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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

## *Pahayagang palabanan!!!* City officials back multi-sectoral group stand vs. casino

BAGUIO CITY – City officials last week backed the call of a multi-sectoral group here to stop the plan to put up casino at Camp John Hay here.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday assured that he is one with the city council in its stand to support the anti-casino sentiment because this violates the condition set by the city council on the development of John Hay that no gambling operation will be allowed inside the former military facility.

The city council last Monday approved a resolution appealing to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to stop the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement said to be forged on July 1, 2008 between the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Camp John Hay Development Authority (CJHDA) for the casino operation.

The body also passed another measure asking the mayor to deny the business permit application of any applicant for casino operation in the city.

The council also decided to invite the top officials of the  
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*AID FROM BEHIND COLD BARS. Salvador Tubedan turns over P361.00 of what could have been "yosi money" of inmates in Barangay Pag-asa, City Jail to Lorna Mangisel, mother of 1-year old heart patient Trinalyn Jail as Supt. Rebecca Pawid gives words of support to the toddler./Bong Cayabyab*

*Maniwala kayo na ayaw ng mga opisyal ng Casino, Jueteng nga hindi mapatigil!*



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## Hk Columnist A Bigot; Urges Filing Of Case For Damages

Sen. Chiz Escudero said yesterday that racism on the part of some arrogant, narrow-minded individuals only show that there are people whose mindsets belongs to a bygone era.

Escudero was referring to an opinion piece by Tsao titled "The War At Home" that was published in the March 27 issue of HK Magazine.

Tsao implied that the Philippines had no right to dispute China's claim on the disputed Spratly Islands, since many Filipinos work in Hong

Kong as domestic helpers.

The Spratlys are being claimed in whole or in part by China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam.

Escudero said it was not enough for the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to just condemn Tsao's piece.

"I am not asking the DFA file a diplomatic protest. But our government must address this issue squarely and defend the dignity of Filipinos. If we need to take legal action against

Tsao, let us do so. Our government should be in the frontline on this; they can hire a lawyer in Hongkong if at all, and file a case for damages," he said.

Escudero said this move would serve two purposes, one, it will send the message that we as a nation will not take this sitting down, two, our government, even with its insensitivity to a lot of our people's plights, can at least make our people who toil overseas feel that their government somehow listens and acts for them and defends them./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

## Deception By Insertion

Sen. Chiz Escudero said yesterday that the stimulus fund package culled from the 2009 budget could be used for other purposes beneficial to the administration through insertions.

"That's why I have always touted the importance of transparency and even triple checking so that we will not be deceived by such terms like 'double

budgeting' or 'insertion'," the opposition senator said in a statement.

He added that it was important to know who inserted what and how much to prevent wastage and determine culpability for any misappropriation.

Escudero noted that by vetoing the transparency provision in the P1.415-trillion budget, President Arroyo's adminis-

tration is no longer required to give a breakdown of lump sum allotments to different agencies.

"Now that the 2009 budget has been passed, we should be more vigilant to prevent scams and shenanigans involving the use of government funds," he said.

The government has said that the stimulus fund package of at least P50 billion is designed to enable the country to ride out

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## Gov't Stimulus Plan A Mirage

### P67-B DEFICIT NOT DUE TO PUMP-PRIMING EXPENDITURES

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday described the government's P330-billion stimulus plan as nothing more than a "mirage," as the country's budget deficit for the first two months of the year stood at P67 billion.

"The stimulus plan has not caused economic expansion except perhaps to shoot the deficit through the roof.

What cannot be denied is that stimulus spending is done in spurts while deficit spending has surged," Escudero said.

The senator issued the statement to dispute the government's explanation that the deficit swelled to P67 billion because of "increased pump-priming expenditures" under the Economic Resiliency Plan (ERP).

He said that it was not true that the 60-day deficit ballooned due to accel-

erated spending, adding that the government exceeded its programmed expenditures for January and February by a mere P1.6 billion, or from a little over P226 billion to P228 billion.

Less the P1.6 billion, Escudero said the deficit is attributable to revenue shortfalls.

"So this leads to one indisputable conclusion: the much vaunted pump-priming is a mirage, a Powerpoint illusion. The govern-

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## Lawmaker calls for transparency in Executive clemency grants

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero on Friday called for more transparency in the series of processes that leads to a grant of executive clemency or presidential pardon to convicted criminals.

Escudero said that while the power to grant clemencies and pardons resides absolutely with the Office of the President, it should be an exercise in transparency in or-

der to prevent any speculations of impropriety.

"While the power to pardon and commute sentences is absolute, it should be exercised with utmost transparency in order to afford all interested parties the opportunity to be heard and their position and opinion should be considered before the President decides," he said.

The senator issued the statement in response to the

reported grant of executive clemency to Rodolfo Manalili, the mastermind of the "Cochise-Beebom" double murder, by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Manalili, along with four others, had been sentenced to a double life term for the abduction and killing of Ernesto "Cochise" Bernabe II and his girlfriend Ana Lourdes "Beebom" Castaños in 1990.

Escudero said that the Board of Pardons and Parole Cont. on page 10



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## Baguio jail inmates deliver Earth Hour plus another

Environmentalists led by the World Wildlife Fund had asked the world for 60 minutes without electricity last March 28. They explained saving millions of kilowatt hours will help combat global warming.

In response, the small world of some 500 souls inside the Baguio city jail gave 125 minutes. The prisoners could have ex-

tended "Earth Hour Inside" – as their backdrop cut-out announced – past bedtime.

In the dark, they listened to visiting folk and country musicians sing of their dreams, hopes and heartaches.

As soon as the prison plunged into darkness at 8:30 p.m., the prisoners primed themselves up for a

candle prayer. Eight women detainees in green "Save Mother Earth" T-shirts quietly moved around the walls of the courtyard. One after the other, they lighted wax sticks in front of each cell and then floated metal-cupped ones on a water-filled cooking vat in the middle of the quadrangle.

As they watched the glow of **Cont. on page 11**



**DANGEROUS LIVING GIRL.** A girl living in Irisan, Baguio City hang on to electric wires unmindful of the dangers it could bring her while playing at the edge of the cliff at the back of her home.

## City cocks legal gun vs. Sinot over Asin resort

BAGUIO CITY – Somebody's wish is bound to get fulfilled soon...

The City Government last week finally filed civil suit against Roger Sinot, erstwhile manager and alleged "de facto" operator of the City-owned Asin Hot Springs Resort (AHR).

Peeved by constant changing of one protagonist's strategy

from "appeal to pity" to "wanton disregard for authority," the City Legal Office started stockpiling ammo against Sinot a year ago at the behest of council members seeking bid out of AHSR operation.

Apparently, a number of bidders were lining up, expressing interest in running the facility, which according to local officials, can be more beneficial to the

city government.

The complaint, docketed as civil case No. 293, was filed in the Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Tuba, March 30.

The city prays the court order Sinot to vacate and turnover the AHSR; to pay the city P1.5-million in rent plus surcharge and interests; and to pay P0.5-million in exem- **Cont. on page 10**

## Asin hydro water row ripens to criminal suit

BAGUIO CITY – Somebody's promise which is someone else's wish just came true with the filing of a criminal suit which could finally determine who gets to squeeze more water from the Asin river.

"This is just our first salvo," declared City Legal Officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes last week revealing a criminal complaint was filed by the City Government of Baguio against self-styled Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association

(TNHALA).

TNHALA members led by one Roger Sinot allegedly diverted water from the city-owned Asin Hydroelectric Plants (AHP) causing shutdown of two of three plants.

Plant 1 was likewise fenced with barbed wires, according to the complaint filed by the city.

Indictments for

grave coercion; unauthorized obstruction of river or waterways; and obstruction of an irrigation canal is now undergoing preliminary investigation by the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, which may ripen into a full-blown court battle.

Maximum imposable penalty for the cases filed is up to P6,000.00 in fine or

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## Five-year old twins gather coins for toddler

Twins Airah and Rhia Estepa, who turned five last Feb. 10, have yet to fully learn how to count. Still, they heard clear what their father Luis told them last year while they were watching television footages of ailing toddlers needing help.

He told them change should – and would – count.

So the look-alikes, who were born a minute of each other, started retrieving tiny coins

adults swear would cost more to bend for than to leave on the ground. Together with what their parents gave, the twins routinely dropped their assortment of Central Bank mint into a

porcelain jar. Early last week, the girls could hardly lift what they'd saved – about four kilos. Luis, a volunteer for the City Disaster Coordinating Council, scooped **Cont. on page 7**

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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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## Palm Sunday - and the basics

(Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday. It finds many of us struggling to shuck off what, during the past turbulent year, seemed so important. This abridged article by Loyola School of Theology's Fr Catalino Arevalo, S.J., focuses on the "basics" .- )

September 11 forced many of us, even unwillingly, to reflect on, or at least think of, death. The novelist, Leo Tolstoy wrote that for anyone, who is over 40, not to think upon death, is to be foolish.

It is a salutary exercise, specially in Lent, to reflect upon our death. "The two great mysteries that confront us are God and death," Richard Holloway writes. "And the life of Jesus Christ illuminates the darkness of both."

The raising of Lazarus is a good starting point. Jesus then told us: "No man has seen but only the Son." He revealed his Father as unconditional and compassionate love.

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And (again, citing Holloway) "Jesus also lit up the other great

mystery that confronts us —death —by irradiating the awfulness of death with the power of his own life."

Martha, who wept at his dead brother's grave, said Lazarus would "rise again, in the resurrection on the last day." "I am the resurrection and I am life," Jesus responded.

But Jesus' reply is not about the last day; it is about the now; it is about himself, even now, as life. "If someone has faith in me, even though he dies, he shall come to life," Jesus responds. "And no one, who is alive, and has faith, shall ever die. Do you believe this?"

A recent nationwide survey found that only about 30 percent of young Filipinos (from age seven to 21) believe in life after death, in heaven, or in hell.

Those who conducted the survey —people with excellent academic credentials —were shocked by these findings. "Those who believe there is no resurrection" are majority of the young around us.

Believing Christians fail very badly to communicate to the young what they repeat every Sunday in the Creed: "We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Many of the young, in most countries throughout the world, have no idea of what the words, "I am life" tell us.

But in Lazarus' raising, we meet the Jesus' pledge "which has accompanied Christians in their death, since the dawn of the Church." In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes: "O death, where is your victory. Death, where is your sting?"

Paul does not mean there is no natural death for those whom the redemptive work of Christ delivered from the power of sin. No. But the Christian, in faith and hope, does not encounter death as a mystery of darkness, of threat, fear-even terror.

The Christian, in faith and hope, meets death as his final freeing, even joyous encounter, with the Christ who died and rose again for him, to be with him, especially in the last hour of his earthly life. The saint of Lisieux, the Carmelite nun Therese Martin, said of her death: "I do not die; I enter into life."

Death is going home to a loving and forgiving Father. It is something like Jesus' dying in the Gospel of Luke: "Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit."

A writer has said that Jesus' last words on the cross, in Luke, are aptly "translated" by the child's bedtime prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep/ I pray thee Lord, my soul to keep/ And if I die before I wake/ I pray thee Lord my soul to take."

Imprisoned in Rome, and facing execution, Paul wrote to the Philippians: "For to me life is Christ and death is gain...and what I long for is to depart and be with Christ."

Death is not darkness, for Paul. Nor is it threat or terror. It is going into the fullness of life. Therese wrote: "I do not die. I enter into life..." For the saints, Christ has become a "blazing reality" waiting for them...loving infinitely more than time-bound earth-bound lovers.

One great blessing of the priesthood (is) how often we meet

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## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

MGA KABABALAGHAN SA NCIP  
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Ano ba ang layunin at mandato ng NCIP o National Commission On Indigenous Peoples ? Ayon sa nakasaad sa RA 8371 o ang "The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997."

**Sec. 2. Declaration of State Policies.-** The State shall recognize and promote all the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) hereunder enumerated within the framework of the Constitution:

a) The State shall recognize and promote the rights of ICCs/IPs within the framework of national unity and development;

b) The State shall protect the rights of ICCs/IPs to their ancestral domains to ensure their economic, social and cultural well being and shall recognize the applicability of customary laws governing property rights or relations in determining the ownership and extent of ancestral domain;

c) The State shall recognize, respect and protect the rights of ICCs/IPs to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions and institutions. It shall consider these rights in the formulation of national laws and policies;

d) The State shall guarantee that members of the ICCs/IPs regardless of sex, shall equally enjoy the full measure of human rights and freedoms without distinctions or discriminations;

e) The State shall take measures, with the participation of the ICCs/IPs concerned, to protect their rights and guarantee respect for their cultural integrity, and to ensure that members of the ICCs/IPs benefit on an equal footing from the rights and opportunities which national laws and regulations grant to other members of the population and

f) The State recognizes its obligations to respond to the strong expression of the ICCs/IPs for cultural integrity by assuring maximum ICC/IP participation in the direction of education, health, as well as other services of ICCs/IPs, in order to render such services more responsive to the needs and desires of these communities.

Towards these ends, the State shall institute and establish the necessary mechanisms to enforce and guarantee the realization of these rights, taking into consideration their customs, traditions, values, beliefs, their rights to their an-

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**THE PEACE COMBATANT**

*Are we a nation of servants?*

**BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN**



A Hong Kong columnist with the name Chip Tsao called the Philippines a nation of servants. The context: Tsao is reacting to a threat from the Philippine congress to send gunboats to the China Sea to defend Spratly Islands from China.

Tsao said that there are 130,000 Filipina maids working as \$3,580-a-month cheap labor in Hong Kong. He said that as a nation of servants, the Philippines should not flex muscles at their master from whom they earn most of their bread and butter.

It was good that Filipinos both in Hong Kong and in the Philippines protested Tsao's statements. Certainly, Tsao's statements are not only incendiary given a the peace between China and the Philippines, but they are insulting as well to Filipinos. It was good that somehow that our Department of Foreign Affairs was also at the forefront of the protests.

Unfortunately, one local columnist opined that the insult should be taken as a point for Filipinos to improve themselves. One local official took great pains to explain that maids are indispensable and, thus, never mind if a columnist called the Philippines as a nation of servants because servants are important. They are indispensable to Hong Kong, especially to its business class.

Of course, we must protest insults like the one hurled by Chip Tsao. We owe this to our fellow Filipinos, to our families, and to future generations of Filipinos. Our children should be raised up humble but they should be made proud of their Filipino roots or heritage.

In apologizing for his misdeed, Mr. Chip Tsao said that the word "servant" is a good term and that his article was never intended to insult Filipinos.

Are we really a nation of servants?

No, we are a nation who find honor in work. We are nation who are willing to sacrifice and work hard for our families no matter what other people may think of us.

We are a proud people willing to sacrifice everything for our beloved. We are a nation unashamed to make our hands dirty so our families can have food to eat.

We are a people willing to shed our blood so we can realize our dreams.

We are proud Filipinos who find dignity in industry, even if there are a few among us who steal, rob, and kill. Yes, many of our countrymen are domestic helpers. But we are a lot better than many other nations whose citizens have started as slaves, as prisoners and as deportees, and as criminals thrown-out of their homelands. .

Philippine Overseas Employment Authority (POEA) data indicate that out of the close to 3,000 daily deployment of Filipino overseas contract workers, 48% are service workers, 46% are professional and skilled workers, and around 1% are administrative and managerial workers. Thus, data indeed indicate that a large bulk of our labor exports is actually of the highest caliber and skill.

Unfortunately, the situation also means that we have a brain drain problem that threatens to emasculate our nation's growth. But the difficult situation is only temporary. As in the history of all nations that had been in our situation, soon we will be able to overcome the yoke that has been stalling our national growth. Other nations' histories have proven that economic growth can be accelerated and that even slavery can be eliminated. If slavery can be eliminated then so are the problems that are not as serious as slavery.

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**KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS**

*Praying of the Holy Rosary is Bible-based*

**BY: BATAS MAURICIO**



**PRAYING OF THE ROSARY IS BIBLE BASED:** Roman Catholic Christians practice the praying of the Holy Rosary, which is something that is balked at by others who believe in Christianity on the argument that praying the Rosary is paganistic in origin.

I did some reading on the matter, and indeed, there is nothing in the Holy Bible that says Christians should pray the Rosary, as there is even no mention of the Rosary in any pages of that Book.

But when one looks at the mysteries of the Rosary, one begins to understand that whoever conceived and thought of this prayer, dedicated to Mary, the Virgin Mother of Christ, actually was following the examples of many leaders of the Christian faith, enshrined in many pages of the Bible, where they resort to repeating the history of the Israelites, from their exodus to their arrival at the Promised Land, as a means to strengthen their faith.

Just look at the story of Gideon, in Judges 6 and 7 of the Bible, and you will see what I mean. Before Gideon finally relented to be used as God's chosen one to deliver his people from the Midianites who were causing them sufferings, he had to recount Israel's story all over again.

This is what is happening when a Roman Catholic prays the Rosary: he is actually repeating a tried and tested tradition of Christian leaders, for he is reminded of the full and entire story of Christ, from the announcement of his birth by the Angel Gabriel to his Ascension to Heaven, taken directly from the Bible itself.

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**PROPERTIES INHERITED BY THE SPOUSES FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE RELATIVES DO NOT FORM PART OF CONJUGAL ASSETS: QUESTION:**

Dear Attorney Batas and Fellow Lawyers, Shalom po sa inyong lahat! Nawa'y lagi kayong pagpalain ng Diyos sa inyong libreng pagtulong sa kapwa.

Gusto ko pong malaman kung legally considered po ba na conjugal property ang minana ng either of the wife or the husband mula sa mga yumaong magulang? Marami pong salamat in advance para sa legal advice na ibibigay ninyo sa akin. God bless po! Lubos na nagpapasalamat, Zenaida C. Ventura ([zetacv47@yahoo.com](mailto:zetacv47@yahoo.com)).

ANSWER: Zenaida C. Ventura, maraming salamat sa tanong na ito, at Shalom din sa iyo. Sana ay pagpalain ka din ng Diyos at maraming salamat sa iyong mga panalangin sa amin. Anyway, ang mga manang ari-arian ng mga mag-asawa ay hindi nagiging conjugal property.

Ayon sa Civil Code of the Philippines at sa Family Code, ang mga ari-arian ituturing na conjugal property, o yung ituturing na pag-aari pareho ng mag-asawa, ay ang mga ari-arian maipupundar nila mula sa kanilang mga trabaho o kita, at mula sa kita ng mga ari-arian kanilang naipundar. Hindi kasama sa mga ituturing na conjugal property ang mga ari-arian mamanahin o minana nila mula sa kanilang mga magulang.

Ang mga minana ay magiging hiwalay nilang pag-aari, na ang ibig sabihin, maaari nilang gamitin, ibenta, isanla o idispatsa sa anumang paraan nilang nanaisin ng hindi na kinakailangan pa ang pagsang-ayon ng kanilang mga asawa.

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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATES US \$ 2 M FOR WATER PROJECTS FOR POOR FILIPINOS:**

The Rotary International and the U.S. Agency for International Development (US AID) will give US \$ 2 million to the Philippines and to two other countries to help Rotarians fund water delivery and conservation projects to the poor and the marginalized.

This is the gist of a news release sent to me the other day by Lyne Abanilla, the chairman of the Rotary International Public Imaging Resource Group for the whole Philippines. The news release follows:

"Istanbul, Turkey — Rotary International and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are teaming-up to save lives by bringing clean drinking water and basic sanitation to communities

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## Pinupuna at Pinapansin..... ..... from page 4 cestral domains.

O Hindi ba na paka ganda ng layunin, hangarin at objective ng NCIP, kaya nga lang ang tanong ay katulad din ng tanong ko nung nakaraang kong kolum ay kung nasusunod ba ito o kung sino-sinong ungas lamang ang na kikinabang sa kapangyarihan ng NCIP na maka pag pa titulo ng mga lupa kahit na ang beneficiary ay hindi tunay, rightfull at deserving ancestral land claimant? Katulad din ng nasabi ko sa naka raan kong kolum ay ating ihahayag ang email ng isang impormante na nag email sa atin, itong si MZ Baredo, basahin ang kanyang bitin na email kung saan edyo inaakusahan pa ako ng may pag kaka kongsaba sa NCIP. Sa susunod natin kolum ay medyo tutumbukin natin ang ilang mga alegasyon na marami raw mga karumaldumal ang nagaganap sa NCIP particular na sa NCIP na sumasakop sa CAR.



### corruption at NCIP

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March 27, 2009

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Dear Mr. Aquino:

I am once again sending you an email regarding your supposedly dislike for graft and corrupt practices in government, but before I get to the point let me state for the record that I do not believe in your advocacy and I believe that you are part of the problem of graft and corruption through your connivance with corrupt officials.

What is your involvement in the various ancestral claims that have been filed at the National Commission On Indegenous Peoples (NCIP) for various lands located within Baguio City and Benguet Province, wherein which this ancestral land applications are bogus and will not truly benefit true ancestral land claimants?

In this latest information I am providing to you, I will again have the pleasure of observing you on what action you intend to take. In fact, there is talk that you are acting as a fixer at the office of NCIP Baguio and Cordillera, how true is this Mr. Aquino?

As usual, once again I will be monitoring what actions you will take. If no action will be taken on your part, I will have no choice but to file a complaint against you and your organization at the office of the Ombudsman and as usual as I have been doing I will also be denouncing your illegal acts at the other City Council Offices. I will be watching you Mr. Aquino the self appointed "Nagmamalinis" Anti Graft Watcher.

Yours truly,

MZ Baredo

CC: Office Of The Ombudsman,

Atty. Eugenio A. Insigne, Chairman NCIP, Cordillera Administrative Region and Region

Email address: resource@ncip.gov.ph

## parking prohibition approved

BAGUIOCITY— The city council approved on third reading an ordinance "declaring it unlawful for any public utility buses and jeepneys, vans-for-hire including freight trucks and other similar vehicles to park or to use as terminal, parking space and unloading area particularly Abanao Street, Chanum Street, Governor Pack Road, Harrison Road, Otek Street and Tabora Park, including any road, street, right-of-way, plaza, park, and any other public place."

Authored by Councilors Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Richard Carino, the measure seeks the relocation of the loading and unloading areas and stations of these vehicles outside of the central business district to ease vehicular traffic, human crowding and air pollution in the said areas.

In their proposal,

the proponents cited paragraph 3 of Resolution Nr. 144, Series of 1995, adopting the recommendation of the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC) that mentioned that: "Based on the findings, the committee is recommending the immediate enforcement of Section 1 of Ordinance Nr. 410, Series of 1964, which states that 'No passenger buses and freight trucks shall be allowed to use any road, street, right-of-way, plaza, park or other public place, as a terminal or parking place.', and let the operator abide by the provisions of their CPCs which among others specifies that franchise holders or operators shall provide their own off-street terminals. It is further recommended that south-

bound buses should look for an off-street terminal outside the Central Business District preferably near or within the vicinity of Marcos Highway and Kennon Road, and, for north-bound buses, Quirino Highway."

"The committee advocates the dispersal of destination trips to the CBD. The concentration of north-bound buses at Governor Pack Road is in contradiction to the Committee's stand on dispersal. It instead resulted to the convergence of travelers to a common point which resulted to traffic jams along Governor Pack Road," the proponents noted.

Penalties include fines ranging from P1,000 to P3,000 with confiscation of license and imprisonment./aileen p. refuerzo

## ACAN to strengthen Anti-Child Abuse Advocacy Campaign

BAGUIO CITY – Statistics from the City Social Welfare and Development Office shows that there is a significant increase in child abuse cases that are being reported since 2003.

In a report made by Social Welfare Officer Shirley Casallo, in interview in a local radio last week, they have recorded 301 cases of child abuse in 2007, compared to the 188 cases in 2003. Casallo also stressed that majority of the child abuse cases reported

were sexual abuse and physical abuse.

Casallo explained that the increase in cases reported only proves an increase in awareness of the people in the city (regarding child abuse), though she also admits that there are still many cases of child abuse that are not being reported.

In line with this, the Anti-Child Abuse Network (ACAN), which is composed of 28 partner members, that includes govern-

ment line agencies, city government and non government organizations, is now strengthening its advocacy campaign, through improved and updated advocacy materials.

The ACAN has been involved in information campaigns and on providing assistance to child abuse survivors since 1996. ACAN was conceptualized after sentiments had been expressed by concerned agencies and citizens regarding the repetitive investiga-

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## Editorial

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Christians, who come to death with the same longing of Paul:

Just in the last few years —a classmate, brought by long illness from a less-than-exemplary life to peace, at the end, convinced of God's gentle mercy for him; a dying grandmother I gave communion to, could not contain her longing to be with the Lord; a nun, with cancer pains tearing her apart, saying: "Jesus will be there, at the bend of the road."

"I am the resurrection and I am the life. "That life Jesus gives us, not at the end of our lives only, but even now. That life, which is his own, and will never die in us, but only come to fulfillment in death. "No one who lives, and has faith, will ever die."

Most of us do not love God with the "blazing fire" of the saints. We have not come to look on death they way they did. We're caught in the secularized world's attitudes towards death—fear, even terror, or the sad studied indifference of those who cannot bring themselves to face it.

"One reason I am a Christian, "a famous preacher said, "is because I want to know how to die." One of Church's purposes is to reach us how to die-how to give up the earthly things and earthly-loves we hold on to, so passionately.

Thus, when the final letting go is asked of us, at the end of our life's journey, we shall have, at last, gathered in our hearts, some true longing for the lasting beauty, "ever ancient, ever new."

It awaits us, "after this our exile." Perhaps, we can learn to say with Therese, even half-haltingly, even with poorer faith: "I do not die. I enter into life".

## Batas.....

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in the developing world.

"The partnership was announced today at the World Water Forum in Istanbul , Turkey , in advance celebration of the March 22 observance of World Water Day.

"The public-private alliance will leverage the resources of both organizations to implement sustainable, long-term water supply, sanitation, and hygiene projects in three countries: the Dominican Republic , Ghana , and the Philippines.

"Alliance activities in each country will be funded jointly by USAID and Rotary, with an expected minimum of \$2 million per country in the initial phase.

"The countries were selected based on need, as well as the ability and experience of local Rotary clubs and USAID missions to address the challenges. Other countries will follow based on the success of these pilot experiences.

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**BATAS NG DIYOS:** "...For God so loved the world He gave His only Begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have everlasting life..." (John 3:16).

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**REMINDERS:** Please watch Atty. Batas

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

## Asin hydro..

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up to 6-years imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court.

It could be remembered TNHALA issued a December 2, 2008 demand giving the city government "60-days to look for alternative water sources to operate the Asin Hydroelectric Plants (AHP)."

These, apparently for the city's failure to accede to TNHALA's demands for imbursement for the city's use of their lands encroached upon by AHP trappings.

TNHALA earlier tried to seek refuge from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). However NCIP, July 4, 2009, denied TNHALA's application for a writ of preliminary injunction against the city government.

NCIP pointed out the action is really one for payment of compensation and not one concerning land claims.

Despite the NCIP's junking of the writ application however, Sinot allegedly ordered diversion which caused the city government huge profit losses.

As of February 25, city officials estimated losses at P647,347.00.

In an earlier interview, mayor Reinaldo bautista, Jr. maintained, "We never left the negotiating table."

He said, "All the while, TNHALA made us believe they were willing to sit down with the Asin Management Committee (ManCom) and discuss what is fair and reasonable compensation for lands encroached upon by AHP trappings."

He lamented, "Sadly, when ManCom provided documents hoping TNHALA would help fast-track negotiations as agreed, the group surreptitiously used the same in seeking injunctive relief against the city before the NCIP."

Baguio was subrogated to Baguio Water District's water rights upon turnover of the AHPs in 2006.

Rabanes for his part said, by seeking relief from NCIP, TNHALA cannot, on their own, do away with expelling the City Government from operating the AHPs.

He added, "They took the law in their own hands and thus, we are filing the case to vindicate the right the city holds over water used to benefit the people of Baguio via said facility."//SL

## Five - year old.....

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the coins into a Ziplock bag and brought it to city hall, with his twins in tow.

Earlier, Luis showed the kids news photos of Trinalyn, a year-and-eight-month old toddler needing treatment to close a hole in her heart. The twins agreed to deliver to her what they had accumulated.

City hall employees had to help Luis sort, count, wrap and tag the coins according to denomination. Aside from tens, fives and ones, they found on the table spread three tiny pieces of one centavo, 45 of the five-centavo copper with a hole in the middle, 75 of 10 centavos and 66 yellow quarters .

They amounted to P476.28 which the twins turned over to Trinalyn's parents, Joel and Lorna. Their gift included 12 U.S. cents.

It didn't occur to Luis who Trinalyn's parents were until he saw them. He recognized they were the same young couple who had rented a portion of his house along Naguilian Rd. years back, when they still had no kids.

After the turn-over, Joel had to rush to work issuing bingo game cards at the Centermall. Lorna and their two kids proceeded to the city jail to receive another amount raised by the inmates.

"Konting tulong lang ang kaya namin," Salvador Tubedan, the newly elected village chief of what the prisoners call their "Barangay Pag-asa", explained as he handed P361. "Yong kalahati ng ambag namin na P721 ay para rin sa kasama naming preso na may kanser."

Perhaps awed by the unfamiliar surroundings, the baby began to cry in the office of jail warden, Supt. Rebecca Pawid. Her incessant wails last October, just after she turned one, led to a check-up. Trinalyn was diagnosed for a congenital heart defect medically termed patent ductus arteriosus.

When he heard, Jim Ward asked artists exhibiting their work at his Bliss Café inside Hotel Elizabeth if they could share 10 percent from their sales for Trinalyn's 2D Echo test last Wednesday.

"There's good news and bad news," Jim said over vegetarian lunch last Thursday. "(Pedia-cardiologist) Dr. Gerry Acosta told me the need for corrective surgery may not be immediate but advised that it be done before Trinalyn turns three."

Two other donors earlier delivered P3,000 each while another who also requested anonymity contributed P1,000. Fernando Demog added P200.

Trinalyn's father is the sole breadwinner while her mother attends to her needs and those of her elder sister, five-year old Trishalyn. The family shares a house owned by Joel's parents at Irisan Barangay.

In the Estepa home, Luis' twins are back to dropping coins into their jar, hoping to hear more often the clink that has become music to their ears./ Ramon Dacawi, with reports from Jennifer Nagyasan.

Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT FIRST  
JUDICIAL REGION  
La Trinidad, Benguet

OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE JUDGE

RE: PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT  
AS NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTY. RUBIE  
LORRAINE S.  
BOGYA-LICTAO  
*Petitioner.*

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
NO.09-NC-0155

NOTICE OF  
HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for appointment as notary public filed by the above-named petitioner shall be held on April 16, 2009 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning before the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, La Trinidad, Benguet. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto on or before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, the first publication to be made not later than March 29, 2009.

SO ORDERED.  
La Trinidad, Benguet,  
Philippines, this 26TH  
day of March, 2009.

By (SGD) BENIGNO  
M. GALACGAC Vice-  
Executive Judge

March 28 and  
April 4, 2009

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF PETITION FOR  
CORRECTION FOR  
THE CHANGE OF  
NAME OF MINOR  
SELINA BAYAONA  
ALVAREZ TO  
MARIETHERESE  
G BAYAONA  
AND ORDER  
CORRECTION OF  
ENTRY IN THE  
BIRTH  
CERTIFICATE OF  
PETITIONER.,

Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL  
TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
Branch 8  
La Trinidad.  
Benguet

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE PETITION  
FOR THE  
CANCELLATION  
AND  
CORRECTION  
OF THE  
CERTIFICATES OF  
LIVE BIRTH OF  
JULIET  
MANADLANG

JULIET  
MANADLANG  
*Petitioner,*

-vs-

THE LOCAL CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF  
ATOK BENGUET  
PROVINCE

*Respondent.*

SPEC PRO CASE  
NO. 08-C-1526

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SELINA B.  
ALVAREZ(MARIE  
THERESE  
BAYAONA)  
Assisted by  
TERESITA C-  
BAYAONA,  
Grandmother And  
Guardian,  
*Petitioner.*

- versus -

LUIGI ARNOLD  
ALVAREZ and THE  
MUNICIPAL  
LOCAL CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF LA  
TRINIDAD,  
BENGUET  
*Respondents.*

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SPECIAL  
PROCEEDINGS

ORDER  
*Petitioner*  
through counsel,  
filed this petition  
praying that after  
due notice, publica-  
tion and hearing, the  
court will render  
judgment in favor of  
the petitioner as fol-  
lows

1. Ordering the  
Local Civil Regis-  
trar of Atok, Benguet  
to CANCEL the Peti-  
tioners Certificate  
of Live Birth under  
Registry No. 2004-  
159 registered on  
April 1, 2004;

2. Ordering the  
Local Civil Regis-  
trar of Atok, Benguet  
to make the correc-  
tions in the Certifi-  
cate of Live Birth of  
petitioner registered  
on April 15, 1985  
under Registry No.  
8500161

a) Surname of  
petitioner in Item 1.  
be

corrected from  
MANADLANG to  
ANG;;

b. Religion in  
Item 8. be corrected  
from JEHOVA WIT-  
NESS to ROMAN  
CATHOLIC;

c P First name  
of Petitioner's father  
in Item 9. be cor-  
rected from  
MARIANO to TUAN  
BA

CASE 09-C-1540

ORDER

Petitioner as-  
sisted by her Grand-  
mother and Guard-  
ian Tourist G  
Bayaona through  
counsel, filed this  
verified petition  
praying that after  
due notice, publica-  
tion and hearing the  
court orders the Lo-  
cal Civil Registrar  
of La Trinidad, Benguet  
to change the follow-  
ing entry in her Cer-  
tificate of Live Birth  
as follows

No. : from  
SELINA BAYAONA  
ALVAREZ to MARIE  
THERESE G  
BAYAONA And to  
CANCEL 1. the en-  
tries:

Date and Place  
of Marriage of Par-  
ents : October

WHEREFORE.  
finding the petition  
to be sufficient in  
form and substance,  
the court sets it for  
hearing on May 11,  
2009 at 8:30 o'clock  
in the morning in the  
Courtroom of this  
Court. Rm. 202. 2nd  
Floor. Justice hall,  
Justice Hill. La  
Trinidad. Benguet  
and all persons in-  
terested may appear  
and show cause, if  
any, why this peti-  
tion should not be  
granted.

Let this Order  
be published at the  
expense of the peti-  
tioner in the Junc-  
tion, a newspaper of  
general circulation  
in Baguio City and  
Benguet Province,  
once a week, for  
three (3) consecutive  
weeks, the first pub-  
lication to be made  
not later than March  
29, 2009.

Furnish copies  
hereof together with  
a copy of the petition  
and its annexes to  
the office of the So-  
licitor General, 134  
Amorsolo Street,  
Legaspi Village,  
Makati City; the Lo-  
cal Civil Registrar  
of Atok: Municipal  
Hall. Sayangan,  
Atok, Benguet; the  
P r o v i n c i a l

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And to JUST  
LEAVE It BLANK.

WHEREFORE,  
finding the petition  
to be sufficient in  
form and substance  
the court sets it for  
hearing on August  
13, 2009 at 9:00  
o'clock in the morn-  
ing before the Ses-  
sion Hall of this  
Court, Capitol, La  
Trinidad, Benguet  
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Let this Order  
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TION, a newspaper of  
general circulation  
in Baguio City and  
Benguet Province,  
once a week, for  
three(3) consecutive

Prosecutor's Office,  
Justice Hill, La  
Trinidad, Benguet;  
the petitioner and  
her counsel.

SO ORDERED

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lication to be made  
not later than March  
29, 2009.

Furnish copies  
hereof together with  
a copy of the peti-  
tion and its annexes  
to the Office of the So-  
licitor General,  
Makati City; the  
Provincial Prosecu-  
tor Benguet; the Local  
Civil Registrar of La  
Trinidad, Benguet;  
the Junction: the pe-  
titioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 25th day of  
march 2009 at La  
Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS  
A. BULIUYAT SR.  
Presiding Judge

March 28 and  
April 4 - 11,  
2009

By:(SGD)  
MARYBELLE L  
DEMOT MARINAS  
Presiding Judge

April 4 - 11 &  
18, 2009

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tive process and of the handling of  
an abused child.

To further boost its anti-child  
abuse advocacy, ACAN is now pre-  
paring a new Memorandum of Agree-  
ment that will define the roles each  
partner members will play in the  
fight against child abuse.

Aside from advocacy campaign,  
ACAN also offers counseling,  
psycho-social interventions, and re-  
ferrals to psychiatrist and protective  
custody.

In the same radio interview, Ms.  
Mary Jane Abanse, City Technical  
Action Officer of DILG also stressed  
the need for the participation of  
Barangay Council Protection Center  
(BCPC), in all of the barangays in the  
city in anti-child abuse advocacy.

According to Abanse, at present  
more than half Baguio's 128  
barangays are still lacking in partici-  
pation. She re-iterated her call on  
barangay officials, who still lack  
knowledge and trainings on children  
rights and issues, to contact ACAN  
so they can conduct seminars,  
trainings and workshops. This way,  
barangays will be able to help in  
strengthening anti-child abuse advo-  
cacy campaign and awareness./Ha-  
zel Cawaing/PIA

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH 4 (FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET) FIRST JUDICIAL REGION La Trinidad, BENGUET

Place of Marriage of Parents: from TUBA, BENGUET to LA TRINIDAD BENGUET And to DE-CLARE Nicolie D. Khayad as the legitimated child of Francis S Khayad Jr. and Eunice D. Khayad

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

Sumali as follows: Sex : from MALE. to FEMALE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION AND CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF THE MINOR NICOLIE DONGALEN KHAYAD,

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on August 6, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court. Benguet Provincial Capital. La Trinidad. Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MARION JOY C. SUMALI,

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on July 29, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Capitol, La Trinidad Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

FRANCIS S. KHAYAD JR., Petitioner,

Let this order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION

MARION JOY C SUMALI, represented herein by her Father QUINTO B. SUMALI, Petitioner,

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the JUNCTION, NEWSPAPER a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once : week, for three(3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than March 22, 2009..

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET.

NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks. the first publication to be made not later than March 22, 2009.

HL,- LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BOKOD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office Of The Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Bokod Benguet, ; The Junction Newspaper ; the petitioner and Counsel

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS Case no. 09-C-1538 ORDER

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City: the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet, The Junction Newspaper, Tthe Petitioner and Counsel

Respondents,

Petitioner, through counsel filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication end hearing, the court orders the Lard Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following entries is the Certificate of Live Birth of Nicolie D. Khayad as follows:

SO ORDERED.

X-----X SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 09-C-15308

Name of Father - from FRANCIS TOM SORIA KHAYAD JR To FRANCIS SORIA KHAYAD JR. Date of Marriage of Parents: from SEPTEMBER 5, 1994 to APRIL 19,1996

This 17th day of March 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

ORDER Petitioner. through counsel, filed this verified petition praying the after due notice, publication and hearing the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of Bokod, Benguet to change the following entry in the certificate of Live Birth of Marion Joy C.

SO ORDERED.

This 16th day of March 2009 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

SGD. FRANCIS S. BULIYAT SR. Presiding Judge

By:(SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR. Presiding Judge March 21, 28 and April 4, 2009

March 21, 28 and April 4, 2009

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

CESAR CAMPULAT Applicant Case No: 89-01-365 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TUBLAY via ACOP and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit1. Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 14, 2009 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 30th day of March 2009.

(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

RICO MIRANDA Applicant Case No: 94-CAR-101 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - LOWER FAIRVIEW and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit1.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 14, 2009 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.

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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 30th day of March 2009.

(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 MARCIAL LUCIO, Rep. by: FAITHS. LUCIO Applicant Case No: 2000-01-1539 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 and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TRANCOVILLE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit1.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 14, 2009 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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 30th day of March 2009.

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

**City officials..**

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BCDA and the CJHDA to its session on April 13 to explain the existence of the deal.

The council actions came after a dialogue with the members of the multi-sectoral group led by Catholic Bishop Carlito Cenzon, Rev.Dr. Simplicio Dang-awan and lawyer Alexander Bangsoy.

The group staged an "awareness rally" at 12 noon last Monday marching down along Session Road and ended at City Hall for a dialogue with the city council where they also submitted a resolution opposing the casino operation which was supported by over 15,000 signatories.

"The city of Baguio has always been vigilant on its stand against all forms of gambling under any form or guise as evidenced by Resolution No. 236 series of 1991 entitled 'A Resolution opposing the return of casino to Baguio or the establishment of a new one under any other form or guise' and Resolution No. 446 series of 2008 'Vigorously opposing the establishment of a casino or the conduct of a gambling activities at Camp John Hay and anywhere in the city...,' the council resolution addressed to the President notes.

The body said the casino deal in John hay "runs counter to the sentiments of the majority of the residents of the city who seek to live in a gambling-free environment."

The aldermen also expressed trust that the city's conditionalities attached to the city council's approval of the master development plan for Camp John Hay in 1994 will remain in force. The second condition attached in said approval as per Reslition No. 362 series of 1994 was that the "BCDA shall ensure that only wholesome, family-oriented entertainment and recreational activities are conducted within the zone" (and that "no casino operations shall definitely be allowed under any guise or form."

"The MOA which was entered into and signed without the knowledge of the duly constituted authorities of the City violates the very essence of the said resolutions and is a betrayal of the commitments made by the BCDA which led to the approval of the Master Development Plan (for John Hay development)," the measure read./aileen p. refuerzo

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ment did not overspend, it undercollected," he said.

Escudero said that granted that P226 billion has been released to agencies, only a fraction of this is for capital outlays.

"Of the funds earmarked for capital outlays, only a miniscule portion has been sank into the ground because disbursement should not be equated with actual spending as there is yawning time gap between the two," he explained.

"But the best argument why the spin that the P67 billion was due to expenditure front-loading does not fly, lies on the ERP itself. Many economists including an Ateneo teacher's pet himself, have said that only a

sixth of the P330-billion package can be considered new spending," Escudero said.

He said most of these new spending are off-budget items, like the hike in Philhealth benefits.

"If it were a dough; the ERP was lathered with so much yeast that the result is a bread made fluffy by air," Escudero said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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the global economic crunch.

Escudero questioned the lack of discussions on the proposal, since some of the funds for the package were taken from a realignment of the executive department's budget.

"We have seen the creation of the Property Development Assistance Fund that primarily included the diversion of almost P20 billion in proposed spending for debt services and agrarian reform to increase allocations for public works, local governments and Congress, he said.

"We have to remember that this is an election year. And worse, it might also be a cha-cha year. We have more than enough reasons to make sure that this budget is spent for the right reasons," Escudero said./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

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(BPP), which recommends clemency for prisoners, should make public its actions on applications made by qualified convicts.

"The BPP is the one that's tasked to come up with recommendations on who is qualified or not to receive the presidential reprieve. It should inform all interested parties, particularly the families of the victims, whenever someone is being evaluated for possible clemency or pardon," he said.

He added that the families of the victims can file an opposition to any application before the BPP or even in courts, if warranted.

"Informing the families of victims must be given an opportunity to oppose or build a case against the application for clemency, if they so choose. What happens now is we are being surprised by the grant of clemencies left and right," Escudero said.

The senator explained that while the President has the sole prerogative to grant clemencies, she can also choose not to approve an application.

"It is not ministerial on her part, as what Anthony Golez is saying. It is still discretionary. That is why it is important that she hears all the sides before she makes a decision. The grant now becomes an informed judgment," he said.

"This is one government process where transparency is of utmost importance. The grant of clemency to a prisoner evokes strong emotions, especially from the families of the victims. We should not take this lightly, as this administration does."/Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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plary damages.

Records show, Baguio bought the AHSR from one Lucio Ramirez sometime in 1935 with a proviso that the same be maintained as a "public bath house and swimming pool."

Sometime in 1967, adverse claimant Bernardo Catbagan, Jr. filed a case of recovery of property against Baguio over the said lot.

The case dragged on until the Court of Appeals which in 1980 dismissed the Catbagan complaint.

In 1976 however, Catbagan secured a 20-year lease contract with the city to operate the AHSR. The lease expired 1996.

Despite termination however, Sinot assumed operations of the AHR in 1994 without authority from the city government. His predecessor Catbagan died the same year.

On April 8, 1999, then mayor (*now congressman*) Mauricio Domogan called the attention of Sinot and demanded him to pay P5,000.00 in monthly rentals since assuming AHSR operations.

Later in 2002, councilor Nicasio Aliping proposed resolution seeking to give Sinot lease. The proposal was eventually referred to the drawer due to election season.

While Domogan placed demandable monthly rentals at P5,000, the proposed monthly dues was cut to P3,000 under the draft agreement contained in the 2002 botched negotiations.

Not content, Sinot submitted another proposal to pay measly P2,500 monthly rentals in 2006.

Sinot leads the self-styled Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association, Inc. (TNHALA) against which the city likewise filed a criminal case against for allegedly diverting water from the hydro-electric facilities in Asin (*See related story*).

"This is just first salvo," City Legal Officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes declared./ISL

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**ESTATE OF THE LATE MARCOS SADCAT,**  
**Rep. by: ANTONIA M. SADCAT**  
**Applicant**  
**Case No: 2000-01-2285**  
**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 and passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - LA TRINIDAD and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 14, 2009 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 day of March 2009.

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

**Baguio jail..****.... from page 3**

flickering candles from the vat sprinkled with red and white rose petals, some inmates focused inward. They turned to silent, personal intentions of hope - for release, for their families, for truth or, perhaps, to pray for lighter sentences.

A women's choir in dressed white broke the silence with Secret Garden's "You Raise Me Up" for the doxology. The prison crowd then burst into cheers, then quieted down for George dela Cruz's general prayer and a reading of their statement for the Earth Hour.

"Let these lighted candles remind us of your Son Jesus Christ, the Light of nations...Hear us, O Lord, and save our Mother Earth."

Unplugged folk and country music then pierced through the darkness. The quartet of lawyers Jose "Bubut" Olarte and Angie Cabrera, prosecutor Rolly Vergara and Sarah Adapang opened up with Bob Dylan. Bryan Aliping sang his original Igorot compositions before March Fianza and Dick Oakes took over.

Expatriates Miggs Meru and Art Bulayo, the president of the Northern California chapter of BIBAK, an organization of Filipinos who trace their roots to the Cordillera, joined in. Visitor Joy Muller interpreted "Smile", the plaintive piece she explained was composed by the world's greatest comedian, Charlie Chaplin. A young woman inmate belted out Merle Haggard's "Sing Me Back Home Again".

The prison crowd kept asking for more, and jail warden, Supt. Rebecca Pawid, obliged. She had the lights switched back on at 10:35, after the musicians regrouped in a semi-circle around the lighted vat for the finale - Joni Mitchell's "The Circle Game".

"This is a realistic and committed observance of Earth Hour," noted city administrator Peter Fianza. He came with his wife Eva, the punong barangay of Happy Homes.

"We'd rather cover here than outside," said Philippine Daily Inquirer reporter Vincent Dizon who was with photo-journalists Ev Espiritu, Rick Reyes and Art Tibaldo.

Worried she would be lockedout, news anchor Ala Sungduan of Mountain View Cable came 30 minutes early. The crew of ABS-CBN-Baguio apologized for having to switch on and off its battery-powered camera light to be able to capture part of the proceedings.

"Perhaps we can do this again sometime," suggested Salvador Tubedan, whom the inmates just elected as their "punong barangay" of what they call "Barangay Pag-asa".

"This is the first time in the history of this institution that we have this one-of-a-kind activity responsive to the global call for action...to stand up and take control over the future of our planet Earth," the warden said.

Among the visitors was regional director Helen Tibaldo of the Philippine Information Agency. She recently opened a special category for the inmates in a region-wide essay contest focused on development and autonomy for the Cordillera.

For their observance beyond the hour

asked, the inmates received a P5,000 incentive from the Benguet Electric Cooperative. BENECO community relations officer Leo Belingon asked them to "please use it for any cooperative project you deem proper".

Warden Pawid then had the lights on, for her wards to hit their double decks and for the musicians and guests to call it a night.

Then the courtyard and cells were dark again./Ramon Dacawi.

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Arts which is supporting the program, said the second phase of the training will begin this month, to focus deeper on indigenous music and dances, indigenous knowledge, crafts and arts and traditional environmental and agricultural practices.

Initiated by Culture for Peace and Progress Network (CupNet), a non-government organization led by Alberto Salbino and program coordinator Manny Gayao, the program is supported by the Sagada Central School and the Sagada National High School and the Barangay Council of Patay, Poblacion under village chief Dennis Lopez.

Mt. Province Gov. Maximo Dalog and Evelyn Taclobao, member of the executive committee on cultural and traditional arts of the NCCA, earlier endorsed the school similar to that earlier established in neighboring Ifugao Province.

Gayao said that while Sagada's cultural practices such as the "begnas" and other rituals are still intact and being observed, they are expected to diminish gradually due to migration, commercialization of the economy and other influences.

"As part of the learning process, the kids were asked to research and learn from their parents and grandparents chants and songs such as the 'day-eng', 'liwliwa', oggayam' and 'daing'", Gayao said.

"We're just glad that the elders of Sagada, who are the cultural keepers and masters, were enthusiastic enough to help the two schools teach the children," Gayao added./RD.

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Concio said they have formed quick response teams and roving units to roam areas frequented by tourists like the parks and the city market. Extra teams will also be on hand to respond to calls.

CEMO employees will work in their usual 22-hour shifts even during the holidays.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas last Monday asked Concio to prepare transition plan for waste management in

line with the stoppage of the hauling operation in Capas, Tarlac.

Concio said that with the cessation of the hauling activities in Capas, Tarlac, the city is now employing its own waste disposal system.

The city collects only the residual wastes which are segregated at the Irisan dumpsite and are used to fill up recessed portions in the area preparatory of the rehabilitation project.

Recyclable wastes are left to the barangays for disposal while biodegradable wastes are taken care of by the households.

Concio said the Irisan dumpsite rehabilitation project will soon be bidded out and the project is expected to start in a few weeks' time.

The deal with Holcim cement firm for the disposal of residuals to their cement plant in Bacnotan, La Union and the arrangement with the Department of Agriculture for the composting project are also expected to begin soon.

The mayor reiterated that the city government has reopened the Irisan dumpsite to complete the rehabilitation work required of the law and not for waste disposal purposes.

The dumpsite will be used to receive residual wastes that will be sorted out in the area before transport to the cement plant of Holcim Philippines Inc. while a part of the residuals will also be used for restructuring.

Concio said the residual wastes will indeed be used to fill up recessed or open spaces in the dumpsite before these can be covered with soil preparatory to the vegetation process, which is also part of the rehabilitation program for the dumpsite.

Concio said the city would need tons of discarded residual wastes as there are numerous recessed portions needed to be filled up especially when the city implements the construction of the perimeter fence around the area./aileen p. refuerzo

**City plans .****.... from page 12**

also announced the plan to push through with the rehabilitation of the Baguio Convention Center which is considered as another priority project of the city.

He said he is expecting CBAO to also submit the BCC restoration plan anytime soon.

The work expected to cost P20 million is targeted for completion before the city's foundation centennial celebration this September 1.

The mayor said he hopes that said projects can be implemented successfully as planned./aileen p. refuerzo

## Sagada establishes school of living traditions

**SAGADA**, Mt. Province – Thirty pupils and students here recently took turns beating gongs, stepping into the movements of ethnic dances, chanting and singing songs of old at

the end of their 36-day immersion into their own culture.

Their recital at the Sagada Central School last March 21 marked the initial phase of a continuing effort to pass on the cultural

practices and traditions of this remote, yet internationally famous cultural haven, under the guidance of the School of Living Traditions established last September.

Maria Crisedna Magsumbol of the National Commission on Culture and  
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## Garbage contingency plan for lenten rush up

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city government has prepared contingency plans to address the expected increase in garbage output here with the

influx of visitors for the Holy Week observance.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. said the city environment management office (CEMO) under

Romeo Concio will be on hand to tackle this concern even as he appealed to residents and tourists to do their share by minimizing their wastes and practicing segregation in their households.

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## City plans repair of market, rehab of convention center

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city government will definitely embark on two crucial projects this year: the repair of damaged portions of the city market and the rehabilitation of the Baguio Convention Center.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday announced that he has signed an order directing the city building and architecture office (CBAO) to prepare a plan for the construction of a temporary structure in the area affected by recent fires using government funds.

The city had in

the past been exercising caution in dealing with the market development project in deference to the contract with the Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation (Uniwide) which had been declared binding by the courts.

But Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, a member of the task force recently constituted by the mayor to negotiate with the Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation (Uniwide) on the development of the city public

market said the city decided to push through with the market repair plan on the strength of the Local Government Code provision to promote the general welfare of the public.

He said the Local Government Code authorizes local government to do actions that



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**JAN LAROSA/ PNS**

are “essential to promotion of general welfare,”... “promote health and safety,”... and “preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants” and the market repair is a crucial concern that needs such action from

the local government. Farinas said the decision to push through with the project was reached nevertheless in the presence of a representative from Uniwide.

Bautista said the struc-

tures to be built in the fire-affected areas and other market sites will all be temporary or collapsible so these can be easily dismantled should the full-blown market development project be implemented.

The mayor  
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