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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

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Pahayagang palaban!!! **Number coding ordinance clarified: only private cars of tourists exempted**



THE TOWWER BEING TOWWED: A Jadewell tow truck being towed by a bulldozer "getting the same medicine" to what it has done to hundreds of vehicles in the past./MONCH S. DAVID

BAGUIO CITY – Only private motor vehicles of tourists and not of city residents are exempted from the coverage of the city's number coding ordinance.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. clarified this as he issued Executive Order No.1 setting the guidelines for the implementation of Ordinance No. 107 series of 2008 entitled "Exempting Private Motor Vehicles and Chartered Public Utility Vehicles of Visitors, Tourists, Vacationers or Participants of Sanctioned Activities such as Conventions, Conferences and Assemblies (from the number coding ordinance)."

"The vagueness in the wording of said Ordinance resulted to confusion to motorists, traffic enforcers and the general public (thus) there is a need to elucidate the ambiguity of said amendatory Ordinance by setting guidelines for the purpose," the mayor noted in his executive order.

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Pia on nuclear energy revival: "Look before we go nuke"

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today called on the Department of Energy (DOE) to open its nuclear energy development plan to extensive discussion and debate that would involve experts, lawmakers, and the general public.

The lady senator said she is keeping an open mind to the energy department's plan to study the rehabilitation of the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP), but added that the process should be opened to scrutiny by independent experts, Congress and concerned sectors.

"Nuclear power

is being promoted in some countries and being discontinued in others. Proponents claim that it is the most environment-friendly energy source, and that new technology and lessons learned make it safer now."

"But we need to study this very carefully. We must strike a balance between the need to meet our energy requirements in the coming decades, and taking precautions with the known risks of nuclear power, as well as its possible impact on health and the environment," Cayetano said.

"We should look before we leap.

Let's weigh the nuclear option very carefully and make it a subject of public debate."

The lady senator reminded the DOE not to discount the country's vast potential in renewable energy sources which are not only safe and clean, but could also be cheaper in the long run.

She the recent passage of the Renewable Energy Law (Republic Act 9513) should prompt the government to create more opportunities for investment on renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, sea and mini-hydro power./ Office Of Senator Pia Cayetano

Bakikatan in Bicol should not leave any single Filipino disadvantaged - Chiz

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero today cautioned the government to stick to humanitarian missions alone of the 2009 RP-US Balikatan military exercises in the Bicol provinces in April this year.

The Balikatan exercises have been arranged for engineering and medical missions in the provinces of Albay, Masbate and Sorsogon,

While Escudero, Senate Committee Chairman of Justice and Human Rights said the aim of the Balikatan exercises would benefit many locals, especially those who have been severely affected by disasters in previous years, he remains wary of other agenda that may be concealed from the public.

"Our government better make sure that this exer-

cise will adhere to the terms it has been devoted to and not use it as front for other endeavors that may antagonize and stir indifference from various sectors."

Escudero, for one refers to the insurgency problem in the Bicol region with New People's Army on the other end of the government concerns.

While the senator admits that the insurgency problem

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Chiz to probe alleged bribery scandal in prosecution service

Purported acquittal of cases involving heinous crimes through alleged bribery and influence peddling in the National Prosecution Service will be probed by the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights once congressional session opens next week.

Senator Chiz Escudero, committee chairman said he is filing a resolution to-

day to look into the alleged bribery scandal which has brought to fore a very serious issue concerning the administration of justice itself.

Escudero said the allegations involving the country's prosecutors are too disturbing to be ignored especially since these have been said to result to the acquittal of cases

like large scale smuggling, plunder, rape and drug-related crimes.

The senator wants to validate reports that almost 80% of all cases filed in court have been dismissed, specifically illegal drug cases being handled by the Philippine Enforcement Drug Agency (PDEA).

"Such statistics is equivalent to two-is-to-one ratio of dismissal and acquittal Cont. on page 10

Pia supports all-out war on illegal drugs, but says random testing in schools must have clear guidelines

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today expressed support for the government's renewed campaign to crack down on all sources of illegal drugs in the country and the urgency of protecting our youth from the growing social menace.

But Cayetano cautioned the government against

committing abuses in carrying out President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's recent order as the country's "anti-illegal drugs czar" to conduct random drug testing in secondary and tertiary schools.

"There must be clear guidelines in the conduct of these tests to prevent abuse.

The government agencies concerned must properly coordinate with school administrators. Parents and the students themselves should be well informed about the program," said the lady senator.

Cayetano, a lawyer, noted that the legal basis for random drug testing for high school and college students has been es-

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Mayor assures effective waste collection

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday assured that the city will continue to implement an effective waste collection system in the coming months for the major activities lined up in the city topbilled by the Baguio Flower Festival.

The mayor told the weekly Ugnayang Panlungsod aired over DZEQ Radyo ng Bayan that he had directed general services officer and city environment management head Romeo Concio to work out an effective waste management plan for the expected influx of tourists.

He said the smooth collection activities for the past months show that the

city has regained control over the erstwhile erratic collection system.

He also assured that the city would be ready to deal with all types of wastes particularly plastic and styfoam containers and other special wastes which are expected to increase due to the presence of tourists here.

The mayor appealed to both residents and tourists to cooperate with the city by observing waste segregation and other city rules and regulations governing waste disposal.

“We hope that we will all be responsible for the success of our waste management

program,” he said.

The mayor early last week also directed Concio to continue the hauling of residual wastes to Capas, Tarlac while other alternative measures are still being pursued on the waste disposal system of the city.

Concio said the city has generated savings from the fund earlier allocated for the hauling of wastes and this will be used to continue the activity.

He said the city is also fasttracking the rehabilitation of the Irisan dumpsite to enable the city to utilize the same while the engineered sanitary landfill is still being worked out. / Aileen P. Refuerzo



CAUGHT BY SURPRISE: Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) personnel loaded almost 50 assorted pushcarts and portable cooking trays of vendors that were “parked” over night at the Ganza parking area. / ISL

City gov't. turns ganza paking from dreadful to useful

BAGUIO CITY – The Ganza parking space at Burnham Park erstwhile used by Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation for its off-street payparking business was instantly transformed into “early response center” awaiting its new occupants, with more than 200-city employees and policemen swooping in the area Thursday, January 15.

Armed with bolt-cutters, sledgehammers, heavy equipment, and brooms, the combined forces of the Public Order and Safety Division

(POSD), City Environment Management Office (CEMO), City Parks Management Office (CPMO), trooped to the area at 10:00am, to clean up and rehabilitate the area, left idle for years since the Jadewell-City Government wars erupted 2004.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday said he decided to devote the area's use for government purpose and dropped earlier plans to either

continue using the same for a city-managed payparking scheme or as venue for vending.

“We decided to make the use of the area neutral by reserving it for the city government's use as an early response unit and we guarantee that the area will be used only for that purpose,” the mayor said.

Upon the mayor's directive, the area was spruced up last

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Top firefighter sought

BAGUIO CITY – The office of Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., last week received a communication from Chairman Ricardo Saludo of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) national office informing him of the commencement of the search for Ten Outstanding Pilipino Firefighters for 2008.

The CSC is joined by the Safety Organization of the Philippines Inc. (SOPH), and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) for the said endeavor.

As stated, the search aims to recognize the contribu-

tion of firefighters “in the performance of its sworn duties and responsibilities of preserving and safeguarding the life and property of the citizenry.”

According to Chairman Saludo, nominations may be submitted to the national office

of the BFP, Union Square Condominium, 15th Avenue, Quezon City, not later than Feb. 9, 2009. Inquiries may also be coursed through the local BFP office, or the SOPH office, JD Regala bldg., Cordillera st., Mandaluyong City. The website, www.sopi-phil.org may be also be visited. / juliegfianza

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Power Without People

What did Confucius teach about erosion of trust in a country's rulers? Supreme Court chief justice Reynato Puno cited the Chinese sage to meet, head-on, reports that Malacanang secretly bankrolls moves to impeach him,

To cashier Puno would help congressmen defend the indefensible: railroaded charter change. That'd enable the President —and themselves — to stay beyond 2010. That will contested before the high court. "We have nothing to do with this ouster bid," Palace spokesmen protest.

Today, "the main problem is moral decadence...and impeachment it's most popular political blood sport," Puno noted. Yet, more than prosperity or military force, government needs the people's trust to govern effectively, Confucius taught.

Deadlines didn't permit the press to stitch into spot reports the exact Confucian warnings.

Perhaps, this is as good a time, as any,

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to recall the sage's message.

Confucius lived (551 to 479 BC) under the brutal Han dynasty. It was a "time of trouble," Professor Arnold Toynbee noted. The sage wrote on personal and government morality. These were compiled into his "Analects"—introduced later to the Western world by the Jesuit scholar Matteo Ricci.

Puno referred to the famous question that a disciple asked Confucius: How does one ensure good government? "An effective government must have sufficient food, enough weapons and confidence of the common people," the sage replied.

"Suppose one of these three must be dispensed with," the disciple persisted: "What should it be?" The sage replied: "Weapons."

"But what if two must be let go?", he asked. "Then, let the food go," Confucius said. "From of old, death has been the lot of all men. But if people have no confidence in the government, the state can not stand."

Indeed "what better summary can we find of all that we are learning today from bitter experience than this simple statement spoken 25 centuries ago?" Wait. That's not Puno's comment. That's historian Horacio de la Costa, addressing University of the Philippines graduates in the late 60s.

"Power independent of the people is an illusion... made possible by boundless patience of people," Father del la Costa said. "People are slow to move. But they do move. (Benito) Mussolini was "one of the most powerful men of our time...And we saw what Mussolini was without the people. They took pictures of it — a corpse hanging from a clothesline."

Fr Dela Costa died in 1977 age 60. He did not see how, nine years later, "one of the most powerful men of our time" Ferdinand Marcos found himself without the people. Marcos shriveled into a lupus-afflicted exile.

The Jesuit historian titled his UP address: "The Eastern Face of Christ". He takes off, as Puno did, on what Confucius taught almost 26 centuries ago "on the function of example in society". They remain "perhaps (Confucius) most original contribution to the science of government." Today, they resonate for a government sapped by decadence.

"If one tries to guide the people by means of rules and keep order by means of punishments, the people will merely seek to avoid penalties without having any sense of moral obligation," Confucius said "But if one leads them by virtue, and depends upon propriety to maintain order, then people will feel their moral obligation and correct themselves."

Would we dare apply this standard the own social order? De la Costa asked. Yes, Puno said in his speech to the Anvil Business Group in Oritgas. We must apply those yardsticks to our social order in 2009. Let religious leaders step forward as a "moral force".

No, no, no, deputy presidential spokesman Anthony Golez protested. The Arroyo regime already tackles corruption and other ills, even without Puno or Confucius. Golez brandishes the dubi

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DIRETSAHAN

Kidnapping sa Sulu PDEA tumatangap ba?

By RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Panahon ng tag-lamiiig ngayon mga suki at alam kong giniginaw kayo, pero hayaan ninyong hatiran ko kayo ng maiinit na isyu na siguradong magpapainit sa inyo....

At dahil sobra ang lamig ng panahon ngayon, mabenta ang mga gamit panlamig sa mga wagwagan at ukay-ukay....Pati mga botika, dinudumog dahil sa dami ng mga nagkakasakit at sinisipon....at bumibili ng bitamina para sa kanilang resistansiya.

Pero ang iba,,,hindi tinatablan, malakas ang resistansiya, aprub tayo diyan,...ang hindi tayo aprub iyong mga hindi tinatablan ng hiya, mga "kapalmuks" na isinusuka na ng ating madlang pipol pero mga kapit-tuko pa rin sa kanilang puwesto...ang kakaapaal,...mga bwisheet!

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Tuloy pa rin ang kontrobersya sa tinaguriang "alabang boys case" at dahil dito sumisingaw ang masansang na amoy na nanggagaling sa iba't ibang ahensiya ng gobyerno bunsod para italaga ni Pangulong Arroyo ang sarili bilang "Anti-Narcotics Czar",...asar na siguro sya sa mga mala inutil niyang mga bata na ayon ay sangkot sa mga suhulan. Pinag-utos nya tuloy na magbakasyon muna ang mga prosekutong...este prosekutur na naidawit, pero kulang na kulang ang utos niyang ito, dapat "sibakin" niyang lahat ang mga opisyal sa gobyerno na mga inutil, korap, etsetera ke kapartido, kaibigan, kaaway o kamag-anak niya ang mga ito, at hindi lang niya dapat sibakin kundi kasuhan din. Sampolan na niya sina Garci, Abalos, Neri, Bolante at marami pa diyan at dapat din niyang pagbakasyunin ng habambuhay ang isa niyang sekretaryo sa gabinete na bukod kasi sa ulyanin na, halata pa na sipsip ito sa palasyo, kung magawa niya ito, marami ang matutuwa lalo na si Major Marcelino ng PDEA! Tama ba ako Attorni Verano? Iniwan ka sa ere ano,?!...He!He!He!....

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Imbestigahan naman daw ng opis op da ombudsman ang mga prosekutong...este prosekutur at mga ahente ng PDEA sa alegasyon ng suhulan. Bakit naman sila lang ang maiimbestiga? Hindi ba dapat pati na ang kanilang mga bosing? Kung wala kasing "BLESSING" matatakot ang mga "Kurakot" "Kotongeros" at "Lagayeros"!

Sabi naman ng NBI wala daw ebidensiya para patunayan na may suhulan. At kelan naman naging ebidensiya ang bukam-bibig? Iyan

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Work for peace in Gaza, protect the women and children

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Last week, The Peace Combatant expressed concern on the recent assaults of Israel in Gaza. The Peace Combatant, of course, does not wish to express sides in the conflict given that the resolution of the conflict is not really easy.

The Peace Combatant noted last week that the Palestinian death toll was 760 as of 10 January 2009, with the half civilians. As of 16 January 2009, however, one report says that the death toll stands at 1,132 Palestinians killed, including 311 children and 100 women.

This strongly indicates that Israeli assaults have been largely targeted on non-combatants. In contrast, only 13 Israelis were killed with only 3 of the 13 are civilians.

The Peace Combatant noted last week that while the recent assaults were Israeli response to rocket and mortar from Hamas, the Hamas response was triggered by the food and physical blockade made by Israelis on Gaza. Israel has effective control over the shores and borders and Gaza thereby affecting Gaza's access to food. Hamas argues that the mortar and rocket fires are simply a response to Israel's attacks and blockade.

On the other hand, the United States, European Union, and a number of country governments consider Hamas a terrorist organization. It is the dominant group in Gaza and had marginalized its rival Fatah in leading the Palestinian people. Hamas and Fatah had been competing in leading the Palestinian people.

Recently, Hamas has won the elections in Gaza and had declared itself as the legitimate government. Sympathizers consider Hamas as a fighter for national liberation, a movement for self-defense given Israel's tightening grip on its neck or territory.

Israel has attacked civilian buildings and mosque's claiming that the infrastructures have hidden weapons for the Hamas. In the process, 100 women and 311 children were killed. The attack on civilian infrastructure also explains why around half of the deaths are civilians. Around 45% of the Gaza population are children 14 years or younger. Thus, attacking civilian infrastructure has always a 45% probability that the casualty would be children 14 years or younger.

Gaza, of course, is a biblical landmark. It is the location where much of the story of Samson and Delilah took place. This can be used as a justification for Israel to claim the territory but Islamics can also use the same biblical reference to argue for their claim. Ishmael, son of Abraham with Hagar, is a legitimate heir of Abraham. Islamics identify Ishmael as their ancestor. Ishmael is also the ancestor of Islam's prophet Muhammad. Thus, both the Israelites and Palestinians can have strong bases for their claim on Gaza based on the bible and history.

Unfortunately, far from the being an agent of peace, the United States under the incoming presidency of Barack Obama would most likely heighten the tensions in Gaza. This is because it is a foreign policy view of Barack Obama not to distance itself from Israel. Most likely, the Israeli attack on Gaza found encouragement from the policy view of Barack Obama.

This is to say however that the Barack Obama government does not have a positive contribution to the American people. The victory of Barack Obama signals a potential end to the racial divide in America. He is the first black U.S. president. This is the most important contribution of Obama's win.

Unfortunately, Obama's popularity and policy view provide the synergy that will exacerbate the Middle East conflict. His policy view as incoming U.S. president will worsen the divide between Islamics and the rest of the world. For peace to be realized, the American people must review the policy perspective of Obama while the rest of world must condemn with one voice the slaughter of the innocents.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

"Alyansa ng Mananampalataya" is born

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



"ALYANSA NG MANANAMPALATAYA" IS BORN: It might be too early to tell, but the signs are highly encouraging.

Last Wednesday, January 14, 2009, a group of 20 persons who have either founded their religious groups or are leading them now decided to band together and form what they call as the "Alyansa ng Mananampalataya" (Alliance of Believers), or AMA, for short.

The objective is to show that people from different faiths, but who all believe in God, can work together in peace and harmony, without the usual brick bats arising from doctrinal differences, and push aggressively for preaching the Word of God among Filipinos, as mandated under 2 Timothy 4:1-2.

"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction," says 2 Timothy 4:1-2.

Join AMA, text me at 0917-984-24-68.

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SC JUSTICE PERALTA, CHOSEN BY GOD: Newly-appointed Supreme Court Justice Diosdado Peralta, the former presiding justice of the Sandiganbayan, is obviously the man chosen by God to fill the vacancy at the high court created by the retirement of Justice Ruben Reyes.

Instead of criticizing him and lambasting President Arroyo for appointing as the latest addition to the highest court of the land, let us all start praying for him that he will be guided by the Lord Almighty in his present position.

All the criticisms and misgivings about Peralta's closeness with President Arroyo must now be set aside likewise.

Let us trust that he will now be his own man, deciding cases based on the facts and the law, and based on his perceptions of what is good or bad, moral or immoral, and according to God's commands, laws and decrees.

My own experience with Justice Peralta is that he is someone who trusts the Lord and fears Him, and so he is expected to do what is right and avoid what is wrong, pursuant to Psalm 40:4 of the Bible which says: "Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust..."

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RPSHOULD GIVE CASH INCENTIVES TO COLLEGE STUDENTS: The Philippines can try to imitate what various public schools in the United States of America are doing these days to encourage people to continue studying in government colleges—give financial rewards and generous assistance to those who are pursuing their college education.

The "cash incentive program" in the US was initiated by a group called MDRC (Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation), and the results were found to be amazing: students did not just continue studying, they even reported more positive feelings about themselves, expressing confidence that they would accomplish their goals for the future.

This is actually Biblical. The Bible, in Proverbs 22:6, says: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

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GONZALEZ SETTING STAGE FOR DISMISSING CASE VS. ALABANG BOYS: Shocking and unlaywerlike. These, to me, represent Secretary Raul Gonzalez' claim that, because Maj. Ferdinand Marcelino of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) is a military officer, all the PDEA operations which he has directed, including by implication that carried out against the Alabang Boys, are illegal.

Shocking and unlaywerlike, for several reasons. One, it would

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Tanggap ni RD, CD at Mayor sa
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Ayon sa isa nating bagong ipormante-Deep Penetrating Angel (DPA) na kasalukuyang kasapi sa mga laganap na operasyon ng Jueteng sa siyudad ng Baguio at sa Cordillera, ang mga sumusunod na opisyal ay nagpataas daw ng kanilang **suhol, lagay, patong o tanggap** mula sa operator at financiers ng Tengwe. Ayon sa ating DPA dating tanggap ni **PNP-CAR RD Eugene Martin** ay P1.2M (isang milyon at dalawang daan libong piso) per month na ngaypon ay P1.5M (isang milyon at limang daan libong piso) na raw. Ang dating tanggap daw ni **PNP Baguio CD Wilfredo Franco** P550K (limang daan at limampung libong piso) na ngayon ay P800K (walong daan libong piso) na daw. Ang dating tanggap daw ni **Baguio City Mayor RAB** ay P1M (isang milyong piso) na ngayon ay P1.3M (isang milyon at tatlong daan libong piso). Ayon pa sa ating DPA itong tatlong kagalang-galang na opisyalang lang na ito ang binigyan ng increase at wala ng iba. Ayon pa sa aking DPA ay binawasan pa raw ang sa iba, katulad ng sa mga medias este media etc... Kung tutuo ang ipormasyong ito marahil ay binigyan sila ng karagdagang patong dala ng kanilang very good performance at marahil ay dala na rin ng krisis ekonomiya na kung saan nahihirapan na rin siguro ang mga ito na kung saan napakaliit ng kanilang lehitimong suweldo kaya nararapat lang naman na mabigyan sila ng Patong Increase, **He!He! He!**. Anong palagay ninyo mga dear readers, tutuo kaya ang impormasyong ito o intriga lamang? At sa inyong mga kinaukulang opisyal na aking nabanggit, bukas ang aking kolum para ihayag ang inyong say, ang inyong komento whether it is an admission or denial, please feel free to send me your reply!!!

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** This is a re-print of last week's column.*

Naku naman dear readers, bagong taon na bagong taon, bubulagain tayo ng mga bullshit na balita ng hidwaan ng PDEA at DOJ. Ano ba namang katarantaduhan itong mga pa-simpatya at pa gud epek ng PDEA na akala mo kung sino silang mga Mr. Clean, ano ba naman tong mga taga PDEA na ito oo. Alam ninyo mga dear readers, hindi ko pinapanigan o pinagtatanggol ang DOJ sapagkat tutuo rin naman na mayroon ding mga ilang miyembro ng kanilang opisina na korap din naman katulad din ng pagkakaroon ng korap sa lahat o halos lahat ng ahensya ng gobyerno, kaya nga tayo na turingan at nabansagan ng most corrupt country in Asia, hindi ba mga dear readers! Ngunit, sa nagaganap na drama ng PDEA at DOJ, ang aking teorya (theory) ay ganito. Ayon kay Maj. Marcelino sinubukan silang suhulan ng halagang tatlong milyong piso (P3M) ngunit hindi niya ito pinatulan. Sa aking palagay ay tutuo ito, kaya lang palagay ko hindi nila tinanggap ang halagang ito sapagkat naliliitan pa sila marahil sapagkat mga big fish ika nga itong mga batang na huli eh mga "Alabang Boy's". Kaya ayun, ang gusto mangyari ng PDEA is matuluyan itong mga Alabang Boys at palabasin na lamang na good accomplishment ang kanilang natimbog. Tingnan ninyo ang pangyayari, ayon kay Atty. Verano (ang abogago, este abogado ng mga suspek), nuong na buy bust ang Alabang Boys bakit inabot pa ng limang oras (5 hours) bago mai-book o ma-kasuhan ang mga suspek na Alabang Boys? Eh kung buy bust at huli sa akto at sa tamang pamamaraan isinagawa ang buy bust entrapment eh di walang sablay or walang butas ang mga suspek? Ngunit kataka-taka na aabutin pa ng limang oras just to arrest and charge the suspects, samantalang dapat yun ora-mismo deretso sa opisina at i-charge agad. Alam ninyo mga dear readers kapag may mga bagay na ganito na tumatagal pa SLOP na dapat sana ay hindi

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Lemon grass producers ask provl. govt to purchase essential oil separator

B A N A U E, Ifugao - The Concerned Citizens of Ifugao for Peace and Development (CCIPD), proposed to the Provincial Government here the purchase of essential oil separator containers and funnels to improve the efficiency of the steam distiller for the extraction of lemon grass oil.

The CCIPD has set up a steam distillation plant for the extraction of lemon grass oil and hydrosol in the municipalities of Banaue, Hungduan, Hingyon and Alfonso Lista. This plant has been operational for the

past six months.

Fernando Bahatan, the secretary and treasurer of the CCIPD said that a major problem of the organization is the lack of appropriate stainless containers and funnels. "The present use of bottles and pots to catch liquid, a mixture of oil and hydrosol is insufficient and causes waste in the oil and hydrosol," he said adding that this requires constant watching so that oil and hydrosol will not spill out of the bottles or pots.

The acquisition of the desired items will increase the oil output by

three to five percent of significant improvement considering that essential oil, even by drops is very expensive, Bahatan said. He believes that the production of the essential oil will increase from the current 160 ml per processing to about 168 ml.

With a proposed budget of P35,000, the Provincial Government through the Haggiyo Enterprise Development Program (HEDP) will transfer the fund to the Local Government Unit of Banaue which in turn will turn over to the CCIPD. ****Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao**

DA to launch 16 more "Barangay Bagsakan" in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Agriculture in the Cordillera will be launching 16 more Barangay Bagsakan, throughout the region this first quarter.

This was learned from DA-CAR Agri-Business and Marketing Assistance Division chief **Pat Ananayo**, who also informed that Barangay Bagsakan is one of the focus of the DA this year.

The Barangay Bagsakan is a socialized barangay marketing system, wherein farmers can sell their products at a higher price and where consumers can buy these products and other basic commodities at a lower price than its prevailing market value.

There are already 18 Barangay Bagsakan throughout the region and there are more than 100

proposals already submitted in their office for screening, **Ananayo** bared. The Barangay Bagsakan in San Quintin, Abra was identified by DA Central Office as the most active and operational Barangay Bagsakan.

With this, **Ananayo** encourages all Brgy Bagsakan operators to enhance/improve their operations and see to it that they are serving their community according to the objectives of the "Bagsakan".

Ananayo clarified that not only farmers groups or cooperatives can apply for a **Barangay Bagsakan**. Any other organized group can, even local government unit, municipal council or Municipal/Provincial

employee's federations as long as their objective is to sell quality and low price food items.

He also explained that they provide an assistance of P100,000 - P170,000, depending on the project proposal, to each approved Barangay bagsakan, for purchasing of needed facilities. The applicant shoulders at least 50% of the project cost in terms of building structure, labor and initial capital.

In case Barangay Bagsakan operators are short of capital, we can link them to National Agri-Business Corporation or NABCOR, as it they has a Socialized Financial Assistance Program that can lend up to P150,000 with low interest rate payable in one year, **Ananayo** added. / **Lito Dar/PIA**

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abutin ng ganito katagal. Malaki ang posibilidad na linuluto pa ang mga bagay bagay, kaya ang may malilikot ang utak sasabihin ay hindi nagka-ayusan kaya tinuluyan na lamang!!! Eh ang kadalasang problema sa ating mga law enforcers ay mahihilig sila sa short cuts at hindi sumusunod sa sinasabing due process at tamang official and legal procedure pag dating sa mga entrapment operations. Therefore, hindi nila masisisi ang mga prosecutongs este prosecutor's na i-dismiss ang reklamo on the basis of technicalities; eh sila ang nagbigay ng butas o technicalities na sinasabi kaya tuloy kakailanganin na idismiss ng mga prosecutors ang reklamo sa suspek, tapos pag dinismiss ng DOJ magagalit sila.

Kaya dapat lang na maging leksyon at aral ito sa mga law enforcers na masyadong nagmamagaling na dapat lang na sundin ang tamang SLOP-Standard and Legal Operating Procedures at walang short cut, simply because we are in a democracy and an accused is always presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. The heavy burden of proof lies in the hands of the Prosecutors, eh kung mahina ang kamada ng mga arresting officers eh di wala rin magagawa ang mga prosecutors. Katunayan nga, at ito ay maraing beses ng nangyayari, kapag umabot na ang isang kaso sa hukuman at ang mga key witnesses ay ang arresting officers, napakaraming pagkakataon ng hindi rin sumisipot o kung anu-anong palusot o diskarte ang ginagawa ng mga apprehending officers kaya tuloy humihina ang kaso at na idismiss sa hukuman dala ng non-cooperation etc..., ng mga arresting officers, mabuti nga at hinid ginamit ni Kalihim Lolo Raul Gonzales ang kanilang mga datos hinggil sa dami ng mga kasong nadidismiss due to the arresting officers' negligence, non-cooperation etc... Dapat sana ang ginawa ng PDEA ay imbisna nag ingay ng husto ay in-exhaust muna nila ang lahat ng prosesong legal (legal remedies) para ma sampahan ng kaso ang mga suspek at hindi sila naging masyadong mainit na ma-idetena ng lubuslubusan ang mga suspek, samantalang mayroon na ngang release order at dismissed na nga ang reklamo, although the dismissal is not yet final sapagkat subject to review pa naman.

Samakatwid ang pakay lang talaga ng PDEA is to keep the suspects under indefinite detention and to deprive the suspects of their right

to liberty which is patently wrong sapagkat hindi nga nasampa ang reklamo kayat dapat na payagan ng makalaya ang mga suspects. Dapat kasi na paka-tatandaaan ng mga magagaling nating law enforcers ang mga salitang **DUE PROCESS at SLOP – Standard and Legal Operating Procedure** para sa ganun ay hindi sila nabubutasan. Bagamat, hindi ko hinuhusgahan ang kredibilidad at katapatan ng PDEA hindi tulad ng dating CANU-Constabulary Anti-Narcotics Unit o NARCOM –Narcotics Command kung saan napa karaming milagro ang nangyayari kung saan kadalasan kapag small time ang nahuhuli ay kalaboso agad at kapag may kaya ang timbog ay mabilis pa sa alas singko ang laya with matching VIP-Escort treatment at walang kaso-kaso! Sana naman ay tutuhanan na malinis itong tropa ni Maj. Marcelino at ang mismong pamamalakad nitong si X-General Santiago, at mali ang aking personal na teorya na aking isinulat sa kolum na ito. Palagay ninyo mga dear readers, malinis nga ba talaga itong kasalukuyang mga PDEA na humarap sa Kongreso o sila ay nagsa-sour graping lamang sapagkat iba ang nakinabang o na-biyayaan ng grasya? Alam ninyo mga dear readers, may kasabihan sa butas este batas na "one should come to court with clean hands", bagamat hindi naman korte ang Kongreso, ngunit ang prinsipyo ay parehas din at ang isa pang sinasabing "when you point a finger remember that there are three other fingers pointing at you". Ang punto ko ay, do the present PDEA guys have the moral ascendancy to act as they have acted and would want us to believe? Kayo an mag-isip at humusga mga dear readers, palagay ninyo??? Basta sa akin **AGA AMO TAYON, MAG SI TIGIL NGA KAYO, PURO KAYO KIAO-KIAO.**

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ang hirap, kung kelan tayo naging moderno, saka naman hindi tayo makapagprisinta ng maganda-ganda at katanggap-tanggap na ebidensiya, iyan ay kung totoo nga na may nagsuhol, eh baka naman barya lang ang suhol kaya hindi na kinunan ng ebidensiya, sa halip ginawa na lang itong isyu na pampapogi, tama ba ako mga bro sa PDEA?

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Kinidnap sa Sulu ang tatlong miyembro ng Philippine National Red Cross Volunteers. Isang pinay na nurse at dalawang dayuhan na volunteers ang kinidnap at hinihinalang mga Abu-Sayyaf

ang kumidnap na siya ring kumidnap sa ABS-CBN News Team ilang buwan na ang nakakalipas.

Ang sabi noon ng pangulo sa military, durugin na daw ang Abu-Sayyaf, ang kaso, mukhang matindi ang mga bandido, tuloy sa halip na sila ang madurog, puso ng mga kaanak ng kanilang binibiktima ang nadudurog. Wala talagang puso ang mga bandidong ito, pati mga taong tumutulong ng boluntaryo sa kapwa nangangailangan hindi na pinatawad. Nakakahiya tuloy ang "Pinas" sa mga mata ng "International Communities" Durugin na ang Abu-Sayyaf!!!

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Kinundena naman ng maraming sektor ang napapabalitang pagpapataksik kay Supreme court Chief Justice Reynato Puno, at may bulong bulungan na ang palasyo raw ang nasa likod nito, na itinanggi ng huli.

Anak ng....mula Department of Justice at hanggang sa Supreme Court ba naman eh nababalutan na ng kontrobersiya?...kaya yata tuloy wala ng tiwala ang publiko sa ating justice system ng bansa!...aba, isa na yata si Justice Puno sa mapagkakatiwalaang opisyal at mahistrado sa ating hudikatura, gusto pang ipa impeach? Naku, huwag nilang sabihin na nabahiran na rin ng pulitika ang ating hudikatura at korte suprema? Tama na, sobra na!

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Sabi ni Senador Richard Gordon, si Jocelyn "Joc-Joc" Bolante raw ang talagang puntiriyado dito sa fertilizer fund scam...magaling, eh ano pa ang hinihintay nila, ikulong na dapat si bulate...este Bolante pala, para maniwala naman kami sa kanila.Period.

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Ilang araw na lang at magsisimula na ang mga aktibidad ng "Panagbenga 2009" dito sa lungsod ng Baguio. Handa na kaya ang ating mga opisyal at kapulisan sa maaring pagdagsa ng maraming bisita lalo na sa problemang trapiko at pis en order? Ika nga "Let's just wait and see"! harinawa na ang "Panagbenga" ngayon ay mas maganda kaysa sa mga nagdaan at huwag din sanang samantalain ito ng mga oportunistang pulitiko, local man o nasyonal para sa kanilang maagang pangangampanya. Panagbenga ito at hindi panag-kampanya at lalong hindi panagbingay. Maliwanag po ba?

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hanggang ngayon ay malamya pa rin ang mga guwardiya ng SM Baguio sa pagbabantay partikular sa pangangapak sa mga taong pumapasok sa nasabing lugar. At take note na hindi lang ang SM Baguio ang nakitaan natin ng kalamyaan sa seguridad ng kanilang entrada kundi sa ibang mga malls at ibang mga malalaking establisimento na pinupuntahan ng karamihan.

Por diyos por santo at huwag naman sanang mangyari ang ating kinatatakutan na magkatotoo ang ipinapanakot na bomba, at ano naman ang sey dito ng samahan ng mga ahensya sa seguridad o gwardiya...tamaan sana sila ng Cargo de Konsensya, ano?!!

PGMA remains firm in not reviving death penalty law

Even as she had taken over as the country's concurrent drug "czar," President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo remains firm in her decision not to revive the death penalty as a deterrent in the occurrence of heinous crimes, particularly drug trafficking.

"The President is not considering the revival of the death penalty. She

stands by her policy as President of being against the death penalty," said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita in his weekly press briefing in Malacañang Wednesday, Jan. 14

President Arroyo, who is a devout Catholic, had signed a bill abolishing the death penalty in

2006, shortly before going to the Vatican to call on Pope Benedict XVI.

She assumed the post as overseer of the fight against drug trafficking at the start of her Cabinet meeting Tuesday, where she ordered an "all-out war, an unyielding and unrelenting war against illegal

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Campaign against "tandok" gains headway

T A B U K, Kalinga - The campaign discouraging dog bite victims to go to the tandok has proved effective with the remarkable drop in the rate of people patronizing this traditional anti-rabies practice.

Provincial Epidemics and Surveillance Unit (PESU) Officer Jose Pardito Jr reported the

consistent drop in the rate of dog bite victims seeing the tandok, who instead go directly to the animal bite center.

Patients interviewed said they now avoiding the tandok doctor, after massive advocacy has been conducted that canine rabies can not be treated by the practice.

PESU survey

results showed that only 6.7% went to see the tandok before going to the animal bite center, last year compared to the 9.5% in the previous year. The figure is expected to even go lower this year.

What is striking from the result of the advocacy, Pardito said is that the "tandok doctor"

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ROMUALDO VENTURA

Applicant

Case No: 93-CAR-1116

NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 15th day of January 2009.

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

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

LUDOVICO FONTANILLA

Applicant

Case No: 96-BC-619

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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Hearing Officer

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Baguio City

LAZARO JULIAN

Applicant

Case No: 89-01-562

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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Baguio City

FELINA G. VILLASENCIO

Applicant

Case No: 97-01-1741

NOTICE OF HEARING

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WILLIAM SUCDAD, JR. - Vendor

FERDINAND B. SMITH - Vendee

Applicant

Case No: 2000-01-983

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WINSTON GOMEZ - Vendor

RAMOS E. TACUDOG - Vendee

Applicant

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0438

NOTICE OF HEARING

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SHERIFF
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Benguet

GULF BANK
(RURAL BANK
OF LINGAYEN,
INC.),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. RICHARD
PAUL B.
PILUDEN and
ANNA L.
PILUDEN,

Mortgagors.

FORCLOSURE
CASE NO.
08-EXF-1325

EXTRA –
JUDICIAL FORE
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REPUBLIC OF
THE
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TRIAL COURT
OF BAGUIO
FIRST
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REGION
BRANCH 59

(Additional
Family Court of
Baguio)

IN RE:
PETITION FOR
ADOPTIOIN OF
MINOR DARYL
AVERY BINUYA

SPOUSES BRIG.
GEN. PEDRO J.
BINUYA
and CECILIA B.
BINUYA

Petitioners,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
S A N
F E R N A N D O

MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT
3135, AS
AMENDED

SHERIFF'S
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by GULF BANK (RURAL BANK OF LINGAYEN, INC.), thru its President/Chairman and CEO, MYRNA C. LOPEZ, here in referred to as the Mortgagee against SPS. RICHARD PAUL B. PILUDEN and ANNA L. PILUDEN, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, and with residence and postal address at JC 216 Km. 4, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein referred to as the Mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition

amount to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR PESOS AND 92/100 (Php 1,195,384.92), Philippine, on the note, including interest and penalty. That additionally, by reason of default, Attorney's fees is properly assessed in accordance with the promissory note equivalent to 10 percent of the amount due on the note, excluding other expenses from the prosecution of this petition for foreclosure and other incidental expenses incurred during foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on February 3, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the

petitioners and her surname be changed to that of the petitioners.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on June 9, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at which place and date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the The Junction newa paper, a newspaper of general circulation in the City

Benguet Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH in Philippine currency, the hereunder described real property, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. T-45299

A parcel of land (Lot 4-F, Psd-131110-005961 being a portion of Lot 4, Psd-1-010644) situated at Brgy. Lamtang Wangal, Mun. of La Trinidad, Prov. Of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 4-E of the subd. Plan; on the NE., along line 2-3 by public trail (10.00 m. wide); on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 3, Psd-1-010644; on the Absent sharp to light touch and vibratory sensation to the mid foot with the Absent sharp to light touch and vibratory sensation to the mid

foot with the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 5, Psd-1-01644. Beginning at a point marked " " on plan being N. 53 deg. 30' W., 3,691.35 m. from Tri. Sta. "LIME-STONE" Baguio Townsite, thence: N. 47 deg. 30' E., 26.19 m. to point 2; S. 50 deg. 50' E., 29.15 m. to point 3; S. 50 deg. 41' W., 31.16 m. to point 4; N. 41 deg. 01' W., 27.12 m. to point of beginning containing

an area of EIGHT HUNDRED (800) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: Points are all P.S. cyl. conc. Mons. 15 x 40 cms. bearings true; date of original survey on May 3-4, 1959 & Jan. 13, 1960, date of subd. survey on Sept. 6, 1997 executed by Engr.

Claver A. Alisto Jr. under the supervision of Engr. Glenn Dagesen and was approved on Nov. 17, 1997.

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

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 5th day of January, 2009

FOR THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF'S
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

BY:
(SGD) GREGORIO
G. TADEO Sheriff
IV

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drugs and their devil merchants."

When asked what the President would do now that a bill reimposing the death penalty is being revived at the Senate by its author, Majority Floor Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri, Ermita stressed, thus:

"Should those bills pass both Houses and be sent to Malacañang for action, we will see the action of the President; but for the moment, I cannot second guess the action of the President at that time."/PIA

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now advises his "patients" to ultimately go to the animal bite center, unlike before when he prevents them from seeking medical attention.

We see how the awareness has cleared even the "tandok doctor" himself, Pardito claimed.

The campaign has gained strong support in some towns of the province, which issued ordinances penalizing the practice of tandok.

Pardito hopes that with more support from local leaders, rabies can be totally eradicated in the province. /L.Lopez/PIA Kalinga

SO ORDERED

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 7th day of January, 2009, Baguio City, Philippines.

By (SGD)
ILUMINADA P.
CABATO
Judge
January 18 -
25 Feb 1, 2009

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The guidelines are as follows: “*Sanctioned activities shall refer to sponsored, co-sponsored or hosted activities by the city of Baguio which are duly authorized or approved by the (mayor’s office) and/or the Honorable City Council through appropriate resolution.”

ONLY the private motor vehicles of visitors, tourists, vacationers, or participants of sanctioned activities such as conventions, seminars. Conferences and assemblies are exempted from the implementation of the Baguio City Number Coding Scheme;

*ONLY the chartered public utility vehicles of said guests attending these aforementioned authorized activities are exempted from the implementation of said scheme;

*Participants are required to present to the apprehending traffic enforcers the proper identification issued by their respective convention, seminar, conference or assembly organizers to ascertain their involvement to said events;

*The Traffic Management Branch of the Baguio City Police Office (TMB-BCPO) is hereby directed to strictly enforce this Order; and

*The Public Information Division of the Office of the City Mayor is likewise directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Order.” /Aileen P. Refuerzo

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as against conviction relating to illegal drugs alone”.

Escudero is also after the track record of prosecutors in relation to the cases they have handled and are handling.

“Isa sa titingnan namin yung track record ng mga prosecutor pagdating sa mga kasong isinasampa o nirerekomendahan nilang madismiss, ilan na ba ito, ano ano klaseng kaso ito at kung mayroon tayong judge-bitay ika nga na noon, puro mga execution ang mga desisyon. Baka naman may mga piskal tayo na puro dismissal din ang desisyon ng anumang kasong nakakarating sa kanilang lamesa, kukunin naming ang statistics at datos dahil baka may pattern tayong makikita tungkol sa bagay na ito” Escudero said.

Escudero said the whole National Prosecution Service must be reviewed and accordingly provided appropriate safeguards to thwart any possibility of bribery or influence peddling.

“It really must be looked into and, if warranted, be tempered with appropriate legislation to avoid their office’s vulnerability to money and fortune”.

As this developed, the senator challenged the Office of the Ombudsman, which has now started a “quiet” probe into the matter, to really rise up in this issue and to show something for its investigation on this issue and all other issues in the past.

He said Ombudsman Gutierrez cannot sit

idly by anymore as she did with previous issues under her office because this bribery scandal has shown the vast powers granted by law to public prosecutors.

“The Ombudsman is the underbelly of the government’s cleansing system. Ombudsman Gutierrez has been one with the DOJ before she went to OSG. As a way of personal and professional aside, she should see to it that the National Prosecution Service and all government agencies for that matter, is properly cleansed and policed”./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero.

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in Bicol still persists and needs to be addressed in all fronts, he said the

government should keep external forces out of this matter.

“The Balikatan should avoid at all cost any intervention that may straddle in our internal affairs. The insurgency issue in Bicol, and in any part of the country for that matter, remains the national government’s concern and responsibility. Any outside force touching it meddles with our sovereignty”.

The senator also cautioned US soldiers joining the exercises to conduct themselves in the true manner of an officer and a gentleman and adhere to the laws governing the country and its people.

“The Balikatan should not leave any single Filipino disadvantaged in any form or manner. Both sides should make sure that they finish the exercises without any untoward incidents”.

Escudero, who is a Bicolano himself also appealed to all locals and the armed sectors of the province to let the military humanitarian mission proceed peacefully.

“Let no one antagonize any one. If this mission is really for medical and engineering endeavors, let us not get in the way of helping our fellowmen who have suffered from the devastation of previous disasters.”/ Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Felimon Holman Macario who died intestate on July 25, 2008 at Baguio City, Philippines, has been settled by his heirs through a Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement dated December 28, 2008 and docketed as Doc. No. 475; Page No. 094; Book No. VIII; Series of 2008, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg.

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established in a recent Supreme Court decision promulgated in November last year.

“In its ruling in Social Justice Society vs. Dangerous Drugs Board and Philippine Drug enforcement Agency, the High Court affirmed the validity of the provision in the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act mandating ‘suspicionless’ drug tests for students in secondary and tertiary schools.”

Quoting from the decision, she said random drug testing in schools should be viewed as “a kind of search in which a reasonable parent might need to engage,” and that “minor students have fewer rights than an adult, and are subject to the custody and supervision of their parents, guardians and schools.” In pursuing its duty to safeguard the health and well-being of its students, schools may adopt such measures as may reasonably be necessary, she continued.

“I tend to agree with random drug testing, provided that there are clear guidelines for its implementation in order to prevent abuse.

“The random testing should not be interpreted as a punitive action, like a seek-and-destroy type of operation but a means to help the victims, the young users, find their way out of their addiction.”

“In addition, random testing should be part of a comprehensive program to tackle the drug problem. This program should not lose sight of its main objective which is to crack down on drug pushers and financiers and eliminate shabu laboratories and marijuana farms.”/ Office Of Senator Pia Cayetano

City Gov’t**.... from page 3**

Thursday by personnel from the city environment and parks management office under officer-in-charge Cordelia Lacsamana. Police City Director Wilfredo Franco gathered his men from 10-substations to provide impunity to city workers.

“The Ganza parking space... has been left unattended for a long time now resulting to its sorry state at present. In the name of public welfare and interest, there is a need to spruce it up meanwhile, subject however to the final outcome of the case/s pending with the Supreme Court involving the said parking space,” the mayor noted in his directive.

He said the move is part of the city’s preparations for the upcoming Centennial Celebration of the city this year.

“In fact, other areas in the city vicinity which have been neglected for so long a time like the property of the Development Bank of the Philippines and the MQ Holdings along Session Road are speeding up developments thereon anticipatory to the centennial celebration,” the mayor said./ Aileen P. Refuerzo

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to redesign, install, implement and monitor their respective internal control systems taking into consideration the requirements of their organization and operations," Andaya explained.

The NGICS was formulated by the DBM and the Office of the President's Internal Audit Office, with assistance from the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAid), through its Technical Assistance Facility, the Philippines-Australia Partnership for Economic Governance Reforms (PEGR). A Reference Panel (DepEd, DOH, DOF, DILG, DOJ, DOTC, DPWH, NEDA and DAP) and Resource Agencies (COA and PAGC) provided inputs to the document.

The NGICS is now being pilot-tested in the DPWH. The DepEd and 21 other departments/agencies will soon be provided assistance in strengthening their respective internal control system.

Andaya said the NGICS will be uploaded in the DBM and PEGR websites to facilitate wider and easier access to the document./PIA

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These projects, Puno said, include the DILG's Project OYSTER, which provides jobs and emergency economic assistance for marginalized workers and out-of-school youths (OSYs) through the barangays. OYSTER stands for "Out-of-School Youths Servicing Towards Economic Recovery."

Panadero said another DILG "value-added" project—the Localization of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) initiative—is also ready to carry out P107.83 million-worth of projects in the first quarter of 2009 to help generate jobs and provide "social protection" to poor families as soon as the LGU beneficiaries complete the submission of documents for the release of funds for their respective projects.

These projects include the construction of a daycare center, hospital, public market; the establishment of a water system; implementation of an integrated agricultural project and the procurement of heavy equipment in various LGUs across the country.

The DILG's Localization of MDG project aims to capacitate LGUs in effectively implementing programs in their respective localities that conform with the Millennium Development Goals of eradicating poverty.

The United Nations' Millennium Development Goals are the world's time-bound and quantified targets for addressing extreme poverty and worst forms of human deprivation in its many dimensions—income poverty, hunger, disease, lack of adequate shelter, and exclusion—while promoting gender equality, education, and environment sustainability./PIA

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ers going around/dine-in places around the lake and a fireworks in the evening.

The much awaited Grand Street Parade will be February 28 and a Float Parade is on March 1. De Leon reported that some street dancing groups from the lowlands have signified their intentions to participate.

We have targeted 50 floats this year, higher than last year's 33 floats. Basically because we have waived the registration fee that the committee should be collecting from the participants, De Leon explained.

Also included as major events are: "Market Encounter" and a Landscaping contest in Burnham Park; "Session Road in Bloom" from March 2-8 wherein Session road will be closed for vehicular traffic and open for revelers for a week; Abanao Nights – February 26-28. Other major events are still being coordinated as of press time.

Numerous minor events throughout the month-long celebration, are also lined-up at the SM City Baguio, and in other venues in the city like the Baguio Convention Center, Melvin Jones, Burnham Park and the Athletic Bowl.

More than one million visitors are expected to come up to Baguio City which would be a great contribution to the income of business establishments and primarily to the economy of the city, De Leon said.

Meantime, Baguio City Police Office chief PSSupt Wilfredo Franco assured maximum deployment of personnel and maximum BCPO operations, to ensure the safety of Panagbenga visitors and revelers, and to manage traffic situation in the city. The BCPO already released a traffic and route/re-routing advisory for the Panagbenga 2009 Opening, Grand Street and Float parades and the "Session Road in Bloom" event.

"Panagbenga" or Baguio Flower Festival is a brain child of Mr. Damaso Bangaoet. It was first staged in February 1995. Now on its 14th year, it remains the biggest crowd drawer in Baguio City./PIA

Editorial**..... from page 4**

ous claim of "high conviction rates" by an Ombudsman. This officer hasn't even brought the Mega-Pacific election computer thieves, fertilizer and ZTE broadband grafters to book.

"Confucius told us about virtue in the ruler", De la Costa added. "Jose Rizal (told) us about virtue in the people....There is an objective norm of justice to which all human acts must conform".

"There is also an elemental will of people to "live together, to constitute a nation, ", De la Costa notes in his analysis of "El Filibusterismo." But this will, on surface, is rocked by "shifting gales of partisan strife...It is capable of being distorted by unworthy leadership.

"Thus, the leader must...show people what in their aspirations is paramount. (He) must lead them, by degrees to will in each particular crisis what their own best interests demand."

But what if repudiated leaders refuse to relinquish power? Marcos refused. An often soused Estrada never got the time. And Arroyo is bent on clinging, kapit tuko, to the Palace.

"Then, the people have only one course: to resist," de la Costa said. India's Mahatma Ghandi, put his finger on one formidable quality of Asians: "a granite face that will shatter anything that can be hurled against it – patience, the capacity to endure."

"We ought never to forget the great lesson of (non-violent resistance) that Ghandi taught. We may have the occasion to use it in the very near future." This year and 2010 perhaps, as Justice Puno and others fear? /J.L.Mercado

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seem Gonzalez is already setting the stage for discrediting the PDEA case against the Alabang Boys, thereby upholding the dismissal of the drug-pushing case filed by PDEA against them.

Also, Gonzalez seems eager to disregard the fact that the PDEA operations participated in or led by Maj. Marcelino were not Marcelino's sole acts, but the PDEA's, so that even if there is a legal question about Marcelino's participation, this would not invalidate PDEA's actions because PDEA itself is authorized by law to conduct such operations.

Finally, the law that created PDEA authorizes it to secure the help of anyone from government agencies in order to eliminate or at least minimize the drug menace.

With due respect, I think Raul Gonzalez is already losing "it", so that he should seriously consider going on leave or resigning outright as secretary of the DOJ.

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DBM issues guidelines to arm anti-graft drive

The Department of Budget and Management issued guidelines for internal control systems of government agencies to ensure that public funds are spent well and organizational goals are accomplished.

Speaking during the launching of the National Guidelines on Internal Control Systems (NGICS) at the Isla Ballroom of the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel in Mandaluyong City, Budget and Management Secretary Rolando G.

Andaya, Jr. said that the NGICS responds to the Philippine commitment to the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of risk management and internal control.

"With the help of the NGICS, heads of departments and agencies will find it easy
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DILG to frontload high-impact projects for 2009

Secretary Ronaldo Puno of the Department of the Interior and Local Government has ordered the "frontloading" of the DILG's job-generating projects and other anti-poverty initiatives in the first quarter

of 2009 as part of Malacanang's economic resiliency program geared to insulate Filipinos from the effects of the worldwide financial slowdown.

Acting on orders of President Arroyo, Puno directed

DILG officials to identify which of the Department's high-impact "social protection" projects could be immediately implemented in the first few months of 2009 to help create and preserve jobs and empower local government units (LGUs) to efficiently deliver basic services to the people.

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PANAGBENGA 2009 launched in a Kapihan Forum

BAGUIO CITY — Tough preparations are now being undertaken by the the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation Inc (BFFFI) for the 14th year celebration of the "Panagbenga" which is slated on February 1 to March 8, 2009 here.

BFFFI '09 Executive Committee co-chairmen, Anthony De Leon of Baguio Country Club and Frederico Alquiros of Camp John Hay, assured that despite the looming global financial crisis, they are will doing their best to come up with more,

better and quality events with the assistance of their sponsors.

As part of the Baguio Centennial celebration, De Leon claimed the Panagbenga this year would have more and bigger events with lots of surprises for the locals and visitors to enjoy. Add to this the very cool temperature in the City that is expected to last until next month, that would be experienced by the local and foreign tourists.

During the launching of Panagbenga,

Amboy Guevara, Chief of Staff for Panagbenga 2009, announced that the grand opening will be on February 1, with a parade, and Street Dancing Competition There will also be a free concert at 6pm at the Melvin Jones Football Field, featuring an all female performer group from

Manila called "Sani Pilif". The opening day will be capped by a fireworks display in the evening.

During the free concert, there will also be a raffle draw, wherein holders/buyers of raffle tickets will have a chance to win a

3 days/2 nights trip to Singapore or Macau or Boracay - for two. Raffle Tickets cost P250 each and are now available at Mario's, Cantineta, Baguio Country Club and the Secretariat Office.

Some major events lined-up for the Panagbenga 2009 are: Fluvial Parade at the Burnham Lake on Valentine's Day, February 14 - which includes a presentation in the middle of the lake, circus perform-

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SPRUCING-UP - Combined elements from POSD, CEPMO, Police and City Engineer's Office to demolish a structures and document the transfer of all materials and equipments as part of the city's drive to clear all idle areas within the parks as Part of Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr.'s memorandum to CEPMO OIC Cordelia Lacsamana to "Spruce Up the city" in preparation of Baguio Centennial Activities this year./ By Bong Cayabyab

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