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## Pahayagang palaban!!! POSD cries for help as hawkers get bolder



BAGUIO CITY – Things might get worse before it becomes better.

A day before the Manny Pacquiao - Manuel "Dinamita" Marquez battle for the Superflyweight crown literally bringing crimes to ebb, elements of the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) experienced a different kind of clash foreboding of worse to come.

The battle: To retake the city's easements for the unassuming housewife and park goers who simply want a breathe of fresh air.

The confetti: Rocks the size of melons that could result to something that could easily make the "Pacman's" 10-stitch cut to shame.

While doing their regular rounds at Burnham Park about 1:30pm of March 15, three POSD men were met with a force of 20 to 30 fuming hawkers who threatened them a knockout nobody wakes up from.

A POSD who agreed to speak anonymously for security reasons related, "We

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TAYAAN NG JUETENG ANYONE??? This photo was taken by one of our informers who also said that this Jueteng betting station located at Unit No. 5 Lopez Bldg, Kayang St. (located right at the heart of the Central Business District) is alleged to be one of the strongest betting stations for the illegal numbers game (Jueteng). For more details see LG Komentaryo, p.7. (Photo by: G.P. Binwagan)

Dala na'yan ng hirap sa buhay. Yung mga hawkers, sinusubukan lang na maghanap-buhay. Tulungan niyo sila!!!!

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## Parking Prohibition Urged

BAGUIO CITY – The city council is considering a proposed ordinance “declaring it unlawful for any provincial/passenger buses and vans-for-hire to park or to use as terminal, parking space and unloading area particularly Abanao Street, Chanum Street, Governor Pack Road, Harrison Road and Otek Street, including any road, street, right-of-way, plaza, park, and any other public place.”

Proposed by Councilors Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Richard Carino, the measure seeks the relocation of the loading and unloading areas and stations of these provincial buses and vans-for-hire outside of the central business district to ease vehicular traffic, human crowding and air pollution in the said areas.

In their proposal, the proponents cited paragraph 3 of Resolution Nr. 144, Series of 1995, adopting the recommendation of the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC) that mentioned that:

“Based on the findings, the committee is recommending the immediate enforcement of Section 1 of Ordinance Nr. 410, Series of 1964, which states that ‘No passenger buses and freight trucks shall be allowed to use any road, street, right-of-way, plaza, park or other public place, as a terminal or parking place.’, and let the operator abide by the provisions of their CPCs which among others specifies that franchise holders or operators shall provide their own off-street terminals. It is further recommended that south-bound buses should look for an off-street terminal outside the Central Business District preferably near or within the vicinity of Marcos Highway and Kennon Road, and, for north-bound buses, Quirino Highway.”

“The committee advocates the dispersal of destination trips to the CBD. The concentration of north-bound buses at Governor Pack Road is in contradiction to the Committee’s stand on dispersal. It instead resulted to the convergence of travelers to a common point which resulted to traffic jams along Governor Pack Road,” the proponents noted. Proposed penalties include fines ranging from P1,000 to P3,000 with confiscation of license and imprisonment. The council has approved the measure on second reading and for publication./ aileen p. refuerzo

## Obituary for a nine-year old

Simon Lardizabal has gone to the big playground in the sky, freed of the pesky demon he bravely battled for over two years. He fought the way boys his age pulverize those bad creatures on the internet screen, except that his ogre was

feared and would not go away.

The nine-year old boy went up the other Wednesday evening, wheeled out of the intensive care unit of a hospital here that was his home for months. Relatives held the final rite last Monday on a hillside in Gohang, the

native village of the boy’s mother at the other side of the rice terraces in Banaue. nine.

He succumbed to leukemia, the same cancer of the blood that hit his nephew, six-year old Zandro Pagayon. They were together Christmas two

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## YMCA offers kids’ summer sports training, youth camp

The Baguio YMCA is again offering two of its annual training programs for kids and youth looking for productive ways of spending their summer vacation – a seven-week “Summer Frolics” in sports and a week-long rural community immersion camp.

Kids between five to 16 years may enroll in any of sports features of the summer frolics -aikido, arnis, basketball, badminton, judo and karate to be conducted by seasoned instructors from April 7 to May 31 at the Y gym.

Parents who feel their kids need to begin to learn to read may sign them up for such set for four to seven-year olds from April 14 to May 14. Fee is set at P1,870 for any of the four categories – beginners (zero background), those entering kinder 1, kinder 2 and grade 1.

The youth

camp, set April 15-19 in Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet, will be for high school and college students. It centers on community service, leadership, spiritual and educational growth, and on the disciplinary values of martial arts and sports.

Board director Ruben Tinda-ann, sports committee chair, said the enrollment fee for the summer frolics is pegged at P475, to cover costs of the certificates, instructors’ fees, one-year Y membership and membership cards.

The Monday-Wednesday-Friday class schedule will be for badminton (7-9 a.m.), aikido (9-11 a.m.), and judo (1-3 p.m.). Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays will be for basketball (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and taekwondo (2-4 p.m.).

Students have three karate clubs and schedules to choose from: Japan Karate Association (9-11 a.m.,

TThS), Shin Shin (9-11 a.m., MWF), and Sphinx (4-5:30 p.m., MWF).

Participants may use jogging pants and white T-shirts or the official uniforms for each of the sports events. They will end their training with a fun tournament.

Participants to the youth camp must be certified physically fit by a physician, show potentials for leadership, interest in group work, community service and immersion.

“The camp curriculum will stress on values formation, moral and social orientation towards community service,” explained board vice-president Robert Tabay, who has been designated camp director by board president, Dr. Tedler Depaynos.

Y program committee chair, Fr. David Tabo-oy and program administrator Roberto Vinluan said applica-

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## Fire-fighting volunteers to be commended

Commercial water delivery crews who have been shifting their routes just to be able to help put out fires will be honored by the city during rites at city hall on March 31, the end of "National Fire Month".

City administrator Peter Fianza, action officer of the City Disaster Coordinating Council, has recommended the presentation of commendations to water refilling and delivery companies for voluntarily augmenting fire-fighting crews during recent fires that hit the city.

Fianza said he is checking on the identity of a passerby - who was injured while helping douse a fire that

guttled the cab of a tanker filled with liquefied petroleum gas - for inclusion in the list of people to be commended.

The gas tanker, with plate number UKN 956, was on its way to deliver its highly inflammable content in Benguet when its cab caught fire morning of Feb. 29 along Kisad Rd.

The list of water deliveries which will be cited includes the Baguio and La Trinidad water districts, Garcia, HGL, TEL, Trinity, BWS, Fina, Danum, Aqua-Bel, NWD, 919, Mt. Queen, Camp 7, Dickmans, PIC, La Nina, BIP, Demot, Dipasupil, Sydney, Kenneth, KWD, SDMC, Holy Water, Horse, Ecodrops, Sunshine's Volunteer Fire, R n R, SS, Mr. R, JWD,

Roliana, RGD, Jackson, Tej, Water Man, Jillian, 939, Fina, NWD, BWS, Baldonado and Victory Fire Volunteer.

Also to be commended are neighboring fire stations, together with civic, rescue, communications and medical teams who responded during emergencies like the fires that hit the University of Baguio and the Center Mall.

Fianza noted the sense of community of the water delivery crews and volunteer groups who are on alert and ready to respond to emergency situations.

"It is high time to recognize the sacrifices of these groups our community depends on during calamities and disasters," Fianza said. RD.



**BAGUIO CITY --** Ironic reality! The local government's tact against illegal vendors plying the streets and sidewalks merits commendation but how about also illegal stalls getting "ninongs and protectors" allegedly from city hall sprouting all over the city including Session Road like this at the Session Road ruins. Are they untouchables because of the protection? -- Artemio A. Dumlao

cases reported in 2005. There are more cases of dog bites in the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center and other hospitals in the City of Baguio, and the number may well exceed 1,551 considering the unreported cases."

The proponents note that "even if a person is not actually bitten, the mere action of a dog about to bite could cause a life long trauma especially to children, which comprises more than 50 percent of the victims."

They said using these protective gears will not only serve the public but also protect dog owners, handlers and trainers since they can be spared from the inconvenience of paying medical bills of the victims and the possibility of law suits.

As proposed, a dog owner, handler or trainer who walks, brings, trains or allows his dog in and around streets, alleys, parks,

establishments and other public places shall be required to put on his dog a muzzle and a leash at all times.

Exemptions will however be given on the following cases: during a dog show at the actual venue of such a show; during dog training at public places provided that such training requires removal of the muzzle and/or leash and non-re-

moval of such equipment shall affect the objective of the training; when the dog has to be fed or given water, medicines or supplements. However, the leash in this case shall not be removed; sniffing dogs when on actual duty only; and during emergency cases when non-removal of the muzzle and/or the leash shall en-

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## Dog leash requirement up

**BAGUIO CITY** - Dog owners will soon be required to put a muzzle and leash on their pets whenever their pets go out to public places. A proposed ordinance proposed by Councilors Nicasio Aliping Jr., Erdolfo Balajadia and Gloria Ysabel De Vera carrying such requirements is now up for second reading at the city council. The measure was adapted from a similar proposal filed by former Councilor Elmer Datuin.

posed resolution, the proponents note that many dogs continue to stray along public places despite an existing ordinance concerning stray dogs.

Apart from these, "it is also a common sight hat dog owners, handlers and trainers with their dog leashed or at times even without leash walk along streets, alleys, parks, establishments and other public places."

The proponents said there is a need to protect the public from the dangers of the imminent danger of dog bites, be it accidental or otherwise.

"Even though a dog may be considered tamed and trained by its

owner, handler or trainer, there still remains a high possibility that a dog would attack and bite with or without provocation and the victim may not even be the one which the dog intended to bite," the proponents noted.

They said dog bite cases remain formidable in the city.

"According to the records of the Animal Bite Center of the Health Services Office, the number of dog bite cases reported to their agency alone is 1,501 cases for the year 2005. The number of cases for 2006 (January to November) is 1,551 cases surpassing the number of

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## Those Two Families

“THERE ARE only two families in the world,” the author Miguel de Cervantes recalls his grandmother as saying. “The haves and the have nots.”

The number of “have not” Filipino families bolted to 4.7 million last year, reports “Official Poverty Statistics,” posted by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB). In 2003, there were four million such families. This 16% surge comes when jobs are scarce and food prices skyrocketing.

Worldwide, rice prices rose by 36 percent over the last three years, the International Rice Research Institute notes. Corn is a Visayan and Northern Mindanao staple. Prices are now 88 percent higher. Pandesal comes from wheat which costs 200 percent more.

**EDITORIAL** Thus, the bill for a family’s minimum basic food needs increased by almost a quarter. Little is left for rent, school, jeepney fare, etc. And illness can be financially devastating. Just to get by, a family needed at least P 6,274 monthly income in 2006. Below that, you don’t starve. “But you didn’t eat chicken unless you were sick. Or the chicken was.”

“Poverty incidence increased by 2.5%, from 24.4% in 2003 to 26.9% in 2006”. Translated into individuals, that means: Out of 100 Filipinos, 33 were poor last year, compared to 30 in 2003. Actual number of impoverished Filipinos rose from 23.8 million to 27.6 million. Welcome to the club. That’s 3.8 million more men, women and kids who often skipped a meal, dropped out of school, sought out usurers or did without vital medicine. “To a famished people, the only form in which God dares to appear is in the form of food and jobs,” Mahatma Gandhi reminds us.

There’s a thin line which economists trace in statistical tables and call: “Poverty Thresholds.” It separates the “haves” from the “have nots”.

In Manila and environs, this threshold stood last year at P20,566. A family with five members, in the National Capital Region, needed at least P 8,569 monthly to keep their heads above water. Nationwide, the threshold was pegged at P15,057. Penury is most severe in rural areas where four out of every five live: indigenous peoples, small-farmers, landless laborer, coastal fisherfolk, etc. Many swap the poverty of eroded farms for the penury in city slums. In the previous decade, the largest increases in poverty were tracked in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and Region XII. The rural poor are estimated at 31.2 million

Rooted in the cities, government has been locked, for years, in continuing tension with it’s own rural citizens. And almost without exception, the farmers and fisherfolk are losing. That skewed pattern persists in the latest NSCB report.

Perennial tailender Tawi-Tawi, for example, remained the most deprived province in 2006. There are 8 out of 10 families were poor. Poverty incidence in this island was a staggering 78 percent – compared to zero incidence fo Batanes..

Provinces that failed to budge out of the “10 Poorest Provinces” roll were: Zamboanga del Norte, Maguindanao, Surigao del Norte, Masbate and Misamis Occidental. In 2006, these old timers were joined by new entrants: Lanao del Sur, Apayao, Northern Samar and Abra. Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur, Mt. Province , Biliran and Lanao del Norte managed to break free of the 2003 poorest list by eking out economic growth..

Disparities persist. All 10 “least poor” provinces were in Luzon “The nine least poor provinces in 2000 continued to be so in 2003 and 2006. Batanes was the least poor province in 2006 with 0% poverty incidence, NSCB reported.. “New entrant in 2006 is Quirino with an estimated poverty incidence of 11.1 percent.”

Among 17 regions, Metro Manila chalked the lowest poverty incidence of 7.1 percent – although that’s a fractional a 2.2 percent increase from 2003. Cavite , Laguna, Batangas had low poverty incidence . So did Central Luzon . with 16.7 percent , Cagayan Valley (20.5) and Ilocos Region (26.2).

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CHOPPING DOWN ALL OF THE TREES GIVES YOU  
A CLEAR VIEW OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED  
BY CHOPPING DOWN ALL OF THE TREES.



## DIRETSAHAN

*PNP DANGWA SAGSD –  
MGA UNGAS!!!*

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Kuwitis at hindi bomba ang ipinasabog ng surprise witness ni Senador Ping Lacson na si Leo San Miguel nang lumantad ito at magbigay ng kanyang testimonya sa Senado hinggil sa dinidinig na ZTE NBN Deal Scandal. Ayon sa kanya, wala raw itong alam na suhulan sa naturang kontrata na ikinagitla ni Lacson at ng iba pang senador, kumbaga, sila ang sinorpresa ng surprise witness.

Ikinatuwa naman ito ni Senador Juan Ponce Enrile na mukhang abot hanggang tenga ang halakhak sa naging pahayag ni San Miguel at siyempre parang nabunutan din ng tinik ang Malakanyang dahil save by the bell sila sa posibleng knockout punch na ititira sa kanila ng kanilang mga kalaban.

Ayon kay Senador Lacson, posible raw na ginapang ng Palasyo and kanyang testigo kayat nag-iba ito ng testimonya at itinaggi ang suhulan, na mariin namang itinaggi ng mga tagapagtanggol ni Pangulong Arroyo. Kinatigan naman ito ng ibang madlang miron na ayon ay pakana raw ito ng Palasyo para mapagtakpan ang katotohanan. Aprub ako diyan kung patuloy na dedma ang Palasyo partikular kay Pangulong GMA sa tawag ng paglantad sa katotohanan.

Kung walang itinatago ang Malakanyang dapat lang na kumbinsihin nila si Sekretari Romulo Neri na humarap sa Senado at ilantad ang lahat ng nalalaman tungkol sa ZTE Deal, at nararapat na ganito rin ang gawin ng mga sangkot pati na rin ang mag-asawang Arroyo. Bakit hindi na lang sila bigyan ng prebilibhiyo sa pamamagitan ng isang Privilege Speech at least patas ang labanan, di ba mga suki? at sa mga naiharap ng mga testigo sino kaya kila De Venecia III, Lozada, Madriaga at San Miguel ang sinungaling? He! He! Sa palagay ko iyong may pakpak pweh!

ooOoo

Binaril ng isang guwardiya ang 2 tinedyer na lalaki dahil lamang sa pamimitas ng caimito namatay sa tama ng bala sa shotgun ang dalawa habang nakatakas at nakaligtas ang iba nilang kasamahan. Nakatakas naman ang ungas na guwardiya kung saan kasalukuyan pa itong hinahanap ng pulisya! Dapat makonsensya na itong trigger happy na guwardiya at sumuko na! kuwag niyang hintayin na tamaan pa siya ng masaklap na karma!

At makailang beses ko na bang sinaltik sa aking kolum ang ibang mga guwardiya na hindi karapat dapat humawak ng armas, magsuot ng uniporme at higit sa lahat ang mabigyan ng lisensya. Sila yong mga tinatawag na iskalawag mga baligtad at kulang sa utak.

Ayon sa impo ang lisensya umano ng ibang guwardiya ay binayaran.

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Easter is Christianity's  
most important day*

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



Happy Easter!

Today I will temporarily forget that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has refused to resign and that we have an ongoing global warming. Today is too important to be distracted by these issues.

I will focus instead on our faith and hopefully I will not be offending our Muslim brothers. I was informed by a Muslim once that they also consider Jesus as a minor prophet in their faith. Further, I was informed by a catholic one time that Christians and Muslims have common traditions. I will not encroach on this topic because that may be dangerous.

For instance, the elders of the early church before Christ have many wives. Even King Solomon and David were polygamous. Yet, King Solomon is credited for the Book of Wisdom of the Old Testament while King David is credited for the Book of Psalms. Before Christ, one can be a man of faith and have many wives. Whew! That must be expensive!

Indeed Christians and Islam have common roots. For instance, this appears to be also true in the early Christian tradition of burying the dead within 24 hours. Of course, these are not the only things we have in common with our Muslim brothers.

Christ resurrection signifies the ultimate triumph of good over evil. It also signifies the triumph of life over death. Thus, there is no death provided we accept Christ as our savior and do what our Father requires us to do. There is no death but only life after life. Hence, dying is not something to be afraid of. We all die but some of us can have life after life.

And what does our Father wants us to do? Follow Christ, serve the people of the Father. Live the Eucharist: do what Christ did. He said we must do what He has done on earth in memory of Him.

But what did he do? This: He revealed His mission in Luke 4: 18 that echoes Isaiah 61:1-2. He was anointed to preach to good news to the poor (why not the rich also?), proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight to blind. Christ described His mission as one devoted to releasing the oppressed and proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor.

His existence fulfills the Father's earlier promises. Of course, Christ is also the sacrificial lamb for the forgiveness of sin. Earlier, before Christ, lambs were sacrificed for forgiveness and thanksgiving. With Christ, we have to follow what he had done (serve God, serve our fellowmen) as the sacrificial lamb.

Oh well, today is Holy Week. So I suppose having good thoughts and focusing on the face of God would be the most appropriate thing to do today. Of course, after this Holy Week, reflection is temporarily over and the struggle continues!

God bless all of us!

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**And this our life, exempt from  
public haunts, finds tongues in  
trees, books in running brooks,  
sermons in stones, and good in  
everything.  
~ William Shakespeare**

## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Holy Week in the Catholic  
Tradition*

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An explanation of Holy Week traditions in the history of the Church.

## THE GREAT AND SACRED WEEK

**NAMES** — In the Greek Church Holy Week bears the solemn title the "Sacred and Great Week" (*He hagia kai megale hebdomas*). In the Latin Church the official term is the "Greater Week" (*hebdomada major*). The popular names are "Great Week" among the Slavic nations, and "Holy Week" in other countries. The German name *Karwoche* means "Week of Mourning." In ancient times Holy Week was also called "Week of Remission," since the public sinners were absolved on Maundy Thursday. Another name was "Laborious Week" (*semaine peineuse*) because of the increased burden of penance and fasting. The faithful of the Eastern Churches also call it the "Week of Salvation."

**OBSERVANCE** — From the very beginning of Christianity it has always been devoted to a special commemoration of Christ's Passion and death through the practice of meditation, prayer, fasting, and penance. After the great persecutions, the Christian emperors of both the East and West Roman Empires issued various decrees forbidding not only amusements and games, but also regular work in trade, business, professions, and courts. The sacred days were to be spent free from worldly occupations, entirely devoted to religious exercises. Every year during Holy Week an imperial edict granted pardon to a majority of those detained in prison; in the courts many charges were withdrawn in honor of Christ's Passion.

Following this custom, kings and rulers in medieval days retired from all secular business during Holy Week to spend the time in recollection and prayer, often within the seclusion of a monastery. Farmers set aside their plows, artisans their tools, schools and government offices closed, and courts did not sit. Popular feeling caused the banning not only of music, dancing, and secular singing but also of hunting and any other kind of sport. It was truly a "quiet" and "holy" week even in public life.

The Sacred Triduum of Holy Week (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) was a time of holyday obligation all through the Middle Ages. The Christian people, freed from servile work, were all present at the impressive ceremonies of these days. Due to the changed conditions of social life, however, Pope Urban VIII, in 1642, rescinded this obligation. Since then the last three days of Holy Week have been classified as working days, despite the sacred and important character they bear, which was powerfully stressed by the renewal of the liturgical order of Holy Week in 1955.

**EASTER CLEANING** — According to an ancient tradition, the three days after Palm Sunday are devoted in many countries to a thorough cleaning of the house, the most vigorous of the whole year. Carpets, couches, armchairs, and mattresses are carried into the open and every speck of dust beaten out of them. Women scrub and wax floors and furniture, change curtains, wash windows; the home is buzzing with activity. No time is wasted on the usual kitchen work; the meals are very casual and light. On Wednesday night everything has to be back in place, glossy and shining, ready for the great feast. In Poland and other Slavic countries people also decorate their homes with green plants and artificial flowers made of colored paper carrying out ancient designs.

This traditional spring cleaning is, of course, to make the home as neat as possible for the greatest holidays of the year, a custom taken over from the ancient Jewish practice of a ritual cleansing and sweeping of the whole house as prescribed in preparation for the Feast of Passover.

Activity Source: *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs* by Francis X. Weiser, S.J., Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, 1958

## TELL IT AS IT IS

*I'm only human...*

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



We hear this phrase several times and most of the time used as an excuse for man's follies and failures. Has man forgotten that he is the created that was breathe with the very breathe of God and created after God's image and likeness...born with a mind and free will. Was the intelligence and free will used to serve God or was it used to cater to personal wishes and desires. Yes, man has the right to be happy and has the right to succeed but does this pursuit of happiness and success lead man to trample against another man? to destroy humans and families?

Man is not perfect and can never be perfect .. after the fall of Adam and Eve we all know that sin was a force that man had to contend with.. sin manifested in lies, greed, materialism, adultery, concubinage, envy, murder, suicide, corruption, sexual immorality and so on coated with a lot of pride and guilt and with the end result of doom.

Jesus Christ, the only Son of God was sent to the world crucified in Calvary that we, imperfect man have the choice to choose death or salvation.. doom or redemption. I know a lot of people who lived their lives in lies.. lying even to their very own sons about the truth.. people continuously living in sexual immorality, living with lies and pretensions.. thinking they are ok when truth of the matter is ..they are not..

Humans can have the choice to choose between death and salvation..doom or redemption.. So man it is Lenten season.. are you longing for vacation to spend in revelry and drinking or it is Lenten Season to you.. a time to ask for forgiveness for all the wrongs done and turn to the Saviour who died for you and me in Calvary... I'm only human,,and I need God.

ABLESSED LENTEN SEASON TO ONE AND ALL!

For your mesasges email me @jennyjlaw@yahoo.com

## Environmental impact of Green Philippines Program seen after five years

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – Should it be sustained, the environmental impact of the Green Philippines Program (GPP) will take more than five years. Although the physical development could be seen in three years, Forester Bartolome Dolinen, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office Coordinator for GPP said the en-

vironmental effects of the program such as climate change could be felt in five years or more. The GPP, a macro blueprint for mapping the country's environmental and economic policies, is an offshoot of the Green Philippine Highway launched in 2006.

Dolinen said in GPH, tree planting activities was limited along thoroughfares but has expanded to

communal forests, community watersheds and open spaces.

Five thousand seedlings are targeted for distribution for this year. Last year, more than 200,000 seedlings were distributed to various stakeholders such as local government units and line agencies with the participation of the civil society and the private sector.

## OWWA Administrator named Acting Labor Chief

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo appointed last week Administrator Marianito Roque of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) as Acting Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

He takes the place of Secretary Arturo Brion, who was appointed by the President to the Supreme Court. In a statement, Press Secretary and Presidential Spokesman Ignacio R. Bunye said the President "has approved the announcement of the appointment of Marianito Roque as Acting Secretary of Labor."

Roque, who rose from the ranks at the OWWA, was responsible for a number of service improvements involving the special needs of more than eight million Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) whose yearly remittances have been helping shore up the national economy. Notable among these service improvements are repatriation of thousands of OFWs, including undocumented ones, from strife-torn host countries, and the transformation of the Philippine Postal Bank into an OFW Bank.

The OFW Bank charges less service fees on OFW remittances than other banks. Roque also spearheaded the opening of the OWWA Hostel and Halfway Home for OFWs, the activation of the modern OFW e-card, and the educational and other scholarship trainings for the less fortunate and returning OFWs including their families. Roque was one of the select group of young achievers recruited by the late Sen. Blas F. Ople to join his staff when he was named secretary of labor by then President Marcos.

Among the other Ople protégées who made it to the labor department's top post were Patricia Sto. Tomas, Ruben Torres and Brion, a 1974 bar topnotcher./PIA-CAR

Having nurseries and producing their own seedlings, mining companies also took part and planted in their respective licensed areas.

Dolinen said during the launching of GPH, PENRO sourced out 50,000 seedlings for distribution.

To ensure the sustainability of the project, a Memorandum of Agreement was forged with line agencies to adopt an area to maintain and protect.

Dolinen bared that there was a low survival rate along roadside which is about 40 to 50 percent unlike those planted in communal forests, watershed and open spaces which is 80 percent or higher.

The reasons for low survival rate along roadside are due to lack of maintenance, some areas planted along thoroughfares are rocky hampering growth of plants and obser-

vation of plant uprooting as well.

One of the common problems encountered especially in Benguet in the implementation of the program according to Dolinen are the open areas where tree planting activities are undertaken. Open areas are supposedly declared as forest lands based on records of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

however, more often there were claimants.

Forest fires are the worst perennial problems especially during the dry season, Dolinen said.

He said GPP is a very good program but with limited budget. This needs additional funds for the conduct of information dissemination to encourage the cooperation of the populace in order to sustain the project./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Maria Kilang duly registered with the Registry of Deeds of the city of Baguio, covered by TCT No. T-24453 has been the subject of an extra-judicial settlement by her heirs on February 27, 2008 as evidenced by Doc. No. 205; Page No. 41; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2008 of National Registry of Atty. Jerome Selmo.

March 8, 15, 22, 2008

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# Jueteng Laganap sa Baguio, Betting Station sa CBD mismo!!!

## Attn:P/SUPT. Moises Guevarra, PB Benjie Pinlac

Lantarang tayaan at rebisahan ang diumano ay nagaganap sa Unit No. 5 ng Lopez Bldg, Kayang St. Ito ang impormasyong ipinarating sa atin ng isa nating imporamante na ayon sa kanya ay, ang istasyon na ito ay ilang taon ng nag-oooperate at nagbubulag-bulagan lang daw ang ilang mga kawani ng Media (pati na rin daw ang isang reporter na kasapi sa pahayagang ito), at ang ilang mga miyembro ng PNP.

Ayon sa aming dawalang impormante na handang magtestigo at magbigay ng kanilang sinumpaang salaysay, ang nasabing istasyon ng tayaan at rebisahan ay lantarang nag-oooperate at kitang kita ng katabing mga carinderia at isang dental clinic.

Ayon pa sa aming impormante, nakalulungkot sapagkat may isang bagong tayong NGO na di umano ay supposed to be isang volunteer group against criminality na doon pa mismo nagsasagawa ng kanilang oath taking para sa kanilang new members - right beside this betting station!

Ang tanong tuloy ng aming impormante is "hindi na ba bawal ang jueteng at ligal na ba ang operasyon nito kung saan ang mismong mga miyembro ng grupo ng NGO na ito ay NAG-BUBULAG BULAGAN? Malinaw sa amin sa Linis Gobyerno na matagal ng nagbubulag-bulagan ang ilang mga miyembro ng PNP at mg mga Media(s), ngunit bibigyan natin sa pagkakataong ito ang hepe ng Kapulisan na si P/Supt. Moises Guevarra at ang Pinuno ng Barangay na si Mr. Benjie Pinlac at ating hintayin kung ano ang kanilang planong isagawa. Mga di umano'y kagalang-galang na gentlemen, aantayin namin ang inyong aksyon kung mayroon man kayong balak na isagawa at umaasa rin kami na hindi kayo muling MAGBUBULAG-BULAGAN AT TUTULUG-TULOG sa pansitan!!!

At para naman sa bagong organisa na volunteer group against criminality, baka naman hindi ninyo alam na illegal ang sugal na Jueteng, siguro ay tanungin ninyo ang inyong mga pinuno at advisers, etc...???

### Baguio-Aritao road ready by June this year

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Baguio-Aritao Road Improvement Project (BARIP)-Baguio-Pangawan-Kayapa section, is ready for inauguration by June 21, 2008. BARIP-Monitoring and Advisory Group Co-chair Bial Palaez said this was revealed during the BARIP-MAG conference held recently at the Benguet Provincial Governor's Office. The road project dubbed as Contract Package I with a length of 68.128 kilometer stretch from Pacdal

Circle, Baguio City to the Benguet-Nueva Vizcaya boundary in Pangawan, Kayapa is 97 percent completed in accordance with approved engineering plans and specification as presented by Project Monitoring Office - Department of Public Works and Highways (PMO-DPWH) pending some activities along the bypass road. The bypass road spanning 1.6 kilometers is one of the modified works under the BARIP,

and some works are still to be completed due to some problems on the road right of way.

The P50 million worth bridge found at the approach of the bypass road spanning the upper Agno river which provides water to the Ambuklao and Binga hydroelectric plants has already been completed. The project cost per revised contract is P1.7 billion. The original project contract cost per notice to proceed dated June 15, 2004 is P1.4 billion. As



Entrance to Lopez Bldg. Along Chugum St. corner Kayang St. for easy betting, Come one come all, hindi na kailangan pang lumayo!



Napakadaling tumaya, may mga guides pa sa mga nakaraang numerong labas. O ano pa inaantay ninyo, halina na, tara na at magsi-tayaan na tayo!!!

can be recalled, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo inaugurated last year contract package II from Pangawan, Kayapa to Aritao with a distance of 35.616 kilometers with a contract cost of P858 million.

The road section has original completion date of May 20, 2007, then extended to October 2007. The contractor again requested for another extension with a revised completion date of March 28, 2008.

Palaez said the two previous timeframe extensions which actu-

ally increased the project cost as per recommendation of the PMO and project consultants were due to heavy rains during the wet season. There were road damages coupled with suspended work operations.

The third extension is due to the unsettled road right of way claims of residents along the by-pass road. The contractor advanced an amount of P1.5 million to be reimbursed by the DPWH and the balance of P1million has been obligated by DPWH with as-

urance that payment be made before the project is turned over on June 21, 2008. Passing through this BARIP road in going to Region II will reduce about two and a half to three hours travel time. Businessmen are encouraged to take the route instead of passing through Pangasinan and Nueva Ecija via Dalton Pass.

BARIP is under the Cordillera Road Improvement Project funded by the Japan government through Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the Philippine government./PIA-Benguet

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF CLAUDINE BELALAY BENDADAN a.k.a. CLAUDINE BENDADAN YAG-O,

SPOUSES DINKER and JANET YAG-O,

Petitioners.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 08-A-0927

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ORDER

Petitioner spouse Dinker and Janet Yag-o, Filipino citizens and residents of PD 56 Upper Gayasi, Wangal, La Trinidad Benguet, through counsel, filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that

after due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption minor CLOUDINE BILALAY BENDADAN be declared the legitimate child of the petitioners as she is their illegitimate child considering that she was born when the petitioner wife delivered her when she was 17 years old, hence she will be known as C L A U D I N E BENDADAN YAG-O and direct the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to effect said adoption in her Certificate of Live Birth.

Considering that a child and Home Study Report of the Court Social Worker is an essential requisite in adoption cases, said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing on September 10, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

WHEREFORE, the Court Social Worker, Ms. Jacqueline Dontogan is directed to conduct a Home and Child Study Report its this case, incorporating therein her recommendation and to submit the same to the Court, furnishing copy thereof to the trial prosecutor depu-

tized to represent the State.

The petitioner is directed to meet with the said Social Worker, for purposes of the Home and Child Study Report.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for threes (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than March 9, 2008. All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted-

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Court Social Worker; the Junction; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED

This 4th day of March 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) FRANCISA BULIYAT Sr. Presiding Judge March 8, 15, 22, 2008

thorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on APRIL 8, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described real property, together with all the buildings, improvements and/or accessions now existing thereon, or which may hereafter be constructed or placed thereon to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-39835 (Registry of Deeds - Province of Benguet)

"A parcel of land, lot 5, of the subdivision plan Psd-131106-005340, being a portion of Psd-169196 situated in the Barrio of Pung-ol, Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet, Is-

land of Luzon, Bounded on the N., along line 1-2 by Lot 4 of the subd. plan; on the E, along line 2-3 by Public land; on the S., along line 3-4 by Elias Julio, Psu-169194; on the W., along line 4-1 by Public land. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N, 6 deg. 24' W., and 486.44 m. from triangle. Sta. "EVELAND", Itogon, Benguet, thence N. 75 deg., 18' E, 244.46 m. to point 2; thence S. 21 deg., 27'E, 41.28 m. to point 3; thence S. 67 deg. 24' W. 272.22 m to point 4; thence N. 0 deg. 31' W., 80.86 m. to point of beginning; containing an area: of FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN (15,219) SQUARE ME'TERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows:

All points are by PS Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 40 cms.; Bearings True; Date of Origin-

nal Survey; 2 -11-58 and the subdivision survey was executed by Eng. Emmanuel Pacleb under the supervision of Engr. Antonio V. Abyado on Dec. 2-3, 1996 and was approved on 3/17/97.

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

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

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 11th day of March, 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV

March 16, 23, 30, 2008

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

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK) OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.,

Petitioner,

-versus-

AURELIO GALANGCO, Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-ExF-1263

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

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by SUMMIT BANK (RURAL OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.), herein referred to as the Petitioner against AURELIO GALANGCO, of legal age, married,

Filipino, and with residence and postal address at No. 18 Dominican Hill, Baguio City, herein referred to as the Mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing or the petition amount to FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT and 83/100 (Php. 506,968.83) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalties and other charges accruing thereon until fully paid, Attorney's fees amounting to Three Thousand Pesos (Php.3,000.00) and all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned or any duly au-

Bad road stalls abaca production in Natonin

NATONIN, Mt. Province - Abaca fiber production in this far-flung eastern municipality is expected to slow down because of the difficulty of bringing the abaca products to the market. Benjamin Gayodan of the Department of Trade and Industry provincial office and a native of Natonin said the abaca farmers could hardly bring their produce to their markets in Manila or Bulacan with the 24 kilometer Natonin - Paracelis national road stretch impassable brought by the previous rains.

Gayodan said normally it is this time of the year or during the summer months that farmers can fa-

cilitate their production as abaca fibers can easily dry up and their short cut route to bring their produce to the markets which is the Natonin - Paracelis road becomes passable.

Last month, abaca entrepreneurs hauled and stored some 5.5 tons of abaca fiber products to Bontoc before it was brought to their buyers in Manila passing through the Halsema highway.

Using the more than 60 kilometers Natonin - Bontoc road and passing through the Halsema highway will incur much travel cost on the part of the abaca farmers, said Gayodan

He added that some nine tons of abaca fibers are still

in Natonin ready for transport to the market or brought to a warmer place to prevent it from molding and to maintain its good quality.

Abaca farmers use to gather their produce and store it at nearby Paracelis which has a warmer climate before delivering to the markets.

So far, with the town of Natonin and the adjacent barangays of Paracelis and Barlig where these wild abaca plants thrive abundantly, Mt. Province is the only abaca producing province in Northern Luzon.

Fibers derived from abaca plants could be used

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**DFA Mobile passporting set in Bontoc on April 5**

BONTOC, Mt. Province - There will be processing of application of passports in this capital town on April 5 as part of the various events to commemorate the province's Foundation Day.

Executive Assistant Roger Sacyaten said personnel of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Manila, through its Mobile Passporting System, will be in Bontoc on April 5 for the final processing of passport applications and to personally interview the qualified applicants.

Sacyaten advised the applicants to submit complete supporting documents at the Provincial Governor's Office on or before March 24 for submission to the DFA for encoding and initial processing. The DFA's mobile passporting system will process passports for new applicants, renewal of passports and replacement of lost passports. For new applicants, the following documents are needed: Birth Certificate issued by the Na-

tional Statistics Office (NSO) and Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate issued by the Municipal Local Civil Registrar duly authenticated by NSO; NBI clearance; 3 pieces 4.5cm x 3.5cm ID picture (w/ royal blue background); Marriage certificate (original copy) for married women applicants, also authenticated by the NSO and a certified true copy of the marriage contract from the LCR, and any proof of identity indicating full name, date and place of birth and citizenship. For renewal of passport, photo copy of the old passport, pages 1, 2, 3 and the amendment inside and back cover. The old copy is presented to DFA; Birth certificate authenticated by the NSO and a certified true copy of the same issued by the LCR; 3 pieces 4.5cm x 3.5cm ID pictures (royal blue background); Marriage contract with Security Paper authenticated by the NSO and a certified true copy of the same issued by the LCR.

For lost passports, the same requirements as in the new applicants plus a notarized affi-

davit of loss and additional supporting documents like IDs are required to establish the applicant's identity./PIA Mt. Province

**NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Joseph Bacdai who died intestate on February 10, 2006 at Parapad, Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet was extra-judicially settled by the heirs on February 27, 2008 as evidenced by Doc. No. 203; Page No. 41; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2008 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Jerome W. Selmo

March 8, 15, 22, 2008

**NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SELF ADJUDICATION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED FLOR CLARINO TIONGCO**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Flor C. Tiongco who died on April 24, 1996 at Baguio City and Herminio S. Tiongco who died on June 26, 1994 at Mandaluyong City ( With TCT Nos. T- 304500 & T -304501 is the subject of an Extra Judicial Self Adjudication of Estate by the only heir Francis Joseph Tiongco as evidenced by Doc No. 235; Page No. 47; Book No. XX, Series of 2006 of the Notarial Registry of Elmer O. Datuin

March 8, 15, 22, 2008

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

**ROBERTO & MARYANN GUIEB**  
Applicant

Case No. 2002-BC-359

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 1, 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 ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 15th day of March 2008.

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

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

**PATERNO RAPUSO**  
Applicant

Case No. 88- 01- 252

**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 - LOAKAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Baguio City

**MATTHEW CONIN-E**  
Applicant

Case No. 2000- BC- 147

**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 CITY-TOMAY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Baguio City

**DIZON M. NAYOYOS**  
Applicant

Case No. 2007-CAR-184

**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 - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Baguio City

**ROBERTO GUIEB**  
Applicant

Case No. 95- CAR- 026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

## POSD Cries for help..... from page 1

were just doing our jobs, employing maximum tolerance even when suddenly, the illegal vendors threatened to gang us up.”

He added, “We retreated at the nearest police station and came back with police complements and 12 additional POSD men, hoping the hawkers would finally respect our number.”

“Moments later, they hurled rocks at us, hitting one of our comrades, while shouting ‘*magkapatayan tayo*’.”

POSD chief Gregorio Deligero observed, “The situation seems to be getting nastier as days go by.”

“Our number’s not really getting any bigger and current laws don’t really afford us protection... it would just be a matter of time when one of our men would suffer serious injuries or even death.”

Of the 20-30 perpetrators that included even women, the responding Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) collared only one not so lucky vendor. Criminal information was filed against the vendor, known only by an alias “Abah,” who posted bail Monday, after 2-days vacation at the Baguio City Jail. Meanwhile Deligero “wished” the city council fast-track anti-vending laws that “favor anti-vending operations rather than misplaced humanitarian considerations.”

“I guess, what we’re asking,” He said, “is for our concerned officials to extend some humanitarian considerations to our ‘men-in-black’ whose lives and limbs are placed in a state of peril everyday.”

The POSD chief likewise “wished” that the Baguio City Police Office form an anti-vending task force on its own saying that it would revive erring vendors’ respect for authority. He added, “Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. expressed disappointment about the fracas and guaranteed that he would support POSD action even if it means making the vendor apprehended and sued a ‘trial balloon’ in our quest for a cleaner city.”

It could be remembered a team of city legislators and executive officials, January, visited Marikina, to observe local government “best practices” that the city may adopt. Of the officials to Marikina, 10-councilors joined hands to make the “Deligero dream” come true, proposing a measure “regulating the use of city streets, sidewalks, bridges, parkways and overpasses” in the city.

Penned jointly by councilors Elaine Sembrano and Perlita Rondez, the measure consolidates all anti-easement encroachment measures that now, explicitly provides for the immediate confiscation or removal of goods, tools of trade, and other impediments “without prior notice.”

Deligero said, “We are in a race against time... it’s either us getting the gurney or the vendors switching to a legal trade. I surely hope that our concerned officials realize that.”

“Until then, we will continue doing what we have sworn to do even if admittedly, we are at the trailing end.”/ISL

## Obituary For a Nine - year.. from page 2

years ago, to watch a folk concert for them in Bontoc, Mt. Province.

After the burial, Simon’s father, Jeffrey, coped by sending the family’s gratitude through text to some of them, and to ask that an obit be published so those he couldn’t reach would also know his son’s fight was over.

This bit of news is for folk musicians Mike Santos, Porky Peria, Roger Nobus, Thor Fagyan, Arsen Marzan, Mhia Tibunsay, Nap Felwa and company. Christmas in 2006, they traveled to Bontoc, Mt. Province and teamed up with local boy Gaston Bete in concert-for-a-cause that raised the cost of the boy’s next round of chemotherapy.

It’s for Mt. Province Gov. Maximo Dalog, then Bontoc town mayor Alfonso Kiat-ong and their staff, the Benguet Electric Cooperative, Swanny Dicang, Manny Gayao, Mila Malla-ao, Allan Bacwaden lawyer Alex Bangsoy, Richard Valdez of NBN TV and Ronald Kimakim who arranged the concert. It’s for Freddie de Guzman, a Baguio expat in Canada who supported requirements along the way to and from the concert and recently sent P2,000 when Simon needed it most.

The news is for an Ibaloi woman in Kentucky who survived breast cancer and her namesake here who has been cleared of the ailment, enabling them to continue reaching out to patients in Baguio and Benguet after Simon. It’s for another unknown Samaritan who courses donations through bank executive Rolly de Guzman, part of which supported Simon. The news is for barangay chief Ferdie Bayasen and others who helped level the battlefield with their fund support. With Simon gone, Freddie concentrates on raising the chances of six-year old leukemia victim John Brix de Guzman, dialysis patient Filbert Almoza and bipolar disorder victim Nora (not her real name), a young mother of three. Part of the latest, \$200 remittance of the woman in Kentucky will be for 27-year old Veronica Lee who needs to undergo kidney transplant for the second time. The girl, a pharmacy graduate from Camdas Barangay here, received her aunt’s kidney donation in 2002. Last December, she learned it has failed. The woman’s namesake here recently put up a fund, P17,000 of which went to two chemotherapy sessions of Jose Gundino III, a 12-year old son of a taxi driver who was diagnosed for Hodgkin’s lymphoma, another form of cancer.

Bank executive Rolly de Guzman of RCBC can’t tell if the anonymous donor who passes on to him support to patients is a woman or a man. His or her latest two funds totaling P14,000

were allocated to four patients, including Simon. A new addition to the roster of donors also used up P20,000 for five other patients, including cancer victim Myrna Buhong, heart patient Juanito Mejia and dialysis patient and lawyer Amado Adquilen. Others who would like to follow suit may take on the cause of John Ray Enriquez, a three-year old diagnosed for meddulloblastoma, a type of brain cancer. The boy’s parents are estranged and live with his other, a laundrywoman. John Ray has undergone several cycles of chemo and radiotherapy and needs quarterly CT scans, aside from regular physical therapy.

Samaritans may contact John Ray’s mother at cellphone number 09067449198. Those who would like to support Veronica Lee’s dialysis may call her up at 09187073438. Still, others can help 35-year old James Andrada undergo his fourth chemotherapy on April 8. Abandoned by his parents after he was born, the patient worked his way through college and found work as a salesman until he was diagnosed for rectal cancer last year. James can be contacted at cellphone number 09186200485 or visited at his boarding house at No. 8 Zamora St., Hilltop, Baguio./ Ramon Dacawi.

## Safety measure ..... from page 12

before your car or motorbike is refueled.

\*No straddling. For our safety, get off from your motorbike before refueling.

\*Running the engine while refueling can cause a fire. Switch off your engine before your car is refueled.

\*Only approved containers can be used for “take away” fuel purchases. As further proposed, the gasoline station, through its manager, will be directed to conduct seminar/training for its pump attendants and other personnel on how to manage customers to observe the aforementioned five forecourt safety measures;

The Bureau of Fire Protection - City Office, through the City Fire Marshal or the deputized agent, shall oversee the implementation of this Ordinance; while the City Mayor may issue additional rules for the effective implementation of this proposed ordinance.

Proposed penalties for customers who will not follow the safety measures will be that the pump attendant will not start the refilling.

For the gasoline stations that will not enforce the safety measures, the proposed penalties are for the first offense, the station manager and the pump attendants shall be given written reprimand; second offense, the station manager shall be recommended for suspension for six days; third offense, the station manager shall be fined for not less than P1,000 but not more than 3,000; and subsequent offense, the business permit shall be revoked.

The proposed measure will be discussed on second reading after publication at the city council soon./ailen p. refuerzo



**Diretsahan...**

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Ang mga fixer umano ay ang mga security agency na may koneksyon sa Kampong Krame. Kung totoo ito hindi nakakapagtaka na maraming guwardiya ang lisensyado pero salat sa kaalaman at kuwalipikasyon. Pinabili lang yata sila ng suka sa tindahan eh naging guwardiya na! Tama ba ako mga bosing sa PNP? Magkano ba?...nagtatanong lang naman po?

ooOo

Pangingidnap sa mga bata dito sa Baguio, totoo o tsismis lang? itanong nyo po yan sa aking bubuwit dahil ang bata na muntik ng madukot ay nakausap at ang ibang mga magulang na nawawalan ng mga anak.

Kung totoo man ito o hindi, dapat ay hindi ito ipagwalang bahala ng ating Meyor at ng kapulisan. Mas maigi na ang mag-ingat at maging mapagbantay kaysa magsisihan sa huli. Di ba Meyor B at Tsip Guevarra? BANTAYAN!

ooOoo

May nagreklamong miyembro ng Balite Multi-purpose Association na mayroon umanong misteryo na nangyayari sa kanilang asosasyon. Ito ay hinging sa pagbili nila ng lupa para subdivid nila sa mga miyembro. 13 milyones umano and nakolekta sa kanila pero 400 thou lamang daw ang ibinayad sa may-aring nagbenta sa lupa. Samakatuwid, ay malaking halaga ang kinita ng kanilang Presidente na isa pa namang guro sa isang pampublikong paaralan, kung totoo nga ito naisumbong. Sa darating na mga araw ay amin pong bubusisiin ang bagay na ito para managot ang taong nasa likod ng kabulastugang ito. Ano sey nyu kayo diyari sa BIR at REGISTRY OF DEEDS wala po ba kayong kinalaman dito? Nagtatanong lamang po!

**Dog Leash .....**

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danger the life of the dog.

Proposed penalties consist of fines ranging from P500 to P1,500 plus liability to Section 23 of City Ordinance Nr. 025, Series of 2000 which mandates that if a person is bitten by the dog as a result of non-compliance with this Ordinance, an additional penalty of P1,500 or imprisonment of not more than 15 days or both shall be imposed.

The proposed ordinance has been approved on second reading and for publication by the city council./aileen p. refuerzo

**Bad Raod Stalls.....**

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as strong component in making paper money, barongs and other valuable products.

Batting for an all weather Natonin to Paracelisin road, Gayodan said this would ensure the sustainability of the abaca fiber industry as an alternative source of livelihood for the residents of this eastern town.

The Abaca Fiber Industry is the One Town One Product of Natonin. \*\* Andrew Doga-ong/ PIA - MP

**MP ensures environmental sustainability program**

BONTOC, Mt. Province - In support to the Millennium Development Goal of ensuring environmental sustainability, the provincial government of Mt. Province continues providing funds for its Million Tree Program that started in 2004 and which has already contributed to the planting of 1,758,811 trees of various species.

Of these, 1,334,645 are forest trees and 424,166 are fruit-bearing trees including arabica coffee which were planted by the officials and employees of the different local

government units of the province, employees of the different provincial government and national agencies, students and other individuals and organizations.

According to Concepcion Wangdali of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, to ensure that the Million Tree Program will be sustained, the provincial government has been providing funds for the seedlings production and this year the province has allotted P400,000 for the project.

Governor Maximo B. Dalog, in his State of the Province Address last January 21, said that

the full fruit of this province's project will be reaped by the next generation.

With the province's enabling ordinance No. 74 institutionalizing the issuance of Tree Planting Certificate to tree planters and rightful owners of land planted within the province, tree planters can benefit on the trees they have planted in the future.

Registered tree plantations under the Million Tree Program of the province will not only be a proof of ownership over the land and trees but will also entitle them the right to enjoy the fruits of what they

had planted in the area without undergoing the process of securing the necessary permits especially with regards to cutting of trees.

As of last year, there were seven applications validated and ready for the issuance of tree planting certificates.

Requirements for the tree planting certificate include registration of trees planted, survey of area planted, documents to prove ownership of land planted/testimonies of disinterested individuals, and inventory report of existing/naturally growing trees./Juliet B. Saley/PIA-MP

**Editorial .....**

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Only four regions managed to whittle down poverty incidence—a drop from 13 regions earlier. The Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, CARAGA and Western Visayas were among the “gainers”.

“Poverty is the mother of crime,” Marcus Aurelius once said. And a continued slide into poverty is simply suicidal. Yet, empowering the poor to achieve more humane lives is possible. The country has resources, the technology and human skills to achieve this.

But we have to make up our minds to do so. The broadband scandal signals we haven't done so. And the new Asian Development Bank report — “Philippines: Critical Development Constraints” — confirms, poor performance on curbing corruption and ensuring political stability.

Social and economic expenditures declined from 5% in 1997 to 2.9% percent in 2005. “Much of recent progress on trimming the budget deficit has been driven by sales of government assets and deep cuts in spending on social and economic services,” the Bank said. “(This ) hit the poor hardest.”

The toll is seen in comparative Asean figures. Per capita paved road length here was a sixth of Thailand's. Foreign direct investment was \$1.1 billion in the five years to 2006 compared to \$3.9 billion dollars for Malaysia, the report said. Power is the most expensive in the region.

Indeed, poverty here doesn't stem from natural scarcities.. Rather it stems from corrupt priorities imposed upon the country by our oligarchs. “As a result, the poor are not pitied but written off as trash,” John Berger writes. “(We have ) produced the first culture for which a beggar is a reminder of nothing.” —J.L. Mercado

**Ymca offers kids'...**

**from page 2**

tion forms for the twin training may be obtained from the Y office. Queries may be coursed through office administrator Aida Aquino at telephone numbers 442-4766 and 442-5774. Also set this summer is a comprehensive assessment of the Y pre-school, now the biggest in the Cordillera in terms of enrollment.

Pre-school committee head Matias Angiwan Jr. said the assessment will consist of benchmarking through visits to pre-schools in Metro-Manila, review and enhancement by the teaching staff. Evelyn Angiwan and Marcelina Bolona, both faculty members of the Benguet State University, will serve as consultants and facilitators. Meanwhile, the Y board has reduced the fee for life-time members from P5,000 to P3,500, to be paid on a staggered basis, as per recommendation of the membership committee headed by Dr. Lauro San Jose./Ramon Dacawi.

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Flora N. Buyocan, who died intestate on December 20, 2007 at Baguio City, has been settled by her heirs through a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 068 on Page No. 14, Book No. V, Series of 2008.

March 15, 22, 29, 2008

## La Trinidad OTOP Center to rise soon

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - A One-Town-One Product (OTOP) Center that would usher globally competitive products may soon be established in this capital town which will lodge a toll packing facility and a showroom of an array of strawberry products.

Municipal Agricultural Officer Felicidad Ticbaen

said the center has a proposed budget of P12 million, P8 million is being proposed from the Agricultural Competitiveness and Enhancement Fund (ACEF) while the local government will have a counterpart of P4 million. The Sangguniang Bayan passed a resolution last week seeking fund assistance

from ACEF to finance the OTO center through the Department of Agriculture.

The proposal is already with the office of DA Secretary Arthur Yap for further study.

Ticbaen said the proposed establishment of the center would be an opportunity for small and medium entrepreneurs to penetrate high end domestic and foreign markets.

With the establishment of the center, there will be a quality control of products before processing and after it shall have been packed to ensure that it has passed quality standards.

Ticbaen said the problem with the products being processed now is that they are not registered with the Bureau of Food and Drugs



*La Trinidad, Benguet -- Authentic Igorot school kids perform their best even under the heat of the summer sun here during Tuesday morning's street dancing as the town celebrates its Strawberry Festival, two years after its feat of baking "The World's Largest Strawberry Cake" inscribed in the Guinness Book of World Records. Up to now, La Trinidad, the country's strawberry capital still holds the feat.--Artemio A. Dumlaog*

## Safety measures for gas fueling pushed

BAGUIO CITY – A proposed ordinance prescribing safety measures in refueling at gas stations is currently being studied on second reading at the city council.

Proposed by Councilors Nicasio Aliping Jr, Erdolfo Balajadia and Gloria Ysabel De Vera, the measure was culled from the proposal of former councilor Elmer Datuin who broached the need to adopt said protective measures to "protect the public from hazards or dangers of mishandling gasoline and other petroleum products at gasoline stations."

The proposal aims to enact the safety measures as propounded by the petroleum companies for the protection of the motorists and the general public with the following acts considered as violations or infringement of said proposed ordinance: Smoking while refueling; Use of cell phone while refueling

or within the forecourt area of the gasoline station; Fueling while customers are still seated or straddling on their motorbikes; Refueling vehicles while engines are still running; and Use of unauthorized plastic containers for purchasing gasoline. In the meantime that the approve containers are not available in the gasoline station, any plastic container, except those that easily melt, may be used: Provided, That there is a drop pipe or improvised funnel made of GI pipe to be used before the nozzle.

The proposed ordinance will require gas refilling stations, through its manager, to put up signboards in conspicuous places containing the following:

- \*No smoking/ Non-smoking area.
- \*Using cell phone while refueling can cause fire. Turn off your cell phone

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which do not ensure product safety and quality.

Product branding and labeling will also be enforced im-

printing quality standard seal that would be an added value to products. A visit to areas where branding and toll packing is

being practiced will take place to learn their experiences that may be replicated according to Ticbaen. / S.CAro/PIA-Benguet

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