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growing birthrate among minors and widespread unemployment.

3. The addition of two "used" ambulances --without medically trained support-staff-- seems not to have provided a reliable service to the general public, 32 kms from a reasonable hospital.

4. Many houses still have no toilets and even more have no septic-tanks at all.

5. The lack of a safe potable drinking water leave many people (locals and visitors alike) sick.

6. All-weather farm-to-market roads and reliable irrigation systems --essential for agricultural expansion-- are lacking, even in the lower areas. Upland farmers just do "not have a chance". One should not be surprised by emergence of "NPA" in such environments!

7. Improvements in riverbank- & foreshore-protection are currently only "inching" along. After every heavy rain, more and more downstream areas flood --and the erosion on the seafrontage is said to be alarming.

8. The unacceptable physical shortcomings and the disgraceful financing of the Public Market --albeit "inherited" by the present administration-- remain unresolved. Paving the frontage area of the Public Market --thereby actually limiting parking-space-- brings no relief for the sellers and customers in the back-area-stalls, which remain unhygienic for selling food.

These are pressing problems a sincere and caring Administration should address.

Braddock, considering these priorities, I think a modest library in our town, supported by Tanjayanons around the world, would be the ideal and commendable thing. Surely there are less expensive properties which are appropriately located and conducive to quite and study, although this should not require significant investments and/or major, continuous expenses for the City.

Tanjay's youth should learn how to "research" via the internet, otherwise they will never become competitive! Therefore, a few PCs should be available with broadband connection, but there would need to be a responsible Librarian to "guide" the visitors in "constructive surfing". (Looking for "soul-mates", as what I had once observed, should not be considered "constructive surfing".) Thank you. God bless your families --and Tanjay.

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Unsa kaha kong magka-hiusa tang tanan ug gama sa atong Library. Ang Tanjay City Council man gud kutob ra man kono anang gamay nga kwartito. We have shipped I believe almost 30 boxes of books since 5 years ago, and many of those boxes are not even opened yet because of space problems. The worse problem is that kini karong "library" naa pa gayud sa tiangge, which is of course not an appropriate site for peace and quite necessary for our youth to learn. So, unsa kaha kon magka hiusa ta ug gama sa atong Tanjay Library. Palihug atong estoryahan ning akong sugyot.

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It seems unthinkable that Tanjay, with its reputation of having the most intelligent people and the most number of professionals, does not have a library. Are we not in some way being unfair to our students and our youth?

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Anita O's wedding (cont'd from page 1)

was always boisterous laughter when I think of her...

Born in Tanjay Negros Oriental, daughter of late Agustin and Generosa Olis. Her father, a lawyer and a former mayoralty candidate, was known as the town's advocate of the poor. Auntie Anita has always looked up to her father as the biggest inspiration in her life.

Auntie Anita and Barry met in 1992, though everyone has always wondered when she'll ever make an 'honest man of him'. But true to form, she puts others needs before her own. She made sure that she fulfilled her commitment to help students through college and also give financial assistance to an ailing family member with kidney complications.

August 24, 2008 – taking their guests to a day in "Europe" at "Jericho Terrace" in Long Island NY, my family and I stepped into a fantasy land that left us breathless...the place gave us a glimpse of Greece and Italy. At the center of a Greek courtyard, auntie Anita and Barry exchanged vows, serenaded by the soft strings on sister-in-law Patty's violin, and a very emotional vocal rendition of 'The Prayer' by yours truly. Even though I did not know most of the guests, I can truly see how auntie Anita is blessed with so many great friends. Her pre-nuptial garden dinner party held at Dr. Manny and Mrs. Perla Labe-Pinzon's residence the day before. the wedding, was well attended by guests from within and outside of the States who made every effort to attend this memorable event!

(Pictures are worth a thousand words. We invite you to see the pictorials on pages 6 to 13.)

Naka-ending kono siya

Nalipay ako nga makasalmot (naka-ending) ni-ining pag-kolokabildohanay sa atong isig-ka-taga-Tanjay dinhi sa atong newsletter. Kita man gud nga ania layo karon sa ato, lami-an (ang dili Tanjayanon malibog ani kay ang lami sa ilaha sa pagkaon ra ginagamit, ang atoa basta ganahan ta, unya maayo or nindot o gwapa – labina ug gwapa ...lami ang atong paghubit niana) kaayong mohanduraw sa mga kanhiay.

Kadtong naa pa ko sa Tanjay, wa jud kog pakabana aning tanan. Nagdako man gud ko ug Tiyanggi sa Tanjay, Sir Bradd, mao nga kung low-end na ngani ang hisgutan medyo naa pud tay ika-estorya diha. Pareho gud pananglit sa mga tawo nga regular didto nagaistambay. sila si **Melanyong Palahubog, Diego** (among komedyahan, tawgon as Diiii... murag gatawag ug baboy), **Predo Padawal** (pirmi niya ginaingkit iya dila unya may pistolang kahoy ni siya sa iyang hawak), **Solomon Oh, look** (gasige ra ug amerikana, mora'g actor nga kara-an kono wala gan-uta), **Diyong** (sangay nako ni..Rogelio ang tinuod ngalan ani), **Tolindoy** (siya ni nagadeliber ug tuba sa tubaan kada adlaw via bahug-bahog). Kadtong nga nagapanyanggi, kaila jud mo ani nila tanan. Only in Tanjay, kita ra pud ang may kongkreto nga puwesto sa tubaan (sa una...) diin ang tuba ginasulod jud ug banga, dili lang galon, banga jud. Kung may survey in terms of volume, kita siguro ang pinakadako ug consumption daily sa entire Negros. Nagpaila nga kitang mga Tanjayanon sayon rang lipayon. May libre pa nga tilaw. Mao ni teknik ni Melanyong Palahubog para makalibre siya ug inom, gikan sa ka Tsia Ikit nga tindahan ug tuba libuton niya na ug tilaw hangtud makaabot siya sa ka **Tsia Tilyang**. Pag-abot didto sa tomoy hubog na siya. :-)

Hanaw tanang problema! Salamat sa Kahitas-an!
Daghan pa ko kaayong i-estorya, pero dinhi lang una sa pagka-karon. Daghang salamat, Sir Bradd, ug hangtud sa sunod.

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