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LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **City addresses waste backlog**



GROW STRAIGHT AND TALL - A fallen "baby pine tree" receives a nurturing hand from CDCC volunteer and registered nurse Stephanie Pinkisan and summer job students assigned at Busol Watershed by putting up a tree guard to ensure its survival./Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY - Waste collection schedule in the city began to normalize last week as the city government doubled efforts to address the garbage backlog caused by the stoppage of waste disposal operations at the Irisan dumpsite.

City officials led by acting mayor Daniel Farinas and city environment management office head Romeo Concio worked double time throughout the week to implement measures to restore the disrupted waste program particularly the resumption of hauling operations in the Metro Clark Waste Management Corporation (MCWMC) in Capas, Tarlac this time with

the use of the city's own garbage trucks, albeit the city tapped the services of a private firm for supplement to haul out the piled up refuse.

The city council last Monday approved the request of Farinas for the purchase of additional dump trucks to contain the daily waste output and make the city self-reliant in hauling its wastes. The body opted for an alternative mode of procurement instead of the regular bidding procedures to save on time and cut on cost.

City administrator Peter Fianza Thursday said the city was able to clear the accumulated wastes slowly

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Solve 'Dropout Crisis,' Chiz Dares Gov't

Philippine education is facing a "dropout crisis" and the government is not doing enough to address the problem, opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero said yesterday.

"There is an alarming trend emerging which raises fears of a dropout crisis. Unless we do something about it, we could see the numbers rise in the coming years," Escudero said.

A report commissioned by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) showed that public elementary student enrollment dropped to 12.03 mil-

lion between 2007 and 2008 from 12.08 million between 2006 and 2007.

But enrollment in private schools in the same period showed an increase, indicating that public education is being neglected.

"Public education, which should be the government's priority, is taking a hit. We are seeing government actually divesting in the country's future rather than investing in it because it neglects the welfare of public school students," Escudero said.

He said the Global Education Digest

2008 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) showed that the Philippines had the lowest public expenditure per student as a percentage of GDP per capita among selected Asian countries including Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia.

In the same report, the Philippines also had the lowest total expenditure on education as a percentage of GDP.

The senator said the government should arrest this dropout trend by ad-

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Pia urges 'sex scandal' victims to press charges vs. violators

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today called on women victims of "sex scandal videos" circulating in the internet and being peddled like pirated DVD movies in public, to file court cases against their violators for causing them emotional and psychological anguish and violating their privacy.

Cayetano, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Social Justice, said the victims who without their knowledge and

consent were videotaped by their partners while performing a sexual act, usually refuse to file charges to avoid further public humiliation.

"It is not difficult to understand why most of them decide to remain silent or retreat to ignominy instead of fighting it out in court because the pain and humiliation they have to go through is unthinkable. Their privacy is actually violated over and over with every hit on

the internet, or whenever a copy of their compromising video is sold or passed on to the next viewer."

She said sex scandal victims not only include ordinary citizens but also known personalities who figured in recent sex scandal videos.

"I join my colleagues in condemning such inhuman and illegal acts. As a woman, I sympathize with the victims and urge them to link up with women's support groups which can be their pillars of

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Lawmaker To Comelec: Reveal Incorporators Of Remaining Bidders Now

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday asked the Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairman Jose Melo to reveal the names of the incorporators of the remaining bidders for the P11.3-billion automation contract.

"It is about time for the Comelec disclose the names of the people running the consortiums whatever their decision maybe on

their bids," he said in a statement.

Escudero, who is chair of the Senate oversight committee on poll automation, said Chairman Melo himself agreed that there was nothing wrong with releasing the documents of the bidders to the public.

"Chairman Melo did say that he wants 'as much as many people as possible looking over the (Comelec's) shoulders'," he said, referring to state-

ments made by Melo during a hearing of the committee last April.

Escudero said by revealing the names of the incorporators at this stage, the Comelec will remove lingering doubts about the way the poll body is conducting the bidding for the single, biggest government project.

Only one bidder, Smartmatic International and Total Information Management Corp., has passed the technical screening of

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Lawaker Asks DOJ Chief To Stop Lawyering For Americans

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday asked the Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales to stop looking after the interests of the United States after the DOJ chief challenged the alleged rape victim of an American soldier to file a complaint and prove her claim.

"The DOJ is again lawyering for the Americans. Let

me remind the DOJ that they are Filipinos and their salaries are paid for by the Filipino people. They should protect our interests," Escudero said in a statement.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez had earlier dared "Vanessa," who claims to have been raped by an off-duty US serviceman last April 19 in a Manila hotel, to go to court.

The 22-year old university student has so far declined to pursue charges against her alleged rapist.

The DOJ secretary questioned "Vanessa's" motive in going public, hinting that she is being used by militant groups to push for the abrogation of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) which came under fire after the controversial rape case involving "Nicole" and US Marine Lance Cpl.

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TWG created for solar demo project

BAGUIO CITY – The local government joins the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation Inc. (JVOFI) and Benguet State University (BSU) through a Technical Working Group (TWG) in studying alternatives for the “conservation and efficient utilization of energy” in the city.

Through an administrative order issued last week by acting mayor Daniel Farinas, the group shall assist in the implementation of the second phase of the solar energy demonstration project.

The AO mandates City Administrator Peter Fianza, Planning Officer Raymund Ruaro, City Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana,

and General Services Officer Romeo Concio, to sit down with Marichu Perez and Rhoda Fe Buenavista of the JVOFI, and Engr. Edgar Molintas and Dr. Feliciano Calora for the second phase, the first of which is the lighting of lamp posts around Burnham Park, with the use of solar energy and compact fluorescent lamps.

The city’s program shall be assisted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

An earlier AO from the mayor then created a TWG to formulate an energy plan and air quality management plan for

the city.

A Malacanang AO was also issued, thus the efforts to address environmental impact project for energy conservation.

Anchored on the Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) and the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program (NEECP), all moves are part of the “major strategies of the government to realize energy self-sufficiency and reduce environmental impacts of energy generation and utilization.”

Seeing the urgency of the matter, the order takes effect immediately. / juliegfianza

Action group formed to oversee market improvement project

BAGUIO CITY – Acting mayor Daniel Farinas last week created the Market Development Projects Action Group that will oversee the improvement projects at the city public market including restoration works at the burned portions.

In Administrative Order No. 90, the acting mayor stressed the need for a core group to fasttrack the

implementation of the project in response to the call of the stakeholders during the recently concluded market summit for a swift action on the reconstruction of the damaged areas and on the various concerns affecting the city market.

“On April 25, various stakeholders of the Baguio City Public Market, both from the public and private

sectors, convened in a Market Summit Conference and recommended the immediate restoration of the burned portions (vegetable proper building 1 and 2 and sari-sari and tobacco sections),” Farinas noted.

“The summit participants also recommended swifter executive and legislative action that will

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H1N1 update: city travelers urged to observe 7-10 days home confinement as safeguard to h1n1

BAGUIO CITY – City travelers from abroad must refrain from mingling with people upon arrival and instead observe home confinement for seven to ten days to observe for signs and symptoms of the dreaded New Human Influenza A (H1N1) virus

City health officer Dr. Florence Reyes said this isolation method is the latest in the string of measures adopted by the city in its continuing effort to prevent the entry of the

virus which has entered the country via a ten-year old girl who tested positive for the disease.

Reyes said the child came from a trip to Canada and the United States and her infection was confirmed last Thursday. The child was administered medications and is now in a stable condition.

Reyes, who was designated by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. as the sole focal point for advisories on the disease, said the self-isolation advice covers all persons with history of foreign travel — whether residents, tourists or returning foreign students — with or without symptoms as they are all considered

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City, Asin Hydro Landowners explore solutions to problem under court mediation programa

BAGUIO CITY – The city government and members of the T a d i a n g a n - Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association (TNHALA) agreed to explore solutions to their land problem under the court’s judicial dispute resolution program.

The city government early last month filed a criminal case against the association for grave coercion, unauthorized obstruction of river or waterways and obstruction of an irrigation canal after they its members allegedly diverted water from the city-owned Asin Hydroelectric Plants

that led to the shutdown of two of the three power plants.

But city administrator Peter Fianza said the operations resumed that same month after the first hearing of the case when both parties agreed to the mediation program where part of the agreement was that no disruption of the

facility will be done.

Fianza said the association is now considering the city’s suggestion to submit a list of legitimate landowners affected by the operation of the hydro plants.

The list will be validated by the city and will be made as basis in conducting a sur-

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Erap's Second Round Farce

Tragedy, we're told, repeats itself in farce. Now, the only president convicted for plunder titillates us with a farcical offer to seek repeat his tragic aborted term.

"It's 90 percent sure the opposition won't agree on a single presidential candidate," ex-president Joseph Estrada says. So, how about me? The mahirap, he claims, will re-elect him, hands down.

The legal eagles and, ultimately, the Supreme Court, may have to decide. But will we have elections in 2010? If so, will it for a president? Or for a prime minister in a parliamentary system?

And who that will be? Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, if the frenzy in the Lower House to rewrite the Constitution means anything. Estrada will be the Ping Lacson of 2010—the man who

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split the opposition.
For now, look at the credentials

of this man—unchastened by a 40-year prison sentence for massive theft. Gifted by the Filipino people with a rare opportunity to serve, Erap blew it. Don't we all?

"Four things never return," the old proverb says, "The sped arrow, wasted time, the spoken word—and missed opportunity."

In his early Malacañang days, Erap's favorite conversation piece was a unique watch. It counted down the 2,191 days from delivery of his inaugural speech "Now Power Is With the People."

Ghost-written by Teodoro Locsin, Jr, his speech spelt out pledges that he welshed on. Re-reading them today underscores the betrayal.

"This time, things will be different," he vowed "What wealth will be generated will be equitably shared. What sacrifices are demanded will be evenly carried. This much I promise: for every sacrifice you carry, I will carry twice the weight to make freedom more meaningful.

"My promises are the hopes of ordinary Filipinos like myself" he said. "The common people have waited long enough for their day to come.

"That day is here. Now, power is with the people. One of their own has made it."

But Erap's count-down wristwatch stopped barely two years after his Luneta address. Vice, concubines, and his midnight cabinet of thieves blacked out intimations of mortality. He failed to deliver.

"Erap never did understand the true meaning of poverty," writes Prof. Aprodicio Laquian who was Estrada's presidential chief of staff. "To Erap...helping the poor was no more than giving them charity...These gestures were short term palliatives....

"His programs became an incoherent mishmash of fragmented actions," Laquian notes in his book: "The Erap Tragedy". Erap declared war on poverty. And poverty won...."

Between 1997 and 2000, overall poverty increased from 25.1 percent to 27.5 percent," Philippine Human Development Report documents. "There were an estimated three million more poor Filipinos in 2000 than in 1997.

Erap's frailties interlocked with governance failures. "Power now is with the concubines," the Sun-Star said of Estrada's "5-K governance—"kamag-anak, kaibigan, kaklase, kumpare—at kabit."

Worried aides meet covertly with a presidential mistress over the tailspin, International Herald Tribune Thomas Fuller reported. In boudoir privacy, she passed the blunt message on to Erap. "Jueteng," late-night boozing, lavish mansions for concubines, etc. were greasing a slide into impeachment.

The message "delivered that night was prescient," Fuller wrote in his report titled, "Colleagues of Philippine President Depict A Leader Disdainful of Daily Tasks and Hampered by Life Style."

"The story ... is about an administration that, from its first days in office, was hampered by the quirks of a president who

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Why should we be unafraid of H1N1 as we seriously confront it?

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



It is official: the Department of Health (DOH) has announced 21 May 2009 that the country has a confirmed case of Influenza A (H1N1) virus.

The first confirmed case is a 10-year-old Filipina that arrived in the Philippines 18 May from United States and Canada. The first case was confirmed after specimen from her throat was collected by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) on 20 May after she had already developed fever, sore throat, and cough.

Immediately after the confirmation, DOH acted and looked for 17 other co-passengers of the plane that brought the girl to the Philippines. The 17 co-passengers are being sought because they are within six feet of the girl during her six-hour flight to the Philippines. The Peace Combatant, however, does not believe that the lesson to be learned here is that it is sufficient to be at least six feet from people who have flu symptoms: cough, colds, sore throat, and fever. The 17 passengers are the high risk ones but it does not mean that the rest of the plane's passengers do not have risks of catching the disease..

Earlier WHO advisories have said that the virus is transmitted via droplets such from a sneeze, nasal secretions, or cough. Tiny droplets can be transmitted by contaminated hands and frequent washing is recommended. We must refrain from putting probably contaminated objects and our hands into our mouths.

However, really there is no extraordinarily reason to panic over the disease. As of 22 May, only 42 countries out of around close to 200 countries have officially reported a total of 11,168 cases that includes 86 deaths. At the moment, dengue is the more efficient killer in the Philippine. Dengue killed at least 283 in more than 24,000 cases in 2007 in the Philippines.

In Mexico where an epidemic of H1N1 was first discovered in 2 April 2009, there were 75 confirmed deaths from over 3,892 cases of the disease as of 22 May 2009. The rest of the deaths (86 minus 75) were reported in the United States (9), Canada (1), and Costa Rica (1). So far, mortality from the disease appears controllable. Hopefully, the global community can maintain it that way given that suspected cases of the disease are continuously being reported.

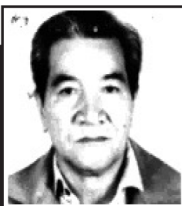
It appears that our prime duty in these times is to be well. By being healthy, we ensure that we help ensure that we do not pass on a disease. If we are sick, our patriotic duty is to be well in a manner that we minimize or keep to zero the spread of the disease. We have discussed this in

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BY: EMILIO LIWANEN



The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the up springing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. "Then shall we know, if we follow onto know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3. "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." Joel 2:23. "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:17,21.

The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord: and He shall send Jesus." Acts 3:19, 20.

Servants of God, with their faces lighted upon and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message form heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or form yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side.

Lastly, the author of this article you just read is Sister Ellen G. White, divine messenger of God, in ?Gorham, Maine, the most translated woman author in American history.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

God's wrath in Hayden
Kho's sex videos

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



SEX VIDEOS, TOO MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Too much ado about nothing is how all of us should treat the sex videos of Dr. Hayden Kho and movie sexpot Katrina Halili and the other women who fell, unfortunately it seems now, for the "kiss and show" charms of the doctor-turned-(sex)-video film maker.

We should instead pay attention to the more serious problems of the country, rather than waste our time on perverts and opportunists who will stop at nothing for the sake of money and popularity.

Who knows, all of these brouhaha may have actually been prompted by a movie which may already be in the making, starring Dr. Kho, Katrina, and other personalities, and what better way is there to publicize and make it more enticing to probable viewers other than creating a controversy on its theme and on its characters in the media at this point?

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ACTRESS AND WOMEN IN VIDEOS HAD IT COMING TO THEM? I am not siding with Hayden Kho or with anyone else on the issue, but then I am concerned about the fact that if only Katrina and the other Kho video-women did not agree to perform physical (albeit sexual) acrobatics in bed with him, there would be no controversy in the first place.

But then, evidently, Katrina and the other video-women, for one reason or another, wanted to go to bed with Hayden too, and judging from reports of how their bodies and faces contoured, and how they looked and reacted in the videos being shown in the Internet, why, they went to bed with him voluntarily and willingly at that!

Therefore, it is not as if they were victimized by the doctor using fraud or any other false pretenses.

What is very clear is that these video-women, Katrina included, went to bed with Hayden of their own volition, and then evidently shared in the joy and in the fun and in the pleasures of a sexual adventure with a man whom they fully knew was already "connected", as it were, with the well-known cosmetic surgeon, Dr. Vicky Belo.

That being the case, would it be amiss to say that whatever is happening to them now, they really had it coming to themselves?

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SEN. REVILLA'S JOINING THE SEX VIDEO CONTROVERSY UNFORTUNATE: And what, to me, was more unfortunate in all these was the decision of Sen. Revilla to join the fun...I mean, the controversy, by delivering a surprisingly caustic and very rare privilege speech in the august halls of the Senate of the Philippines, just to denounce Hayden Kho.

Yes, Bong is (or was?) a movie actor, and yes, he is the chairman of the Senate's committee on entertainment, so is supposed to have all the necessary cover to meddle here.

But then, the problem with him is that on matters which are more important to the country and our people which have reached the Senate—the ZTE-NBN deal, the P728 million agriculture fund mess, the Jun Lozada brouhaha, among others—Sen. Revilla has been regrettably silent.

Our people of course expected more from him, not just because he is now a senator of the Republic, but because he was in fact a former governor, a former chairman of the Optical Media Board, and by now a long-time public servant, who should not be keeping a low profile on vital issues affecting the nation.

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GOD'S WRATH IN HAYDEN KHO'S BEHAVIOR:
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ABRECO GM Takes Bold Steps To Cut Costs For More Efficient Service

BANGUED, Abra - To address the various issues and problems confronting the Abra Electric Cooperative (ABRECO), General Manager Loreto Seares, Jr. had adopted a new budget system and personal management for cost reduction.

This bold step that Seares is deter-

mined to take, is also in response to the call of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for the government and all sectors to contribute to the efforts of the national government to "weather the impact of the global financial crisis particularly by living within our means to run a lean

government which include the continued fiscal prudence and to work in order to balance the budget."

In an interview with Seares, he disclosed the new system that his management team had devised to reduce costs in all aspects of the operation of ABRECO without necessarily firing any

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Ifugao mayor agrees to provide lot for BFP building

L A G A W E , Ifugao - The conflict between the municipal government of this town and the members of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) here was finally resolved recently by Mayor Ceasario Cabbigat Jr. in a dialogue held recently.

The problem

stemmed from the displacement of the firemen when their Municipal Fire Station located beside the municipal hall of this town was demolished more than a year ago to pave the way for the construction of a new Lying-in Clinic and Rural Health Unit.

According to Fire Senior Superintendent Samuel Jamias, former Fire Marshall of this province and now at the BFP Cordillera Regional Command, the lot from which the demolished structure stood and where the new Health Center now stands, belongs to

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"Sayaw-Awit" Competition set on June 9

B A G U I O CITY - The city government of Baguio, through the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (CADAC) and the Baguio Center for Young Adults (BCYA) will be holding a Sayaw-Awit Competition on June 9, at 9:00am at the People's Park.

The theme of the competition is "Ikaw Ako... Tayong Lahat sa Komunidad Magkaisa Laban sa Droga."

According

to Concepcion Pulicay-Dumawat, BCYA's "Barkadahan Kontra Droga" Project Coordinator, the said competition was organized to entertain and educate the public on the city government's effort to continuously provide awareness on its drug prevention, rehabilitation and reduction campaign.

The said "Sayaw-Awit" competition has two categories, the men/

women in uniform category (police, firemen, jail guards, tanod, security guards etc.) and the barangay category composed of men/women and youth in the barangays regardless of age. Participants must perform in costume and should bring their own accompaniment/s.

Interested group participants, must be have a maximum of 15 and not lesser than 5 members. Competition

Responsible Parenting supported

Baguio City - Acting City Mayor Daniel Farinas last week issued Administrative Order 91, s. of 2009 designating members of the city Responsible Parenting Movement (RPM) Team. The move was done to fully implement responsible parenting and natural family planning program in the city.

During the regular Monday meeting also, the acting mayor announced the initial release of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000) for the purpose. Regional Director of the Population Commission (PopCom) Aurora Quiray acknowledged the fund release.

City Barangay Affairs Officer Laurence Adube heads the team with City Population Officer Zenaida Quijana as co-team leader. Focal persons shall be Elvira Flora and Adora Catolos of the Health and Promotion Office; Angelita Sabado, Milagros

Gabon and Myra Ducusin of the City Nutrition Office, all of the Baguio Health Department; and Flor Tul-an of the City Social Welfare and Development Office.

The RPM team members are expected to organize and train Responsible Parenting (RP) and Natural Family Planning (NFP) Teams at the city and barangay levels, provide funds for said action. They are also expected to serve as NFP trainers, conduct RPM classes, invite, motivate and recruit couples for RPB classes, monitor and follow-up NFP users, and continuously sustain barangay RP-NFP classes.

Accordingly, the government line agencies will formulate and "carry out an aggressive and systematic strategy to promote RPM-NFP" in a grassroots campaign, so as bring the program closest to the people.

All materi-

als for training should be provided for by the team, the AO states.

All activities shall be under the supervision of the PopCom and Department of Health (DOH), and the local government unit.

The formation of the RPM team is anchored on the directive of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on October 10, 2006 with primary policy of promoting Natural Family Planning Methods, three-five (3-5) year birth spacing, and two-year (2 yr) breastfeeding.

Said practices are all for the good health of the child, mother, family and the whole community. "The RPM was conceived to empower the Filipino Families through responsible parenting by making couples aware of their basic responsibilities as parents," the AO further states. /juliegfianza

song could be any contemporary songs where lyrics could be change to relate with the theme. The song needed to be rendered with choreography (Sayaw at Awit or Song and Dance) and within the 5-10 minutes limit.

Deadline for the registration of participants is on May 29, 2009.

Prizes for the competition, for both

categories, are P2,500, P2,000 and P1,500 for the first second and third placer, respectively.

In addition for the barangay category, one slot of full tuition fee scholarship on either computer, electronics or electrical technician course from Baguio College of Technology (formerly BETI), will be given

to the winning group.

Registration forms are available at the BCYA, with office at no 33 Assumption Road and Tel nos. 442-8193 or 445-0623.

For more details you can call Connie of BCYA or Vincent of CADAC at 442-5495 or the office of Vice Mayor Fariñas at 4425495. / Lito Dar/PIA)

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bumped from one scandal to the next," the Tribune noted. "[His] critical shortcoming is his inability to reconcile presidential obligations with personal excesses: his late night drinking sessions and his gambling."

Ouster by People Power Two, arrest, detention, protracted trial and conviction followed. "[Ferdinand] Marcos tested the limits of political oppression and our capacity to endure it," Institute of Asian Church and Culture's Melba Padilla Maggay then wrote. "Estrada tests limits of moral corruption and our capacity to get roused to indignation..."

But the economic fallout from the moral rot illustrates the time-honored truth: that no society can survive without a minimum of moral sense. "Indeed, 'private indiscretion and immorality of leaders have tragic national results,'" added the Institute's Evelyn Miranda Feliciano.

Asians, therefore, insist that leaders possess "sageliness within and kingliness without" (i.e., character and competence). Many voted for Estrada as sage and king who'd reach out to those who drew life's short straws. In a parody of his Rizal Park address, a critic says: "An imperial carouser made it."

Now, Erap would brush aside all that sordid legacy. He'll seek reelection. "This is a delusion. 'Call back yesterday, 'Richard II cried. Bid time return.' But it won't. His failures and shortcoming are etched in history."

He is betting on people's short memories. The massa love him, he claims. This we have to see. Perhaps, Erap needs to remember what Cardinal Wolsey, who served Henry VIII at the cost of conscience said on his death bed, "Had I served my [country] with half the zeal/I served my king [barkadas], God would not, in my old age /Have left me naked to mine enemies."/J.L.Mercado

Peace Combatant**..... from page 4**

earlier issues of **The Peace Combatant** and the same topic is discussed in the World Health Organization website in www.who.org.

While symptoms of associated with flu (fever, colds, cough, sore throat, headaches, and general feeling of being unwell) are something to watch for, the general public must be informed that not all of those who caught the disease manifested symptoms of fever. Further, the World Health Organization Bulletin 21 of 22 May 2009 even report that most cases appear to have typical influenza-like illness and recover spontaneously. However, 38% of the outpatients display gastrointestinal symptoms: nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

In Mexico as well as in the United States, the country with the second highest of fatality from H1N1, almost half of the fatalities have other conditions such as pregnancy, asthma, lung diseases, immunity disorders, neurological disorders, and cardiovascular disease.

Healthy people should remain careful and never let down their guard. For example,

in Mexico, 54% of the fatalities were healthy before they got the disease.

The schools have important roles to play in preventing the spread of H1N1. They must teach the children how to avoid the disease and what they must do when they have flu symptoms.

(The author maintains a website at www.geocities.com/arturoboquiren and can be contacted through artboquiren2040@yahoo.com, Facebook, and 0927-536-8431)

ABRECO GM.....**..... from page 6**

of the existing personnel.

"It is inevitable and we do not deny, ABRECO had been incurring deficits and had been increasing the number of personnel long before I took over as GM. But I do not want to fire people because I can not afford to see them go unemployed especially during these trying times of global economic crisis," Seares said.

Because of his stand and his determination to improve the service delivery system of the electric cooperative in order to address the issues being raised by the general public, he and his management team sat together to evaluate the actual situation of the cooperative and to devise a mechanism that would reduce their costs of operation and administration to be able to minimize the long-time deficits of ABRECO and to maximize the utilization of the existing personnel for optimum efficiency.

Specifically, Seares had adopted the proposal of his management team to take drastic action to reduce costs in all the various units of ABRECO. The reduction includes the assigning of excess personnel to the sub-offices for more efficiency; implement a 10% reduction in the MOOE budget including that of operations; and establish a staffing pattern to determine where personnel are most needed, among others.

Relative to personnel management aspect, Seares is also determined to stop hiring and not to create new positions. The existing pool of personnel can perform the tasks needed for outside services instead of hiring contractual personnel to do the seasonal tasks outside.

In order to sustain the cost-reduction measure being adopted by the GM, a mechanism to monitor the budget and expenditures in all the different units of ABRECO shall also be established and implemented strictly. The GM assured that he will not only pass a memorandum to this effect, but will make it a policy to be approved by the Board of Directors.

In addition to a more sustained maximum utilization of personnel, Seares said, he can also bring the other personnel to the special projects of ABRECO like their infrastructure projects particularly the construction of the gymnasium and the son-to-be implemented mini hydro project in Daguioman.

This way, Seares believes that with the cost-reduction measures he has adopted,

he can minimize if not settle the long-time deficits of ABRECO which he inherited from his predecessors without sacrificing some of the existing personnel.

As regards the rumors that ABRECO had not been paying its dues to the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (formerly the National Power Corporation), Seares denied as he presented the last receipt of their payment. It can be noted that the consumers have been suspecting that ABRECO has not been paying its dues to the NGCP hence the frequent brown-outs.

"The brownouts are beyond our control except when we schedule clearing and maintenance operations which we announce ahead of time," Seares emphasized. /Maritess Beñas/PIA-Abra

Ifugao Mayor.....**..... from page 6**

the BFP as it was donated by the Ifugao Provincial Government for the purpose of constructing a fire station during his term.

Instead it was now used to erect a structure otherwise not intended in the Deed of Donation and the BFP allowed the demolition of their old office because the Mayor promised them that he will find a new place for them.

However, the promise did not materialize until now and they were relocated at the back of the crowded old public market of this town exposed to the stench coming from the nearby slaughter house and inconvenienced by the crowd of people and stalls where goods and wares are sold during market days.

Furthermore, they said that the area does not have any water and they cannot respond effectively and efficiently because of the narrow lane going in and coming from the market compounded by the problem of bringing out their fire trucks during the market days of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

They claimed that they are suffering low morale and humiliation as the site of the demolished old Rural Health Center was given to the police for the construction of a new Municipal Police Station instead to the BFP.

The BFP reported this problem to their Central Office which sent their legal officers to make representation with the mayor. Thus last May 15, in a dialogue, Cabbigat said he is willing to provide a site as replacement for the building of the new BFP Office and even promised a P200,000 amount as assistance for its construction. The group inspected the proposed site with two other locations should the BFP find the site not suitable.

Cabbigat said that contrary to rumors, the Municipal Government is very supportive to the plight of the firemen and is finding ways and means to solve their problem because as the capital town they badly need the services of the BFP.

Activities are now being fast tracked to temporarily provide the BFP with a decent office so they can discharge their duties while awaiting the construction of their new building. /Dan B. Codamon/PIA Ifugao

City addresses

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throughout a five-day haul-out operation covering 18 trips a day.

He said that they were expecting to totally contain the waste backlog that day so that waste collection schedule would return to normal the next day Friday.

He said they also expect to further improve the system of collection even as he echoed the appeal of Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and acting mayor Farinas for residents to cooperate by observing proper waste segregation in their households.

Fianza said proper segregation at source will help as the city has also begun hauling part of the residual wastes to Holcim cement company in Bacnotan, La Union pursuant to an earlier deal. He said the city made a pilot delivery of one truckload equivalent to eight to ten tons of wastes to the cement firm last Wednesday and this can be increased if the city can measure up to the strict standards of Holcim.

Fianza said properly segregated wastes can be directly hauled and transported to Holcim thus, segregation plays a key role on this aspect.

He said the city is also continuing to work on other waste management schemes particularly the composting deal with the Department of Agriculture where a memorandum of agreement has been prepared for signing by DA Secretary Arthur Yap for the use of an area in the Dairy Farm for the composting plant.

The city is also working on the resumption of delivering biodegradable wastes to the Philippine Military Academy which was temporarily stopped due to damaged equipment.

As to the sanitary landfill project, Fianza said Concio is now working on the survey of the area while plans are being prepared for road networks and the development of the landfill facility itself.

Fianza meanwhile assured residents of Irisan and Asin barangays who caused the closure of Irisan dumpsite that the city will no longer use the dumpsite for dumping but instead will pursue the closure and rehabilitation of the site. He said bids for the rehabilitation project are set to be opened on Tuesday./aileen p. refuerzo

H1N1 update.....

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probable carriers of the disease.

Those who would experience while in isolation any symptom such as fever, chills and fatigue; muscle and joint pain; sore throat; headache and body pains; coughing and sneezing; nausea vomiting and diarrhea are advised to immediately seek medical attention while those who would not develop any symptom after the ten-day period will be considered out of danger.

Reyes said the city's preparations against the disease had been without relent since the first case was reported in Mexico City last April 28.

The City Health Response Team composed of health workers and health institutions in the city was immediately reactivated and a general health advisory was issued.

At present, continuing information cam-

paign is being conducted involving all sectors through orientations, press conferences and distribution of advisory leaflets.

The Baguio General Hospital has been designated as referral hospital for suspect cases for the city.

Reyes said have also mapped out a disease "response flow" covering admissions in health centers or through home visitations and admissions in hospitals.

For cases admitted in health centers or monitored through home visitations, health workers will determine if the patient has history of travel or exposure to the infection. Those without history of travel and exposure will be treated and sent home for further observation. If symptoms wane, the case will be classified as common influenza but if symptoms persist, the patient will be asked to return to the center for reassessment.

Those with history of travel and exposure will be quarantined along with his or her contacts for seven to ten days. Those with persistent symptoms will be referred to the BGH for admission. Isolation will be lifted for those who would be asymptomatic after the prescribed period.

Hospital admissions will be strictly monitored by the City Epidemiology Surveillance Unit headed by Dr. Donna Tuvera.

Patients who are Baguio residents will be subjected to contact tracing and all contacts will be immediately subjected to quarantine and medication if positive for symptoms. Non-Baguio residents will be referred to the regional epidemiology unit also for contact tracing and administering of preventive and medical measures.

Reyes reiterated her advise to the public not to panic but to be vigilant against the disease.

The preparation of the city against the disease has been supported by the city government with a funding allocated by the city council through a resolution authored by council committee on health chair Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia.

The health advisory distributed by the health office said the disease is spread through close personal contact and respiratory secretions propelled by sneezing or coughing.

It stressed that the virus is not transmitted by eating pork.

Residents with symptoms are advised to consult their doctors or go to the nearest health facility immediately and to refrain from self-medicating.

The public is also advised to follow preventive measures like practicing proper hand washing, avoiding crowded places and avoiding close contact with sick people.

The advisory also provided respiratory etiquette like covering the nose and mouth with tissue or handkerchief when sneezing, coughing and blowing nose; washing hands regularly; avoiding spitting on the floor or road; putting tissues or plastic bags used in spitting in the trash bins; washing used handkerchief separately from clothing; staying at home and maintaining a safe distance of one meter from other people when sick and avoiding sharing of eating and drinking utensils,

towels and other personal items.

The public is also advised to keep health by eating nutritious food, exercising, avoiding smoking and heavy drinking of alcoholic beverages; having adequate rest and sleep, and practicing good personal hygiene./aileen p. refuerzo

Batas

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About Hayden Kho, I suggest he should undergo psychological and psychiatric tests right away.

This is to determine what happened to him during his childhood that could be held responsible for his behavior and his apparent predilection to not only enjoy cavorting with beautiful women but keeping a live—and in color yet—memento of his—and the women's?—moments of ecstasy.

Otherwise, I will have no other conclusion but that this is the result of a kind of wickedness brought about by his having turned away from God, and by his refusal to glorify and give thanks to God, despite having been the recipient of many graces and blessings from Him.

Romans 1:21-26 had this to say on this kind of a behavioral disorder: "...For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

"Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

"Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

"Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts...."

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REMINDERS: Please watch Atty. Batas Mauricio give free legal advice at the Internet, through "YouTube", "metacafe" and "iGoogle", and listen to his radio programs: **DZRB RADYO NG BAYAN 738 khz.** in Luzon, Mondays to Fridays, at 5:30 in the morning (simulcast worldwide at www.pbs.gov.ph); **DZRM RADYO MAGASIN, 1278 Khz.** also in Luzon, Mondays to Fridays, 6:45 in the morning (also simulcast worldwide at www.pbs.gov.ph); **DYKA 801 khz.** in San Jose, Antique (simulcast over www.kinaray-a.com), Mondays to Fridays, at 10 in the morning; and **DYMS Aksiyon Radyo** in Catbalogan City, Samar (simulcast at www.samarnews.com), Mondays to Fridays, at 11 in the morning.

REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION Baguio
City

OFFICE OF THE
EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF

RADIOWEALTH FI-
NANCE
COMPANY, INC.,
Mortgagee,

- versus -

SPS. ANGELINA S.
GONZALES
AND ELPIDIO
GONZALES, JR
and MAYLYN R.
FRIGILLANA,
Mortgagors,
x-----x

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 09-119-S

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

SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF AUCTION
SALE

Upon verified let-
ter-petition for sale
under Act 3135, as
amended filed on
April 22, 2009 by
RADIOWEALTH FI-
NANCE COMPANY,
INC., through coun-
sel, hereinafter re-
ferred to as the
MORTGAGEE, for the
satisfaction of the
mortgage indebted-
ness of SPOUSES
ANGELINA S.
GONZALES AND
ELPIDIO V.
GONZALES, 3R. and
MAYLYN R.
FRIGILLANA herein-
after referred to as the
MORTGAGORS,
which as of April 2,
2009 amounts to
EIGHT HUNDRED
SEVENTY NINE

THOUSAND SIX PE-
SOS & 60/100 (Php
879,006.80), exclusive
of penalty, other
charges, sheriff's fees
and expenses inci-
dents! to the foreclo-
sure proceedings, the
undersigned or any
duty authorized sher-
iff will sell at public
auction on June 23,
2009 at 10:00 o'clock in
the morning or soon
thereafter at the lobby
of the main entrance of
the Hall of Justice
Building, Baguio City
to the highest bidder
for CASH and in PHIL-
IPPINE CURRENCY,
the real property to-
gether with all exist-
ing improvements
thereon which is more
particularly described

as follows;

**ORIGINAL
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. P-1509
REGISTRY OF
DEEDS LBAGUIO
CITY**

"A parcel of
land (Lot No. 9-B,
Block 19, Csd-1-
00083-0) situated in
Baguio City, Island
of Luzon. Begin-
ning at a point
marked "1" of Lot 9-
B, Block 19, Csd-1-
00083-D; x, x x x x .
containing an area
of ONE HUNDRED
FORTY FIVE (145)
SQUARE METERS."
(Complete techni-
cal description ap-
pears in the title)

Prospective
bidders/buyers are

hereby enjoined to
investigate for
themselves the
property and the
encumbrances
thereon, if there be
any.

Baguio City, Philip-
pines, May 20, 2009

By; (SGD) ATTY.

MEDIOS
BALDERAS-REYES
Clerk of Court VI
and Ex -Officio
Sheriff

By; (SGD) DELFIN
E. ARIAGA
Sheriff-in-Charge

Copy furnished : All
Parties Concerned
Publication dates :
May 24, 31 and June
7, 2009

Republic of the
Philippines RE-
GIONAL TRIAL
COURT FIRST
JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE JUDGE

PETITION FOR RE-
NEWAL OF

APPOINTMENT AS
NOTARY
PUBLIC FOR AND
WITHIN
THE PROVINCE OF
BENGUET

ATTY. ROMEO G.
BRAVO,

Petitioner,

X-----X

NOTARY PUBLIC
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 09-NC-
0158

NOTICE OF
HEARING

Notice is hereby
given that a summary
hearing on the peti-
tion for renewal of
appointment as No-

tary Public filed by the
above-named peti-
tioner shall be held on
June 4, 2019 at 10:30
o'clock in the morning
before the Executive
Judge of the Regional
Trial Court, La
Trinidad, Benguet. Any
person who has any
cause or reason to ob-
ject to the grant of the
petition may file a veri-
fied written opposition

thereto on or
before the date of the
summary hearing.

Let this Notice of
Hearing be published
once (1) a week for two
(2) consecutive weeks
in the JUNCTION, a
newspaper of general
circulation in Baguio
City and Benguet
Province, the first
publication to be
made not later than

May 24, 2009.

SO ORDERED. -

La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, this 21st
day of May, 2009.

By; (SGD)

MARYBELLE LEE
DEMOT MARINAS
Executive Judge

May 24 & 31,
2009

2nd phase done for Burnham park summit, 3rd on may 26

BAGUIO CITY-
After the tourism
stakeholders' meeting
last May 19 at the city
hall multi-purpose
hall, engineers and ar-
chitects; profession-
als and technical
people shall come to-
gether on May 26 to
arrange structural de-
signs and other tech-
nicalities for the city's
prime park. This
would be an important
phase on the making
of the master plan
during the first-ever
Burnham Park summit
on June 16.

Concessionaires
and tourism-oriented
groups underwent
the same planning
session last May 12
and 19, respectively,
with their outputs
considered for the
summit.

Problems, ideas
and other concerns

were brought out, and
possibilities were
considered during the
two earlier planning
sessions.

The concession-
aires pointed out the
need for physical se-
curity, sanitation, 24-
hour restrooms, more
garbage bins, "pedes-
trianization" of several
areas, especially for
joggers and promenad-
ers. Definite areas for
merchandise, park-
ing, and possible
night market were re-
quested to be in-
cluded in the master
plan.

The tourism
group looked at pos-
sibilities for additional
aesthetic features of
the park; such as,
dancing fountain
lights with music, fish
in the lake, rehabili-
tated walkways, and

a refurbished stage. A
fine dining area was
also suggested, an im-
proved picnic groove,
a cozy coffee shop,
and a food court.

The group
wanted developed
bleachers at the ath-
letic bowl, areas for
outdoor ball games,
calisthenics, swim-
ming, airsoft, archery,
badminton, tennis,
mini-golf, rehabilita-
tion and a creative
sports area; all with
state-of-the-art equip-
ment. This does not
come without a price,
however, as mainte-
nance fees for the use
of said areas was also
suggested.

A freedom, and
senior citizen park at
the rose garden were
suggested, as with
amenities for the dif-
ferently-abled citizens
and visitors.

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14th Migrant Workers Day celebration set on June 7

BAGUIO CITY-
This coming June 7
will be the 14th anniver-
sary of the ratification
of Republic Act 8042,
otherwise known as
the Migrant Workers
Act of 1995. The oc-
casion is celebrated as
Migrant Workers Day
or "Araw ng
Pasasalamat" for
Overseas Filipino
Workers (OFWs) who
are actively working
overseas or have re-
turned home, in rec-
ognition of the sacri-
fices and heroism of
the OFWs and their
families.

According to
Overseas Workers
Welfare Administra-
tion (OWWA-CAR)
acting regional direc-
tor Evelyn Laranang,
they are targeting
about 2,000 partici-
pants and this year's

celebration venue will
be at the SM City
Baguio.

To make this
year's celebration
more meaningful, a
parade-motorcade
around the city and
an awarding cer-
emony - to recognize
OFW achievers and
other OFW-Friendly
personalities/institu-
tions, are the in-
tended highlights for
that day.

A multi-sectoral
steering committee
and a Selection Com-
mittee for the Search
of Outstanding
OFWs and OFW
Friendly personal-
ities and institutions
will also be created
for such purposes.
The committee shall
be composed of rep-
resentatives from
Philhealth, Social Se-
curity Service, Philip-
pine Information
Agency, Baguio City

Public Employment
Service Office
(PESO), Baguio-
Benguet Federation
of Overseas Returnee
and Dependents and
the Office of Coun-
cilor Betty Lourdes
Tabanda.

In a related news,
10 college scholars of
OWWA-CAR, ac-
companied by
Laranang, joined the
5th Islands Group
Scholars Conference,
held in Laguna,
Thursday. The 10
scholars mostly,
graduating and in-
coming second year
college students, are
OFW dependents
and grantee of
OWWA's Education
for Development
Scholarship Program
or EDSP. The confer-
ence was partici-
pated by OWWA
scholars in different
parts of Luzon/Lito
Dar/PIA

Solve Dropout

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dressing the shortage of classrooms, teachers, and basic materials.

"The government should make sure that no student is forced to drop out for reasons that could otherwise be addressed by no-nonsense approach to education. The government needs to be reminded that education is the right of every Filipino," Escudero said.

"We don't need *pa-pogi* posturing that are long on photo-ops and short on real solutions. Unless you have solutions, you become part of the problem," he added.

The Department of Education estimates that the country will be need up to 39,000 new teachers, aside from 7,000 new classrooms and four million school seats to meet the projected enrollment this year./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Lawmaker to Comelec

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the bidding committee. Two other bidders — Sequioa Voting Systems and Universal Storefront Services Corp.; and Filipinas Systems, Gilat Satellite Network and EE Cruz and Co. — have asked the poll body to reconsider their disqualification.

Smartmatic/TIM submitted a bid of P7 billion for the poll automation project as against the 11.2 billion tendered by the group of Indra Sistemas, Strategic Alliance Holdings and Hart Intercivic.

Escudero also urged the Comelec to inform the people about its alternative plans should there be a failure of bidding.

"The Comelec should not be sending out smoke signals or releasing cryptic statements about its alternative plans. The people want clear and straightforward statements on how things stand," he said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Pia urges 'sex scandal'....

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strength during this trying time in their life. Pressing charges is a difficult process emotionally. But if they can endure it, it will help put a stop to this cycle of violation of women's rights on the internet and in other forms."

She intends to file her own version and push for the approval of the proposed "Anti-Video Voyeurism Act" in the Senate which seeks to prohibit and penalize the recording of private acts, including the possession, sharing and exhibit of said materials.

Cayetano, a lawyer, said victims could resort to filing charges against their violators under Republic Act No.9262 ("AN ACT DEFINING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR VICTIMS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES").

She said sex video scandals could be defined as a form of violence under Section 5, Letter 1 of said law, which states: "Causing

mental or emotional anguish, public ridicule or humiliation to the woman or her child, including, but not limited to, repeated verbal and emotional abuse, and denial of financial support or custody of minor children of access to the woman's child/children."

Violators of this provision shall be punished by 'prison mayor' ranging from six years and one day to twelve years, and a fine of not less than P100,000, but not more than P300,000. The violator will also be made to undergo mandatory psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment./Office of Senator Pia S. Cayetano

Lawmaker asks DOJ

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Daniel Smith.

"When Secretary Gonzalez encouraged Vanessa to file rape charges against her supposed aggressor, he should have stopped right there. But as he has shown time and again, he badgers the victim instead of seeking ways to find out what exactly happened," Escudero said.

"We have been subjected again to an annoying display of insensitivity on the part of a Cabinet official who is supposed to look after the interest of the victim, not the alleged perpetrator," he said.

Escudero said regardless of Vanessa's decision on the filing of rape charges, the Senate should now act on the resolution calling for a review of the VFA which governs the presence of US troops participating in military exercises with the Philippine military.

"Who knows how many Vanessa's are out there? If we change the rules on criminal jurisdiction in our favor, we might just know the answer," he said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Action group

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improve law and order, public health and sanitation, waste disposal, public utility operations (water supply, drainage, sewerage etc.) and foster a more effective administration and maintenance of the public market)."

The action group will be composed of the following: Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. as chairman, Farinas as vice chair with Councilors Elaine Sembrano and Antonio Tabora Jr. as action officer and co-action officer respectively.

The members are city administrator Peter Fianza, city treasurer Thelma Manaois, city building and architecture officer Engr. Oscar Flores, general services officer Romeo Concio, market superintendent Policarpio Tamayo, Baguio Market Vendors Association president Pablito Gumnad, Baguio-Benguet Market Plaza Multi-purpose Cooperative manager Joseph Cacal and human resource management officer Jose Dacawi.

All the undertakings of the group will be subject to approval of the Baguio City Market Authority and confirmation by the city council.

Mayor Bautista pushed for the construction of a temporary structure in the

area affected by fire.

Bautista said the structures to be built will all be temporary or collapsible so these can be easily dismantled should the full-blown market development project be implemented, in deference to the contract with the Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation (Uniwide) which had been declared binding by the courts.

Pursuant to the mayor's plan, the city council approved the reallocation of P16.5 million from the Annual Investment Plan for 2008 to finance the restoration project.

The market repair plan was pursued on the strength of the Local Government Code provision which authorizes local government to do actions that are "essential to promotion of general welfare,"... "promote health and safety,"... and "preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants" and the market repair is a crucial concern that needs such action from the local government./aileen p. refuerzo

City, Asin Hydros

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vey of the entire area affected by the operation.

Afterwhich, both parties will sit down to discuss terms on the payment of the claims particularly the amount and the mode of payment.

Fianza said the city plans to include the payment of the claims in the terms of reference being drafted for the bidding of the operation of the facility.

Fianza said the city will pursue the privatization of the operation of the plants as per resolution of the city council.

He said the city has issued invitations for private firms to submit concepts for operation of the facility which will serve as basis for the TOR being prepared by the technical working group for Asin hydros./aileen p. refuerzo

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Baguio City

EUGENIO PALISPIS

Applicant

Case No: 2000-01-976

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 2, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB 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 by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 20th day of May 2009.

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

Civil Society

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the importance of government programs to help those who are expose or at risk of having HIV/AIDS, the roles of community leaders in the advocacy, the public to erase the stigma that HIV/AIDS victims is experiencing from the people and for the media to write what is really happening to the victims.

Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, of the Center for Health Development CAR stressed the importance of a continuous education campaign on HIV/AIDS, to deter the discrimination being felt by victims, to open the eyes of the public on prevention and the local community's assistance and sectoral supports, in combating AIDS.

On the other hand, Councilor Tabanda assured the City government's continuing support to the programs of the AWAC, through the city's Health Services Office. She also assured that they are doing their best, in the fight against AIDS, as there are already programs in place and more programs will still come through the city's Gender Development and Equality Code.

Tabanda also called on the members of the city's entertainment industry to also give or play their own part and support the city's and AWAC's goal of ensuring an AIDS transmission-free Baguio City./Lito Dar/PIA

North Luzon

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In his keynote address, Sec Alvarez stressed the creeping problem posed by climate change, which not only hound or affect our country but the whole global community, and the pressing need to address the problem that now pose an imminent and irreversible danger to humanity.

As the government is now doing its part to address the problem, through the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change, headed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Alvarez lauded the responsibility being undertaken by the body (North Luzon Region's 1, 2 and CAR), to come out with an intelligent/detailed understanding and efforts for the protection of watersheds and water basins in Northern Luzon.

Alvarez also assured the seriousness of the government, through his office, in addressing the problem on water resources, environment, global warming and climate change. He also cited that the president even appropriated a P2 billion fund for such purpose.

During the summit, the DENR (Regions 1, 2 and CAR) presented an overview of the River Basins in their respective areas, as well as the situation and status of each watershed.

Cordillera National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA-CAR) also presented an Inter-regional Issues and concerns on water management, while DENR Region 1 presented an Inter-regional framework for watershed management. Resources, Environment and Economic Center for Studies Inc (REECS) made a presentation on Water Resources and Environmental Valuation, and its cost and effects.

Participants held a workshop for an ac-

tion plan for water resources and environment. They tackled the issues and concerns involve, programs and projects that are needed to be undertaken, the actors (lead/partners), timetable, and the financial requirements and funds needed to address the concerns or problems involve.

Among the issues raised were funding, unfinished action plan, the problem of increasing population, watershed degradation/deterioration, water shortages, flooding, conflicting policies and the conversion of watershed/forest areas.

To move forward, it was concluded during the workshop that the body needs additional planning, focus on implementations, monitoring and evaluation and to provide more support services on an integrated watershed management plan.

The participants also signed a covenant on the advocacy and implementation of the action plan for North Luzon Integrated Watershed Management. The covenant manifests the individual and institutional commitment and support, of all collaborating partners for the conservation, protection and restoration of the environment in North Luzon./Lito Dar/PIA

Two expats

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firm, enabled television provincial correspondent Manny Fortuny to purchase maintenance medicines worth P3,770. It allowed ethnic dance troupe coordinator Manny Gayao, who had raised funds for other patients before he himself fell ill, to use P2,894 for his own maintenance dose.

The two Mannys are battling kidney ailment.

Three other patients whom Freddie supported for two to three years now, availed of the fund to keep up with their treatment schedules. Cancer survivor Rosa Ann Cordova received P3,000 for her post-chemotherapy check-up. Kidney patient Filbert Almoza got P3,000 for a round of hemodialysis for kidney failure. Eight-year old leukemia patient John Brix de Guzman had P2,000 for his daily oral medication.

Freddie advised that P5,000 be for a retired an ailing teacher confined for weeks at the Baguio General Hospital.

Shoshin had used up P21,485.20 for several other patients, including P3,500 for John Brix's chemotherapy last week. Earlier disbursements were P6,000 for the funeral of elementary school pupil Jessica Tampol, P500 for the elementary graduation fee of a son of garbage picker Rhoda Boquiren, and P800 for the anti-rabies vaccines of eight-year5 old Joshua Acosta.

In a vain effort to save toddler Kelisha Mayorga, P3,659 was used for two vials of medicines a few days before the girl died.

"Please extend our gratitude to whoever he is who helped us try to save Kelisha," Ernie Caccam, the girl's uncle, texted during the wake.

Shoshin teamed up with Freddie in helping sustain the medical and family needs of Nora (not her real name), a young mother and

farmer's wife coping with affective bipolar disorder.

Nora, who was advised by doctors not to breast-feed her baby because of her mind-pacifying maintenance medications, used P2,369.75 for infant formula, food and other needs of her family.

Recently, kids of Brent School handed to Nora's family P10,000 support, half of which they raised, while the counterpart came from businessmen friends of international car racing champion Carlos Anton./Ramon Dacawi.

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Concerned about the convenience of tourists, the tourism group suggested that a Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) loading and unloading area should be reserved.

Plants around the park should be of the resilient type to avoid its being replaced from time to time, as this would waste human resources, it was observed.

A pasalubong kiosk should be established in the park for tourists' convenience, anti-men-dicancy policies strengthened, and the need for police visibility, were also among the suggestions given.

All of the earlier and future focused group discussions, would be considered at the summit. The activity is spearheaded by the Burnham Park Management Authority and coordinated with the City Parks Management Office and the Committee on Tourism, Special Events, Parks and Playground headed by Councilor Pinky Chan-Rondez.

Short term plans of three to six years (3-6) and long-range time frame of ten to twenty years (10-20) for park elements, natural and cultural resource management, and general design concerns shall be tackled in the summit.

Human resource discussions shall follow next week, while policy making by the Baguio Burnham Park bodies would be on June 9, all before the summit on June 16./juliegfianza

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REX L. DOMANAS

Applicant

Case No: 2001-BC-319

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 9, 2009 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 22th day of May 2009.

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

Civil Society urged to be part of the solution against HIV/AIDS

BAGUIOCITY—AIDS is one of the world's greatest challenges. Over the last century, the disease has impacted our communities, families, economies and million of lives. And yet, communities worldwide are hopeful that a solution can be found.

In line with this, the International Advisory Board of the Candlelight Memorial Program and the Global Health Council prepared an official declaration of solidarity for communities participating in the 26th International AIDS Candlelight

Memorial, the world's oldest community movement against HIV and AIDS.

The theme for this year's candlelight memorial celebration is "Together, We are the solution." It represents the challenges that remain and our unwavering belief that a solution is possible. The role of civil society is critical to ending HIV and AIDS, but we cannot work alone and hope is not enough. We need action, and communities and governments must

work together.

Locally, the Baguio AIDS Watch Council (AWAC), in partnership with the city government, spearheaded the Candlelight Memorial Celebration, Tuesday, May 19, at the People's Park with a simple program, exhibit and the traditional candle lighting.

The event was well attended by AWAC members, partner line agencies and private sector organizations, including the entertainment establishment in the city. DOLE-CAR regional director Atty Ana Dione served as the guest speaker.

AWAC president Dr Charles Cheng outlined

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North Luzon holds Inter-regional Summit on Water Resources and Environment

BAGUIOCITY—Alarmed by the deteriorating state of the forests and the environment, the North Luzon, composed of regions 1, 2 and Cordillera Administrative region (CAR), through the initiative of the Northern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NLGQA), held an inter-regional summit on water resources and environment at Hotel Supreme, last week.

The summit aims to enhance the understanding and appreciation of a critical mass regarding inter-regional issues and concerns on water resources and environment; to discuss and arrive at a consensus on how to address related and problems;

and to undertake and initiate other necessary actions and appropriate mechanisms for the protection and rehabilitation of watershed areas; in North Luzon.

The summit was attended by national government line agencies, local government units and private sector partners from regions 1, 2 and CAR. NLGQA executive Director Usec Hermenegildo Dumlaog and Presidential Adviser on Climate Change and Global Warming, Secretary Heherson Alvarez also graced the said summit.

City Acting Mayor Daniel Fariñas, welcomed all

the participants, which includes the regional directors and officials of government line agencies, local government executives; media personalities; private sector stakeholders; NGOs and representatives from the academe from regions 1, 2 and CAR.

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THE JUNCTION WEEKEND



BAGUIO'S FINEST OIC -Newly installed Officer-in-charge Baguio City Police Director Enrico Salapong (PMA Class '81 'DIMALUPIG') briefs city hall officials and employees on various plans and activities to be enforced under his administration during Monday's flag raising ceremony./By Bong Cayabyab

Two expats sustain support to indigent patients

Several patients here, including two men trying to save their kidneys, have found support from halfway round the globe, thanks to two expatriates from Baguio.

One of the Samaritans, former world traditional karate champion

Julian Chees, continues to reach out to the needy here through Shoshin Kinderhelfe, a foundation he and his karate students in southern Germany established years back.

Over in Canada, Freddie de Guzman couldn't slow

down on his personal humanitarian advocacy even after he lost his job last year. He got the support of his wife and three daughters. Recently, a friend who got wind of Freddie's quiet outreach handed him \$500 Canadian twice for the purpose.

The latest remittance, converted to P20,007 by the courier

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