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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **Pia to CHED: 'Phase out** **mediocre nursing schools'**



Australian Surgeons Back at Benguet General Hospital - Surgeons and anesthesiologists belonging to the Royal Interplast Australia are back at the Benguet General Hospital for the third time to give free reconstructive surgery to patients having hare lip, cleft palate, burns and facial deformities. Coordinated by the Save Our Street Children Foundation Inc, the medical mission which is also supported by Australia's Rotary Club has already operated over two hundred patients to date. Aside from giving favor to patients, the doctors who specializes in reconstructive surgery also teaches and gives advice to willing neophyte medical practitioners./ Art Tibaldo

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today asked the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to immediately phase out mediocre nursing schools, particularly those that have fared poorly or have registered zero passing rates in the annual nursing licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

The lady senator said CHED should also tighten its system of monitoring underperforming nursing schools in light of reports that the average passing rate in the nursing board exams has declined several notches over the last ten years.

"When a school with hundreds or thousands of graduates fails to produce a single nurse in any given year, then its quality of teaching should already be suspect. I don't understand why CHED continues to allow the operation of nursing schools that have consistently failed to produce competent graduates for years."

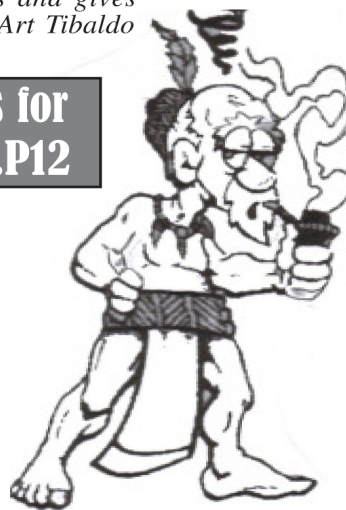
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Ang kursong nursing ay di para sa lahat. Dapat ang sabihin ng magulang sa anak, kunin ang kursong hilig.

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Czech experts begin FS en route to 'hopefully' fatter Asin check

BAGUIOCITY—Hopes for fatter check are looking even better for Baguio with touch down of Czechoslovakian hydro technology experts in Philippine soil, November 20.

City administrator Peter Fianza revealed, "A team led by Engr. Pavel Petlach of the Czech Renewable Energy Alliance (CREA) and PS-PROFI, Ltd. will undertake a 2-week marathon study on the Asin Hydroelectric Power Plant 1 in Nangalisan, Tuba."

He said, "Hopefully, with the completion of the feasibility study (FS), we may soon see the transformation of the 1925 American-vintage AHP into advanced power-generating facility endowed with the latest Czech technology."

"Moreover," he added, "the completion of the FS would finally help us in choosing the way to go with the assets... whether or not to privatize the same or continue operating the AHP's as a special project of the

city."

Petlach brings in tons of experience with 30-years in the sphere of hydro and mini-hydro development.

Earlier, Czech ambassador Jaroslav Ludva and mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. inked a CZK495,500 (P1.3-million) deal for the conduct of an FS.

The grant comes under the Czech Republic Development Cooperation for Local Small Scale Project Identification Programme

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Resolution for waste reduction approved

BAGUIOCITY—In an approved resolution last week, the city council urged various groups and Baguio citizens as a whole to participate and contribute to the waste reduction program in the city through garbage reduction, recycling, and re-use.

Reducing solid waste would be a relief, as it would mean less hauling expenses, and would lessen the sanitary landfill land area requirement, the resolution stated.

Another source cited stated that some of the throw-away garbage should be seen as "useful materials rather than be thrown out."

Some of the tips given are for recycling of containers rather than disposing of them, buying in bulk thus using less packaging, not accepting single bags for small purchases, and using reusable cloth or mesh bags when shopping or for groceries.

Renting or borrowing rather than buying new products, when appropriate, using both sides

of paper before recycling, sharing magazine subscription with friend, and saving boxes, scrap fabric, for kids' art projects or for donation, was recommended in the approved resolution.

Donation or sale of non-usable clothing, furniture, appliances, toys and other items such as books is also encouraged, as with composting of food scraps and other organic materials.

For businesses, the use of electronic mail is urged, as with on-line reports and data for less paper

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Pre-evaluation for passport on-going

BAGUIOCITY—Application forms are available and pre-evaluation of documents of passport applicant is currently being done by personnel of the City Administrator's Office, City Hall. This is the prelude to the most-awaited opening of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Baguio office on December 8, at the Jose Miguel building, near Justice Hall.

Earlier passport applicants whose documents were evaluated by DFA personnel last November 15 are also requested to claim their passports on Dec. 5. Accordingly, 688 renewed and new passports shall be released on that date. These are said to be machine-readable, electronic-passports (e-passport), as all new issuances shall be. Passports which are not claimed after six months will be cancelled, as to a department order.

The soon-to-be-opened DFA office is being prepared by the Local Govern-

ment of Baguio in coordination with the main DFA office and DFA, San Fernando, La Union.

The establishment of DFA Baguio, aims to ease difficulties and expenses of applicants, from here and neighboring towns, in traveling to the DFA office in San Fernando, La Union.

As for passport applicants, they are advised to bring with them, the duly accomplished application form; Birth Certificate (BC) in Security Paper (SecPa) issued by the National Statistics Office or Certified True Copy and photocopy issued by the Local Civil Registrar duly authenticated by the NSO; documents indicating full name, date and place of birth and citizenship. Said documents may be: valid employment ID, voter's affidavit, NBI clearance and drivers license.

Applicants are requested to have

their passport-sized photos in decent attire with collar, and with royal blue background.

All other additional documents shall be required: for married women, marriage contract in SecPa or Certified True Copy by the LCR duly authenticated by the NSO; widows, death certificate of the deceased husband; for minors, personal appearance of parent. Other requirements are shown at the application forms for special cases, as minors, traveling alone, or with parent, minors with parents abroad, those with brown passport, or green passport issued after May 1, 1995

For individuals born on or before 1950, requirements include; certification of non-availability of birth record from NSO, joint birth affidavit signed and executed by two disinterested persons, and baptismal certificate, voter's affidavit or other public document with place and date of birth and citizenship.

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Dads want DENR guidance on waste management law compliance

BAGUIOCITY—The city council Monday agreed to seek more guidance from the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to ensure compliance with Republic Act No. 9003 or the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000."

The body approved the proposed resolution of Councilor Perlita Rondez to invite DENR Assistant Secretary Gerardo Calderon or

any authorized representative to evaluate the city's compliance with said law.

Rondez said the evaluation by Calderon who serves as DENR assistant secretary

for local government concerns and lands would help determine the city's compliance with the law particularly on the technical aspects of the material recovery facilities, the residual containment area and the engineered sanitary land-

fill.

Rondez said that the DENR, being the lead agency in the implementation of RA 9003 is in charge of providing "technical and other capability building assistance and support to the LGUs" in the implementation of the waste management programs.

RA 9003 which was passed in 2001 requires all local government units to establish an ecological

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BEYOND LIMITS - Councilor Elaine D. Sembrano, chairperson of the Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce, conducts an inspection of vendors' stalls at mines view park and Gibraltar Barangay, based on mounting complaints received by her office on illegally encroached sidewalks in the area. Sembrano later visited the barangay officials and conducted a dialogue-consultation on the vexing issue of illegal vending in prohibited places./By Bong Cayabyab

"Park management has turned from to task to oxymoron" – Sembrano

Baguio City – Burnham Murphy's Law adaptation: "In war, never share fox-holes with men in dark blue uniforms..."

In the heels of Administrative Order (AO) 178-2008 creating schism in the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), a frustrated alderman last week carped at City Parks Management Office (CPMO) interim chief Cordelia Lacsamana for Burnham Park's change from "pride of place" to "pride gone amiss."

Sembrano observed how the park has gone from bad to worse hinting of nil semblances of law enforcement and management in the area.

She detested how hawkers freely roam around selling all sorts of goods to the extent of parading

pots and pans without regard to public health and sanitation; and how massage, tattoo, and nail cleaning services are offered with clients half-dressed.

"Worse," she added, "the illegal numbers game 'jueteng' is openly being run near Ganza Restaurant; the Igorot Grandstand functions as transient lodging by mendicants; road-sides are being used for parking; and rehab of the kids' playground has gone from turtle-paced to sick earthworm

speed."

She added, "Reports reached me the situation in the wee hours is worse... there are no more nighttime park revelers for fear of getting mugged and the shadowy areas have become paradise to pimps and ill-reputed men and women."

Earlier, Bautista in issuing AO 178-2008 said the CEPMO schism is geared towards "effectively addressing" CEPMO's twin concerns – parks and waste management.

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Dads okay firecracker sale under strict guidelines

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved the request of the Baguio Retailers of Paputok, Lucis Atbp. Association to sell authorized firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices from December 20 to 31 at the site of the former city auditorium at Burnham Park here.

The approval will be subject to the guidelines, recommendations, terms and conditions set by

the Baguio City Police Office, Bureau of Fire Protection, city treasurer's office and city environment and parks management office.

As approved, only legitimate members of the association will be allowed to sell and this will be validated based on the list submitted by the group.

The following

will be the guidelines:

On environmental health and sanitation, the association will be required to strictly observe cleanliness and sanitation measure for the entire duration of the activity including management of their own solid and liquid wastes, provision of their own

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PROBLEMA Sa Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB-CAR)?

Send us an email at info@hlurb.net or text/call 0917-5069123 and we will post the information at www.hlurb.net.

Magsumbong at mag-ingay para mabawasan ang katiwalian sa Gobyerno!!

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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"Park management has turned from to task to oxymoron" – Sembrano

Prayer Without Heart

"In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart," Mahatma Ghandi wrote. Press Secretary, Jesus Dureza did spew a mouthful, in his opening prayer, at Tuesday's cabinet meeting.

He didn't pray for Jocelyn "Joc-Joc" Bolante. Didn't the man need grace to heed, in the P728 million fertilizer scam probe, the 8th Commandment: "Thou shalt not bear false witness"?

Dureza preferred to ask blessings on the new Senate President. He informed God, that Juan Ponce Enrile, proved himself "a man for all seasons", a 1521 title accorded to Thomas More.

Enrile never claimed to be a Thomas More. Whatever his flaws, Enrile has political savvy. He still smarts from the odium of being martial law bouncer and backer of "God Save The Queen" coups against President Corazon Aquino.

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Henry VIII had More beheaded in 1535. The chancellor refused to sanction the king's divorce from the barren Catherine of Aragon. More declined an offer of liberty in exchange for his signature on the "Act of Supremacy." This would have named Henry VIII, who died of syphilis as head of the church.

In 1954, BBC radio presented Robert Bolt's play, "A Man For All Seasons". In it, the Duke of Norfolk badgers the imprisoned chancellor: "Think Master More. Indignatio principis mors est, ("The anger of the prince is death")."

"Is that all, my Lord?" the chancellor replied in the later Broadway play and box-office movie hit. "Then, there's not much difference between Your Grace and myself—except that I will die today and you will die tomorrow."

Pope Pius XI canonized More in 1935. He is today's patron saint of lawyers, like Dureza. More's last statement, from the gallows, is indubitably seared as standard for officials worldwide. "I die as the king's good servant but God's first."

Dureza revels in being President's Arroyo's "good servant, "if not More's standards. "Bless the President so she will have forbearance, good health, the tolerance to lead this nation up to 2010—and perhaps who knows even beyond," he prayed.

"Looking embarrassed, (the President) covered her face and said: "Oh my God," the Inquirer webpage report noted. "After regaining her composure, Arroyo told cameramen and photographers: "That prayer was off the record...Please, tama na, tama na [that's enough]."

Kung anong bukap bibig/ Siyang laman ng dibdib, the old Pilipino proverb says ("The mouth utters what is in the heart."). "They've denied repeatedly that they don't want a term extension," commented ex-welfare secretary Corazon Soliman. "But the body language of those around the President say otherwise".

"When you pray, do not multiply your words", the Galilean master of prayer counseled. Pagans do that, "thinking they will get a hearing". Was Secretary Dureza listening? His prayer stretched further than reported. "What I actually told God was: the "President could serve beyond 2010 but "in her personal and private capacity. Even God has a sense of humor."

When God wants to play a joke on you hijo, He will grant your prayers", my grandmother often said. It would be a tragic gag on this country if what Dureza asked for, in a wisecrack dolled up as prayer, would be granted: More years of a corrupt administration confronted by an equally- tarnished opposition.

The Senate presidency elections tossed up a choice: between Barrabas and Barrabas. There were no conflicts in vision or differences in governing policies. Monday's vote was nothing more today's headcount of the ambitious jockeying for advantage in the 2010 polls. This state of affairs will last until the scramble for advantage dictates yet another headcount. That could be tomorrow, Senator Aquilino Pimentel scoffs.

This straps a premium on mediocrity. We're being locked

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DR. T. R. S. S. S. S.



'MIND DOING THAT OUTSIDE?..

DIRETSAHAN

*Bulate...este si Bolante-
BUWISHIT TALAGA!
Mancao at Dumlaol ARESTADO
- Patay na si Ping!!!*

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



NAKALUSOT sa Justice Committee ang ipinilang impeachment complaint laban kay Pangulong Arroyo.... "Sufficient in form" daw ang naturang reklamo.

Tignan natin kung makakalusot ito sa mismong kamara...kunsan maraming kongresista ang kaalyado niya at mga mukhang PERA!...Pweh!

SA SENADO naman, si Enrile ang nahirang na bagong Senate President base sa botohan na nangyari...bigla ang mga pangyayari na ikinagitla ng marami...na pati media ay napanganga! Ang tawag diyari... "KUDETA" sa senado!

Ang tanong ngayon, ano kaya ang epekto nito sa kanilang ginagawang pagdinig sa "Fertilizer Fund Scam" at "Euro Scandal"? makakaapekto kaya ito sa matagal ng isinusulong na Cha-cha? ABANGAN!...

NAGBIBIRO lang daw si Press Secretary Jesus Dureza sa mga dasal niya patungkol kay PGMA habang nagdadasal sila bago ang kanilang kabinete "Meeting de avance" na siyang ikinangiwi ni Madame Gloria!...Jesus Maryosep Dureza at nagbibiro lang pala siya sa lagay na iyon? ginagawa na palang biro ang dasal ngayon?...Jesus, Marya, Hosep, Diyos na mahabagin at mga Santo Santa,...Patawarin nyu po ang mga taong natutuliro at parang mga hilong talilong na sa malakanyang AMEN!...

IGINISA si Bulate...este si Bolante ng ibang kongresista sa kamara...30 porsiyento daw ang napupunta sa kanya sa bawat sayad na napupunta sa kanila mula sa Fertilizer Fund na ipinamudmod ni U-sec Bolante!...Imbes na mga magsasaka ang nakinabang, hindi at sa halip ay mga buwaya at bolante...este mga bulate pala...BUWISHEET TALAGA!

At dito umano sa DA-CAR 25 milyones naman daw ang "Dumapo" mula sa "Fertilizer Fund"! saan kaya dumapo?...sa sakahan?...o sa mga "Tulisan?" He!He! bato-bato sa langit...ang tamaan,...linteek!

SUPORTADO umano ni Congressman Mauricio Domogan ng Baguio City ang pagsusulong sa "Cha-cha"!... pero paliwanag niya, ang Konstitusyon o Saligang Batas ang gusto niyang maamyendahan

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Depreciating peso in a US crisis

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The depreciation of the peso and falling stock prices given the ongoing crisis in the United States mean one thing: foreign and Philippine business believe wrongly or rightly that the Philippine economy will be weaker with as the US recession becomes a great depression.

The US crisis has been accompanied by falling petroleum prices that should be good news because oil is a major cost in local production. This should translate into something positive for the economy but, unfortunately, falling prices are associated with weak demand as the world's biggest economy goes down the drain.

A US economy that is in crisis should mean a higher value for the peso because demand for currency is a positive function of how good the economy is. If US economy is weak then, *ceteris paribus*, the Philippine peso should be stronger. But no, that is not the case. Even with a weaker US economy given the depression, we have a weaker peso. This means that business generally perceive, wrongly or rightly, that the country will go down the drain.

In the 1930s, real US gross national product (GDP) at their 2000 value went from \$865.2 billion in 1929 to \$790.7 billion in 1930, to US\$739.9 billion in 1931, to US\$643.7 billion in 1932, and to US\$635.5 billion in 1933.

The US crisis in the 1930s was accompanied by dropping prices. In 1929, prices did not increase in the US but went down by 2.5% in the 1930. Prices went down by 8.8% in 1931 and 10.3% in 1932. Inflation was negative 5.1% in 1933 and it was only in 1934 that prices went up by 3.3%. In summary, therefore, the decline in US output was accompanied by deflation.

Thus, the drop in oil prices from about US\$150 per barrel sometime this year to about US\$50 dollars today should have been welcome news except that the decrease in prices is simply consistent with a falling US economy. The fact that the Philippine peso depreciates vis-à-vis the dollar indicates that businessmen perceive, wrongly or rightly, that the Philippines is in worse situation than the US.

Why the parallelism between today's US crisis and the US great depression of the 1930s?

The answer is simple: the ongoing US crisis is believed by US analysts to be something worse than the US great depression of the 1930s. Thus, in summary we have this: the ongoing US crisis is believed by analysts to be something worse than the great depression of the 1930s and that, based on currency movements today, the Philippine economy is believed to be more vulnerable than the US economy.

Of course, perceptions are not objective facts. Yet, it is a powerful variable that can further pull down the economy. Economists call them self-fulfilling prophecies. When economic agents believe that the world will be in serious crisis, a serious crisis can emerge even if there are no objective bases for the forecast when economic agents decide not to invest as a result of expectations.

This is not to say that nothing is wrong in the Philippine economy. The Philippine economy has plenty of room for improvements but given the perception of foreign and local business today, the country can be in a worse shape. Some of the improvements required for the Philippine economy, of course, are fundamental in nature. But things will be a lot worse if expectations are bad.

So the message of this column is: remain cool, don't panic. Yes, the US crisis will negatively affect the Philippines. Yes, the country is also vulnerable. Yes, it may turn out that the Philippines can be in a worse shape than the US (but there is also possibility that it will be in a better shape). However, panicking won't help and we will be in a lot better shape if we just continue with our daily grind.

We must continue to surmount and overcome our problems even if things are difficult.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Islam prevailing over Christianity?

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



CHRISTIANITY IS LOSING OUT TO ISLAM? Mark Steyn. Have you heard of this newspaper columnist? He is supposed to be the toast of the town in English-speaking countries because of his incisive though funny insights on world events in his columns, and because of his latest book "America Alone: The End of the World As We Know It".

In this book, it is his prognosis, backed by empirical data, that Christianity is going to be traded by men for Islam, something which he says is furiously happening in many parts of the world now, particularly in Europe.

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APART FROM JESUS, WE ARE NOTHING: His prescription to Christians to avert this development? He says "America can still survive, prosper, and defend its freedom only if it continues to believe in itself, in the sturdier virtues of self-reliance (not government), in the centrality of family, and in the conviction that our country really is the world's last best hope."

While that approach can provide a solution, the problem with it, however, is that it leaves God out, and puts too much reliance on man. And this is fatal. It is good to put great reliance on what man can do but, as Jesus Christ Himself said: "...apart from me you can do nothing..." (John 15:5 of the Bible).

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"YES, WE CAN" MENTALITY CANNOT SOLVE WORLD'S WOES: Sadly, Steyn has fallen into the same defeatist "yes, we can" mind set adopted by US President Elect Barack Obama and many others in the world, including well-meaning Filipinos from civil society groups like the "Kaya Natin" Foundation of Ateneo De Manila University.

"Yes, we can" is a good reminder that man can do something to solve his problems. But it is absolutely useless if we forget that there is nothing we can do without God. "If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned," Jesus says in John 15:6.

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CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS: The final mystery in the "Sorrowful Mysteries" of the Holy Rosary of Roman Catholic Christians is the "Crucifixion and Death of Jesus." As this statement suggests, it is an account of how Jesus died through crucifixion.

In Matthew, it can be found in its Chapter 27, verses 33 to 61. In Mark, it is written in its Chapter 15, verses 22 to 47, while in Luke, this story is told in its Chapter 23, verses 32 to 56. In John, it is narrated in its Chapter 19, verses 18 to 42.

Despite its obvious defeatist stance because it portrays the death of Jesus, the "Crucifixion and Death of Jesus" actually represents a glorious victory for the Son of God and for all those who believe in Him.

For this "death" is no death at all. It is a victorious fulfillment of what Jesus had been saying all along, that He was going to die in the hands of sinners, so that the Scriptures will be fulfilled.

Then, this death was a necessary process, as it were, so that sins could be forgiven, and its actual happening, in the full view of witnesses, confirms God's forgiveness of everyone who believes in Jesus and for those who repent and turn from their wicked ways.

The death of Jesus, therefore, signals a "defeat", yes, but it is a defeat of sin and wickedness, and the triumph of God's great love for man.

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at hindi ang pagpapalawig sa termino ni Pangulong Arroyo!

Saludo ako dito kay apo "Domogs. At least...nagsasabi siya ng totoo at nagpapakatotoo...hindi katulad ng iba, nagpapalusot at NANG-UUTO!

Sa usapin naman ng "Cha-cha"...si Kongressman Mikey Arroyo na anak ni Pangulong Arroyo naman daw umano ang umiikot sa kamara para papirmahin ang mga kapwa kongresista na aprobahan ang resolusyon na maisulong na ang "Cha-cha"!

Kung totoo ito, magkano kaya ang bawat pirma? Ansarap naman ng maging kongresista, isang pirma lang,... milyones na,... kaya naman iniisip kong kumandidato na Tongresman...este congressman sa darating na eleksyon... kung kaya ng konsensya ko!

Mga suspek sa Orbito-Dacer Murder Case na sina Mancao at Dumlao naaresto sa amerika...at kelan naman kaya sila ibabalik dito sa 'pinas para sagutin ang paratang?

Sana ay hindi sila matulad sa nangyari kay ninoy na baka sa airport pa lamang ay patahimikin na!... sa ngaun, hindi kaya nginig ng ang tuhod ng mga taong nasa likod sa pagpatay kina Orbito at Dacer? ABANGANDIN!

Ayon sa report, ang mga heneral na umano'y sangkot sa "Euro Scandal" ay pinakamagaling daw sa kanilang batch sa Philippine Military Academy class... kung ganun pala, dapat natin silang ipagmalaki,... o ikahiya? Klap! Klap! Guwaark!! Pweh!

Ayon sa isang pahayag, mga pulis na hindi umano physically fit, maari raw "masibak"! aba, magandang balita ito para sa mga taga-Baguiro na natatawa tuwing nakakakita ng mga pulis na nahihirapang habulin ang mga isnatser, etcetera! Bukod kasi sa "Butete" na, ala pang resistansya, baril lang nila kasi ang inaasahan. MAG-HERSISYO NAMAN KAYO!

Nagsagawa ng mga pinagsanib na puwersa ang kapulisan ng Baguio City ng operasyon sa mga inuman at pampublikong lugar dalawang gabi pagkatapos ng isang insidente kunsan pinatay sa saksak ang isang kinse anyos na binatilyo sa may Legarda Road.

Nagsagawa sila ng "Operation Kap-kap" at paglambat sa mga pagala galang menor de edad sa dis-oras ng gabi.

Ang tanong ay kumbakit hinintay pa ng kapulisan na may masamang mangyari bago sila nagsagawa ng ganitong klaseng operasyon, samantalang lagi akong nagpapaalala sa pamamagitan ng kolum na ito na sana ay magsagawa sila ng regular

na "Operasyon Kap-kap" at paigtingin ang "Police Visibility" at "Cerfew for minors"!

Pero may tiwala ako na mabibigyan na ito ng pansin ni Chief Police Superintendent Wilfredo Franco, bagong hepe ng Baguio City Police Office, tama ba ako bos tsip? KILOOS NA!

TALAMAK daw ang nangyayaring katiwalian sa opisina ng Land Transportation Office ng San Fernando City, La Union ayon sa isa kong "Bubwit" na siyang nagpadala ng impo sa text.

Ayon sa kanya, labas masok daw ang mga "Fixers" sa nasabing opisina na hindi sinisita at marami raw ang nagtataka kung bakit dahil bawal nga naman silang pumasok.

Ayon pa, bakit daw pinapapasok ang mga kliyente ng isang nangangalang Sandra Wilma Baagen na isang empleyada rin ng LTO, San Fernando, kahit pa raw cut-off time na?, samantalang ang ibang nakapila na naaabutan ng cut-off time ay pinauwi at pinapabalik kinabukasan?

Totoo po ba itong ipinaabot sa akin Apo Ginoong Graciano J. Tobias, ser? Alam nyo po ba ito? Kung wala po kayong basbas, aba eh pakibusisi naman po ito para di po namin isipin na kinukunsinti ninyo o parte kayo sa umano'y mga "Cash-Sunduan"! PAKIBUSISI!

Batas.....

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TANONG: batas totoo po ba na legal na ang hilot, tawas, reflèxology, etc.? tnx (639268538061).

SAGOT: Salamat po sa katanungang ito. Sa ilalim po ng Traditional and Alternative Medicine Act (TAMA), hindi na lamang ang panggagamot ng mga graduwadong mga manggagamot ang pinapayagan sa Pilipinas.

Pinapayagan na din ang iba pang estilo ng panggagamot, lalo na ng hilot, reflexology, at tawas.

Kasama na din ang iridogoly, acupuncture, at lahat ng iba pang pamamaraang nangagaling sa China na naglalayong magamot ang anumang sakit o pinsala ng katawan, sa pinapayagan sa ilalim ng batas na ito.

Hindi na ituturing na illegal practice of medicine ang mga panggagamaot na ito. Bagkus, ito ay kinikilala na at binibigyang laya.

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BATAS PARTY LIST: Interested parties can now become members of the BATAS Party List, or the Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtayod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Please send your names and complete addresses to us, through text, at 0919-609-64-89, or you can call (02) 433-75-49, (02) 433-75-53, or send an email to www.batasnews.com, or at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, or you can write us at 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

LT launches.....

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Ticbaen said it was then that they saw the need to come up with a seal as a mark in identifying the quality of processed strawberry products that passed through a thorough evaluation and have complied with standards set.

The OTOP Council led by the Department of Trade and Industry and the technical working group were created through Administrative Order 21 series 2008.

Training of the TWG was conducted in the crafting of the seal which was supported by Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc., a non-government organization, funding the capability training and workshop. Ticbaen said JVOFI will initially produce the seal.

Other members of the Council include the following: private organizations and non-government organizations such as the JVOFI, Strawberry Processors Association, Tourism Office, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Health, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Benguet State University, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Agriculture – CARFU, Benguet Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Local Government Operations Office and the SB on trade and industry, tourism and agriculture.

Ticbaen said to date, there are no processors yet who could avail of the seal. They are still encouraged to enroll and must have passed the necessary requirements through a merit system formulated by the OTOP Council before they are accredited and eventually avail of the seal.

The Council came up with standards of rating strawberry products, producer and production area. The ratings will serve as the bases of accreditation and seal to be released.

The Council endorsed the OTOP seal with corresponding standards to ensure quality of OTOP products marketed and promoted within and outside the municipality approved and adopted by the SB through resolution number 253-2008 dated November 11, 2008.

Galwan said there are three types of rating the quality of the produce: the one berry seal stands for 'with satisfactory rating'; the two-berry seal with 'very satisfactory rating'; and the three-berry seal with an 'excellent rating'.

He is calling all local and foreign consumers to patronize the town's products with OTOP seal ensuring that these are all quality products regardless of their ratings./ S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT OF BAGUIO
CITY
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 60

X——X

SPEC. PROC.
CASE NO.: 1875-R

ORDER AND
NOTICE OF
HEARING

IN RE: PETITION
FOR THE
CORRECTION OF
ENTRY IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH OF
ANGEL LOUISE
PILAR; THE GENDER
FROM FEMALE TO
MALE,

LOUIELYN T. PILAR
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY
and, THE NATIONAL
STATISTICS OFFICE,
Respondent.

A verified petition, filed through counsel, by LOUIELYN T. PILAR prays that the Court directs the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and the National Statistics Office to make the appropriate correction in the Birth Certificate of ANGEL LOUISE T. PILAR by his stated gender from FEMALE TO MALE.

In support of its petition, the petitioner alleges that petitioner is of legal age, Filipino citizen, and with residence address at AC-19 Ambiong Central, La Trinidad

Benguet, but may be served with summons and court processes at Rooms 8-11, Upper Basement, Jose Miguel Building, No. 1 Labsan Street, Corner Naguillan Road, Baguio City. The Local Civil Registrar, who holds office at the Office of the Local Civil Registrar, Baguio City, is impleaded as a nominal party and in his capacity as such. Likewise, the National Statistics Office is impleaded as a nominal party, which office is mandated to carry out and administer the provisions of the City Registry Law, and as such charged with the registration of entries in all births, marriages, and deaths in the Philippines as well as the concomitant correction and/or issuance of new birth certificate by reason of the foregoing,

and may be served with court processes at Solicare Bldg. I, R. Magsaysay BLVD. Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Petitioner further alleges that she is filing this petition in her capacity as the parent of minor child, ANGEL LOUISE T. PILAR, who was born on 24 November 2007 at Baguio City. A copy of the latter's Birth Certificate was attached and made an integral part of the petition. When ANGEL LOUISE T. PILAR was born, it was incorrectly stated in his Birth Certificate that his gender is FEMALE. The truth is that his gender is MALE as certified to by the Baguio General Hospital. A copy of the said certification is attached and made an integral part of the petition. Finally, petitioner alleges that no interest of any third person will be ad-

versely affected by the petition nor the correction and/or issuance of a new birth certificate.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Baguio City on December 12, 2008 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date, and time, the petitioner shall prove its case. Any person may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes; be furnished the respondents, Local Civil Registrar of the City of Baguio and the National Statistics Office, who are hereby enjoined to file their respective comments and/or opposition, should there be any. Likewise, furnish a

copy of the Order and Notice Hearing with a copy of the Petition to the Office of the Solicitor General.

The branch sheriff is hereby directed to post copies of this Order and Notice of hearing on the bulletin board of the Court, the City Hall, the City Market, the Post Office, all of Baguio City. Let this Order and Notice of Hearing be published in JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and suburbs for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 4th day of November, 2008, at Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SGD)
EDILBERT OT.
CLARAVALL
Presiding Judge
Nov 15 - 22 & 29,
2008

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT, BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet

IN RE: PETITION FOR
CORRECTION OF
GENDER AND
ENTRIES IN THE
CIVIL
REGISTRY,

AMY BAGAN
PADILLA,
Petitioner,

- versus -

THE MUNICIPAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF
KIBUNGAN,
BENGUET and the
NATIONAL
STATISTICS
OFFICE(NSO),
Respondent,

X——X

SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 08-C-
1515

ORDER

Petitioner through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of Kibungan, Benguet to correct the following entry in her Certificate of Live Birth as follows:

Sex: from Male to Female

Middle Name: from B. to BAGAN

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on April 15, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should

not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than November 9, 2008.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Kibungan, Benguet; the Sunstar; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED

This 29th day of
October 2008 at La
Trinidad, Benguet.

By(SGD)
MARYBELLE L.
DEMOT MARINAS
Pairing Judge
Nov 8 -15 & 22,
2008

LT launches OTOP quality seal

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – In advancing the strawberry industry, the One-Town-One Product (OTOP) of this town, it now has developed a seal to stamp the quality of its produce which was launched during the opening of the 108th founding anniversary of Benguet thru Adivay 2008.

After producing the largest strawberry shortcake, a Guinness World Record holder in 2004, the town finally came up with its OTOP seal through painstaking efforts of various groups. The quality seal will initially be used

on strawberry jam and wine products.

Mayor Artemio Galwan said the OTOP which is the priority project of the government has empowered the local government units to take the lead in identifying, developing and promoting a specific product or service having competitive advantage to promote entrepreneurship and create jobs in every town.

Galwan said an inter-agency memorandum of understanding was forged in support to the OTOP program adding that this was also endorsed by the League of Municipalities of the Province.

Municipal Agriculturist Fely

Ticbaen said the conceptualization of the OTOP seal was a challenge to protect the strawberry industry as there has been a massive production of processed strawberries which are being marketed and there is no way of determining their quality.

Ticbaen related that long before the conceptualization of the seal, an inter-agency project with the Department of Labor in support to entrepreneurs engaged in strawberry processing was implemented in 2005. But despite the technology downloaded to the entrepreneurs who were trained, they still could not market their produce.

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REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT-
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 62
La Trinidad,
Benguet

HEIRS OF AGRIPINA
KILITO
COVANO, namely :
JULIA K.
B A N I W A S
CAMORA, EUGENE
KILITO, BENJAMIN
"PACITO",
KILITO BANIWAS,
R O G E R
MARCELINO,
N E S T O R
MARCELINO, ROSE
MARY MARCELINO
PALASI, RUBEN
MARCELINO, and
D A N I L O
MARCELINO
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

NENA S. VASQUEZ
and MARVIN
COVANO
Defendants .

x——x

CIVIL CASE NO.:
08-CV-2407

FOR:

ANNULMENT OF
DEED OF
SALE OF AN
UNREGISTERED
LAND AND
RECONVEYANCE
WITH PRAYER FOR
THE
ISSUANCE OF A
PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION
A N D / O R
T E M P O R A R Y
R E S T R A I N I N G
O R D E R

SUMMONS
THROUGH
PUBLICATION

TO: NENA B.
VASQUEZ 718-555 St.
Mary Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,

Canada

GREETINGS!
You are hereby
required, within
ninety (90) days
from the date of The
last publication of
this Summons, to
file with this Court
and serve on the
Plaintiffs your an-
swer to the Amended
Complaint, a copy of
which is published
herewith. You are
reminded of the
provision in the
IBP-OCA Memo-
randum of Policy
Guidelines dated
March 12, 2004 to
observe restraint in
filing a motion to dis-
miss and instead al-
lege the ground
thereof as defense
in the answer. If you
fail to answer
within the time
fixed, the plaintiffs
will take judgment
by default and may
be granted the relief
applied for in the
Amended Com-
plaint.

Witness my
hand under the seal
of the Court, this
12th day of Novem-
ber 2008 at La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines.

(SGD) LEODY M.
OPOLINTO
Clerk of Court

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

Heirs of Agripina
Kilito
Covano, namely:
JULIA K.
B A N I W A S
CAMORA
EUGENE KILITO,
B E N J A M I N
"PACITO"
K I L I T O
B A N I W A S ,
ROGER
MARCELINO,
NESTOR
MARCELINO,
ROSEMARY

MARCELINO
PALASI,
R U B E N
MARCELINO and
D A N I L O
MARCELINO,
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

NENA B.
VASQUEZ and
M A R V I N
COVANO,
Defendants .

x——x

CIVIL CASE NO.
08-CV-2407

FOR

ANNULMENT
OF DEED OF
SALE OF AN
UNREGISTERED
LAND AND
RECONVEYANCE
WITH PRAYER
FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF A
PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION
AND/OR
TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING
ORDER

ORDER

Pending reso-
lution is plaintiffs'
Ex Parte Motion
praying that defen-
dant Nena B.
Vasquez be served
summons in this
case by publica-
tion.

Summons for
defendant Nena
Vasquez was issued
on February 11,
2008. Said sum-
mons however was
returned unserved
with the informa-
tion said defendant
already left the
Philippines and is
now a resident of
Canada. (See
Sheriff's Return
of Summons Febru-
ary 28, 2008,
Record, page 30)

Further, in
support of their
motion. plaintiffs,
through counsel,
stated for the
record that the
present address of

defendant Nena
Vasquez is at 718-
555 St. Mary Avenue,
W i n n i p e g ,
Manitoba, Canada.
(See Compliance,
Record, page 111).

The instant case
is one for annulment
of deed of sale and
reconveyance. The
subject matter of the
action is a real prop-
erty covered by tax
declaration under
Assessment of Real
Property No. 99-005-
02397 located at
Tomay, La Trinidad,
Benguet.

The owner indi-
cated in said tax de-
claration is the de-
fendant Nena B.
Vasquez.

The Court finds
plaintiffs' prayer for
service of summons
through publication to

defendant Nina
Vasquez sanctioned
under Section 151 -
Rule 11. R e v i s e d
Civil Procedure,
Which provides:

SEC. 15. Extra-
territorial service -
When the defendant
does not reside and
is not found in the
Philippines; and the
action affects the
personal status of
the plaintiff or re-
lates to, or the sub-
ject of which is
property -within the
Philippines, in
which the defendant
has or claims a lien
or inter?-s-4, actual
or contingent, or in
which the relief de-
manded consists,
wholly or in part, in
excluding the defen-
dant from: any, in-
terest therein, or
the property of the
defendant has been
attached within the
Philippines, service
may, by leave of
court, be effected
out of the Philip-
pines by personal
service as under sec-
tion 6: -or by publi-
cation in a newspa-
per of general circu-
lation in such
places, and for such
time as the court
may order x x x"
(emphasis supplied)

WHEREFORE,
finding the motion
in order, the same is.

hereby granted. Let
Summons be issued
and served together
with the Amended
Complaint and this
order

upon defendant
Nena B. VASQUEZ
through publication
in a local newspaper
of general circula-
tion in the Province
of Benguet once a
week fm three (3)
consecutive weeks.
The newspaper pub-
lication shall be de-
termined by raffle
and the first publi-
cation shall be not
later than Novem-
ber 30, 2008.

Let also copies
of the Summons,
Amended Com-
plaint and this Order
be sent through reg-
istered mail to de-
fendant Nena B.
Vasquez at her ad-
dress at 718—555 St.
Mary Avenue,
W i n n i p e g ,
Manitoba, Canada.

D e f e n d a n t
Nena R. Vasquez is
hereby given ninety
(90) days from the
date of last publica-
tion to file her an-
swer to the Amended
Complaint.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN
CHAMBERS, this
12th day of Novem-
ber 2008, at La
Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) DANILO P.
CAMACHO
Judge

Republic of the
Philippines
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
BRANCH 62
Province of
Benguet

Heirs of Agripina
Kilito
Covano, namely:
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MARCELINO and
D A N I L O
MARCELINO,
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

NENA B.
VASQUEZ and
M A R V I N
COVANO,
Defendants:

x——x

CIVIL CASE NO.
08-CV-2407

FOR

Annulment of
Deed of Sale of an
Unregistered Land
and Reconveyance
with Prayer for the
Preliminary
Mandatory
Injunction and/or
Issuance of
Temporary
Restraining Order

AMENDED
COMPLAINT

With due re-
spect to this Honor-
able Court.

Plaintiffs by
counsel state:

1. They are all
of legal age and are
presently residing
at Bahong, La
Trinidad, Benguet
where they could be
served with orders
from the Honorable
Court:

2. Defendant
Nena B. Vasquez is
a Canadian citizen
presently residing
at No. 280 Tomay, La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines;

3. Defendant, Marvin
Covano is the live-
in partner of
Agripina Kilito-
Covano, who is also

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of legal age, Filipino Citizen, and presently residing at No. 280 Tomay, La Trinidad, Benguet;

4. On August 7, 2007, Agripina Kilito allegedly executed a Deed of Sale of an unregistered land in favor of defendants which is particularly described as follows:

A residential lot at Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet, with an area of SIX HUNDRED SIXTEEN (616) SQUARE METERS. Bounded on the North: (Ass. Lot) 066, 148 & 165; on the South: (Ass. lot) Brgy. 015; on the East: (Ass. Lot) 068 and on the West: (Ass. Lot) 128. It has an Assessed Value of Php21,070.00 and Market Value of Php105,304.00. Declared in the name of Agripina Kilito."

A copy of the Deed of Sale is attached as Annex "A" and marked integral part of this Complaint.

5. The above-described parcel of land is an ancestral land owned by Kilito (one name) and Masay (one name). They acquired that land since time immemorial. They bequeathed the said land to Agripina Kilito-Covano and to the other sibling namely: RICHARD KILITO, SIONA KILITO and ISIS KILITO; In fact the bones and remains of MASAY and KILITO were buried under the two (2) houses on the said parcel of land.

6. The plaintiffs are the niece, nephews of Agripina Kilito-Covano who died on December 20, 2007 without a will. She was childless when she died. The plaintiffs are the only surviving heirs of Agripina Kilito-Covano;

7. A Tax Declaration with number

99-005-02397 was issued in the name of defendants by the office of the Municipal Assessor of La Trinidad, Benguet, showing that the market value of the property allegedly sold is in the sum of Php105,394.00 which amount is twice the amount in the Deed of Sale as tile purchase price of the land which is in the sum of Php50,000.00 only: A copy of the Tax Declaration in the name of Nena S. Vasquez is attached as Annex "B" and is made integral part of this complaint;

8. On December 20, 2007, Agripina Kilito-Covano died due to pneumonia and other unspecified causes. Since July 2007 until her death on December 20, 2007 when she was hospitalized at the Pines City Hospital at Baguio City, she was so seriously ill that she could not have been conscious enough to have executed the attached alleged Deed of Sale. A copy of the Death Certificate is attached Annex "C" and made Integral part of this complaint;

9. The plaintiffs predecessor in interest Agripina Kilito-Covano was incapacitated to execute the alleged Deed of Sale because at the time she was physically infirmed. She was 83 years old and was hospitalized due to a serious illness that impaired her mental faculties that prevented her from properly and intelligently entering into a contract of sale at her death bed;

10. The defendant Nena Vasquez is an alien who is legally disqualified to acquire lands in the Philippines, undeniably, the land which was subject matter of the sale is only an ancestral

land;

11. The plaintiffs are duly compulsory heirs of deceased Agripina Kilito-Covano. They are willing to return the sum of Php50,000.00 to defendants in order that the latter shall recover the land which by operation of law, is theirs on December 20, 2007;

12. The present and actual value of the land which is the land is in the sum of Php2,000,000.00. Which includes two (2) houses made of semi-concrete and other house built on the said land made of G-I sheets and lumber. The amount of Php50,000.00 as the allege consideration is unconscionable.

13. Irreparable damage to the plaintiffs should surely result if defendants would sell and transfer the subject property and it would work injustice to the former. The act of defendants in transferring the subject property would render any judgment from this Court ineffectual;

14. The plaintiffs are entitled to the reliefs they are demanding and are ready and willing to file a bond;

15. Defendants Marvin Covano conspired with Nena B. Vasquez in the execution of the fictitious Deed of Sale. On January 29, 2008 plaintiffs discovered from the Provincial Assessors Office of La Trinidad, Benguet, that Covano was in the process of transferring the ownership of one of the houses built on the parcel of land;

16. The K a t a r u n g a n Pambarangay Law does not cover this case since there is a prayer for a Provisional remedy.

PRAYER

Wherefore, it is respectfully prayed that before hearing, a temporary restraining order and/or a writ of preliminary injunction be issued ordering the defendants from disposing of the property.

After hearing ordering the defendants to reconvey the property allegedly sold to plaintiffs.

In the alternative for the issuance of an Order, ordering that the defendants to accept the full consideration of Php50,000.00 of which the plaintiffs are willing to pay.

Other reliefs and equitable remedies are likewise prayed for.

THE LAW FIRM
OF AVILA, REYES,
LICNACHAN;
MACEDA,
L IM, AREVALO
and LIBIRAN
Counsel for the
Plaintiffs

Suite 20
Antipolo Annex
Bldg.
83 Session
Road, Baguio City

JUSTINIAN O.
LICNACHAN
Of Counsel
Roll No.
35583,6-26-89
PTR No.
2173246, 1/10/2008,
Baguio

IBP OR #
625981, 1-18-07,
Baguio-Benguet
Chapter

VERIFICATION
AND CERTIFICA-
TION AGAINST
FORUM SHOPPING

We, Julia
Baniwas Camora, Eugene
Kilito, Pacito
Kilito Baniwas,
Roger Marcelino,
Nestor Marcelino,
Rose Mary Marcelino
Palasi, Ruben
Marcelino and
Danilo Marcelino, all
of legal age, Filipino
citizens and are resi-
dents of Bahong, La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, after be-

ing sworn in accordance with, do hereby depose and state that:

1. We are the plaintiffs in the complaint for the Annulment deed of Sale of Unregistered Land and reconveyance.

2. That we have caused the preparation of the foregoing complaint and that we have read or understood the same and the contents of which we affirm as true and correct based on my/our personal knowledge.

3. We have not commenced any other action involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or different divisions thereof, or any tribunal or agency, and that to the best of our knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein;

4. If we should thereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or different divisions thereof, or any other tribunal or agency, we undertake to promptly inform the aforesaid courts and the other tribunal or agency thereof within five (5) days from such notice.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 31 day of January 2008, in the City of Baguio, Philippines.

(SGD) Julia K.
Baniwas Camora
Affiant
CTC No.
14859563
Issued on 01/
25/08
Issued at La
Trinidad

(SGD) Eugene
Kilito
Affiant
CTC No.
14859562
Issued on 01/
25/08

Issued at La
Trinidad

(SGD) Pacito
Kilito Baniwas
Affiant
CTC No.
14860600
Issued on 01/11/
08

Issued at La
Trinidad

(SGD) Roger
Marcelino
Affiant
CTC No.
14858279
Issued on 01/
19/08
Issued at La
Trinidad

(SGD) Nestor
Marcelino
Affiant
CTC No.
14860597
Issued on 01/
31/08
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Trinidad

(SGD) Ruben
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Affiant
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Trinidad

(SGD) Rose
Mary Marcelino
Palasi
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CTC No.
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08
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Trinidad

(SGD) Danilo
Marcelino
Affiant
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Pia to CHED**.... from page 1**

"CHED's failure to address this situation gives the impression that it is protecting these institutions at the expense of pulling down the quality of nursing education in the country, which is in direct defiance of the agency's own mandate," she stressed.

"It's also a great disservice to parents and students who fall prey to these schools who are able to lure in enrollees every school year by advertising false hopes of assured employment after graduation or bright opportunities as a nurse abroad."

Cayetano said the Commission of Audit (COA), in its report last year, noted that CHED never closed a single nursing school despite the poor passing rates of several schools in the nursing board exams in the last ten years.

Citing the COA report, she said that from 2001 to 2005, only 111 of 263 nursing schools nationwide managed to have 50 percent of their graduates pass the licensure examinations. Thirty five of these 111 nursing schools are in Metro Manila, she added.

Cayetano is actively involved in coordinating efforts with former health secretary Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan to upgrade the nursing profession and enhance the quality of nursing education in the country.

Last October 28 in a visit to New York, Cayetano met with the Philippine Nurses Association of America including members from New York and New Jersey to discuss cooperation in the promotion of ethical recruitment practices to address recurring problems in the recruitment of Filipino nurses and to improve their employment conditions in the United States.

Last October 22, Cayetano together with Galvez-Tan, initiated a forum in the Senate with the deans of the country's top nursing schools to establish a 'Nursing Circle of Excellence' which would seek to ensure the ethical recruitment of Filipino nurses.

The forum discussed, among others, the prospect of forging mutually beneficial bilateral agreements with host countries hiring Filipino nurses. These agreements would not only seek to facilitate equal opportunities for our medical professionals but also facilitate assistance from the host country to the local medical profession and the public health system./Office of Senator Pia Cayetano

Pre- evaluation**.... from page 2**

ments which may be requested are: Social Security System form or digitized ID, Baptismal certificate, income tax return, school form 137 or transcript of records, Government Service Insurance System, Seaman's book, marriage contract, Professional Regulations Commission ID and Postal ID.

According to the DFA in-charge, the passporting program is in line with the commitment of the consular office to enforce, as to government directives, the delivery of frontline services "promptly, extensively and closer to the people."

Elderly passport applicants, shall be given consideration in the processing./juliegfianza

Czech experts**.... from page 2**

(CRDC).

The grant stems from a communication sent by mayor Reinaldo Bautista to Czech Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Helena Bambasova, hoping to interest the Czech Republic in rehabilitating the hydros.

Bautista in his letter said, "We are hoping that we could utilize the facility to its full capacity to power up our vital facilities which include, among others: government offices, streetlights, traffic installations, and other local government installations."

Bautista, commenting on the Czechs swift action, said, "The response was simply amazing - it bespeaks of the Czech Republic's genuine intention of furthering amity between our countries./ISL

Resolution**.... from page 2**

use. For coffee shops, the use of coffee mugs instead of disposables is encouraged and sharing of reports and circulation of memoranda is requested instead of multiple copies, when and if appropriate.

Creative and innovative ideas for recycling and material recovery among employees through the employers are also solicited in the resolution.

For the success of the said endeavor, business organizations in the Baguio-Benguet area, the different business establishments, barangay leaders and the community as a whole are being asked to whole-heartedly participate in the program.

The resolution was authored by Councilor Pinky Chan-Rondez./juliegfianza

Dads want DENR**.... from page 3**

solid waste management program that does away with open dumpsites.

The city on April 24, 2005 received a letter of warning from DENR that Baguio City executives can face litigation for violations of R.A. 9003 and the Clean Air Act.

"Proper coordination of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) and the resource persons from the DENR would pave the way for a more effective implementation of the (Act)," Rondez said./Aileen P. Refuerzo

"Park management**.... from page 3**

CEPMO's double trouble "have grown out of proportion[s]" and thus, the need to restructure the department into 1) the CPMO; and 2) the City Environment Management Division (CEMO) which has been relegated under the General Services Office.

Lacsamana was erstwhile interim head of CEPMO.

Sembrano, in a separate interview vowed to come up with a full report and bring those responsible for the park's squalor to the council chambers.

She added, "The department concerned

should have considered filing necessary actions for obstruction, vagrancy, prostitution, and illegal vending as part of its executive function."

Meanwhile, a staff of the CPMO Burnham Division who spoke on condition of anonymity revealed that there are 14-guards contracted by the City Government "to foil any attempts to make the park exactly as Sembrano described it."

The guards who are distributed in three shifts of five, five and four are part of the workforce of Interlink Security Agency, which has an out-worker contract with the City Government.

She said, "We have been earnestly requesting these guards to maintain peace and order as what they have been contracted to do."

"We hope the good councilor would also understand that while we are tasked to do park maintenance, peace and order is entirely a different concern delegated to the winning contractor."

"As thus," she concluded, "we suggest that they also look into the contract of Interlink if indeed their employees are doing their jobs."

Undaunted, Sembrano said appropriate measures to keep the park "family-oriented" are still for the erstwhile CEPMO and now the CPMO to undertake./ISL

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

again into lesser-evil choices. Could anything be more absurd than a coup plotter, like Enrile, being sworn into the Number Three office in the land, by a man who failed in every coup he staged: Gringo Honasan? But "in politics, the absurd need not be a handicap," the emperor Napoleon once said.

There is a disconnect between the lives of ordinary citizens and the dynasties that control power. Political incest is the prevailing rule here. Look at the Arroyos, the Estradas, the Cayetanoses, the Singsons, etc. The straight-jacket of elite rule forecloses chances of untangling problems dumped by generations of Barrabases.

The elbow room, meanwhile, narrows for solving critical problems that people confront in daily life shoddy schools, water shortages, collapse of the public health system a looming fish supply crisis to festering insurgencies. Overall, a suffocating culture of impunity persists.

"Joc-Joc" Bolate will get away is the latest version of this impunity. That follows impunity for crooks in Mega Pacific election computers, ZTE broadband to Euro generals. And how wretched the country where officials cling to public office only by making mothers like Edith Burgos, futilely search for their "disappeared" children.

We're told that solutions will ultimately come, not from traditional dynasties but, from ordinary citizens who slog at daily duties and share with the poor. But alas, they can not count on Press Secretary Dureza's prayers./J.L.Mercado

Dads okay**.... from page 3**

receptacles and compliance with segregation policy and coordination with concerned office for the collection of these wastes.

To ensure security and safe operations, the following will be required:

*All stallowners will join the lecture/seminar on fire safety and prevention;

*Fire safety inspection shall be conducted at the designated vending area;

*Fire safety devices/appliances shall be provided like water in drums and fire extinguishers. No Smoking signs will be posted around the area;

*No testing of firecrackers will be done in the premises;

*The association will provide their own security personnel who must conduct round-the-clock watch over the area for the whole duration of the activity;

*All firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices to be sold shall be the approved type. Sale of prohibited firecrackers like superlolo, five stars, plapa and other dangerous types shall be prohibited. Ignition starters or wicks must not be exposed and must be properly secured. Overcrowding of products should also be avoided.

*Every display shall be handled by a competent operator who must ensure that all goods are properly secured;

*Any firecracker/pyrotechnic device that remain unfired after the sale shall be immediately disposed in a safe manner;

*The association members shall furnish bond or certificate or insurance in an amount deemed adequate for the payment of all damages which may be caused as provided for under Rule 21 – Fireworks, Section 21, 103 of Presidential Decree 1185 or the Fire Code of the Philippines; and

*The association must have close coordination with the Fire Station.

On spatial arrangement and structural safety requirements for the stalls, the walls and roofing materials of the stalls must be constructed with fire-resistant materials of GI flat sheet.

*Only the frontage of the stalls must be utilized as the selling area;

*Each stall shall maintain a distance of three meters from other stalls in all directions; and

*Each stall must have at least two unobstructed exits.

On the permit requirements, the association will be assessed double the parking area rates that shall accrue to the Burnham Park Trust Fund. The association shall secure appropriate permits as required by the city treasury office. – Aileen P. Refuerzo

Private.....**.... from page 12**

Numbered 218, Series of 2007; and 7 and 39, both series of 2008, for the periods 22 November 2007 up to 30 May 2008, respectively.

“The City of Baguio, being a prime tourist destination in the North, should provide a comfortable and stress-free journey to its guests by affording them the convenience and freedom of touring and exploring the various tourist attractions of the City in the comfort of their personal vehicles or chartered public utility vehicles (PUV),” the aldermen noted.

“Likewise, the City is also a preferred venue for various sanctioned activities such as conventions, conferences and assemblies and such the delegates and/or participants would be provided easy access to and from their places of residence to the venue of their respective activities and even to the different tourist-oriented places of the City.”

“With the success of the new CBD traffic re-routing scheme, it has been observed that traffic in the CBD has been greatly reduced. Therefore, it is timely to again amend the number coding scheme ordinance,” the aldermen further said.

Under the measure, exemption will be granted to private motor vehicles and chartered public utility vehicles of visitors/tourists/vacationers or participants of sanctioned activities such as conventions, conferences and assemblies.

The number coding scheme already exempts the following: Chartered mini-buses from outside the City of Baguio used for lakbay-aral or excursion purposes; Government-owned motor vehicles with red plates used in the performance of official functions; Vehicles of the Philippine Postal Corporation used for mail delivery; Armored cars used by banks for bulk money transfer; Motor vehicles used in cases of emergency posing danger to life and limb; Water delivery trucks when assisting in fire control;

Service vehicles of public utility companies performing emergency repairs within the number coding zone; and schools services registered by the Land Transportation and Regulatory Board ferrying preschool, elementary and high school students from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in schools located within the number coding zone by virtue of Ordinance No. 31-2004./Aileen P. Refuerzo

PRO - COR....**.... from page 12**

.PSSupt. Joseph Adnol.

Among the significant accomplishments of this PPO are the arrest of 61 wanted persons, implementation of Implan Kalapati which resulted to the closure of 6 karaoke bars; delisting of 15 drug affected barangays in February 2008; total marijuana eradication; conduct of 69 seminars/meetings/symposium on anti-illegal drugs; campaign against loose firearms; establishment

Use of parking....**.... from page 12**

shall use the designated parking slots.

Violators or persons other than PWD who shall utilize the blue lane and parking space will be made to pay the fines of P200 for first offense, P500 for second and P1,000 for third and succeeding offenses.

The parking personnel and police/traffic enforcer who shall be found negligent/remiss in the implementation of this Ordinance will also pay proposed fines of P500 for first offense; P1,000 for second offense and P3,000 for third offense.

Tabanda said the regulation is needed to ensure that these amenities for disabled people are being used as intended.

She said the city, pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, allotted parking slots in public structures and facilities and designated blue lanes along city roads for the use of the PWDs in recognition of their special needs and to enhance their mobility.

“While there has been compliance with these requirements (like proper identification of these amenities through signages and markings), there have been breaches in its use. Oftentimes, persons other than those with disabilities park in the reserved parking slots, depriving the intended beneficiaries of its use. The same is true for the blue lanes. Likewise, pedestrian lanes, commonly called blue lanes, have been established for their use,” Tabanda said./Aileen P. Refuerzo

of fixed visibility points; implementation of the integrated Patrol System and Barangay Proactive Security Program

The PPO reported that the province is generally peaceful and that there was no marijuana plantations discovered and no robbery hold-up from January to October this year. However, there are some concerns which was brought to the attention of the Provincial Peace and Order Council - a total of 56 crime against persons for the period January to October 2008; 8 cases of crime against property and 6 VAWC cases.

Adnol identified drunkenness, illegal gambling, diminishing family values and existence of karaoke bars as root causes of the identified crimes.

Meanwhile, Martin announced that there will be 20 cops to be added to the police force in the province.

Miguel Dimalnat Sr, the President of the Ifugao Federation of Senior Citizens requested during the meeting that the 21 policemen in Lagawe are not enough to maintain peace and order in this capital town especially during big occasions.

Documents obtained from the PNP here shows that among the 11 municipalities in the province, Lagawe has the highest crime volume partly attributed to it being the capital of the province where people mostly converge./Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA Ifugao

Private cars now exempted from number coding

BAGUIOCITY—The city council last Monday approved on third and final reading an ordinance exempting private motor vehicles and chartered public utility vehicles of tourists or participants of sanctioned activities such as conventions and conferences from the coverage of

the number-coding scheme.

The ordinance is authored by Councilor Perlita Rondez and co-authored by Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Galo Weygan, Nicasio Aliping Jr., Antonio Tabora Jr., Erdolfo Balajadia, Nicasio Palaganas, Isabelo Cosalan Jr., Richard Cariño, Fred

Bagbagen, Elaine Sembrano and Joel Alangsab.

In the measure, the proponents stressed that the presence of private cars does not substantially affect the traffic situation at the central business district as shown by the implementation of the number coding scheme for private vehicles as embodied in Administrative Orders

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Use of parking spaces, blue lanes for pwd's now regulated

BAGUIOCITY—The city council last Monday approved on third and final reading an ordinance regulating the use of parking spaces and blue lanes intended

for persons with disabilities.

As approved, only PWDs shall be allowed to use the parking slots and pedestrian lanes especially reserved for

them.

Under the measure authored by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, police or traffic enforcers, security guards and personnel manning the parking area are mandated to see to it that only PWDs

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PRO-COR commends Ifugao PNP

LAGAW E, Ifugao - The regional director of the Philippine National Police in the Cordilleras commended the Provincial Police Office here for the numerous accomplishments which improved its performance.

Speaking during the oath-taking of the Ifugao Ladies Club and inauguration of the new police outpost at the Provincial Police Office here, P/CSupt. Eugene Martin said the police force here has shown a significant improvement in its per-

formance in the past months.

Martin said that the province used to be the last in the entire region when it comes to performance ratings. The Ifugao PPO now ranks third and this is an indication that all fields improved and all the activities undertaken by the PPO were reported to the regional command.

According to Martin, Ifugao ranked number six or even seven in previous years but has shown great improvements under the leadership

of provincial Director

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THE JUNCTION WEEKEND



Product Standard Seal - This seal as presented by the Cordillera Administrative Region Small and Medium Enterprises (CARESME) will soon serve as a mark of quality to food products that will be sold in the region. Launched during the opening of IMPAKABSAT in SM Megamall Trade Center, the label encourages food manufacturers to comply with the standard manufacturing procedures and practices in order to be globally competitive./Art Tibaldo-DTI/CAR

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