

Brion attributed the shift in the employment pattern of OFWs to the household service

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The Junction- OIC

Firecracker injuries in city up by 90 percent

BAGUIOCITY- The number of firecracker victims in the city increased by over 90 percent despite the sustained campaign against the use of firecrackers to welcome the New Year.

City health officer Dr. Florence Reyes said records from the various hospitals here as of January 2 showed a total of 46 firecracker cases but there was no death or victim of stray bullets.

This year's figure posted an increase of 22 cases or 91.66 percent from last year's total of 24 incidents.

Reyes said the youngest victim was a two-year old child

while the oldest was a 63-year old man. More than half of the victims were below 11 years of age and ¾ were males.

Most of the incidents were caused by banned explosives among which "5-star", piccolo and even the supposedly harmless lucas and kwitis.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. led in promoting the campaign against the use of illegal firecrackers in the city.

Reyes said there had been no letup in the campaign but the problem remains to be the people's attitude and disregard for safety.

Meanwhile, the city police office reported two fire incidents last January 1.

The first incident occurred at the Blue Ocean Department Store at the 2nd floor of the Baguio Center Mall at about 1 a.m. The fire was reported by security guard Venerando Bragas who noticed smoke coming from the said floor of the building while conducting a routine patrol.

The fire was controlled at 2:20 a.m. with the combined efforts of the fire departments of the city, La Trinidad and Tuba towns, the Philippine Military Academy

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BAGUIO CITY-- Workers put finishing touches to the controversial P80 million BGH flyover after its completion is long delayed by controversies including its government funding, environmental issues and alleged corruption. "The completion, officials said, (hopefully this month) will ease up traffic congestion below complained by citizens and tourists for so many years now. --Artemio A. Dumlaog

January is cancer awareness month

BAGUIOCITY- January is Cancer Awareness Month.

In line with this, the city government under Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. through the city health office under Dr. Florence Reyes is urging the local populace to enhance conscious of the disease, its symptoms and prevention to curb the prevalence of the ailment.

The city officials note that medical practitioners have time and again advised that cancer, although deadly, is curable if detected and treated early.

"That's why we encourage our constituents to be conscious of its symptoms and to get immediate medical attention," Dr. Reyes said.

The Department of Health has come up with the following

cancer symptoms advisory under the acronym CAUTION US: "See a doctor right away if you have: C - hange in bowel or bladder habits; A - sore that does not heal; U - nusual bleeding or discharge; T - hickening or lump in breast or elsewhere; I - ndigestion or difficulty in swallowing; O - bvious change in wart or mole; N - aging cough or hoarseness; U - nexplained anemia; S - udden weight loss."

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RP to ban completely deployment of OFWs in 4 strife-torn countries

The Philippines will formally announced its policy banning completely the deployment of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in four strife-torn countries — Nigeria, Lebanon, Iraq and Afghanistan, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said.

Brion said it is necessary to declare a complete ban policy as Filipino workers, despite the earlier ban on deployment in Iraq, still manage to work there by

passing through the back door with the help of illegal recruiters.

The government has already banned the deployment of OFWs in Iraq way back in 2004, Lebanon in July last year, and Afghanistan and Nigeria last December.

"This is the first measure of protection that we can have for now because our workers are really at risk when they go to these places," Brion said.

In any case, undocumented OFWs who are already in these countries and need assistance may seek the help of

Philippine consulates and embassies in these areas.

Brion said the DOLE is now coordinating with Vice President Noli de Castro for the creation of an inter-agency group to stop the illegal deployment of Filipinos in the four countries.

He said the lifting of the indefinite ban is subject to the assessment of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) if it deems it is already safe to deploy OFWs in any of these countries./PIA CAR

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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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Green gurus to fight global warming

January 1, 2008 (Ahmedabad, India)

A hotter planet, courtesy of global warming, changing global climatic patterns and melting polar ice caps.

The result - worldwide alarm and renewed concern in the save environment campaign.

Now, the good news.

Soon, the Centre for Environment Education or

EDITORIAL the CEE will set up India's first university

exclusively dedicated to environment protection studies in Ahmedabad with help from US experts.

The CEE was set up in the 80s, as a small agency under the Ministry of Environment to work for the protection of greenery.

It started short-term courses on environment education in 1994.

But at the recently concluded 4th international conference on environment education hosted for the first time by the central government. It was decided that the CEE that has a fairly big campus in Ahmedabad would be upgraded to a university by the first half of next year.

"Now we in CEE planning in 2008 also to launch an international masters level programme, which hopefully will serve some purpose as environment education in India has not yet picked up. But we need more quality programmes," said Kartikeya Sarabhai, CEE.

At the seminar, experts from 24 countries across the world discussed the importance of environment education, a sector India lags behind.

Now, the Centre is in talks with the United States Department of Energy for a strategic tie-up for further broadening the CEE's future courses, making it attractive for aspirants.

"I am confident that there are number of established priorities we can work together. Many organisations want to collaborate with us, so we will find good ways to work together here in India," said Mark Ginsberg, Director, United States Department of Energy.

As demand for qualified environment experts is on the rise in today's times of global warming, even corporates have warmed up to the idea of sponsoring the CEE's initiatives to operate a specialised university. /Joydeep Ray



DIRETSAHAN

*Hubaran sa mga klab,
sino mga patong???*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Sa pagpasok ng taong 2008 na tinaguriang "YEAR OF THE RAT" marami sa ating mga pinoy ang gumagawa sa kaugaliang paniniwala na magdudulot sa kanila ng suwerte sa buong taon. At dahil taon ng daga ngayon, dapat mawala na ang mga pusang gala sa Malakanyang para masaya ang mga daga, wala kasing dadapong suwerte kung me kasamang mga malas di ba mga suki?... may haka haka na uunlad na raw ang buhay sa Pinas, pero may mga kumontra na nagsasabing lalo itong lulubog. QUE SERA SERA?

Noong isang taon year 2007, ipinagmamalaki ng mga asong sepsep sa palasyo na oks na oks na raw ang ating ekonomiya at malakas na raw ang "PALO" ng ating piso. Ngekk ngekk nila! Paano nila ipapaliwanag ang talamak na kahirapang dinaranas ni katotong Juan Dela Cruz? Nagpapatawa ang mga "UNGAS" na payaso o baka nananaginip lang?... Hoy Gising!

Ako mismo, pumunta sa groserya na may dalang dalawang libong piso para bumili ng pagsasaluhan namin ng aking anak sa pagsalubong sa bagong taon!... at hanep mga suki dahil hamon, keso de bola at pang fruit salad lamang ang napagkasya sa halagang nabanggit! Ngitingit ng pitong demonyo oo, yan ba ang sinasabi ng mga "UNGAS" na malakas na raw ang ating piso? (baka ang ibig nilang sabihin ay MALAKAS ANG PISO na pumupuno sa kanilang mga bulsa!) mga Bwisheetttt!...

Pero HARINAWA na sana ay magbago na ang takbo ng buhay nating mga pinoy sa taong 2008 na ito!...mapabuti sana at hindi lalong mapasama! Lord, maawa na po kayo sa amin! KUNIN NIYO NA PO ANG MGA BUWAYA AT BUWITRE! Hi! Hi! Hi!

ooOoo

PINAGKUKUMPISKA ng mga pulis dangwa ang mga paputok na ibinebenta sa mga bawal na lugar partikular sa erya ng palengeke noong Disyembre 30, 2007. mga bata umano ng isang KERNEL FRANCO ang bumanat. Ang problema, kahit pampersonal o pampamilyang gamit na mga paputok na nakatago ay pinagkukuha pa nitong mga bata ni "KERNEL"! susmarya, alam mo ba ito HENERAL EUGENE MARTIN?

Sinabayan naman ito ng grupo ni TSIP MARIANO ng BCPO – SOG na bumanat naman sa ibang lugar at ito ay utos naman umano ni MEYORB!

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Some key challenges facing
Cordillera this year*

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



We begin 2008 with hope and optimism even as we are aware of the risks and dangers ahead. For instance, the price of oil crossed the US\$100 per barrel, the figure that a number of economic analysts believe will trigger a stagflation in the United States. Stagflation means stagnant economic growth amidst high inflation. The word stagflation was innovated decades earlier because conventional economists believed that inflation stimulates growth and stagflation simply does not fit in how conventional economists view things.

A weaker US economy theoretically could result to weaker US dollar and a stronger peso. However, IF Philippine economic growth is strongly correlated to US growth then a weaker US economy could also result to a weaker Philippine economy. Barring major and political upheavals and crises risks from other parts of the world, exchange rate can be stable but the Philippines can have an anemic economic growth. With globalization, it is difficult to make predictions because we have to review the hard data, particularly those related on the impact globalization has done on the Philippine economy (for instance, identifying factors with which Philippine economic growth is more strongly correlated today).

Of course, there are specific challenges that our national economy must address. However, I chose to be more local in this column than national and, therefore, within this context, I would like to identify the key challenges which the region or the Cordillera must address.

One key challenge facing Cordillerans today involves the need to seize the opportunities available for advancing regional autonomy. Other than the tremendous economic benefits regional economy can provide, regional autonomy would provide the opportunities for Cordillerans to rebuild their identity and create opportunities as well to shape education and culture consistent with that identity. The 21st century Cordillera, however, need not be purely local but it can be cosmopolitan and international as well. It can retain its identity and culture even as it interact with the world in the age of the internet and globalization. Of course, the 21st century Cordillera can be nationalist. Related to the fight for regional autonomy, we must ask the Regional Development Council of the National Economic Development Authority-Cordillera Administrative Region to be more transparent on the disbursements of their funds for regional autonomy and provide us with the results of their studies, both in print and in the internet.

Another key challenge facing the Cordillera today is the need to keep alive its vegetable industry given reports of vegetable imports. One way to keep up to the challenge is to make the industry locally and/or internationally competitive via organic agriculture. At the same time, some protectionism can be employed because the developed world is subsidizing their agriculture sector in the first place. Subsidies by the developing world are not necessarily inefficient because the agricultural sector need not be 100% open to the world. Making the industry 100% open would open the country to non-indigenous crop diseases or bacteria and viruses that can mutate to new forms. Some protectionism can be rational because it can be a way of diversifying our risks and opportunities portfolio thereby allowing us to survive better in an uncertain world. Further, we have to preserve the crop gene pool and one way of preserving the crop gene pool is via protection. Of course, there are also tremendous benefits from international trade that must be seized and that is why the 21st century Cordillera need not be a closed economy.

Another challenge facing the Cordillera is the need to develop alternative livelihood systems that are friendlier to the environment

PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Jok Time Muli

BY ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



Happy Happy New Year mga dear readers. Medyo wala pa tayo sa kondisyon bumatikos, pumuna at pumansin kaya pag tiyagaan muna ninyo ang ilan mga green jokes. (source- www.pinoyjokes.net)

Sauna Bath Scene

Sa loob ng "Happy" Sauna Bath...

(Ang masahista ay si Inday na Bisaya)

Inday: Gode eveneng pu seer! Ano ang gusto nimong sirvice? Sup ba o Maderit?

Guest: Ano kamo Inday? Ang alam kong massage service ay Soft at Hard lang, walang Moderate.....

Inday: Unsa ba seer? Nalibog na ko nimo. Unsa ba talaga? Sup ba o maderit?

Guest: Ito talaga si Inday oohh..... Wala namang moderate massage, Soft at Hard lang ang alam ko...

Tulo

LADY: doc, meron po akong brownish discharge. Parang na-infect.

DR : gaano kadalas ka mag sex?

LADY: Once a year po.

DR : Ahh, hindi yan infection, KALAWANG YAN!!

Erap in Hell

Dumating ang panahon in the future na namatay na si Erap at pumunta ang kaluluwa sa impierno.

Erap: Di pa dapat akong mamatay. Ang nanay ko nga, mahigit 100 taon nabuhay bago pumanaw.

Satanas: Ay! Oo nga, me pagkakamali. ayon dito, dapat mabubuhay ka pa ng 20 taon. Pero dahil namatay ka na at nandito na, di ka na pwede pang bumalik sa lupa.

Erap: Papaano ngayon, maghihirap ako dito dahil sa isang pagkakamali?

Satanas. Ang tanging paraan na lamang ay pumili ka ng iyon kaparusahan. Ngunit ang taong papalitan mo ang siyang makababalik lang uli sa lupa.

Dinala si Erap sa unang kwarto at nakita niya si Marcos, lubog sa tubig hanggang leeg. Tapos, sisisid uli at lututang uli, kinakapos ang hininga. Tapos, sisisid uli.

Erap: Ayaw ko niyan. Alam kong swimmer si Ferdie at saka di rin ako marunong lumangoy.

Dinala siya sa pangalawang kwarto. Nakita niya si Ramos, nakagapos sa kama ang kamay at paa. At habang nakabuka, sinususo ni Rosanna Roces si Fidel at masayang masaya ang mukha nito.

Erap: Hmmmmmm, okey na to! At least maligaya ako at laging nasasarapan. Okey, ito ang aking pipiliin.

Satanas: Okey kung ganon. "Rosanna, makababalik ka na sa lupa. Si Erap na ang papalit sa iyo!"

Top of Form

Bottom of Form

Patuwad

Isang araw sumakay ng Bus si Lola

Konduktor: Lola psensiya na po kc puno na! Payag po ba kyo ng Patayo?

Lola: Tinamaan ka ng Lintek kung inabot mo lang ang kabataan ko, kahit patuwad payag ako!

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GIRL:mag-69 tayo dear !

BOY:pano yun?

GIRL:ganito lang...

(pmwesto n cla at bglang nautot ang girl ng 4 times):

TELL IT AS IT IS

*Letters and a Happy
New Year To All!*

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



Dear Readers,

It's 2008. Well, as the new year 2008 opens to us doors of hope and hopefully a good year ..may we all fulfill our plans and hopes for this year, no matter how difficult it may seem..(well. of course as long as these are good plans) Cheers! and many thanks to my family, friends and even acquaintances who have stood by me all these years.. thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. May the Lord return to you a hundredfold the kindness, support and love you have extended to me and even to my daughter.

FROM THE MAIL

To: the Weekend Junction
To: Ms. Jenny Ocampo-Andres
To: whom it may concern

Even if the THE JUNCTION comes across as "palaban" or many times strong.saludo s nyo.

Also, why is the photograph of Ms.Jenny Ocampo-Andres print very darker in the past issues, it is not balanced with the photographs of Mr. Bombito, Mr.Boquiren and Mr. Garcia. Can you fix the balance of photographs& it doesn't look good if photograph printing is very dark. Yuletide greetings to you. Thank you for your time - MMonde (Dear MMonde, I forwarded your email to the Junction office with my personal note about your query and here's the reply.Thank you for reading Junction and writing to my column - Jenny)

Hi Jenny:

The reason your photo is dark because that is a scanned photo from a previous issue of the newspaper. If you can provide us with an original clearer one, your photo will appear better.

A. Pedronio

Ate Jenny,

You're pretty, alam m yon? Can I ask advice 'bout my hair? Do u knw of a gud hair gum & wax styling products that s nt sticky? – Tanya

Dear Tanya,

I am not into gum and wax hair styling products. I am more of the wash-comb-bath-dress up-and-go person , since I have a busy sched and a working mom but I asked some of my friends for ideas about your query. A close friend recommended the Moni's line of hair products known as wax and gum(available at the Myth boutique, 2nd floor, Greenbelt 5, Makati City). My friend is actually using it now and I saw its effect compared to the other brand she was formerly using...and yes it is not sticky.,smells good too.Hope I was of help.

Dear Jenny,

Magandang araw say o

Happy Holidays and Happy birthday sa yo. Kung naalala mo pa sumulat ako sa yo dati .Salamat sa advice mo, nalaman ko nangyari say o magmove on ka nalang.Kung kelangan mo idemanda mga naninira say o gawin mo.Di nag-iisip mga taong ganun asal. Salamat sa pagbasa liham ko.

Dear Joy,

Thank you .I'm glad I was of help to you. Take Care and Good luck.

HAPPY 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO MY PARENTS , Mr. Pablo and Mrs. Precy Ocampo.Thank you pa, ma for all the love,

Diretsahan.. from page 4

.... Bumanat naman ang grupo ni BCPO – SWAT noong Disyembre 31 at ito ay utos din ni Meyor!

... pero bakit hindi yata bumanat ang grupo ni BOS TSIP ENGELBERT SORIANO ng BCPO STATION 7 eh hurisdiksyon nila ang mga lugar na "NAGALAW" ng mga nabanggit na grupo? Me koordinasyon ba na naganap?... o "USO" ngayon ang mga mag-ober da bakod? Nagtatanong lang po!

DAPAT TUTUKAN kung saan dinala at kung tama ang bilang ng mga nakumpiska, di ba Meyor Bautista, Tsip Guevarra, at Heneral Martin? Kung tama at kumpleto, wel en gud, pero kung ang mga ito ay naglaho na parang bula, eh ano ang tawag dun? HULIDAP ba o HULITONG? Naku, mga Bos Tsip, mage esep-esep naman kayo, tama na ang "ABUSO" gumalaw naman kayo ng DIRETSAHAN!

ooOoo

ayon sa aking "BUBUWIT" laganap pa rin daw ang "HUBARAN" sa mga naytklab na matatagpuan sa Marcos Hi-way, Naguilian Road, Lower Magsaysay at Bokawkan Road

Marami rin daw itong namataan na mga opisyal ng gobyerno at pulis na tumatangkilik sa aktibidad na ito, ayon pa, kundi libreng toma at tsiks, sobre na may laman ang inaabot ng mga opereytor sa mga ito por proteksyon!

Ano sey mo dito Meyor at Tsip Guevarra. Ano rin ang sey mo Kernel Train ng CIDG? Me "BASBAS" ba kayo dito? Kung wala, aba eh UMAKSYONNA!

ooOoo

Binabati ng DIRETSAHAN ang mga nanalo sa eleksyon pagka opisyal ng LIGA NG BARANGAY na ginanap noong Disyembre 29, 2007 sa Multi Purpose Hall ng Baguio City. Binabati ko rin ang DILG-CAR ng Baguio sa malinis, mapayapa at maayos na halalan.

"KUDOS" sa mga sumusunod na bagong opisyal ng liga ng mga Barangay Joel Alangsab – President, Eva Marie Fianza – Vice President, Carlos Asiatico – Auditor, Board of directors; Virgilio Orca, Rocky Aliping, Michael Perez, William Domogen, Romualdo Ulatan Sr., Peter Busaing, at Marvin Binay-an

...At sana ay pagbutihin at maging tapat ang mga bagong halal sa kanilang sinumpaang tungkulin ng walang takot, pag –aalinlangan, kinikilingan o anumang kapalit at katumbas! Alalahanin nila na minamatyagan sila ng mga "BUBUWIT" ng DIRETSAHAN! PWERA MUNAANG PULITIKA APO!

OoOoo

Dapat ay magsibitiw na sa puwesto ang mga opisyal na inutil sa DOTC – CAR, DENR, at LTO dahil sa hindi masugpo sugpong paglaganap ng mga behikulong may killer usok na nagdudulot ng maruming polusyon sa lungsod ng Baguio at mga karatig lugar.

Matindi raw ang korapsyon na nangyayari sa mga opisnang ito, totoo hu ba ito mga Bos, Tsip? Aba eh kung totoo, bitaw na, ...huwag sanang makapat at kapit tuko! MALIWANAG?

OoOoo

Dapat ding bigyan ng pansin itong mga unipormadong guwardiya na walang pakelam sa mga nangyayari malapit at katabi lamang sa kanilang hurisdiksyon lalo na pag ito'y pampubliko at kailangan ng agarang aksyon!

Ang rason ng ibang lintek na guwardiya ay hindi raw nila ito trabaho at hurisdiksyon at takot din daw silang madamay! Naku...huwag na silang mag guwardiya at mag –uniporme, pumasok na lang sila sa seminaryo para maging pari o kaya madre! PWE!

sacrifices and good examples you have shown to us and other people.May you continue to touch lives. From your children and grandchildren

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOYCE BAUTISTA and husband for their newborn baby.Good Luck and Take Care Mommy Joyce!!!

Greetings to the BGHMC and WCPU Staff.

For your comments and suggestions, email me @jennyjlaw@yahoo.com

Fewer firecracker incidents in the provinces

The intensive campaign of government to shift from the usual firecrackers to alternative ways of celebrating Christmas and New Year has resulted to fewer firecracker incidents in Ifugao and Kalinga.

Dra Mary Josephine Dulawan, Ifugao Provincial Health Officer said that there was only one minor case brought to the provincial Hospital who suffered blister burns.

She said other hospitals in the province such as the Mayoyao and Potia District

Hospitals have zero cases related to the New Year celebration.

Records from the Community Health and Development Center (CHDC) in Kalinga showed that seven were injured by firecracker and one from accidental gun fire from December 25, 2007 to January 2, 2008.

Dr. Bernadette Andaya, Head of CHDC identified the gun shot victim as Pascual Melvin of Babalag, Rizal who was accidentally hit by a cal. 45 pistol on his right thigh.

One person in the same town and two others in Dagupan Weste this city and one in Pagugo, Tanudan were also injured by super lolo. In Pinukpuk, one was injured by kwitis; and a piccolo in Florendo, Bulanao this city..

Dulawan and Andaya attributed the no or low cases to the effective advocacy and information, education campaign done at the national and local levels. "The good preventive promotion efforts of our national and also local officials and concerned

agencies such as the health department contributed much." Dulawan said.

"Department of Health Secretary Francisco Duque had been visible the whole holiday season to tell people of the danger of firecrackers," Andaya said adding that it brought positive effects in some areas.

The media and other health promotions helped much in our advocacy to save lives and incidents related to reckless use of firecrackers just to celebrate new year, Dulawan said.

People have learned their lessons that it's enough to have food on the table to welcome the new year than spending on useless commodities. "The situation at present where life is becoming harder and that people are doing correct choices on things they need also controlled their desire for *paputok*, Andaya said

In the municipality of Kiangnan, Fr. Bennie de Guzman included in his homily that in time like this wherein poverty is almost felt everywhere, people should spend their money wisely. "It is more practical for you use your money in buying food than firecrackers," Fr. De Guzman said. / PIA CAR

NIA-CAR pushes for watershed protection

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The National Irrigation Administration Cordillera Region is bent on pushing its roadmap for watershed development despite lack of funds to back up its implementation, and depending on voluntary support from groups and offices.

This is in line with the national Memorandum of Agreement between NIA and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the maintenance and protection of watershed areas in June 17, 2002. Seeing the urgency of the program, the NIA-CAR at their level implemented the program.

NIA Regional Manager Abraham Akilit said that watershed protection is not only for the Cordillera region but also for the lowland areas.

In order to ensure the planting of trees, one of the strategies being done according to Akilit is the forging of a Memorandum of Agreement among concerned offices as a requirement for project implementation, farmer-beneficiaries in the community need to plant trees in watershed areas. Piloted are the head gate of watershed areas found in Agno River in Benguet and Chico River in Mt. Province .

There are 100 irrigation projects found around the tributaries of watershed areas located in Bauko, Mt. Province , Buguias, Bokod and Kabayan in Benguet.

To date, among the local government units which have formalized the MOA are Bauko, Mt. Province and Bangao, Buguias in Benguet, according to Akilit.

Akilit said the tree planting activities started last year in Mt. Province , Benguet and Ifugao. Initial activities such as community mobilization, information drive among others were also done .

In Mt. Province , planted were 50,219 various agro-forest seedlings in Bayudan river basin, Bauko, a watershed of Chico River .

In Benguet, there were 47,464 various agro-forest seedlings planted along the Agno river basin within Buguias.

For Ifugao, 635 various agro-forest seedlings were planted in private lands, purok Landing, Hapid, Lamut, a watershed of Magat River .

The tree planting activities were participated in by Irrigators' Associations, NIA employees, farmers, residents, officials, students, government and non-government organizations.

As planned, a total of 6,000 hectares is being targeted for rehabilitation, 3,000 hectares each in Mt. Province and Benguet, supposedly within a five year period but may take longer time as NIA solely depends on voluntary support.

Akilit sees the need of watershed protection as the life of irrigation that is dependent on natural resources which need to be protected. /S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

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than mining (assuming that the mining industry would find a way to argue that their mining is environment-friendly). Mining, especially if it destroys the land terrain and pollutes our rivers, can reduce the flexibility of local areas to seize market opportunities. It is easy to demonstrate that many non-mining communities are more productive than mining communities. Baguio City and La Trinidad, for instance, have no mining (or negligible mining, just in case there are secret ones) and yet, they are most progressive because they seize opportunities related to industry, education, residential homes, real estate, vacation and tourism industry, labor outsourcing, and other opportunities.

Still another important challenge facing the Cordillera is to seize the opportunities available in the labor outsourcing business. The internet makes it possible for Cordillerans to work in the international market without leaving the Cordillera. This is one way of making the region more affluent (a euphemism) without the Cordillerans leaving their homes. A great number of Cordillerans are educated and we have a number of great educational centers in the Cordillera. These are potential sources of strength for us that would enable us to compete better in the international market.

I do not want my column to be too long. Perhaps I will continue on this topic next week. This year, however, I want **The Peace Combatant** to focus more on regional autonomy, local governance (including corruption and leadership issues), Cordillera economy, street children, and the risks and opportunities facing Cordillerans.

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BOY: ayoko na! DI KON KYA UNG NATITIRANG 65

Mr. and Misis

Misis: Hoy, Tumigil ka na sa pag inom ng Beer, masyado kang magastos.

Mister: Ikaw, make-up mo ang magastos!

Mrs: Nagpapaganda ako para sa iyo.

Mister: Ako umiinom naman para gumanda ka!

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
First Judicial Region
Branch 60
Baguio City

IN MATTER OF THE PETITION OF HOI IK CHUNG, also known as PAUL CHUNG, to be admitted as Citizen of the Philippines.

NAT. CASE NO. 20-R

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Petitioner Hoi IK Chung, through counsel filed a verified petition for Naturalization, praying to be admitted as citizen of the Republic of the Philippines.

In support of his petition, he alleged among others that;

His full name is HOI IK CHUNG. Some of my official documents refer to me as PAUL CHUNG. His present place of residence is at Woodsville, Camp 7, Baguio City, Philippines and also have residence at Brgy. Pugaro, Balingao, Pangasinan. He was born on the 14th day of July 1960 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. I am present a citizen of Korea under whose laws Filipinos may become naturalized citizen thereof. He is married to LEE, EUB HWA at Korea. Out of our marriage, they have two children, namely: JI SAN CHUNG, who was born on September 2, 1992 in Korea, and JI SONG CHUNG, who was born on April 25, 1995 in Korea, both of whom are currently residing with me and my wife at Woodsville, Camp 7, Baguio City, Philippines. Their children are

presently enrolled at R E M I N A N T INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL in Baguio City, where Philippine History, Government, and Civics are taught or prescribed as part of the school curriculum. He is presently engaged as Administrator of R e m n a n t International School of Baguio City.

Since his stay in the Philippines, he has been accustomed to Filipino traits, manners and conduct, and has gotten along well with many Filipinos in this country. He has resided continuously in the Philippines for a period of eleven (11) years, having first entered into this country on August 1, 1996. He believes in the principles underlying the P h i l i p p i n e s Constitution. He has conducted himself in proper and irreproachable manner during the entire period of his residence in the Philippines in his relations with constituted Government as well as with the community in which he is living. He has mingled socially with Filipinos, and has learned and embraced the customs, traditions and ideals and ideas of the Filipinos. He has all the qualifications required under Section 2, and none of the disqualifications under Section 4 of Commonwealth Act No. 73. He is a person of good character.

He is not opposed to organized government, nor is he affiliated with any association or group of persons who uphold and teach doctrines opposing all organized governments. He is not defending or teaching the necessity or propriety of violence, personal assault, or

assassination on for the success and predominance of men's ideals. He has not been convicted of any crime. He is not suffering from any incurable contagious disease. The nation of which he is a citizen or subject is not at war with the Philippines.

It is his intention in good faith to become a citizen of the Philippines and to renounce absolutely and over all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to the Republic Korea, of which at this time, he is a citizen or subject. He will reside continuously in the Philippines from the date of the filling of his petition up to the time of his admission to the P h i l i p p i n e Citizenship.

He has not heretofore made any petition for citizenship before any court, tribunal or administrative body.

A N D R E A CAYANOS ALALAG, of a legal age, Filipino with residence at Baguio City, and MARIA LIZA SIERRA-JUNG, also of a legal age, Filipino with residence at Baguio City, are both Filipinos citizens who will appear and testify as witnesses during the hearing of this petition.

He has filed his declaration of Intension to become a Filipino citizen before the Solicitor General on July 27, 2006.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Baguio City on July 10, 2008, at 8:30 in the morning at which place, date and time, the petitioner shall prove its case. Any person may appear

AND show cause, if any there be why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy this Order, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes; be furnished the respondent, Local Civil Registrar of the City of Baguio, who is hereby enjoined to file its comments and/or opposition, should there be any. Furnish a copy of the Order an Notice of the Hearing with a copy of the petition to the Office of the Solicitor General

The branch sheriff is hereby directed to post copies of Order and Notice of Hearing in public and conspicuous places at the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court of Baguio City, the City Hall, the City Market, and the Post Office, all of Baguio City. Let this Order and Notice of Hearing together with the petition be published in a local newspaper covering the residence of the petitioner and of

general circulation, and in the Official gazette for (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 13th day of December, 2007 at Baguio City Philippines.

EDILBERTOT. CLARAVAL
Presiding Judge

December 22, 29 and January 5, 2007

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providing protection measures and basic needs as shelter, food and education as well as a peaceful, friendly and healthy environment. It is also their duty to inculcate good cultural values such as "inayan", help in the discipline of children in the community and to recognize good performance and achievement of children.

Under the Code, the municipal government ensures that all children are properly registered on time and without discrimination, and that all children will be accorded with proper health, nutrition, sanitation, and education programs and services.

Among the primary health programs for children are safe motherhood program in which the indigenous practice of 'og-ogbo' or sharing work on rotation basis is promoted to unburden full term pregnant and post partum mothers, and the breast feeding program which

advocates 'lang-ay' to ensure continuous breast milk for babies of working mothers or in the meantime that a new mother cannot express milk.

The Code also recognizes the indigenous procedures such as the 'sapit' in cases involving children and protection of offenders against excessive penalties and degrading punishments. The sapit is mediated by elders where contending parties are given chances to present their positions and decisions are grounded on the preservation of community cohesiveness and unity.

However, it provides that children subject for sapit are not accused of rape or are not habitually in conflict with the law.

Provisions of existing municipal ordinances covering minors are made suppletory to the Code. These include among others Mun. Ordinance No 6 s.

1998 regulating the operation of commercial computer games in the municipality; Mun Ord. No. 9 s. 1993 imposing penalties to storeowners caught serving liquor/intoxicating beverages to students and or minors; and Ord. No 8 imposing penalties to minors under the influence of liquor. Mun Or. No. 1 and 2 s. 1999 prescribing penalties to owners/operators of billiard halls in the municipality to permit minors to play pool billiards; and penalties to minors caught playing pool/billiard related games respectively. Ordinance promoting the availability and use of iodized salt in the municipality and Mun Ord. No. 1 s. 2001 imposing compulsory basic immunization for infants within the municipality of Tadian.

The Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children chaired by the Municipal mayor is tasked to oversee the implementation of the Code./PIA CAR

Relief forthcoming for OFWs hard-hit by continuing rise of peso vs. U.S. dollar

Relief is on the way for overseas Filipino workers (OFW) hard-hit by the continuing spike in the value of the peso against the US dollar.

This was the assurance made by Labor Secretary Arturo Brion who said that the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) is set to open this month a special facility that would guarantee a fair return on the remittances of Filipinos working abroad.

He said the facility would reduce the high transaction costs on OFW remittances sparked by the rise

of the value of the peso against the US currency.

Brion made the disclosure during the taping in Malacanang last week of "The Cabinet Speaks" hosted by Undersecretary Martin Crisostomo, with co-host Paolo Romero of the Philippine Star (PDI).

The labor chief said he and DBP Chairperson Patricia Sto. Tomas are scheduled to meet in Hong Kong later this month to inaugurate a "hedging program."

Under the program, the

remittance-deposit by a group of OFWs for a certain period would enjoy a guaranteed return, and a measure of protection against the fluctuating peso-US dollar exchange rate.

"This is not only for the Development Bank of the Philippines. I would hope that in due time other banks would catch on and offer similar if not the same measures," Brion said.

Brion added that he is encouraging OFWs to avail themselves of the hedge program to increase their savings and avoid

the pitfalls of the so-called "rags-to-riches-to-rags syndrome."

"As far as I know this is a facility that is available. What is necessary is there should be a group of employees who will band together," he said.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered Brion last month to adjust the percentage membership fee collected from OFWs to P42 per US dollar effective this month to ensure that the earnings of OFWs are protected against the fluctuations of the peso-dollar exchange rate./PIA CAR

Kalinga farmers learn vermi-composting

TABUK CITY – In this part of the country where government is pushing the hybrid rice industry for commercial purposes, farmers are given composting technology like the latest vermi-composting to further cut production cost.

Provincial Agriculturist Gerry Jose said farmers of the province recently received facilities for the study of the technology from the Bureau of Soil and Water Management (BSWM).

Jose said BSWM released mechanical shredders to

farmers of the province for the cutting of materials for use in vermi-composting.

Vermi-composting uses thin strips of grasses and rice straws as materials, entailing no-cost technology for farmers.

According to Jose, the new technology employs compost activation from swamp leeches, instead of using fungus activator which is even cheaper than previous composting processes.

Jose said technicians from their agency are sent for special

trainings so they can transfer the technology to local farmers.

The technology is very much adoptable to our setting considering the volume of farming waste materials every harvest time. Finished compost can be applied as organic fertilizer not only to rice, but to all crops including ornamentals, Jose said.

Our farmers can even develop the technology and make it as added source of income, when they export their product to places outside the province.

Kalinga is chosen as pilot area of vermi-composting by the BSWM in the country, considering its large land area devoted to agriculture. **L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

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In the initial implementation of this program, the amount of P50,000 is provided for in the Besao Children's Code and as provided in the Annual Investment Plan, to support this program and mandatory allocation thereafter shall be incorporated in the annual development plan of this municipality./Juliet B. Saley/PIA MP

MP town enacts ordinance to improve nutritional status of children

BESAO, Mt. Province - In support to the Hunger Mitigation program of the government, the Sangguniang Bayan has enacted an ordinance institutionalizing the Food Security program of the municipality to improve the nutrition status of its children.

It was noted that one of the major causes of malnutrition is food insufficiency especially vegetables, so there is a need to provide a sustainable program on food security.

To ensure that food is abundant in the home of all families in this municipality, the municipal government recognizes a need to provide a sustainable program on food security by providing vegetable seeds for the

establishment of backyard gardens in all houses.

To implement this program successfully, vegetable seeds shall be provided free to all school pupils, students and families of reproductive age. Vegetable demonstration farms shall be established in all elementary and secondary schools.

The ordinance also mandates the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children to lead the implementation of the program in their respective barangay.

The Municipal Agriculture Office is responsible in procuring vegetable seeds, and coordinate with heads of schools for the establishment of demonstration gardens in all the schools in this municipality.

The Municipal Health Office, on the other hand, is tasked to develop a localized matrix of nutritional food values and

distribute it to all schools and barangay health stations.

The Municipal Nutrition Council shall endeavor to reach out to national agencies, NGOs and other individuals or groups for support to this program. It will also monitor compliance to the provisions of this ordinance and may require all BCPCs to submit report duly validated by the midwives, agricultural technicians and teachers.

The ordinance also provides that a system providing incentives and awards to individuals, families and barangays for outstanding and exemplary accomplishments in the implementation of this program shall also be formulated.

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The Office of the City Health Officer is advising the public to be aware of all kinds of cancer.

Among women, the more common types are the cervical and breast cancers.

Cervical cancer is the cancer of the cervix or the neck of the uterus. It is influenced directly by a woman's age which means that older women between the ages of 40 and 70 are more prone to the invasive type.

Women who have multiple sexual partner and those who had intercourse at an early age are more likely to develop the disease.

The warning signs are intermenstrual bleeding, post-coital bleeding, pain, abnormal vaginal discharge, unilateral edema and weight loss.

It is recommended that women undergo annual Pap smear test beginning at age 18 or younger but are already sexually active.

In line with the celebration, the city health office is administering free Pap Smear tests in the various district health centers.

Breast cancer, on the other hand, is characterized by lumps in the breast, unusual change in the size or shape of the breast with one breast unusually lower than the other, puckering of the skin of the breast, new dimpling in the nipple, discharge or bleeding from the nipple, change in the skin of the nipple, enlarged lymph nodes at neck or under the arm and swelling of the upper arm.

It is recommended that women undertake breast self-examination by a doctor.

Like most cancer, the colon and rectum cancer is curable if detected early so people are advised to watch out for the following symptoms: bleeding from the rectum; blood in stool; persistent change in bowel movements; and cramping pain in abdomen.

Colon and rectum cancer is said

to most likely happen in women who have ulcerative colitis and cancer history in the family.

People who are over age 40 are advised to have a digital rectal exam every year while those over age 50 are advised to undergo any necessary medical intervention prescribed by their doctors./ aileen p. refuerzo

Retaking.. from page 2

EO5-2007 Committee approval and replete of the requirements asked of them under the order.

Fianza however commended Session Rd. PB Zenaida Monteclaro and Upper Kayang PB Julita Sino-Cruz for their monitoring and vending regulation efforts at the height of the yuletide season.

"Without supporting documents, approval of any vending plant cannot be expected," Fianza reiterated in his letter and again, in a meeting with the PB's January 3.

As of this writing, POSD is currently doing rounds asking vendors "politely" to voluntarily dismantle their make-shift tents and shelves and to cease illegal vending activities. This, before conducting "dismantling and confiscation sweeps."

"This," Deligero said, "gives violators sufficient notice and time to desist with their activities as the city's way of extending due process and humanitarian consideration."

Meantime, Fianza pointed out, "The task of reclaiming the city's

pristine glory is tall order, which can only be solved with the aid of city locals."

Asked how regular citizens and businessmen can aid in curbing illegal vending he merely cited case laws adding "their voice is still occupies the highest place in the order of city priorities."

The cases: Macasiano versus Diokno (G.R. No. 97764, August 10, 1992) and Dacanay versus Mayor Asistio, Jr. (G.R. No. 93654, May 6, 1992).

"In both cases," Fianza cited, "It only took one resident to assert that 'streets are of public dominion and hence, beyond the commerce of man' to convince the SC to order the concerned local governments to clear the city streets and restore them to their specific purpose as easements, with utmost dispatch."

"Hopefully," he added, "even regular businessmen allowing their frontages to be used by illegal vendors 'for fees,' realize that their role in the campaign against hawkers is a vital as that of the city government's."/ ISL

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and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

The Baguio fire department reportedly put the damage estimate at P1.5 million.

The other fire incident transpired at about 1 p.m. of the same day at No. 17 Jasmin Road, San

Luis Village where the house of one Atty. Sanchez was damaged by a fire. The damage was estimated at P10,000./aileen p.refuerzo

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to the Sangguniang Panglunsod to adopt ordinances to that effect.

Part of its move to ensure equal footing before the bodong system, the MBCC is studying the possible inclusion of non-Kalinga ethnic groups in the city to the bodong system and asks its non-Kalinga council members to conduct further study on this./L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

Alangsab.. from page 2

he was also the board president and concentrate on representing the barangays in the local legislature.

Panagan, who served as ABC president for five years, was also a former president of Beneco. Olowan himself was elected Beneco director but yielded his post when he first ran for the city council.

A political science graduate of the St. Louis University, Alangsab was appointed punong barangay in February, 1998 by then mayor Mauricio Domogan following the resignation of then punong barangay Amorelle Afaga.

Lone woman vice-presidential candidate Eva Marie Fianza of Happy Homes - Old Lucban topped a four-way contest for the post with 42 votes. She was trailed by Alberto Reyes of Palma-Urbano (36 votes), Peter Wasing of Lower Quirino Hill (34) and Ferdy

Bayaesen of Guisad Central (14).

Carlos Asiatico of Lopez Jaena took the position of auditor with 48 votes, besting James Doligas of Brookside who had 42 votes and Raymond Ruivivar of Upper Dagsian who got 32 votes.

Elected to the board of directors are Virgilio Orca (64) of North Sanitary Camp, Rocky Aliping (57) of Lower Q.M., William Domogen (56) of Malcolm Square, Benjamin Macdangdang (55) of Lourdes Subd. Ext., Michael Perez (52) of South Central Aurora Hill, Romualdo Ulatan Sr. (49) of A. Tabora, Peter Busaing (47) of West Quirino Hill, and Marvin Binay-an (45) of Camp 7.

Punong barangay William Hamada of Bunrham Park - Legarda chaired the election committee while punong barangay Aida Reyes of Aurora Hill Proper headed the board of canvassers./ Ramon Dacawi.

DOLE prospects.. from page 2

worker reform package established last March wherein the Philippines set a minimum \$400 salary for Filipino household workers deployed abroad.

He said Filipinos with higher opportunities for deployment abroad are topped by those coming from the medical and health, information and technology, and services sectors.

Brion said nurses were not affected by the nursing examination scandal last year,

citing the big employment opportunities in Europe, Canada and even Saudi Arabia.

He said that last year alone, the Philippines could only send about 3,000 of the 5,000 needed by Saudi Arabia.

However, Brion said the DOLE and Department of Health (DOH) would also adopt a new policy in the deployment of nurses so as not to affect the operation of local hospitals and clinics./PIA CAR

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Subsequent Resolution 366, series of 1998 subsequently declared the 250-square parcel of land as a "greenbelt area and for future road expansion."

"However," Rabanes said, "Despite city declarations, the fact that Hwa Ping was able to secure title consolidating the questioned lot with his adjoining property raises doubts as to how a title now referring to a 360-square meter parcel of land was secured."

In 1995, a Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) report pointed out that the property is covered by the Baguio City Hall Reservation and, at the same time, a road-right-of-way.

Curiously, retired DENR regional executive director Isaias Barongan title including the questioned property in the name of Hwa Ping.

Rabanes observed, "In the consolidated title, the annotation that the land shall be used exclusively for gardening, protection and parking with the proviso that no vertical structures shall be allowed to be constructed was even omitted."

Seeing Hwa Ping priming up for a construction in the area, lawyer Renato Cortes earlier filed opposition with concerned local officials seeking to stop the latter from erecting vertical structures.

He pointed out that no title should be issued over public

property previously classified as road-right-of-way and falling within the City Hall Reservation.

Construction in the area temporarily ceased following a notice for violation of the building code was issued by the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD), December 5.

Hwa Ping in an affidavit, July 23, 1998 expressed "regret" for causing a hubbub in City Hall.

In the same affidavit he said, "In case the DPWH will object to my construction, I am giving the building official the right to terminate my permit anytime."

Later in August of the same year, he "begged" city officials to allow "for the moment" construction of retaining walls and other improvements for the protection of the area from possible wear.

Rabanes said, "Almost 10-years passed and Hwa Ping is doing exactly the opposite of what he even begged the city to allow him to do."

"He even went beyond what he asked the city to allow him to do, constructing a bodega, which is nowhere near a protective structure he earlier requested he be allowed to do," he sighed./ISL

Tadian crafts its Children's Code

TADIAN, Mt. Province – As a child friendly municipality, the local government unit here has made it a policy that the rights of the child for survival, protection, participation and development must be given priority both by government and civil society.

As embodied in the Tadian Children's Code, every child shall be entitled to the following rights without distinction as to the legitimacy, sex, social status, religion and other factors. Survival rights which includes the child's inherent right to be born and to the needs that are most basic to existence; adequate and decent standard of living, access to basic health care and medical services, social security and rehabilitation.

Development rights include access to educational opportunities, rest and leisure, privacy and the right to enjoy ones culture and religion while protection rights encompasses the protection of children against all forms of abuse and exploitation. Children have also the right to participate in matters that affect them thus they should be provided appropriate venues to express their opinions freely and participate in decision making.

Children, on the other hand, have the responsibilities of striving to lead an upright and virtuous life; love, respect and obey their parents, and be industrious and cooperate in the strengthening of the family. It is also their responsibility to exert their best to develop their potentials particularly by undergoing formal education suited to their abilities in order that they may become asset to themselves and to the society.

The Code likewise provides that parents shall have the primary obligation to provide for the upbringing of their children. They shall also have the right to discipline their children as may be necessary for the formation of their good character, however this should not fall under prohibited acts mentioned in the Code.

Institutions and the community are also ordained to assume duties and responsibilities towards children like

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Tabuk City outlaws tribal war

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Effort in making this city a haven of peace is finding place in every resident as the city's Matagoan Bodong Consultative Council (MBCC) moves to outlaw tribal war in the heart of Tabuk.

During its recent 3rd general assembly, this peace body of the city government resolved to establish new policies affirming the "no gopas" principle within the Matagoan Zone of the city comprised of seven major barangays.

The new policies were deliberated and accepted by the other tribes residing here in the city, who expressed support to the Matagoan principle.

"No gopas" prohibits any tribe from cutting-off its peace pact with the other tribe in cases of tribal conflict, thereby preventing the breaking of tribal war within the Matagoan Zone or Zone of Peace.

The Matagoan Principle advocated by the city leadership has factored in several occasions which could have caused serious tribal violence, if not prevented.

The council in its new policies resolved to impose penalties on any tribe that deliberately cuts its peace pact or bodong with another tribe on account of mere

furtherance of violence.

In cases when a bodong holder requests to relinquish his position for reasons like transfer of his title to other members of his tribe or for matters beyond his control as explained before the council, he may not be covered by the policy.

Among the new policies which are still to be submitted for ratification in the 4th council general assembly include the penalty of one carabao or its cash equivalent to any tribe staging offensive attack to another within the seven Matagoan Barangays of Dagupan Centro, Dagupan Weste, Magsaysay, Appas, San Juan, Bulanao and Bulanao Norte.

The same policy provides that of the total amount of the penalty, 50% will go to the MBCC and the other 50% will go to the barangay.

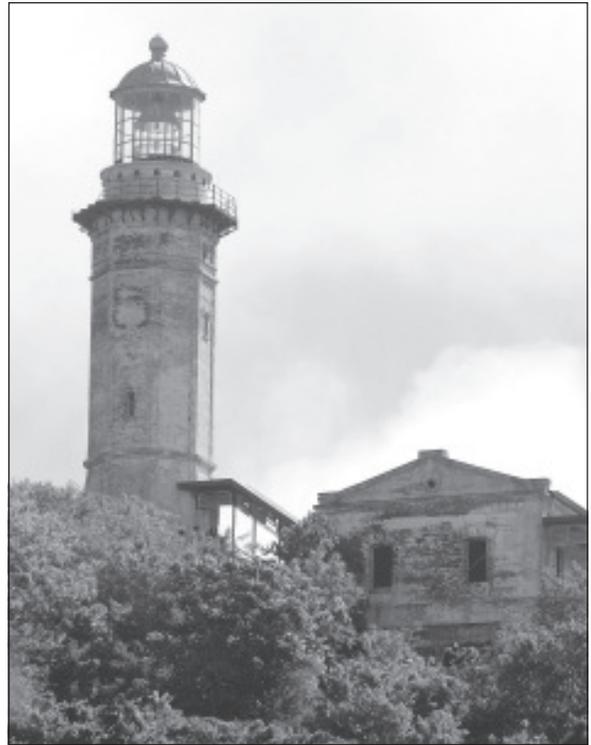
In cases of violent inflictions, the acceptance of "papod" or peace token by the aggrieved tribe does not mean the offended member can not pursue the case before the courts. Acceptance of the papod only would mean the offended member of the tribe will not result to violent retaliation, which could aggravate the case, and that offended

member of the tribe is willing to settle the case peaceably.

In the matter of fair treatment among immigrant ethnic groups with Kalinga tribes in instances of penalties, where the issue on double standard is raised, the council proposed

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Burgoz, Ilocos Norte - Still standing the test of time and serving sea navigation for hundreds of year, the Cape Bojeador lighthouse on top of a hill here built by Agustinian priests on March 31, 1892 under the Spanish government on a high hill overlooking the scenic Cape Bojeador, where galleons passed by. Its purpose is also to guide ships away from the rocky coasts of Burgoz. It still continues to operate with new lenses run by solar panels. Originally the light was provided by pressurized kerosine lamps, very much like the current "Coleman lamp". In 2005 the old pressure vessels and wicks for the light could still be found in the shed.--
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