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Lawmaker dares Arroyo to back 2 anti-corruption measures "show sincerity in moral renewal drive"



ARE THEY BLIND ? -Motorists unmindful or just a plain law breakers of the traffic laws daringly disobey the "No Parking and No U-Turn" signs along Abanao Street which is just a stone's throw away from Baguio City police Office./ By Bong Cayabyab

Senator Chiz Escudero on Wednesday dared President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to show sincerity in her "moral renewal" campaign by backing two anti-corruption bills seeking the exemption of government officials from the Bank Secrecy Law and imposing penalties on influence peddlers in government.

He made the call after Arroyo ordered Cabinet officials to lead a "moral renewal" campaign following the latest allegations of corruption involving the First Gentleman and other former solons and officials of her administration.

"A legacy of corruption is the last thing you want the public to remember you by when you step down from office," he said in a statement.

Escudero said Arroyo can show her sincerity by endorsing the passage of SB No. 1746, which aims to exempt government

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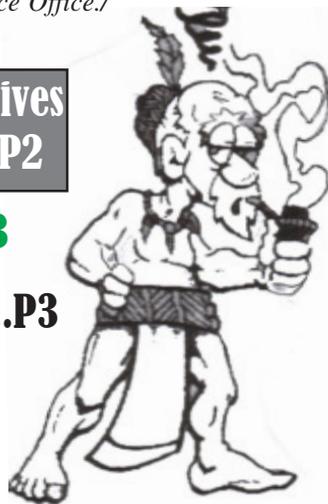
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Lawmaker wants names of operatives involved in EDSA 'shootout'

Senator Chiz Escudero on Thursday demanded for a full and detailed account of the killing of three suspected carnappers in an alleged shootout with police in EDSA last Tuesday, as he called on the Philippine National Police to release the names of the operatives involved in the incident.

Escudero, chair of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights, said that what was shown in the video footage in the aftermath of the alleged shootout

was "chilling," as he expressed concern that the police may have violated operational procedures.

"If this happened in a major thoroughfare such as EDSA, then it is chilling to imagine what goes down when the police encounters suspects in secondary roads and dark alleys, away from the prying eyes of the media and the public?" the senator said in a statement.

He warned that if the PNP does not investigate what seemed to be a

shootout, then he will take up the matter in his committee.

"I want a detailed report and the names of the operatives involved in the incident. If the police can parade suspected criminals to the media, I want these names known to the people," Escudero said.

He said that under police standard operational procedure during encounters with suspected criminal elements, when the danger or violence has ceased

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Lawmaker adds voice to abrogate VFA Calls government "coward and fearful"

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero today called the Arroyo government coward and fearful of the US government with its indecision to execute the Supreme Court's ruling on the case of convicted rapist Daniel Smith.

Escudero slammed the Arroyo government for deliberately putting off the Supreme Court's decision last week for the Philippine government to take custody of Smith, saying the agreement between Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and US Ambassador Kirstie Kenney to move Smith to a detention facility in the US Embassy was not in accordance to the VFA.

Malacabang, instead of commencing the order said, it will await results of its talk with Washington.

Escudero said if the ball is not in the hand of the Philippine government,

there is no more reason for the VFA to continue.

"If our government would have to plead and beg before we can get the US authorities to hand over Smith, what with the SC decision, it might be sensible to terminate the VFA now."

Escudero said it is not only insulting to our sovereignty but also a big disgrace on the part of our executive officials when they cannot execute the law which is clearly provided for by the Constitution, including the decisions of the Supreme Court on the jurisdiction over a convicted felon like Smith.

"If our government cannot even execute a jurisdiction issue, how can we expect them to execute an actual penalty?"

What is more appalling, the senator added is that the Arroyo government is exercising a double standard

which discriminates against its own country.

"This is yet another sad day for the Philippine sovereignty. The decision of the SC should simply be executed by the Philippine government. This is not a subject matter that should be negotiated upon between the US government and the Philippine government."

Escudero said with the cowardice and fright the government is showing towards the US, the Arroyo administration has thrown the heroes lives away, lives offered and sacrificed to achieve freedom and sovereignty from foreign aggressors.

"All the lives offered and sacrificed by our heroes in the name of freedom went to waste with our government single handedly and willingly subjecting our sovereignty to US government. What is the Arroyo government afraid of?" Escudero ended./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

Automation of 2010 polls unlikely

While the idea of having an automated election in the Philippines sounds laudable, given the country's history of cheating and violence during past polls, it is likely that next year's presidential contest will still see the use of manual counting and other outdated methods.

The Comelec has insisted that it will be able to ensure automation in 2010 so long as its proposed budget of P11.3 billion for this endeavor is released by April this year.

Last month, the

House committee on appropriations approved House Bill 5715 granting a supplemental budget for the automated 2010 elections for the purchase of counting machines.

"If we are certain that the supplemental budget will be given to us on time, we can start the bidding process for the procurement of voting machines soon," poll body chairman Jose Armando Melo said recently.

But Sen. Chiz Escudero, who is also chairman of the Joint Congressional

Committee on Automated Election System, has expressed apprehension that the Comelec may not have sufficient time to ensure full automation.

"I am not against poll automation per se. However, once purchased, these machines have to be tested. How can we be certain that there won't be any malfunction? We will be spending a lot for them and we surely do not want to waste our money. Plus, does the Comelec have enough time to

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Dumpsite blockers indicted

BAGUIO CITY – The City Prosecutor’s Office has found probable cause to indict Irisan barangay residents, who caused the padlocking of the gate to the city’s open dumpsite in August last year, for the crime of grave coercion.

Prosecutor III Elmer Manuel Sagsago filed an information

dated January 29, 2009 for the prosecution of the criminal case for grave coercion against Leonardo Taganas, John Siloy, Amadeo Binwag and several unidentified others who were accused of “conspiring, confederating and mutually aiding one another, taking advantage of their num-

bers and displaying hostile attitude, arrogance and intransigence and by actually closing and padlocking the gate to the dumpsite...”

The information said the acts “amounted to moral, force and intimidation and harassment and without any authority of law, prevent the complainants from

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Treasure hunting probe okayed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved a resolution asking Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. to direct the Baguio City Police Office in coordination with the city engineer’s office to conduct a thorough investigation on alleged treasure hunting or illegal diggings and tunneling

activities in the city. Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas who proposed the resolution said there are reports of continued treasure-hunting activities in the city and these have to be thoroughly investigated.

“Baguio City had always been a favorite haven for

treasure hunters on account of the truth to the fact that the Golden Buddha and other alleged Yamashita treasures had been found and are ceaselessly and persistently being sought, pursued and uncovered to this

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Public reminded anew on realty tax amnesty deadline

BAGUIO CITY – The public is reminded anew on the deadline for the grant of amnesty on delinquent real property taxes which falls on March 2.

The “general amnesty” applies to real property taxpayers who are delinquent in the payment of real property taxes as of December 31, 2007.

The amnesty on real property surcharges was granted by virtue of a city council ordinance and was made effective within three months beginning January this year.

Taxpayers can file their application for amnesty with the Office of the City Treasurer using an appli-

cable form with an affidavit stating the reason for non-payment such as “acts of man such as hold up and financial crisis; and fortuitous event.”

“Any taxpayer who avails of amnesty under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be exempted from any civil, criminal and administrative liability arising from the

violation of the Real Property Tax Code and the Revised Revenue Code of Baguio City.

Councilor Nicasio Aliping who authored the measure said allowing taxpayers to settle their obligations without the burden of surcharges will help ease their financial woes in this time of economic crisis faced by the country. *laileen p. refuerzo*



CUSTOMERS FRIENDLY ONLY... but not to pedestrians and a “knuckle headed” traffic violator or just plain “arrogance”. Three well known fast food and pizza delivery motorcycles totally block the main stairway for pedestrians going up Session Road and totally disregarding the “NO PARKING” sign./ By Bong Cayabyab

Dads adopt guidelines in monitoring subdivisions

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved on third reading an ordinance setting the guidelines in monitoring subdivisions and other real estate development projects in the city.

Authored by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr., the measure also provided specific penalties for violations that will be committed by developers and proponents of all subdivisions, constructions and real estate development intended for sale or for commercial purposes that require the issuance of Preliminary Approval and

Locational Clearance (PALC), Development Permit and/or Final Approval of Subdivision.

“There is a need to monitor the activities of these developers and contractors to ensure strict compliance to existing laws including the city zoning ordinance and other applicable local resolutions and ordinances,” Cosalan noted.

The measure mandates the creation of a monitoring team to be headed by the city planning and

development office and the city council committee on urban planning, lands and housing as chair and co-chair respectively with the following offices as members: city engineer’s office, city buildings and architecture office, city administrator’s office, city assessor’s office, city treasurer’s office and a representative from the private sector.

The monitoring team will conduct **Cont. on page 11**

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Spitting Image

"Microcosm" means a world whittled down in size, the dictionary says. Thus, raw Pampanga politics is a microcosm of Manila's "Mafia" which clones the original Sicilian model. Street argot would call that "spitting image".

America's "Cosa Nostra" followed the Italian diaspora. Russia's "Bratva" emerged from the Soviet Union's collapse. All are a combo of families or gangs. By fraud and oftentimes violence, they corner key economic sectors. Filipino "leaders" copy that pattern brilliantly.

Mafiaso control drug trafficking (Alabang boys?), protection money (jueteng lords?) and arms trafficking (the Ensign Pestano murder?). It corners contracts. Here, a "cartel of kick-back takers, with support from highest levels of Philippine government", corralled road contracts in a Public

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Works Department "corrupted to the core," World Bank said.

Pampanga Governor. Ed Panlilio accused the President's son, Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo, of "coddling" jueteng operators. He "meddled" to rivet Superintendent Keith Singian into the provincial director's chair, the governor claimed. "Unfair," protested Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita. Jueteng may thrive in the President's province. But that doesn't mean she coddles gamblers.

With his brother and uncle in Congress, "Mikey" also rides shotgun to usher charter change through Congress for Mama. Dubbed the "First Son", he denies bouncing police appointments or dipping into jueteng loot. He sneered at Panlilio's competence. "Governing is not like running a parish."

"First Son's" mother agrees. The President gave Panlilio the Galing Pook Award for good governance. This 14-year old annual rite picked Panlilio and nine others, from 119 local governments, for outstanding performance.

Panlilio quintupled province income by collecting correct quarry taxes. The President's allies pocketed much of that before. But this fractured the key unwritten law of Filipino Mafioso: "Thou shalt not touch my wallet.."

The Supreme Court ruled that the coconut levy go to the treasury. Eduardo Cojuangco's Nationalist Citizens Party triggered an impeachment case against then Chief Justice Hilario Davide. That flopped. The President's allies smeared, then mounted a recall drive against Panlilio. That sputtered.

This is Mafia-style operations. Italian Deputy Leopoldo Franchetti wrote, in 1876: "Deeply rooted in Sicilian society, the Mafia would be "impossible to quench unless the very structure of the island's social institutions were to undergo a fundamental change... (this)" was an industry of fraud and violence, he said. It found a class of criminals ready and waiting for a name to define them". The Mafia or Bratva are, of course, criminal. Here, political dynasties are legal, although critics say they could teach even the Cosa Nostra's 26 families a thing or two. Look at the structures.

Like our dynasties, Mafia variants are not monolithic. They control territories. And they hew to family structures. A capo famiglia or "boss" leads a family. The most powerful is dubbed as capo di tutti capi ("boss of bosses") Who is that?

Don't ask our operators, specially those in the Lower House. Who are a sotto capo or "second-in-command"? Not Jose de Venecia. He fractured the practice of omerta (zippered lips). Prospero Nograles then? Secretary Ronaldo Puno? Traditionally, only men became Mafiosi. "Recently, women assumed responsibilities of imprisoned mafioso relatives.

"Cupolas" provided consultative mechanisms, as our shell political parties do. But "the power apparatuses of individual families...remained the real centers of power."

A weak state, the Philippines is saddled with powerful po-

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MGA LESPUNG WALANG B___G!!!
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PNP KASUKA-SUKA- Marahil ang karamihan sa ating mga dear readers ay napanood ang exclusive video footage ng ABS-CBN ang bakkaban sa EDSA ng mga pulis at alleged carnappers. Talaga naman itong ibang mga miyembro ng PNP, ewan ko nga ba kung papaano naging pulis ang ganoon klaseng mga kalidad ng tao. Hindi lang inhuman ang tamang salita para i-describe ang mga sira-ulong pulis na pinagbabaril ang mga naka dapa at bulagta nang mga alleged carnappers! Nakakatakot isipin ang mga napakaraming karumal-dumal na pinaggagawa ng ilang mga miyembro ng PNP kapag walang medias este media na nakakasaksi! Etong mga bad eggs na ito ang talagang sumisira sa imaheng mga pulis. Kung hindi ba naman mga walang bayag ang mga nakakotohan at na bidyohan ng ABS-CBN kung saan kitang-kita sa video ang pinag-gagawa ng isang pulis kung saan ilinabas sa kotse ang kanilang naka-engkuwentro at nung nailabas sa kalsada ay pinagbabaril pa ang suspek na walang kalaban-laban sapagkat may tama na siya o maaring patay na ang suspek ng ilabas sa sasakyan. Hindi ba at may kasabihan sa Ingles na "you don't kick a man who is already down," eh ano kaya ang tawag ninyo mga dear readers sa taong pinagbabaril ang isang taong hindi lang down kung hindi ay lupalas na at walang kalaban-laban, eh di bakla at walang bayag, o baka naman double dead, hindi po ba mga dear readers?!?! . Chief PNP General Verzosa- SER, Re-training at bartolina ang kailangan ng marami sa inyong mga miyembro ng PNP, General SER!!! Bagsak na nga, lupalas na nga, wala ng hawak na armas, inilabas sa auto para lang ubusin ang bala nila (sagana pala kayo sa bala diyana sa PNP ha!). Ano ba ang tawag sa ganitong kahayupan ng ilang mga miyembro nbg PNP? - Eh di walang mga bayag!!! Kung sabagay, dati ko ng sinasabi na marami sa ating mga lespu na kapag tinanggalan mo sila ng kanilang mga baril (paltog), aba eh, talo pa ang basang sisiw sa kaduwagan, matatapatang lang kung may dalang mga armas !!! Siyanga pala, to the ABS-CBN news crew and TV Station-**KUDOS sa inyo at MABUHAY Kayong Lahat !!!**

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KONSEHAL COSALAN, OPLAN PAKILALA!?!?- Ano na naman kaya itong panibagong gimik na ito ni Konsehal Popo Cosalan, oplan pakilala ba ito o tutuhanang concern for the welfare of the general public, or isa lamang hakbangin na oplan

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Will Obama's \$787 billion stimulus law work?

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The news report the United States President Barak Obama has signed a US\$ 787 billion stimulus package recently. Obama declared the law as "beginning of the end" of the worst economic crisis in 80 years. Will the law work?

Even economics is divided on the issue whether a stimulus package is a correct answer to economic depressions. Of course, there are Keynesian economists who say the fiscal stimulus or the use of government spending can be an effective response to the depression.

However, the dominant view in economics since the 1980s are not those of the Keynesians but those of the new classicals. Keynesians has long argued the use of fiscal or government spending to move the economy out of the crisis.

But classicals have also argued that the government spending does not really work. In fact, the semi-official interpretation of economic history is that the great depression lasted more than a decade or from 1929 to the early 1940s. The excessively long timeline is used as evidence that had the U.S. refrained from using a similar package in the 1930s, the crisis would have subsided just the same.

Classicals argue that the natural tendency of the economy towards an equilibrium where demand equals supply was the one which move the economy out of the crisis and not the government stimulus package in the 1930s.

Classicals say that the stimulus package can at best only crowd out private investments. Fiscal policies or government spending policies will only have the effect of increasing interest rates that will crowd out private investments. Thus, the money released as result of government spending will only discourage the same amount of private investment.

Classicals even say that government spending, through the crowding out effect on private investments, would not even be effective in boosting overall demand. Further, granting that overall demand would be boosted, output will not increase anyway because output is supposedly a function of various variables but not of government spending.

Classicals argue that the government spending would only distort market signals. A stimulus package would only provide incentives to inefficient and encourage inefficiency. For instance, it is widely believe that the origin of today's crisis lies in the loan default in the sub-prime markets. A bailout on the sector would only encourage more defaults as the bailout would create incentives for more defaults.

During the great depression of the 1930s, US action on their crisis was not limited to fiscal or government spending stimulus. A foremost concern was social solidarity or unity. An important concern, for example, was on social security. Thus, the social security system or SSS was born during the 1930s and this system was the one copied by the Philippines.

Another concern of the United States during the crisis of the 1930s was trade union rights. Odd? Not really, if employers do not have not much to lose to trade unionists, why oppose them?

Solidarity was a foremost concern during the presidency of Delano Franklin Roosevelt. The promotion of social peace was a principal US response to the great depression. Yes, the United States used fiscal policies but the promotion of social peace was the principal policy response against the US great depression.

Nevertheless, did both the policy of social peace and stimulus work? Hard to say, because it took more than a decade for the crisis to be addressed. Classical says that the economy would move anyway to equilibrium even without the government-led stimulus. Hopefully, no war will be created just like in the 1940s.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Adel Tamano for senator? Why not!

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



BELLIGERENT BEHAVIOR OF SENATORS AGAINST WORLD BANK WILL CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR PINOYS: Several times last Thursday, I fell off my seat while listening to the Senate hearing on World Bank charges that multi-million road projects in the Philippines are being cornered by favored contractors with the collusion of government officials, primarily because the belligerence of our senators against the bank was deliberately displayed by them for all to see.

The question uppermost in my mind was: where did our lawmakers from the upper chamber get their courage to publicly gang up on an international organization whose loans are much needed by our country especially during these perilous times?

And whose only evident fault was its denunciation of corruption and wrong-doing in government in conspiracy with unscrupulous businessmen involving money the bank itself is lending to the country?

Instead of drawing admiration from me, the bellicose behavior of Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago, a professor of mine from the UP College of Law, caused my skin to crawl, in anticipation of more difficult times for our people who will now surely be deprived of loans from the World Bank and allied organizations.

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ADEL TAMANO FOR SENATOR? WHY NOT! Lawyer Adel Abbas Tamano, the incumbent president of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM), deserves the support of the Filipino people in his bid to become a senator of the Republic.

Despite his young age and youthful looks, Adel is proving himself equal to the difficult task of being a university president, in flying colors yet.

Within four months of his installation as president, Adel managed to equip PLM with computer and wi-fi facilities. Prior to his term, PLM was without Internet access and was without computers, even if the school happened to be located in the center of the capital city of the Philippines.

As of the latest count, PLM now has 30 computer stations with free Internet access for students and faculty, together with laser printing facilities. Adel says he plans to install at least 200 computer stations with free internet access in the length and breadth of its campus in Intramuros, Manila.

"The objective is to equip our students with the technological skills that have become a pre-requisite to obtaining good jobs in the modern workplace," Adel explained.

He said that enabling the youth to complete their college education is the surest answer to combating poverty in the country.

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DENTAL LAB TECHNICIANS IN DEMAND IN US AND OTHER PLACES: Past President Wilma Redler of the Rotary Club of Intramuros, Rotary International District 3810, is one American lady who is doing more to help Filipinos land decent jobs here and abroad, compared to what Filipino businessmen or officials in government are doing.

A certified dental laboratory technician, Wilma has introduced a two-year course that would make a student a full-pledged "dental laboratory technician" who can earn an average of US \$ 16.60 to \$25 per hour of work.

Wilma said the course is now being offered exclusively at the Emilio Aguinaldo College Dental Technology School, in cooperation with her own corporation, the International DenTech System Institute.

The course will enable the interested student to either become a partner of a dentist in any town or city of the Philippines, or to be employed in a lot of dental clinics abroad, Wilma explained.

The demand for this kind of professionals is very great in the United States, she said, and in many other parts of the world where people are concerned about their teeth and their dental health, she

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ATTENTION: PNP-PRO –CAR at BCPO DPWH-MATINDING KORAPSAYON???

By RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Tinaguriang Fixer ni Joc-Joc Bolante na si Jimmy Paule, nakulong sa Pasay City Jail. Ganun din sa bosing niyang si Bolante na naaresto at nakulong noon sa loob ng senado... Pero ang mga mastermind na umano'y nasa likod ng fertilizer fund scam, hindi pa natutukoy kaya patuloy na nakakalusot. Kelan naman kaya sila dadamputin at ikukulong? Baka naman pagputi ng uwak?!? Ganyan naman talaga dito sa "Pinas, pag ismol taym, timbog, pag big taym, lusot.. Bwisheet!

Kung totoo ang duda ni Senador Ping Lacson na nagkaroon ng "Moro-moro" sa nagdaang sesyon ng senado hinggil sa imbestigasyon ng umano'y katiwalian sa mga proyekto na pinondohan ng world bank, sino kaya ang nasa likod, direktor, at mga istariray dito? At bakit si taray, bigla yatang nag-iba ng kulay? Magkano?,,, ay min magkano kaya ang nalulugi kay Juan Dela Cruz dahil umano sa kolusyon ng mga kontratista at opisyal ng gobyerno? Ang masaklap, pilit pang itinatago ang baho na obyus ay umaalingasaw na ng todo hindi lang dito sa 'Pinas kundi sa buong mundo! Biruin ninyo mga suki ang world bank pa ngayon ang lumalabas na may kasalanan at dapat daw maimbestigahan! Nakakahiya!

Ang sabi ng mga timawang buwaya na nasa malapit sa ilog Pasig, wala daw ebidensya sa mga ibinibintang! Ano ang tawag doon sa mga proyektong sub-standard? At may bonus pa, dahil "palpak" madaling masira, kaya ayusin, at habang mas maraming ayos, mas maraming "ayusan". Ang tawag diyan, nilutong pakwan na hindi mapanis panis, ika nga, tuloy tuloy na grasya para sa kanila.

At gaano kaya katotoo na matindi raw ang "ayusan" sa DPWH? Na ayon ay alam na kung sinong kontraktor ang makakakopo sa proyekto sa pre-bidding pa lamang? Kaya ang nangyayari sa aktuwal na bidding pa lamang? Kaya ang nangyayari sa aktuwal na bidding ay "just for a show" lang? kung totoo, magkano kaya ang napupuntang porsiyento sa mga kunwari'y natatalong bidders? At magkano rin kaya ang napupunta sa mga observers katulad ng NGO's, etsetera? Wow, kaya pala marami ang interesadong maging observer ha? Tama kaya itong naibulong o tsismis lang? Deny to death na naman kaya ang mga mokong? Abangan!!

Naglabas naman ng Administrative Order 255 ang Malakanyang na isang programa "kuno" na naglalayong pagandahin ang imahe ng gobyerno. Ang tawag "daw" dito ay moral renewal program. Isa sa punto na inihain ay ang tuluyan o pagbawas ng mga katiwalian. Kumbaga, para itong pabango lamang na pantakip sa hindi malinis kaya umaalingasaw na baho. Maganda ang kautusang administratibo na ito kung hindi lang pagpapabango ang gawin kundi kelangan ng hustong paglilinis at unahin na ang sariling bakuran. May kasabihan "Linisin mo muna ang sariling dungis sa mukha bago ang iba!!! Peryod!!!

Kontrobersyal ang naging engkwentro sa pagitan ng mga pulis at mga pinaghihinalaang carnapper sa may quezon city, kamakailan lang...

Malinis at lusot na lusot na sana ang mga pulis sa isinagawa nilang operasyon kung hindi sana nakunan ng video ang kanilang paghablot sa isang suspek na mukhang naghihingalo na mula sa loob ng nakahimpil na kotse at nakahandusay na at walang kalaban laban.

Ang palusot naman ng mga pulis, natural na instinct daw na sa pagkakataon na ganun eh, ipagtanggol nila ang kanilang mga sarili. Wow, huling huli sa video ang pagtatanggol nila sa kanilang sarili, at hanep din ang ober acting ng mga pulis na akala mo sangkaterba na Abu Sayyaf ang kanilang naka engkwentro!

Kung sakali kaya na hindi ito nakunan ng video, ano kaya ang mangyayari? Me komendasyon at baka na promote pa itong mga pulis na me utak pulbura?

Iimbestigahan naman daw ng S.O.C.O. ang pinangyarihan ng engkwentro... sana ay walang dagdag-bawas ang kanilang isusumite na ebidensya kahit kalaban o kabaro ang masasagasaan.

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CORDI NAWI

THE SCRIPTURES A SAFEGUARD
(First of 5 Parts)

By: EMILIO M. LIWANEN (GUEST COLUMNIST)



To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20. The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of darkness. Satan employs every possible device to prevent men from obtaining knowledge of the Bible; for its plain utterances reveal his deceptions. At every revival of God's work the prince of evil is aroused to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures? By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested.

Those who endeavor to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God. In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His word; they can honor Him only as they have a right conception of His character, government and purposes, and act in accordance with them. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand. Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?

Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again from the tomb, and angels were present to impress His words on minds and hearts. But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death. The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus has fully destroyed their hopes as if He had not forewarned them. So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise into salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready.

When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message. The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image (Revelation 14:9-11), should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it. But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days: 'The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.' 2 Timothy 4:3, That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love.

But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. The opinions of learned men, the deductions

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Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
Branch 62
La Trinidad, Benguet

ALEX BITANG,
Plaintiff,
-versus-

HARRIET HELEN Y
HAIGHT,
Defendant,

x—x

CIVIL CASE NO. 06-
CV-2281

FOR:

SUM OF MONEY
AND DAMAGES

NOTICE OF SALE
ON EXECUTION OF
REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Writ of Execution issued by the Honorable DANILO P. CAMACHO, Presiding Judge, RTC Branch 62, La Trinidad, Benguet on 15 December 2008 in Civil Case No. 06-CV-2281, wherein ALEX BITANG, a resident of Sagada, Mt. Province, herein referred as the plaintiffs, and HARRIET HELEN Y. HAIGHT, of PA 003, Upper Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet; herein referred as the

defendants. That on 22 October 2008, the Court rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendants. And ordering defendants to pay the plaintiffs: in the depositive part of which reads as follows: "WHEREFORE, judgment is hereby rendered against defendant Harriet Helen Y. Haight. She is hereby ordered to pay plaintiff Alex Bitang the following: (a.) P552,650.00 as principal obligation; (b.) Interest thereon at twelve percent (12%) from July 1, 2004, un-

til the principal amount is fully paid; (c.) P50,000.00 attorney's fee-, and (d.) Costs." Levy was made by undersigned Sheriff on 2... January 2009 thru the Office of the Registry of Deeds of Baguio City on the rights, interest and participation of said defendants, HARRIET HELEN Y. HAIGHT, in the real property with the improvements erected thereon more particularly described as follows:

RESIDENTIAL
BUILDING COVERED BY
TAX DECLARATION
ARP NO. 99-016-
01218
PROPERTY INDEX
NO. 99-03-016-14-
(176) B1

Registry of Deeds of
the Pro of Benguet

DECLARATION OF
REAL PROPERTY
BUILDING

Residential building owned by SPS. EDWARD S. HAIGHT AND HARRIET HELEN Y. HAIGHT with postal and residential address at PA 003, Upper Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Location:
Wangal, La
Trinidad, Benguet.

Kind	Actual Area	Unit Value	Market Value
Building	Residential	52.93	P177,540.00
			P710,170.00

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said Writ of Execution and in accordance with rule 39 with Rule 39, Section 14, of the Rules of Court, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, on 1' MARCH 2009

at 9:04 O'clock in the morning at the lobby of the Bulwangan ng Katarungan Building, (Benguet Justice Hall). Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, the rights, interest and participation of defendant, HARRIET HELEN Y. HAIGHT, in the above-described real property in order to satisfy the said Writ of Execution, together with interest, other litigating expenses of the sale.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned as above stated time and date. Nonetheless in the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on March 31, 2009 at the same place and time without further notice.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice be published at the Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation- Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three (3) conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin board of the Municipal hall and Post office of La Trinidad, Benguet, Regional Trial Court- Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet

La Trinidad,
Benguet,
Philippines, this
19th day of
FEBRUARY 20 09.

BY:
(SGD)JOSELITO
O. SALES_Sheriff
IV

Feb 22 &
March 1, 2009

Republic of the
Philippines RE-
GIONAL TRIAL
COURT FIRST
JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF La
Trinidad. Benguet

NENITA T.
FERNANDEZ,
Mortgagee,

-versus -

SPS. RAFAEL T.
DELSON and FLOR
D. DELSON,
Mortgagors.

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FORECLOSURE
CASE NO.
09-EXF-1335

EXTRA JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED.
SHERIFF'S NO-
TICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION SALE

Upon extra judicial petition for extra judicial foreclosure of real mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended, filed by NENITA T. FERNANDEZ, with resident and postal address at Purok 7. Navy Base, Baguio City, herein referred as the Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPS. RAFAEL T. DELSON and FLOR D. DELSON, with residence and postal address at No. 27 Add Road, San Carlos Heights, Irian, Baguio City, herein referred as the Mortgagors, in real estate mortgage duly

entered on 18
January 2008.

That as of 12
February 2009, the
above-named mort-
gagors, SPS. RAFAEL
T. DELSON AND

FLOR D. DELSON,
indebted to the
mortgagee in the
amount of ONE
HUNDRED SEV-
ENTY FOUR THOU-
SAND PESOS, (Php.
174, 000.00), Philip-
pine

Currency, ex-
clusive of Attorney's
fee in the amount of
twenty five percent
(25%) thereof and
the necessary and
incidental expenses
for foreclosure and
sale on public auc-
tion_

That the under-
signed Sheriff an-
nounces that he will
sell at Public Auc-
tion on 17 ' MARCH
2009 at 10:00 o'clock
in the morning or
soon thereafter in
front of the
Bulwangan ng
Katarungan
(Benguet Justice
Hall), Justice Hall,
La Trinidad.
Benguet, to the
highest bidder for
CASH and in Phil-
ippine Currency,
the mortgage real
property including
all improvements,
erected thereon to
the following de-
scribed properties
to wit

KATIBAYAN NG
ORIHINAL NA
TITULO Blg. P-
7692
REGISTRY OF
DEEDS OF
BENGUET

Lot No. 1227, Cad
1008_D, Case 3

Beginning at a
point marked "1"
of Lot No. 1227.
Cad 1005-D, Case
3, Publican,
Sables, Benguet,
being S. 65-10W.,
1748.01 m. from
BALM No. 1, Cad
1008-D, Sablan,
Benguet thence
S. 38-00 W., 18.45
m to point 2; 5.47-
30

W., 60.82 m. to
point 4; N. 55-23
W..

52.83 m to point 6;
N_ 19-19 W., 55.94
m. to point 8;
S. 17-23 W., 81.27

m. to point 3;
S. 56-56 W., 17.43
m. to point 5;
N. 47-37 E., 86.78
m. to point 7;
N. 87-37 E., 91-18
m. to point 1;

Containing an
area of EIGHT
THOUSAND SEVEN
HUNDRED FORTY
(8,740) SQUARE
METERS. X X X X X.

All sealed bids
must be submitted
to the undersigned
as above stated time
and Date. Nonethe-
less in the event the
public auction
should not take
place on the said
time and date. it
shall be held on
March 31, 2009 at
the same place and
time without fur-
ther notice.

Interested/Pro-
spective bidder
buyers may investi-
gate to the title/tax
declaration them-
selves the property
herein above-de-
scribed encum-
brances thereof, if
any there be

Let, therefore,
a copy of this Notice
of Extra-Judicial
Sale be published at
the JUNCTION
NEWSPAPER, a
newspaper of gen-
eral circulation.
Likewise, let a copy
of the same be
posted in three
conspicuous places,
one each in the
bulletin board of
the Municipal Hall
and Post Office of
Sablan, Benguet,
Regional Trial
Court - Office of
the Clerk of Court
and at the Benguet
Provincial Capitol
Lobby, all La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, 19th day of
FEBRUARY, 2009.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

By: (SGD
JOSELITO SALES
SHERIFF IV

Feb 22 & March
1 - 8, 2009

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE
OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
Baguio City

CASE No. 09-98-S
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, As Amended

RURAL BANK OF LINGAYEN, INC.,
Mortgagee,

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

-versus -

JOSEPH P. CALSE and BENITA A. RESUELLO,
Mortgagors.

Upon extra judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by RURAL BANK OF LINGAYEN, INC., hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, against JOSEPH P. CALSE and BENITA A.

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FORECLOSURE

RESUELLO, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing of the petition amounts to P580,466.66, Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty but excluding attorney's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Oficio Sheriff: thru her deputy, hereby announces that on March 3, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, w711 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine cur-

rency, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following properties more particularly describes as follows:

Untitled Lot Covered by ARP No. 01-06001-36212

"A parcel of residential lot situated at Interior 40 meters .from Military Cut-off road, Military Cut-off, Baguio City. Bounded on the NORTH by ASS. LOT N0. 027; on the EAST by ASS. lot No. 055 (ROAD), on the SOUTH by ASS.LOT No. 049 & 055 (ROAD) and on the WEST by SECTION

01. Boundaries are, bounded by visible monuments. Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR (2341) square meters more or less."

BUILDING COVERED BY ARP No. 01-06001-79966

"A one (1) Storey residential building made of CHB and wood with G.I roofing. The .said house has an approximately floor area of 27.25 sqm. more or less with a unit value o f P3, 330. 00 and market value of P 90,740. 00 assessed value Including all improvements

thereon. Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real estate properties and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 3rd day of February, 2009.

By (SGD)REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Oficio Sheriff

By(SGD)RUBEN L.ATIJERA Sheriff-in-Charge Feb 8 - 15 & 22, 2009

Pinupuna at Pinapansin

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pakilala???

Inyong mababasa sa page 3 ng pahayagang ito ang isang istorya hinggil sa panukalang ordinansa na naaprobahan na ng city council. Ayon sa nakasaad ay ang sumusunod- *"The city council last Monday approved on third reading an ordinance setting the guidelines in monitoring subdivisions and other real estate development projects in the city. Authored by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr., the measure also provided specific penalties for violations that will be committed by developers and proponents of all subdivisions, constructions and real estate development intended for sale or for commercial purposes that require the issuance of Preliminary Approval and Locational Clearance (PALC), Development Permit and/or Final Approval of Subdivision.*

"There is a need to monitor the activities of these developers and contractors to ensure strict compliance to existing laws including the city zoning ordinance and other applicable local resolutions and ordinances," Cosalan noted." Kung hindi ako nagkakamali, itong si Konsehal Cosalan ay isang Geodetic Engineer at maraming mga lupain este maraming kaalaman hinggil sa iba't ibang lupain sa Baguio at iba pang lugar, tama ba ako Mr. Larry Padio? (Siyang pala Mr. Padio ayos na ba ang mga kooperatiba at iba pang mga grupong pinangu-ngunahan mo simula't sapol???) At kung hindi ako nagkakamali ay napakaraming mga subdivisions ang napakaraming violations na ang kawawang mga buyers ang siyang na leleche o nalilintikan, ngunit wala

namang magagawa ang City Council at marahil pati na ang opisina ni the Honorable City Councilor Popo Cosalan. Katulad din ng HLURB na isang ahensiya ng gobyerno na siyang inutil at itinayo para sa proteksyon ng mga developers at hindi para protektahan ang interes ng publiko. So what will make the office of Councilor Cosalan different, eh di nothing, nada, wala, puros kiao-kiao lang din yan at op cors oplan pakilala. Meaning - Hoy Kayong Mga Debelopers, daan muna kayo sa akin at kuha ng bendisyon ko kung hindi patay kayo, pero kapag may go signal na kayo mula sakin aba eh go ahead and you can make your days - to hell with the general public at gawin niyo na ang gusto ninyong gawin!!! Kaya sa aking opinyon, itong panukalang local na batas (city ordinance) ay isa lamang &^%\$#(*&%@H&\$ nitong si Konsehal Cosalan. **AGAAMO TAYON, Konsehal!**

Editorial

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litical oligarchies, notes "An Anarchy of Families" (Ateneo University Press). To understand its contortions over fertilizer scams or repression of whistleblowers, one factors in the center of gravity: family oligarchies. Edited by Alfred McCoy, the book collects studies of dynasties from the Osmenas, Duranos, to the Lopezes. The Arroyos, Estradas, Cojuangcos, Singsons, Fuas, Cayetano and contemporaries will have to wait for a second edition.

"A family name is a negotiable political asset that commands attention among voters and allegiance among followers," the essays explain. "Many try to transform their electoral offices into lasting family assets...Once entrenched, influential officials often work to bequeath power and position to their children.(This) blends the in-

dividual with the familial, the provincial with the national and warlordism with rent seeking."

In such a setting, "states like big rocks thrown into small ponds." They make waves from end to end but rarely catch any fish...Families, clans, tribes...act as competing sources of authority.(Government) with it's nominal authority remains a weak apparatus for economic development...The state is captured by...competing societal interests...and is unable to provide calculability necessary (for growth).

Down-to-earth language of the World Bank's report gives this academic analysis texture: "The cartel operated as early as 1998 (But) Filipino politicians later took a managing role...It enjoyed support at the highest level of Philippines...including even the husband of the President herself. "In our twilight legalism", do the Mafia "Don" titles evolve into "The First Gentleman"? Or the "First Son"?"

Cordi nawi

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of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical council, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent the voice of the majority—not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord" in its support

Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology, as their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves, Then, by controlling the minds of these leaders, he can influence the multitudes according to his will.

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Lawmaker dares

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officials from the Bank Secrecy Act, and SB No. 1242 that seeks to penalize influence peddling or the mere act of representing oneself to another person having a transaction or request with the government.

He pointed out that the allegations of bid-rigging in the World Bank road-building project, as well as the purported payoffs in the case of the "Alabang Boys", requires immediate, strong corrective responses from government.

"The law should not be a refuge of scoundrels posing as public servants," said Escudero.

Last January 30, Arroyo issued Administrative Order 225 ordering cabinet officials to launch "moral renewal" campaigns in their respective agencies.

"The public trust in government has been eroded by numerous allegations of wrongdoing by government officials and personalities close to the administration," the opposition senator said.

As chair of the committee on constitutional amendments, revision of codes and laws, Escudero held a hearing last Tuesday on proposed changes to the government procurement act. He filed SB No. 1476 in 2007 in a bid to plug loopholes in the Government Procurement Act.

"Transparency and open governance should be the norm because that's the only way we can truly clean up the system and restore public trust," he emphasized.

Escudero said it is the poor who are ultimately the victims of corruption in government, pointing out that it diverts funds intended for crucial social services – such as healthcare, education and housing./Office Of Senator **Chiz Escudero**

Lawmaker wants..

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and the suspects subdued, the police should ensure that they are given medical attention.

"This is because the police may want more information from the suspects and it is in the best interest of justice that they be kept alive," Escudero explained.

"You don't finish them (suspects) off, you save their lives," he stressed.

He said the PNP and the National Police Commission, as the disciplinary authority in this case, should prove that they are on the people's side by preventing a whitewash in the investigation of this case.

Escudero said that if the Commission on Human Rights decides to investigate the incident, he will give way and provide full support to the probe.

The senator added that he has asked the PNP leadership in the past to provide him with a list of suspected criminals killed in encounters with police but they have not furnished him with the data.

"We may have here a pattern for violation of standard operational procedures on the part of the police, just like what happened in the EDSA and Paranaque shootouts. We

need to review if legislation can ensure that rules of engagement and SOPs are strictly followed," Escudero said./Office Of Senator **Chiz Escudero**

Automation....

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train their personnel on how to operate them?

Escudero proposed that the Comelec first clean up the voters' list and allocate a portion of the budget for biometrics, the science and technology of measuring and analyzing a person's biological data such as fingerprints, hand measurements or voice patterns for verification purposes.

"There is also the need to consider the procurement process. The qualifications of suppliers have to be screened. We also have to consider the fact that losing bidders may engage in litigation. In my opinion, it may be good idea to first establish pilot areas where these voting machines can be tested and evaluated, and only then can we determine if it is indeed worthwhile to spend such a huge amount,"Escudero added./Office Of Senator **Chiz Escudero**

Dumpsite....

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doing something not prohibited by law, which is to dispose of waste matters into the dump site."

Sagsago in a Resolution also dated January, 29 reversed an earlier decision on the complaint filed by city environment and parks management officer-in-charge Cordelia Lacsamana, Anthony Saguco and Jimmy Pugoy which found no probable cause to indict the respondents.

"That complainants were prevented from performing an act not prohibited by law is as clear as day. That the prevention was not of complainant's own doing but arose from the acts of respondents is equally as clear as the fact that respondents were not acting within the bounds of the law. Righteous causes do not authorize any person to take the law into his own hands. This is the ration d'etre behind the law punishing grave coercion," the resolution reads.

"In the face of the such display of hostility, one can not but agree with the complainants that they were intimidated into not doing what they were supposed to do. There was coercion within the letter and spirit of the law."

The case will be handled by the City Prosecutor's Office as it is prosecuted in the name of the Republic of the Philippines.

As this developed, the city council last Monday approved the budget for the stabilization of the Irisan dumpsite.

The work consists of the construction of perimeter riprap wall, main canal outside the perimeter fence, litter fence around the dumpsite, application of soil cover and vegetation.

The work is still part of the overall plan to close the dumpsite in line with the requirement of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

A portion of the dumpsite is also being cleared to accommodate residual wastes when the city ceases to haul out its wastes to Capas, Tarlac in the coming months due to lack of budget. /*aileen p. refuerzo*

Treasure....

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very day," Farinas noted.

"There have been innumerable instances of swindling and rip-offs by unscrupulous personalities who dupe financially able people to invest in treasure-hunting claiming to be experts and are certain of locations that undoubtedly and 'definitely' are 'the spots'," he added.

"Most often that not, if none at all, such diggings have never been confirmed to contain treasure and which had only led to the bankruptcy of ambitious financiers and more importantly had only to the destruction of the environment, endangered life and limb of workers and jeopardized the safety of unsuspecting people because of such diggings and excavations that have hollowed out the earth beneath."

Farinas said, "Such wanton destruction of our precious environment and the trickery of innocent gullible people by clever criminals who devise treasure hunting as their bait should not be allowed to be left unpunished and that such acts should be filed for all the charges and damages they effected."

He said reports of these activities must be thoroughly investigated by the authorities to put a stop to these hazardous activities and pinpoint perpetrators for filing of appropriate charges. /*aileen p. refuerzo*

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
 Notice is hereby taken that the estate of the late SALVADOR T. DICANG, who died intestate on December 10, 2008 at Baguio City, Philippines, was the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate by his surviving heirs on February 16, 2009 and recorded in Notarial Registry of Isagani Z. Mamaril as Doc. No. 159; Page No. 032; Book No. IV; Series of 2009.
Feb 22 & March 1 - 8, 2009

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
 Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ERNESTO FLORES SARMIENTO who died at, Baguio City, on February 7, 1993 has been settled by his heirs through an extrajudicial settlement with simultaneous waiver of rights, dated February 2, 2009 and recorded in the notarial registry at Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 101 on Page No. 21 Book No. 1, Series of 2009.
Feb 8, 15 & 22, 2009

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periodic inspection of all subdivisions to which the city issued the requirements, will receive and act on complaints of violations, recommend to the city council and the city mayor the imposition of fines and penalties and will recommend to the city council legislative measures for effective monitoring of development activities of the real estate developers and contractors.

The measure also sets penalties for failure to secure the needed requirements. For the simple subdivisions, fines ranging from P500 to P3,500 were set while for complex subdivisions, the penalties range from P1,500 to P5,000.

The following acts will be the grounds in the imposition of fines:

*failure without just cause to secure, before any development activity, any of the clearances, permits or approval that are required by law or regulation from the city council or the city mayor;

*failure to comply with any or all of the conditions set forth in the clearances and permits;

*failure to complete development or non-provision of the required facilities, non-compliance with the approved development plan or altering plans without the approval of the city council;

*misrepresentation of facts and circumstance relative to the project at the time of application or monitoring; and

*failure to comply or obey orders issued by the city council or the city mayor after monitoring the existence of any violation.

The following will be the procedures:

*Upon receipt of a complaint of information of violation, the monitoring team shall immediately notify the violator and inspection shall be conducted;

*If there is any violation found, the fines and penalties for the first offense will be immediately applied;

*A 90-day period shall be given to the developer/owner/contractor to comply with the all the requirements or cause the needed mitigating measures. The fines and penalties for the second offense shall then be applied for any non-compliance;

*A 60-day complying period shall be set prior to the application of the fines and penalties for the third offense;

*Failure of any developer or owner to secure the necessary permits and clearance or to institute mitigating measures within 30 days after the third offense shall constitute just cause for the cancellation of the locational clearance, development permit and business permit and a recommendation for the revocation of the License to Sell and Certificate of Registration will be made to the Housing Land Use Regulatory Board;

*Violators may seek reconsideration of extension only on instances where the period of implementing mitigating measures is justifiably not enough provided any request for extension shall be exceed 90 days. *laileen p. refuerzo*

Batas

said.

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AGONY OF JESUS, AS THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY: After the Joyful Mysteries and the Mysteries of Light, the Holy Rosary of Roman Catholic Christians deal with the so-called "Sorrowful Mysteries", which depict the parts of the life of Jesus that culminate in His death on the cross.

The first of these "Sorrowful Mysteries" is the "Agony of Jesus", which is the story of Jesus agonizing at his impending crucifixion and death on the cross, and which is found in Matthew 26:36-45, Mark 14:32-42 and Luke 22:39-46 of the Bible.

In this story, Jesus is portrayed as being sorrowful and troubled, knowing as He did what was going to happen to him in just a few hours, even prompting Him to say "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death."

Certainly, this is a powerful picture of Jesus in his human attributes, especially when this is viewed in the light of His subsequent statement, which shows Him placing completely His trust and confidence in the Father with the words "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

The question is, if Jesus is the Son of God, why would he be troubled, and why would he say that, if possible, "this cup be taken from me"?

The answer, I believe, is that, it is necessary to show that in his human attributes, Jesus could agonize just like ordinary men, so that humans will not really despair when problems come to them, no matter how great those problems maybe.

There is a solution to the agony that everyone feels, and the solution is precisely what Jesus did: placing complete trust and confidence in the will of God.

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Tinawag naman ni DOJ Sec. Raul Gonzales na Overkill ang operasyon ng mga pulis sa naturan... oh, ano pa ang hinihintay ni Apo Gonzales, kasuhan na niya ang mga pulis...Biliis!

Mga pulis...dismayado naman daw matapos kuwestiyunin ang nasabing operasyon..anong gusto nila? Matuwa tayo?...ako natutuwa, dahil kahit papaano ay nabawasan ang mga criminal, pero di ako natutuwa sa napanood ko sa video,

Pulis!pulis!

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Ilang araw matapos paslangin ang isang babae sa isang motel sa Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City isang "sekyu" naman ang dedo matapos itong barilin ng isang hindi pa nakikilalang salarin habang naglalakad ito sa kahabaan ng Upper Magsaysay Ave. , ilang metro lamang ang layo mula sa isang presinto ng pulisya.

Pero ang naturang presinto ay hindi nito hurisdiksyon ang pinangyarihan ng nasabing insidente, kundi hurisdiksyon ng Compac I Station 7. Ilang dipa naman mula sa nabanggit na lugar ay hurisdiksyon ng Station 2. Dito, nakakatawa na ang isang presinto ay laging nagresponde sa mga insidenteng hindi nito hurisdiksyon, marahil ito ang isang dahilan kaya maraming hindi kanais nais na insidenteng nangyayari dito sa Upper at Lower Magsaysay Ave. , bukana ng Upper Burgos St., at T. Alonzo St.,nakakalito nga naman kung kanino at hanggang saan ang hawak ng bawat presinto.

Atensyon mga bosing sa PNP-PRO – CAR at BCPO. Pakituunan naman ito ng pansin. Baguhin na ang zoning o erya op hurisdiksyon ng mga nabanggit na lugar. BAGUHIN!

ooOoo

Sumuko na ang ex-boyfriend na umano'y suspek na mastermind sa panghahalay at pagpatay sa Nursing student na si Chezkah Paronable. At kung totoo ang balita na menor de edad pa ang suspek, iwas kulong na naman ito at mapapadagdag sa mga kabataang kriminal na swerteng hindi nakapaghimas ng rehas na bakal. Yan ang hirap sa ating kasalukuyang batas,, maraming butas na nasasilip at inaabuso. Kelan din kaya magkakaroon ng batas na naglalayong bigyan ng "exemption" and mga "senior citizens" sa anumang opensibang kriminal? Kung magkakaroon man, ano kayang bayolasyon ang una nilang malulusutan? HULAAN NINYO!!

ooOoo

Nauwi sa Bangayan ang tensionadong pag-uusap nina Konsehala Elaine Sembrano at Tserman ng Market Encounter sa Panagbenga 2009 na si Apo Damaso Bangaoet. Ito ay hinggil sa reklamo sa mga nagkalat na basura sa Market Emcounter sa Burnham Park Area... ang tawag dito, 2009 Market Encounter o Panagbangayan nina Market Kumite Tserman Sembrano at Market Tserman Bangaoet. Magandang salpukan ito ng mga Market Tserman,..at magandang "market" ito istaring Mr. and Mrs. Palengke op Baguio City . Blah!Blah!blah!

ooOoo

Totoo kaya itong naibulong ng aking "bubuwit" na itong peryahan o bingguhan na diumano'y fund raising activity ng Engineer's Hill Barangay ay mayroong "misteryo"? as in , illegal na pasugalan? Malakas daw humatak itong "drop ball" at "colors game" at take note na marami raw naglalaro na mga kabataan.

Totoo ba itong naibulong Apo Bocap ng Engineers Hill Barangay? Ano rin ang sey ng mga bosing sa Baguio City Hall ?

Local shelter plan body created

BAGUIO CITY- Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week issued an administrative order creating a study team to formulate the local shelter plan for the city.

Anchored on Republic Act 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992, the AO echoes the mandates for local government units to "conduct land inventory, identification of lands for socialized housing and resettlement, registration of qualified socialized housing beneficiaries, relocation and resettlement of families living in danger areas and the development of blighted or slum areas."

It was observed during the celebra-

tion of the Local Housing Month last October that the theme was "Realizing the Local Shelter Plan Responsive to the Challenges on Land and Housing."

The body, with Councilor Isabelo Cosalan, Jr., as chairman, is thus being created to ascertain that housing needs of the city's constituents would be met. The body is also envisioned to "curb the increasing number of informal settlers whether in public or private lands."

Data shall be gathered from different offices for the computation

and analysis of housing needs, affordability and resources for backrounders of the local shelter plan.

Vision-Goal-Objectives, targets and strategies shall be formulated, as to affordability and resource requirements; and details as to project implementation; monitoring and evaluation for the delivery of shelter and shelter-related plans; are included as the functions of the body.

Members in the body are Arturo Orig of the City Planning, Lands and Housing; Mr. Bienvenido Baquirin of the Mayor's Office, authorized representatives from the City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO), City Assessor's Office, City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), City Legal Office, Housing and Urban Development, National Housing Authority, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board and Department of Environment and National Resources-CAR./juliegfianza



RAIN OR SHINE - Chess and Dama disciples from Igorot Park transfer to a "temporary site" below the pedestrian overpass along Harrison Road to protect them rain./By Bong Cayabyab

Case on market toilets dropped

BAGUIO CITY - The Regional Trial Court has dismissed for lack of merit the case filed Leonora Guinid et. al. against the city mayor and other city officials for the annulment of a city council resolution allowing a private company to operate the public rest rooms at Block 3, Hilltop area of the city market.

In a three-page decision, RTC Branch 61 Presiding Judge Antonio Reyes said the complaint "is utterly wanting in merit and should be dis-

missed" as it is anchored on a "letter of a minor functionary" of the city.

The said letter dated July 27, 1995 was from then city architect Ignacio Estipona, then chair of the market steering committee which informed the complainants of the turn-over of the Block 3 comfort room to R&R Management and Sanitary Services.

The complainants were managing the

comfort rooms prior to the entry of the private firm and they claimed that the city council Resolution No. 250 series of 2003 violated an earlier agreement for them to manage the facilities.

"The plaintiff's reliance on the (letter) is misplaced, besides the fact that it says nothing about an award of the operation and management of the public toilets..."the court said.

"On the assumption that the letter is an award of a contract to operate, it must be stated that the chairman of the Market Steering Committee is not empowered to enter into an

agreement to dispose of the city property at his behest, without the approval of the City Council and the City Mayor of Baguio City, upon whom said authority is alone lodge by the law," the court said. laileen p. refuerzo

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