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Pahayagang palabanan!!! Pope apologizes for clergy sex abuse in Australia



SYDNEY, Australia - Pope Benedict XVI used some of the strongest language yet in his apology Saturday for the sexual abuse of children by Australia's Roman Catholic clergy, but his words were just more of the same for the victims.

The pope said he was "deeply sorry" for the sexual abuse, delivering a strongly-worded apology that described their acts as evil and a grave betrayal of trust.

"I am deeply sorry for the pain and suffering the victims have endured and I assure them as their pastor that I too share in their suffering," Benedict said during an address at a Mass in Sydney.

"Those responsible for these evils must be brought to justice," he said.

The pope said the scandal had badly damaged the church.

"These misdeeds, which constitute so grave a betrayal of trust, deserve unequivocal condemnation," he said. "They have caused great pain,

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IRISAN LOCKUP! Belleguered City Environment and Parks Management Office chief Colleen Lacsamana and alderman Antonio Tabora walks out of Baguio's garbage capital, Irisan, after informing heavy equipment operators they can come out to collect garbage but not come in dump 'em as city managers announced identification of a "temporary dumpsite" to appease protesting residents in the area, July 15./Monch David

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Landmark ASEAN-JICA Partnership

In a landmark commitment, the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have agreed to cooperate as partners in realizing the goal of ASEAN integration including "alleviating poverty and narrowing the development gap within ASEAN".

Dr Sadako Ogata, President of JICA and Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN, recently exchanged letters of cooperation to formalize this cooperation.

"It is only the beginning of more such regional initiatives

which will contribute to the welfare of the people and the strengthening of ASEAN in the global community," said Dr Surin. He expressed his appreciation to Dr Ogata for her "goodwill and support through the years" and for the "vision she brings to this cooperation".

JICA will post an expert at the ASEAN Secretariat to carry out consultations and to coordinate the joint activities.

Dr Surin reiterated that the ASEAN-JICA cooperation is significant because this will be

the first time that JICA is cooperating with a regional organization on a multilateral level. JICA will continue its bilateral assistance programme with individual ASEAN countries.

The two agencies will cooperate on addressing a package of issues including transnational issues such as environmental degradation, maritime safety and piracy, drug trafficking, infectious diseases, terrorism, and examine other areas for cooperation such as transport infrastructure, customs procedures and road regulations;

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Benguet governor lobbies for support to watershed communities

Notwithstanding its vital role as the watershed cradle of Northern Luzon, the Cordillera region can't access a special development fund from the operation of hydroelectric dams fed by its rivers, all because of the infrastructure-based definition of so-called "host communities" of these power-generating facilities.

Benguet Gov. Nestor Fongwan last week said he will push for a river basin-based definition to entitle the province and similarly situated local govern-

ment units to shares from the fund being generated from the operation of dams like the San Roque in Pangasinan.

Under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act, a one-centavo fund is set aside for every kilowatt hour produced and sold by power generators for the development of "host communities".

In the case of 345-megawatt capacity San Roque Dam in Pangasinan, this converts to a substantial amount piling up.

The implementing rules and regulations of the EPIRA, however, defines "host communities" to be where the hydro plant is situated. In the case of the San Roque, the host towns, therefore, are San Manuel and San Nicolas in Pangasinan.

"We will have to seek a redefinition of that term, as the water that runs the turbines of San Roque come from Benguet, through the rivulets, springs, streams and the Agno River," Fongwan said.

The one-centavo-per-kilowatt-hour fund is managed by the Department of Energy. It

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Carbon Sink Project to Kapangan, Kibungan

In a move to contribute solutions to the effect of global warming and increasing oil prices, a New York supported Non-Government Organization is eyeing the municipality of Kapangan and Kibungan to venture in Carbon Sink Project and biofuel production.

Dr. Michael Bengwayan, Director of the Project PINE TREE, said that the concept of CSP is to encourage farmers in the upland areas to raise the endemic petroleum nut and Nitrogen-Fixing Trees like ipil-ipil and Caliantra within their idle lands. The plants are said to be promising reforestation material with high carbon sequestra-

tion potential and best in soil and water conservation measures.

"A study also revealed that the oil of the petroleum nut has 54 percent (54%) octane higher than what can be extracted from Jatropa plant that is being promoted by the government thus making it a possible alternative fuel source," Bengwayan added.

"Implementing the scheme, the CSP is verified to be an alternative measure of solving global warming by motivating farmers to improve their idle lands," the PINE TREE director said.

In the four-day seminar/workshop on biofuel for rural energization and carbon sequestration using petroleum nut and NFT's held recently at the National Training Center -

Benguet State University, farmers will engage in the CSP and be paid by the developed countries through carbon sequestration, and that the mechanism on the verified achievement such as improved vegetation, enrichment of soil, and other environmental and social benefits.

M a n n y Pogeved, Provincial and Natural Resource Officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) supported the plan and assured that DENR - Benguet will be furnishing maps of identified idle public lands to the officials of Kapangan and Kibungan for possible implementation of carbon reduction project and biofuel production.

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Itoyon acknowledges bounty blessings from its resources

I T O G O N, Benguet – The municipality of Itoyon received blessings and is still expecting more to come partaking a share of taxes from its natural resources.

Mayor Mario Godio said the town already received P24.3 million as national wealth tax from the operations of the San Roque Dam and is still expecting to collect about P5 million more.

Godio recognized the efforts of the provincial government thru Governor Nestor

Fongwan in negotiating with the sharing scheme of host areas which is why Itoyon was able to have a share aside from the province's share. Fongwan was able to work out with Pangasinan Governor Espina a 50-50 sharing scheme.

There are guidelines in the utilization of the national wealth tax according to Godio such that only 20 percent will be spent for infrastructure while the remaining 80 percent will be used in energization projects and programs.

According to Godio, there were clamors also from other

towns such as Buguias and Atok that they should also have a share from the use of natural resources as these are where main water source emanates.

The town is also expecting to collect some amount from the real property taxes of the turnover of Binga and Ambuklao dams. SN Aboitiz Power Hydro Inc. now operates both dams which according to Godio is now the eighth time the operations were turned over./S. C. Aro/PIA-Benguet



CAR-FREE SESSION ROAD - People from all walks of life enjoy the sight of Session Road's "Car-less Sunday," July 13, which is an offshoot of the "Walk, Baguio, Walk" advocacy piloted by the City Government and the Baguio Regreening Movement./By Bong Cayabyab

RP's 1st Environmental Advocacy Module to be pilot-tested in BC's universities/colleges

B A G U I O CITY - The country's first ever Environment Advocacy Module will be pilot tested in Baguio City's various colleges/universities, through their National Service Training Program (NSTP).

This was announced by USAID-Environmental and Clean Air Project area coordinator Edna Tabanda over a local radio program.

Tabanda explained that the said module was created by representatives from various universities, colleges, high school and technical schools in the city, for environ-

mental concerns. The module got a very positive response from the representatives of CHED, DepEd and NEDA who reviewed the draft copy of the module and that DepEd even agreed to start the pilot-testing before the year ends.

According to Tabanda, even US Ambassador Christy Kenney lauded the said module, when it was presented to her during her recent visit to the University of the Cordilleras.

Tabanda said a forum – workshop on the assessment of the status of the module was already held in the Executive Training Center of the University of the Cordilleras. This attended by representatives from DepEd, CHED, NEDA and vari-

ous colleges/university in the city, including UB, BCU, STI, AMACC, SLU and the youth group Clean Air Youth Alliance – Baguio/Benguet (CAYA-BaBe).

T a b a n d a stressed the importance of incorporating and integrating environmental concerns in the curriculum, so as to institutionalize and to sustain the programs or actions that would address such concerns.

She also pointed out the need to advocate and practice the proper care and protection of the environment explaining that it will affect anyone's life and health, and it is also a global concern **Cont. on page 10**

Baguio, sr. citizens retirement haven

BAGUIO CITY – As to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed last week by mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Esperanza Cabral and retired General Edgar Aglipay, the city will be the site of the first retirement haven for indigent and abandoned senior citizens in the country.

This is according to Mayor Bautista Jr., who met with Secretary Cabral and Gen. Aglipay who represents the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) as chairman.

The Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA), is a government owned and controlled corporation created by an Executive Order issued by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Said corporation

is mandated to "provide social protection and promote the rights and welfare of the poor, vulnerable, and disadvantaged sector," thus, would work with government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations and people's organiza-

tions to "provide technical assistance and resource augmentations."

Accordingly, the PRA endeavors to attract foreign nationals and former Filipino citizens to invest and retire in the Philippines, thus contributing to the foreign currency

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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!!!

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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Leaving Square One

"Stupid" snorted Senator Panfilo Lacson of some Catholic bishops' opposition to the reproductive health bill. "Uninformed objections", scoffed Rep. Edcel Lagman.

Archbishop Jesus Dosado, earlier, cast into "exterior darkness" those who promote abortion. They'd be denied communion in Ozamis. Repeating her call for "dialog", President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo met with Cardinal Ricardo Vidal and three prelates.

Population deals with creatures "able to trace the stars... and feel a passion for eternity", Edwin Markham wrote. That explains today's "gnashing of teeth".

Did this dialog ever leave square one?

"For more than 30 years now, the 'population debate' divided segments of Philippine society," sociologist John Carroll, SJ, notes.

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It's been marred "by mutual suspicions, one-sided arguments and caricatures of opposing positions."

"The outcome has been two groups, each dominated by its more 'hard-line' spokespersons," he writes in "A Balancing Act," (They) "talk past each other without taking time to listen.... We must move past the deadlocked debate into an area of respectful discussion..."

"Dialog is not meant to give us a common policy," the prize-winning book "Living Together" notes. "But it teaches us how to live without one, if need be. It can make us accept our differences."

Can we begin with undisputed facts? Start with today's 88,574,614 Filipinos. All agree there are four of us now where, in 1948, there was only one.

Every day, 5,800 kids – equal to three barangays – are born. One doesn't need a crystal bowl to tally how much more food, water, shelter, medicine, etc they'll need over the next 365 days. You can not say "tomorrow" to these children "Their name is today."

Rapid population growth is not the sole cause of poverty. There's concurrence on that too "Bad governance, high wealth and income inequality and weak economic growth are major factors," Ernesto Pernia of UP School of Economics stresses.

Blinkered numbers-equals-hunger PR doesn't help. Ex-president Joseph Estrada reduces the controversy to "libido". The poor have "no other past time", he chortles. So, Catholics should agree to contraception. Indeed, Erap remains the best argument for condoms.

There's consensus, though, that landless workers, scavengers or daily wage earners —with six, seven, eight kids —find it tougher to break out of penury.

Studies like "Population Matters" (Oxford University Press) to those by UP's Aresneio Balisacan and Dennis Mapa or Ateneo's Ceilito Habito stress this point. Out of 189 countries, the Philippines ranked a sorry 86 in children who died before reaching age 5, Unicef reports.

"The Progress of Peoples" and other Papal documents denounce poverty that degrades. Indigence mars the daily lives of six out of ten Filipinos. "Listen to your lives," Frederick Buechener writes. "If God speaks anywhere, it is into our personal lives that He speaks."

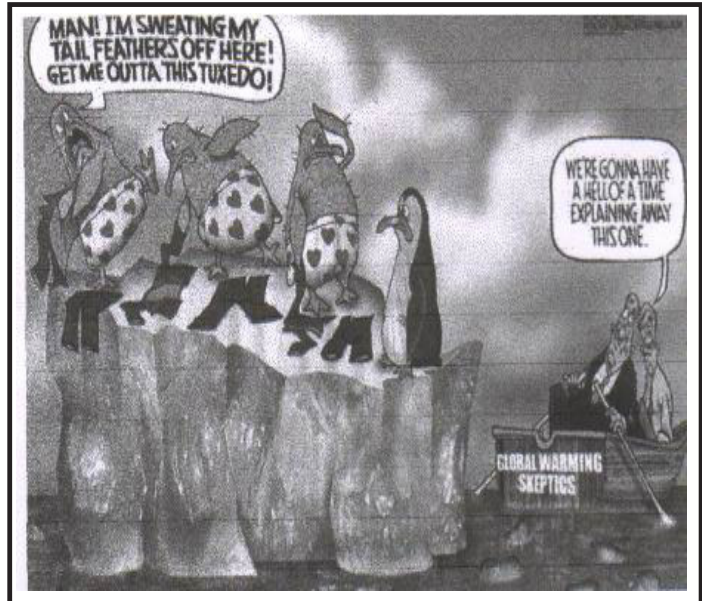
Abortion is a no-no. In fact, it's a criminal offense. Pending reproductive health care bills "do not legalize abortion," the Inquirer notes. Dosado "mischaracterized the entire range of artificial family planning methods as all abortifacient".

But Lagman & Co belatedly excised an abortion-on-demand provision they carelessly scribbled into their first draft. By then, alarm bells were triggered.

Two out of every 10 married women – mostly in the D and E economic brackets — want no more children, the surveys show. But they can not access family planning services.

All agree this spurs underground abortion. The toll, in this massacre, is about 193 or more a day, UP Population Institute

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Krisis sa Basura, na naman

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Bunton Bunton na mga basura ang hindi nakokolekta bunsod sa walang lugar itong mapagtatapanan ng pamahalaang lungsod ng Baguio. Ito ay matapos na magbarikada ang ma residente ng Irisan dump site at harangin ang mga trak ng basura upng hindi makapagtapon pa ng basura sa kanilang lugar.

Ang masama pa ayaw ding pumayag ang mga opisyales at residente ng Itogon, Benguet para dito sana ang gagawing dumpsite ng mga basura mula sa Baguio, kaya't pansamantalang natigil ang pangungulekta dahil para maipon itong mga nabubulok ng basura.

Kung hindi kaagad maresolba ang problema ng ating local na pamahalaan ay marami itong magiging epekto sa siyudad, una rito ay ang pagkadungis ng imahe nito bilang isang maayos at malinis na siyudad. Pangalawa ay ang magiging epekto nito sa kalusugan ng mamamayan, at marami pa na siyang magdudulot ng kaukulang problema hindi lamang sa mga opisyal kundi lahat ng mga taga Baguio.

Pansamantala, abangan na lamang natin mga suki ang magiging aksyon ng ating mga opisyal particular kina mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr, city administrator aty Peter Planza at waste management chairperson Engr. Nazita Banez. Tignan nga natin mga suki kung gaano kabilis umakasyon itong mga naturang opisyales at kung paano nila maisasalba ang siyudad mula sa krisis ng basura, kaya kaya ng ating mga Bosing????... **ABANGAN**

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P 1.48 milyong halaga umano ang nasalanta ng bagyong *Helen* magkano kaya dito ang nagmula sa Baguio city at CAR???

Dahil sa bagyong Helen ay sinuspinde ang klase sa Elementary at High School noong martes hulyo 15, marami ang mga estudyanteng naglakwatsa.. pagkakataon kasi nila dahil maganda ang panahon, pero basang basa naman sila kinabukasan... suspendido ang klase habang maganda ang panahon, may klase naman habang kasagsagan ang malakas na hangin at ulan... Sino na naman kaya ang ituturong palpak? Baka pag - asa na naman? Wala na ba talagang pag - asa ang pag - asa... *Ayay yay!!!*

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habang sinusulat ko ang kolumn na ito ay naginginig pa ang aking tuhod dahil sa napapa balitang magkakaroon daw ng napakalakas na lindol sa araw na ito, Biyernes, Hulyo 18. kasabay sa aking pagsusulat ay panay ang dasal na sana ay kiyaw kiyaw lang at hula – hula lamang itong napapabalitang lindol, tama na sana ang napakasakit na karanasan natin noong Hulyo 16, 1990. at huwag na sana itong

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Developing the Baguio City market

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



Somebody must file a protest at the proper bodies regarding the exorbitant rates of the Baguio Water District. Any leader would do. Any leader who does so will probably earn the respect and a loyal following of the people of Baguio. He or she can earn brownie points that he or she can use to solicit votes one day—should he or she run one day for public office. The people of Baguio will be grateful if somebody would take the cudgels for her interests. Relatedly, this columnist perceives his role as a mere mirror in society. The task of The Peace Combatant is to show society and her institutions where society's deficiencies are and hopefully mobilize one, two, or a few heroes so a difference can be made. However, The Peace Combatant does not seek to be the hero.

For now, The Peace Combatant intends to focus public attention on several other issues confronting the people of the North. It will temporarily leave the active pursuit of the BWD issues in the hope that one of our leaders can take the issues up. The Peace Combatant will however explore other avenues for addressing the issue. One possible avenue is the City Council. The preference of The Peace Combatant, however, is for other parties to bring the issues related to the BWD to the City Council. But if the hero we are looking for is still missing, then The Peace Combatant will have to file the issue and leave the concerned office of the City Council to fulfill its duty to be the hero for the people of Baguio.

The Peace Combatant is confident that the people of Baguio do not lack leaders and heroes. Nevertheless, The Peace Combatant will be studying the BWD continually and propose fundamental solutions. The contractual solution would likely involve proposals related to the contractualization of BWD management (not the rank and file).

Meanwhile, on another front or in the interest of promoting equity, we must support the development of the Baguio City Market for it to become a modern market for both the citizens of Baguio and tourists. By doing so, we would be promoting market competition, ensure that food is not so expensive, promote the welfare of low-income groups, and protect public health.

Related to this, the Baguio Trial Court has ruled as valid and constitutional a 1995 city ordinance that paved the way for the P1.7 billion contract with Uniwide Sales Realty and Resources Corporation to develop the City Market. Ordinance 038 of 1995 provided guidelines for the development of the City Market.

If we are to apply the relevant tools for economic analysis, it is important to see to it that private provision of government services must be done so in a manner that specifies the target quality and quantity of the service. As much as possible, the contract must be for a limited period only because efficiency and capability profile of service firms can vary and the services most relevant for the people can also change over time. Further, one private entity may be fit to provide the required government service one time but over time, other competitors emerge that are better in providing the public good or service. Thus, the importance of public good/service provisions for a limited time period.

Specifying the quantity and quality of service is important because if the private entity fails to deliver the public service at the required quantity and quality, we can have a good basis to rescind the contract and even transfer the right of provision to other business entities who are in a better position to provide the required public service.

As feasible, it is important to have not one but SEVERAL contractors for the development of the City Market. This is one way of distributing risks. We can make a mistake in choosing one but probably we will not commit a mistake in at least one of our selections. Each contractor can be assigned to develop a portion of the market on a build-operate-and-transfer basis. Several contractors to develop the market would promote competition in the same manner that two water companies appear to be working well in favor of Metro Manila.

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Drug test sa mga abogago at medias!!!

KUDOS – Baguio City Prosecutors office!!!

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DRUG TESTING, DAPAT LANG - Mga dear readers, nakakaalarma na talaga ang kasalukuyang sitwasyon ng laganap na iligal na droga sa ating bansa. Hindi lamang sa mga out of school youth, istambay at mga masamang elemento ang laganap na paggamit ng iligal na droga kung hindi pati na rin sa iba't ibang mga professional na katulad ng mga abogago este abogado (liars, sorry, I mean lawyers) at pati na rin sa mga miyembro ng medias este media. Mas nakabababala kung ang isang drug user ay ang isang propesyonal na katulad ng isang doktor o abogado sapagkat mabigat ang kanilang dalang responsibilidad dala ng kanilang propesyon na mayroong responsibilidad sa lipunan. Katulad halimbawa nitong impormasyon na ipinarating sa atin ng isa nating DPA (Deep Penetrating Angel) at atin din nakompirma, kung saan itong isang practicing lawyer na ito na supposed to be na-rehab (matagal na talagang user) ay hindi pa pala na-rehab at sa ngayon ay tumutulong pa sa pagtulak (pusher) ng iligal na droga para makatulong sa pag-tustos ng kanyang bisyo. Mukhang maraming napapaniwala itong si Mr. Atorni na supposed to be na hindi na siya user pati na rin ang kanyang pamilya niya ay akala na malinis na siya ngunit ang totoo ay user pa pala si Mr. Atorni at semi-pusher pa. Sana lang ay huwag matiklo ng PDEA itong si Mr. Atorni user-pusher sapagkat isang malaking dagok sa legal profession kapag natiklo itong si Mr. Atorni sa kasong drug pushing, at kung malas-malasin at malaki-laki ang mahuli kay Mr. Atorni eh baka non-bailable pa ito. Kaya kung ako ang tatanungin ay sang-ayon ako sa mandatory drug testing (2 times a year kung pwede) para sa lahat ng miyembro ng medias este media at lalung-lalo na sa mga Attorney, tuta sa palagay ko naman ay hindi kokontra ang karamihan sa atin sapagkat proteksyon din sa mga nakararami na katulad natin na hindi gumagamit ng iligal na droga. Hindi ba atorni? Anong say ninyo jan sa IBP, bakit hindi ninyo gawing mandatory ang drug testing at least once a year bago mag renew ng PTR o IBP membership ang mga abogado? At kayo naman sa PDEA, I pina-mail ko na sa inyong tanggapan ang tungkol dito kay Mr. Atorni para ma-surveillance ninyo si Mr. Atorni at malamang ay panibagong rehab na muli ang dapat na gawin sa kanya, at siyempre, kawawa ang ilan sa kanyang mga kliente lalo na yung mga kliente ninyang retirado at pensionadong uto-utong matatanda na kanya lamang ginogoyo, at kung minsan ay nakikipag-deal pa siya sa atorni ng kalaban para ilako ang kaso basta't may pang-dagdag lang sa pagtustos ng kanyang bisyo!!!

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KUDOS TO THE BAGUIO CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE- Talaga naman mga dear readers, hindi rin talaga totoo ang sinasabi ng mga iba na pera-pera lang parati ang kalakaran sa Baguio City Prosecutor's Office. Kamakailan lamang ay meron silang sinampahan ng kaso na estafa (multiple counts) laban sa isang may kayang uto-utong matanda na nag-samantala ng ilan taon sa kanyang mga kalapit-bahay na karamihan ay mga dukha at wala rin namang kakayahan sa buhay. Ikaw naman kasi tsiong, dapat ang iyong siniswindle ay ang katulad nung ka-buddy-buddy mong si Mr. Prostate "Gay" Man na katulad mong kapwa matanda na trying hard na wala rin naman kaya kung hindi mang api ng mga informal settlers. Kung maari ko lang sanang banggitin sa aking kolum ang detalye hinggil sa kasong ito na sinusupportahan at tinututukan ng mga miembro ng Linis Gobyerno, ngunit hindi naman maganda ang mag-sagawa ng trial by publicity kaya aantayin at aabangan na lang natin ang pag-lilitis sa hukuman. Bagama't nakalulungkot at hindi na pasama ang isang respondent na siyang may malaking kinalaman sa krimen, ngunit better less than none ika nga. Sayang ano Pareng Lito at hindi napasama si UNGAS? Sa inyo diyan sa Baguio City Prosecutor's Office na pinangungunahan ni Atty. Alfredo R. Centeno - THE MAIN MAN- MABUHAY PO KAYO!!! Hindi ko na lang babanggitin ang pangalan ng investigating prosecutor ngunit nais ko rin siyang pasalamatan at batiin ng isang malaking MABUHAY PO KAYO. In behalf of the informal settlers and the whole Linis Gobyerno membership and affiliates, MABUHAY PO KAYO SA BAGUIO CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – MORE POWER TO YOU, HONORABLE GENTLEMEN AND LADIES.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

“Help Cotabato,” Sen. Gordon urges

BY. BATAS MAURICIO



THE APPEAL of Sen. Richard Gordon to help residents of Cotabato City who are still reeling from stagnant floodwaters must be heeded right away.

A news dispatch quoted Gordon, who is also national chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, as saying many parts of Cotabato City remain flooded but are getting little help from the government.

“I think the (government) agencies have forgotten about Cotabato,” Gordon is quoted as saying, adding that a number of families in the city have chosen to stay in their flooded homes instead of seeking refuge in evacuation centers.

“If you see the people there, they’re on rooftops. They are in a very difficult situation. Even the bridges are damaged,” he said.

It is of course a pity that Cotabato’s woes are not getting the media attention they deserve, but let us not forget the admonition of Jesus Christ, written in Matthew 25:31-46, about helping the least of our brothers and sisters.

“...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me,” He said.

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NAKAKITA na ba kayo ng mga putol ang mga paa pero nakakapagsayaw at nakakapag-fashion show pa rin? At isang babaeng putol ang isang paa hanggang hita, may sakit na cancer, pero mahusay pang umaawit ng opera at classical music?

Maaaring hindi ito kapani-paniwala, sapagkat ang kadalasang nakikita natin sa mga may ganito kagrabeng kapansanan ay ang pagmumukmok, kalungkutan at kawalan ng pag-asa pa sa ganda ng buhay.

Pero salamat sa Diyos, sa ngalan ni Jesus, nakita ng dalawang mata ko ang lahat ng ito, pati na ang isang mahusay na conductor ng banda mula sa Bataan na bagamat putol na ang dalawang paa ay nakakapanguna pa rin sa pagpapatugtog ng magagandang musika, noong nakaraang Lunes, July 14, 2008.

Ang mga amputees (ito ang tawag sa mga taong putol ang mga paa at kamay) na kumakanta at sumasayaw ay dumalo sa isang pagpupulong sa Manila Hotel na pinangunahan ng Physicians for Peace-Philippines, isang grupo ng mga duktor at mga mamamayang may puso sa serbisyo sa tao.

Layunin ng naganap na pagpupulong na alalahanin at ipagdiwang ang ika-sampung taon na ng paninilbihan ng nasabing grupo sa Pilipinas, pero, higit pa sa pag-alala at pagdiriwang ng isang anibersaryo ang aking namasdan.

Nakita kong kung tototohanin pala ninuman ang paglilingkod sa kanyang kapwa, kagaya ng ipinakita ng Physicians for Peace-Philippines, hindi na lamang pagdudugtong ng mga putol na paa at kamay ang magaganap kundi, higit sa lahat, mabibigyan pa ng pag-asa at paniniwala sa isang mas makabuluhang buhay bagamat may sakit o kapansanan ang tao.

Sa isang brochure tungkol sa grupo, nalaman kong tinutumbok nila hindi lamang ang pagbibigay ng tulong sa mga naputulan ng mga bahagi ng katawan.

Ang Physicians for Peace-Philippines, sa pakikipagtulungan ng Physicians for Peace, USA (na nakabase sa Norfolk, Virginia), ay nagbibigay din ng medical education and training, clinical care sa pamamagitan ng mga medical and dental missions, at nagdodonasyon ng maraming-maraming mga medical supplies sa iba’t ibang lugar sa Pilipinas.

Ang ilan lamang sa mga lugar na napagserbisuhan na ng Physicians for Peace-Philippines ay ang Coron, Palawan, Bulacan, Batangas, Bicol, Cagayan, Pampanga, Tarlac, Bacolod, Baguio, Surigao del Sur, Mindoro, Aklan, Zamboanga, Camarines Sur, at Iligan City.

Sa ngayon, kasama nilang naglilingkod ang Mahaveer Foundation, Kapampangan Development Foundation, Juanita and Vicente Hao Chin Chua Foundation, Operation Blessing, Mubility Amputee Support Group, Handicap International, Rotary International District 3810, Rotary Club

of Makati West, DSWD, Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine, Philippine Orthopedic Association, International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics at rotary Club of Pasay Millennium.

Sino ang mga namumuno sa Physicians for Peace-Philippines? Sina Dr. Ted Herbosa, Chairman; dating Surigao Rep. Prospero Pichay, presidente; Arlyn Grace Guico, Dr. Ma. Theresa Mercado, Robert Lane, Dr. Josefina Bundoc, Sylvia Ordenez, Vice Admiral Joselito Asinero, Emmanuel Regio, Dr. Kim Pascual, Noel Isberto, Ramon Guico III, Enrique Lim, Dr. Arthur Platon at Rafael Francisco ng PAGCOR.

Si Lyne Abanilla, vice president for advertising ng Manila Bulletin, ang siyang tumatayang executive director.

Sa aking nakita, naniniwala akong pagpapalain pa ang grupong ito at ang mga kasapi at namumuno, sapagkat nakakatupad sila sa tagubilin ng Panginoong Jesus na gawan ng mabuti at maganda ang mga maliit at mga mahihirap, sapagkat ito ay ginagawa natin para sa Kanya.

“...Anuman ang ginawa ninyo para sa mga maliliit at mahihirap, yan ay ginawa ninyo para sa Akin,” wika Niya (Mateo 25:31-46).

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TANONG: Atty. Batas, ano b ang dapat kong gawin kinakaltasan kmi ng SSS HINDI NAMAN HINUHULOg matagal n po ako 26 year nko s servisio mukhang magasara npo opis nmin (639208354111).

SAGOT: Salamat po sa text question na ito. Sa ilalim ng Republic Act 1161, as amended by Republic Act 8282, ang Social Security Law of 1997, kailangang i-remit ng kompanya o ng may-ari o opisyal nito ang kinakaltas nilang mga kontribusyon mula sa mga manggagawa, para sa SSS.

Kung hindi nila ireremit ang mga kinaltas na kontribusyon sa SSS, maaari silang makasuhan ng paglabag sa RA 1161, at maaaring makulong sila ng hindi bababa ng anim na taon isang araw, at maging ng pangalawang kasong estafa, sa ilalim ng Art. 315 ng Revised Penal Code, na may hiwalay na kulong na anim na taong isang araw din. Upang makasigurado kayong may laban sa mga kasong ito, padalhan muna ng demand letter ang kompanya, at hilingin sa may-ari o sa kanyang mga opisyal na magremit ng mga nakaltas na kontribusyon.

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BATAS PARTY LIST: Maaari na po kayong maging kasapi ng BATAS Party List, o ang Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Ipadala po ang inyong mga pangalan at kumpletong address sa text 0919-609-64-89, o tawag sa (02) 433-74-49, (02) 433-73-53, o sa email sa www.batasnews.com, o sa batasmauricio@yahoo.com, at sa sulat sa 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

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estimates “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation. Rachel weeping for her children...because they were no more,” Matthew wrote of Herod’s Massacre of the Innocents.

Parents should decide on the number of children, reproductive rights supporters demand today. That’s the position defined earlier by Vatican II :Keeping in mind the good of both family and community, couples determine the size of their families, says Council document: “The Church in the Modern World”.

“Procreation and parenthood do not entail a right to have as many children as one desires,” wrote theologian Fr. Aloysius Cartagenas. He called for a “fair hearing for 2-child proposal.” The right to be a parent should be balanced with rights of the whole society. Contrary to popular Catholic belief, the former need not take moral precedence over the latter all the time.”

The Church supports family planning but bucks contraception. Ipil Prelature and Cagayan de Oro archdiocese vigorously implement these principles in their “All Natural Family Planning” program. Can other dioceses say they match their “anathemas” with action programs?

There’s far more common ground, in this debate, than the sound-bites indicate. The areas of agreement demand we grope for consensus thru the bridge that true dialog builds.

“The distance between man and man is infinite”, Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore once wrote. And if God “as eternal bridge did not span the abyss, how could we reach one another”?/J.L. Mercado

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
La Trinidad, Benguet

DIAMOND RURAL
BANK, INC.,
Mortgagee

-versus-

SPS. AGAPITO L.
ANIBAN and
REBECCA ANIBAN,
represented by ATTY-
IN-FACT ENGR.
GLENNDAGASEN,
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 08-ExF-
1291

FOR:
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE

**M O R T G A G E
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED**

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**SHERIFF'S
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by DIAMOND RURAL BANK INC., with office and postal address at No. 2 Kayang St., Baguio City, herein referred to as the Mortgagee against SPS AGPITO L. ANIBAN and REBECCA ANIBAN represented by Atty.-in-fact ENGR. GLENN DAGASEN, with residence and postal address at No. 208 Upper Pinget, Baguio City, herein referred to as the Mortgagors, in Real Estate Mortgage

dated August 21, 2000 and Amendment of Real Estate Mortgage dated August 2, 2001 which as of May 31, 2008 the obligation of the Mortgagors SPS. AGAPITO L. ANIBAN and REBECCA ANIBAN represented by Atty-in-fact Engr. Glenn Dagsen amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 79/100 (Php866,819.79) PESOS Philippine currency, including interests, penalties, surcharges, and Attorney's fee but excluding the cost of other charges arising from the application for Foreclosure.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on August 12, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng

Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described real property, including all buildings and improvements now existing or which may hereafter be erected or constructed thereon to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-42591

Registry of Deeds of Benguet

A parcel of land (Lot 2-C-1, Psd-131101-006874 being a portion of Lot 2, Psu-147754), situated at Barangay Longlong, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the E., along line 1-2 by Lot 2-E of the subd. plan; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Public Land; on the W., along line 3-4 by Lot

2-B of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being N. 26 deg., 42'W., 1875.37m. from Triangulation Sta. LIMESTONE, Baguio Townsite to corner 1, thence:

S. 00 deg., 12'W., 45.49 m. to point 2;
N. 82 deg., 07'W., 34.06 m. to point 3;
N. 00 deg., 57'E., 82.18 m. to point 4;
N. 82 deg., 52'E., 33.00 m. to point 5;
S. 00 deg., 15'W., 45.45 m. to point of beginning.

containing an area of TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (2,876) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: All points by Ps cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40 cms. Bearings True: Date of Original Survey on Jan. 20-22 &

Feb. 23, 1954. Date of Subdivision survey on Nov. 10, 1998, executed by Engr. Antonio V. Abyado, and was approved on February 1, 1999.

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

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

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 11th day of July, 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD)
GREGORIO G.
TADEO
Sheriff IV

July 13, 20 & 27,
2008

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

H O M E
DEVELOPMENT
MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

M R
CONSTANTINO
JOSE E. CABASAL,
Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE
CASE No. 08-13-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, As
Amended

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**SHERIFF'S
NOTICE OF
SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, against MR. ISIDRO B. EVANGELISTA, JR., hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 14, 2008, amounts to P388,067.40 Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests and other charges, but excluding attorney's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff, through her deputy, hereby announces that on August 5, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock in

the morning or soon thereafter, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following properties, together with all its improvements existing thereon, which are more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-82662 BAGUIO CITY

"A parcel of land (Lot 28-C-1, Psd-131102-006800 being a portion of Lot 28-C, Psd-131102-008177, situated at Brgy. Res. Sec. "L", Irisan, City of Baguio, Province of, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the E., & SW along lines 5-1-2 by Lot 28-C-2 of the subd. plan; on the W., along line 2-3 by Lot

27, (LRC) Psd-16640; on the N., & E., along lines 3-4-5 by Lot 28-C-4 of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of ONE HUNDRED FORTY (140) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

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 7th day of July, 2008.

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

By: (SGD) RUBEN L. ATIJERA
Sheriff-in-Charge
July 12, 19 & 26,
2008

**NOTICE OF
EXTRAJUDICIAL
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROMEO EMBESAN YMANA, who died intestate on May 10, 2005, at Dagupan City, Pangasinan, has been settled by his heirs through a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 433 on Page No. 087, Book No. VI, Series of 2008.

July 5, 12 & 19, 2008

**NOTICE OF
EXTRAJUDICIAL
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ALEJANDRO C. SISON, SR., who died intestate on February 26, 1991 at Philex, Tuba, Benguet, has been settled by his heirs through a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the National Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 360 on Page No. 072, Book No. VI, Series of 2008.

July 5, 12 & 19, 2008

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

PATIL-AO y KIS- EWEN,

SPOUSES PHILIP JOHN MONTILLA PATIL-AO and MARIBEL KIS- EWEN PATIL-AO, represented by herein Attorney-in-Fact MARIBEL KIS- EWEN PATIL-AO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET,
Respondent.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION F DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR CHILD, EIREENE XELYNE

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 08-C-1479

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ORDER

Petitioners, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to change and correct the following entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Eireene Xelyne Patil-ao y Kis-ewen as follows:

Place of Marriage of Parents: from SIPA, STA. MARCELENA, APAYAO to LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

Date of Marriage of Parents: from APRIL 18, 2000 to May 25, 2007

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on November 13, 2008 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 June 29, 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 La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction; the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 18th day of June 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) MARYBELLE L. DEMOT MARINAS
Pairing Judge

July 5, 12 & 19
2008

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

& JANINE MAE LAOYAN BALAO, the latter being the name by which she is to be known; and
B) RUTH DIVINE SANTIAGO ESLAO, a.k.a. NADINE MAE SANTIAGO ESLAO & NADINE MAE LAOYAN BALAO, the latter being the name by which she is to be known.

MARY LAOYAN BALAO
Petitioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION AND CHANGE OF NAMES OF MINORS:
A) NAOME GRACE SANTIAGO ESLAO, a.k.a. JANINE MAE SANTIAGO ESLAO

TRINIDAD, BENGUET

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 08-A-0936

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition for the adoption of her minor nieces namely; Naome Grace Santiago Eslao a.k.a. as Janine Mae Santiago Eslao & Janine Mae Laoyan Balao and Ruth Divine Santiago Eslao a.k.a. Nadine Mae Santiago Eslao & Nadine Mae Laoyan Balao. That she possessed all the

qualifications and none of the disqualifications to adopt the said minors and for the best interest of the said minors she prays that this petition be granted.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and in substance, the Court hereby sets it for hearing on DECEMBER 3, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 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 JULY 27, 2008.

The Court Social Worker is directed to conduct Home and Child Study Reports in this case and to submit the same not later than DECEMBER 3, 2008. The petitioner is likewise directed to get in contact with the Court Social Worker, Jacqueline Dontogan, for purposes of the Home and Child Study Reports.

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 La Trinidad, Benguet; the Court Social Worker; the Junction Publishing Company; the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS this 9th day of July, 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR.
Presiding Judge

July 12, 19 & 26,
2008

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

THE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF HIS PARENTS HEREIN REPRESENTED BY HIS MOTHER HELEN DE VERA BAYENG - DANGARAN
Petititioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION, MANOLITO C. DULAY and EUSEBIAC. DULAY
Respondents

IN RE: DECLARATION OF ILLEGITIMACY OF SONNY BAYENG DULAY AND CORRECTION OF ENTRY ON HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH AS TO

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 08-C-1474

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed a verified petition praying after due notice, publication and hearing that he be declared illegitimate considering that he was actually born illegitimate. His parents namely, Manolito C. Dulay and Helen De Vera Bayeng were not actually married on March 12, 1979 as indicated in his

Certificate of Live Birth, hence, the entry as to the Date and Place of Marriage in his Certificate of Live Birth be deleted.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on JANUARY 22, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 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 week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than JULY 27, 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 San Fernando City, La Union; the

Administrator and Civil Registrar General of the National Statistics Office; the Junction Publishing Company; the petitioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS this 8th day of July, 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

(SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR.
Presiding Judge

July 12, 19 & 26,
2008

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad,
Benguet

PEACOCK FINANCING CORPORATION

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SUCAT SAPANG,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

Case no. 08-EXF-1289

For:

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135, As Amended

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by PEACOCK FINANCING CORPORATION, a corporation existing under and by virtue of Philippines of Law, Herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee with business and office address at Carangalaan District, Dagupan City against Sucat Sapang, of legal age, Filipino and with residence and postal address at La Trinidad,

Benguet, Philippines, herein referred to as the Respondent-Mortgagor to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May, 2007 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS (P224,350.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, including penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on July 29, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall (BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the following described real

property with all the buildings and improvements now existing or which may hereafter be erected or constructed thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1373

"A parcel of land (Lot B-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-17873, being a portion of Lot B described on plan Psd-50084, LRC (GLRO) Record No.), situated in the Barrio of Takian, Municipality of La Trinidad, Sub-Province of Benguet, Mt. Province, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the N. points 4 to 1 by property of Fernando Cosalan; on the SE and SW. Points 1 to 4 by Lot B-2 of the subdivision plan. XXX

Containing an area of THREE THOU-

SAND ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE (3,193) SQUARE METERS, more or less...

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 19, 2008 at the same place and time without further notice.

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

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at THE WEEKEND JUNC-

TION, a newspaper of general circulation. Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous place, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 30th day of June, 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) JOHNNIE O. OCASLA Sheriff IV

July 6, 13 & 20 2008

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

FELIVICC.LOMYEG
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET
Respondent,

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 08-C-1484

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed a verified petition praying after due notice, publication and hearing that the entry in item No. 2 designated as Sex in his Certificate of Live Birth be corrected from female to male in order to reflect his true and correct gender.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form

and substance, the court sets it for hearing on JANUARY 21, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 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 JULY 27, 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 La Trinidad, Benguet; the Administrator and Civil Registrar Gen-

eral of the National Statistics Office; the Junction Publishing Company; the petitioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS this 8th day of July, 2008 at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR. Presiding Judge
July 13, 20 & 27, 2008

Diretsahan....

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masundan pa! Tama Na, Sobra Na!

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PARTIDONG LAKAS - CMD at KAMPI - CAR NAGSANIB PUWERSA at mismong si pangulong GMA ang dumalo para saksihan ang pagsasanib puwersa ng dalawang partido, hindi naman ito bago sa mundo ng pulitika. Ang nakakapagtaka ay kung magsasanib ang partidong oposisyon at administrasyon dahil siguradong chop suey at pinakbet ang labas anu sey nyo. Apo Ronaldo Puno ng lakas CMD at Apo Norberto Nograles ng kampi? Ano rin kaya sey ni Apo Erap?

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Gaano kaya katotoo na kaya sinibak ni DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza si Attorney Brenda Poklay ng LTRFB CAR ay dahil sa umano ng mga maanomalyang pag-

isyu ng prangkisa sa mga sasakyan? Kung totoo aba dapat pati ang mga ibang tao na maaring kasabwat ni attorney Poklay ay dapat na ring masibak! Mabuti nga at nagretiro na si dating director mondigs kundi, siya ang dapat managot sa mga umanong katiwalian ng DOTC - LTRFB CAR noong panahon ng kanyang termino! Sige Apo Secretari, sibakin nyu na ang ibang mga korap! Sa DOTC - LTRFB! SIBAKIN

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Mga computer o internet shops na nagpapalaro ng mga estudyante kahit may pasok at sa mga nagpapalaro ng overnight" sa mga Menor - De - Edad, DAPAT IPASARA! Karamihan kasi sa mga kabataan na nalululong sa mga computer ay nagkakaroon ng masasamang epekto sa kanilang kalusugang pangangatawan at kaisipan na dinededma naman ng ibang opereytor ng mga establisimentong ito, kumbaga wala silang "sense of social re-

sponsibilities"

Sa susunod ay atin pong ibubulgar ang mga establisimentong ito para mabigyan ng kaukulang aksyon ng ating mga awtoridad! IPASARA

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Dahil sa walang humpay na pagtaas ng presyo sa gasolina at Diesel marami na ang nagbebenta ng kanilang sasakyan, dito na lamang sa Baguio ay pumapalo ng mula 15,000.00 hanggang 30,000.00 ang presyo ng mga mababang klaseng "Second Hand" na sasakyan at papalo naman sa 50,000.00 o 70,000.00 ang "Primera Klase"! pag nagkataon baka magkakaroon na rin tayo ng "Wagwagan sa mga sasakyan": eh kelan naman kaya tayo magkakaroon ng wagwagan sa mga kontrata para sa mga infrastruktura?, at wagwagan para sa prangkisa ng mga sasakyan? Ano sey nyu DPWH AT LTRFB? Baka pwedeng "IN-VITE" nyo ako kung meron? HI HI HI!!!

Pope apologizes....**.... from page 1**

they have damaged the church's witness."

Anthony Foster, the father of two Australian girls who were allegedly raped by a Catholic priest, said he was disappointed that the apology repeated the church's expressions of regret but offered no practical assistance for victims.

"What we haven't had is an unequivocal, unlimited practical response that provides for all the victims for their lifetime," he said. "The practical response needs to include both financial help ... and psychological help."

Support groups for victims of church abuse in Australia, whose numbers are not known but who activists say are in the thousands, say the church covered up of the scale of the problem and fought compensation claims lodged in civil courts.

"Sorry is not enough. Victims want action, not just words," the Broken Rites group said in a post on its Web site.

Benedict has expressed regret before about the clergy abuse scandal that has rocked the church in recent years — notably during a visit to the United States in April when he also met privately with a small number of victims.

But the language of Saturday's apology was stronger than the pope's comments in the United States.

Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi said the pope added the words that he was deeply sorry to the original text given to reporters because he wanted to "personally underline" that he felt close to the victims.

There was no immediate word whether Benedict would meet with victims during his Australia trip, which ends Monday. Foster has said he wants a meeting with the pontiff during the trip.

The pontiff is in Australia to lead hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in the church's World Youth Day, a global celebration meant to inspire a new generation of Catholics.

During his appearances in Australia, Benedict has spoken about the need to strengthen traditional Christian values including charity and chastity, and decried the selfishness and greed of today's "cult of material possessions."

About 500 people protested against the Vatican's policies opposing contraception, abortion and homosexuality, holding a contest for the T-shirt that would most annoy Roman Catholics and chanting: "The pope is wrong, put a condom on!"

The boisterous protest at a square in the city's center included inflated condoms floating above the crowd and some participants dressed as nuns and priests. There were speeches supporting sex education and safe sex practices.

"It's good that people protest against the pope's homophobia and misogyny," Alex Bainbridge of the Socialist Alliance told the crowd. "We don't want a war against sex, we want a war against sexually transmitted infections."

"We're here for the people who could be

saved if they had adequate sex education and access to condoms."

Police on horseback and on foot patrolled the protest. Police led away a protester who had thrown condoms at pilgrims.

Papal apologies have been few in the church's long history, mostly confined to correcting historical errors such as condemning Galileo for maintaining that the Earth is not the center of the universe.

But Benedict also said he was "deeply sorry" regarding remarks on Islam he made in Germany in 2006 that linked the religion to violence and set off a fury across the Muslim world.

Some cardinals resisted Pope John Paul II's plan for a sweeping apology timed for the new millennium in 2000. But he went ahead, asking forgiveness for the sins of Catholics, including wrongs inflicted on Jews, women and minorities.

Benedict will join tens of thousands of young Catholics for a couple of hours later Saturday at an open-air vigil held at a horse race track in Sydney.

The pope will lead a Mass on Sunday before a crowd estimated at more than 200,000 that will mark the culmination of the World Youth Day festival./By ROHAN SULLIVAN, Associated Press Writer /Associated Press Writer Tanalee Smith contributed to this report.

Landmark....**.... from page 2**

enhancing capacity in peace-building and stability and post-conflict reconstruction; and, strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat.

There will be annual consultations on development assistance between the two partners. ASEC and JICA also agreed to undertake periodic joint assessments and other types of missions to identify potential areas of cooperation.

In the "Cooperation Arrangements", the two agencies expressed their intention "to collaborate in a partnership aimed at assisting ASEAN in building a Community by 2015 which will be the cornerstone of the long-term goal of realizing an East Asian community".

The cooperation arrangements further said that "Noting the commitment of ASEAN in placing its people at the centre of the ASEAN community-building process, the two institutions also share the view that this partnership needs to play an instrumental role in promoting human development" as a common objective.

According to the ASEAN Charter, which is expected to be ratified by all Member States of ASEAN by the ASEAN Summit in Bangkok this December, the ASEAN Community is being built on three pillars – the Political Security Community, Economic Community and Socio-Cultural Community.

Following last year's restructuring of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), the new JICA, which will incorporate the Japan Bank for International Cooperation which administers the yen loan component of Japan's ODA, has become one of the world's largest development agencies. The merger will make JICA more efficient and effective in meeting its development goals./PIA CAR

Carbon Sink....**.... from page 2**

the carbon trade project, adoptors will soon set up a network for CSP to have better market on carbon emission trade and access on obtaining assistance from the government and the private sectors," Pogeved said.

The CSP is a part of the Clean Mechanism Development approved under the Kyoto protocol wherein developed countries were assigned to reduce their carbon emissions based on their share on global warming.

The scenario of reducing carbon emissions in developed countries require billions of dollars and such action can stunt the economy of a developed country.

The alternative solution in reducing carbon emissions would be for developed nations to invest in emission reduction of another country, considering that carbon emissions contribute to global problems./Danny Killip

RP'S....**.... from page 3**

now, as we encounter the problem of global warming, extreme weathers, floods, landslides and water/air pollutions.

Tabanda also cited the importance of advocating environmental concerns to the youth or the students, as these young ones will inherit the environment and whatever ill effects done to it./Darlito/PIA

Baguio, sr....**.... from page 3**

economic reserves of the country. Coupled with this is the expressed desire to put up a retirement facility for less fortunate fellow retirees.

The mayor mentioned that Baguio was chosen from urban areas; Tagaytay, Davao, Cebu, Clark and Subic. The factor in the city's being chosen was the organized listings of indigent individuals and families, the mayor added.

The amount of Two Million (2M) Pesos shall be immediately released to DSWD Regional Director Porfiria Bernardez from the PRA, for the plan's implementation, the mayor also said.

Citing concerted efforts for the retirees' home, the lot shall be provided by the city, including maintenance and operation, while the construction of the residential care facility for the elderly and technical assistance shall be undertaken by the DSWD.

Linkages to local, national and international agencies for technical and financial support was also cited in maintaining the said facility for the elderly./Julie G. Fianza

ERRATUM

In a Notice of Hearing published in this paper issue of July 5, 2008 by Edgard Tamo (Applicant) with Case No. 2001-01-1231, the first name Edgard should be spelled as Edgard and not as Edgar as erroneously published .

Benguet governor.... from page 2

is intended to help lower the cost of current and for livelihood and other development projects in the host community, aside from reforestation and enhancement of the watersheds serving the plant.

"The headwaters and watersheds of the Agno are in Benguet, not in Pangasinan," Fongwan pointed out

The governor's push comes on the heels of an agreement Benguet forged with Pangasinan for an equal sharing from the national wealth tax derived from the operation of the San Roque, once dubbed as the biggest dam in Asia.

Similar negotiations are in progress between Ifugao and Isabela provinces over the benefits accruing to them from the operation of the Magat Dam. Ifugao Gov. Teddy Baguilat asserted that the plant itself is inside Alfonso Lista, Ifugao, while Isabela claims it is within its town of San Ramon.

Last week, several mayors of Benguet towns contributing to the Agno River also sought a redefinition of a "host community" to entitle their municipalities to shares from the national wealth tax.

The issue for a river-based definition was raised several years ago before then energy Secretary Vincent Perez during a press conference when he came up to Baguio for a public hearing on the implementing rules and regulations of the EPIRA.

Saying the observation was "insightful", Perez promised to look into the matter.

When the EPIRA IRR came out, it carried the old definition lifted from the guidelines for the Energy Crisis Act of 1992.

The issue was again raised before energy Secretary Angelo Reyes last February when he was in Baguio for a planning session.

Reyes was told that tribal folk in Hungduan, Ifugao were threatening to divert the flow of the Hapao River – a major tributary of the Ibulao River that flows into the Magat – in protest over lack of government incentives to their preservation of the watersheds.

"Please don't do that. Let's talk first," Reyes said, visibly taken aback.

He was told it was meant as an Ifugao joke. Still, it was explained, it was intended to draw attention to the lack of government incentive policy for the traditional keepers of the watersheds in the uplands.

In pressing for a redefinition, Fongwan also pushed for easier access to the one-centavo fund. Under the guidelines, host communities wanting to avail of the fund must submit project proposals which will have to be approved by the DOE

A redefinition would mean the eastern barangays of Baguio whose streams contribute to the Agno would also be entitled to a share from the fund.

Entitled under the present set-up are the barangays of San Manuel and San Nicolas, the two towns, Pangasinan and Region 1 as host region./Ramon Dacawi

Untouchable.... from page 12

the suspect identified as Jovencio Lucas, 49 years old, single, laborer, former Brgy Kagawad and resident of Subagan, Ba-ay Licuan after evading the court of law.

During the apprehension, the residents barricaded and refused to allow the policemen to leave with the arrested person that led to a standoff. They claimed that the case charged against Lucas was already amicably settled. However, because of the diplomatic dialogues of policemen with the belligerent residents and with the reinforcement of the elements of Police Provincial Mobile Group and Special action Force Company of SAF, the residents finally dispersed and allowed the PNP personnel to take the suspect.

Records show that the crime was committed on August 29, 2005 at Ba-ay Licuan when Lucas ambushed and shot a certain Ave Anquilliano, Reagan Bandril, Aloy Dugayen and Alejo Domingo. Witnesses stated that Lucas who was drunk at that time barged into a prayer meeting held by the victims and created a trouble. He was pacified and told to leave but out of resentment, he went home then returned with a firearm and committed the crime. He was now under the custody of Abra Provincial Jail on same date of captivity./Regional PIO Cordillera

Untouchable.... from page 12

Jr and co-authored by Board Member Marciano Inso was originally for the whole area which is almost a hectare to be converted into such facility.

Board Member Rogelio Leon, however, opposed the move saying there should still be a reserved area to be allotted for the Governor's Mansion which may be used in the future.

What if one of the future governors does not reside in La Trinidad then at least there would be an area to construct the mansion, Leon contended. The establishment of the facility would also be a good sight in the surrounding areas of the mansion, he said.

Agreeing to the suggestion, Nazarro said an area ranging from 500 to 1,000 square meters will be allotted for the mansion.

As stated in the resolution, the lot has not been utilized for so long but is being used indiscriminately by students, and other persons. It was also observed that some plants tilled within the area were being damaged making the area unsanitary.

One of the provisions of the measure is for the province to protect, develop and improve the area as a show-

case of Benguet Cultural and Eco-Tourism activities. An initial amount of P2,000 million is proposed for the development of the area.

A repealing clause was included as one of the amendments under Section 4 which states that any other ordinance or resolution contrary to the ordinance will be repealed or amended accordingly./S.C. Aro/PIA-Benguet

MP allocates.... from page 12

productivity and increased income of rice farmers.

The League of Provinces of the Philippines entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the DA last May 13 to strengthen the implementation of food security programs in each province.

The League committed to utilize the equivalent of 50 percent of the IRA differential for the implementation of food security programs of the national government which includes the support to the rice self-sufficiency plans and programs in the provincial level.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed Executive Order No. 723 last May 12 to effect the release of the amount of P12,576,983,000 representing the IRA differential due to the reenactment of the General Appropriations Acts (GAAs) in 2001 and 2004.

The province may tap the IRA differential to support the rice self-sufficiency plan and programs in the provincial level./Juliet B. Saley/PIA-MP

SSS open.... from page 12

The pension fund has launched pilot payment facilities in SM North EDSA, SM Southmall, SM Fairview and SM Megamall on May 15. Twenty-two other SM malls started accepting SSS payments in June.

Participating SM branches include the Mall of Asia, Sucat, Bicutan, Taytay, Dasmariñas, Clark, Batangas, Baguio, Sta. Rosa, Marilao, Pampanga, San Lazaro, Bacoor, Lucena, Lipa, Cebu, Bacolod, Iloilo, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Sta. Mesa and Manila.

De la Paz-Bernardo also announced the revised deadline for contribution payments of self-employed and voluntary members.

Under the new policy, contributions for July onwards could now be paid until the 20th day after the applicable month or quarter.

"The SSS moves deadlines to the next working day if they fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday," she said.

Under the law, self-employed persons earning at least P1,000 monthly such as professionals, farmers, fishermen and workers in the informal sector are under mandatory SSS coverage.

Those who ceased to be employed, land-based overseas Filipino workers and non-working spouses of SSS members could also avail of voluntary membership. (PNA)

“Untouchable” wanted person nabbed

ABRA: The police operatives of Ba-ay Licuan MPS under PSINSP JOHN CONSEINGTITAN captured the wanted person in ABRA on

July 8, 2008 who went into hiding for three years after indicted with the crime of multiple frustrated murder under CC 2005-151 by Judge

Corpuz Alzate of RTC Branch II at Bangued, Abra. There are no “untouchables” in Abra, this was the message sent by the police personnel when they apprehended

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Part of governor’s mansion site to be converted into an eco-tourism and children’s park

L TRINIDAD, Benguet – A parcel of the Governor’s Mansion will be allotted for cultural, eco-tourism and children’s park as it is high time for

the province to have such tourism facility in the capital town.

The provincial board passed a measure converting a parcel of land of the

Governor’s Mansion to accommodate the area for a cultural, tourism and children’s park facility.

The proposed ordinance number 08-02 authored by Board Member Juan Nazarro,

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MP allocates P5M for rice self sufficiency plan

BONTOC, Mt. Province – The Sangguniang Panlalawigan has passed last June 11 a resolution expressing its full support to the Rice Self-Sufficiency

Plan 2009-2010 of the Department of Agriculture and approving the allocation of P5,000,000 equivalent to 50 percent of the share of the province in the Internal Rev-

enue Allotment differential from 2001 and 2004.

The DA launched the rice Self-Sufficiency Plan 2009-2010 which envisions a 100 percent self-sufficient rice economy by 2010 through improved rice

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SSS opens payment facilities in SM malls

The Social Security System (SSS) has opened payment facilities in 26 SM malls nationwide to allow its self-employed and voluntary members to pay contributions and loans at SM Business Centers, a top official said.

pension fund, resulting in quick posting of contributions and loan amortizations.

“Our new mall-based facilities make payments fast, easy and convenient for the SSS’ self-employed and voluntary members, who can now take advantage of long mall hours and the wide network of SM branches,” she said.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Corazon de la Paz-Bernardo said payments through the SM malls would be reported electronically to the

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THE WEEKEND JUNCTION



MMDA CZAR HERE - Metro Manila Development Authority Bayani Fernando shares his experiences on how to stop “Anarchy Along the Streets” to Mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr. during a brief courtesy call at City hall last Friday. With the MMDA chairman is his wife, Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando. / By Bong Cayabyab

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