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Pahayagang palaban!!! **Asst. Baguio City Engr,** **Another Gov't Engr Caught** **For Extortion**



BAGUIO CITY – Perhaps the first successful sting operation in recent years here against erring public works officials, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) agents arrested the second top brass of the Baguio City Engineering Office (CEO) and another government engineer on Wednesday morning.

Assistant City Engineer Elpidio Garabiles, 56, was caught by NBI agents with the P10,000.00 “marked money” allegedly for City Engineer Leo Bernardes’s trip to Bicol.

The marked money was handed over by Rudy Echague, a pacquiao contractor, to Engineer II Richard Lardizabal inside the CEO offices at City Camp Lagoon. Then the latter handed over the money to Engr. Garabiles who placed it inside his office’s drawer.

Simultaneously, NBI investigators led by

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BAGUIO CITY -- An NBI investigator (right) checks the marked money seized from Assistant City Engineer Elpidio Garabiles (left) right inside his drawer in his office on Wednesday morning after a successful sting operation on their alleged mulcting activities. -- Ace Alegre

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Massive bamboo production of CORBAMDEV takes off in three years

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – The Cordillera Bamboo Development (CORBAMDEV) Council hopes to penetrate Chinese bamboo production in the region in three years time primarily to rehabilitate marginalized areas or in areas where vegetable production is not possible and in abandoned mining areas.

CORBAMDEV Chair and Benguet State University President Rogelio Colting said bamboo production likewise serves as carbon sequester, soil erosion control, as source of livelihood, and food source.

BSU, which is involved in the research and propagation aspect of the project, will be dispersing planting materials in a year's time according to CORBAMDEV Project Management Officer and BSU's Dean of the College of Forestry Engr. Dante Chiochioco.

In a few months, a team from China will assess the ongoing bamboo trial production to determine the viability of these bamboos in the re-

gion, Chiochioco said.

There are 32 varieties of bamboo with a total of 2,000 planting materials turned over to the BSU through the efforts of Usec Edgardo Manda, an advocate of bamboo production, representing the Rotary Club of Manila.

The Rotary Club of Manila is in partnership with the CORBAMDEV responsible in the importation of these planting materials from China and in extending financial support to the project.

Launched during BSU's charter celebrations in January this year, CORBAMDEV is composed of government, non-government organizations, the Diocese of Baguio and Benguet and Indigenous Peoples group.

Chiochioco said the Council intends to replicate what China is doing which has become a multi-million industry adding that bamboo is a promising plant that can substitute timber production.

Bamboo grows faster which takes around four to five

years maturity compared to forestry products which mature in 30 to 50 years according to Chiochioco.

Speaking in behalf of the Council, Chiochioco said their group is requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to allow test production of these bamboos in less productive areas.

Chiochioco claimed the Chinese bamboo varieties are easier to manage in which case their roots are expansive and grow farther apart unlike the local bamboos which are clumped and are crowded as they grow.

He said advocacy campaigns were already held in some towns and IP groups. They are enjoining the various local government units to lend support during the full implementation of the project in the communities.

Moreover, as bamboo is considered as carbon sequester, BSU intends to negotiate for carbon credits for bamboo production but will come later perhaps in three years or more according to Colting./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

Gov't lose 3.9 billion annually from pagcor remittance

The government is losing 3.9 billion pesos yearly due to discrepancies in the computation of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation's tax liability to the government.

This was revealed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in today's hearing of the Senate Ways and Means Committee of Senate Resolution No. 287 which Senator Chiz Escudero filed directing the Senate Committee on

Ways and Means to look into the taxes which PAGCOR, its licensees, partners, agents and assigns should be remitting to the government.

Escudero said PAGCOR has failed and neglected to submit its income statement to the Department of Finance (DOF), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and to Congress as categorically admitted by the DOF and the DBM themselves in the past hearings

of the committee.

Records show that PAGCOR is only remitting 5 percent franchise tax on gross income. The BIR however posits that PAGCOR should be remitting 12% value added tax and 35% income tax in lieu of what the gaming agency is currently remitting. PAGCOR has filed a case with the Supreme Court contesting the said BIR position.

Escudero, who chairs the Senate Committee on Ways

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CSC, SUCs sign MOA on benefits for families of slain public servants

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) have forged an agreement to provide university scholarships to the spouse or children of civil service personnel, including teachers and police, who die in the line of duty.

CSC Chair Ricardo Saludo and PASUC President Dr. Lauro Tacbas signed

the Memorandum of Agreement for the Pamanang Lingkod-Bayan Iskolarsyip program on August 1, 2008 at the CSC Head Office.

The scholarship MOA advances the CSC's advocacy for exemplary civil servants, which got a further boost last Friday. At Saludo's oath-taking on July 25, he announced a fund to provide assistance to families of civil servants killed in

the performance of their duties.

Vice-President Noli de Castro, who administered Saludo's oath, gave P100,000 to the fund, and the new CSC Chair donated P100,000, with another half-million in pledges from guests at the oath-taking. Mechanics of the fund are being finalized, so it can solicit contributions and

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BSU to initially produce squash noodles prior to the inclusion of other small veggie noodle producers

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Benguet State University will still do the benchmark production of the squash canton noodle prior to the replication of small veggie noodle producers as toll packers for marketing to RFM Corporation.

This was agreed during an Inter-Agency Group meeting last week, in order to have a uniform quality standard output following the RFM formula. The Inter-Agency Group was created to assist in the acceleration of the Vegetable Pro-

cessing Project primarily to produce veggie noodles.

To be marketed initially to the Tindahan Natin Outlets which is the main purpose of the project, this is likewise an opportunity for BSU and small noodle processors for a bigger market according to RFM representative Julius Rugas. RFM will serve as the marketing arm of the squash noodle project under the Proud Harvest brand.

Earlier Rugas expressed optimism on the marketability of the product encour-

aging the processors to think big as this would be an entry point for a good market

After BSU shall have perfected the production of veggie noodles guided by the Good Manufacturing Practice for a quality produce, the technology will be opened to potential small veggie noodle producers who could meet the requirements of RFM.

The group has already identified some local producers who will be the first priority to be in-

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ROAD CUT: Combined elements from the City Disaster Coordinating Council led by Operation Officer Engr. Archiemor Ellamil put barricades and warning signs along a cut portion of road at kilometer 264 and 267, Marcos Highway during heavy downpour of rain caused by typhoon Julian last Wednesday. Marcos highway is closed for all vehicular traffic, kennon road is open only fro light vehicles while Naguillan Road is open to all type of vehicles.— By Bong cayabyab

UN, Spain, RP sign USD 8M climate change program

The United Nations and the Government of the Philippines (GoP) on Wednesday signed a 3-year Joint Programme on “Strengthening the Philippines’ Institutional Capacity to Adapt to Climate Change” with a USD 8-million funding from the Millennium Development Goals Achievement Fund (MDGF).

UN Resident Coordinator Nileema Noble signed the Joint Programme Document (JPD) for the UN and newly installed Secretary of Socio-economic Planning and Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Ralph Recto signed on behalf of the GoP, while Alvaro Trejo, Charge d’ Affaires of the Embassy of Spain witnessed the JPD.

The six participating UN agencies in the joint programme namely United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN

Habitat, International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Health Organization (WHO) also signed the JPD with their implementing partners National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Sci-

ence and Technology (DOST), Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) and the Province of Albay.

The program is timely given the worldwide effects now being felt from global warming and climate change. It will pursue the following outcomes:

-Climate risk reduction mainstreamed into key national and selected local development plans and pro-

cesses;

-Enhanced national and local capacity to develop, manage and administer plans, programmes and projects addressing climate change risks;

-Coping mechanisms improved through pilot demonstration adaptation projects.

Specifically, the programme will determine the vulnerability of critical sectors of the Philippines to climate change and strengthen the country’s adaptive capacity by enhancing the policy making, planning, programming and implementation capacities

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Memo To Their Honors

Local officials here should perhaps ask themselves aloud: "Did we ever have the misfortune to clone Cesar Moreno?"

Cesar who? He's the vice-mayor of Aloguinsan — a fifth class town 73 kilometers northwest of Cebu City. His wife, Cynthia, is mayor. But that's not where Moreno's "15 minutes of fame" stems from.

The curse of dynasties plague us. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's extended family is embedded in official posts. Dynasties corral two-thirds of Congress' seats, Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism reports.

The Commission on Audit lashed Aloguinsan officials for rigging contracts, pocketing cash from equipment sold sans bidding, etc. They peddled town assets "as if it were their private property".

EDITORIAL

So do many officials in 79 provinces, 136 cities and 1,501 towns. If prosecutors did a tenth of their jobs, our jails couldn't hold all convicted officials.

Aloguinsan's net income yearly is P7.48 million. Only 12 percent of residents have toilets linked to septic tanks. Yet, officials splurged P540,000 for "a live concert and a dance-breakout". Worse, their Honors billed a trust account for the poorest "the 20 PerCent Development Fund."

Have local officials, in this city and province, similarly pillaged this safety net for the vulnerable?

Examine this trust's history. One may start with the landmark "Local Government Code" of 1991. Section 287 provides: Local government units shall appropriate, in its annual budget, no less 20 centavos out of every internal revenue allotment peso, for "development projects."

But the roots, in fact, go back to Sweden in 1972. Delegates from over 100 countries, including the Philippines, gathered then for the UN Environment Conference in Stockholm. Delegates crafted an innovative "20-20 Pact".

This committed governments to earmark 20 percent of development resources for the poorest. Resources were to address basic human needs of the most marginalized: nutrition, health care, medicine, potable water and sanitation, education, etc.

"Human development spending", the Stockholm consensus went, relieves grinding poverty. It curbs disease and tamps down death rates. Unmet human needs "usher more Filipino pre-school children to premature graves than even in poorer countries like Egypt, Kenya or Tanzania," Asian Development Bank noted.

Section 287 is the Philippine response to the "20:20 Initiative's" humane vision. But that's been marred by politicians who manipulate this vital safety net into a mini-pork barrel.

San Carlos siphoned P110,000 from this Fund to pay for boy scouts from the city to join a jamboree in Angeles, Pampanga, COA found. Dapitan disbursed half a million pesos for it's "executive band." Northern Samar bought seven new cars for P3.8 million. Cebu City splurged on fire hydrants, cement for sidewalks, even "tourism promotion", etc.

GI roofing for a market or filling road potholes can be photographed for voters. But you can't tack, on election billboards, lower infant death rates, due to vaccine bought from the 20 Per Cent Development Fund.

Predictably, officials slurp at this trough. Sangguiang Panlalwigan officials, in Davao Oriental, paid P669,892 "as financial assistance" — for themselves. Ifugao amortized loans. They "drank the tears of children and turned deaf ears to the sighs of orphans."

Few LGUs draw up adequate Annual Investment Plans. Many politicians prefer doles. Taking credit for handing out taxpayers money is easy. Others are incompetent. They can't craft development projects.

Yet, \$50 dollar livelihood loans for poor women, to take one example, won for the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for Muhammad Yunus

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DIRETSAHAN

SONA

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



(This is a Re-Print of last issues Column)

Sari-sari ang naging reaksyon ng sambayanang pinoy sa ginanap na state of the nothing... este state of the nation address ni Pangulong GMA... may naniniwala pero mas marami ang nagdududa at meron ding DEDMA! Ang mga usapin sa VAT at pagbibigay ng "subsidies" sa mga mahihirap ang ilang punto ng kanyang SONA, pero nabigo ang sambayanan sa kanyang walang direktang posisyon sa isyu ng kahirapan, at walang humpay na pagtaas ng mga pangunahing bilihan at petrolyo.

Ipinagmalaki pa na ang "subsidies" na ipinamumumudmod sa mga mahihirap ay galing umano sa katas ng VAT. Hanep, at ginagawa tayong BOBO at TANGA ng administrasyong arroyo. P500.00 bawat isa ang ibinigay na kunsuelo de-bobo sa bawat mahirap na juan de la cruz. Pero kung sumamahin ay 10x pa sa P500 ang nabayaran na ni juan sa kanyang mga ginastos na mayroong VAT. Arithmetik lamang yan mga suki, kung ikaw ay nasa Casino, nanalo ka nga ng P500.00 pero ang suma total ng iyong mga naitaya ay P5,000.00.

Hay, kelan kaya matatapos ang kalbaryo ni Mang Juan? At katulad nga ng sinabi ni dating pangulong fidel ramos, na ang problema ng pinas ay maihahalintulad sa isang "Ticking time bomb" naku gising na pinoy at baka malapit ng sumabog ang bombang binanggit ni "mr.tabako"! GISIING!

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Sa pinakahuling surbey ng SWS, lumalabas na halos 70 porsiyento ng pinoy ay lalong naghirap ang kanilang mga kalagayan sa taong ito kumpara noong isang taon.

Ibig sabihin, hindi natupad ni pangulong arroyo ang ipinahayag niya sa kanyang SONA noong isang taon na iaangat niya ang kalagayan ng masang pinoy. Tekla, at meron pala siyang nagawa at ito ay ang pababain ang bayad sa text .. palakpakan, baka naman sa susunod ay ipabababa na niya ang pamasaha,... papunta sa buwan, he! He! Ang SONA naging SONATA DE PALIKO!

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Totoo kaya na may "suhulang" nangyari sa court of appeals? Inamin kasi ni Justice Sabio na may pag-alok umano sa kanya ng P10 milyon kapalit ng kanyang pag-atras sa pagdinig ng kaso sa MERALCO at GSIS kung totoo nga ito, aba, pati pala sa korte ng apela ay hindi pinapatawad, at sino sino naman kaya sa mga mahistrado ang

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*Our garbage problem
can be solved*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Our garbage problem can be solved. It only requires political will and a good vision for Baguio's future.

For instance, take Baguio's landfill requirement for a population of around 300,000. Earlier estimates say that Baguio's wastes are around 300 tons daily, 65% of which is biodegradable. The wastes require a landfill of around 22 hectares as per city officials' estimate. If disposal is more scientific, the landfill requirement can probably be reduced.

On the other hand, the city has an annual income of around P830 million and an annual budget of around P900 million. If independent estimates are true that 20% of government spending goes to corruption then the eradication of corruption alone can save us P180 million for the city.

Suppose we purchase 22 hectares at P3,000 per hectare in fringes around city through a loan of around 16% per annum with an amortization period of 15 years? The cost is "only" about P9.5 million monthly or around P14 million per annum. So the eradication or substantial reduction of corruption alone would be adequate to fund the cost of landfills.

We can also make the purchase of landfills or space for waste or materials processing facility over a protracted period and we need not purchase today all our land requirements for processing our wastes. We can schedule our purchase of space for our wastes.

However, are landfills the fundamental solution to our solid wastes given that 65% of Baguio's wastes is biodegradable? No. Composting could do it. We can offer incentives and loans to enterprises that are into the composting business. We will spend for the disposal of our garbage anyway, so why not convert the funds into loans for our courageous garbage entrepreneurs?

Most likely, our garbage is mountain of opportunities rather than a mountain of problems. We just have to confront the problem creatively.

There are other ways, of course. We can, for instance, require condominiums, subdivisions, hotels, and malls of certain sizes to have their own recycling systems and composting facilities. We can require the biggest malls to have their own garbage processing facilities.

The city can offer incentives and loans to entrepreneurs who are into environment-friendly market bags. We can advance the date for a plastic-free grocery or market bags materials. The city can also offer loans and incentives to entrepreneurs who are into recycling or producing environment-friendly grocery bags. Same logic: we will have to spend for the waste disposal anyway.

Thus, again, our garbage is a mountain of business opportunities, especially with government support. In general, the move to an economy that is friendlier or friendly to the environment will be a powerful boost to the economy.

Take the 65% of biodegradable in our wastes for instance. This implies that around 180 tons of materials can be converted into fertilizers that can support our vegetable industry. It will also make our vegetable industry competitive given the association of inorganic fertilizers and pesticides with heavy metals.

Emerging urban centers in the periphery of Baguio must learn from Baguio this lesson: plan for your garbage in the earliest possible time. We must be forward looking and not follow Baguio who seem to have acted only too late in the game. Upcoming urban centers must anticipate problems before they emerge. They must not act only when the problem has already emerged.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Filipino Rotarians to hold seminar on
"public imaging" in Davao City August
31, 2008*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



HERE'S a bit of good news for the sick, the deprived, the poor and the needy in the Philippines, as Filipino Rotarians from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao gather for a "public imaging" seminar in Davao City on August 31, 2008.

As Rotary International, Philippine Zone, embarks on more aggressive efforts to let the people know the services and all kinds of assistance that Filipino Rotarians are making available for Rotary Year 2008-2009 through the one-day seminar, it is now going to be a lot easier for all of those in need to find Rotary members who will help them.

The gathering is being billed as "Rotarians in Public Imaging", and is being spearheaded by the Philippine Zone Public Imaging Group of the Rotary International under its chairperson, Past District 3810 Gov. Lyne Abanilla, the vice president for classified advertisement of the Philippines' largest circulation daily, the Manila Bulletin.

It is expected to be participated in by the district governors of the Philippines' 10 Rotary International Districts, which cover about 1,000 or so Rotary Clubs in the country with a total membership of about 30,000 Filipino businessmen, entrepreneurs and professionals.

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THE SEMINAR, to be held at the Great Regal Hotel, will have as its sole purpose the mapping out of strategies that will enable Rotarians to lead the way in sharing information about Rotary's service above self that would make dreams real for many sick, deprived, poor and needy Filipinos.

The focus will be how to effectively undertake "public imaging" activities of Rotarians, which will require them to avail of media facilities to publicize, through print, radio and television, so they can project what they can do for the people around them.

All that those who needed help will have to do now is to be on the look-out for these public imaging activities so they will know for themselves the available assistance-projects and programs which Rotarians in their respective localities are engaged in.

The holding of these public imaging activities constitute a 360-degree turn around from previous official policies of Rotary International which frowned upon pursuing publicity for Rotary projects and programs.

Then, the thinking was that it was not part of a Rotarian's responsibility to let the people know of what he or his club was doing.

What the Rotarian must be concerned about, it was thought before, was simply to do good, nothing more and nothing less.

This stance was more like in consonance with the Biblical injunction that what the left hand was doing, by way of service to the poor and the oppressed, must not be known by the right hand, and that good deeds done in public have already been paid for by the praise heaped coming from the people.

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BUT THEN, the complications of daily living have made matters more complex in the 21st century.

The sad reality here is that, the giving of service to more people by willing, competent and able Rotarians have been unnecessarily stymied by their inability to reach out to the larger number of sick, destitute and needy individuals from other places who are not even aware that Rotarians are willing to help them.

It is not amiss to say here that there are cases and cases where medicines and other stuff intended by Rotarians for the poor and the needy, as well as for the sick and the disabled, have not been used, and left rotting in warehouses and other places instead, simply because the people who needed them badly were inexcusably ignorant of how to avail of them.

Now, there is a change of tact among Rotarians in their highest echelons of leadership, evidently upon the realization that being silent in what they do will do more damage than being loquacious and

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DepEd advocates malunggay as micro-nutrients source

F L O R A, Apayao – The Department of Education (DepEd) is drum beating its advocacy on the Filipino backyard green leafy vegetable – malunggay as rich source of micro-nutrients, under the National Supplemental Feeding Program for school children.

DepEd Assistant Secretary Thelma Santos said aside from the easy growing of the vegetable, it has rich micro-nutrient contents in iron, Vitamins C and A, calcium, potassium and protein.

But we understand the eating habits of children that they are not at-

tracted to leafy foods, that is why we devised a component of the program on the preparation of moringa (malunggay) powder and have it mixed with other recipes, Santos said.

Santos who was here during the launching of the program made a demo-session on **Cont. on page 10**

Two peace institutions work for peace in Kalinga

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Two peace institutions are closely working for the eradication of crimes through the provision of livelihood projects and the resolutions of conflicts in the province. The Agyao for Peace Movement of the Office of Congressman Manuel

Agyao thru its anti crime task forces is working for the prevention of crime by giving livelihood projects while the Peacemakers Movement of the Apostolic Vicariate of Tabuk is reaching out to victims and aggressors for non-violence.

Both are focusing on advocacy through informa-

tion, education and communication in the barangays as their tool to rally people on their campaign for peace. The former has already awarded various livelihood projects to various groups while the latter organized the peacemakers movement and conducted se-

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432 Apayao poor families given cash assistance

FLORA, Apayao – Four hundred thirty two (432) poor families of this poverty-stricken province are initial beneficiaries of cash assistance for livelihood projects from the Apayao Solidarity Movement Against Poverty, the local version of the hunger mitigation program of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer Jocelyn Loyon in an interview during the President's visit here said that an amount of P10,000.00 is given to each identified

family in the different barangays to either put up a sari-sari store, do buy and sell business or operate a small cottage industry.

With zero interest and payable when capable in three to five years, Loyon said the total amount of P4.3 million was already awarded to said families from April to July this year. "Identified poorest families from each barangay will be assisted until 2010, however, the provision of cash allotments started for those beneficiaries in Upper Apayao or the municipalities of Conner, Kabugao

and Calanasan," she said adding that Luna, Pudtol, Sta. Marcela and Flora in lower Apayao will be next these coming months.

Loyon said their target of 1,000 families per municipality for three years can be attained since the local government unit under the leadership of Governor Elias Bulut Sr. earmarks a yearly allotment from the 20 percent development fund of the province in local counterpart for this program aside from national subsidy.

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Trading center established for small entrepreneurs

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – The establishment of a trading center in one of the old buildings of the Kalinga Special Development Authority (KSDA) here is expected to address the problem of small entrepreneurs on where to sell their products.

Funded by the Office of Congressman Agyao, this center will serve as a trading post for small entrepreneurs in the province who can bring their products there. A staff is assigned to oper-

ate the center and products from the different barangays can be sold there. The selling to wholesale buyers will be coordinated by the Congressman's office.

This was announced by Cong. Agyao during his district consultations with livelihood project beneficiaries supported by his office. "This is the least we can offer to small producers who have difficulty marketing their products because of strong market competitions and

lack of facilities to access them to a bigger market outlet," he said.

Organized groups were also urged to bring their products at the center where they can be assisted and linked to outside buyers.

Provision of livelihood projects to organized groups and individuals willing to help themselves is a priority of Agyao under his PEACE program that of making people busy in worthwhile activities and earning a living./PIA-Kalinga

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 19, 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.

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

ARTURO PADRE

Applicant

Case No: 99-01-1159

NOTICE OF HEARING

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

MARTES ATONEN

Applicant

Case No: 2002-01-089

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 - MOTORPOOL via Buyagan and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Branch 3

PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF MARIE JANE DIZON SIDDELL,

MARIE JANE DIZON SIDDELL,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,

Respondent.

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AMENDED ORDER

A verified petition filed by petitioners through the undersigned counsel and unto this Honorable Court, with all due respect hereby states that; petitioner is a Filipino, of legal age, with residence and postal address at #46 Camella St., Upper Q.M., Baguio City while respondent is a government instrumentality charged of recording acts, events and judicial decrees concerning the civil status of person, with address at T. Alonzo St., Baguio City; that petitioner was born on November 5, 1963 in Baguio City, and was given the name MARIE JANE CATBAGAN DIZON, that petitioner is a professional musician and singer who was retained to render regular

performances in Thailand and other Asian countries, and while thereat she used her stage name: JESSIE DIZON and the name brought her good luck and positive fortune; that petitioner entered into marriage with JOHN SIDDELL, a resident of Hong Kong, and since their marriage, the couple have alternately resided in Hong Kong and Baguio City as they have constructed their conjugal home in Baguio City; that even before the petitioner married JOHN SIDDELL in a religious ceremony in Hong Kong, said husband and the couple's circle of friends and associates in Baguio City, Thailand and in Hong Kong have always affectionately referred to her as

JESSIE DIZON SIDDELL; that petitioner's circle of friends and associates, for their own respective personal reasons, refer to her as JESSIE DIZON SIDDELL instead of MARIE JANE DIZON SIDDELL; that petitioner's use of the name JESSIE DIZON SIDDELL is not for the purpose of evading any obligation or liability or for any unlawful purpose whatsoever.

Petitioner respectfully prays unto this Honorable Court that after due notice, proper publication and hearing, the Honorable Court issue an order directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to change the first/given name of the petitioner from

MARIE JANE to JESSIE.

It appearing that the instant petition is sufficient in form and substance, it is hereby ordered that the same be set for hearing on August 28, 2008, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before this Court at its Session Hall, Justice Hall Building, Baguio City. Any persons may appear and show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication of which should not be later than August 3, 2008 in a newspaper of general circulation in

Baguio City to be determined by raffle pursuant to the provision of Presidential Decree No. 1079. Let the copies hereof together with the copies of the petition and its annexes be furnished to the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati, Metro Manila; the City Prosecutor and the Local Civil Registrar, both of Baguio City.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, Baguio City, Philippines, this 15th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 2008.

(SGD) FERNANDO VIL PAMINTUAN
Presiding Judge

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2008

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Community Service Center, NCIP-Baguio City
Rm. 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Mags. Ave Baguio City

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ANCESTRAL LAND CLAIM

Pursuant to section 53(e) R.A. 8371 and Sec. 7(d), part 1, Rule VIII NCIP Administrative order no. 1 series of 1998, notice is hereby made for the Petition for the Identification, Delineation and Recognition of Ancestral Land Claim and Issuance of Certificate of Ancestral Land Title filed by heirs of **Cristina Carpio Behis represented by Caroline Behis Diega** as their ancestral land situated at Res. Sec."J" Baguio City more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land SWO-131102-000289-D, situated at Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., & NE., along line 1-2-3 by Pingi Mariano, F-3-40; on the NW., & NE., along line 3-4-5 by existing alley 3.00 m. wide; on the SE., along line 5-6 by Loakan road 30.00 m. wide; on the SW., along line 6-1 by public land. Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan being S. 87 deg. 20' E., 595.35 m. from Triangulation "WORCHESTER RANGE", Baguio Town-site, thence; N 58deg. 15' W., 24.28 m. to point 2; N., 4deg. 04' E., 27.75 m. to point 3; N. 89deg. 39'E., 33.27 m. to point 4; S., 68deg. 14' E., 13.70 m. to point 5; S., 22deg. 13' W., 45.25 m. to point 6; N. 58deg. 15' W., 12.00 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN (1,537) square meters more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: points 1 and 2 by old BL. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 X 60 cms., the rest by PS. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 40 cms. Bearings true; date of subdivision survey on August 21, 1994, executed by Engr. Reynaldo B. Guives, and was approved on march 8, 1995.

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

(SGD) NIEVES L. AQUINO
CDO III

August 10 & 17, 2008

MRDC inks MOA with FNRI, DOST for the commercialization of Sagada Squash Pancit Canton

BONTOC, Mt. Province – A Memorandum of Agreement on Technology Transfer and Commercialization of squash Pancit Canton was entered into by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), a Research and Development Institute of the Department of Science and Technology; The Montanosa Research and Development Center, Inc. (MRDC), a private company engaged in the selling of dry goods located at Makamkamis, Sagada, Mt. Province; and the Department of Science and Technology-Cordillera.

According to Provincial DOST Director Norberto Cobaldez, members of the Montanosa Research and Development Center were trained on Squash Pancit Canton in Manila by the FNRI. Cobaldez said the MRDC invested P1.5 M in this project for the construction of a building, purchase of equipment and working capital needed for the production and marketing of this pancit canton out of squash.

MRDC started producing this pancit canton also known as Sagada Squash Pancit Canton last March and it was launched last April 14 during the flag ceremony held in front of the Capitol building and it is now being sold at P23 per pack (150grams), Cobaldez added.

In the MOA, the MRDC represented by its Executive Director, Dr. Mathew Tauli

agreed to coordinate with the FNRI-DOST to ensure that technical needs of the project are provided in a timely manner; pro-

duce the canton noodles with squash utilizing the previously agreed FNRI-DOST formulation; maintain the nutritional quality and safety of the product according to FNRI-DOST specified standards.

It will likewise allow the FNRI-DOST and DOST-CAR staff assigned to the Project, access to the plant for the purpose of assessing and improving production and for monitoring the quality and safety of the product.

The FNRI represented by its Director, Dr. Mario V. Capanzana, agreed to provide the MRDC the following: a non-exclusive license to produce and commercialize the canton noodles with squash; necessary information on the manufacture of the product during the period covered in the Agreement; technical and consultancy services as need arises on the production, quality control and product packaging, and product quality improvement; assistance in the promotion of the product through technology fairs/exhibits and media releases.

The FNRI also agreed to conduct on-site training on the personnel of the MRDC directly assigned to the project until able to produce their own in the material preparation and processing of the product agreed upon to commercialize; lend the name of the FNRI-DOST as technology developer in the label of the product; and periodically monitor the nutritional quality and safety of the product covered in the Agreement through the DOST-

CAR every six months.

The DOST-CAR represented by its Director, Dr. Ben Ladilad, also agreed to assist in the monitoring of the quality and safety of the manufactured product through tests and analysis of nutritional value, sensory quality and microbial load; assist in the conduct of monitoring and evaluation on the business performance of the processing plant on the profitability/income generated, livelihood/employment generated, investment generated and nutritional and socio-economic improvement of targeted market; provide assistance in the promotion of the product through technology fairs/exhibits, media releases; assist FNRI in the documentation, monitoring and conduct all activities related to the commercialization of the licensed product; and furnish all parties reports of mentoring and evaluation conducted every semester.

Under this MOA, the MRDC shall have the right to manufacture the licensed product for a period of five years in Sagada, provided that it can meet the demand of the licensed product during the effectivity of the Agreement. In the event that it cannot meet the market demand for the licensed product, the FNRI-DOST shall have the option to enter into another Agreement with another party within Sagada upon consultation with MRDC.

This government-private sector endeavor aims to provide nutritious food in the market using the locally grown squash. /Juliet B. Saley/PIA-MP

Bethesda Ministries feeding program benefits 5,246 pupils in Mt. Prov.

BONTOC, Mt. Province – To help improve the health conditions of undernourished elementary school children, the Bethesda Ministries International is sponsoring a feeding program to elementary school children of selected schools provincewide.

Based on the record of Mt. Province Division Office, an initial number of 5,246 pre-elementary and grade one pupils of selected schools including low performing schools from the ten municipalities benefit from this program.

Last year, Bethesda and Hapagasa jointly sponsored feeding pro-

gram to some 3,913 pre-elementary and grades one and two from selected public schools in the municipalities of Barlig, Bontoc, Natonin, Paracelis and Sadanga.

According to Dr. Dalome D. Peckley, Medical Officer IV of DepEd Mt. Province, the feeding program has contributed to the improvement of the nutrition status of the pupil beneficiaries especially in barangay Saclit of Sadanga where there are many underweight children. Their weight became normal, she added.

The prime commodity of the program is the 'vitameal,' a multi-vitamin forti-

fied rice and lentil pack which offers an ideal food solution for malnourished children.

Arlene Fillag, Nurse-In charge of Mt. province division Office said Bethesda has initially released 160 boxes (960 packs) of vitameal which were already distributed to school beneficiaries.

Parents were oriented on the mechanics of the feeding program. Some parents prepared the vitameal as snack while the others for meals. The vitameal can be added to vegetables, glutinous rice, other lentils, oatmeal, coconut milk or cocoa. /Juliet B. Saley/PIA-MP

Nursing Board Exams Top 2 is a Kalinga

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Alrin Flores Falgui, 20, who hails from this province and landed top 2 in the Nursing Board Examination given by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) last June, claims it was always his dream of topping the board examination.

That dream became my goal and made me study very hard, Aldren, a graduate of Far Eastern University (FEU) Nicanor Foundation recalled.

To keep me reminded of that goal, I wrote it on a piece of paper and have it pasted on a conspicuous place on the wall of my room, so I could read it every time. Everyday,

that piece of paper reminded me to study, study and study, Alrin quipped.

But Alrin admits becoming a topnotcher is no easy thing. The secret he says is setting your goal and focusing on it everyday. It requires time management. With barely two months of review, devotion and focus on what you're doing matters, Alrin claimed.

On top of his academic preparation, Alrin recounted his deep prayers and trust on the Lord.

Alrin advises those preparing to take board examinations to take time and relax saying it is also important to do recreational activities to sustain one's energy and mo-

mentum.

A consistent student achiever, Alrin was DBP scholar for his four years in college. He graduated high school at the Tabuk National High School, where he earned various prestigious awards.

He is the eldest child of Engr. Danilo C. Falgui of the Kalinga-Apayao State College (KASC) and Udetta Flores Falgui, CPA, Cashier, DBP-Tabuk.

Alrin obtained a rate of 85.80%, the 2nd highest among 64,000 plus examinees. He will join other successful examinees in the oath taking ceremony August 19-20 at the SMX Convention Center, SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City. /L. Lopez/PIA Kalinga

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eventually disburse funds once a target sum is reached.

"Our dedicated public servants devoted their lives to the service of their countrymen. Now we repay their heroism by helping provide for their families, including schooling for a better future," Saludo said.

The CSC-PASUC pact was mediated by Presidential Assistant for Education Dr. Mona Valisno. Under the MOA, the spouse and children of a deceased official or employee may be granted scholarships covering tuition and other fees for any course in PASUC universities and colleges, including graduate degree offerings.

Once accepted or enrolled in a participating school, the beneficiary can obtain an endorsement from the Commission for course fees to be waived or heavily discounted. The CSC shall certify who are entitled to the Pamanang Lingkod-Bayan Iskolarsyip.

"Many unsung public servants die in service of the motherland — police and prosecutors fighting criminals, teachers protecting ballots, forest rangers guarding watersheds, emergency workers rescuing flood victims, and other patriots in the government service," Saludo said. "While they are now gone from us, we must let their families feel the immense gratitude of our nation."/PIA

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cluded in the project.

It was also agreed during the meeting that BSU will be the consolidator of the canton noodles. The roles of each agency member were also identified. The Department of Science and Technology will see to it that GMP is adhered to and the establishment of BSU product standardization. The Department of Trade and Industry will monitor the small micro entrepreneurs and the toll packing procedures. The Department of Social Welfare and Development will be responsible for the marketing and distribution of the noodles to the Tindahan Natin Outlets. The Department of Agriculture will ensure the sustainability of vegetable production and marketing and ensure the supply of seeds to farmers. R u g a s said RFM will negotiate for the direct marketing of inputs such as flour, oil and binding gel which would help in the lowering of production cost.

To make the agreements binding, a memorandum of agreement will be forged among the BSU, other small veggie noodle producers and the RFM Corporation.

As can be recalled, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo issued a P10 million financial assistance in March 22, 2008 to BSU for the establishment of a Vegetable Processing Center which includes the production of veggie noodles.

With the idea of producing nutritious but affordable food alternative due to soaring prices of food, the veggie noodles produced under the project will be distributed through the TNOs./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

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of key stakeholders, particularly the responsible national government agencies.

The said program will contribute to the Philippines' achievement of its MDG targets by enhancing socioeconomic development through reduced vulnerabilities of key affected sectors and the target stakeholders in 43 or more provinces. It will also showcase innovative and document best practices on climate change adaptation.

The MDG-F is a global USD 700-million facility contributed by the Government of Spain to the UN in December 2006.

It aims to accelerate progress towards attainment of the MDGs in select countries by supporting programmes in areas widely acknowledged as central to the achievement of MDGs and other internationally agreed development goals.

These areas are in environment and climate change, gender, culture diversity, democratic economic governance, private sector development, conflict prevention, food security and employment and migration.

The Philippines is a signatory to the 2000 Millennium Declaration that rolled out the time-bound MDGs as a global agenda for development by 2015.

he eight MDGs are: halve extremely poverty and hunger; universal primary education; gender equality; reduce child mortality; improved women's health; stop and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and other diseases; environmental sustainability and global partnerships for aid, trade and debt relief./PNA

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and Grameen Bank. "Micro-credit is a means...whereby large population groups find ways to break out of poverty," the Nobel citation said.

But the track record on the Fund shows "there's little for a people-oriented strategy that builds human assets for the poor," Sun Star daily noted. "But it reveals elbow room for graft."

Persistent theft of the Fund does not stem from ignorance. Ruling after ruling has come down to safeguard it's "preferential option for the poorest".

Mountain Province barangay officials, for example, lobbied two questions at DILG: Could they use the 20 Per Cent Development Fund to supplement salaries of national high school teachers? And could they patch up funding deficits in other projects from the Fund?

No way Jose, said DILG Opinion No. 5 on 10 August 1999. And that policy remains in force today. But it is, alas, honored more in the breach than in the practice, as the Aloguinsan case study shows.

Speaking to the League of Provinces, President Arroyo urged: "Prioritize the use of (the 20%) development fund for improvement in delivery of basic social and health services".

Led by Bohol Governor Rico Aumentado,

the League responded with a resolution that called on members: Use this Fund to ensure "quality education...access to electricity and potable water, and affording people livelihood opportunities". Infrastructure projects for job generation can...pump prime the local economy in the countryside."

But when one shashays on the dance floor, as in Aloguinsan, who bothers to listen/ J.L.Mercado

Kakampi mo ang Batas..**... from page 5**

being more informative of the services they could offer.

The intention now is to let everyone know how they could approach Rotarians and seek their help, not as a way to personal aggrandizement and useless boasting, but as a means of reaching out, to deliver the services and the goods needed by the people wherever they maybe, to alleviate their sickness and their sufferings.

The lesson of Jesus Christ coming to have the opportunity of healing hundreds and hundreds of the sick and afflicted of His time should teach us that the only way to bring in the hundreds and hundreds of the sick and the afflicted of our own time is to let them know that Rotarians do care for them, too, and are willing to lead the way in sharing Rotary's service above self to make their dreams real.

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BATAS PARTY LIST: Maaari na po kayong maging kasapi ng BATAS Party List, o ang Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Ipadala po ang inyong mga pangalan at kumpletong address sa text 0919-609-64-89, o tawag sa (02) 433-74-49, (02) 433-73-53, o sa email sa www.batasnews.com, o sa batasmauricio@yahoo.com, at sa sulat sa 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

Republic of the Philippines
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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

SPS. PABLO & ERLINDA PALMA

Applicant

Case No: 88-01-3208

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

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Abner Dotimas and Special Investigator Edwin Fianza caught the duo.

Echague told reporters that for several occasions already, Engr. Lardizabal had been "mulcting" from them ranging from money, bottles of brandy and others in exchange of "favors" from the CEO. "We have given them at least P80,000.00, and our project is only worth P2.4M."

The latest was when Echague was supposedly to collect the "10 percent retention" amounting to less than P200,000.00, but Lardizabal was allegedly demanding P10,000 (for Engr. Bernardez trip to Bicol).

Engr. Garabiles who claimed he could not comment on the complaint said he thought the money was only given to him by Lardizabal "for safe keeping", while Engr. Lardizabal insisted the contractor has an axe to grind against them.

Lardizabal claimed that the project of Echague had defects as found out by the Commission on Audit evaluators, thus they (at the CEO) had to be careful in releasing the papers for Echague's collection. "It is normal for contractors (their gripes)," Lardizabal further claimed, as he added, "it is part of our job."

The NBI said it is recommending administrative charges against the duo including robbery with intimidation and extortion (Article 294 of the Revised Penal Code) and graft and corrupt practices particularly section 3, paragraph a,b,f, i.

Echague also claimed that other contractors are heading to the NBI to press similar charges against the duo.

"Teaching Them A Lesson"

The successful sting operation immediately spread like wildfire, especially among contractor-victims who hoped it will teach them a lesson.

A contractor who begged off to be named said, "it is good for them, but the buck shouldn't stop there. There are others up there," hinting other public works officials are involved with similar practices. "Mas garapal pa nga iba eh."

City Engineer Bernardez insisted he has no knowledge about such illegal activities in his office.

Baguio City mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. upon learning about the sting operation said he is still awaiting the official report on the arrest before he makes a comment.

"Talk" has become rife that public works involved engineering officials in the city including officials at the DPWH are raking in millions in alleged "grease money" on projects that in turn become substandard because most of the budget of the project had been stashed away by corruption./Ace Alegre

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and Means said PAGCOR failed to submit its record of income derived from operations and activities, thus making it impossible to ascertain if indeed proper and correct taxes are being paid and remitted to the government.

The senator said Presidential Decree No. 1869, as amended, also known as the PAGCOR Charter, provides for a five percent (5%) Franchise Tax on the gross revenue or earnings derived by PAGCOR, its agents, assigns and/or casino operators from their businesses.

Under the said law, dividend income from casino and gambling operations shall be subject to a final income tax rate of ten percent (10%) in lieu of the regular income tax rates. Total exemption from income or other forms of taxes can only be derived under certain strict condition of investments.

"PAGCOR is contracting away revenue that is due the government. The government should have a singular stand on tax issues and it should not allow its own agencies to sue each other before abiding to a clear mandate, in this case to the taxes that PAGCOR is liable to pay to the national government. If this is not corrected, the government is forfeiting its right to collect due revenues at a time when additional revenues are needed by the government to cushion the current economic woes in the country./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

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the preparation of moringa powder to a group of mothers - from the proper way of drying malungay leaves to the stage of pulverizing them to powder.

Drying of malungay leaves, tied in bunches and hung on laundry lines, is done by exposing them directly under the sun and is best between 8-10AM and after 3PM to maintain its micro-nutrient, Santos said.

In her lecture, she elaborated on proper nutrition and food preparation saying that malnutrition is not only related to poverty, but also prevalent among rich families, who don't know how to properly prepare foods at the table.

Another factor is the lack of proper education among mothers on how to feed young children, who by nature do not have good appetites, she said.

The feeding program has provided a way to address this problem by introducing new recipes out of moringa powder - the guinataang moringa con mongo, moringa champorado, pansit canton con malungay and malu crispies. Moringa powder can also produce moringa juice and tea.

The massive supplemental feeding for school children is tied-up with President Arroyo's gulayan para sa paaralan project, a component of the hunger mitigation program to address malnutrition and problem on food./L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

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ries of seminars for its members.

In his message during the three-day seminar-workshop on Introduction to Conflict Transformation and Alternative Dispute Resolution last week, Bishop Prudencio Andaya Jr. said that peace and order problems have greatly affected the lives of people in the province and he wants the peace makers to focus on the immense and demanding task of systematizing work on peace advocacy.

"We can never remain complacent and apathetic in the face of all our adversities. We know that the ramification of dissonance and conflict in any society, whenever these are taken up as challenges and a call, would infuse in us more meaning and a stronger resolve to work for peace and non-violence," he said.

Twenty-five participants who completed the training on alternative mediation from July 27-29 at the Tabuk Pastoral Center took their oath as members of the peacemakers movement before Bishop Andaya. This group will compose the core group of mediators and counselors for conflict resolution and victims. On the other hand, Ruben Tuazon, Chairman of the Peace and Order Committee of Congressman Agyao and elder members are moving around the province particularly in barangays along highways prone to hold-ups to conduct IECs and offering alternative activities for people to earn in a decent way and not to resort on illegal means.

Significant among their initiatives, Tuazon narrated is the surrender of two hold-up suspects after convincing the barangay officials of Nambaran, parents of suspects and elders to produce the suspects before the law. "Along this initiative is the provision of livelihood support projects to lure the youth to engage instead in productive endeavors and not on hold ups," he said.

He said anti-crime task forces of the Office of the Congressman were also organized in the barangay particularly along high ways to help prevent high way robberies and hold ups. "Make shift watch posts were put up in strategic locations along the highways from Tabuk to Cagayan and Isabela to help state law enforcers in crime prevention," Tuazon said./PIA-Kalinga

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of Remegio A. Barcelo, who died intestate on June 29, 2008 in Baguio City has been settled by his heirs through deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate Among Surviving Heirs recorded in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Isagani Zulueta Mamaril as Doc. No. 270 on Page no. 54, Book No. III, Series of 2008.

Aug 2, 9 & 16, 2008

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“nabigyan”? NAGTATANONG LAMANG PO!

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At sino naman itong opisyal sa lungsod ng baguio ang puro kiyaw kiyaw lamang ang alam pero kulang na kulang naman sa aksyon na ginagawa dito sa problema ng basura? Dapat tularan niya itong si City administrator atorni peter fianza na “more actions, less words” para hindi namin isipin na sayang lamang ang posisyon na ibinigay sa kanya. Puro kasi siya salita at pasiklab sa harap ng kamera, kulang naman siya sa gawa. Dapat sa opisyal na ito ay isama sa basura na itatapon sa capaz, tarlac. IBASURA NA!

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Marami ang nagreklamong mga drayber at operyeter ng taksi sa di umano’y mabagal na pag-isyu sa kanila ng dotc-car “fare increase stickers”

Ayon sa kanila, imbes na inilalaan ang kanilang oras sa pagpapasada upang may pandagdag ng kanilang “kita” ay hindi, at sa pagpila sa dotc-car sa pacdal ang kanilang ginagawa.

Ano ba naman yan dotc-car regional director Federico “bong” mandapat, jr. ser? Pakisabi naman sa iyong mga tauhan na pakibilisan ang kanilang pag-isyu ng mga stickers para sa mga sasakyan dahil kawawa naman ang ating mga drayber. Dapat lang kasi na ibigay na ang para sa kanila, BILISAN!

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May “ipinarating” ang isa kong “bubwit” na “nabuking” daw nya ang ibang barangay opisyal at tanod na naka duty ng lasing dito sa barangay dagsian, hillside.

Totoo hu ba ito punong barangay “afalla”? pakibusisi nga po to ABC president councillor JOEL ALANGSAB at barangay coordinator LAWRENCE ADUBE?

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Ginagamit daw ng ibang kubrador sa huweteng ang mga I.D. na inisyu ng bingo sa barangay. Ito kaya ang paraan ng mga ibang “unggoy” para palabasing legal ang kanilang iligal na pangongolekta ng taya sa huweteng? At alam na rin kaya ito ng pamunuan ng bingo sa barangay?, o ng huweteng? Meron kayang “cashunduan” ang magkabilang panig? Pakisagot nga po to ginoong joel alangsab at lekat na mga “anak ng huweteng? Kung walang sagot ibig sabihin in English, “silence means yes”! ANAK NG HUWETENG, OO!

ooOOoo

Hanggang ngayon ay “dedma” pa rin sa aking panawagan ang “lady reporter” ng isang lokal na telebisyon na humingi ng paumanhin o “public apology” sa sablay niyang pagpapahayag ng isang “news report”! kunsaan naapektuhan ang isang establishmento na kanyang nasagasaan, “its prejudicial” ika nga.

Alin kaya sa tatlo, masyado lang abala itong si reporter, o talagang walang pakialam o baka naman nagpataas lang ito ng “ihi”? naku ang ale, nakatungtong lang sa kalabaw akala mo mas malaki pa siya sa kalabaw! PWEH!

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Apayao remains one of poorest provinces in the country whom the President is giving priority attention in her pro-poor programs as she reiterated in her State of the Nation Address.

“With the retention as declared in her SONA by the President of the expanded value added tax or EVAT, poor families can be assured of social programs that can better off their living conditions,” Loyon said.

Gov. Bulut initiated the implementation of the anti-hunger mitigation program in Apayao and utilized local resources while working for national assistance to cover also other programs like infrastructure, education and health facilities. *IPIA-Kalinga*

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farmers is provided by the Provincial Irrigation Office (PIO), which keeps a list of rice farmers with their corresponding rice land areas. For rice farmers in non-service areas by the PIO or those in rain fed areas, the Municipal Agriculture Offices are tasked to provide the list, Casibang said.

This way, we can check the right number of coupons that a farmer should only claim, based on his actual land area planted to rice. Any transaction made by a farmer with a dealer will be discovered in the evaluation of documents by our office, before these are endorsed to the regional level for the claims, Casibang assured.

DA has accredited five dealers of agricultural supplies for the project here in the province.

In an interview with these dealers, they cleared the issue on the discrepancy between their prices on cash sale and that under “terms”. They consider the fertilizers sold under the project as sale under “terms”.

According to the dealers who asked not to be identified, the price for a bag of urea on a cash basis is P1,930, while on a term basis is P2050 or a difference of P120 per bag.

The dealers explained that they themselves pay higher price to suppliers from Isabela who also charge higher rates under “terms”.

We can not also afford to pay in-cash the volume we ask our suppliers for the need of our farmers under the project considering the capital price per bag of urea now to be P1,920, the dealers said. Actually, we earn only P10 as profit for every bag of urea we sell on a cash basis, they added.

It is not taking advantage, rather, the dictate of natural market practice that prices on cash sales vary from terms and this is what our farmers should understand why there is price variation on fertilizers they buy under the project, the dealers said./L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

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Canada, nangasawa na tani ko sa taga merkado. Basi imol pa ko asta karon (If I did not go to Canada, I would have married a woman in the public market and would have lived miserably,” narrated Valero who has sired two children to a Canadian woman.

After losing by technical knockout (TKO) in the 7th round of a 10-round fight in Winnipeg in November 1996, Valero said he decided to hang his gloves and worked in a construction firm. He never returned to the Philippines.

Valero recalled that his best win was against Edgar Perez in Cagayan de Oro whom he stopped in two rounds in December 1992.

He became a sparring partner of a former world champion who was jailed in Metro Manila.

“I’m happy with my life now. Just give my regards to all my friends in Negros. I missed them all,” Valero said in mixed Cebuano and Hiligaynon.

Valero said his papers when they applied for visa in the Canadian Embassy in Makati then were facilitated by the Games and Amusement Board (GAB).

“Nag hinulsol si Nolito kay nag balik pa sia sa Pilipinas pagkatapos ng laban, ako wala na. Kumusta ayhan si Nolito? (Nolito regretted his decision to come home after the fight. How is he now?) “ Valero concluded.

He did not elaborate./Alex P. Vidal/PNS

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the requirements like the installation of dental troughs and dental racks were not allowed to get the supplies.

She added that a total of 24,340 pre-elementary to grade six pupils were given deworming tablets last July. The medicines were provided by the Center for Health Development-CAR

All governors belonging to the 16 Fourmula 1 provinces signed a pledge of commitment to fully support this project and take financial responsibility in the future to ensure sustainability of the project.

The Provincial Government here committed to continue the program in 2009 where all pupils should be included. The province will be allocating P25.00 per pupil for the purchase of toothbrush, toothpaste and soap.

Peckley said aside from this program, the Colgate Philippines will also be sponsoring about 5,000 pupils of public elementary schools province wide by providing toothbrushes and sachet toothpastes. Since some pilot schools identified here are already recipient under the EHCP, this program will be given to other priority schools./Juliet B. Saley/PIA MP

DA distributes P8.189M discount coupons worth to Kalinga farmers

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – The Department of Agriculture (DA) distributes P8.189M worth of fertilizer discount coupons to rice farmers in the province, as part of government relief to the spiraling costs of farm implements.

Joe Casibang of DA-Kalinga said the money which is derived from the rice production subsidy fund is intended to cover the entire rice area of Kalinga totaling to 16,378

hectares, including rain-fed rice areas.

Per coupon worth P250, is distributed to rice farmers at two coupons per hectare that is planted with rice.

Casibang explained that farmers are granted discounts using the discount coupons upon purchase of any inorganic fertilizer from accredited dealers of agricultural supplies, instead of the rebate or refund

system, made after the purchase.

As safety net, DA devised a scheme of ensuring that discount coupons won't go to wrong hands.

Casibang said every accredited dealer is provided a copy of the master list of rice farmers, bearing their authentic signatures.

Upon purchase, the signature of the bearer, whose name should appear in the master list, is cross-checked with the signature appearing on the coupon.

The master list of
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TNT PINOY PUG NOW CONSIDERS CANADA HIS 'PERMANENT' HOME

VANCOUVER, Canada – Twelve years after his last fight at the Convention Center in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Jonavin Valero (not his real name), a former TNT (tago ng tago) is now a Canadian citizen and considers Canada his "permanent" residence.

"Dili nako mubalik sa Pilipinas. May pamilya nako dinhi. Maayo na pangabuhì ko dinhi (I will no longer go back to the Philippines. I have raised a family here and my life is now better)," said the 41-year-old Valero, who agreed to be interviewed on condition that his identity will be kept.

Valero first fought as 8-rounder in Toronto, Ontario on June 8, 1995 los-

ing by unanimous decision to a Canadian from New Westminster, British Columbia.

He was with two other Filipino boxers who also lost. Valero said after the fight, he frankly told his trainer that he would stay behind after a promoter had promised "to take care" of him.

Valero, who had 13 wins against six losses, thanked a prominent Filipino boxing promoter-manager (Valero requested that the manager's name be also withheld) for sending him to Canada even if he had two successive defeats before flying to Winnipeg.

He lost in a 10-round non-title

fight in Tokyo in March 1995 and was knocked out in the 8th round in a Philippine Boxing Federation (PBF) title fight in a Visayas city several months earlier.

"Kon wala ako nagpa
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Essential Health Package for Children piloted in 35 schools in MP

health care measures.

BONTOC, Mt. Province – The "Essential Health Care Package for Filipino Children" (EHCP) is benefiting elementary pupils of 35 pilot public schools of the province's ten municipalities.

The project is a straightforward, practical effort to substantially improve the health of Filipino children by involving different sectors and using the schools as venues to reach all children with simple, evidence-based and low-cost

This project is sponsored by GTZ Foundation and it is being adopted in 16 FOURmula One provinces in the Philippines of which Mt. Province is included.

Under the EHCP program, exposure to school based daily hand-washing, fluoride tooth brushing and twice a year deworming will familiarize children with healthy habits and is expected to have an impact on awareness concerning

water and sanitation issues in the communities and hygiene practices in family-life.

According to Dr. Dalome D. Peckley, Medical Officer IV of DepEd Mt. Province Division, GTZ has provided toothbrushes, toothpastes and soaps for 6,500 elementary pupils but the actual total enrollees in the 35 pilot schools is 6,832. The other pupils who were not included were provided by the BIBAKNET through DepEd Dentist Dr. Florence Likigan.

Peckley said pilot schools who did not yet comply with
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