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Pahayagang palabanan!!! **Bocaps' campaign vs. bingoteng, all forms of gambling snowballs**



BAGUIO CITY – Is this finally the beginning of the end for the often killed but time and again resurrected ‘bingoteng’?

A hefty number of members of the Liga ng mga Barangay (Liga) in a manifesto dated September 5 declared they are “absolutely against Jueteng, its spin-offs, and all forms of gambling.”

The manifesto comes on the heels of a resolution by majority of the board of directors of the Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) withdrawing their support to the controversial “fundraiser” that threatened to divide the ABC last August.

Echoing the almost clichéd lines most
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JUST TOO MUCH - The management of a supermarket along Abanao Street is not contented with their spacious building putting up commercial signages along the pedestrian lane to the detriment of the public./ By Bong Cayabyab

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Ayon sa survey, Chiz panaka pinagkakatiwalaang opisyal ng mga pinoy

Lumabas na si Senador Chiz Escudero ang pinaka-pinagkakatiwalaang opisyal ng mga Pilipino. Ito ay ayon sa survey na isinagawa ng Pulse Asia sa lahat ng mga nakakataas na opisyal ng gobyerno. Sa isinagawang survey ng Pulse Asia mula Hulyo 1-14, 2008, nanguna si Escudero sa trust rating sa lahat ng mga opisyal mula sa tatlong sangay ng

pamahalaan kung saan nakapagtala siya ng 75% rating, higit pang mataas kina Presidente Arroyo, Bise Presidente Noli De Castro, Senate President Manny Villar, House Speaker Prospero Nograles, lahat ng mga nakaupong senador, cabinet members at ilang piling public figures na kabilang sa mga sinurvey.

Sa nasabing survey, sinundan si Escudero ni Senate President Manny

Villar na may 65% rate. Pumangatlo si Vice President Noli De Castro na may 53%, House Speaker Prospero Nograles na may 22% at pumanghuli si Presidente Arroyo sa 19% trust rate. Si dating Pangulong Estrada naman na jabilang sa mga piling opisyal na isinama sa survey ay may 44% rate na naitala.

Si Escudero din ang nanguna sa trust
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Sister City ties confirmed, renewed

BAGUIO CITY – The city of Baguio through Mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr. and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas has confirmed sister city relationships with Alaminos, Pangasinan; and Lucena City and renewed sisterhood ties with the Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija.

The confirmation is embodied in resolutions approved by members of the city council during the regular session last week.

The city of Alaminos was represented by Mayor Hernani Braganza, Vice-Mayor Teofilo Humilde, and members of the city council as the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was forged on September 1, here in the city.

The two cities agreed to share techniques in legislative, executive and administrative management, while exchange may be done in the fields of tourism, culture, educa-

tion, and technology, towards mutual growth and development.

To achieve said objectives, the two cities in a “friendly environment of cooperation,” should “keep lines of communication open to both local government units,” the MOA stated.

Sister city Lucena, as represented by Mayor Ramon Talaga and Vice Mayor Philip Castillo, in another MOA “highlights continued relationship and mutual cooperation by way of exchange of expertise, research, knowledge and assistance on the different activities,” as mentioned.

The reduction of environmental pollution is also a concern of the sisterhood ties.

Another sister city, the Science City of Munoz, renewed ties with Baguio in a MOA signed last August, represented by Munoz Mayor Nestor Alvarez and Vice mayor Alberto Tobias, Jr.

The Science City of Munoz is a sister city of Baguio since 2003.

In the MOA signed by the officials last August, it was agreed that trade and commerce, and tourism between the two cities shall be developed, implemented and strengthened.

Baguio, shall be tapped for expertise on weaving and wood carving; culture and education exchange, while the Science City of Munoz would share knowledge on agriculture and urban gardening, pine tree pest control and food processing and preservation.

The city of Baguio for years now, has maintained ties with local and international sister cities and municipalities, sharing goodwill and trade.

Meanwhile, the city council has approved a congratulatory resolution for the 37th founding anniversary of Baguio Califor-
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Council eyes regulating use of parking spaces, blue lanes for PWD's

BAGUIOCITY – The city council is considering a proposed ordinance regulating the use of parking spaces and blue lanes intended for persons with disabilities.

Proponent Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said this is needed to ensure that these amenities for disabled people are being used as intended. She said the city, pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, allotted parking slots in public structures and facilities and designated blue lanes along city roads for the use of the PWDs

in recognition of their special needs and to enhance their mobility.

“While there has been compliance with these requirements (like proper identification of these amenities through signages and markings), there have been breaches in its use.

Oftentimes, persons other than those with disabilities park in the reserved parking slots, depriving the intended beneficiaries of its use. The same is true for the blue lanes.

Likewise, pedestrian lanes, commonly called blue lanes,

have been established for their use,” Tabanda said justifying the need for such regulations.

As proposed, Tabanda said only PWDs should be allowed to use the parking slots and pedestrian lanes especially reserved for them.

The proposed measure also mandates to police/traffic enforcer, security guards and personnel manning the parking area to see to it that only PWDs shall use the designated parking slots.

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Measure to ban drinking, gambling at funeral parlors up on second reading

BAGUIOCITY – The city council approved for publication Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr.'s proposed ordinance prohibiting the drinking of liquor and gambling activities within the premises of funeral parlors here.

In his proposal, Aliping said it is observed that drinking of liquor and gambling activities were rampant in wakes being held at funeral homes.

"As observed in funeral parlors, drink-

ing of liquor and gambling are rampant and when drinking and gambling start, noise, rudeness and other violent reactions are triggered where trouble and conflicts arise," Aliping noted.

He said this defeats the purpose of wakes which should have been for mourning, grieving, sympathizing and condoling over the loss of loved ones.

"In order to properly observe the wake practice and to mourn with the be-

reaved family members in a solemn, peaceful and orderly manner, drinking and gambling within the funeral parlor premises need to be prohibited," he said.

As proposed, these activities will be prohibited with notices and signages to be posted in funeral parlors.

Proposed penalty for violators is P500 or imprisonment of five days or both.

The measure will be discussed on second reading soon./ Aileen P. Refuerzo



CONFISCATED - Members of the Public order and Safety Division confiscate a movable stall obstructing the passageways while others remove unsightly tarpaulins (Pix 025) during a massive clearing operation at the City Market last September 9./By Bong Cayabyab

City undertakes biggest market clearing in years

BAGUIOCITY – After weeks warning legal and illegal vendors of a massive clearing operation, a 150-strong composite team, September 9, took Baguioans to virtual time travel – when roads were roads and sidewalks were sidewalks in the market.

The team composed of personnel from the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD), Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), City Engineer's Office (CEO), City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO), and volunteers from the Alay sa Kalinisan (ASK) swooped illegal vendors 8:30am.

Armed with crowbars, hammers, bolt-cutters, bolos, 1-m x 2-m plywood shields and 5-trucks, the team wasted no time tearing down overhangs and hawkers' trap-

pings amidst jeers and threats of bodily harm from affected vendors.

The ops was led by POSD chief Gregorio Deligero and BCPO chief Wilfredo Franco whose "baptism of fire" came barely a week after aliasing P/ Sr. Supt. Moises Guevarra.

The operation was in line with Administrative Order 115-2008 ordering clearing of market easements as per recommendations by the ASK. It was is-

sued by mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. as early as July 25.

By noon, the team – the biggest ever assembled to do the job - generated an assortment of vendors' materials enough to build a house with; and firewood that could light up a month's bonfire.

Tsunamied by a group which number is designed to afford impunity, Security Officer II Peter Tan who led POSD during the operation said, "Our orders were to employ maximum tolerance... our guys

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U-shaped flyover funding sought

BAGUIOCITY – The Council Committee on Ways and Means and Finance headed by Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas, during the regular session last week, has approved the committee report on the proposal for a U-shaped elevated flyover along Magsaysay Avenue.

The proposed resolution authored by the vice-mayor sought to request funding from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) through Congressman Mauricio Domogan for the fly-over project along said road in front of Tabora Park

According to the

vice-mayor, the proposal came as part of, and possible solution to the problem of traffic congestion within the Central Business District (CBD). All options to ease traffic woes in the place.

Tabora Park serves as turning point and staging area for suburbs-bound public utility vehicles, particularly those for La Trinidad. Jeepneys coming to and from the neighboring town have to cross Magsaysay

avenue to and from their staging point, at times, creating traffic in the area.

The vice-mayor mentioned in his proposal that DPWH Secretary Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., during one public occasion here in the city, has verbally agreed to an elevated U-shaped flyover along the area.

Funds from the national government thus, are being sought for the purpose./ JuliegfFianza

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Diverse Voices

Justice Undersecretary Ricardo Blancaflor is in the news these days. He oversaw the extradition, from Bahrain, of the suspected Filipino mastermind in the Superferry bombing.

Mr. Blancaflor also rides shotgun over the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act (RA 9208). He is concurrent chairman of Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking. Thus, he commented on Viewpoint column "Lurid Trade (Aug 26). This dealt with human trafficking within Asean nations.

"Thank you for the concern (over) one of the most horrendous acts against our fellow Filipinos. We need all the help we can get... Even our own judges and prosecutors are still in the dark in relation to prosecution of persons who traffic (human beings).

Based on the US State Department report, Viewpoint "stated

that only three (3) were secured.

Allow me to make a slight correction.

EDITORIAL

As of June 30, IACAT, with assistance of different government agencies, secured the conviction of one Ms. Nelia Ogalesco. (This brought) the total number of convictions to eleven (11).

"In these 11 convictions, witnesses were vital to sentencing of the perpetrators. Most of the cases that remain unsolved or archived usually do not have witnesses to corroborate the evidence gathered against perpetrators.

"The international community praised the Philippines for its success in reducing the number of cases involving human rights violations (including the trafficking of women and children). In the recently released 2008 Trafficking in Persons Report, by the US Department of State, the Philippines was removed from the Watch List, (The country) was cited for making significant efforts in eliminating trafficking.

"However, government, through IACAT cannot eliminate human trafficking without funding support. The Justice Department, since IACAT's creation five years ago, repeatedly requested the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for financial aid for our programs.

These have been denied. We've asked for reconsideration. To date, we're still awaiting the DBM response....A big part of the little success that IACAT achieved was due to the funds provided by the different Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

"Despite the (financial crimp) IACAT produced a "Manual on Law Enforcement and Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons Cases." These were provided to prosecutors and other law enforcers to facilitate effective investigation and prosecution of trafficking ..

"There is still so much to be done. Among these are a massive information campaign and strengthening of different government agencies involved in (curbing) human trafficking."

Sylvia Miclat of the Environmental Science for Social Change commented on Viewpoint columns (26 June and July 17) that spotlighted the new book : "Forest Faces". ESSC co-published this book with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

"We deeply appreciate the Viewpoint columns. They "cited the stories we really wanted communicated to larger Philippine society. (They) speak so much of what was lost in our forests and how these were lost.

"But there are also threads within those stories, that need to be pieced together for Filipinos who want something done now — and who are willing to do so.

The Viewpoint column "Chasing after the wind" quotes from a log truck driver in the environment office in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao ... The log truck driver (who saw the forests devastated and colleagues murdered) is somebody I know. And when he unfolded his story to me, I was just dumbfounded while listening.

"We can become so numb to the numerous "illegal logging"

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DIRETSAHAN

Lifestyle check sa 10 opisyaes ng Baguio!!!

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



SABIT.. este chavit singsong, itinalaga ng palasyo bilang deputy national security adviser.. naku, hindi kaya tayo ma chavit.. este masabit? Kung sabagay matagal na tayong nagkasabit sabit sa mga "kapalpakan" ng ating gobyerno.

Una ay si petsay,.. este pichay, sumunod ay si defensor at recto pagkatapos ay si sotto at ngayon naman ay si chavit, sino kaya ang isususunod na ipoposte?

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Mga bansang iran, japan at Indonesia, niyanig ng lindol. Yan ang tinatawag nilang "bugso ng kalikasan" na hindi alam kung kelan darating na kahit na gaano man tayo kamoderno ay mahirap itong mapigilan o maiwasan. Pag-iingat na lamang ang ating sandalan. Magsdasal na lamang tayo na hindi tayo tamaan dito sa pinas, amen.

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JUSTICE ROXAS, nagtataka kumbakit siya lang ang nasibak bilang CA justice, naghihinalang napulitika siya kaya natanggal, at wala ng balak umapila sa korte suprema.. huwag nang magtaka apo justice, ikaw rin ang nagsabi na may hinala kang pulitika ang dahilan,.. ang tawag diyan TAMANG HINALA.

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IMBESTIGASYON ng DOJ kung may nagtangkang manuhol kay justice sabio sinimulan na,.. gusto nilang mapalutang ang anumang ebidensyang magdidiin sa mga kalaban, pero pilit umiiwas para mapagtakpan ang pwedeng lumabas na ebidensya laban sa mga kaalyansa at sa mga amo. Bakit hindi nila imbestigahan ang umano'y nawawalang pondo ng GSIS? Etcetera? OBYUUUUSS!!

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Naguillian, la union vice mayor bobot flores, hinamon si congressman na dalhin sa labas ng kongreso ang imbestigasyon ng "shabu laboratory".. aba, hintayin ni bise mayor flores si kong dumpit na lumabas sa kongreso "after office or session hours" at doon niya hamunin ng suntukan! Sige nga, tingnan nga natin kung sino ang matibay sa kaniyang dalawa?

He! He! Turuan at hugasan ngayon ng mga kamay ang mga opisyal, pulis at media dito sa nabuking na "shabu lab", pero sino naman ang aamin?.. pen pen da serapen, haw haw da karabaw?

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SAMPUNG OPISYAL ng baguio city, target umano sa lifestyle check ng ombudsman. At sino sino naman ang mga opisyal na ito? Sori, pero

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

*UP Baguio considers
boycott of SM*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Following-up this column's write-up last week, I was informed that the UP Baguio community is seriously considering a boycott and call for boycott of the SM malls in a bid to strengthen their opposition to the construction of condominium reportedly being contemplated by the Shoe Mart Development Corporation (SMDC). According to reports, SM will push through with the proposed condominium when it receives a go-signal from the Baguio City Council.

In this column last week, The Peace Combatant proposed that perhaps the mall should consider investing in city forest development to compensate for the congestion it brought the city. The gesture will give a stronger pitch to the pro-environment image SM has been trying to build in the last several years. I take note of the efforts of SM to project a pro-environment image.

Of course, the higher pro-environment pitch has been contributing profits to SM and this is precisely the point of The Peace Combatant. A pro-environment stance is not incompatible with business. A pro-environment stance is actually pro-business. More importantly, the stance is pro-people.

Think of this scenario: a mall in city forest park! Baguio can be a people's paradise (unfortunately, there would be still be poverty): the amenities of a city co-existing with trees in the city. SM should consider the powerful statement it would impress on the business community and residents of Baguio when it sustains the more than 1,000 trees in the mini-forest that took at least 30 years to grow.

SM can build itself as leader of a city development perspective that accommodates forest development even in city central business district. Trees are vital for its carbon sequestration function especially as vehicle exhausts from the vehicles in the city are among the main culprits in the ongoing global warming and climate change.

Of course, the other option is for SM to face the wrath of the UP community: its administration, teachers, and students. The UP community can be creative. Protests can be through peaceful protests that can resonate nationally and internationally. UP can also link with environmentalists known to be capable of going on a hunger strike to protect the environment.

Another possible scenario is a permanent protest on SM just right across the condominium to immortalize UP opposition to development projects that gives low value to forest development. UP has the option of immortalizing its protest on condominium by creating a permanent marker inside its campus that is highly visible and less than 10 meters from the proposed condominium.

Further, on the Baguio Centennial, UP Baguio can also put on permanent record its opposition to the project for history and later generations to contemplate and consider. UP can also go further to appeal to various groups and SM's suppliers and consumers to consider a boycott of SM.

The UP Baguio can count on its alumni to support a boycott of SM and popularize a nationwide boycott of SM. Hopefully, things will not go this far and SM reconsider its plans for the mini-forest. Hopefully, SM would even sustain the mini-forest as a gesture of goodwill to the city and the nation.

I do not know Henry Sy, Sr. who is reportedly the major, majority owner, or owner of SM. Thus, I am not in a position to say whether the tycoon is pro or anti-environment. However, through involvements with biological footprint studies, I have come to know that a number of personnel of the SM management have taken a pro-environment stance. I hope the pro-environment elements of the SM management would dominate the decisions of SM and go against the construction of the condominium in the mini-forest.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Constantino Jaraula: one creative city mayor

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



CONSTANTINO Jaraula. Does this name ring a bell to you?

Well, the guy is best known as the distinguished member of the House of Representatives who crafted one proposed legislation after another in a frenzied attempt to change the 1987 Constitution in what was perceived by many as an urgent maneuvering to enable President Arroyo to remain in power beyond 2010.

But, Constantino "Tinnex" Jaraula, at present the mayor of Cagayan De Oro City, is now fast shaping up to be one very creative local chief executive.

Realizing his city has no money to pursue its ambitious projects to propel it into becoming an economic tiger of Mindanao and of the whole country in only three years from his election in 2007, Mayor Jaraula, inspite of his being a mere first term, has come up with a novel and a very bold and daring plan that, he believes, would easily bring Php40 billion into his city's coffers in no time at all.

Over a hurried cup of coffee at the Grand Regal Hotel in Davao City last Saturday, August 31, 2008, while waiting for Manila Rotarians whom he will accompany to a sortie in Duterte territory, Mayor Tinnex told me that his plan will not require him to secure loans from anyone, whether from the government or from any private bank or lending institution..

It will not also entail huge capital expenditures on the part of the city, he assures me and another fellow Rotarian, Past President Rose Imperial of the Rotary Club of Diliman North.

Great. So how does "Hizzoner" intend to do it?

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THIS IS how: Mayor Tinnex will be rehabilitating the Cagayan De Oro River which slices through the city from the open sea, reclaim its banks, then convert a portion of the reclaimed area into a new pedestrian thoroughfare, and then parcel out the remaining portions to business concessionaires.

His computation, apparently arrived at even long before I met him last Saturday, of how much these concessionaires would be paying the city for the right to do business at the reclaimed banks of the Cagayan de Oro River certainly approximates his target amount of Php40 billion.

Well, with so much money, I guess Mayor Tinnex would then be able to really do something for his city so it could make a difference during these difficult times, a dream which he has entertained even when he was yet a councilor of the city some 30 or 40 years ago.

I was, by God's grace, in Singapore last May, and I noticed that part of that city state's pride and source of great commercial and economic activity is the river where the Merlion stands, which, with much government support, is now used as a major means of transport.

If plans do not miscarry for the Mayor of Cagayan De Oro City, he might even surpass what the Singaporean government did.

Perhaps, other local chief executives in the Philippines can emulate the example of Tinnex, for a change?

For, whether Mayor Constantino Jaraula is aware of it or not, what he is doing as the chief executive of Cagayan De Oro City approximates the Biblical admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ to leaders and men in authority: "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.... (Mark 10:43, 44).

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TO THOSE who do not know Cagayan De Oro City, I looked up its official website, www.cagayandeoro.gov.ph, and I read the

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Dad wants SP say on approval of zoning exemption

BAGUIO CITY – The city council must have a say on the grant of exemptions from the city's zoning rules, Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. proposed.

For this purpose, Cosalan proposed an ordinance amending sections 24 and 34 of Ordinance No. 51 series of 2001 or the Revised Comprehensive Zoning Regulations for the City of Baguio and providing for the administration, enforcement and amendment.

In his proposal, Cosalan sought to add a step in the set of procedures for the grant of exceptions and variances where the decision of the Local Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal

(LZBAA), which is tasked to act on said applications, "shall be subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) where the application for exemption involves any of the following: the construction of building/s, excavation and earth moving, tree cutting, alteration of the landscape, or the existence of opposition from the community."

The original procedures as spelled out in section 24 of the ordinance are as follows:

"1. A written application for an exception or variance shall be filed with the LZBAA citing the section of this Ordinance under which the same is sought and stating the ground/s thereof;

"2. Upon filing

of application a visible project sign (indicating the name and nature of the proposed project) shall be posted at the project site;

"3. The LZBAA shall conduct preliminary studies on the application;

"4. A written affidavit of non-objection of the project by the owners of the properties adjacent to the project shall be filed by the applicant with the LZBAA at least fifteen (15) days prior to the decision for exception/variance.

"5. In case of objection, the LZBAA shall hold public hearing.

"6. At the hearing, any party may appear in person, or be represented by agent/s. All interest parties shall be accorded the

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Moratorium on conversion, segregation of lot reservations mulled

BAGUIO CITY – A proposed ordinance declaring a moratorium on the conversion and segregation of lots classified as forest, watershed, military and institutional reservations for housing and commercial purposes is gaining ground at the city council.

Proponent Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. said the city government should once and for all act to protect whatever remains of

its reservations by halting the process of converting these lots to accommodate housing and commercial intents.

"These areas, visibly the only sections of the city that can retain the mark Baguio City is known for with their verdant pine tree stands and relatively preserved vegetations must be protected and developed in accordance with their intended use to compensate with the city's commercial and residential zones being cleared of their

greeneries to give way to buildings and other concrete structures," Cosalan said.

"To reduce social and environmental problems like traffic and air and water quality, among others, brought about by the unrestrained construction activities, there is a need to direct impact development projects to identified expansion or growth points outside the protected areas and the central business

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Inter-agency team rewards for composting practitioners

BAGUIOCITY—An inter-agency group has instituted a rewards system for composting practitioners to encourage composting among households, barangays and establishments in the city in support of the waste management program of the city government.

The Urban Green Team (UGT), an inter-agency Technical Working Group (TWG) created by virtue of Administrative Order No. 97 series of 2008 issued by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. initiated the rewards system where active composting practitioners will be awarded fruit-bearing trees and ornamental plants as rewards for their contributions to the waste reduction program.

The UGT is composed of the City Government of Baguio, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR: EMB, ERDS, MGB, FMS), Baguio Water District (BWD), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH: BCDO), St. Luis University, Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM), Diocese of Baguio and, Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation Inc. (JVOFI).

Composters can employ any of the types of small-scale composting to wit:

Twin Pit — Dig into pits (1m x 1m x 1m) one-half meter apart. Put small twigs at the bottom and place a hollow tube for air inlet. Follow the rules of composting, using the pits by turns. For an average household, it might take a month to fill up each pit, thus allowing sufficient time for the materials to decompose or mature into soil conditioner, or fertilizer;

Tower Tires — Make two piles of old car tires directly on the ground and use them as containers for composting. To aerate, just insert anything in between the tires. If placed directly on cemented ground, line the bottom with soil;

Bottomless Composters — Old drums, cans, plastic water containers with bottoms off, even an old jute or rice sack with bottom seam ripped off and supported by three pegs or cheap posts;

Clay Flower Pots Compost — Have ten flower pots. Use flower pots by turns. By the time the tenth pot is full, in about a month's time. Empty contents of the first pot and use as soil conditioner for

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plants/trees/lawn. Pots may be stacked one on top of another but keep contents moist;

Plastic Bag Composters — Line plastic bags with soil, place chopped biodegradables, top soil/leaves, moisten, then stack them one on top of another while awaiting collection. In few weeks time, these become clean, safe, odorless compost, which are very good for plants; and

Compost bins — These may be constructed from chicken wire or any durable "Basket" material for small scale composting. They are designed to adequately accommodate the necessary materials or ingredients and to allow access of air.

Interested individuals may contact Raymund Q. Ruaro at the Office of the City Planning (4428925) or Danny Killip at the City Environment & Management Office (4428907).

As agreed on, the inspection, monitoring and documentation by the UGT will be done from September to December, 2008; distribution of seedlings also from September to December with the awarding to be done in December./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Napolcom endorses Versoza as next PNP chief

The National Police Commission (Napolcom) endorsed recently Deputy Director General Jesus Versoza as the next chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

In a one-page resolution issued last Thursday, the Commission en banc said Versoza, as the next senior official in the PNP staff, has the qualifications required for the top PNP post.

"The Commission, concomitant to its constitutional mandate to administer and control the PNP, has resolved to recommend to Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo the designation of Police Deputy Director General Jesus Versoza as Chief,

said there could be more cases but the victims refused to come out into the open and report their personal ordeal.

Based on interviews conducted by the MWSO in the locality, respondents blamed the increase of the rape cases to the proliferation of pornographic tapes here.

Bulan said that the municipal dads here passed an ordinance prohibiting the selling and viewing of pornographic tapes. "We also strengthened the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children in order to involve all sectors in the different barangays to be vigilant in monitoring the activities

PNP, and his promotion to the highest rank of Police Director General (four-star general)," Resolution No. 2008-449 stated.

The resolution was signed by Interior Secretary and Napolcom chairman Ronaldo Puno, Vice Chairman and Executive Officer Eduardo Escueta, Commissioners Celia Sanidad-Leones, Luis Mario General and Miguel Coronel, and Razon, as an ex-officio member of the Commission en banc.

Napolcom officially recommended to President Arroyo the appointment of Versoza as the successor of Director General Avelino Razon Jr., who is due to retire on September 27, 2008.

Once approved by President Arroyo, Versoza will be the 15th PNP chief since its creation as a civilian police

person in said municipality. The warrant of arrest was issued by Judge Joseph Baguilat, the presiding Judge of Branch 14 here.

After being presented to the court, Habbiling who violated RA 7610 with no bail is now committed to the Ifugao District Jail.

The same report revealed that joint personnel of Tinoc Police Station and La Trinidad in the Province of Benguet arrested Tony Calpasi who hails from Tinoc. The suspect is facing the crime of rape.

The police force here neutralized 10 wanted persons in August this year./Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao

done at their level," he added. Wacoy disclosed that one of the cases is a CICL (Children In Conflict with the Law) which involves two minors who raped a nine year old girl. The perpetrators are aged 14 and 16. With the involvement of other concerned agencies such as the police and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the public, Bulan is optimistic that the situation will be abated. In other developments, the police again neutralized two Most Wanted Persons in the province under Implan "Numbahol".

Ifugao town acts on increasing rape cases

AGUINALDO, Ifugao—Alarmed with the increasing rape cases here, the municipal officialdom is pooling all concerned to put a stop to this illicit

activities. Mayor Delfin Bulan said that his administration is doing its best to minimize if not stop the commission of the said crime.

Records obtained from the Mu-

nicipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) showed that from June to August of this year, there are eight reported rape cases. Municipal Social Worker Helaria Wacoy

Diretsahan....

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ayaw pangalanan ng ombudsman ang mga ito habang hindi pa sinisimulan ang imbestigasyon. Ang tanong, may mangyari naman kaya dito sa lifestyle check "kuno" ng ombudsman? Tek, meron pa bang ombudsman? Akala ko "naubos - man" na he! He! Abangan ang "yarian".

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Demolisyon team ng POSD bumanat sa palengke ng baguio. Mga vendors, tinamaan. Marami ang nasaktan sa magkabilang panig ng magsagawa ang POSD ng magkakasanod na "clearing operations" sa baguio city market partikular sa kayang, hilltop at zanduet. Taliwas ito sa inihayag na report ng isang lokal na telebisyon na naging mapayapa daw ang ginanap na operasyon. (dapat sa tv outfit na ito eh magsara na dahil sa ibang sablay nilang mga report, pwe!!)

Karamihan sa mga naapektuhang mga vendors, ay nangagalaite sa galit dahil sa umano'y pang-abuso at pagka arogante ng ibang operatiba ng POSD na mariin namang itinanggi ng huli.

Abangan na lang natin mga suki kung ang aksyon na ito ay magtatapos na sa "cat en mouse play" ng mga vendors at ang POSD o baka naman lalo itong lumala. Atensyon APO meyor bautista at apo administreytor peter fianza, wala ba kayong magagawa para dito sa problema ng mga vendors sa palengke?

Ano rin sey mo apo konsehala Elaine sembrano? Aba, hihintayin nyu pa ba na may magpatayan bago kayo kumilos?

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LUTONG NAKAW daw ang seleksyon sa nanalo ng "Mr. Baguio" nick domalsin body-building cup openweight division na ginanap noong sabado ng gabi setyembre 7, 2008 sa baguio convention center. Tama ang komento ng mga kasamahang propesyonal na bodybuilders na sablay ang board of judges sa pagpili ng nanalo sa open weight division. Ang layo talaga ng agwat. Payo lang kay pare nick domalsin, sa susunod, kumuha ka naman ng matino tinong mga hurado na nakakaintindi kung ano ang ibig sabihin ng "bodybuilding" para hindi nasisira ang imahe nito. Prestihisyoso pa naman ang event na "mr. baguio" na iyong hinahawakan, peryod!

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Sa masaklap na nangyaring "landslides" sa compostela valley, hindi malayong mangyari rin ito sa camp 6, tuba benguet dahil sa walang humpay na pagbubutas sa bundok ng mga "illegal pocket miners". Ayon pa sa aking "bubwit" sa gabi raw ay itinatapon sa kalapit ilog ang mga kemikal na cynide, kaya delikado rin ito sa mga maapektuhan na siyang madadaanan at patutunguhan ng ilog.

Nakakapagtataka lamang na patuloy na nagiging bulag, pipi at bingi ang mga opisyal at pulis sa nasabing lugar, at maaring ito ay dahil sa kislap ng salapi? Pero nakalimutan nila na mayroong "karma" na anumang oras ay pwede silang dapuan? At pag andiyan na ay saka sila magtuturuan at hugasan na naman ng kanya kanyang kamay? Hoy, gising!!! BWISHEETTTT!!!

Batas....

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following interesting and fascinating story of how it came to be:

"The City's history dates back many centuries before the Spaniards came to Cagayan when the territory was called Kalambagohan. Its main town, Himologan, was a hill-top fortress situated some eight kilometers south of the present Poblacion.

"At the time when the first Spanish missionaries came in 1622, the people of Cagayan had tributary relation to Kударat, the Muslim Sultan of Maguindanao empire in Cotabato. However, the people had not embraced Islam and instead, many became Christians after sometime. Because of this, Muslim warriors began to attack the settle-

"As a defense strategy, the priests persuaded the people to transfer from the hill-top to a better location which is the present site of the Saint Augustine Cathedral. The Cagayanons were able to defend themselves for almost 250 years from Muslim harassment.

"In 1738, Spanish dominance was felt in Cagayan. When Misamis gained status of province in 1818, one of its four districts was the Partidos de Cagayan.

"In 1871, the 'Partidos' became a town and was made permanent capital of Misamis. In 1883, the town became seat of the Spanish government in Mindanao for the provinces of Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental, Bukidnon, Lanao del Norte. Consequently, from a purely farming-fishing area, Cagayan emerged into a booming commerce and trade center.

"The war years in Cagayan were prompted by the presence of the Americans in 1898. The Americans were initially and successfully repulsed by the local forces led by Major Apolinar Velez at the historic battle of Macahambus in June 4, 1900.

"After the troubled years, peace finally brought back the economic activities to normal under the guidance of Americans. St. Augustine School, the forerunner of the present Xavier University and of Lourdes College, was inaugurated in 1928.

"On June 15, 1950 President Elpidio Quirino signed Republic Act No. 521, which granted the status of a chartered city to the municipality of Cagayan de Oro."

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BATAS PARTY LIST: Interested parties can now become members of the BATAS Party List, or the Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Please send your names and complete addresses to us, through text, at 0919-609-64-89, or you can call (02) 433-74-49, (02) 433-73-53, or send an email to www.batasnews.com, or at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, or you can write us at 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

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ROBERTO GUIEB - Vendor
RYAN D. GUIEB - Vendee
Applicant

Case No: 2002-BC-076

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation of 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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 10th day of Sept. 2008.

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

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
ANTHONY MENDOZA - Vendor
GENARO LAMSIS - Vendee
Applicant

Case No: 98-BC-1193

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Change of Engine to operate a PUB Mini bus Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - BOKOD via Ambuclao and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 05th day of Sept. 2008.

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

Dads....

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opportunity to be heard and present evidences and testimonies.

"7. The LZBAA shall render a decision within 30 days from the filing of the application, exclusive of the time spent for the preparation of written affidavit of non-objection and the public hearing incase of any objection to the granting of exception/ variance.

Moreover, Coman also proposed the amendment of section 34 by including the city council committee on urban planning, lands and housing in the composition of the LZBAA.

The proposed measure has been approved for publication and will soon be tackled on second reading./aileen p. refuerzo

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ARTURO MATUGAO
Applicant
Case No: 88-01-2975
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

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

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RAQUEL A. BUSTAMANTE
Applicant
Case No: 2007-CAR-0053
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

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

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Baguio City

CARMEN MENDOZA
Applicant
Case No: 2002-01-1688
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Conversion to LPG to operate a Taxi Service for the transportation of 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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 10th day of Sept 2008.

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

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MARIO D. BILLAO
Applicant
Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0061
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 11th day of Sept 2008.

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

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FERDINAND SMITH
Applicant
Case No: 2002-BC-336
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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DOMINADOR C. PALAROAN - Vendor
SPS. BUSTAMANTE & ZENaida HIDLAGO - Vendee
Applicant
Case No: 98-BC-0394
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 11th day of Sept 2008.

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

Moratorium....

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district," he added.

In his measure, Cosalan proposed that "shall be the responsibility of the City Government, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Proclaimed Reservee to institute protection measures such as the delineation, fencing and clearing of the area of illegal structures and occupants within the reservations in accordance with existing rules."


"Pursuant to Republic Act 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992, the City Government in coordination with local and national shelter agencies shall endeavor to relocate the current squatters of government reservations to check further intrusion, and especially, of forests and watersheds," the proposed measure notes.

The proposed moratorium will however exempt areas already endorsed by the City Council for segregation for housing and other purposes, such as the segregation of the 13 barangays within the Camp John Hay Reservation. However, no expansion of the area the same shall be allowed.

The measure has been approved for publication and will be discussed on second reading soon./aileen p. refuerzo



Republic of the Philippines
National Police Commission
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE



HIGHWAY PATROL GROUP
CORDILLERA Government
Center, Baguio City

Greetings to the CITY OF BAGUIO on her 99th Charter Day Anniversary!

ROMEO CACHOLA, JR., PESE
Police Senior Superintendent (DSC)
Regional Chief

Bocap's campaign.....**.... from page 1**

often used by local officials amid calls for moral reform in the city, members of the Liga categorically said, "We now recognize that indeed, bingoteng is a spin-off of jueteng."

ABC vice chair and Happy Homes Barangay chief Eva Marie Fianza said, "Signatures from other concerned, enlightened, and 'conscientized' barangay officials are still pouring in."

"In fact," she said, "Some of those who earlier favoured bingoteng are now doing a turnaround realizing the ill-effects of bingoteng that has so far resulted to the moral degradation of some of our constituents and a bagful of bane promises."

Claiming the manifesto reflects the Liga's "unified stand," the signatories said aside from bingoteng and jueteng, "Other forms of gambling have slowly eaten away the values of hard work, of honesty, of decency among the members of our respective fiefs."

Close to 60 of the 128-barangays earlier endorsed bingoteng as an alternative fundraiser to fund various barangay-based projects.

But former bingoteng supporters say, "For us who have initially acceded to the 'bingo sa barangay' (a.k.a. bingoteng) as a means of raising funds for barangay projects, we apologize to the citizens of our city, more particularly our youth."

They admitted, "While we were looking for ways to make lives better, we never realized seasonably, the evils that such have contributed to our society. Thus, we now withdraw our support to the same."

They pleaded, "Please, allow us to show you this time that we are not so bankrupt in our ideas exchanging righteousness for easy money."

They said, "We understand Republic Act No. 9287 (the Anti-gambling law) and we stand by it."

To prove their sincerity in fighting bingoteng and other forms of illegal gambling, they challenged city locals to file cases against officials who "stray in [the] promise to fight all sorts of gambling in the city."

Republic Act No. 9872 condemns the existence of gambling activities, which according to the signatories, "Have become an influential factor in bending one's morals; a widespread social menace; a source of corruption."

They warned gambling operators, "To those who operate or even think of operating gambling in our respective fiefs, do not even think about it!"

"As we have declared, we are united, try going against any of us and you'll see how a force united can be like a tsunami in a mountain city," they said. */ISL*

Sister City....**.... from page 2**

nians, Inc., in Vallejo, California.

In the resolution, it was mentioned that the organization is made up of "civic-minded individuals dedicated to the objective of bridging the distance between Vallejo City and Baguio by way of socio-cultural, civic, education, economic and tourism exchanges beneficial to both cities and people."

The resolution also mentioned that the organization's theme, "Panagsubli Ti Baguio," is an "indication that Baguio Californians have not forgotten their roots." Former Baguio residents now living in California are invited to visit the city during the centennial celebrations September next year.

To celebrate their anniversary, Baguio Californians and Consul-General Marciano Paynor, Jr., Vallejo City Mayor Osby Davis and officials including Vallejo Business Alliance and dignitaries, met with some Baguio City officials who flew to California last week.

Other organizations such as the Baguio-Benguet Chamber of Commerce, Philippine Sisterhood Twinning Association were also invited to the celebration, to meet with Californians Dinah Villanueva, Floro Mayo, Sylvia Serrano, Joel Aliping, Pete Ferrer, Lito Villanueva, and Dan Buan, among others.

It was learned that an observation tour for garbage recycling, sewage, solid and waste management was arranged for Baguio officials who visited the place. */JuliegFianza*

Ayon sa survey....**.... from page 2**

rate survey sa lahat ng mga nakaupong senador. Sinundan si Escudero ni Senator Loren Legarda na nakakuha ng 71% trust at pumangatlo naman si Senator Mar Roxas na may 69% trust rating.

Ang survey ay base sa multi-stage probability sample ng 1,200 adults na may edad na 18 pataas. Merong +/-35 error margin sa 95% confidence level ang nasabing survey.

Sa nasabi ring survey ay patuloy na nangunguna si Escudero sa may pinakamataas na approval rating sa buong bansa. Nakapagtala si Escudero ng 79% approval rating, mas mataas kesa sa 77% approval rating na nakuha niya noong nakaraang Marso ng taong ito.

Si Escudero din ang may pinakamataas na approval rating sa lahat ng mga senador. Ang approval rating na naitala ni Escudero ay mas mataas pa kesa sa mean (56%) at median (53%) approval scores na naitala para sa lahat mga Senator.

Muling sinundan si Escudero ni Legarda sa 78% approval rate at pumangatlo uli si Senator Mar Roxas na may 74% approval rating. */Office of Senator Chiz Escudero*

Council eyes....**.... from page 2**

sons other than PWD who shall utilize the blue lane and parking space will be made to pay the proposed fines of P200 for first offense, P500 for second and P1,000 for third and succeeding offenses.

The parking personnel and police/traffic enforcer who shall be found negligent/remiss in the implementation of this Ordinance will also pay proposed fines of P500 for first offense; P1,000 for second offense and P3,000 for third offense.

The measure has been approved on second reading for publication. */Aileen P. Refuerzo*

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anecdotes as we go about our work. But listening to someone's heart and mind as they shared their "ordinary" lives in relation to Philippine forests, can shred one's heart and blow one's mind."

From Washington DC, Annie Montemayor emailed her reaction to Viewpoint column "Piranha Feeding Frenzy" (Aug 19). This dealt with local government officials helping themselves to the "20 Per Cent Development Fund". This trust fund is intended to help the poorest.

"I can only shake my head in disapproval, but not in disbelief! These acts are reenacted throughout barangays, towns, cities, provinces, in every department of government up to on high. Is there ever crime and punishment?"

"Education is the start. But is this a priority for those in power? Those entrenched are the ones that perpetuate their hold on power. There are no checks and balances, despite what the Constitution says..

Alas as the children see and breathe the examples of corruption, a cycle being perpetuated. It is a way of life. Elections come and go. But the rich remain entrenched well above the masses of poverty.

"We cannot even quote our own politicians to end this nightmare. The only one I can think of is Lee Kwan Yu who said: 'Line them up against the wall'."

If there's any place where perversion of local officials is most patent, as noted in "Piranha Feeding Frenzy, it is the President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's home province of Pampanga, writes Eusebio Vasquez from St Petersburg Florida.

There, local trapos are ganging on Governor "Among" Panlilio. They can not nail Panlilio for cupidity. By raising province income dramatically, Panlilio, in fact, underscored their corruption without saying a single word. So, they cite every gripe under the sun: from lack of charisma to aloofness..

But no one is fooled. "The voice is that of Jacob but hand is that of Esau" It is the President who can not stand an honest man, specially on her home turf. This is all about 2010. */J.L. Mercado*

City undertakes....

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had no recourse but to back off every time their safety were threatened.”

Describing the tension-filled ops he recalled, “Apparently realizing they’ve lost so much in the morning wave, several ‘John Does’ even hurled rocks and rotten fruits at us when we monitored the market in the afternoon.”

Tan revealed cases are now being prepared against positively identified perpetrators. Only 2-malefactors were accosted - one of ‘em for allegedly trying to retire a POSD personnel permanently with a bolo.

Meanwhile, Kayang-Hilltop barangay chief Julita Sino-Cruz representing vendors’ groups in a letter dated September 10 complained “lack of consultation with the barangay.”

She explained vendors who pay ‘curtains’ (*tariff over goods*) should not have been included in the clearing ops. She said the vendors equated toll payment as impunity from government anti-vending drives adding, “They should have been relocated first.

But a legitimate vendor who spoke on condition of anonymity said distinction should be made between curtains and a regular business permit.

He explained, “Under our Tax Ordinance (Ord. 2000-001), payment of curtains does not give one a right to sell. Simply, it is not tax for selling but mere toll for the entry and display of goods in the market.”

He said, “Illegal vendors should likewise understand that their activities are merely tolerated.”

“Once tolerance is withdrawn, they could not even demand relocation since they never had a right to sell in the first place.”

“I just hope the city government continues to do clearing operations on a regular basis so that legitimate businesses in the market may be protected,” he added.

“After all,” he opined, “if we grant relocation to illegals, what’s stopping others from going to the market to sell unlawfully and later on demand that they also be relocated?”

Deligero meantime said, “Just because the city once upon a time looked the other way, hawkers now think their actions have already ripened to a right.”

“Presidential Decree (PD) No. 17 makes it unlawful for any person to usurp any portion of a right-of-way and to convert the same for private use... If we don’t implement it, surely, there will be an erosion of law and order,” he added.

Deligero said clearing operations of the same magnitude shall be implemented twice a month. Authorities earlier observed peddlers in the city swelled after Dagupan and other cities cleared their own markets, prompting those displaced to relocate in Baguio.

On the other hand, some legitimate vendors apparently supply goods to their own illegal vendors apparently because of competition with illegal hawkers tolerated by the city government./ISL

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officials of the diversified municipalities in the province. The participants were informed of the responsibilities of persons in authority as Barangay Officials and the applicable laws in the promotion of peace and order.

According to PCI BAYONGASAN, education plays a major role in the promotion of peace where in they discussed crime prevention tips; effects of illegal drugs; violence against women and children and fraternity issues.

On September 3 and 4, 2008, the same PNP personnel conducted a series of lectures at Abra Valley Colleges and Abra State Institute of Science and Technology (ASIST) with the students as the participants. They learned that the main problem of the school is the increasing members of fraternity. The police personnel address the call of concerned Professors and students on the issue of fraternities. They gave some pieces of advice on how to protect themselves from bullying fraternity members and to do away with gangs. Furthermore, the police assured their assistance and they are always ready to serve and protect.

Anti-hazing law and illegal drugs was also tackled by SP01 Richard Baruela to which the students participated actively in the open forum. They were enlightened on the consequences of engaging in such activities that can ruin their bright future.

Brgy Captain of Sao-atan in the person of Mr. Eddie Bacheller surrendered one unlicensed cal. 38 pistol to the police as a complement in the campaign against loose firearms and showing his commitment to help promote peace just after the information drive.

PD, ABRA PSSUPT ALEXANDER PUMECHA commended the efforts of the Bangued MPS to promote closer relationship with the community and other stakeholders for the maintenance of peace and order and a safe place to live in./PIO-COR PRESS RELEASE

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Pangasinan, that ply the city.

Itliong explained that the said seminar is a national project of the DOTC, that is being piloted in CAR. It is being held from Monday to Friday with two batches a day, at 100 participants per batch on a first come, first serve basis, at the Public Transport Affairs Office, PTA bldg, in front of the Baguio City High. The seminar is continuous and participants to the seminars should come to attend on the day of their vehicles’ “color-coding”, he added.

The seminar includes an orientation on all DOTC/LTO/LTRFB law, rules, regulation and policies; local ordinances involving the transport sector and lecturer/resource person from the Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values, Baguio Health Department, DENR-EMB and Clean

Cities Baguio Coalition. After the seminar participants will be given certificates and an application form for the new DOTC ID.

Itliong explained that the new DOTC ID will only contain the picture of the driver, his/her name, an ID number and the signature of DOTC-CAR Dir Federico Mandapat Jr. All the other information regarding the driver and his/her operator will be entered and can be sought in the DOTC database.

Itliong extended DOTC-CAR’s invitation for everybody to attend this another important national project piloted in Baguio City. This is second only to the successful region-wide use of alternative fuel, which is CAR’s contribution to the country’s Bio-fuel Act of 2006.

Itliong also thanked the DOTC-CAR, for supporting the transport sector, through programs, such as this seminar./ Lito Dar/PIA

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL

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wastes after the dumpsite’s closure.

“The continued expense of transporting waste is draining the financial resources of the city,” Tabanda said.

“There is a need for the adoption of a common direction and an immediate, yet viable solution to address the problems, in addition to charting out the complete solution to the problems,” she said.

As approved, the City Environment and Parks Management Office will be tasked to prepare an updated status report of accomplishments, vis-à-vis the three-year action plan and budget.

The CESWMB will take charge of preparing an amended three year action plan and budget, taking into consideration the present realities, resources and constraints./aileen p. refuerzo

Mamang Pulis as mentors on the block

BANGUED, ABRA: "Winning the hearts and mind of the citizenry" through partnership with the community is now the battle cry of Bangued Municipal Police Sta-

tion in their fight against insurgency and criminal activities in the province of Abra.

In line with the National Crime Prevention Week, The Bangued Police under

PCINSP JOSEPH PAOLO BAYONGASAN administer a series of information drives on September 2, 2008 at the Mega Centrum Building located along Taft Street participated in by different Barangay Of-

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DOTC conducts Values Orientation seminar for public transport sector

Baguio City – The regional office of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC-CAR), in coordination with the city's Public Transport Affairs office, is

currently conducting a Values Orientation Seminar for the transport sector in the Cordillera.

According to transport sector leader Junie Itliong, it is a mandatory general orientation seminar for drivers,

operators, dispatchers of jeepneys, taxi, bus, school service, truckers, water delivery and all the other member of the public transport sector of Baguio and Benguet including those from La Union and even

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Solid waste board asked to prepare amended three-year action plan, budget to include plans after irisan dumpsite closure

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved a resolution requesting the City Ecological Solid Waste Management Board to prepare an amended three-year action plan and budget for waste management in the wake of the closure of the Irisan dumpsite.

Proponent Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said the sudden closure of Irisan dumpsite and the subsequent transport of the residuals to a site outside the city was an "unforeseen circumstance, which was not fac-

tored" in the earlier three-year plan formulated to provide the foundation of the ten-year Ecological Solid Waste Management Plan adopted through Resolution No. 115 series of 2007.

The said ten-year plan provides for the effective and sustainable management of solid waste, consistent with the requirements of RA 9003, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000;

Tabanda said there is a need to formulate a new three-year plan and budget to include plans of action for

the hauling, transport and dumping of the

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THE JUNCTION WEEKEND ACTION



ESCAPE FROM DEATH - Construction worker Jomar Estepa, 19 years old, miraculously escapes death thanks to his co-workers and the immediate response of the City Disaster Coordinating Council, Baguio Emergency Medical Service, 911-on-call, the Baguio Fire Department who extricated him from a collapsed foundation of a building along Bonifacio Street, Honeymoon Proper, September 8. By Bong Cayabyab

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