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## Pahayagang palabanan!!! Another Medical Controversy Surfaces at BGH



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Kenneth had developed a huge lump on his abdomen, exactly where he was “knifed” for biliary atresia, a rare disease of the liver, on April 24 this year. The newborn was diagnosed at the BGH as lacking a gall bladder. Biliary atresia, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse of the US-based National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, is a serious but rare disease of the liver that affects newborn infants.

The disease occurs in about one in 10,000 children and is more common in girls than in boys and in Asian and African-American newborns than

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Ano ba naman kayo jan sa BGH!!!



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## City braces for Tuesday's back-to-school rush

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday assured the city's readiness for the opening of classes on Tuesday.

In his weekly media briefing aired over DZEQ Radyo ng Bayan, the mayor said all sorts of preparations have been made by the city government through the concerned offices to ensure that the opening of classes will run smoothly and peacefully.

Roughly 70,000

students are expected to troop back to the various public and private preschool, elementary and secondary institutions in the city based on the city schools division's enrollment projection. The figure does not include students in the colleges and universities.

Mayor Bautista said the city police under city director Moises Guevarra mounted anew its traffic and anti-crime measures under its "LOI Balik Aral" to

contain the road crisis and peace and order problems expected to be encountered during the day.

The campaign will focus on increased police visibility in critical areas through the deployment of police personnel, aides and volunteers along major thoroughfares, school premises, markets, bus terminals, malls and other places to prevent petty crimes that normally increase during school days.

The mayor said the city will implement

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## Mandatory Electrical inspection for all Establishments urged

BAGUIO CITY – The city government may soon require the annual electrical inspection of all commercial and institutional establishments in the city by experts in the field.

The city council has approved the said proposed measure by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. on second reading and for publication.

Aliping, in his measure, noted that faulty electrical wiring has commonly been identified as the cause of the many fires that transpired in the city in the past and even the most recent ones that gutted the Sari-Sari Section along Magsaysay Avenue, Tiong San Bazaar-Harrison, University of Baguio Preparatory High School, and the Recoletos Seminary Building.

"In order to prevent and suppress fire and to implement safety standards, the yearly

inspection to be conducted is a must fire prevention measure," Aliping noted.

He said this is anchored on Republic Act No. 7920 or an "act providing for a more responsive and comprehensive regulation for the practice, licensing, and registration of electrical engineers and electricians" which was enacted into law in 1995.

The said law provides that "even as any installation which has a connected load of fifty kilovolt-amperes (50 Kva) or less and employs voltages of not more than 250 v and for installations which are designed to be automatic and do not require resident personnel for their safe operation."

Section 33, last paragraph, of RA 7920 thereof provides that: "their the maintenance and repair shall be under the charge of a duly registered personnel: Provided, further, That a yearly inspection will be conducted and certified to

be in a safe operating condition by a professional electrical engineer, a registered electrical engineer, or a registered master electrician."

"The implementation of RA 7920 will demonstrate the serious concern and vigilance of the public of our laws particularly in fire prevention," Aliping said.

Aliping said the inspection should be conducted by professional electrical engineers, registered electrical engineer and registered master electricians of private electrical practitioners.

The annual inspection shall conform in all respects to the principles of safe installation of electrical wiring and annual check up of electrical wiring is suited to the purpose for fire protection and condition of such establishment.

The proposed penalty for violators would be fine of P10,000 or imprisonment of 30 days./ aileen p. refuerzo

## Women Drug Couriers — Drug Trades New Strategy?

BAGUIO CITY – The illegal drug trade has perhaps crafted a new strategy to slip away from the watchful eye of anti-narcotic agents and government authorities — employing women as drug couriers.

Three more women were again nabbed by Phil. Drug Enforcement Agency-Cordillera agents red-handedly selling metamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu to poseur buyers along a bus terminal here.

PDEA-Cordillera officer-in-charge Chief Inspector Edgar Apalla although admitted they have not established a

trend, drug lords might have shifted from using minors to women as drug couriers.

Because most often than not, agents and law enforcement officers have less suspicion on women than men, Apalla said.

We also see that same trend, Derrick Carreon, spokesman of PDEA national offices confirmed in a telephone interview. Although anti-narcotic agents, he said, have not affirmed these conclusively while they are still gathering more information.

But Carreon cited that two women OFWs in Hong Kong were nabbed for 500

grams of heroine contained in a hand carried luggage which they were requested to carry on behalf of someone.

It is highly possible (of the new strategy), Chief Inspector Apalla of the PDEA-CAR said, that women are now employed as drug couriers because drug lords know how law enforcement agencies think. There is lesser suspicion on women among law enforcement agents, he admitted.

The three — Josephine Berdan Melandra, 28; Aiza Akad Lawi, 26 and Liza Alejandro Ramos, 26, all residents of Block 53 Lot 1, Barangay Datu Ismael, Cavite City were caught

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## Mayor Engages "Bingoteng" Bocaps Into Word War

**BAGUIO CITY** – A "word war" has ensued between Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. and barangay chairmen engaged in the controversial b i n g o - s a - barangay, more commonly called "bingoteng".

"Barangay officials weren't elected into their posts to make money," the mayor said as he insisted barangay chairmen who insists on "bingoteng" as a f u n d - r a i s i n g mechanism to "support" a meager P1,000.00 city hall's subsidy on their projects.

That is petty, the mayor lashed on some 53 barangay chairmen as he sensed some are justifying the "bingoteng" operation with projects as bargaining chip for the city's leadership to keep mum.

Operating for more than a week now, the "bingoteng" operation is being linked to a local politician here raising funds for his congressional bid.

**K n o w n** "bingoteng" personalities in Baguio City like a certain "Ador P", "Mado" and "Briggs", who earlier were among those who "managed" the bingoteng before it halted during the election period in 2007 were also surfaced by insiders.

But councilor Rocky Balisong, who is alluded to, denied he has a hand on it. "I have nothing to do with it," he insisted as he suspects his rivals are out to destroy him (for political reasons).

Balisong added "I am not a barangay captain," confirming barangay captains are really involved in "bingoteng" again.

Association of Barangay Chairmen (ABC) president Joel Alangsab despite his office getting the heat still

opts to remain mum.

This as more barangays have reportedly signed up as willing hosts to the bingo draws and the two-number "Grand Bingo" draw daily.

Alangsab was earlier quoted by local journalists that he is against "bingoteng" before he was voted among the 129 barangay chairmen as their representative to the city council in November 2007.

**S e e m i n g l y** though, he was swept away by the barangay chairmen. So with maybe most members of the 14-man city council except a very few who have voiced their opposition to "bingoteng".

"City's Budget Goes To Villages" Mayor Bautista Jr. however insists that barangay chairmen "must be sleeping" with what it is happening with his administration. He

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**SALVAGE VICTIM ?** - Combined elements from the Baguio City and Tuba, Benguet Police personnel, City Disaster Coordinating Council, Baguio Emergency Medical Service, BB-PICAG retrieve an unidentified decomposing body from a deep ravine along Bigis, Sitio Puyopoy, Tuba, Benguet last June 5. The Scene of the Crime Operatives (SOCO) said that the male victim (about 5' 6") sustained multiple wounds and was allegedly dumped three weeks ago.— By Bong Cayabyab

Aliping said the city government is mandated by Republic Act No. 8749 to share the responsibility in the management and maintenance of air quality within their territorial jurisdiction.

"Section 22 of the same law otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 provides that "Any imported new or locally-assembled new motor vehicle shall not be registered unless it complies with the emission standards set pursuant to this Act, as evidenced by a Certificate of Conformity (COC) issued by the Department" of Environment and Natural Resources. Section 23 of the same Act further provides that "Any imported second-hand motor vehicle engine shall not be introduced into commerce, sold or used unless it complies with emission standards set pursuant to

this Act."

If approved, the measure will cover vehicle emission testing centers that issue a Certificate of Conformity to motorists without passing the required emission standard test and despite the nonappearance of the motor vehicle.

Proposed penalties are: fine of P5,000 and warning

for first offense; P10,000 and suspension of business for six months for second offense; and P20,000.00 and cancellation of business permit, for third offense.

The measure has been approved on second reading for publication and will be discussed preparatory to third reading by the body soon./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Penalty eyed for erring smoke emission testing centers

**BAGUIO CITY** – Erring vehicle smoke emission testing centers will soon face penalties here for issuing certificates of conformity to motorists even without appearing for the test and without passing the emission testing standards.

The city council is now studying on second reading a proposed ordi-

nance filed by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. for this purpose.

In his proposal, Aliping stressed the need for the city government to pursue "a more proactive and preventive measure to penalize those who will violate the balancing of the environmental development of the city to safeguard the ecological system of the city from the injurious effects of pollution and to promote a clean and healthy en-

vironment."

"There is a need to prevent the spread of air pollution since there are many vehicles in the city wherein issuance of Certificate of Conformity of passing the emission test standard is not properly complied with. Air pollution has an adverse impact on the environment and the health of the constituents and visitors alike," he noted.

### PROBLEMA Sa Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB-CAR)?

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**We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.**

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## Hair Without Pain

“There are mothers crying for missing children, children who once were there and are no more,” Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr told the “Summit on Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances”. And “persistence in search might ironically be rewarded with permanent disappearance of the victim” in a country that resembles Argentina of the ‘Dirty War’.

Initiatives like the Summit bring, albeit slowly, accountability to a regime in “total denial”, to borrow UN Special Rapporteur Philip Alston’s words. So do studies like “Experiences of Cebu Women in Armed Conflicts”.

“Men may be the combatants”, writes San Carlos University anthropologist Leny Ocasiones in the “Philippine Quarterly Culture & Society.” But “women and children endure a tortured existence... Not enough is being done to protect them. Only

## EDITORIAL

now have we begun to document the problem”. The study analyzes insurgency’s impact on 16 upland women in three Cebu towns: Danao, Tuburan and Asturias. The long running insurgency, pervasive poverty and military response, could make those three “Any Town”.

“Armed conflict has profound impacts on women, distinct from men”, the study found. Women found “creative ways to survive and resist massive disruption in their societies.” But let the women speak for themselves.

Generosa and husband Arnold were grinding corn when paramilitary (CHDF) arrived. They beat up Arnold to wring information on NPA movements Generosa protested when they took him to Tuburan. “If you insist we leave him here, we will kill him first,” was the reply.

“If he’s an NPA, would he have the calloused hands and feet of a farmer?”, she told a Capt Jorgio in the camp. Arnold had human rights, she added. “You always cite human rights as a reason. What if I shoot him?” Generosa replied. “Shoot him. You think nobody will look for him.”

Arnold was released after 18 days to dodge further abuse, they resettled in Mindanao as laborers. They relocated thrice. And malaria plagued the whole family. “They returned.. after three years still bearing the scars inflicted by armed conflict.”

“The experiences of Tanya, Prancing, Freda and Anita were similar to Generosa” the study notes. “They believed that the best way to survive was by maintaining family strength even by becoming refugees.”

“Loss of property and livelihoods were the effects of armed conflict on Veronica, Venecia, Tanya and Divina.” Following an ambush, the military forced the whole community to evacuate. “If you’re still around when we come back, we’ll use hues de kutsilyo ( “judgement of the knife”) Veronica recalls being told.

They fled. “Our children helped by making charcoal out of coconut husks. They sold them for 30 centavos a kilo.” They found their homes ransacked on return. “We never felt settled again on our farm because of the threats,” Tanya recalled.

Conflict takes a toll on family relations. Erlinda, Trining, Venecia and Luisa faced “alienation” when they got involved with the rebels. Their children protested their absence and exposure to danger. And Waldo, the husband of Flora, who was pregnant, disappeared. She lost the child.

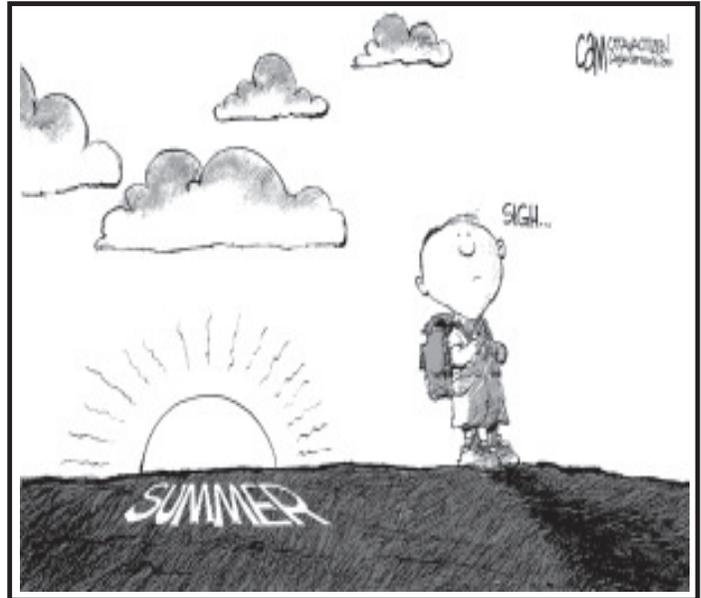
Nonetheless, soldiers periodically pressured Flora to confess Waldo joined the NPA. “Their eyes, meanwhile, would roam looking for a chicken” to roast. Failing that, they’d accuse her: You’re just like the others, depriving us of food while giving it generously to the NPAs.”

“I was furious I answered them back,” Flora said. “I hated it when I was telling the truth and they would question it.” Waldo has never been found “Since the abduction of my husband...it’s only my hair that does not feel pain at all...But I have to work on the farm so my family will survive”.

Government seeks to win hearts and minds of people. That’s the official line. This tack would deny insurgents “the water they swim in,” the old Mao image held. But instances of abuse after abuse, by ill-disciplined troops, persist.

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The study



## DIRETSAHAN

*Night Market, Inaabusos*

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Nakakanerbiyos naman ang hatol na “guilty” ng Makati Trial Court kay Daily Tribune Publisher Niñes Cacho Olivares sa kasong libelo na isinampa laban sa kanya ng isang “Law Firm”.

Limang milyong piso ang ipinapabayad sa kanya ng korte bilang danyos perwisyo bukod pa sa pagkakakulong ng mula anim na buwan hanggang dalawang taon. Kung ako ang nasa lugar niya, baka “tiklop” na ang aking tuhod. Aba, kahit siguro abutin pa ako sa uugod-ugod na katandaan ay hindi ako makakabayad ng 5 milyon kahit pa siguro ako magtrabaho na parang kalabaw 24 oras araw-araw. Hindi naman sa binabatikos ko ang naging hatol kundi ang magiging epekto nito sa mga matatapatang na mamamahayag na naglalahad sa mga pawang katotohanang kaganapan partikular sa mga katiwalian ng gobyerno man o sa pribado. Puwede kasi itong maging mitsa para mabawasan ang kanilang tapang kumbaga isa itong pamamaraan sa pagsupil ng malayang pamamahayag. Kaya naman saludo ako sa mga mangilan ngilang kapatid sa hanapbuhay na patuloy ang “hataw” kahit sandamukal na ang kanilang “libelo”. Iyan ang tunay na pinoy, habang nasusugatan, lalong tumatapatang, diba pareng bombitz?

Magkagayunpaman, umaasa pa rin kami na mabibigyan ng tamang pansin ang apela na ihahain ni Olivares sa ating mga mahistrado ng Court of Appeals.

Abangan na lang natin mga suki kung ano ang susunod na mangyayari! ABANGAN!

ooOOoo

Mukhang dumidistansya at wa sey ang Malakanyang kay “Jok-Jok” Bolante matapos na mabigo ang huli na mailusot ang kanyang “Political Asylum”

He!he! Mukha yatang iiwanan sa ere ang taong nang-iwan sa ere ng kanyang eskandalong “Fertilizer Scam”. Kung umubra ang kanyang kalokohan sa mga pinoy, hindi siya ngayon umubra sa mga kano!

Kung ako sa kanya, balik na lang ako ng Pinas at magboluntaryong maging “state witness” para masimulan na ang imbestigasyon sa naturang “Fertilizer Scam” ! Bak mapatawad pa siya ng madlang Pipol op Pinas, PERYOD!

ooOOoo

Maganda nag panukala ng Lokal na Pamahalaan sa Baguio na magkaroon ng “night Market” sa mga piling lugar. Ang siste, hindi pa man ito naisasa batas ay marami na ang nang-aabusos nito.

Eksampol na lang dito sa may Ist Kayang St. sinubukan ng inyong

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**THE PEACE COMBATANT**

*Walkable Baguio is pre-requisite for walk-to-work campaigns to succeed*

**BY ARTURO BOQUIREN**



My tirades against the inefficiency and lack of commitment to public service of the Baguio Water District management have not yet ended. I will continue next week the peaceful combat against their attempt to exacerbate their inefficiency and put the citizens of Baguio City into deeper jeopardy.

Today I will focus a bit on Baguio's walk-to-work campaign. The City of Baguio started with something positive this environment month by initiating a walk-to-work campaign. Unfortunately, the initiative will not be sustainable if the city government will not complement the initiative by building a walkable Baguio.

Imagine ourselves living in Aurora Hill, Crystal Cave, San Carlos Heights, Dominican Hill, Quirino Hill, Bakakeng, or even Mines View. How on earth can you be able to walk to work when the air is full of smog, precipitation or rain is frequent, and sidewalks are almost non-existent?

Will you be willing to risk being sideswiped by fast-moving vehicle, become wet in the rain, inhale smog for several kilometers, and become vulnerable as well to muggers, snatchers, holdup-men, and bullies? Will you also be willing to walk into the night to your home after work?

Indeed a walkable Baguio City can be our answer to global warming, pollution, and climate change. However, for the walk-to-work campaign to work, Baguio City must be walkable. The air must be relatively clean and free of smog. Otherwise, we will have a vicious cycle here: the air is dirty, we do not walk, and when we do not walk, the air becomes dirtier.

Thus, government must have the political will to implement the anti-smoke belching laws AND government must seriously consider controlling the number of vehicles plying within the City. There must be a limit to the volume of both public and private vehicles. We must go beyond number coding because the rich simply buys two, three, four, five, six, and even seven vehicles to beat the law. Unwittingly, the coding system may have stimulated an exponential increase in the number of vehicles plying our cities.

Instead of a fetish for roads, the emphasis must be on covered sidewalks: spacious, well-lighted, safe and patrolled by policemen, and several kilometers long. The covered sidewalks can converge in the city's work areas from the residential areas of Aurora Hill, Bakakeng, Dominican Hill, Quirino Hill, and the like. Of course, this will take time but we must do this so we can make our city more attractive not only for our tourists but also for ourselves. Incidentally, analyze this: in the mind of tourists, why would he or she go to Baguio? Baguio is associated with mountains, trees, and forests. If the tourist is simply interested in a cool weather then the aircon rooms and Tagaytay suffice. It should clear that tourists go to Baguio with an expectation that the air here is unpolluted and they will be able to jog, run, and the like. However, this is no longer the case.

The corrupt need not worry that walkable city would imply less infrastructure. On the contrary, it would require tremendous but cost-effective infrastructure. A walkable city has many opportunities for corruption. Of course, **The Weekly Junction** and **The Peace Combatant** will be on the watch. The citizens must also be on the watch.

Make our city not only walker-friendly but butterfly and bird-friendly as well. Note that that the bird flu virus is never associated with bird-friendly localities and this provides a basis why we can make our city butterfly and bird-friendly as well. The birds and the butterflies can be our indicators that our air is really clean: good for joggers and those wanting to be reinvigorated from the fresh air. The butterflies and birds can be our monitoring and advertising tools.

Finally, another important ingredient for a walkable city to materialize is safety. The city must be safe from muggers, thieves, and gangsters. Police visibility must be high. Police patrols must be frequent. There must a general feeling of safety for a walkable city to work.

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**AFTERSHOCKS**

*The Perks Of Being a Congressman In The Philippines 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 Parts*

**BY: ANNABELLE PEDRONIO**



DAYS before the 14th Congress opened, Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya Jr. had humored the neophyte members of the House of Representatives about the enviable perks enjoyed by lawmakers. The former representative of Camarines Sur who once chaired the powerful House appropriations committee was invited to orient the first-term legislators on the budgeting process. During his talk, he remarked how wonderful it is to be a congressman: 'You have flexible time. Pwede kang pumasok, pwedeng hindi (You may or may not go to work) yet still get your salary.'

Then, he warned them not to make the mistake of paying for meals and drinks at the Batasan Pambansa's South Lounge as it is their privilege to be served free food.

Andaya may have meant everything as a joke, only that speaking of the privileges that legislators enjoy in such manner was hardly amusing, especially given a quorum-challenged legislature that has been passing fewer and fewer laws each year despite the ever increasing budgetary allocation to lawmaking. When the 13th Congress formally closed last June 30, it managed to pass only 148 laws, setting a new record-low in the history of the Philippine legislature. That is no laughing matter.

Yet apparently, the mention of perks was the very cue Jose de Venecia Jr. had also waited for. When came his turn to give the freshman legislators a briefing, the just elected House Speaker announced even more entitlements for members of the Lower House, in particular, an annual P1-million foreign travel allotment, and allocations for additional staff and maintenance of their respective district offices. There's even a new building in the works to house new offices for the congressmen.

What the public commonly knows is that his or her district representative gets a monthly salary of P35,000, plus, of course, yearly pork-barrel allocations amounting to P70 million — P20 million in Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) and P50 million as congressional allocation for public works projects.

What is seldom known are the amounts corresponding to their other entitlements, apart from salary and pork barrel. As gleaned from the Commission on Audit's annual published itemized lists, these include expenses for district staff allocation, contractual consultants, research, consultative local travel, communication, and supplies. There are also allocations for a public affairs fund, central office staff, equipment/furniture and fixtures, and other maintenance and operating expenses (MOE).

**COSTLY CONGRESSMEN** What the Public Spent for the Upkeep of Each Member of the House of Representatives for the year, 2005

EXPENSE ITEMS*	AMOUNT
Basic Salary	420,000.00
Foreign Travel	220,867.70
District Staff Allocation	650,000.04
Contractual Consultants	120,000.00
Research	396,000.00
Consultative Local Travel	788,763.71
Communication	129,600.00
Supplies	120,000.00
Public Affairs Fund	308,400.00
Central Office Staff	1,982,033.58
Equipment/Furniture and Fixtures	21,537.84
Other MOE	600,000.00

Source: Commission on Audit

\*Figures for Foreign Travel, Consultative Local Travel, Central Office Staff and Equipment/Furniture and Fixtures are average amounts. The rest are uniform for all congressmen.

The COA lists are not at all comprehensive and do not even include expenses of legislators as committee members and officers which, in 2005, amounted to over P92 million. In 2004, the House spent about P77 million on these expenses.

Source: <http://pagodkanaba.blogspot.com/2008/01/perks-of-being-congressman-in.html>

## TELL IT AS IT IS

Other concerns etc.

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



Dear Readers, Greetings!

Got your messages asking why I had no column or didn't write anything on this space the past couple of weeks... been so busy ... and really had no time to do some writing which I sorely missed...

So what's up this week? gas and oil prices and the prices of commodities continue to rise.. what else.. well .. Obama successfully clinches the nomination...so what happens to Hillary?.. we still have to find out...

It's June and when it's June ,,it's back to school again ... and of course the rainy season starts... stay healthy.. eat right .. bring proper rain gear and don't soak in flood water. Beware of deadly leptospirosis.

And of course my column won't be complete without some stuff from the mail and here it is ,, printed as requested.

Happy Weekend !

Sa mga nakakakilala sa mga kabit at bitch pagsabihan niyo nga huwag nga sila post ng post ng litrato nila kung saan-saan. BUTI SANA KUNG MAGANDA AT KAHANGA-HANGA , kaso MAKAKAPAL LANG HALATA NAMAN NG MGA TAO PUTIK NILA SA MUKHA AT KONSENSYA- Cora D

Dear Cora, Thank you for your message. Natawa naman ako sa message mo. O bato-bato sa langit sa mga thick faced "kabits" and "bitches".. huwag ganyan.. it's shameful..

Attention: Jenny Ocampo-Andres c/o Tell it as it is Magandang araw po sa inyo.Kumusta na po kayo? Ako po nagbabasa ng inyong pahayagan at kolum. Nais ko lang po iparating sa inyo na may mga tao po nagkakalat ng mga kuwento patungkol sa inyo. Natatawa ako sa mga taong ito sapagkat halatang may inngit sa inyo at takot sapagkat hindi ko naman nakita na sumulat sila sa inyo para sabihin ang mga sinasabi nila. Guilty kasi. Halata naman gusto lang nila manira sa inyo at manira ng buhay. Sana idemanda niyo nalang sila para manahimik. Ang kakapal naman ng mga mukha talaga. Ako po ay nagmamalasakit lamang sapagkat may mga tao rin naman nakapagsabi sa akin ng inyong kabutihang loob at kagandahan di lamang sa pisikal na anyo pati na rin sa ugali. Joy B.

Dear Joy, Greetings!

Thank you for your letter. And I am really thankful for your concern and malasakit although I believe I don't know you that well yet except that you've written to my column and sought advice a number of times and I am glad I was of help.

Alam mo Joy, aware naman ako sa mga taong sinasabi mo... and I know and believe these people who exist and destroy people due to their inngit and ill motives will have their day in court ,, day of judgement and "karma" . It does not mean that I am silent that I am not aware,, but more than what my human capacity can do.. I believe there is a GREATER BEING who sees everything -good or bad. And yes again.. as i said I am aware.

Thank you Joy and continue reading Junction and writing to my column. for your messages ..email me @ [jennyvjlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyvjlaw@yahoo.com)

## 'Bingo teng...

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added, "Bingo sa Barangay" is simply run by the ABC for 'fund raising purposes;' while the other is administered by ghosts."

"But taken together, they don't really have other distinctions that can be worked out, save probably on how they conduct draws, since Jueteng and Bingoteng use two

number combinations to select winners," the source added.

The bingoteng was referred to the gutter following the failed bid of former ABC chair Rufino Panagan to hold on to the ABC's top spot to City Camp Central barangay chief Joel Alangsab in the recent

barangay elections.

Earlier, the city under the administration of erstwhile mayor Braulio Yaranon questioned the legality of ABC's numbers game operations. The case is currently on appeal after the trial court declared the same legal.

Curiously, no one would admit as to who is responsible for reviving the controversial numbers game which operations resumed only late April./ ISL

## Tax amnesty pushed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council has approved on second reading a proposed ordinance filed by Councilors

Nicasio Aliping Jr. granting amnesty on fines, interests, surcharges and penalties surcharges to delinquent real property taxpayers in the city.

Aliping said allowing taxpayers to settle their obligations without the burden of surcharges will help ease their financial woes in this time of economic crisis faced by the country.

"Taxpayers are hesitant to pay their tax delinquencies due to imposition of

fines, interests, surcharges and penalties (thus the grant of amnesty) will encourage effective tax collection," Aliping noted.

As proposed, a "general amnesty" would be given to real property taxpayers who are delinquent in the payment of real property taxes as of December 31, 2006.

"The amnesty shall pertain to the condonation of the entire amount of fines, interests, surcharges and penalties," the measure noted.

If approved, the amnesty will be made effective until December 31, 2008.

The proposed guidelines in availing of the amnesty are as follows:

"The applica-

tion of amnesty under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Office of the City Treasurer on the form prescribed therefor;

"Any taxpayer who avails of amnesty under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be exempted from any civil, criminal and administrative liability arising from the violation of the Real Property Tax Code and the Revised Revenue Code of Baguio City. The exemption shall cover only properties declared under amnesty;

"No public auction of delinquent real properties shall be held during the period of amnesty."

The measure will be brought back to the council for deliberation on second reading after publication soon. – Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Mayor targets improved family planning program to stem increase in city's population

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. last Thursday vowed to pursue a more aggressive population control program in the city to stem the city's increasing population and avoid its negative repercussions.

The mayor said that during the Northern and Central Luzon Rural Congress held recently in the city, it was bared that the city's population rose by five percent as of the last count.

The mayor

said the information was alarming considering the city's relatively small area and considering the adverse consequences that overpopulation engenders like poverty, malnutrition and health problems.

True enough, the rate of malnutrition in the city also increased by three percent also from the same information, according to the mayor.

The Population Commission said that based on the National Statistics Office data, the city's population as of August 1, 2007 is 301,926. The

POPCOM said city's annual population growth rate is 2.5 percent.

The mayor said the situation calls for a more vigorous implementation of birth control and family planning programs as soon as possible.

The mayor said he has authorized the appropriation of more than P1 million fund for the purchase of birth control contraceptives for distribution in the various barangays.

He said he has also directed the city population office to implement population control measures and programs in the barangays incessantly./aileen p. refuerzo

Republic of the Philippines  
Office of the President  
**NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**  
Community Service Center, NCIP-Baguio City  
Rm. 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Mag. Ave. Baguio City

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ANCESTRAL LAND CLAIMS**

Pursuant to section 53(e) R.A. 8371 in relation to Sec. 7(dq), part 1, Rule VIII NCIP Administrative order no. 1 series of 1999, notice is hereby made for the following Petitions for the Identification, Delineation and Recognition of ancestral lands situated in Res. Sec. , “J” Baguio City filed by **heirs of Lamis Quecoy represented by Anton Baday and heirs of Saguilit Sacay Et. Al. represented by Timoteo L. Dapnisan** as their ancestral lands more particularly described as follows:

1. Heirs of Quecy Lamsis

A parcel of land Lot 1, Psu-223654 Situated at Res. Sec. “J” of the City of Baguio Island of Luzon. Bounded on the north, by Lot 2, Psu-223654(Lamsis Quecoy); bounded on the west along lines 6-7 and 1-2 by Public land, and along line 7-1 by Psu-209865(Juanito Lardizabal); bounded on the south and west along lines 2-3-4-5, by Baguio Balatoc road. Beginning at point marked 1 on plan being S 49-32 W 3689.61 m. from BLLM no. 1, Baguio City; S 16-40 W 33.55 m. to point 2; N 81-31 W 48.01 m. to point 3; S 69-59 W 46.29 m. to point 4; N 27-42 W 104.55 m. to point 5; S 86-19 E 157.86 m. to point 6; DUE SOUTH 22.21 m. to point 7; S 17-55 W 20.22 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of **TEN THOUSAND (10,000)** sq. m. more or less. All points referred to are marked on the ground by P.S Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 60 cms.

A parcel of land Lot 2, Psu-223654 Situated at Res. Sec. “J” of the City of Baguio Island of Luzon. Bounded on the northwest along lines 15-16-17 by lot 3 and along line 17-18 by lot 4 of Psu-223654 and along line 18-19 by lot 1, psu-223655; bounded on the northeast along lines 19-20-1-2-3-4 by public land; bounded on the southwest along line 4-5 by lot 1, Psu-223654 and along lines 5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15 by Baguio Balatoc Road 20.00 m. wide. Beginning at point marked 1 on plan being S 57-44 W 3619.90 m. from BLLM no. 1, Baguio City; S 80-40 E 198.40 m. to point 2; S 17-03 E 219.54 m. to point 3; DUE SOUTH 177.79 m. to point 4; N 86-19 W 157.86 m. to point 5; N 44-56 W 6.69 m. to point 6; N 70-38 W 48.31 m. to point 7; S 52-03 W 73.15 m. to point 8; N 70-15 W 141.80 m. to point 9; N 70-43 W 18.72 m. to point 10; N 58-07 W 19.26 m. to point 11; N 29-01 W 28.34 m. to point 12; N 06-10 W 65.03 m. to point 13; N 62-04 W 148.91 m. to point 14; N 54-04 W 19.85 m. to point 15; N 54-48 E 47.03 m. to point 16; N 15-49 W 50.14 m. to point 17; N 24-48 W 75.00 m. to point 18; N 54-48 E 215.10 m. to point 19; DUE EAST 125.00 m. to point 20; S 34-31 E 83.21 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTYN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THREE (216,453)** sq. m. more or less. All points referred are marked on the ground by old P.S cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 X 60 cm.

A parcel of land Lot 3, Psu-223654 Situated at Res. Sec. “J” of the City of Baguio Island of Luzon. Bounded on the northeast and southeast by lot 2 Psu-223654; bounded on the southwest by Baguio Balatoc Road 20.00m. wide and bounded on the northwest by lot 4, Psu-223654. Beginning at point marked 1 being S 58-36 W 4033.30 m. from BLLM no. 1, Baguio City; N 54-48 E 79.48 m. to point 2; S 15-49 E 50.14 m. to point 3; S 54-48 W 47.03 m. to point 4; N 54-04 W 50.00 m. to of beginning, containing an area of **THREE THOUSAND(3000)** sq. m. more or less.

A parcel of land Lot 4, Psu-223654 Situated at Res. Sec. “J” of the City of Baguio Island of Luzon. Bounded on the northwest by lot 1, Psu-223655; bounded on the southwest by baguio Balatoc Road 20.00 m. wide and bounded on the northeast and southeast by lot 2 and lot 3, Psu-223654 respectively. beginning at point marked 1 on plan being S 58-36 W 4033.30 m. from BLLM no. 1, Baguio City; N 52-40 W 46.57 m. to point 2; N 21-06 W 30.25 m. to point 3; N 54-48 E 100.00 m. to point 4; S 24-48 E 75.00 m. to point 5; S 54-48 W 79.84 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of **SEVEN THOUSAND(7000)** sq. m. more or less.

2. HEIRS OF SAGUILIT SACAY ET. AL.

A parcel of ancestral land claim located at Res. Sec. “J” City of Baguio Island of Luzon. Bounded on the northeast by Psu-1-001347; bounded on the southeast by property claimed by Wakat Suello; bounded on the southwest by property claimed by Tunged and bounded on the northwest by property claimed by heirs of Sioco Carinio, lot 3, Psu-44214 Amd. Beginning at point marked “1” on plan being N 70-20 E 780.45 m. from BLLM no. 1, Tuba Benguet; S 49-31 W 295.52 m. to point 2; N 58-29 W 1010.34 m. to point 3; N 19-53 W 99.04 m. to point 4; S 69-01 E 1198.88 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE (186,873)** sq. m. more or less.

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

(SGD) NIEVES L. AQUINO  
CDO III  
NCIP Baguio Service Center

June 8 and 15, 2008

**‘Bingo teng’ back; RAB maintains MRF ash better source of cash**

BAGUIO CITY – “I hope that our barangay officials remember that when they ran for office, they were installed by the people to serve and protect the interest of the people, including their morals.” Thus said mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr.

during the “Ugnayan” hosted by Radio ng Bayan last week adding, “They were not elected to make money.” He vowed to “dip his fingers in the issue,” as he once again shored up his

stand against all forms of gambling. The mayor however said his office is approaching the issue “with caution,” wary of the risks of the city government being sued. Bautista said that the reasons being cited by the barangay chiefs are “petty” considering

there are better alternatives to raise funds for barangay projects other than gambling. He said members of the Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) should focus more in solving the garbage problem of the city, focusing efforts in making Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) work, rather

than preoccupying themselves with re-establishing the numbers game. He explained that if the MRF’s can only be operated in full capacity, it would yield greater income that could easily top that which the ABC earned from the Bingo sa Barangay. Pundits have termed the ABC

fund-raiser as “bingoteng,” because of its close resemblance to an illegal numbers game - *Jueteng*. Meantime, a confessed bettor speaking on condition of anonymity revealed, “Jueteng and Bingoteng are practically the same. “It’s all in the operators,” he

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Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF  
La Trinidad Benguet  
DIAMOND RURAL BANK, INC.,  
*Mortgagee,*  
-versus-

x-----x  
FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-Exf-1280  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGED UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED.  
SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

SPS. MARGARITA FERNANDEZ AND LORETO FERNANDEZ, Represented by Atty.-in-Fact FELICIDAD S. DUYOT,  
*Mortgagors.*

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra judicial foreclosure of real mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended, filed by DIAMOND RURAL BANK INC., with office and postal address at No. 2 Kayang Street Baguio City, herein referred as the

Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPS. MARGARITA FERNANDEZ and LORETO FERNANDEZ, represented by Atty.-in-Fact FELICIDAD S. DUYOT, with residence and postal address at Banangan, Sablan Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagors, In real estate mortgage duly entered on 27 October 2003

That as of 30 April 2008, the above-named mortgagors, SPS. MARGARITA FERNANDEZ and LORETO FERNANDEZ, Represented by Atty.-in-Fact FELICIDAD S. DUYOT, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS AND SIX-

TEEN CENTAVOS, (Php. 317,129.16), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, surcharges and Attorney's fee but excluding the cost of other charges arising from this application for foreclosure.

That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 16 JUNE 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Benguet Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements, erected thereon to the following described properties to wit:

KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO Bldg.P-6994 REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF BENGUET Lot. No. 5224, Cad-1008-D, Case No. 7

"Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot No. 5224, Cad-1008-D. Case No. 7, Banangan, Sablan , Benguet, being S., 43-19 E., 4148.55 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad-1008-D, Sablan Cadastre; thence S., 79-40 W., 59.24 m. to pt 2; N., 62-33 W., 57.12 m. to point 3; N., 27-05 E., 124.27 m. to point 4; S., 22-31 E., 136.79 m. to point 1; to point of beginning. Containing an area of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN (7,510) SQUARE METERS. More or less xxxxxxxxxx.

Prospective bid-

der/buyes may investigate to the title / tax declaration of the property herein above-described encumbrances thereof, if any.

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

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, 21<sup>st</sup> day of MAY 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITO F.SALES Sheriff IV

May 25, & June 1, 8, 2008

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
BRANCH 59  
Baguio City

*Petitioners,*  
-versus-  
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,  
*Respondent,*

(Additional family Court of Baguio)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF MINOR ANGELYN M. SANTOS

SPL PRO CASE NO. 312-A  
ORDER

The petitioners spouses Remy and Eugenio Santos filed this verified petition praying that after due

notice and hearing, ordering Angelyn M. Santos be declared for all legal intents and purposes, the adopted daughter of the petitioners and that Angelyn M.Santos be freed from all legal obligations with respect to her natural parents and order the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to issue new Certificate of Live Birth of Angelyn M. Santos incorporating therein the following facts to wit:

1. fact of legitimation; and
2. the names of

her parents as Eugenio Santos and Remy Santos

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on September 10, 2008 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not

be granted.

Let a copy of this order be published at the expenses of the petitioner in the The Junction newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in Benguet Province once a week for (3) consecutive weeks.

The petitioners are directed to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor Angelyn M. Santos. The Court Social

Worker is required to submit to the court the case study not later than September 5, 2008.

SO ORDERED

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008 at Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SGD) ILLUMINADA P. CABATO Judge

May 24, 30 & June 7, 2008

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF  
Baguio City

SPOUSES RICARDO and CECILIA NAYAL,  
*Mortgagors.*

x-----x  
FORE. CASE NO: 08-30-S

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

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act. 4148 filed by SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF

TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC. hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, executed on April 18, 2005 by SPOUSES RICARDO and CECILIA NAYAL both of 60 Bonifacio St/5 Mavar St., Aurora Hill, Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS, to secure their mortgage obligation which as of date, amounts to TWO MILLION THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY TWO & 17/100 (P2,003,342.17) PE-

SOS, and other expenses of foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned Sheriff, will sell at public auction on June 30, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Hall of Justice Lobby, Baguio City, and all the improvement existing thereon and more particularly described as follows

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-42695

"Beginning at a point marked "1" of

Lot 16, Blk-3, on plan Bes -2032-D. being S-89-49'E., 1218.84 m. from Triangulation Station "Skylin", Baguio Townsite, Thence N. 55-32'W., 8.80 m. to point 2; N. 55-32'W., 4.18 m. to point 3; N. 34- 56'E., 24.53 m. to point 4; S. 54-15"E., 13.30 m. to point 5; S.35-15'W., 24.25 m. to point 1, point of beginning. Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE (321) SQUARE METERS.xxxxxxxx"

Prospective bid-

ders may investigate the Title , rights and improvements of the property with regards encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City , Philippines, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May,2008.

By: (SGD) REMEDIOS BALDERAS - REYES Ex- Officio Sheriff RTC, Baguio City

June 7, 14, & 21, 2008

**Diretsahan..**

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lingkod na dumaan sa nabanggit na lugar at presto! Nakalatag ang mga VCD at DVD sa halos kalahati ng bangketa kung saan halos hindi makadaan ang mga tao. Ang tanong ay kung may "Basbas" ang mga opisyal ng Barangay at City Hall dito sa bentahan, at kung ang mga ibinenta bang ito ay legal o hindi (pirata o hindi) at kung meron ngang "go signal" sino ngayon ang nakinabang at sinong me "patong"? Sus, MAGBAGO NA KAYO!

ooOOoo

ISANG BABAE ang natagpuang patay at tadtad ng saksak ang katawan sa may Brower Rd. lungsod ng Baguio. Pinaghihinalaan na pagnanakaw ang talagang motibo ng salarin..At makalipas lamang ng ilang araw, nagkaroon naman ng kaguluhan sa may Sepic Road na di kalayuan sa Brower Road kung saan marami ang nasugatan.

Ayon sa aking "Bubuwit" wala man lang

daw isang Barangay Tanod o Opisyal na nangasiwa para di sana lumala itong huling nabangit na insidente.

Kalunos lunos naman ang sinapit ng babaeng natagpuan sa Brower Road. Labing anim ang tinamong saksak sa katawan at nakakapagtaka na ni wala man lang daw nakakaalam o nakasaksi sa mga nangyari. Hindi naman kaya takot lamang magsalita ang mga ito? Naku, maawa naman sana sila sa biktima at pamilya nito. Magsalita na sila, mahirap dapuan ng "karma"

At ano naman kaya ang ginagawang akston ngayon ng mga opisyal sa Barangay Campo Pilipino? Ayokong isipin na nagpapabaya itong mga kapatid nating muslim na mga opisyal ng naturang Barangay, at ayoko ring isipin na posibleng tukoy nila kung sino ang dapat managot na posibleng kapatid din! Tama o Hindi? **IMBESTIGAHAN!!**

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ISANG LALAKI naman ang natagpuang patay sa bangin ng Marcos Hiway, Tuba, Benguet at ito'y pinaghihinalaang biktima ng

"salvage". Ayokong isipin na nabuhay muli ang "Vigilante Group" sa lungsod ng Baguio.

Unahin na nila ang mga korap sa Gobyerno, mga mamamatay tao, mga ganid at suwapang, mandurukot, haldaper, rapist at lahat ng mga ..BUWISHEEET!

ooOOoo

DAPAT PAIGTINGIN ng pulisya ang kanilang pagbabantay at pagmamamanman sa kanilang nasasakupan! Dapat din nilang ibalik ang kanilang regular na "operasyon kap-kap".

Dito sa Baguio, kelangan ng masusing pagsisiyasat ang ating pulisya para matukoy ang mga taong may masasamang karakter at ito ngayon ang hamon ko sa BCPO Station 7 na pinamumunuan ni inspektor Engelbert Soriano. Kung magiging masigasig sila marami silang "Matitimbog". Ang tambayan ng mga ito ngayon ay sa mga inuman na matatagpuan sa taborapark (Dating Rabbit Sinkhole) Diego Silang St. Otek St. Upper at Lower Magsaysay. At ang bilyaran sa Upper Mabini St.

Subukan din nilang manmanan ang mga

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

An Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate was entered into this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2008 at Baguio City by and between the heirs of the deceased PHOEBE FLORESCAY MENDOZA who died intestate on September 26, 2003 at Baguio City. Entered into the Notarial Registry of Atty. Nicasio Aliping on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2008 with Doc. No. 500; Page No. 101; Book No. 500; Series of 2008 .

May 31, & June 7, 14, 2008

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

**HOMER BELARDO**  
Applicant  
Case No. 98-01-1161

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 24, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/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.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 06th day of June 2008.

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

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

Estate of the Late BRYAN MAT-AN, Rep. By:  
REGINA MAT-AN - Vendor  
JACKELINE L. PATONG - Vendee  
Applicant  
Case No. 98-BC-622/2008-CAR-341

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Sale and Transfer with 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 - CAMP 6 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 24, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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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 05th day of June 2008.

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

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

**RAMON NUMBAR**  
Applicant  
Case No. 99-01-353

**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 - U.P. VILLAGE (Gate) - MARVILLE (Irisan) 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 June 2008.

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

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

**ANTONIO CERVANTES**  
Applicant  
Case No. 2001-BC-383

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**CECILIA LANGAWAN**  
Applicant  
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(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer

## Another Medical....

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in Caucasian newborns.

The cause of biliary atresia is not known, and treatments are only partially successful, it said. Freddie, a jobless Umigan town, Pangasinan native and his wife had to eke out more than P9,000.00 for an operation last April 24 just to save their baby boy.

But their world crumbled when after several days, their newborn belly began to swell, the size of a baseball ball at first then now turning into a softball ball. "And he keeps on crying," Kenneth's father wearily said with a grim gnarl on his face.

Numerous efforts to reach BGH officials for explanations failed while the physician whom the Kobeves couple were referring to as "Doctora" — Michelle Chungwait, pediatric surgical director of BGH is always out of the hospital.

Dr. Myrna Cabotaje, Department of Health -Cordillera regional director told in a telephone interview that doctors and officials at the BGH are supposedly "practicing transparency in their jobs" although maintaining patient-doctor confidentiality at times when needed.

Dir. Cabotaje admitted that the ultimate responsibility of government doctors, specifically at the BGHMC, is the people's welfare.

BGHMC, aside from the Phil. Military Academy Hospital is the biggest DOH-hospital in the Cordillera region. Aside from CAR, patients from regions 1, 2 and even Central Luzon provinces are brought to BGH for treatment.

What is bothering the Kobeves couple is why the government doctors did not immediately suggest a liver transplant but instead let them shell out money for an operation which did not solve their newborn son's liver disease?

According to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse, a surgical procedure can confirm biliary atresia. At the time of surgery the bile ducts can be examined and the diagnosis confirmed. If the surgeon confirms that biliary atresia is the problem, a Kasai procedure will usually be performed on the spot.

The absolute silence of the BGH doctors however prompts suspicion and despair on the Kobeves couple. Worse, time is catching up on their newborn because Dr. Chungwait 'had our baby only 18 months to live if no new liver is transplanted on him'.

The poor couple, nowhere more to turn to but Baguio journalists are also dismayed why doctors did not prescribe any after their son underwent surgery.

Both before and after the Kasai procedure, the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse, infants will receive a specific diet with the right mix of nutrients and vitamins in a form that does not require bile to be absorbed. Poor nutrition can lead to problems with development, so doctors will monitor an infant's nutritional intake closely.

Some infants develop fluid in the abdomen after the Kasai procedure, which makes

the baby's belly swell. This condition is called ascites and usually only lasts for a few weeks.

If ascites lasts for more than 6 weeks, cirrhosis is likely present and the infant will probably require a liver transplant, experts claim.

The abnormally bulging belly of the baby boy had been swelling for more than 6 weeks, worrying all the more the Kobeves couple.

"Yet Another Victim?" Bernabe, 24, and Amy Diaz, 22, parents of decapitated newborn Ayesa Bea during the Holy Week here haven't got justice yet. Worst, they seemed to be losing hope that they will ever reap it.

This after the National Bureau of Investigation-Cordillera found out that the newborn's death was caused by "decapitation from a slashed wound".

But no case has been filed yet. And like the Kobeves couple, the Diaz couple had long been waiting for BGH officials' explanation, which they never got.

They never really fathomed how one supposed BGH medical intern, "forcibly pulled the head of the baby".

Accordingly, Amy's baby suffered from "osteogenesis imperfecta" (brittle bone disease), a genetic bone disorder. People with OI are born without the proper protein (collagen), or the ability to make it, usually because of a deficiency of Type-I collagen.

People with OI either have less collagen than normal or the quality is poorer than normal. As collagen is an important protein in bone structure, this impairment causes those with the condition to have weak or fragile bones. Ultrasound machines however may detect "osteogenesis imperfecta".

A physician who begged off to be named said "doctors there (BGHMC) should instead take this (controversial case) as an eye opener for government hospitals like the BGH including its equipments instead of keeping mum and not explaining their side."

Interestingly, several Baguio residents have long been complaining about how BGHMC doctors "treat" and look at their patients, a thing that even the hospital's officials refused to acknowledge and just opting to shut up./ Ace Alegre

## City braces....

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traffic measures designed to prevent traffic problems particularly the prohibition of parking within the university belt and the central business district and the retention of the one-way route currently being implemented along various road networks.

The mayor said the city schools division under Supt. Ellen Donato has been on hand for the preparations through its "Brigada Eskwela," a "bayanihan" sort of campaign where teachers and parents join hands to prepare and clean the classrooms, repair and even construct school equipment and materials that may be needed by the children.

The mayor said the city government has released a total of P12 million to the various schools specifically for the repair of their comfort rooms.

The city shares a sizeable amount from its Special Education Fund and the General

Fund to the city schools division annually for the construction of additional classrooms and the hiring of additional teachers.

Bautista said the city is presently working to achieve its target of 1:40 teacher-student ratio.

Division planning officer Roberto Gonzales said that with the trend of the enrollment where on the one hand, more new students are enrolling and on the other, more students are withdrawing from school, they expect a very low one percent increase in enrollment this year.

Gonzales said that at present the city has 50 private high schools and three main public high schools with 16 annexes.

There are 69 private elementary and 38 public elementary schools with three primary ones. Barangay day care centers number 98 as per their unofficial list./Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Women's Drug....

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in the act selling 27.5 grams of shabu pegged at P165,000 on Saturday.

For one month, PDEA agents tailed the trio and were nailed on Saturday in Baguio City. They were monitored to have been acting as couriers from a drug lord in Dasmariñas Cavite for three occasions here in the past, Apalla said.

But interestingly, the trio were not listed in the drug watchlist even in the PDEA Region IV-A offices.

Less than a month ago, two lady drug traders slipped into a checkpoint in Mountain Province. Rosa and Unchangay Macabio, sisters from upland Betwagan barangay in Sadanga town, were enroute to Baguio City with at least 27 kilos of dried marijuana leaves in brick form.

Government tipsters claimed the duo were transporting the marijuana aboard a bus bound for Baguio City, prompting a checkpoint by Bontoc town policemen and PDEA agents. However, the sisters seemingly sensed danger and left the bus before it reached the checkpoint at sitio Tigil, Betwagan, also in Sadanga.

The duo left the drug haul worth P625,000.00 inside the bus. Although most drug couriers are still men, Apalla claimed. Mid May, three bigtime marijuana traders tagged by authorities as Santol Boys because they are natives of hinterland Santol town, in La Union, fell into the authorities dragnet. At least 110 kilograms of dried marijuana leaves packed in chute sacks and sealed with packaging tapes valued to reach P2,750,000.00 were seized from Samuel Pascua Pal-iwen, 51; Jose Gumpeng Astudillo, 22 and Juan Matio Asisto, 18, all residents of barangay Sasaba, Santol. The trio according to authorities were new to the illegal trade but had been operating in Ilocos Region until Baguio City for the past several months. The MJ came from illegal plantations along the tri-boundaries of La Union, Benguet and Ilocos Sur. On May 13, more than 100 kilos of dried marijuana bricks were also seized from two suspects from Kibungan, another upland town in Benguet.

Summer, PDEA believes, is the peak season of the illegal marijuana trade because aside from it being the harvest season, the incoming enrollment of school children is prompting those still engaged in the illegal business are making double time./Ace Alegre

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cited that 60 percent of the city's development budget goes to the 129 barangays. We are prioritizing the barangays, he insisted.

Already in the pipeline, the mayor also cited, are 10 dumptrucks worth P35 million for barangays, P45 million for MRFs of at least 15 barangays as a start, and development of the public market and satellite markets.

"There is no reason for them to do these kinds (bingoteng) of activities," the mayor bantered. /Ace Alegre

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of the SLU Boys' High Band, Carmencita Zuniga of the Baguio City National High School Band and Maxim Botilas of the Pines City National High School Band.

The other sub-committees with their heads and members are:

\*Clean up and tree planting activities – Councilors Erdolfo Balajadia and Fred Bagbagen, chairs; Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources regional executive director Samuel Penafiel, city environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana and Engr Nazita Banez, public information officer Ramon Dacawi, community affairs officer Laurence Adube, city market superintendent Policarpio Tamayo, city market cooperative head Victor Calimlim, Alay sa Kalinisan's Rhodora Buenaventura and BCVM director Rosalio Goze;

\*National Flag Day and Wreath-laying Ceremonies – Councilors Galo Weygan and Nicasio Palaganas with city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes, city human resource management officer Jose Dacawi, acting city secretary Prudencio Parnacio Jr., Alhambra, Salud Mitra barangay captain Neda Galos, with representatives from the Aguinaldo Shrine/Museum; Kababaihang Rizalista, Rizalistas, Knights of Rizal and veterans group; and

\*Independence Day sports to be chaired by Councilors Gloria Ysabel De Vera and Isabelo Cosalan. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

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will, greatly enhance growth as the same shall pave the way for exchange of visits, ideas and other similar activities which when done on a regular or permanent basis can have a positive yield on the international viability of both cities; it will also greatly enhance growth and development of both cities in several areas, among which are revenue collection system, administrative and communication technologies, revenue generation, and social services," the resolution further noted.

The measure further authorized Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. or his duly authorized representative to pursue this desire in coordination with the Baguio City Sisterhood and Twinning Committee.

In two separate moves, the body also sought to renew sisterhood ties with long-

time kin cities Mandaue and Lucena.

In Resolution No. 229, the body recalled that the City of Mandaue, through its Resolution No. 11-095-2008, reiterated its interest and desire for the renewal of sister-city ties with the City of Baguio in line with the thrust for sister-city relationships among local government units that is encouraged by the national government; and

"The Baguio City Chapter of the Philippine International Sisterhood, in its Resolution No. 4, Series of 2008, stated, among others, that the City of Baguio has maintained its ties with the City of Mandaue, including benchmarking visits of officials and employees of the two cities; and resolved that the City of Baguio renew its sister-city relationship with Mandaue and that a memorandum of agreement be entered into between the cities embodying, among others, the specific areas of cooperation," it further noted.

In Resolution No. 230 meanwhile, the body noted that Lucena City also through its Resolution No. 14-111, Series of 2007, expressed its sincerest intention to continue the establishment of the sister-city relationship pursuant to Joint Resolution Numbered 01, dated 5 June 1996, by following the rules and guidelines on sister city stipulated under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 94-93 as amended by DILG Memorandum Circular No. 97-306 and in consultation with the Lucena City Sister-City Council.

The same recommendation for the renewal of the kinship was made by the Baguio City Chapter of the Philippine International Sisterhood, in its Resolution No. 5, Series of 2008 which was both adopted by the council committee on tourism, special events, parks and playgrounds led by Councilor Pinky Rondez and later by entire council. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

**Diretsahan..****.... from page 9**

tambay sa Lower Session Road. Kilala sila ng mga muslim na nagtitinda ng mga CD. Karamihan sa mga ito ay kasapakat ng mga call boys at mga rakista na tambay sa lugar at take note na armado ang mga ito ng patalim.

O, ano sey mo inspektor Soriano? Pakilusin mo naman ang mga bata mo para di namin isipin na tinutulugan ninyo ang mga di kanais-nais na nangyayari sa inyong nasasakupan partikular sa Session Road. KILOOOSSS!

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PATI SCHOOL SUPPLIES NAGTAAS NA RIN NG PRESYO! At ano naman ang ginagawa ng DTI? Huwag nilang sabihin na hindi nila alam ang pagtataas ng presyo ng mga supply na pangangailangan ng mag-aaral, at huwag din nilang sabihin na inutil sila sa pagpigil ng pagtaas sa school supplies at iba pang pangunahing bilihin. Ano sey nyu kayo diyan sa DTI? Maawa naman kayo! GISIING!

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NAGREREKLAMO ang isang ginang na isang senior citizen dahil sa umano'y hindi magandang inasal ng isang tiga Baguio Water District na nakatalaga sa BWD Col-

lections sub-office sa Maharlika Building.

Ayon sa Ginang marami daw silang senior cirizen na nakapila sa may Maharlika para magbayad ng kanilang "water bills". Nakita raw nilang lumabas mula sa opisina ang babaeng tauhan ng BWD kaya't mag-isa na lamang ang naiwan para sila'y asikasuhin sa pag-aakalang nagpunta lamang ang babae sa CR kaya't nagtiyaga na lamang silang naghintay, pero makalipas daw ng mahabang sandali ay hindi pa bumabalik ang babae kaya't napilitan daw ang iba na magreklamo sa isang guwardiya na nasa di kalayaan.

Nagulat at namangha raw sila dahil ng bumalik na raw ang babae ay may bitbit na itong isang malaking plastic bag na naglalaman ng mga pinamalengke. At dahil dito ay hindi raw nakatiis itong ginang at kinompronta ang nasabing babae, imbes na magpakumbaba raw itong babaeng tauhan ng BWD, eh sumagot sagot pa raw ito ng pabalang kaya't di naaiwasan daw na sila'y magsigawan.

Naku, Apo Teresita De Guzman ng BWD, kung totoo nga itong sumbong, aba pakitignan mo naman itong mga tauhan mo. Pakituruan sila ng tamang "good manners en right conduct". At sabihin din na hindi sila sinuswelduhan para gamitin nila ang iba nilang oras sa pamamalengke. Kaya mo ba Apo Manedyer? Ano rin sey nyu mga kagalang galang na Ginang "Guanzon" at "Rondez"? Tootoo ba ang sumbong? AMININ!

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They burned Divina's house even while her husband and two sons were inside. "But they took the pig that Divina's family was raising to sell and pay for future emergencies," the study reports. "You're dead Erlinda, you're dead" rang in my ears after my daughter and I were interrogated", another said.

"Living with shattered lives and dreams, their survival is a statement... that these women prevail despite all the abuses they received," the study adds.

Of 16 study participants, 14 suffered from various illnesses. Nine were afflicted with post-traumatic stress disorder. Marina, Erlinda, Venecia and Tanya bolt up, midnights, dreaming they heard guns cocked. Divina and Luisa still tremble when they hear helicopters. Linda and Flora couldn't review "Culture & Society" transcript. "They no longer wanted to be reminded of what happened."

Correct or not, "victims of extra judicial killings are perceived to belong to CPP-NPA while the perpetrators to the AFP," Cristina Montiel of Ateneo's psychology department told the Summit. "Perpetrators must be made to account if "we are to "achieve a Philippine state free of blood-letting and respectful of the rule of law."

"Government must devise ways to implement the doctrine of command responsibility" for human right abuses, constitutionalist Joaquin Bernas, SJ .suggested at the " Summit". Congress could draft such a bill and the President certify it as urgent".

Will they listen to voices of these shattered women? Upon prodding of the military, the Philippines refused to sign on to the Rome Treaty which explicitly spells out command responsibility. After all, this is a government whose "first and last resort is to do nothing until the problem is buried with the last activist", Rep Locsin noted./ JL Mercado

## Independence day committee formed

BAGUIO CITY— Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. has created an executive committee to oversee the city's celebration of the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Proclamation of Philippine Independence on June 12.

In Administrative Order No. 77, the mayor named the following to the executive committee: Rep. Mauricio Domogan as honorary chair, the mayor himself as chair, Vice Mayor Danile Farinas as co-chair, city administrator Peter Fianza as action officer and city tourism operations officer Benedicto Alhambra

as deputy action officer. The mayor also formed sub-committees for the various events lined up.

The program proper and special events will be headed by Councilor Perlita Rondez and Richard Carino with the following as members: Bishop Carlito Cenzon, Dr. Gl Bautista of the Baguio Centennial Commission, Philippine Information Agency Cordillera regional director Helen Tibaldo, Dept. of Interior and Local Government city director Evelyn Trinidad, secretary to the mayor Ronald

Perez, Saint Louis University Dean Gil Espiritu, Baguio Tourism Council head Anthony De Leon, Dept. of Tourism regional director Pura Molintas, city auditor Fernando Somera, Johnny Dela Cruz and Alhambra.

The traditional parade committee will be chaired by Councilors Antonio Tabora Jr. and Joel Alangsab with members Maj. Gen. Leopoldo Maligalig of the Philippine Military Academy, city police director Moises Guevarra, Engr. Mariano Alquiza of the Dept. of Public Works and Highways, fire chief Supt. Juanito Palaroan, Engr. Archiemor Ellamil of the City Disaster Coordinating Council, Marivic Macadaeg

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# THE WEEKEND JUNCTION



**RECOGNITION CITATION** – Bishop Ernesto Salgado (center) of the Catholic Vicariate of Laoag receives the plaque from Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. as one of the pioneer leaders of the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM) during the 20th anniversary celebration of the BRM at the Baguio Athletic Bowl, Monday. Looking on is BRM Chairman and City Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia./ Dan Ricky Ong

## Baguio offers sisterhood ties with Makati, eyes twinning renewal with Lucena, Mandaue

BAGUIO CITY— The city government has offered to establish a sisterhood relationship with the country's urban business center Makati City even as it also sought renewal of ties with the cities of Lucena and Mandaue.

The city council recently approved three resolutions for said purpose. Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas earlier informed the body that Makati City through Mayor Jejomar Binay conveyed desire to forge sisterhood ties with Baguio during one of Farinas' visits to Makati.

"On the one hand, Baguio City is a distinct city with many assets such as

being located at 5,500 feet above sea level with temperately cold weather situated on mountainous hills covered with forest greenery, city originally planned by American planners like Daniel H. Burnham, Major L. W. V. Kennon and former Baguio City Mayor, the late Eusebius J. Halsema, with an American rest and recreation center popularly known as Camp John Hay and Voice of America installation; further, it is also the site of the well-known Philippine Military Academy (PMA) and various Spanish Roman Catholic monasteries, runnery enclaves, and the city

is known as the Center of Education and Tourist City in the northern part of the Philippines," the body

noted in the resolution.

"On the other hand, Makati City, the Financial Center of the Philippines, is the most developed city in

Metro Manila, has the highest per capita income and is very generous in providing social benefits to its residents in education, health

and taxpayers services."

"A formal sisterhood ties between these cities will promote brotherhood and good-

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