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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY, BENGUET, AND THE REST OF THE CORDILLERAS, La Union ILOCOS Provinces

*Pahayagang palaban!!!*

# Cariño files mayoralty bid



Some say, this was the best commemoration of our National Hero's martyrdom. Compared to last year where the event was even used to announce one's political plans, or shall we say "strategy," this year was more solemn, and seemed to be free of any political color; good thing most of our local officials were not able to attend.

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Baguio City- At about 11:38 am, Tuesday (December 30), incumbent councilor Richard Cariño filed his Certificate of Candidacy at the COMELEC-CAR. As of press time he is the only aspirant for the mayoralty post to file his candidacy.

In an interview Cariño said, he not only has the guts to battle Mayor Vergara but also the determination to bring about major changes in this city. He said he is confident he could beat incumbent Mayor Bernardo Vergara in the coming elections.

He said the present administration has focused so much on infrastructure that other issues relevant

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BY MALOU T. MABALOT-BOMOGAO



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## Firecracker-related accidents decreased

Baguio City - Compared to last year's 37 firecracker related accidents, recorded cases this year went down to as low as 17 "minor" injuries.

Statistics obtained at the BGHMC shows that most of those who were brought to the said hospital for treatment were brought either on the 31<sup>st</sup> or on the first day of the year, unlike in the previous years when as early as a week, or two weeks before the celebration of the New Year, patients are already rushed in different hospital's for treat-

ment.

Not one patient was admitted in various hospitals here. Most of whom were only given first aid treatment and were sent home.

According to Bonni Bengwayan PIO of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR) for the celebrations of the New Year, there has been a steady decline of firecracker-related accidents. He said there is now a high-level of awareness of the dangers of using pyrotechnics.

He said, the media especially has been the main catalyst in in-

## Baguio projects P1 billion income mark with approval of land use plan

Baguio City - The city government's budget will soon hit the P1 billion mark with the recent ratification of Baguio's land use

forming the public of the consequences, specially on television where graphic images are shown to discourage others from using firecrackers to usher in the coming year.

The DOH is in fact, advocating the use of "alternative noise makers" such as the traditional "torotot" and the beating of cans, pots and pans. This way, accidents are avoided./

Rinalza A. Opiña

by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board.

Mayor Bernardo Vergara made this projection yesterday, saying the provision in the plan for additional commercial growth nodes outside the central business district will generate greater revenues especially in realty taxes for the city.

"With the approval of our erstwhile long-pending land use plan, Baguio will soon be comparable to other medium-sized cities in the country in terms of income, thereby enabling us to provide greater service to our constituents," the mayor said.

"While we have been trying our best to effectively deliver basic government services, our efforts had been affected by the limited budget we have which is now about P700 million annually," he added.

City Planning and Development Officer Art Orig earlier explained that the additional commercial zones have been pinpointed in a move to decongest the existing central business district (CBD) and to spur commercial growth outside the CBD.

This will mean that the assessment levels of buildings and lots within the new growth zones will be higher with their conversion for commercial purposes.

Orig, however, stressed that while the new commercial zones have been pinpointed, real properties thereat which continue to be used for residential purposes will still be assessed as such.

"It is only when

they are converted into commercial use that they are assessed as commercial," Orig said.

The assessment level for commercial real estate is placed at 35 percent of the market value of the lot and 12 percent for residential.

The expanded commercial node extends to the city side of the Quirino Highway that links Baguio to La Union, Camp 7 along Kennon Rd., the city side of the Baguio-La Trinidad Rd. and the Pacdal Satellite Market area, some portions of which are actually now used for commercial purposes.

Orig said the plan was designed to rationalize the city's limited resources and effectively control land development.

Covering the mountainous area of only 57 square kilometers, Baguio has a limited holding capacity in meeting the growing demands of a growing population in terms for real estate development, housing, public utility services, health and other basic needs.

Although built by the Americans at the start of the last century as the country's summer capital, the city was designed for a population of only 25,000. With a present population growth rate of 2.31

compared to the country's 2.02, Baguio's projected population is expected to be over 278,000 by the end of next year.

Aside from being a top tourist destination, Baguio has grown into the major commercial, educational and even medical center of Northern Luzon.

Orig said the land use plan, which covers the period from 2002 to 2008, took into account the city's status as a top educational center with the designation of expansion areas for its schools.

The existing educational facilities, he noted, are mostly within the CBD and have reached maximum on-site expansion.

The colonial government's vision for a summer capital resulted in the city being host to vast landholdings, offices and cottages of the national government which does not pay a single centavo in realty taxes for these properties.

A law authored by then Rep. Andres Cosalan mandated the national government to shoulder half of the local government's annual administrative expenses in lieu of the non-payment of real property taxes. The city, however, could not effectively collect



These pyrotechnic devices were selling like pancakes. Every time we usher in the New Year, firecrackers also abound. While almost everyone complain that times are hard nowadays, it is a bit surprising that people could spend a big amount for the purchase of firecrackers, most of which are even more expensive than food.



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# Benguet veggie advocate to run for higher post

The filing of the Certificates of Candidacy (CoC) by officials of Benguet province may not be as hyped as the filing of CoC's by Baguio and national officials, still, some Benguet officials caught the media's attention when they went to the COMELEC-CAR to file their CoC's.

Councilor John Kim of La Trinidad last Tuesday, filed not for re-election but for a higher post, as Board Member for the province.

Kim, chairman of

the Municipal council's Committee on Agriculture said he decided to run as Board Member in order to introduce more vital legislations especially in rescuing the vegetable industry of the province.

Kim said it does not help if he limits himself only to pieces of legislations that would benefit only a small margin, particularly only the municipality of La Trinidad.

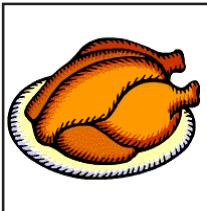
As part of the continuing advocacy to once and for all stop the importation of

highland crops, Kim said they and other officials of CAR and officials of other regions affected by the massive importation will stage a national press conference. The date and the venue will be announced later as they are still coordinating with concerned offices.

Other Benguet officials who filed their CoC's were re-electionist La Trinidad Mayor Nestor Fongwan, and Board Member Benjamin Saguid./Rimaliza A. Opiña



*Far from the pomp and fun fair, La Trinidad councilor John Kim preferred to file his candidacy quietly. Kim said the campaign period officially begins on March, not on the day of the filing of CoC's. Beside him is Election Officer Atty. Julius Torres.*



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# Nat'l daily justifies questionable report

Even though the Philippine Daily Inquirer has been warned through a letter of the executive director of Linis Gobyerno, an anti graft, corruption prevention and detection group with regards the questionable activities of a UK-based animal welfare group; it has justified the publication of an article commending the Animal Kingdom Foundation (AKF) for rescuing a mongrel, which was about to be slaughtered here.

The letter of Linis Gobyerno basically "clarified" the facts written by one Marlet Salazar when, in a news article she wrote in the October 4, 2003 issue of the PDI, she hailed the efforts made by the AKF headed by Charles Wartenberg for rescuing and eventually adopting an "askal" (mongrel) that could have ended up on the tables of dog meat lovers here.

Salazar, in her report said that the "askal" (mongrel) rescued by Wartenberg's group was placed under quarantine for a few months, then transported to the United Kingdom, where the said dog was said to have found a new home, under the care and protection of an animal lover.

Upon reading the

article, Linis Gobyerno immediately did verification, particularly at the Bureau of Animal Welfare (BAI), the agency in charge of issuing export permits for the transport of animals, and Lufthansa Airlines, the airline where the dog was supposed to be transported.

Unknown to Salazar, verification at the BAI revealed that from June 21, 2002 to October 20, 2003, the said office has not issued any export permit for the transport of a mongrel to the United Kingdom. An export permit is required before the transporting animals outside of the country.

Linis Gobyerno was also able to talk to Lufthansa Airlines' customer service department personnel Fred Posadas, who said that there is nothing in their records to show that a mongrel dog has been on the Lufthansa Airlines on the dates claimed by the AKF that the dog has been transported.

Contrary also to Salazar's report, the airline does not land at the Gatwick Airport, London, but at Heathrow Airport, London.

The group, International Wildlife Coalition (IWC), headed also by Wartenberg, is

presently facing charges of violation of the Animal welfare Act at MTCC 1 under Judge Danilo Camacho. While the case is pending, Wartenberg formed another group, presently known as the AKF. The people involved in IWC, however, are the same people comprising the AKF.

Salazar, in her letter-response to Linis Gobyerno said she is aware of the case lodged against Wartenberg and his group. In the background check she conducted, she said she found AKF to be a credible animal welfare group. The pictures she obtained speaks well of the achievement of the group. She also said that she merely focused on the story of the "rescued" dog, and not on the groups leader.

In reaction, the Executive Director of Linis Gobyerno Freddie Farres said the reporter has not fully understood the fact that much as she wrote

a heart-warming story about an abused animal, the fact that an export permit has not been issued, and that the airline also confirmed that they did not transport a mongrel,

confirms that the story was made up by Wartenberg and his group, in order to get sympathy from animal lovers worldwide, and for them to have more money in the form of donations.

Farres said, Wartenberg is taking advantage of this scenario in order to gain more money, not for animal welfare, but for his personal gain./ Rimaliza A. Opiña

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as the same was not regularly included in the national budget.

Among the national government's properties are the Presidential Mansion, summer residences of the Vice-President, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, cabinet secretaries, compounds of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, together with the sprawling Camp John Hay./Ramon Dacawi

## We make our future

One of the traits as Filipinos is our ability to laugh, sing, and dance in the midst of crisis.

This trait may have helped us survive a very grueling year. It is an escape mechanism, making us forget our hunger pangs.

This same trait is also the reason why we are in deep trouble. We just laugh and sing our troubles away, without doing anything concrete to address the problem.

Our unscrupulous political and non-political leaders have also used this weakness of ours to their benefit and to our disadvantage.

Oh yes, when their constituents are becoming dissatisfied with how they deal with public concerns, when more and more people are standing up and complaining about their empty stomachs, the easiest way out would be to comic around, sing and dance with them while repeating those empty promises. Too bad for us, those old tactics still worked. The masses would again forget their woes, obviously captivated by our leaders' sweet talk.

**This trait of ours has done us more harm than good. While it is a good trait, it was misused, and was used against us, well, with our cooperation of course.**

So while we had a really bad year, we must admit that we are a party to it. We allowed it to come upon ourselves. We have such a high level of tolerance for grafters, thieves and sweet talkers in government.

But we just hope that we already have learned our lessons.

And this year, 2004, is another chance for us to mold our future, at least for the next 4 to 6 years.

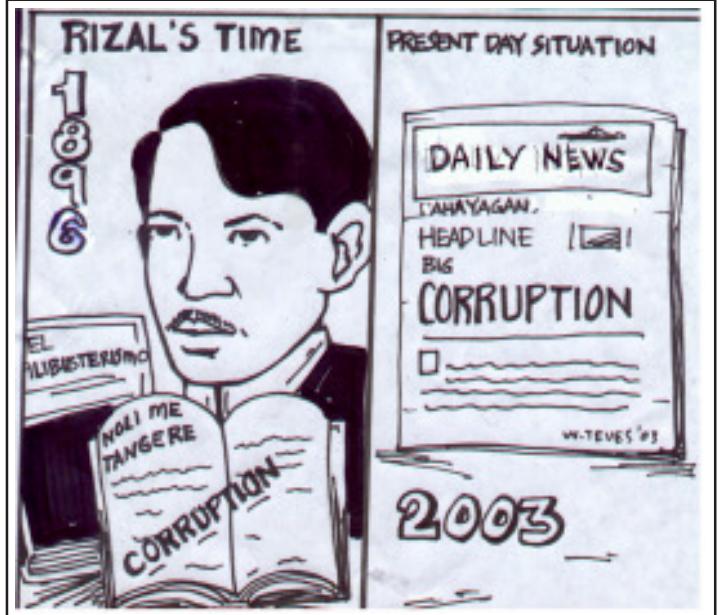
**This year is a critical year. We make wrong decisions now, and we carry the results for at least 4 years. We make good choices and we increase are chances for a better Philippines.**

We are all hoping for a better year (as we always did year in and year out). But let's make this year a different one. We all have a big responsibility for our nation, for ourselves, to our children's children. Let's not allow the opportunity given us to participate in molding our future go to waste.

And while this election year and election season is not the be all, end all, let's have a good start, and we proceed from there.

And please, let's change our attitude of tolerating grafters and thieves (who come in all forms, shapes, colors, and sizes) in government. We start from there, and surely, everything will follow.

## EDITORIAL



## DEPTHNEWS

New Year coverstories and a second string?

BY JUAN L. MERCADO



The banner, on the New Year issue, caught the eye scanning the news kiosk : "Mary, Star of Both Bible and Koran."

This was no religious pamphlet. Rather, it was the cocky, thoroughly-secular British magazine: *Economist*. Backed by formidable research staff, its reporters start interviews thus: "So, Mr President, how many dissidents have you tortured today?"

"A Mary For All" is the title for the *Economist*'s cover story. It probes links between Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

"Christians and Muslims alike see in Mary an affirmation that there is no limit to proximity of God that any human can attain," it concludes. "Surely, that is reason enough, for people of any faith, to feel reverence for history's foremost Jewish mother."

The article is anchored to many sources: the Koran, "wisdom" texts in Jewish and Christian scriptures, the lesser-known Gospel by James of the eastern church, studies by Margaret Barker, Methodist writer and Hebrew scholar, to religion and psychology writer Jaime Moran.

Mary is Islam's most honored woman, the article notes. She's "the only one to have an entire chapter named after her in the Koran".

Muslim understanding of Mary is close that of eastern Christians. "Both cherish the story of Mary's childhood in a place of supreme holiness. Both name Mary's guardian as the priest Zechariah or Zakariya..."

Muslim beliefs about Mary also are close to that of Roman Catholics, the article adds. "A well-instructed Roman Catholic or eastern Christian believer would tell you rather firmly about the limits of Mary's veneration. Mary is not a goddess . She is not worshipped but rather venerated : a human being with a unique role in praying for and protecting the human race."

And down the centuries, "heart-stopping turns of phrase" have been applied to Mary, the *Economist* states : from the 8th century Byzantine sermon on "the treasure of innocence and ornament of modesty" to the medieval song of "a lily whose perfume scents the faithful..."

The *Economist* article follows an earlier *Life* magazine cover story: "The Mystery of Mary". Shortly thereafter, *Time* did a two-page spread:

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**JUST A MINUTE****Reflections****BY ELMER SAGSAGO**

The first day of the year 2004 has ended. The first night of the new year was preceded by a slight drizzle and fog, perhaps an omen that year 2004 will be full of tears, heartaches and troubles for the Filipinos. I do not wish to be pessimistic, much more an alarmist, but I could not help feeling that the times ahead will be more gloomy and will produce more bumpy roads compared to what the Philippines went through in the year 2003. To be sure this is an election year and, as past elections proved, what follows next would be the downfall of the peso. By June it would be P60.00 to the dollar and by the time the elected President addressed the nation, the economic situation would have by then taken a steep dive.

-oOo-

For the past five years, it interested me to observe that the New Year's celebration became markedly subdued each year. Perhaps this was a reverse reflection of the gradual rise in the difficulties faced by the Filipinos year by year. We welcomed each coming new year with high hopes and with the expectation that it will bring and usher in more opportunities for a better life. Yet, each year came and went, leaving unfulfilled the hopes which greeted its arrival. Unless those who will be elected in May chart a definite and different course for the country, then I am afraid the new year 2004 might turn out no different from year 2003...

-oOo-

But there is something in the character of the Filipino which may yet turn things around: his resiliency and ability to look to the better side of things. The Filipinos did not surrender to the adversities surrounding him as he instead hummed all his troubles away with a sexiest and suggestive song called "Mr. Suave." Consider too that in the middle of all the hardships and difficulties, the old and young found amusement and joy gyrating to "Ocho-ocho," which, by the end of 2003, has caught the country by storm. Who is to say then that in this year of 2004, we will not be able to sing and dance away the blues?

-oOo-

Personally, 2003 did not turnout too bad for me. Even if my dream of becoming a multi-millionaire was not fulfilled, still I am grateful that my family and kids were spared by misfortune, sickness, and hunger. It is true that my back ache is occurring more often and becoming increasingly painful. Also, I may have lost all my black hair and my waistline has grown more pronounced and circular, but I remain ecstatic because despite all of these, my beautiful wife Pia continues to remain deeply in love with me. So what more can I ask?

-oOo-

I might have reached a plateau in my career as a Prosecutor, accompanied by the intellectual stagnation arising from the monotony of doing the same things five days every week for the whole year. But, another door was opened for me when my good friend Atty. Daniel "Cherry" Fariñas, took me to join the faculty of the College of Law of the University of Baguio, where he is the Dean. Initially I encountered some difficulty in managing my time, as I too am with the SLU College of Law, but all has turned well with the support of my beautiful wife Pia, - in exchange for her taking my UB pay check.

-oOo-

By the end of 2003 my wife purchased a beach house in Aringay, La Union as my sea-side retreat to double as a hideout of rest, comfort, and relaxation every week end. There too was a hint that I might look forward this year also to having a mountain resort, or a vacation to the United States. So last night when I stood in the veranda and waited to greet the coming of the first hours of the new year, I drank a toast even as I bid

**GUILTY THOUGHTS****Development with a human face****BY ANTHONY "KABAYAN TONY" ARAOS**

The faces of a cash-strapped vendor or the homeless beggar are like a window to the true state of affairs of our beloved city. No matter the view out of your own window, you can gaze deep into the stories of a market who was displaced by clearing operations at the city public market or the urban poor resident who ended up spending nights in the cold because her house was demolished in a matter of minutes.

This is a world with eye-catching contradictions. A world where flyovers, arches and malls are given priority over other basic social needs. A world where tourists are treated kings and queens while poor residents end up as second class citizens.

Certainly, the city looks very impressive with SM Baguio, Baguio Center Mall, Abanao Square and Cooyesan now dotting the landscape. But, what really is the city's greatest resources? Surely, not these shopping malls. But, it's people. I believe that our residents are by far the city's most important resources. That you and I live in a city where the residents are blessed with rich natural resources and embued with God-given rights to determine their destiny is a tremendous pride for me. So I'm glad to say that it's about time to think of reconsidering all these so-called megadevelopment projects of the city government. It's about time to have development with a human face. If not, we'll just be creating more sufferings and uncertainties for the people. Now more than ever, we as a people must stand against the unsound policy favoring the moneyed few. So instead of flyovers and malls, let us focus on human development pro-

**GUILTY THOUGHTS...p.6****AFTERSHOCKS****On Being Vegan****BY ANNABELLE PEDRONIO****Why, What, and How?**

People are interested in veganism for many reasons. These include reducing suffering, helping the environment, and improving health. Regardless of why you are exploring veganism, your example and your choices are the most important things you can do to help make the world a better place. By not buying meat, eggs, and dairy, each individual is making a statement against cruelty to animals, undertaking an economic boycott, supporting the production of non-animal products, and supporting more sustainable agricultural practices. These decisions, and the message they send to others, help make society more humane.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The time is always ripe to do right."

**Two Questions**

With so many reasons to become vegan, it's not surprising there are many views of what veganism means. Beyond not buying the products for which animals are raised and slaughtered, each individual has different opinions about being vegan. Everyone takes their own path.

Once you make the decision to oppose factory farms and industrial slaughterhouses, you will face a number of questions. There are two particularly difficult questions that you'll need to ask yourself:

1. What exactly is a "vegan?"
2. How should I deal with other people who aren't vegan?

**The Impossible Quest for Purity**

When you first discover the reality of modern animal agriculture, you might feel compelled to try to root out every single product associated with animal suffering. Unfortunately, personal purity is impossible. All around us are items connected in some way to animal exploitation: organic

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## DEPTHNEWS... ...from p.4

'Mary, So Contrary.'

These articles on a woman "clothed with the sun" led the Filipino theologian, Catalino Arevalo, SJ of Ateneo, to recall : "Shortly after Vatican II, a period of Marian silence descended."

"We, in the Philippines, did not go through that phase...Churches in former communist Eastern Europe , have not experienced the 'eclipse of Mary' either...What strikes a mainland China visitor, who gets in contact with Catholics there, is the veneration of Mary has never been stronger...."

"In 1968, the late German theologian Karl Rahner wrote: 'Many Catholics today are going through a winter of belief – an experience not unlike those spoken of by the mystics....'

"In the dark night of faith, we must do what the mystics taught us: change nothing of what we've seen in the light or believed in the calm day; to pray without ceasing; to do penance; to stand fast...."

"When the new springtime of faith comes, and it will return, the cult of Mary the Mother of God, will return. In fact, it will be it's surest sign. It's form may perhaps be different, but if Christian tradition is valid, it will return.

"Those of us, who have been nourished by it, in our youth, as in the ages of faith, must keep it alive in our hearts. Christian hearts can bring Mary, once again, to the place which is rightfully hers in the holy Church...."

"Now — nearly 35 years later – this appears a remarkably prophetic text," Fr Arevalo notes.

"For this comeback of Our Lady, we have to thank her first of all. Of late, she has been appearing, we are told, in many places: Medjugorje in Yugoslavia; Akita in Japan; Kibeho in Rwanda and Cuenca in Ecuador...."

"The Church takes decades before she gives even a very guarded recognition of such phenomena....But the news accounts have fueled renewed interest in the Marian movement...."

"Then, there is Pope John Paul II to thank also...No Roman Pontiff in the entire history of Catholicism has had so strong and articulate a devo-

tion to the Mother of the Lord...Every visit of Pope John Paul II to a country includes a pilgrimage to a local Marian shrine.....

"If Karl Rahner was right, then perhaps the current which *Life* and *Time* I( and now the *Economist*) issues may be more significant than it appears.

"The Freiburg theologian predicted, on the basis of his broad knowledge of, and confidence in, the Christian ( and Muslim as well ) that veneration of Mary would return where it has been lost or nearly forgotten.....Is this the new springtime of faith, which Rahner foresaw, about to begin?...."

On January one, Catholics mark the feast of the Divine Motherhood. Far too few realize they share that veneration for a woman Muslims and Jews also see as : "our tainted nature's solitary boast". On New Year's Day, all can say : "You are the honor of our people."

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## GUILTY LESS THOUGHTS...

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grams. It is the best investment of all times.

Also, it makes sense to point out that barangay council officials are even more decisive in pursuing projects designed to improve the lives of the people, most especially the poor.

Relatedly, may I commend the officials of Barangay Councils of San Luis Village, East Modernsite, Middle Quirino Hill,

Kabayanihan, Loakan Proper, City Camp Central, Marcoville, Quezon Hill Proper and Lourdes Subdivision Lower for initiating well-motivated programs and projects, which served as models to many other barangays in Baguio. They are San Luis Village Punong Barangay Corazon Arizala, Kagawads George Saguid Jr., Virginia Waclin, Alfredo Pundo, Benedicto Casilen, Estrella Luzadas, Gilbert Peralta and Robert Villanueva as well as SK chair Jill Grace Kinfia, East Modernsite Punong Barangay Rogelio Estepa, Kagawads Lolita Valencia, Nenita

Trinidad, Michael Angelo Quiñao, Romeo Santiago, Bernard Nonato, Ricardo Lejarde and Eliseo Ramos as well as SK chair Francis Jason Gregorio, Middle Quirino Hill Punong Barangay Ignacio Gallente,

## SHUT OUT OR SHUT IN

Inspiring Facts...

BY MALOU T. MABALOT-BOMOGAO



\*\*In 1962, four nervous young musicians played their first record audition for the executives of the Decca Recording Company. The executives were not impressed. While turning down this group of musicians, one executive said, "We don't like their sound Group of guitars are on the way out." The group was called The Beatles.

\*\*In 1944, Emmeline Snively, director of the Blue Book Modeling Agency, told modeling hopeful Norma Jean Baker, "You'd better learn secretarial work or else get married." She went on and became Marilyn Monroe.

\*\*When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring off the hook with calls from potential backers. After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, "that's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?"

\*\*When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, "I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2000 step process."

\*\*In the 1940s, another young inventor named Chester Carlson took his idea to twenty corporations, including one of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 – after seven long years of rejection, he finally got a tiny company in Rochester, New York, the Haloid Company, to purchase the rights to his invention – an electrostatic paper-copying process. Haloid became Xerox Corporation we know today.

\*\*Wilma Rudolph was the 20<sup>th</sup> of 22 children. She was born prematurely and her survival was doubtful. When she was 4 years old, she contacted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, which left her with a paralyzed left leg. At age 9, she removed the metal brace she had been dependent on and began to walk without it. By 13 she had developed a rhythmic walk, which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she decided to become a runner. She entered a race and came in last. For the next few years every race she entered, she came in last. Everyone told her to quit, but she kept on running. From then on she kept on running. One day she actually won a race. And then another. From then on she won every race she entered. Eventually this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win three Olympic gold medals.

**Source: Know, Grow, Go...Unitas**

### The Moral of the above stories

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. You gain strength, experiences and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face... You must do the thing you cannot do. And remember, the finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace. A winner is not one who never fails, but one who NEVER QUILTS! In LIFE, remember that YOU PASS THIS WAY ONLY ONCE!

Trinidad, Michael Angelo Quiñao, Romeo Santiago, Bernard Nonato, Ricardo Lejarde and Eliseo Ramos as well as SK chair Francis Jason Gregorio, Middle Quirino Hill Punong Barangay Ignacio Gallente,

Kagawads Leonardo Alos, Juan Sapusop, Augusto Daplayan, Joseph Pelayo Arsenio Wallang, Luciano Lumbaya Jr. and Francis Bagawi as well as SK chair Jonald Serrano, Kabayanihan Punong

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## Brgy. Update: East Bayan Park development-oriented budget

When one looks in retrospect at the decision of the Rotary Club of Baguio to choose Barangay Trancoville as one of the seven recipients of the waste segregation program of the government, there is much to be grateful for. Cooperation between village officials and the residents is given big recognition to the success in realizing the problem of mounting trash here that literally threatens to cover the nation's summer capital.

Today, improvement in the garbage disposal and collection is very visible in this part of the city. And many are indebted to the contributions of the Rotary Club of Baguio. "Without their support, there could be no progress in curbing this problem," a resident said.

So residents are praying hard that their barangay council and SK officials stay well in course in addressing the garbage problem. They are Punong Barangay Albert Della, Kagawads Rey Millare, Ferdinand Della, Carmelita Flores, Jayne Anadaya, Felicitas Carrido, Nancy Alabanza and Manuel Baraooid as well as SK chair Elaine Marie Bocasan.

Consequently, the Rotary Club of Baguio's training program is deemed as essential in improving the health and sanitation conditions of the barangay.

While it may never be necessary to depend entirely on the lessons to be learned from the said program, a modification or even a combination of several known methods or programs is always desirable for addressing this problem. For anyone who depends solely upon one method is bound to encounter some difficulties.

In many cases, understanding of the various aspects of the problem – from throwing litter, effects of contaminants at dumping grounds or sites to collection, transport and disposal of garbage, is a well-defined move to overcome the trash scourge. One such action is known as Zero Waste Management Program. Surprisingly, at this point of time (with the advent of cellphones and Information Technology), many are still asking the query, What is Zero Waste all about?

Essentially, Zero Waste looks at any discard – by persons – young and old alike, factories or houses – not as waste to be thrown away but as resource to be recycled right back into producing. For example, leaves and stems are turned into fertilizers. Used paper becomes pulp and in turn ends up as recycled paper.

So it is extremely hard to ignore the benefits of Zero Waste. Easily, Zero Waste comes from a commitment to preserve the environment. Thus, all the sufferings brought forth by the garbage problem are not insurmountable. Because even with such difficulties, there are still solutions to said problems. In the end, we make our environment more livable and sustainable./Anthony A. Araos

## "Brightest barangay" chosen

Hillside Barangay garnered the top award for the brightest barangay in the City Lights competition held recently.

From second placer last year, Hillside finally made it to the highest rank when in an effort to make true this year's theme of "One Barangay, one people for a brighter future," decorated the

place with unique lanterns and colorful lights. Even the houses of each and every resident have been decorated with lanterns depicting the "bayanihan" spirit as one of the motivating factors why they won.

Punong Barangay Danilo Salcedo said planning is easier than

doing. Good thing, he said many volunteered in putting up decorations.

Judging was based on originality 25%, artistry, 30%, luminosity 15%, and over-all impact 30%. Hillside garnered a total of 294 points, followed by San Luis Barangay with 265

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## Cresencia Village's pro-people budget

The Cresencia Village Barangay Council has crafted parameters for the improvement of facilities intended to enhance the socio-economic endeavors in the barangay. The parameters are intended, foremost, as a guiding instrument or its annual budget for 2004 and thus,

Punong Barangay Natividad Alim and her kagawads are on-track with their avowed mission to further improve the lives of their constituents.

Moreover, these parameters will assist them by providing the basis on which the barangay council's commitment to deliver social services can be demonstrated.

Cresencial Village Barangay Council has submitted to the Baguio City Council for endorsement the proposed P778,805.28 annual budget for 2004, which includes P36,000 for general services and P72,000 for public protection and safety program.

While P240,156 has been earmarked for non-office expendi-

tures. There are also expenditures that would improve the barangay council officials' skills and know-how on governance by way of training and seminars and boost productivity. The proposed budget also provides P2,000 for travel expenses.

Likewise, there is an allocation for its dengue control program. Budget is P5,000 and its source is the Internal Revenue Allotment. Dengue fever is an acute infectious disease caused by a virus. It is considered a major health problem not just here but in many other parts of the Philippines. Cresencia Village's anti-dengue program's time frame is from April to September of the said year.

The program includes fumigation, larvae control and cleanliness activities. Mrs. Alim is expected to spearhead and coordinate all other-related undertakings. PB Alim has showed her great ability not only in advancing health issues but

also concerns affecting the family, youth, peace and order and livelihood.

"I am very confident we will get the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod in as much as we have complied with all the requirements needed when we forwarded the budget papers," Mrs. Alim said in an exclusive interview.

On the other hand, Kagawad Asuncion Alasa-as said that the barangay needs to source out additional funds because of its limited resources. "This is surely needed if we are to implement more projects and ultimately move forward in the years to come," she said in a separate interview.

Being eyed for improvements are such vital facilities as the barangay hall, multipurpose hall, day care center and recreational center.

For now, with the support extended by Kagawads Daniel

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## People hail Camp 7 officials' actions

The acute water shortage crisis in the city a few years back stimulated the Camp 7 Barangay Council, under Punong Barangay Constancio Danao, to implement an innovative water line service improvement project.

In part, this involved the establishment of adequate supply lines to all households in the barangay.

It is for this reason that health and sanitation conditions are now better in this part of the city. The

impact of this development became clearer with problems usually associated with waterborne diseases no longer considered a headache to most residents.

Now, many are rejoicing and enjoying the benefits of this undertaking and other development projects initiated by the barangay council.

Mr. Danao, who said the water line improvement project is

primarily situated along the main road section of the barangay, credited other barangay council officials and the residents, for their strong emphasis on ensuring the village's stability, development and the peace and order situation as the main factor that enabled Camp 7 to be self-reliant.

"Our Kapitan and his kagawads should be credited for their actions and we are

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## Baguio driver is country's jeepney king

Baguio City – Freddie Ganuelas may not be as wealthy and popular as movie idol-turned Presidential bet Da King but he has also just been crowned "The King" – that is, among the country's legion of jeepney drivers.

The 39-year old, who plies the route to Quezon Hill here bested 25 other finalists in the second Shell National Jeepney King Challenge. The feat, officially done in a few minutes, earned him P20,000, a giant trophy, a plaque and other items from Pilipinas Shell.

## GUILTLESS THOUGHTS

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Barangay Manolo Flores, Kagawads Michael Karl Flores, Fortunata Galvez, Eladio Ortenero, Rosario Lam, Juanito Olpindo, Catalina Cabinto and Vincente Vinluan as well as SK chair April May Catamora, Loakan Proper Punong Barangay Basilio Binay-an, Kagawads Jesusa Viscaya, Nora Bendaen, Cecilia Torres, Agustina Galong, Daniel Solano, Emmanuel Carantes and Dario Besley as well as SK chair Ryan James Solano, City Camp Central Punong Barangay Joel Alangsab, Kagawads Jessie Salvador, Gina Puntawe, actions of Loakan Proper SK chair Ryan James Solano (who is also the vice president of the city's SK Federation) against the casino. Mr. Solano has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a right-thinking public servant and advocate of the people's right to meaningful participation in decision-making process. The Baguio City Multi-Sectoral Movement Against Casino has reached positive strides and not just individuals like Mr. Solano and the other convenors. We need the help of religious groups, schools, civil society, LGUs and NGOs. Together, let us all stop this social menace.

So how come City Hall refuses to listen to the voices of the people? Until this question is answered, it is also proper to think that with the gap between the rich and poor growing

Ganuelas registered the shortest time and the least number of violations in negotiating the course during the final held last Dec. 15 at the Kart Trac, Boomland, CCP Complex in Manila.

He earlier topped the local level, besting runner-up Francisco de Leon of Mines View Park. De Leon also earned a berth in the national final where he ended up fourth.

"Mabay pinambayad sa utang at pinambili ng mga kailangan ng mga anak ko at para sa Pasko (I had something to pay off debts, to buy things

for my kids and for our Christmas)," he said.

As soon as she heard the news, his wife Alma Rosanna, who works in Macau, called and congratulated him. They have three children – Aurelled Fadge, 10; Audrey Marifiel, 8; and Vanne Andrae, 5.

The champion driver was honored by city officials led by Mayor Bernardo Vergara after he was presented to them by City Tourism Officer Benedicto Alhambra in last Monday's regular flag-raising ceremony/  
**Ramon Dacawi**

wider, there is no more need to put trapos, clowns, misfits and undesirables into power. For this reason, the media should educate the voters, who constitute the repository of sovereignty in a democratic society, on the need to elect officials who are truly responsive to their needs.

Congratulations to Saint Louis University of Baguio City for placing second in the "WOW Himig Pilipino" Choral competition of the just-concluded "Visit Philippines 2003" program of the Department of Tourism. SLU went home with P150,000.

### Kabayan Tony's Q and A:

What is the production rate of red blood cells in the body of a person? Answer: In a healthy human being, 8,000,000 red blood cells are produced in the bone marrow every second.

Belated birthday greetings to Kagawads Josefina Ciencia, Jose Dasalla, Celia Lopez and Bernardino Tejero of Barangay Aurora Hill Proper, and advanced birthday wishes to Kagawad Ligaya Nagbuya of the same barangay.

Quotes of the week: "An era can be said to end when its basic illusions are exhausted." "Imagination is the eye of the soul." And "Honoring our parents is learned by example."

## Teacher shares bonus with cancer patient

Hospital, said medicines alone cost over P10,000 for each of the chemo sessions, the next step in her protracted treatment against parotid cancer.

Since 1999, Estolas has been weighing and measuring the growth of preschoolers, recording their immunization and vitamin dosages and teaching their mothers how to prepare balanced meals on shoestring budgets.

"I enjoy my work. More than that, I need it now because being with and serving the kids provides me therapy against self-pity and worry over my family's fate should I go," she admitted.

Her battle against the Big C began early last March when she was about to brush teeth for another day at the day care center.

"I could not open my mouth, as if half of my face was paralyzed," she recalled. "The biopsy showed I had malignant cancer cells on the parotid (salivary) gland. The doctors recommended immediate surgery."

With the help of her brother, she and husband Carlito summed up their savings for the operation in mid-March. She went under the knife again last October due to tumor re-growth which she attributed to her attitude.

"Nagsublin sa meti ti sakit ko gapu iti unay nga panangasik ti bagik ken panag-sang-sangit ko (I think my illness returned because of too

La Trinidad, Benguet – For a teacher in rural sociology, Prof. Leticia Consolacion is also country in mood and temperament. Two days before Christmas Day, she reached out and shared her year-end bonus to boost another teacher's fight against cancer.

"I read about her plight and just felt the need to see her," Consolacion, wife of former Benguet State University (BSU) President, Dr. Cipriano Consolacion, said when this writer called up her.

The lady professor at the BSU was referring to Adela Estolas, a 48-year old volunteer worker who teaches proper nutrition to pre-school tots and young mothers at the Honeymoon Barangay day care center here.

"She went to the city health center where I was told she wanted to help. She handed over P2,000, almost half her Christmas bonus," Estolas said in Ilocano. "Because of her gift, I won't have to worry where to get my maintenance dose for the next two weeks."

Estolas, wife of a carpenter and a mother of two, needs P1,000 weekly for her post-cobalt radiation therapy medications. The family is bracing itself for the new year as her attending doctors urged her to undergo six sessions of chemotherapy, starting early January.

Cancer specialist, Dr. Clemente Lo of the Baguio General

much self-pity and a lot of crying)," she pointed out.

She then decided to turn her sulking inside out and return to work with her wards, "so that I would feel needed and useful agains."

It scared her, however, how the kids would react to seeing the surgical slit that cut through half of her face. She said she was relieved when they thought her puffy left cheek was only due to toothache.

"Presently, we have over 300 kids here," she said while stringing up apples for a fruit-eating contest during the tots' Christmas party last week at the YMCA-supported day care center.

As volunteer worker, she gets a total of P1,500 in monthly honorarium from the city and the barangay.

Until her medical condition was diagnosed, it substantially augmented her husband's irregular income as an off-and-on carpenter.

"We are now financially drained," she admitted early this month in a letter she wrote to would-be Samaritans willing to help0 her out in her cancer treatment.

Consolacion responded, and invited Estolas to her house on Christmas Day. Others who feel like the rural sociology teacher may get in touch with city health officer, Dr. Florence Reyes, or city nutritionist Angelita Sabado at (074) 442-4542 or 443-6649./  
**Ramon Dacawi**

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extremely happy that they continued their role as proponents of improvements in the barangay," said a young resident.

He pointed out that the barangay's upscale economy was another reason that should encourage to do business here or simply visit the barangay.

Due to PB Danao's actions and exhortations, Camp 7 is now a self-reliant community. And this is indeed very important because it reduces people's dependency on government action and assistance.

All told, this is another way of truly empowering the people.

Henceforth, Kagawads Jones Lorena, Teodora Sacay, Eusebio Hambon, Andres Mondigung, Noe Ingosan, Jan Michael Banafin and Jose Sioco Cariño as well as SK chair Mark Anthony Mondigung are, along with PB Danao, are standing tall and proud of their achievements. For unlike the discredited traditional politicians or "trapos," they have made good ( what they said in the last barangay polls) of their promises. In short, they have translated every work into action./*Anthony A. Araos*

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Abuan Emily Damagon, Renato Yaranon, Leonida Boragay, Augustus Valdez and Donaven Caoili, barangay secretary Juan Generoza, barangay treasurer George Fangroy as well as SK chair Roger Aguirre, all socio-economic indicators point to a very positive outlook for Cresencia Village residents./*Anthony A. Araos*

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points, and Lualhati Barangay with 244 points. Consolation prizes were given to Barangay's Scout Barrio, MRR Queen of Peace, and City Camp Proper.

Salcedo said just like the previous year, they will again deposit their prize in the bank, to be utilized in the Barangay's continuing beautification project.

Their cash prize was P50,000, P25,000 for the second prize, P15,000 for the third prize and P5,000 as consolation prize./*Rimaliza A. Opiña w/rept's from Ramon Dacawi*

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to the improvement of the city has not been given enough attention, hence his political campaign will focus on *pangkabuhayan* (livelihood), *kalinisan* (cleanliness), and *kalusugan* (health).

As of this writing, his running mate is yet to be known, as he has yet to finalize talks with councilors Elmo Nevada, Faustino Olowan, and Reinaldo Bautista Jr. The latter recently resigned from Baguio's ruling party, *Timpuyog Ti Baguio*.

Councilor Cariño is on his third and final term.

Asked why he chose to file on Rizal Day, Cariño said it was the decision of the members of the Aksyon Demokratiko party, headed by former Education Secretary Raul Roco. They all filed on that day to "undo" the announcement made by President Gloria Arroyo last year, when she proclaimed during the wreath-laying ceremony at the Rizal Monument,

at Burnham Park that she will no longer vie for the presidency in the 2004 elections. A few months after, she took back her word and declared that she will run after all.

It is recalled that during Councilor Cariño's incumbency, one project that caused controversy was the installation and purchase of various water tanks (through his initiative) to different barangays in Baguio.

Documents transmitted by *Linis Gobyerno*, an anti graft, corruption prevention, and detection group to *The Junction* revealed that the councilor, together with employees of the General Services Office (GSO), Commission on Audit (COA), and City Engineers Office (CEO) has a pending case at the Office of the Ombudsman for violation of RA 3019, otherwise known as the *Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices Act*. The complaint was filed on December 2, 2001.

It is alleged that estimates for the purchase of the water tanks and its fixtures (pipes, water meters) were overpriced. Based on the estimates done by the Office of the City Engineer, the total cost for the installation of one water tank with a 10-drum capacity is P24, 000. 82 tanks were intended to be distributed to various barangays, totaling to P1.9 million.

On February 22, 2001, the General Services Office (the office designated to purchase the water tanks) conducted a public bidding. Three suppliers participated in the bidding, namely: Imson Iron Works, All Ways Enterprises, and JMZ Iron Works. All Ways Enterprises posted the lowest bid of P24, 995.

*Linis Gobyerno* meanwhile, conducted its own research. As attested to by some barangay captains (whose barangays were supposed to be the beneficiaries of Cariño's project), water tanks or its fixtures were not installed making the

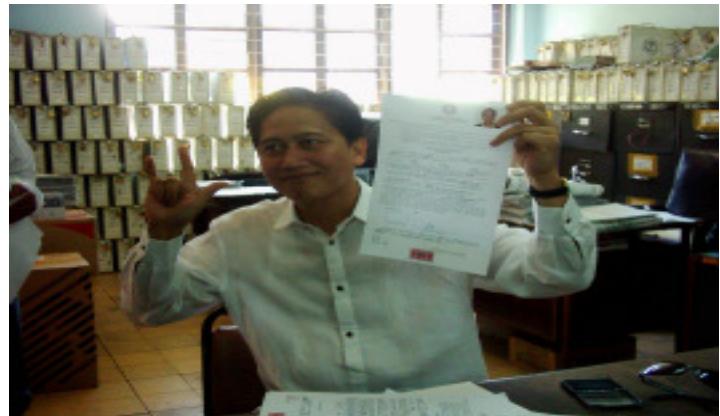
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*The first Mayoralty candidate for Baguio City, so far, outgoing city councilor Richard Cariño is running under the ticket of Presidential candidate Raul Roco.*

water tanks unusable.

It was also alleged that while the project has not been fully realized, Councilor Cariño did not make any effort to conduct a follow-up and see to it that the project was actually delivered to the various barangays. "Where is his concern for his constituents who are supposed to be beneficiaries of these tanks? How come Councilor Cariño was grossly negligent, as he did not bother to see to it that the tanks were installed accordingly?" the complaint states.

On November 2, 2002 (almost a year after the filing of the complaint), *Linis Gobyerno* made a follow-up letter to Assistant City Auditor Fernando Somera, and Director Evelyn Baliton of the OMB, inquiring about the complaint's status up until now no response was heard from them.

Cariño used to be a member of a Baguio-based party, the Independent Baguio Alliance (IBA). Aside from being identified as a member of a respected political party here, Cariño was also known as an active advocate for the preservation of Camp John Hay's environs. Hence, he was also identified as a staunch critic on the entry of developers inside CJH that do not value its importance to the city, and its residents. But in a sudden change of heart, on November 5, Cariño was one of the 7 councilors who voted in favor of the amendment of a council resolution originally prohibiting casino operations inside CJH./*Rimaliza A. Opiña*

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# Mayor reminds taxpayers on business permit procedures

Baguio City Mayor Bernardo Vergara reminded anew local traders on the procedures involved in business permit transactions.

The mayor said the city government expects faster facilitation of new business permits and in renewal of old licenses with the opening of the one-stop business permit processing center at the newly-built Multi-Purpose City Hall Extension Building last Dec. 22.

All offices, both local and national offices, concerned in the transactions will be housed in the center namely Permits and Licensing Division, City Treasurer's Office, City Health Office, Public Utilities Services Office, City Engineer's Office, and the local offices of the Bureau of Fire Protection, Social Security System, Department of Tourism, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Environment and Natural Resources/En-

vironmental Management Bureau and PhilHealth.

The mayor spelled anew the steps involved in business permit renewal, to wit:

For renewal of permits, the following will be followed:

- Applicants shall secure from the Permits and Licensing Office the Renewal Form and Checklist of Requirements;

- Applicants shall proceed to the City Treasurer's Office for the appropriate clearances, assessment and payment of business taxes and other fees and for the preparation of Form 2 (business permit);

- Prior to the submission of Form 2, applicants shall be required to secure the appropriate mandatory requirements from the following agencies whose representatives shall be assigned at the one-stop business permit center; barangay business clearance; sanitary permit from the Baguio Health Department; and clearance from the Bureau of Fire Protection;

- With Form 2 at hand, along with the required clearances, the applicant shall next proceed to the permits and licensing office for the registration of said Form 2, for printing of the term Revocable for assessment purposes and for its endorsement to the city mayor for approval and signature;

- After the issuance of Form 2, the business permit renewal applicant shall be required to submit other essential requirements provided for in

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

**ESTATE OF BRYAN MAT-AN - Assignor**

**REGINA M. MAT-AN - Assignee**  
**Case No. 92-CAR-535/2003-CAR-1167**

## NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Assignment & Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-CAMP 6 and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 13, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDUGUING - Regional Director this 30th day of December 2003.

(SGD) ATTY. BRENDA POKLAY  
Hearing Officer

## NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION OF THE ESTATE OF DECEASED PERSON

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late BRYAN MAT-AN who died on January 1, 2000 at Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of public utility jitney with Plate No. AVA-449 and its franchise under LTFRB Case No. 92-CAR-535 have been the subject of Self Adjudication by the sole heir REGINA M. MAT-AN on 23 Decemeber 2003 as per Doc. No. 096, Page No. 020, Book No. 382, Series of 2003, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Hermenegildo M. Monta of Baguio City.

Dec. 28, Jan. 4 & 11, 2003

## ENTREPRENEWS

**Year 2004: A time for reflection... A time for healing**

**BY TRINIDAD CAYADING**



Well, this time I want to share with you a text message which I received this holiday season from wonderful friends out there... "Forget the things that made you sad and remember those that made you glad. Forget the troubles that passed away and remember the blessings come each day. HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

First as we bid welcome to 2004, it is my pleasure to wish all my friends and readers of the Entreprenews "A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year and of course to thank you for your interest on this column in particular and the Junction newsletter in general. In behalf of the Junction management, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your support and cooperation. We look forward to your continued involvement in our cause.

Another year has ended. Let us pause for a few moments and take the time to thank the Lord for all the blessings we received these past 12 months. The fact that we are still alive is reason enough to be grateful to our Creator.

Life is a gift – the best present that depends on us to make it even better and more productive in the future. Or, will we allow the past to rule our heart and mind? If 2003 has been a good year for us, let us be grateful to the Lord Almighty, for whatever happiness and success we achieved could not have been possible without God's abundant blessings.

If the year just ended has been a rough one, let us still thank the Lord for the lessons learned and the strength we gained because of our trials. There is always a reason for whatever experience we go through in life. We may not realize it now, but much later, when we look back at what transpired in the past, we will surely realize the reason for it all.

Now is the time too for reflection, for assessing our relationships with our family, our friends, and the greater community, new resolutions and making plans for the year ahead. If we have had misunderstanding with another person, NOW is the time to seek reconciliation and let healing take place. This process is particularly true for individuals, for businessmen as well as for organizations.

Healing of memories take time. We cannot do it alone without the wonderful grace of God. First, we must surrender our painful memories to Christ for healing. We must make a choice: Will I let past hurts control me by focusing on my pride, or will I turn over the painful memory to the Holy Spirit so I can be rid of any bitterness and resentment?

We thank God for the painful memory that has brought us closer to Him, and the power to grow and to change. Only then will be able to forgive and follow God's forgiving and wonderful love. Peace and love of God will rule our future.

Actually, there is no memory for which we cannot be thankful when we realize that it is in our lowest moments when we grew tremendously as a person. May we welcome the year 2004 with a clean slate with a firm resolve to vye for a more improved quality of life.

Again, a peaceful and God-filled New Year to all!

the checklist;

- Business firms issued with permits shall be subsequently inspected for compliance with the various requirements relative to permit issuance. If found deficient in any of these requirements, the registrant shall be advised

- to comply within ten days after inspection. Failure to comply within the specified term shall mean revocation of the permit; and

- License of business firms in nature of repair shops for

- automotive, battery, vulcanizing and others shall be renewed after their business venues have been inspected relative to the restricted use of roadways and sidewalk pavements.

For new busi-

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# How to Teach your Dog “Down”

A lot of people think that an askal cannot be trained, and that an askal is meant for the table. This season, a lot of dogs ended up as pulutan for the drinkers.

However, training your dog, and showing the members of your family, that your askal can be trained and that he or she is intelligent may prevent the drinkers and dog eaters in the family to consider your pet dog as food.

Try these training techniques. But don't forget the key to good training: consistency and patience. Surely it will make your pet dog more lovable and acceptable.

## 1. Good Eats Make Attentive Students.

First, choose an eager canine; this method is most appropriate for happy, stable dogs whose social skills need just a bit of refining. Take your new friend to a venue that's a bit less distracting: an office, a garden, backyard will do. Have a handful of tasty treats (like a bone) at the ready—the way to a canine's mind is often through his tummy.

## 2. Practice Doggie Sign Language.

Start the dog in the “sit” position. Kneel or squat so you're closer to whisker level. Now employ the hand signal by flashing your right hand in front of the dog's eyes, with your palm toward the dog and your fingers together; at the same time, lower your left, treat-filled hand and place it between his paws.

Hold the treats in place while you quickly move your right hand to your little



buddy's shoulders; rest your hand there gently. Do not force or push the dog down; your hand signal simply goes along for the ride to keep him from standing.



If he does happen to spring up, just start him again in the “sit” position and repeat the above steps. As soon as his elbows touch the ground, reward him instantly so he learns to associate food with lying flat on his tummy. If he gets excited, he may pop back up; in this case, just stop feeding so he can distinguish between behaviors worthy of treats and those that are a little less desirable.

## The best and worst animal stories of 2003

*By: HSUS and HSI (last of 2 parts)*

### The Worst Animal Stories of 2003

Philosophers say we wouldn't know what was “good” if it weren't for those people and events deemed “bad.” Perhaps this is true. But human nature also seems to crave bad news. Maybe it's because bad news makes us feel better about our lives, or because it shows us how much further we have to go, or maybe because bad news just gives us a chance to release long-dormant grief. Our worst animal stories of 2003 no doubt will inspire all those thoughts and emotions.

**Governors Go on the Hunt:** In August, New York Governor George Pataki vetoed a bill that would have banned canned hunts in areas larger than 10 acres, overriding the Senate and House which had both passed the legislation by 2-to-1 majorities. Not to be outdone, Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich in April signed a bill authorizing Sunday hunting, ending the

state's 300-year ban on hunting on the Christian Sabbath. (See where your state stands on animal fighting.)

**Getting Defensive.** When President Bush signed the Department of Defense authorization bill in November, he did more than funnel \$401 billion to the DOD for the 2004 fiscal year. He also granted the military exemptions from certain requirements under both the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, spelling trouble for hundreds of endangered or threatened species on military lands, including the bald eagle.

**Chickens Run:** More than three million birds were destroyed when Exotic Newcastle Disease swept through southern California in late 2002 and early 2003 and then moved into Nevada, Arizona and Texas. Cockfighters were presumed to help spread the contagious and fatal disease via

the movement of game-cocks, while the presence of overcrowded factory farms virtually guaranteed large numbers of birds would die. The owners of a California egg farm killed an estimated 30,000 live chickens by tossing them into a woodchipper, but the San Diego County DA declined to prosecute.

**Buffaloed:** This spring, federal and Montana state officials rounded up and slaughtered 231 bison, who had done nothing more than wander outside Yellowstone National Park. The killing campaign is designed to protect a small pocket of domestic cattle from the remote possibility of contracting brucellosis, despite the fact the disease has never been transmitted from wild, free-roaming bison to domestic cattle. Officials typically have tested the bison before sending those testing positive for antibodies to slaughter. But in the past two years, authorities have skipped the

### 3. He's Down—But Not Out.

Repeat the exercises above until your precocious student is flopping down on a dime. To teach your friend how to stay down, release him with a quiet “okay” before he gets up, but don't say anything once he is up and moving around. Praising and feeding him while he's down will ensure that he gets the message about what you want him to do.



### 4. How Low Can He Go?

Now it's time to test your poochy protégé's ability to apply what he's learned. Start by luring him to the down position with your hand signal in the air and some treats near his toes. Instead of giving him a treat, release him from the position with an “okay.” Lure him down again, this time rewarding him with a treat when he comes in for a landing. Once he's accomplished this step, he's ready for a more advanced examination: Hold the treats in your left hand,

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but keep that hand in front of his nose rather than on the floor. Don't lure this time; just give the dog the hand signal, and keep your hand suspended there as you watch the wheels start turning.

### 5. Behold the Touchdown.

Allow the dog some time to make the connection between behavior and treats. If your friend starts looking confused, moving his gaze from the treats to your hand and back to the treats again, don't worry. Be patient; this may be the first time in his life that he's been encouraged to use his brain, so give him time to figure out the correlations. Just when you think you've all but lost him, he'll plop that little tummy down with gusto.

Reward the little guy immediately, allowing him to nibble from your jackpot of treats. If he doesn't go down, don't worry; just repeat steps 1 and 2, and test again.



### 6. Rise and Shine.

Once the dog has mastered his new trick, elevate his knowledge a bit by teaching him to understand the "down" signal when it's delivered a few feet above his head. First, while you're still kneeling, hold the treats near your waist with one hand while giving the hand signal with the other hand. Give the dog a treat as soon as he's down. Now stand up, still holding the treats, and see if the dog understands your hand signal from higher ground. Sometimes munchkin dogs who are low to the ground have a harder time with this, so if yours doesn't respond immediately, don't worry. Just crouch down halfway and gradually work your way up to a standing position. Soon enough, the hand signal will become second nature to your little buddy—and he'll be sinking to new and wonderful lows every time an employee, volunteer, or potential adopter flashes a palm at him.

**Source:** *Animal Sheltering Magazine, March – April 2001 issue*  
(*Animal Sheltering* is published by The Humane Society of the United States)

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testing in late winter, sending bison straight to the slaughterhouse regardless of health status. This year's slaughter inspired Congress to ad-



dress the issue, leading to the introduction of H.R. 3446, the Hinckley-Bass Yellowstone Buffalo Preservation Act.

**Orwellian Logic:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has boldly proposed to reinterpret the Endan-

## Key police, fire and jail personnel to report during special non-working days

Key personnel from the Philippine National Police, and Bureaus of Fire Protection and of Jail Management and Penology are required to observe regular working hours during the special non-working days declared by President Macapagal-Arroyo for government employees.

In a memorandum to DILG officials and employees, Secretary Joey Lina said employees of the PNP, BJMP, and BFP should still report for work, given the nature of the

duties, designated to these offices. "Our services to the public should continue because we should always be prepared for any emergency situation which can happen even in the midst of our celebration of the holidays," Lina said.

Section 3b of Proclamation No. 503 states that "Employees of government departments, offices, agencies or instrumentalities providing police, security, fire protection, custodial, rescue, emergency, medical and other similar ser-

vices shall be required by the head of the department, office, agency or instrumentality to observe regular working hours and provide regular services to the public on the said dates."

Under said presidential proclamation, the said dates were declared as special non-working days to enable Filipinos to have ample time to visit their families, relatives and friends, and also to spur domestic tourism throughout the country./DILG-PIO

gered Species Act to favor trophy hunters and animal-use industries such as zoos, circuses and even leather-goods merchants. The USFWS proposes to grant import permits for endangered species for the benefit of wildlife-based industries, in the hopes that the money generated from the import of these animals will "enhance the survival" of their species in foreign countries. In other words: Kill the animals to save the animals.

**Prisoners of War:** When the war-torn Solomon Islands collapsed into social disorder this summer, a foreign consortium swooped in and started paying locals to capture dolphins, dozens of them, in what was described as perhaps the worst case of the live capture of dolphins in decades. Twenty-eight of the animals ended up at a dolphin facility in Cancun, Mexico, despite the best efforts of protestors.

**On Thin Iceland:** Iceland carried out its threat and killed its first whale in 14 years, a young minke, in August. Not long afterward, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), an agency under the Commerce Department, launched a review to determine whether Commerce Secretary Donald Evans should invoke the Pelly Amendment, which would allow Evans to certify to President Bush that Iceland is undermining the effectiveness of an international conservation program. The president could then impose trade sanctions. There's still no word from Evans on the matter, but in the meantime, Iceland killed 35 more minke whales, as promised.

**Monkeypox Business:** The chain of events: In May, a pet trader imported a Gambian giant rat who was carrying the monkeypox virus. The infected rat landed at a pet wholesale outlet in Illinois and spread the virus to prairie dogs awaiting public sale. The infected prairie dogs then passed on the disease to more than 70 people throughout the Midwest. In no time, monkeypox became the latest disease to jump from animal to human, yet another reminder that wild animals do not make suitable pets.

**Oh, Canada:** Hunters took the Canadian Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans' new harp seal quota to heart: They killed 286,238 seals (96.6% of whom were 12 days to 12 weeks old) during the first season of the revised quota, which allows hunters to slaughter 975,000 seals over three seasons. This, despite evidence that the previous quota of 275,000 was unsustainable. The second season just began in November, with more of the same expected. Canada's increasingly bloody seal hunt inspired The HSUS and other groups to launch the Protect Seals campaign.

**Journey's End:** Keiko, the star of *Free Willy* who inspired his own freedom campaign, died in Norway in December, ending his unprecedented bid to return to the Icelandic waters where he was snatched. Keiko's death moved many to recount his amazing journey, and others to evaluate his legacy.

## Neighborhood of common folks gives home to destitute mother and child

Home is not only where the heart is. It is also where they take you in.

Widow Corazon Tagulino, realizes this only too well, having survived with her autistic and epileptic son Manuel for over five years sleeping on a sidewalk the Rizal Monument here.

On the second Sunday of December, residents of Purok 14-A of Irisan Barangay here formally took in the 42-year old mother and her 12-year old special child as their own. The neighborhood of common folks had deemed fit to pitch in for a feast celebrating their turn-over of an eight-foot by 10-foot room they built for their new neighbors.

"We're not rich so we timed this turnover with a Christmas party honoring our barangay tanods," said purok leader Saturnino Calag. He had supervised the room construction by neighborhood volunteers and had it finished before the rainy season this year.

Although she and her son had been living in their room for months now, Tagulino cried over the gift and the warmth of a community of the laboring class below the city's garbage dump. Having slept of a canvas sheet on the park sidewalk for quite sometime, it was far beyond what she wished for.

Moved by what he called a "monument

of community cooperation," City Mayor Bernardo Vergara, who served as guest of honor and speaker, handed over two P1,000 bills for the maintenance medicine of the epileptic child. Councilor Antonio Tabora Jr. added one more bill.

The plight of the orphaned boy and her mother was brought to the attention of media last May, surprisingly by another destitute widow whose family had just been ejected from the shanty they had occupied for two years.

*"Mas kawawa sila at mas nangangailangan ng tulong (They are more pitiful and more in need of help),"* Basilisa Aguilar said when she took time to refer the plight of Tagulino and her son to media.

Misery, truly needs company. Another widow, laundrywoman Baby Belasano, offered Tagulino the only remaining space of a small lot she is occupying at Purok 14-A on which to build the room.

Engr. Rolly Bautista, owner of A-Theanna Devt. Corp. triggered the start of the project with a P3,000 donation. Pony boys at the Wright Park bridle path used the seed money to produce hollow blocks.

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) led by For-

ester Macli-ing provided the trusses and other wooden materials. CENRO Manny Pogeyed brought in the window frames while retired jail warden Eligio Wigwigan and carpenter Tony Eulin delivered the door and door frame.

Sportsman Swanny Dicang bought sand, gravel and cement while the Philippine Information Agency under Regional Director Helen Tibaldo produced GI sheets for the roofing. The Cordillera Career Development College headed by James Malaia donated a bolt for the door.

Irisan Punong Barangay Bernardo Calatan then tapped Calag for the labor force. Most were teenagers whose noon meals of rice and sardines came from the food-for-work program of city social worker Betty Fangasan were cooked by Tagulino.

The Times, through bureau chief Thom Picana, pooled P2,000 for the celebration and to pay for some hollow blocks a neighbor advanced to finish the construction.

For Tagulino, it had been a long way towards finding a home. Originally from Maasin, Leyte, she lost her husband, a construction worker, in an accident when Manuel was still a baby.

To escape poverty, she tried applying for an overseas job which never material-

## Silahis ng Pasko's special events winners, bared

Baguio City – More than 100 differently-abled athletes showcased their athletic talents and skills the last December 12 and 13 to climax the Texas Instruments Philippines – sponsored "Special Day for Special People" activity as part of the Silahis ng Pasko Pearl Anniversary celebration.

Former city councilor and Silahis ng Pasko Executive Chairman Narciso "Nars" Padilla said the main events were the walkathon for the blind and wheelathon for paraplegics which started at the Baguio Country Club main gate and ended at Narda's Gift Shop along Upper Session Road.

He disclosed that Michael Gorospe, 25, a blind computer student at STI won the grand cash incentive prize of P2,000; Daniel Padilan, 47, a watch repairman placed second pocketing P1,500 while car-

penter-electrician Melchor Bandiloc came in third winning P1,000.

In the wheelathon event, Alfonso Manasan, Junfer Ap-ap and Ador Salvador ruled the race coming in first, second and third, respectively. They were also given the same cash incentive prizes as those of the winners in the walkathon competition.

Padilla said the fourth and fifth place finishers in both races were given P800 and P500, respectively. He added that all other competitors received P200 each including t-shirts and refreshments from the event sponsor, Texas Instruments Philippines.

He said that the three top winners in the chess competitions also received cash incentive prizes for their efforts.

Meanwhile, Padilla said that the Philippine Martial Arts Crusaders Club/BCPO

team under Police Officer Francis Hulanio won the overall team championship trophy in the "arnis" event of the Silahis ng Pasko's "Palarong Pilipino Talaga" Arnis and Sikaran tournament held last December 14 at People's Park.

Coming in second is the Nergal Arnis-Sikaran club of Ilocos Norte under Nelson Millari while the Arnis-Sikaran-Sincala club of Roger Mejia came in third.

Padilla said that the Philex Mines Sikaran warriors of CAR Sikaran Regional Director Emil Gonzales retained the team overall championship crown in the "sikaran" event for the third consecutive year.

The Nergal team came in second while the Arnis-Sikaran-Sincala team took third place honors. Padilla said that even sponsor Texas Instrument Philippines took care of all the prizes./**Gaby B. Keith**

ized. When Manuel was four, he fell from a flight of stairs and has never normal since then.

Finding no work in Leyte, she and her son followed her sister to Baguio. She rented a room but was eventually ejected for failing to pay the rental.

"Lahat pati ang kita ko sa paglalaba ay napupunta sa gamot ng anak ko (All my earnings as a laundry woman went to my son's medicines)," she

narrated.

Manuel's case has been diagnosed as "autism, progressive retardation and frequent, poorly controlled generalized tonic-clonic seizures (mainly due to non-compliance to anti-epileptic medications)".

A neurologist, Dr. Divina Hernandez, said Manuel needs continuous medications. With help from the doctor, Tagulino tried to sustain the doses by selling ciga-

rettes and junk food on the pavement she and her son slept on for years.

Already deeply in debt to loan sharks, Tagulino had no more goods to sell last week. She had used her capital for Manuel's medications.

Samaritans out there who would like to reach out to the mother and son in this season of sharing may contact Punong Barangay Calatan or Purok Leader Calag./**Ramon Dacawi**

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tawag sa buwis na dapat bayaran sa isang donasyon ay "donor's tax."

Sinasabi ng Tax Code na ang capital gains tax ay dapat bayaran ng isang nagbenta, at ang halaga nito ay batay sa ipinapalagay na ganansiya o kita ng isang nagbebenta ng lupa.

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**PATALASTAS:** Mula sa puso ng nananalig sa akin dadaloy ang tubig na nagbibigay buhay. Juan 7:38.

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**PAALALA:** Napapakinggan po ako sa GMA SuperRadyo DZBB, 594 khz., Lunes hanggang Biernes, alas 4:40 ng madaling araw, sa "Double B, Batas ng Bayan", at Sabado, alas 9:00 ng umaga. Ang amin pong tanggapan ay nasa 18-D Mahiyain cor. Mapagkawanggawa Sts., Teacher's Village East, Diliman, Quezon City, Maari niyo po akong padalhan ng problemang legal sa mga teleponong, (02) 433-75-53 at 0917-984-24-68.

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foods (animal manure used as fertilizer), cotton (animal products in the bleaching process), bicycles (animal fat used in the vulcanization of tires), books (hooves and bones in binding glue), roads and buildings (animal products used in curing concrete), water (tested with animal products, often filtered through bone char), etc. Even many vegan foods result in killing some animals during planting and harvesting.

**Vegan Outreach's view: A Results-based Approach**

We believe that framing veganism as the avoidance of a specific list of "bad" ingredients is not the best way to achieve results. When looked at closely, any ingredients-based definition of vegan collapses into inconsistencies. This is why we stress that the essence of being vegan is working to end cruelty to animals.

*Working to end cruelty to animals* is a clear motivation that can be easily comprehended by others. When discussing veganism, we admit there are not always clear-cut answers and explanation that it's not a matter of making the "right" or "wrong" choice in every situation. This practical, goal-oriented approach shows that being vegan is an active, progressive means by which we make the world a better place.

Although all views of vegan include not supporting factory farms and slaughterhouses, there are many instances where a results-based approach can help animals more than the ingredients-based approach. For example, a consistent vegan dedicated to an ingredients-based view of veganism wouldn't use film (which contains gelatin) under any circumstances. Yet how many animals have been saved from great suffering, because of the visual impact of the pictures and films that have documented so many abuses?

**Not Just We Avoid**

Some would argue that vegans should replace their current cameras with digital ones. However, we have to ask if spending money replacing a functional object with a new one is the best way to oppose cruelty to animals. (This is also an issue with leather and wool goods we had purchased before becoming vegan). Might the extra money be better spent creating resources to spread vegetarianism, such as printing literature?

We believe that being vegan isn't simply avoiding a list of products. We seek to maximize the good we accomplish with our decisions. As vegans, what we do is as important as what we don't do.

Some vegans and non-vegans alike are quick to call others "hypocrites" if they don't avoid a certain hidden ingredient. But if your goal is to alleviate suffering, it isn't hypocritical to believe that avoiding all hidden ingredients can be prohibitively expensive, time-consuming, and make veganism appear impossible to others. It is also worth noting that animal byproducts will disappear as the meat, dairy, and egg industries fade. Spending our time and energy focused on minor ingredient rather than on spreading vegetarianism may not be the best use of time.

**Dealing with Others**

Choosing to stop eating animals not only says that past actions were "wrong," it also implicitly communicates to family, friends and colleagues that their continued eating of animals is wrong. When vegans share their new ideas, some family and friends not only show resistance, but can even react with mockery or anger. Combine this with the fact that vegans naturally view meat eaters as supporting cruelty and causing suffering, and it is not surprising that some vegans can develop a near hatred of them. In order to prevent and alleviate suffering, however, we must let the compassion we feel for animals shine through the pain and anger we feel about their exploitation. Unless nonvegans can respect us—as opposed to finding us cold and judgmental—they will have little interest in veganism.

Instead of expecting others to go vegan immediately, we need to offer understanding and give them time to deal with their unique situations. Burning bridges with anger only serves to create enemies and feed the stereotype of vegans as hostile, isolated misanthropes. As long as you remain respectful, your positive example of veganism, as well as the information you provide, will ultimately be the best voice for the animals.

Although some of the information regarding vegetarianism is outdated or biased, there is a lot of solid information available to help us educate ourselves about the issues. However, we needn't be encyclopedias of facts. The simplest reasons for being vegan can be the most powerful: "I know that I don't want to suffer. Therefore, I don't want to cause others to suffer."

**On being Vegan**

The most important tool we have in our efforts against cruelty to animals is our positive, sincere, thoughtful example. Looking at the long

term changes in society, we can know that each of us, in our example, actions, attitude—our entire existence—is changing the world. If we could focus all our energies on understanding and outreach, rather than on anger, the world would be significantly better. Living honestly and passionately as a vegan is an affirmation of life, a means to fulfillment and joy. These positive aspects of veganism are what we must embrace for ourselves and communicate to others.

**Is a Vegan World Possible?**

Many people agree that animal agriculture is cruel, yet feel their efforts will never make any significant difference. But consider the following scenario: Suppose the current 5,000+ members of Vegan Outreach influence one person to become vegan every five years on average, and these new vegans, in turn, also influence one new person every five years. Although the change will be imperceptible at first, by the middle of the century, more than 10 percent of the U.S. population will have become vegan, and far more suffering will have been prevented that had we abolished every form of animal exploitation in the country. As more people stop eating animals, there will be many more vegan options for everyone (e.g., vegan burgers will be cheaper and more readily available), making it much easier for others to change. At this pace, it will only take a few more decades for the entire U.S. population to be vegan.

*Source:* [Vegan Outreach](http://www.veganoutreach.org) ([www.veganoutreach.org](http://www.veganoutreach.org))

**JUST A MINUTE...****...from p.5**

goodbye to year 2003. Indeed it was a very good year. All things considered, I resolved too that when my son Earl Jan Juris shall be of age, I shall advise him to marry no one but a girl from Tagudin—from where my loving wife comes.

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The skies of 2004 maybe dark and heavy, but it is said that behind the clouds is a silver lining. Hope springs eternal. This is the message for all coming from me: my beautiful, loving and caring wife Pia; from the kids Xanthea Yori, Earl Jan Juris, and Sheila Mimi. Even from our pets and dogs Ambo and Sparky, and from the cats Cataka and Catawan.

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ness permits, applications shall not be processed for assessment and payment of business taxes required under existing regulations without prior submission of all the requirements enumerated in the checklist issued by the Permits office including the mandatory inspection by concerned agencies.

The mayor said that to ensure strict observance of the government's policy on utmost fairness and objectivity in permit processing, no official or employee shall intercede or make representations in behalf of a permit applicants. Violators will be meted penalties./Aileen P. Refuerzo

## ATTY. BATAS

**Buwis para sa donasyon****NI ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO**

IDI napalabas a Martes, Disyembre 30, 2003, nagsubmitarakon iti certificate of candidacy a kas maysa kadagiti opisyal nga tumaray nga senador iti Alyansa ng Pag-asa ni Raul S. Roco.

In-file ko iti certificate of candidacy diyay Commission on Election, Intramuros, Manila.

Kadwak nga nangi-file da Raul Roco, nga tumaray nga presidente, ken Hermie Aquino, dati nga congressman ken vice governor ti Tarlac, nga tumaray nga bise presidente..

Nag-file met iti certificates of candidacy for senator da Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, broadcaster Jay Sonza, dati nga Solicitor General Frank Chavez, champion bowler Bong Coo, dati nga Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Perfecto Yasay Jr., dati nga Nueva Ecija Gov. Edno Jason, ken practicing lawyer Nick Gatmaytan Jr.

No matultuloy, adda pay uppata ng sabali nga ag-file iti certificate of candidacy da para senador, ngem depende daytoy iti negosasyon. Malpas iti pannaka-file iti certificates of candidacy mi, nangaramid kami iti maysa nga press conference ket, didiyay, impalawag ni Roco nga daytoy tiket ti Alyansa ng Pag-asa iti maudi nga tsansa dagiti Pilipino tapno sumayaat iti panagbiyag tayo.

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BAKIT ba tumatakbo ang isang kagaya kong walang pera sa isang pambansang halalan? Marami na ang nagtanong sa akin ng ganitong isyu, at nasogot ko na rin ito ng maraming beses.

Pero sa kapakanan ng ating mga kababayang nagnanais malamang muli ang aking sagot, iisa lamang ang aking masasabi: Ako ay tumatakbo kahit wala akong pera dahil nais ko lamang tugunan ang hamon ng mas malawak na serbisyon publiko.

Sa aking buhay bilang isang abogado, nakita kong marami sa ating mga kababayang maraming mga karapatang maaaring ipaglaban pero hindi nila ito magawa sapagkat wala silang perang gagastusin sa abogado.

Ito ang madalas na dahilan kung kaya't ang ating mga kababayang hindi nakakakamit ng hustiya ay natututong humawak ng armas at sumama sa mga grupong naghahanap ng marahas na pagbagsak ng pamahalaan.

Kung ang mga taong ito ay nabibigyan ng pagkakataong lumaban para sa kanilang karapatan sa tulong ng mga libreng abogado, magiging mas maaayos ang takbo ng lipunan, at magiging mas madali ang pakakaroon ng katarungan.

'Yan ang nais kung gawin, kung sakaling kakasihan ako ng Diyos at tutulungan ako ng sambayanan, at ako ay mapupunta sa Senado bilang bagong senador ng bayan.

Alam kong ito ang gusto ng taumbayan, at alam kong ako ay kanilang sasamahan upang ito ay ating magampanan, kahit wala tayong perang gagastuhin sa kampanya.

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TANONG: "Atty. Batas, may tax po ba sa deed of donation? Kung mayron, mas malaki ba ito sa tax sa deed of sale? Thank you and more power."

SAGOT: Ayon sa National Internal Revenue Code, ang batas na kilala din bilang Tax Code, mayroon pong buwis na dapat bayaran ang sinumang nagbebenta o nagdonasyon ng kanyang mga ari-arian.

Ang tawag sa buwis na na dapat bayaran sa isang bentahan ay "capital gains tax", samantalang ang

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Ayon kay TB number 1 (isang kasamahan sa opisina), kamakailan lang ay sinabi nitong si Konsehal Cariño na nais niyang imungkahi ang paggamit ng LPG bilang alternatibo sa gasolina ng mga sasakyang sapagkat mayroon daw siyang kilalang makakatulong na may-ari ng isang gasoline station. Very good, Coun. Cariño, talagang concerned kayo sa environment, ngunit ayon naman sa isang nating TB dapat daw ay itanong ko kung sino naman daw ang kaibigan na ito na maaring tumulong hinggil dito? Kung ito raw kaibigan na makakatulong ay si Gladys Vergara na siyang may-ari ng Shell Station sa Abanao na matagal ng na ichichiismis na karelasyon daw ni Konsehal Cariño (among klaseng karelasyon ewan ko, baka prayer partner)? Bagama't wala naman akong nakikitung mali kung si Gladys Vergara nga ito sapagkat isa naman daw siyang negosyante, ngunit kung ating tatanunin kung ano nga ba ang tunay na relasyon nitong si Richard at Gladys, ay mabuti sigurong si Konsehal mismo ang magsabi kung ano ba talaga ang kanilang relasyon kung sila nga ba ay Lovers or simply Friends. Maaring paki-sagot Konsehal Cariño para sa ganoon ay malinawan ang maraming mga masokista este moralista sa ating lipunan na nagnanais maliwanagan tungkol sa inyong sex life este personal (moral and ethical) lifestyle?

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Ayon kay TB number 2 (isa ring kasamahan sa opisina), matagal na raw sinampaahan ng reklamo ng Linis Gobyerno sa office of the OMBADSMAN este Ombudsman itong si Konsehal Cariño tungkol

sa kanyang maanomalyang paggamit ng humigit-kumulang dalawang milyong peso (P2,000,000.0) para sa pagbibili ng mga water tanks for the barangays na kung tutuusin naman daw ay kalahati lang ang tunay na halaga. Kung itong mga reklamo ay mayroon ngang basehan at katutuhanan, ang ibig sabihin nito ay itong si Konsehal Cariño ay isang matulis na Konsehal (he/he hindi ka lang pala sa chika babes matulis ha!?). matulis ka rin pala sa paggamit ng salapi ng kaban ng bayan? Bagama't humigit-kumulang dalawang taon na ang nakalilipas magmula ng naisampa ng Linis Gobyerno ang reklamo ay hanggang sa ngayon ay wala pa ring pinal na hatol o desisyon ang opisina ng Ombudsman at sadyang pinatulog na lang ang nasabing reklamo (bakit kaya?!). Ayon pa sa sating TB, ito raw reklamo na ito ay pinagtulungan siyasatin at iresearch ng mahigit dalawampung (20) volunteer members ng Linis Gobyerno na sila mismo ang nakakaalam kung gaano winalanghiya daw ang paggastos ng salapi para sa mga overpriced water tanks for the barangay na siyang brainchild and project nitong si Konsehal Cariño. Sa dakong ito ay ating iintayin ang kinaukulang reaksyon at kasagutan nitong si Konsehal Cariño hingil sa napakabigat na isyu na ito (huwag kalimutan ang sabi ni Senador Ping Lacson HUWAG MATAKOT STOP KURAKOT). Magaanay ang inyong lingkod Konsehal Cariño para sa inyong reaksyon.

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Abangan sa susunod nating kolumn (part 2) ang pabali-baliktdad at pabalibalimbing na estilo nitong si Konsehal Cariño at mga iba't-ibang karagdagan impormasyon.

## VENDORS...

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bakit sa kabilang mahigpit na seguridad na ipinatutupad ng SM, pinayagan pa rin ang ilan sa mga tenant nito na magbenta ng mga paputok.

Dahil dito hindi umano pantay ang kompetisyon sa kanila at ng iba pang nagbebenta. Sa halip na magpunta ang mga mamimili sa itinalagang lugar kung saan dapat na magbenta, mas pinipili pa raw nila ang bumili sa SM o sa palengke.

Ang apila ni Montoya sana daw ay maging mas responsabile ang mga kinaukuluan upang walang nadedehado/Rimaliza A. Opina

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## Matinding babala ng Upper Rock Quarry sa mga pusher

Huwag na huwag kayong magplanong magbenta ng bawal na gamot sa aming lugar!

Ito ang malakas na mensahe ng mga residente ng Barangay Upper Rock Quarry sa mga drug pusher na nagsapalangan ng magtulak ng marijuanan, shabu at iba pang mga pinagbabawal na gamot.

Kaya't tiyak na masisira lang ang diskarte ng mga drug pusher sa barangay na ito habang dinodoble ang aksyon o pagkilos ng mga opisyales ng barangay council upang magtagumpay ang kampanya laban sa droga.

Natutuwawan naman ang napanakaraming residente ng bar na ito dahil seryoso sina Punong Barangay Johnny David, mga kagawad na sina Leonora Alicay, Jeffrey Malabato, Mary Gulanda, Josephine Escote, Rita Kidpan, Virgilio Sayo at Dorothy Velasco, at maging si SK chair Peter Pedrona. At ito sana'y hindi na magbago o maging

Sa kabuuan, ayon sa United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) ang Pilipinas ay pangatlo sa world's biggest users of shabu. Ito ay tunay na nakaalarma at dapat tutukan ng mga pulis at pinuno ng pamahalaan. Ang sabi ng isang residente ng Baguio nga ay: "Alam

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## "Paputok" vendors nagreklamo ng favoritism (pinaboran daw ang SM)

Umalma ang mga paputok vendors partikular na ang grupong pinangungunahan ni Agnes Montoya isang fire cracker retailer matapos mapag-alaman na nag-issue ng special permit ang Office of the City Treasurer sa iba pang retailers ng paputok na hindi kabilang sa kanilang grupo.

Sa isang panayam, inireklamo ni Montoya ang ginawang hakbang ng tanggapan ni City Treasurer Thelma Manaois kung saan nabigyan ng special permit ang isang negosyante sa SM City Baguio upang magbenta rin ng mga pyrotechnic devices noong nakaraang Bagong Taon (2004).

An'ya hindi naging makatarungan ang Office of the City Treasurer sa pag-issue ng special permit sapagkat noong sila ang humingi ng special permit, hindi biro ang kanilang pinagdaanan, sapagkat bago ang permisong ibinigay sa kanila ng konseho sa pamamagitan ng isang resolusyon, nagtungo

naman po ng mga taga-City Hall kung sinusino sila subalit wala po silang ginagawang hakbang."/Anthony A. Araos

muna sila sa Camp Crame, kasunod ang pagsasagawa ng seminar hinggil sa fire safety, pagkatapos ay ang pagpunta sa konseho.

Ayon kay

Montoya sumunod sila sa lahat ng patakaran ipinapatupad ng lokal na pamahalaan subalit nang pumasok ang isang malaking

kumpanya, agaran ang naging pagbibigay sa kanila ng special permit.

Kinuwestiyon din ni Montoya kung

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### PRANGKAHAN TAYO

Lover Boy Cariño for  
Mayor  
(Part 1)

NI KENSHI



Coun Cariño for Mayor - ang tanong mga dear readers ay ano ba ang nagawa nitong si Coun. Cariño sa tatlong terminong nanungkulan sa city council ng Baguio? Yaan po mga dear readers ang pinakamahalagang katanungan na dapat nating sagutin sa ating mga sarili, at hindi lamang tungkol kay Coun. Cariño na nangangarap mag Mayor kung hindi sa lahat ng mga nangangarap na mangurakot sa gobyerno este manilibhan sa publiko, ngunit lalung-lalo na sa mga tumatako sa matataas na tungkulin katulad ng Presidente, Vice President, Senatongs, Tongressmen at Mayors.

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Simula ngayon, ating ibubunyag ang iba't ibang impormasyon maging positibo o negatibo hinggil sa mga iba't ibang kandidato na humahangad na mag-kamal este mahalal sa iba't ibang posisyon. Gagawin natin ito ng walang awat (no holds barred) ika nga, at ng walang kinikilingan o pinapanigan. Kaya't kung mayroon kayong impormasyon na nais ninyong iparating sa kolumnistang ito na nais ninyong maihayag ng sa ganon ay mabunyag at lumabas ang katotohanan para sa kapakanan at kaalaman ng madla ay maaring itawag lamang ninyo sa tanggapan ng pahayagang ito (4480645 or 6200641) o di kaya ay mag txt lamang sa C/O 09175069123 at ating pipiliting bigyan ng daan ang inyong mga mahahalagang impormasyon.

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Bagama't hindi natin personal na kakilala itong si Konsehal Cariño na ating napag-alaman na walang anumang relasyon sa mga original na Cariño na katutubo ng Baguio (marahil ay nais lamang nitong si Konsehal na mag ride on sa mga Cariño ng Baguio) sapagkat itong si Konsehal Cariño ay tubong Ilocos Sur, samaktwid siya ay isa ring dayuhan katulad ng karamihan sa atin. Dahil sa kanyang maagang pagdeklara bilang kandidato para Mayor ay minabuti ng inyong lingkod na magsagawa ng bahagyang research kaya't kinausap natin ang ating iba't-ibang TB

(Taga Bulong) hinggil sa kanilang mga opinion at kaalaman tungkol kay Konsehal Cariño at ito ang kanilang sinabi.

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"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

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