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

Pahayagang palaban!!! National Debt Doubled During Gma's Term



TWICE THE BLESSINGS FOR AN ANGEL. 5-year old twins Airah and Rhia Estepa, 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 by becoming twice the blessings to 1-year old heart patient Trinalyn Joy Mangisel by donating tiny coins amounting to P476.28 which adults swear would cost more to bend for than to leave on the ground./Bong Cayabyab

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday said the national debt doubled during the almost eight-year term of President Arroyo, saying the administration's stimulus plan is being used to validate extensive borrowing.

"The administration's stimulus plan should not stimulate government into borrowing more under the guise of helping the poor. The plan to expand government spending should be done without enlarging national debt and indenturing future generations," Escudero said.

The senator disclosed that when President Arroyo assumed power in 2001, the national debt stood at P2.004 trillion.

"This has since doubled to P4.221 trillion by end of last year, which, by the way puts to shame Legacy's double-your-money promo," he said. Escudero said the shock does not stop there, as the national coffers paid more in interest and principal payments for the loans it secured from 2001 to 2008.

"What rubs salt to the wound is that during the same period, we coughed up P4.436 trillion in inter-

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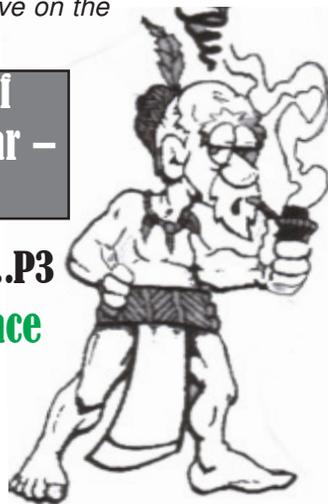
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BY: ODELL "BOMBITO" AQUINO



Lawmaker To Vfa Commission: Balikatan Affecting Local Livelihood

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero on Friday said he had asked the Visiting Forces Commission to look into reports of the adverse impacts of this year's Balikatan Exercises in Bicol provinces on the livelihood of locals, particularly that of fisherfolks.

In a letter to Edilberto Adan, executive director of the VFA Commission, Escudero said fisherfolk organizations based in Bicol called his attention to a fish ban being implemented in areas covered by the military humanitarian

mission in the region. The senator said the concern was aired by the National Federation of Small Fisherfolk Organizations in the Philippines (Pamalakaya) to him in a letter last month.

He also said there with the advance deployment of Philippine and US troops in the area, "fear and confusion among residents have likewise ensued.

"It appears that the planned Balikatan exercises in Bicol, given their scope of operation, have seriously af-

ected the livelihood of fishermen and farmers because of the imposition of a fish ban," Escudero said in his letter.

"This is a matter too serious to be ignored since it involves the rights of our fellow Filipinos, constitutionally enshrined and mandated. Their right to livelihood and freedom of movement can and should never be curtailed, especially if this even means an accommodation of a foreign interest."

Also, Escudero called on the govern- **Cont. on page 10**

Lawmaker Urges Gov't To Focus On Leading People To Overcome Crisis

Sen. Chiz Escudero said that today's celebration of the heroism of our soldiers who fought in Bataan and Corregidor should inspire everyone to pull together so the country can overcome the adverse economic fallout from the current global crisis.

"Today is not business as usual. The times demand that we set aside personal agendas for the urgent task at hand: that of leading our people in confronting and overcoming the difficult times in the days ahead," Escudero said in statement.

"Let us focus on ensuring food security for our

people, protecting jobs of our workers, and keeping our children in school," the senator said.

Escudero said this year's commemoration of the gallant defense made by Filipino soldiers fighting under the American flag in Bataan and Corregidor is made "more meaningful" because their great sacrifice has been "finally recognized by the United States."

He pointed out that their heroic stand derailed the invasion timetable of the Japanese Imperial Army and allowed the Allied forces to regroup and eventually turn the tide against the Japanese forces.

"The heroism of our soldiers is especially inspiring because most of them were in their 20s, inexperienced in the art of warfare, who answered the call of the motherland with unflinching courage – so very much like the revolutionaries who won freedom and founded Asia's First Republic," Escudero said.

Thousands of Filipino and US soldiers were killed in Bataan and Corregidor and the subsequent "Death March" from Bataan to the prisoner-of-war camps in Capas, Tarlac./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

Court Decision On Sison Gives Peace A Chance

Sen Chiz Escudero asked the government yesterday to speak with the United States government and the European Union if both can temporarily remove the terrorist tag on Jose. Ma. Sison and the Communist Party of the Philippines so that peace talks can resume with the leftist rebels.

"By throwing a 'monkey wrench' to the process, the government is

seemingly maintaining a hard-line stance and prolonging the impasse," the opposition senator said.

Escudero said leftist rebels could be convinced to return to the negotiating table after a Dutch court dropped murder charges against exiled CPP founder Jose Ma. Sison.

The case involved Sison as allegedly behind the killing of former New People's Army (NPA) com-

rades Romulo Kintanar and Antonio Tabora.

"The National Democratic Front (NDF) previously sought a halt to the 'persecution' of Mr. Sison," he recalled.

The NDF is the umbrella group of left-leaning organizations in the Philippines, while the NPA is its armed wing.

Talks between the two sides have been suspended since 2003.

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Restart peace talks with ndf, milf Gov't can't fight a multi-front war – chiz

Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday said the government should reflect on its war policy against the major insurgent groups and initiate moves aimed at re-

suming peace talks with the communist National Democratic Front (NDF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

"While we laud the valor of our soldiers, the government knows we can-

not fight a multi-front war," the opposition senator said.

"Perhaps, the best legacy this administration can hand down to our people is to initiate the resumption of talks with main **Cont. on page 10**



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Women's waste technology forum set

BAGUIO CITY - A technology forum on solid waste management for women will be conducted on April 15 and 16, 2009.

Resource persons from Industrial Technology and Development Institute (ITDI) of the DOST will discuss the vari-

ous modes of waste management/including the use of styro-plastic desifier, waste plastic bags in
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COUNTDOWN! Vice mayor Daniel Farinas switching on newly-installed compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) at the city market wet section. The replacement of old incandescent bulbs (IBs) was in line with the DOE-UNDP-GEF Philippine Efficient Lighting Market Transformation Project (PELMATP) dubbed "Palit-Ilaw." (From L) Nano Bright CEO Anthony Ho, Bong Baquiren of the Mayor's Office, Dir. Kaye Bariso, DOE Usec. Loreta Ayson, Bong Alvar of the Baguio Legal Meat Vendors Association, and Market Supt. Policarpio Tamayo./Monch David

Spes rolls in summer 2009

BAGUIO CITY - For 300-deserving students, "poor" is not a reason to hamper education.

About 300-students were granted summer jobs under the city govern-

ment- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) this 2009.

The SPES program was in-

roduced 18-years ago via Republic Act 7323.

It is geared towards aiding poor but deserving students pursue their education by
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Learn ethnic rhythm this summer at the ymca

Embarrassed to claim you're a Cordilleran simply because you can't do an ethnic jig or beat the gong?

Spend a week this summer learning the basic steps and the rhythm from the elders under a crash course being offered by the YMCA of Baguio from April 18 to 25 as a new feature of its annual "Summer Frolics" program.

YMCA president Eliral Refuerzo said the initial course is part of a cultural enhancement program being developed by the chapter in keeping with its mission on cultural awareness and sensitivity spelled out under "Agenda 21" adopted by the World Alliance of YMCAs.

Y director Phillian Weygan, the point person for the project, said ethnic troupe organizer Manny Gayao and indigenous sculptor Gilbert Gano Alberto, together with

other elders, have been tapped as instructors and resource speakers.

Interspersed with the dance and gong-playing sessions will be discussions on Cordillera culture, heritage and traditional environmental practices of the highland villages.

The initial batch of trainees will cap the course with a performance at the end of the annual YMCA "Youth Summer Camp" at the demonstration farm of the Benguet State University at Ampasit, La Trinidad town on April 25, according to Refuerzo.

Trainees of all

ages, including children, are advised to register at the YMCA office, either for the morning session from 8 to 12 noon or the 1 to 4 p.m. schedule. They may call up office administrator Aida Aquino at 442-4766 or program administrator Bobby Vinluan at 446-5774.

Registration fee is pegged at P100, aside from Y membership fee of P200 for adults, P100 for college students, P75 for those in high school at P50 for pupils or children.

The Y will also open its pre-school reading readiness program for tots

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ASK calls for earth day participants

BAGUIO CITY - Intensely environment-friendly themed programs abound on Earth Day, April 22, thus, interested participants are called on to join the parade along the city's main street, the program at people's park afterwards and all other related activities.

Parade participants are asked to wear hats decorated with biodegradable or recycled materials, use tropical or locally-produced environmental-friendly costumes, prepare environ-

ment-saving slogans to display along the route and present environmental materials during the program.

During a meeting of the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) foundation last Tuesday at the Mayor's Office, it was learned that Session road shall be closed that day for street art drawings, for Ten Pesos (P10) per participant. Budding art-

ists are encouraged to display only environment-inspired art for one day, with colored chalk as medium. According to Reynaldo Bautista, Sr., ASK chair, sponsors may be willing to take on the cost for those who cannot afford the fee, as no one should be refused the chance to present his or her

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'A tree in arid souls'

Greed is a shabby thread that runs through Holy Thursday's fabric. "What are you willing to give me if I turn him over to you?" Judas haggled with the high priests. "They paid him 30 pieces of silver".

The physician in Luke spotted a psychological detail: "From then on, Judas kept looking for an opportunity to hand him over, without creating a disturbance."

Thirty pieces of silver became a universal symbol of cupidity. This mercenary quid-pro-quo taints much of our national life today. You see it everywhere: from Jose Velarde's bank account, Abu Sayyaf's insatiable appetite for ransom, to Joc-Joc Bolante's fertilizer scam.

"Greed is a tree that grows in arid souls," the Ilocano axiom says. Newsweek underscored that truth, this Holy Week, by

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publishing, it's "11 Greediest Persons of All Time" list. Iscariot didn't make it. But two women did: Empress Dowager Cixi and Imelda Marcos.

In a starving China, Cixi dined, we're told, with golden chopsticks at 150-course dinners. Imelda took "\$5-million shopping sprees to New York and Rome, reportedly owned the world's largest collections of gems and 3,000 pairs of shoes," (Wrong. Only 1,060 pairs, she says.)

Newsweek's "honor roll" list includes, among others: Mongolian warlord Genghis Khan, Roman general Marcus Licinius Crassus, Wall Street swindler Bernard Madoff and Pope Sixtus IV. Did Michelangelo have Sixtus IV in mind when painting the "Last Judgment" in the Sistine Chapel? He depicted there a pontiff in Hades.

"Put yourself in Imelda's shoes," the Observer once suggested. How would you react? Imelda's loyalists leapt in to say their heroine "was only greedy in giving." Avarice, retort her critics. The 79-year-old widow zippered her lips.

That's not always been the case. "If you know how rich you are, you are not rich," she told Inquirer in March 1998. "But me – I am not aware of the extent of my wealth. That's how rich we are."

Imelda pledged to give \$800 million to hard-up Filipinos – if she became president. Hindi siya nag-iisa. Judas slobbered over aromatic nard used to anoint the Master. "Why was this oil not sold for 300 days wages and given to the poor?"

Judas "said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief," John wrote. "He held the money bag and used to steal the contributions."

The poor, in any case, never saw Imelda's \$800 million then. She limped in fifth in a seven-way presidential race. Fidel Ramos squeaked through. Decades later, she's still pledging to share Marcos' wealth.

"People say I'm touched in the head", she told Time magazine just after the Southern Leyte landslide. But the Marcos foundation would unload its millions – finally. "I'll come up with a project that will wipe out poverty here in two years."

Marcos funds are stashed in five 'account groups' abroad, the Supreme Court has noted. These are (a) Azio-Verso-Vibur Foundation; (b) Xandy-Wintrop: Charis-Scolari-Valamo-Spinus-Avertina Foundation; (c) Trinidad-Rayby-Palmy Foundation accounts; (d) Rosalys-Aguamina Foundation; and (5) Maler Foundation accounts.

None supported a single project here. They're like Erap's Muslim Youth Foundation that never had scholars. Courts wrung every centavo Filipinos got from the Marcoses: \$638 million from shell foundations to \$36.4 million that a US district court, in Hawaii, ordered go to martial law victims.

The Newsweek list holds up sorry examples. But men will learn at no other school. And locals have proven quick studies. Yet, "he who is greedy is always in want," Horace wrote.

With martial law bayonets, Eduardo Cojuangco squeezed levies from defenseless coconut farmers. Kickbacks in the ZTE broad-

publishing, it's "11 Greediest Persons of All Time" list. Iscariot didn't



DIRETSAHAN

Dapat bang may Casino-Yes or No???

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Dapat eh bigyan ng kaukulang leksyon itong ungas na columnistang intsik ng hongkong magazine sa panlalait nito sa madlang pinoy matapos niyang isulat sa kanyang artikulo ng kanyang kolumn noong marso 27 na ang bansang pinas ay bansa ng mga alipin. Maraming mga kababayan ang nagalit at nagprotesta bunsod para magpalabas ng order ang bureau of immigration na tanghaling "persona non grata" o "Black Listed" na dito sa pinas ang nasabing columnistang si Chip Tsao. Kasunod nito, nagbigay ng pahayag si Tsao at humingi ng tawad sa mga pinoy pero para sa iba, ang kanyang "Public Apology" ay hindi sapat. Sa king palagay mas maganda kung dalhin siya dito sa Pilipinas na kanyang ininsulto at ipalit siya sa mga red cross volunteers na binihag ng mga Abu Sayaf sa sulo at tignan nga natin ang kanyang tapang sa harap ng mga bandidong handa siyang pugutan ng ulo anumang oras, o kaya pumunta siya dito sa baguio at makurot siya ng pinong pino ni tita, este, tito peps pala (ansarap sigurong pagbabaliin ng buto ang hinayupak na intsik at ipakain sa mga alaga naming aso!). dapat lang na mabigyan ng mabigat na leksyon ang ong ong na columnistang ito ng Hong Kong magazine para hindi siya pamarisan ng iba lalo na ang mga dayuhan, karapat dapat talaga siyang tawaging Chip Tsao, in short, cheapy cheapy cheap chow ng aming asong askal, pweh siya!

Mula Convention center ay nagmartsa. Sa kalsada atsaka nagrally sa peoples park at harap ng Baguio City Hall ang baguio multi – sectoral group noong marso 30. Para iparating sa lahat ang kanilang pagkakaisang adhikain na pumapalag sa planong pagpapatayo ng isang casino sa loob ng john hay. At dahil dito, gumawa ng resolusyon ang Baguio City Council na pinangunahan nina councilors, Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Erdolfo Balajadia, at Fred Bagbagen sa pakikusa nila sa posisyon ng nasabing grupo. Gumawa rin ng opisyal na sulat ang city council para Kay Pangulong Arroyo upang pigilan nito ang planong pag-papatayo ng casino sa John Hay. At kung totoo na ng ating mga opisyal ang kanilang ginawang posisyon, siguro wala nang rason para hindi mabasura ang planong casino na ito, tama ba ako apo mayor at mga onorabel na konsehales ng Baguio? Ano na pala ang nangyari sa idineklara ninyong posisyon dito sa Jueteng at anumang illegal na sugal? Okey ba o okey na? naibasura na ba? kung naibasura na alin na ang nabasura, ang sugal o ang posisyon na naisulat sa papel? Nagtatanong lamang po!

Bakit kaya hindi masugpo sugpo ang lantarang bentahan ng mga

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

*Filipinos will rise up
from their crucifixion*

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



This Easter we commemorate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. His resurrection confirms that good overcomes evil and justice ultimately triumphs over injustice. Just like Jesus, the Filipino people have been crucified. Poverty and corruption are the two main evils that hang the nation to the national cross. As in Jesus' time, the Philippines has its Pontius Pilates, Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Judases, Romans, and a people unawakened from spiritual slumber.

The Pontius Pilates of our time are our government officials. They blame everything from world crises and us as the causes of our poverty and sufferings. They wash their hands of culpability for the situation we are in. But we know that it is their corruption that is largely responsible for our dismal state.

If the estimate that around 22% of the national budget goes to corruption (Senator Jamby Madrigal says this is 32% in 2006) is correct, and our budget is around P1.4 trillion, then the amount that goes to corruption is at least P300 billion annually. This means deprivation of several hundred schools, hospitals, and kilometers of roads.

Note however that corruption is unable to fully explain poverty in the Philippines estimated at 30% of the population. Walden Bello (2008) asserts, for example, that in other societies, the periods when corruption has been most endemic have also been the periods when societies have been most vibrant: England in the 18th century; United States in the 19th and 20th centuries; and South Korea in the late 1960s to the 1980s. Unfortunately, poverty is not likely to be eliminated in the Philippines soon as Philippine gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate has been the lowest in Southeast Asia from 1990 to 2005, lower than those of Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar.

In Jesus' time, the Scribes were the interpreters of the Law in the Jewish synagogues or worship. They were also copyist of the Scriptures and teachers of the Law. Law refers to the laws of Moses in the Old Testament of the Bible. Meanwhile, the Pharisees are a politico-religious sect or a faction among the adherents of Judaism (the religion in Jesus' time using the books of the Old Testament as its foundations of faith). The Sadducees were rivals of the Pharisees in the Jewish faith and are also part of the aristocracy in Jewish time. They are described in religious documents to have owed much of their political power to the Romans who subjugated the Jews in the time of Jesus.

In our time, the Pharisees and Sadducees are equivalent to the religious leaders of our time who are party to exploitation of the Filipino people. They can be the religious groups owning shares of stocks in companies that wreak havoc on the environment or those unashamedly exploiting the working classes.

The Romans today are the developed countries dominating and bullying the rest of the world. One example of this bullying is the occupation of Iraq by the United States of America on the pretext that Iraq is producing and storing weapons of mass destruction. The world found out later that there was no such weapon of mass destruction in Iraq. Further, there are indications that the occupation has something to do with the intent of the bully to establish dominance and hegemony in the Middle East and secure oil supplies.

The Philippines, in particular, is victimized by international bullies in the issue over the Spratlys Islands, world trade, and foreign policy. The Judases of our time are from our ranks. Those of us from the media who may be willing to sell our dignity for a few pieces of silver. Those of us who are willing to betray our responsibility to expose the truth. Those of us who fail to stand true to our calling. Demagogues are also part of the Judases of our time.

As Jesus predicted and warned, we will have false messiahs. It is therefore basically up to us to face the challenges of our time and rise up from our crucifixion.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Life of Jesus recounted in the
mysteries of the Holy Rosary*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE OF JESUS RECOUNTED IN THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: A keen study of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary will show that each of the mystery recited in praying it constitutes one important aspect of the life of Jesus.

In the Joyful Mysteries, for instance, what is recounted are the following events in the life of Christ: Annunciation, Visitation of Elizabeth by Mary, Birth of Christ, Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple, and Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

In the Mysteries of Light, we find the following: Baptism of Jesus, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, Transfiguration and Institution of the Holy Eucharist through the Last Supper.

The Sorrowful Mysteries narrate these events in the life of Jesus: Agony in the Garden, Scourging at the Pillar, Crowning of Jesus with Thorns, Carrying of the Cross, and Crucifixion and Death of Christ.

Finally, the Glorious Mysteries make an account of the Resurrection, the Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption of Mary, and the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Anyone who prays the Holy Rosary, therefore, gets to remember Jesus Christ and is reminded all over again of His status as our God and Savior.

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CHILDREN BELOW 7 YEARS OLD MUST ALWAYS BE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE MOTHER: QUESTION: Good pm Atty. Batas, maaari po ba na manalo sa kaso ang ama sa custody ng kanyang 5 taon gulang na anak na babae laban sa kanyang nabuntisan kung ang pag-uusapan po ay kapakanan ng bata...

Ang bata po ngayon ay nasa mabuting pangangalaga ng kanyang ama, sila po ay hindi kasal at malaki po ang kakayahan ng ama na maibigay ang magandang kinabukasan ng bata.

Ang kanya pong nabuntisan ay meron ng ibang kinakasama ngayon. Ano po ang inyong maipapayo upang manalo sa kaso ang ama... Maraming maraming salamat po! (robt_pin@yahoo.com).

ANSWER: Maraming salamat po sa tanong na ito. Sa ilalim po ng Family Code, nakatakda doon na kung ang mag-asawa (kasal man o hindi) ay maghihiwalay, ang mga anak nilang mababa ang edad sa pitong taong gulang ay ibibigay o ilalagay sa pangangalaga ng babae o ng ina ng mga bata.

Ang ama ay bibigyan lamang ng karapatang makabisita sa kanyang mga anak, sa oras, araw at lugar na papayagan ng ina. Kaya lamang, may exception din ang alituntuning ito, at ito ay nagsasabing maaaring ibigay ang nasabing mga bata sa pangangalaga ng kanilang ama kung ang ina ay malupit sa mga bata, o di kaya ay may nakakahawang sakit.

Maliban sa dalawang sitwasyong ito, wala ng iba pang pangyayari ang maaaring pagbatayan ng pagkuha ng kustodiya ng mga bata mula sa ina upang maibigay sa ama.

Batay dito, lilitaw na kung ang ina ay may kinakasama iba, at buntis na din siya sa kinakasama niyang ito, hindi pa din pupuwedeng alisin sa kanya ang kustodiya ng bata.

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PRESIDENTIABLES FROM THE RELIGIOUS SECTOR HEADING FOR DISUNITY: Even as I was writing this column, the schism and division among the faithful and the believers who are intending to run for president in the 2010 elections is getting to be wider and wider, to a point that reconciliation and unification appear to be hopelessly going beyond the reach of everyone.

I already said this before, and I am going to say it again.

Our so-called men of God—or the leaders of numerically-many spiritual organizations like Jesus is Lord Bishop, Brother Eddie Villanueva, El Shaddai Servant Leader Brother Mike Velarde, and

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Nais kong ipaalam sa ating mga dear readers ang isang email na aking natanggap mula sa isang nagngangalang MZ Barredo kung saan maaaring may basehan ang kanyang email na pinadala sa akin. Ihahayag ko ang kabuuan ng kanyang email sa susunod kong kolum (dala ng kakulangan ng espasyo), ngunit akin munang bigyan ng komento ang kanyang impormasyong ipinarating. Sa totoo lang mga dear readers, hindi ito ang unang beses na nakatanggap ang inyong lingkod ng impormasyon hinggil sa mga posibleng kababalaghan o katarantaduhan nagaganap sa NCIP kaya hindi pwedeng sabinhin nitong si MZ Barredo na ito na siya ang first and foremost only informer hinggil ditto. Kaya ko lang nasasabi ito mga dear readers sapagkat ang kilala kong MZ Barredo ay isang matandang *^&%\$#@(*^&% ngunit pasalamat din naman ako sa lahat ng ating mga impormante maging ano pa man ang kanilang interes o motibo sapagkat hindi ko na tungkulin ang humusga sa motibo ng isang impormante. Ang importante sa akin ay kung mayroon katotohanan ang mga impormasyon ipinarating sa atin.

Kung tutuusin ay maganda at mabuti ang layunin at objective ng creation at mandato ng NCIP kaya nga lang ang tanong ay tapat kaya at honest ang mga nasabing commissioners ng NCIP at hindi kaya sila **KORAP** na katulad din ng mga commissioners ng mga ibang opisina at ahensiya ng gobyerno? Kung **KORAP** ang mga commissioners o ang ilan sa mga commissioners ng NCIP eh kawawa ang magandang layunin ng NCIP kung saan ang mga deserving indigenous peoples at rightful **ANCESTRAL** land claimants at hindi kung sino-sinong **UNGAS** ang makikinabang at mag papasasa sa mga benepisyong makakamit sa NCIP! Sa puntong ito, kahit ako mismo ay maraming mga katanungan hinggil sa istilo ng NCIP sapagkat ang mismong hepe at komisyoner ng NCIP na si Atty. Eugenio A. Insigne (NCIP Chairman) noong sinulatan ko siya noong February 16, 2009 (2nd follow up letter) ay hanggang ngayon ay wala pa siyang sagot sa ating mga katanungan at dedma pa rin. "Bakit kaya," ang tanong.

Alam ninyo mga dear readers, sa ating karanasan, ang isang kawani o opisyal ng gobyerno, kung walang tinatago at sadyang transparent ay kadalasan madaling sumagot at mabilis sumagot; ngunit yung mga may itinatago, aba eh kadalasan ay dedma, o maraming palusot- HE ! HE ! MGA UNGAS TALAGANG OPISYALES NG GOBYERNO NG MGA ITO, AKALA NILA NAKAKA-ISA SILA NGUNIT SA TOTOO AY (AGAAMO TAYON). SARILI NILA ANG KANILANG NILOKO SAPAGKAT MULAT NA ANG MATA NG TAONG BAYAN. Ngunit, dapat sanang pakatantandaan ng mga **SUWAPANG AT MAGNANAKAW** na opisyal na ito na may sinasabing Law Of Karma, meaning what you sow is what you reap. Sa simpleng salita, kapag magnanakaw kayo, balang araw mananakawan din kayo o mas masahol na trahedyang sasapit kung hindi sa inyo ay sa inyong mga mahal sa buhay, yan sa aking palagay ang Law Of Karma.

Sa puntong ito ay nais ko ring pasalamatang ang isa ko pang informer hinggil sa mga kaganapan sa NCIP na si pareng Vic B. Salamat sa lahat ng mga impormasyong na ibigay mo SER!!! Marahil siguro ay dapat ng palitan ang pangalan ng NCIP at huwag ng NCIP kung hindi NCIPILCK as in National Commission On Indigenous Land Claimants Kunwari, Hi ! Hi ! Hi !....

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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;

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DFA to conduct 3rd mobile passporting in Abra this April

BANGUED, Abra – The provincial government of Abra had again embarked on an ambitious project of availing for the third time the outreach program of the Department of Foreign Affairs which is the mobile passport services (MPS).

Applications are now being accepted at the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDDO) at the Provincial Capitol in Bangued, Abra.

Picture taking for the applicants is set on April 17 to 18, 2009. Applications will be accepted until April 23, 2009 for the processing of the DFA in Abra

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plicants are required to appear in person.

Only 400 applications will be accepted for processing during this 3rd round of the MPS project.

Release of the passports will be on May 30, 2009 also at the Provincial Capitol Atrium.

The third MPS project of the DFA in Abra

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PNP, AFP joins forces in the fight against illegal drug

Determined to curb the selling and use of illegal drug in the province, the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippine (AFP) has joined forces to stop the proliferation of illegal substance here.

In their report during the recent Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), PNP has identified marijuana (MJ) as the lead-

ing illegal drug being cultivated and used in the province.

In his report PSupt. Jeremias Oyawon said that the terrain condition and remoteness of the plantation site in Tinglayan has provided "the cultivator a good base for their nefarious activity of planting marijuana."

"Despite so many eradication conducted, marijuana

plants still exist in the area and products are being transported to some areas of Region 2, Baguio City, Metro Manila and nearby provinces," he said.

Aside from MJ, Oyawon said that the illegal substance shabu is also being used in the province.

"Shabu is being purchased in Metro Manila, Baguio City and from nearby provinces in Region 2 in small quantity by us-

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Kalinga colleges integrates human rights education in school curriculum

TABUK CITY, Kalinga – Human rights education is now integrated in school curriculum in colleges here

This was provided in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed between the Kalinga-Apayao State College (KASC), Commission on Human Rights-Cordillera Administrative Region (CHR-CAR) and the Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementors, Inc. (PAEPI) on April 6 here.

The signing

was simultaneous with the launching of the KASC Center for Human Rights Education (CHRE) and the conduct of the two-day trainers training on human rights education (phase 1) at the KASC library.

The training which is part of a series of information, education, communication (IEC) on human rights in the different colleges was attended by KASC faculty members and some representatives of St. Louis

College of Bulanao.

Dr. Eduardo Bagtang, KASC President assured his full support to sustain the center and committed to widen the campaign in other schools and local government units. "Being the center for human rights education, KASC will take the lead in this endeavor," he said.

The MOA mandates KASC to provide a continuing human rights education to its

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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 ancestral 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 may edyo inaakusahan pa ako ng may pag kaka kantsaba 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.

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piratang cd dito sa Baguio? May basbas kaya dito ang ating mga opisyal ng City Hall, Barangay at Kapulisan? Aba, kahit saang bangketa at pati na rin yata kalsada dito sa may Central Business District ay lantaran ang bentahan ng kahit panooring pornograpiya o mga rated x ay parang siopao lang kung ibenta. At alam nyu ba na ang paboritong rason ng mga inutil na kinaaukulan ay trabaho daw ito ng Optical Media Board, pweh, ang babaw ng mga ungas. At ano naman itong mga naibulong sa akin na may mga tao raw na anak siguro ng diyos ang kumukuha ng "TONGPATS" dito sa mga muslim? Sino kaya ang mga lokotoy na ito?. Kung walang basbas, dapat sigurong umpisahan na ng todong pagtsugi sa mga ito at una ng dapat maunang sampolan itong mga nasa bangketa sa panulukan ng Upper Magsaysay at Lakandula sa tapat mismo ng Jollibee at Master Hopia tignan nga nating kung alin ang mas matapang, mga opisyal ng barangay Kagitingan o ang grupong muslim vendor. Abangan....

Ayon sa naibulong sa akin, kamakailan lang, gumagala at nambibiktima na naman daw ang mga hinayupak na mga manlolokong taga Northeast Luzon Foundation inc. o NELFI na pinangungunahan ng kanilang chairman at founder na si Mr. Jeremiah Torres na umano'y taga Santiago, Isabela, at ang ginagamit daw nilang lugar para sa mga "meeting" kuno ay ang mga bleacher sa may Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park ng Baguio, at ang Modus Operandi ay hihikayatin ang mga tao na sumapi bilang miyembro o opisyal ng Foundation at pag nakuha na ang kalooban ay huhuthutan ng pera na kalimitan ay bumibigay ang biktima. Dahil sa tamis ng kanilang dila at mga nakakalulang pangako na obysu ay panlilinlang at pambobola. Tinawagan ko na noon ng pansin ang mga kinaaukulan particular ang NBI - CAR sa pamamagitan ng aking kolum para sana aksyunan ito pero mukhang abala yata ang ating mga ibestigador kaya't hindi nila ito napagtuunan ng pansin. Tignan ko nga ngayon kung papansinin na nila ito, at tinatawagan ko rin ng pansin ang Securities and Exchange Commission para tignan ang mga aktibidades nitong NELFI. HOY GISING!

Ayon sa aking "bubuwit", may nagrereklamo daw na isang vendor sa may Upper Mabini St. sa kanya hinggil sa umano'y pamemersonal ng isang SPO2 Flores na naka-asayn daw sa compac IV ng Station 7, BCPO. Di umano, ito raw si Flores ay laging pinag - iitan itong nagrereklamong vendor na ayon ay laging hinuhuli pero ang mga katabi ay hindi. Kumbaga personalan daw ang panghuhuli at panggigipit nitong si pulis patola. Totoo huba itong naibulong apo SPO2 Flores ng compac IV? Aba, atensyon inspector cambia hepe ng compac IV at inspector Engelbert Soriano, hepe ng Station 7. Pakibusisi nyu naman mga ser itong naibulong sa akin para hindi namin isipin na kinukunsinte ninyo ang mga bulok ninyong tauhan! BUSISIIN!

YAHOO! MAIL
Classic**corruption at NCIP**

Sunday, March 27, 2009 10:11 AM

From: "manuel baredo" <mz_baredo@yahoo.com>

To: aquino_odell@yahoo.com

Cc: info@linisgobyerno.org, resource@ncip.gov.ph

March 27, 2009

Mr. Odell P. Aquino
Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices
Linis Gobyerno

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

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 1 (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 MARIE THERESE G. BAYAONA AND/OR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE BIRTH

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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ORDER

Petitioner through counsel, filed this petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court will render judgment in favor of the

CERTIFICATE OF PETITIONER.,

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,

petitioner as follows
1. Ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Atok, Benguet to CANCEL the Petitioners Certificate of Live Birth under Registry No. 2004-159 registered on April 1, 2004;

2. Ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Atok, Benguet to make the corrections in the Certificate 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 WITNESS to ROMAN CATHOLIC;

c P First name of Petitioners father in Item 9. be corrected from MARIANO to TUAN BA

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

Respondents.

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SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE 09-C-1540

ORDER

Petitioner assisted by her Grandmother and Guardian Tourist G Bayaona through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to change

Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the Junction, 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 29, 2009.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the office of the Solicitor General. 134 Amoroso Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City; the Local Civil Registrar of Atok: Municipal Hall. Sayangan, Atok, Benguet; the Provincial Prosecutor's Office, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet; the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED

By: (SGD)
MARYBELLE L
DEMOT MARINAS
Presiding Judge
April 4 - 11 &
18, 2009

the following entry b her Certificate d Lire Birth as follows No, : from SELINA BAYAONA ALVAREZ to MARIE THERESE G BAYAONA And to CANCEL 1. the entries:

Date and Place of Marriage of Parents : October 10, 1992. Potia. Ifugao

And to JUST LEAVE It BLANK.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in tam and substance the court sets it for hearing on August 13, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morn-

tion 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.

Let this Order be published at the expense d the petitioners m the JUNCTION, 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 29, 2009.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the peti-

tion and its annexes to the Office d the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor d Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar d La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction: the petitioner 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

Housewives, students learn entrepreneurship in CLEEP Road Show

BONTOC, Mt. Province – In line with President's Economic Resiliency Program, the Department of Trade and Industry conducted a Comprehensive Livelihood Emergency Employment Program Road Show to help cushion the impact brought about by recession especially for the most vulnerable sectors brought about by lost of income as a consequence of global economic crisis.

This CLEEP Road Show went around the provinces of the Cordillera region to conduct entrepreneurial skills trainings.

In Mt. Province,

about 40 housewives, students and vendors attended the one-day skills training conducted by representatives from the Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC) and the Cottage Industry Training Center (CITC).

The first part of the training which was conducted in the morning was a lecture on how to start a business and how to be a successful entrepreneur.

Ms. Sylvia Renales of the PTTC stressed that before starting a business, one should have a sure market for his/her product and must have also a strong

self confidence.

In the afternoon, Ethel Sebastian of the CITC conducted a lecture/demonstration on how to make a cappuccino and butter-scotch bars while Ms. Mona Annette Cruz also of CITC lectured/demonstrated how to make gift boxes. The participants had a hands-on in making gift boxes following the patterns provided by the lecturer.

DTI is hopeful that after the training, the participants should apply what they have learned and have a successful business. Juliet B. Saley / PIA MP

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
La Trinidad, Benguet

MORTGAGE UNDERACT 3155, AS AMENDED

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S PUBLIC AUCTION SALE,

DENNIS L. SY,
Mortgagee,

- versus -

CESAR T. ABALOS and SPOUSES GREGORIO T. ABALOS JR, and DELIA LALWET-ABALOS,

Mortgagors,

CASE No. 09-Ex-F-1344
for:

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under act 3155 as amended, filed by Dennis L. Sy, herein-after referred to as the mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of Cesar T. Abalos and Spouses Gregorio P. Abalos, Jr. and Delia Lalwet-Abalos, of legal ages, single and married, respectively, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal address at ID-39, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet, to satisfy the mortgage obligation/indebtedness which as of May 20, 2008 amounts to SEVEN

MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE PESOS AND 82/100 (P7,193,925.82), Philippine Currency, excluding penalties, liquidated damages, interest, attorney's fee, Sheriff's fee and other expenses relative to the foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff or its duly authorized Deputy will SELL at public auction on May 5, 2009 At 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the main entrance of the Benguet Provincial Capitol building, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder, for CASH, and in Philippine Currency, the following

described property with all its existing improvements Thereon, to wit; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.

T-48819 Registry of Deeds, Province of Benguet "A parcel of land (Lot A-2-B-2-A-2-B-1-B, Psd-131110-006009 being a portion of lot A-2-B-2-A-2-B-1, Psd 131110-005403 is situated at Barangay Betag, Municipality of La Trinidad, Prov. of Benguet, Island of Luzon, Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot A-2-B-2-A-2-B-1-1, of subd. Plan; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot A-2-B-2-A-2-B-2, Psd 131110-005403; on the NW)" along line 3-4 by Existing Road 6.00 m. wide; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Baguio-Bontoc National Road 20.00 m. wide. xxx containing an area of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN (337) SQUARE METERS, more or less." This notice of sale will be published at the JUNCTION, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in the City

of Baguio and in the province of Benguet and suburbs, once a week for three (3) consecutive Sundays, the first publication to take place at least twenty (20) days before the date of auction sale. Likewise three (3) copies of the same will be posted in the Barangay Hall of Betag, municipal bulletin board and public Market. All in the municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet and also at the Benguet Provincial capitol building, La Trinidad Benguet, where the auction sale shall take place.

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

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the Title of the subject property of any encumbrance/s thereon, if

there be any.

La Trinidad, Benguet Province, Philippines, this 8th day of April 2009.

FOR THE CLECK OF COURT VI AND EX-OFFICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF BENGUET

By: EDUARDO C. CATANES Sheriff IV TIN 129-981-886

Dates of publication April 11, 18 and 25, 2009

Copy furnished

- Mr. Dennis L Sy, residing at No. 50 Bonifacio Street Baguio City;
- Spouses Gregorio T. Abalos, Jr. and Delia Lalwet-Abalos and Cesar T. Abalos, ID-39, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet;
- File

Editorial

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band scandal ballooned from 20 percent to 60percent. "Back off," ex-commissioner Benjamin Abalos & Co. told whistleblower Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada. Cupidity of local officials, over potentials of sand and gravel contracts torpedoed an P80-billion shipyard project for Misamis Oriental.

"Jose Velarde" account bloated from one peso to P3,233,104,173 in a year. It dwindled when the impeachment against Joseph Estrada started. Jose Velarde and Joseph Estrada were one and the same person, the Anti-Graft Court found. Did Erap gag? "The greedy choke easily," said Boholano and Hilongo proverbs.

In 2000, Abu Sayyaf pegged it's "board and lodging" rate for 30 Basilan hostages at 180 sacks of rice, medicine, canned goods - plus cell phones they fancied. When they hostages ABS-CBN's Ces Drilon and team, rates had bolted into the millions. Negotiators sliced into the loot.

Can you tell a country that bags top slots in lists like Transparency International's dossier of "World's Most Corrupt Leaders" and, now Newsweek's grasping eleven?

Yes. It's one where the affluent few buy ever larger locks, raise higher the walls of gated enclaves and withdraw from the needy. "Self worth becomes net worth," as a banker puts it.

"Government by quid-pro-quo is a blind alley," Cebu Daily News said in a Holy Thursday issue. "It leads, as Judas discovered, to burial in a potter's field."

Newsweek's list is no reason to give up.

There was, after all, only one Judas - but eleven others who, despite their flaws, ultimately stood by what is decent./J.L.Mercado

Kalinga colleges

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faculty; integrate the teaching of human rights in its curriculum; and assist CHR-CAR in advocating for the adoption of the rights based approach to development and governance of local government units.

On the part of CHR-CAR, it will provide capacity building on human rights education to volunteer faculty and students of KASC-CHRE; train human rights educators; and provide services to clientele recommended by CHRE.

For PAEPI, it will support the Center by pooling more volunteers among teachers and students; include human rights education in extension activities; and assist KASC as center for human rights education.

The MOA was signed by Atty. Kub-aron, Dr. Bagtang, Dr. Maximo B. Garming, BOD Member of PAEPI for CAR representing Dr. Angelica M. Baylon, President of PAEPI.

Atty. Harold Kub-aron, OIC Regional Director of CHR-CAR discussed the rights based approach in development of human rights; Brigida Cecilia Abratique on the rights of the child, youth and violence against women.

Estelita Tucaay talked about linking human rights to the millennium devel-

opment goals, CHRE functions and facilitated the formulation of a development plan.

Meanwhile, Kub-aron admitted their office received various complaints of human rights violation and cases were filed or addressed at their level

On concerns raised during the forum, he said the entry of multi-national companies wanting to establish their business in the region have to undergo the process provided by law.

On the presence of the military, Kub-aron said if they are sent to perform their job is a non-issue. However, human rights shall also be respected along with the pursuit of their duties," he said./Peter Balocnit

Court Decision..

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the opposition senator called on the authorities to resolve quickly the case of Edelina Joloso-Jerus, the widow of a slain activist who was shot dead this week in Sorsogon.

"This crime may inflame passions in the Bicol region, especially now that the Philippine-US Balikatan exercises have just gotten underway," Escudero said.

"Let us give peace a chance and offer hope to the people that the longest-running communist insurgency in Asia that has sapped resources and affected so many lives can be resolved peacefully."/Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

National debt..**.... from page 1**

est and principal payments which should have reduced the mountain of a debt into a molehill and not the other way around," he said.

Escudero further illustrated that with the figures on the national debt, it can be calculated that the Filipino people shelled out P1.448 billion a day to pay for the loans made to the tune of P759 million every 24 hours.

"The government's credit panning will continue this year with a conservative deficit target of P177 billion, which translates to a daily debt of P484 million," he said.

"A government that will bow out in 15 months would be so reckless to dump IOUs that will be redeemed from Filipinos yet unborn."

Escudero also stated that based on this administration's debt management record; there is reason to fear that it will use the financial crisis as "smokescreen for a borrowing spree."

"We should carefully spend what we already have before we seek out credit. Stop corruption, curb wasteful spending, and spend only on essentials," the senator said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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ers for personal consumption," he said.

Reporting on the status of drug use in the province, he informed that currently, there are six affected barangays in the province with Barangays Lococong and Busacalan as the most 'seriously affected barangays' for the presence of MJ plantations in the area.

'Less seriously affected' barangays are Wagud of Pinukpuk, Bulanao and Dagupan West of Tabuk while Dagupan Centro was identified under the 'threatened to be affected' category. Aside from MJ, the users in said areas he said were monitored to be using shabu.

He also informed that the PNP identified 13 people under the PNP watch list. Nine of them were categorized as pushers/user, three are said to be MJ cultivators and one user.

In support to the national government's campaign to eradicate the use illegal drugs nationwide, the joint forces of the AFP and PNP has recorded six successful anti-illegal drug operations from January to March this year.

Said operations led to the successful uprooting of 62,500 full grown and 18,000 seedlings of MJ plants from the total 5.5 hectares plantation in the Barangays of Buscalan and Lococong in Tinglayan.

The four mobile checkpoint operations also resulted to the confiscation of 127,750 grams of MJ dried leaves in brick form valued to be around Php 17,899,500.00. Said operations has also resulted to the arrest of three suspected pushers. Oyawon informed that two cases were already filed in court against the suspects./ggd/PIA-Kalinga

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ment to tread on the side of caution and ensure that no untoward incident happens during the conduct of the RP-US Balikatan military exercises being held this month in the Bicol provinces.

"I appreciate the humanitarian help being extended to local communities where the Balikatan exercises have been held in previous years," said the opposition senator.

"But we all know that unfortunate incidents have also happened," said Escudero, who has supported a Senate resolution calling for the abrogation of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) because of its one-sided provisions on criminal jurisdiction.

The senator also said that the government should make sure that American troops involved in the wargames will not be drawn into any armed engagements with communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels who are operating in the area.

Last April 1, communist guerrillas killed three soldiers and wounded two others in an ambush in Ragay, Camarines Sur. A military spokesman said that the soldiers, who were in civilian clothes and unarmed, were conducting humanitarian projects in the province.

"This is a matter which should only be addressed by us Filipinos," Escudero said. "Foreign interference will only exacerbate this conflict."

The first batch of 345 US soldiers from Okinawa arrived on Wednesday in Tabaco City for the month-long joint exercises to be held in Sorsogon, Albay, and Masbate. They are scheduled to build school buildings, rehabilitate roads and waterworks projects, according to officials.

"While I and my fellow Bicolanos appreciate any help that will come, given the meager resources of our government, these foreign entities should keep out of our internal businesses" the senator said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Batas.....**..... from page 5**

Roman Catholic Church priest-turned Pampanga governor, Ed Panlilio—will fail in their quest to put someone who has the fear and love of God in his heart in Malacanang if they will not set aside their differences and unite.

As of now, Villanueva, Velarde and Panlilio seem to be threading political paths that will put them in direct conflict with one another, with each one putting up or aligning himself with one political organization or another, whose interests are totally divergent.

Even as you read this column, the media is starting to be filled with reports of statements from each of these religious leaders bordering on acrimony and belligerency against one another.

If this will continue, and, from all indications, it will continue in the days to come as election nears, we will all be witnesses to the spectacle of men of God being routed once again by those who have no genuine faith in the Lord in the race for the presidency.

Restart peace..**.... from page 2**

rebel groups which can lead to an enduring truce that will last until next year's elections."

Escudero pointed out the military may be overstretching its forces and resources in its current campaign against the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and Basilan even as it hunts down MILF renegade forces in Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur and helping the police in battling the New People's Army (NPA) throughout the country.

He said the police is also hard-pressed in performing its other law and order duties because of the communist insurgency.

"We did this during the time of President Fidel Ramos and reaped peace dividends. Why can't we do it now when we are faced with multi-front war?," Escudero asked.

"We have to contend with poverty, corruption, and rising criminality amid a deepening economic crisis and a potentially divisive election season. We can spend the billions being spent for waging war instead on critical development projects," he said.

Escudero said that administration can implement confidence-building measures, such as a unilateral ceasefire, to show its sincerity in achieving a peace settlement with both rebel groups.

Exiled communist leader Jose Ma. Sison had earlier welcomed Escudero's proposal for the administration to endorse the lifting of the terrorist tag on Sison and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) to break the impasse in the negotiations.

"The removal of the terrorist tag would greatly improve the atmosphere for the peace negotiations and would encourage progress of the process in terms of further substantive agreements," Sison said in a statement from Utrecht, the Netherlands.

"The Arroyo government should heed the advice...of Senator Chiz Escudero," he said.

As for the negotiations with the MILF, the senator said the government must make sure that the local government units in the affected regions are consulted on what it will offer on the table before the resumption of negotiations./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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aged four to seven years on April 15. The fee of P2,055 will be for kits to be given to each trainee.

Those opting to join the regular sports features of the "Summer Frolics" can register until tomorrow, the start of the month-long training, ending on May 15 with a fun tournament. Fees are at P475, inclusive of one-year Y membership.

On the Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule are aikido (9-11 a.m.), badminton (7-9 a.m.) Shin Shin karate (9-11 a.m.), judo (1-3 p.m.), and Sphinx karate (4-5:30 p.m.). On the Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday sessions are arnis de mano (9-11 a.m.), basketball (11 a.m.-1 p.m.), karate under the Japan Karate Assn. (9-11 a.m.), and taekwondo (2-4 p.m.)./Ramon Dacawi.

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idea for the environment.

Individuals or those from the barangays, non-government organizations and socio-civic groups are advised to register, and call the JVO Foundation at tel. no. 446-2843, for details.

Members of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) shall also join the parade in bicycles, so as not to emit harmful fumes from cars or motorcycles, usually being used in parades or motorcades.

A slated "trashion," a parade of models clad in recycled materials is also sure to amuse, entertain and keep more environmental-friendly ideas coming on where to use junk, recyclables, discards or seemingly unwanted items commonly seen around. The show was conceptualized by the SM Foundation and Brent School students, being eager to share ideas through creative and innovative fashion designs.

A "jazz-up your SM green bag" contest is also being undertaken, with the said bag to be decorated with recyclable items. Registration is open at tel. no. 619-7838 TO41.

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines, (BSP) Baguio chapter, as committed by head Ramon Jacinto joins the cause with the planting of a thousand or more trees around the city. Dubbed as "Alay ng Baguio Sa Kalikasan," more tree-planters are invited to do the same. Assorted trees, including fruit-bearing trees, coffee, and Lemon Cypress are favored for planting, it was known.

Tree-planting activities should be more favored these days, as the rains came early, Bautista, Sr. noted.

However, any single tree planted in one's surroundings, or anything done to care for the environment is recommended and would be recognized, Bautista, Sr. emphasized.

Everybody's effort is worth it, as "by making simple changes in our everyday lives, we can make significant strides to improved the planet we all share," the ASK flier read.

To help the environment breath after the parade and program, a "pulot-walk" shall be done after the program, in different assigned areas.

Economic benefits would also be shown during the affair as junk dealers shall be expected at the special Earth day recycling collection event (RCE) at SM Baguio./juliegfianza

Veterans'**.... from page 12**

writing (paligsahan sa pagsusulat ng sanaysay) and creative painting contests from various high schools and universities.

Gandiang Esteban of Tagum City National Comprehensive High School got the High School category of the Oratorical Contest while Majid Imran of the Western Mindanao State University brought home the College category.

For the essay writing, the third place went to Jilian Francisco of the Makati High School, the second to Florence J. Surbano of Valenzuela City Science High School and the first to Jejomar Mendoza of the Las Piñas National High School.

For the creative painting, Jover Gamayao of Dagupan City National High School got the the third place, the second went to Rob Cerezo of Baguio City National High School and the first to Hayami Kudo of the Marikina Science High School. #

Moreover, Arroyo expressed her gratitude to the American Government for recognizing Filipino wartime services and for approving the Filipino Veterans Equity Benefits under American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009.

Together with Ambassador Kenney, the President then presented the framed Citation of Approval to the veterans Colonel Rafael Estrada and Brigadier General Felix P. Pestana./PIA

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is the root-cause of other heinous crimes, victimizing innocent individuals and even destroys families and institutions, Diasen stressed.

She urged the PDEA and other government forces to continue running after pushers and those involved in this illegal trade, and asked them to enforce the teeth of the law on whoever is found guilty of the crime.

The PDEA believed that the contraband is being sneaked to the cities where unscrupulous elements make money out of it, as it sells at P25/gram.

Just a few weeks earlier, police mobile forces stationed at the Talaca checkpoint confiscated boxes containing marijuana bricks inside a vehicle enroute to Isabela./L.Lopez, PIA-Kalinga

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asphalt paving mixer, bioreactor technology, biogas digester and vermicomposting.

According to councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, the chairperson of the City Council Committee on Women, this forum will be very helpful to the women, especially for the management of household waste. "Afterall, it is the women who are in the kitchens."

The involvement of the women in environmental projects is in implementation of the Gender Equality and Development Code of the City. The forum on April 15 will be participated in by women barangay officials, while representatives of womens groups shall attend the April 16 training.

After the forum, the various womens groups shall implement projects in their household and in the barangays./Mike Tabanda

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providing opportunities for work during long school furloughs.

Romuela Frances Escaño, of the Public Employment and Service Office (PESO) revealed the SPES grantees include high school and college students.

"P1.6-million was allotted by the city government for salaries of SPES grantees," Escaño added.

Grantees shall be assigned to various city government offices for a 30-day period starting April 13.

They shall be paid P279 a day or P8, 370/month. The salaries come from a 60-40-percent cost-sharing scheme between the employer and the DOLE.

To qualify, students must be 15 to 25-years old, currently enrolled, bona fide Baguio resident, and must belong to families whose net income does not exceed P36, 000.00 per annum./myra andrea dela rosa and jemon l. subang

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was made possible with the sustained partnership of the DFA-Regional 1 Consular Office, San Fernando City, La Union through the Divine Word College of Bangued High School Alumni Batch '82 and the provincial government.

It must be recalled that the first and second MPS projects were conducted last April and October of 2008 where more than 900 applicants were served and given their passports.

The MPS project is still in line with the national government's effort to provide opportunities to the people of Abra to avail of the free passport services as well as opportunities for those who make themselves available for international labor supply and to help them prepare themselves and be ready in the event job abroad are open for deployment.

Abra Governor Eustaquio Bersamin said, the MPS project is his way of showing his sincerity in helping his constituents to find greener pastures abroad since our people have limited opportunities to enrich themselves here in our own country especially now with the phenomenal recession.

The same documentary requirements are asked of the applicants to prepare: the passport ID, birth certificate authenticated by the National Statistics Office, marriage contract also authenticated by the NSO for the married applicants, clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation, xerox copies of at least 2 valid Identification Cards and filing fee./Maritess Beñas/PIA-Abra

veterans' grandchildren to be recruited for the National Service Corps

Grandchildren of World War II veterans will benefit from government's newest program for the youth.

During the Arawng Kagitingan rites at the Dambana ng Kagitingan in Bataan, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo instructed Defense Undersecretary Ernesto Carolina to "identify grandchildren of Filipino World War II veterans" who can be recruited to the National Service Corps.

The President launched last week the National Service Corps that will engage unemployed or underemployed

skilled youth and collage graduates in education and community service programs.

The National Service Corps is similar to the Peace Corps of the United States targeting youth aged 18 - 24 years old.

The President also mentioned the national poverty mapping project by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) that intends to locate the poorest among the poor across the country.

The Php 1-Billion Poverty Mapping project, which

has opened more than 10,000 short term jobs, will serve some sort of a GPS locator to guide government in delivering cash transfer, rice subsidies and other assistance to deserving families.

The President said this project is a major component of the government's 'YES' or Youth Employment in Summer.

With help from the branches and satellite offices of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, President Arroyo hopes that mapping project will find the poor families of WWII veterans

The President also awarded the winners of the oratorical, essay-

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P1.2 M worth of marijuana bricks burned

T A B U K , KALINGA - Gov. Floydelia Diasen led the burning of 50 dried marijuana bricks worth P1,250,000 at the provincial capitol ground, as part of the province's intensified campaign against illegal drugs.

The burning was made part of the recent quarterly meeting of the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC).

Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Region 2 Dir. Primitivo Bayongan who took charge of the confiscated contraband arranged the burning with local officials of

Kalinga. In his report Bayongan disclosed that the items were searched inside a tricycle by joint troops from Kalinga police and the Army's 21st Battalion manning the military checkpoint in Barangay Bantay, this town.

According to Bayongan, the suspects just abandoned their tricycle few meters before reaching the military checkpoint, sensing they will be apprehended by government troops.

After finding the contraband, the troops brought it to the camp and later turned it over to the

PDEA. Meanwhile, Gov. Diasen asked everyone to share in the fight against illegal drugs as she elaborates on its evil effects on people and the community.

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DA to accelerate the genetic improvement of sheep and goats in CAR

BAGUIOCITY - The Department of Agriculture (DA) is venturing on a new program they call "Accelerating the Genetic Improvement Program (GIP) for Small Ruminants" wherein they will be importing sheep and goats intended for the infusion of new bloodline to several local private and government feeding farms.

This was revealed by DA Livestock Sector Agriculturist Rosemarie Tesoro, in an interview in a local radio, Tuesday. According to Tesoro, this will ensure the availability of good quality breeder stocks with high standards of heritability and productivity.

Under the GIP, the DA will be infusing desirable traits

from a superior breed of bull to local goat/sheep breeds, through artificial insemination or through a bull loan (male breeder loan program), in coordination with the DA's Bureau of Animal Industry. The program already produced 17 heads in Ifugao and three in Kalinga. Hopefully they will have more this year, Tesoro added.

Under the GIP is the US PL480 loan program, which goat/sheep farmer who wants an expansion program can avail. He must, however, at least 25 head goat/sheep available in his farm, must have an improved pasture area of around 2-3 hectares and must experienced in goat

and sheep farming. Tesoro also confirmed that the DA is pushing for more livestock farmers to venture into goat industry, as cash inflow is faster in the goat industry because it only takes five-six months for a mother goat to bear a kid, compared to the nine months for a cow.

Relative to this, the DA also has a Goat Project under its Comprehensive Livelihood Emergency Program or CLEEP which involves the distribution of goats to farm family beneficiaries to utilize available backyard pasture for their own livelihood. In addition, this project will also train farmers the basic methods on how to raise goats, so as to increase food production, decrease hunger incidence and to promote good nutrition through goat's meat/Lanie Pontillas/PIA Intern

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