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**Another Harassment Case Won't Stop me in
Protecting Public Interest - BCDA's Casanova**

Lawyer Arnel Paciano Casanova, president and CEO of Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) shrugged off the recent P100 million libel case filed against him as "another harassment case," and quickly added that he was only stating facts in his efforts to protect public interest in the Camp John Hay dispute.

"I was only stating facts," Casanova said after learning that Sobrepeña-lawyer Frank Chavez filed a P100 million libel case in Pasig City. "And it is a fact and public knowledge that Robert Sobrepeña is also majority shareholder of the College Assurance Plan (CAP), the MetroRail Transit Corporation (MRT) and Southwoods," he said adding "I wonder why he felt ashamed being associated with these companies. If he is truly a well-respected businessman, he should be proud of his businesses."

He said that his office has not yet received a copy of the complaint. The libel suit against Casanova is the 5th of a series of charges filed by CJHDevco against BCDA officials in the past two months.

"I know my law," he stressed, "and there is nothing to be afraid of."
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Police in Crackdown on Erring Motorists,Litterbugs

A praise means trust in one’s versatility to channel efficiency and effectiveness in enforcement to other concerns involving restoration of public discipline.

Baguio residents, especially non-smokers, appreciated the competence with which the city’s police force last year gave teeth to the ban on cigarette smoking. Honest-to-goodness law enforcement relegated smokers to the few designated areas or to the privacy of their compounds and homes.

Last Monday, city officials hailed anew the officers, this time for a crackdown on illegally parked vehicles clogging barangay roads and pathways, thereby easing up traffic and the blood pressure of barangay officials and residents.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and vice-mayor Daniel Farinas opened the week by commending police director-designate, Sr. Supt. Roberto Soriano and Supt. James Logan of the traffic and transport management committee for the campaign involving the removal of plates of illegally parked vehicles.

And while they are at it, perhaps the police can also launch a drive against littering, the mayor added.

Domogan said a sampling of apprehensions of litterbugs can go a long way towards the restoration of discipline that keyed Baguio’s feat in winning for three consecutive years the title of being the country’s cleanest and greenest highly urbanized city in the 1990s.

The mayor has reason to be nostalgic, as he was at the helm when Baguio was elevated as a pioneer to the hall of fame in the annual national “clean and green” contest during the incumbency of President Fidel Ramos.

Baguio’s three-in-a row victory then gave perennial runner-up Olongapo the chance to also make it to the top. As then Olongapo mayor Kate Gordon told mayor Domogan at the closing of the third award rites: “Salamat, mayor, at kami naman,” or something to that effect.

Without anymore national award to aim for, however, Baguio’s cleanliness deteriorated. It may now take a heavier hand to restore that lost glory, prompting mayor Domogan to order the apprehension of litterbugs.

He has reason to hope, as Soriano hit the ground running. The police chief immediately alerted his officers to help barangay officials monitor adherence of residents to their schedule of putting out their trash in time for collection by the city’s garbage trucks./RD.

Task Force to Implement Anti-Littering Law Formed

BAGUIOCITY the Task Force on Anti-Littering and Illegal/Indiscriminate Dumping of Solid Wastes to implement national and local laws on waste dumping and coordinate with the appropriate government entities for the apprehension and prosecution of violators.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan in Administrative Order No. 89 created

include Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, Ordinance No. 54-88 penalizing illegal disposal of refuse, excrement as amended; Ordinance No. 16-2006 or the city’s solid waste management ordinance and Ordinance No. 26-90 requiring residents to store their refuse in plastic bags or the

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Road-Right-of-Way Rule Snags Plan to Build Barangay Hall

Saying the fifth floor long offered by the Department of Public Works and Highways is inaccessible for their community hall, barangay leaders of Cabinet Hill-Teachers Camp told the city council Monday they want to build one in a joint venture with the Rotary Club of Baguio South.

The problem, according to the city’s planning and environmental chiefs, is that the proposed site, a park long adopted by the Rotary club, is within the road-right-of way. Constructing a barangay hall-cum-Rotary office thereat – at the corner of Brent Road and Romulo Drive – would violate a law the DPWH is mandated to enforce.

Earlier, the DPWH occupied another area outside the road-right-of-way being used by the barangay as its basketball court and on it constructed a building, according to former barangay chair Tomasito Calasicas.

For converting the play area for its own use, the DPWH offered a barangay office for Cabinet Hill-Teachers Camp at the fifth floor of the building it constructed.

Problem was, according to Calasicas, the space offered could hardly be reached by the differently abled and elderly residents like him.

He and punong barangay Edward Lumasang, together with Rotary officials led by club president Anita Calabias, asked the city council’s approval of a joint venture to build the barangay hall and club office at the park Rotary adopted and named as “Paul Harris” park, after the founder of Rotary.

The city councilors were sympathetic of the plan, even as councilor Fred Bagbagen said it might not be viable, taking cue from the Four-Way Test of the international service organization. Truth is, he said, the proposed site is within the road-right-of-way.

This was confirmed by city planning and development officer Evelyn Cayat and city environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana.

The city council decided to return the issue to its committee on barangay affairs./ Ramon Dacawi.

FILVADRO Calls for Copyright Reforms in Philippine Law

City of Makati – visual artist-mem- bers. The Filipino Visual Arts and Design Rights Organization (FILVADRO) and two other collective management groups are calling on legislators to amend provisions in the copyright law of the Intellectual Property Code to make the 15-year-old law relevant to the times and applicable to the sector. Launched in September 2011, FILVADRO administers the intellectual property rights of its

Officials of FILVADRO, the Filipinas Copyright Licensing Society, Inc. (FILCOLS), and the Filipino Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Inc. (FILSCAP) had met with Senator Manny Villar, chairperson of the Senate committee on trade and commerce, and personally submitted and discussed their organizations’ respective position papers

and proposed amendments to the copyright law.

The Philippines is the only country in Southeast Asia that has a provision for resale rights; however, it has not been able to successfully enforce the provision in favor

of the artists or the copyright-holders since the IP Code’s creation in 1997. This

information is based on an informal survey conducted by FILVADRO between 2008 and 2011 among

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Tricycles now Banned in Baguio

The city council has approved on final reading Ordinance No. 28 series of 2012 “banning all tricycles within the territorial boundaries” of the city due their unsuitability as a mode of transportation in the city.

Councilor Philian Weygan-Allan, author of the measure, said tricycles have begun to proliferate in various parts of the city as individuals and businessmen running water delivery, junk shop, liquefied petroleum gas, ice cream and general merchandise trades resorted to using said means to ply their trade to avoid traffic congestion and the high cost of petroleum and gasoline.

“The presence of these tricycles recently created traffic problems instead of decongesting especially in Marcos Highway, Bakakeng Central, Camp 7, Kennon Road, Legarda Road and other roads of Baguio City,” Weygan noted.

She said the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) recommended the total prohibition on tricycles as apart from being unfit to the terrainous condition of roads in the city, tricycles will impede traffic flow along roads especially on the ascending portions.

The city police also said that motorcycles being converted into tricycles were originally manufactured or engineered as single motor vehicle and not as a tricycle and this is likely to cause road safety issue because of the introduced modification.

The police also cited the high incidence of accidents both homicide and physical injuries caused by motorcycles rapidly which has increased for the past two years now.

Weygan said in social networking sites, the general opinion is that the City of Baguio must maintain minimum noise and keep the place in an environment-friendly condition, which tricycles cannot give.

As approved, violators will be fined from P500 to P3,000 or face imprisonment of 30-60 days./A Refuerzo

Expelling Banshees

Ever kick a mound of white ants? “Anay” or termites spill out helter-skelter. That’s today’s image of the country’s “ghost voting capital” —after President Benigno Aquino shredded the Autonomous Region of Muslin Mindanao’s notorious “Book of Voters.”

Heeding Congress Joint Resolution 3, the President ordered registration of voters, starting from A. The rewrite covers provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-tawi, Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur, plus cities of Marawi and Lamitan.

Joint Resolution 3 has widespread ramifications. Some electors are spooks or, double sometimes triple registrants. They constitute the so-called ‘command votes’ or ‘controlled votes’. Wielded by political warlords, they can tip local as well national elections.

In Marawi City, “30 non-Maranao students of Mindanao State University were (directed) to assume Maranao names and register,” Inquirer reported. Flying registrants assumed names of dead and ghost voters... (They poured in) from Davao, the

EDITORIAL Zamboanga Peninsula, Lanao del Norte, Iligan and Maguindanao.

“In Datu Saudi Ampatuan town, the registrant looked all of 13 or 14, Carol Arguillas of MindaNews observed. But she claimed to be 19. “You’re in college?,” we asked. She shook her head. “High school?” No? “Grade Six?” she replied, almost in a whisper. “When did you start going to school?” The girl kept silent. “When will you turn 20?” Di ko alam.

When registration ended July 18, about 1.3 million applied for inclusion, Commission on Elections Sixto Brillantes estimated. That’s lower than the 1.7 million crammed in the nullified’ registry.

Over 50,000 minors were nailed trying to bore their way into the new lists. Their names were segregated, Brillantes added. They’ll re-examined in biometric verification process in days ahead. In Lanao del Sur, Reform, an NGO —ARMM Now (RAN) — counted 17 percent less than the 522,417 listed in scrapped lists.

ARMM’s population stood at 4.1 million in 2007. But a 2010 revalidation, by National Statistics Office, found population a fraction of “more than 3.3 million. Elsewhere, the country posted population growth at 1.8 percent. Not ARMM. It claimed population growth of 5.4 percent.

Registrered votes, in the National Capital Region, dipped by 4 percent in 2007. In contrast, ARRM’s bolted Is this statistically possible?” Asian Development Bank statistician Dalisay Daligmalig asked equally skeptical fellow scientists at an earlier Philippine Population Conference.

Of course not, Demographer Mercedes Concepcion wrote. ARRM analysis must be separate. Still, this “impossibility” jacked up Lanao del Sur’s voting population by a staggering 16 percent. Sulu leaped by 12 percent and Basilan by 8 percent. Maguindanao swept the field by claiming 78 percent!

Padded registration lists enabled Gloria Macapagal Arroyo’s candidates to shut out the opposition 12-0 in Maguindanao’s mid-decade elections. Only four years later years did Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel manage to get his rightful Senate seat.

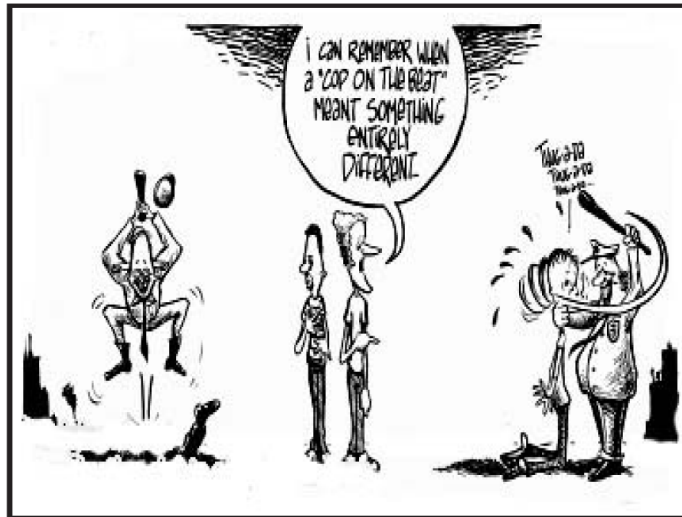
Hindi tayo nag-iisa. Look at Zimbabwe’s registration list. Almost “27 percent of names appearing on the register were of dead people”, notes the South Africa-based Institute of Security Studies. In dictator Robert Mugabe’s rural home district of Zvimba there were 1,101 voters who were 110 years of age. Most were born on the same date.

Overall, Mugabe tacked on 3 million phantoms to the list. “Zimbabwe’s voter’s roll is beyond redemption,”: ISS said. “(It) cannot even be used as one of the building blocks in construction of a new voters’ roll. It simply has to be scrapped completely”.

In the US, Pew Center found almost two million deceased Americans still on voter rolls. And 2.75 million people are registered to vote in more than one state. But only about three-quarters of the eligible population is registered.

The findings do not suggest fraud, explained director of Pew’s Election Initiatives, David Becker. But registration systems, in many states, enter vast quantities of data by hand. “These methods are costly, error-ridden, and inefficient as they are quaint”.

It costs the U.S. 12 times more to maintain a voter list than Canada,” he added. By innovative technology **Cont. on page 9**



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*Waging War Easier than
Winning Peace*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



CHANGING OF GUARDS — On my way to Davao del Sur last Tuesday, I dropped by at the Army headquarters of the 39th battalion in Tuban, Sta Cruz for the turnover of command from **Lt. Col. Oliver Artuz** to new commander **Lt. Col. Norman Zuniega** who served distinctively in North Cotabato during those challenging days.

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GENERAL BERNARDO — “The peace and development framework will be the guiding post of every soldier,” **Brig. Gen. Ariel Bernardo**, the officiating commander who also recently assumed at the 10th infantry division gave as his command guidance to the AFP men and women.

I was not surprised as I knew General Ariel’s orientation as he was, for a long time, part of the peace process team with me and served in the ceasefire committee that kept the peace while negotiations were going on between rebels and the government in Mindanao.

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PEACE PARADIGM —By the way, the new AFP paradigm no longer exclusively measures a combat officer’s stellar accomplishments by body count of dead enemies or firearms recovered in combat. But today, it is best measured by how they manage to keep the peace in their respective areas of responsibility. Pulling that trigger and starting a firefight is much easier than maintaining the equilibrium of peace by avoiding combat. Firing the guns of war is much easier than the complicated — and creative task — of peace-keeping and peace building. And fine soldiery is better measured by the latter.

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FROM FVR — I received by parcel post a newly published book of former President Ramos entitled “Teamwork for Enduring Peace and Sustainable Development” put together by **Melandrew “Mel” T. Velasco**.

It chronicles **FVR**’s foray into the maze of peace building and development not only during his watch as president but beyond. This is one of the many he published and which I continuously receive without fail — from the mails. With his own red ink personalized scribbles, of course. Thanks, Mr. President!

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EDUCATORS —Last week, I spoke before officials of Mindanao’s **COCOPEA (Coordinating Council for Private Educational Associations)** during their 2-day strategic planning session. They compose universities and colleges all over Mindanao. I was glad to visit the venue: the plush facilities of the **Davao Association of Colleges and Schools (DACS)** at Juna Subdivision in Matina with hosts **Fr. Danny Montana**, **COCOPEA** Mindanao and **Jimmie-Loe dela Vega**, Executive Director.

There is resonance from the participants on aligning their thrusts to Mindanao’s challenges like poverty, conflict, information technology gap, values and peace imperatives and others.

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PNoy: “Kuliglig-Riding” President

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

ATTENTION : Mga Medyas atbp.. Extortion – 2K lang PIYANSA!!! Part 1

BY: ODELL P. AQUINO



LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS: “... Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...” (John 1:12, the Holy Bible).

CAN WE BLAME ANYONE FOR GLORIA’S RELEASE ON BAIL? Can we blame Judge Jesus Mupas of the Pasay City Regional Trial Court for ordering the release on a P1 million bail of former President Arroyo? The answer is no, for he only acted on the basis of the evidence that was presented in his court. Surely, in this one particular case, he had to depend solely on the evidence submitted by the Commission on Election (Comelec) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), and on no other.

The President of the Republic, after all, is greatly interested in the case, Judge Mupas knew that all eyes, particularly those of President Aquino who single-handedly impeached Chief Justice Renato Corona, are on him. If, therefore, he set Arroyo free, it could only be because, on the basis of the evidence, she deserved to be set free, pursuant to what the 1987 Constitution provides.

On the other hand, can we blame the Comelec and the DOJ for Arroyo’s release on bail? The answer is also a no, we cannot. If what they submitted to the court did not merit the continued detention of Arroyo, did we expect them to fabricate additional evidence just so she could not be given bail? Of course not. This country, after all, is now threading the “straight path” of governance, as Aquino himself ordered.

“INVASION” IS THE WORD FOR WHAT CHINA IS DOING AT THE SPRATLYS: No matter how one tries to view the ongoing dispute between the Philippines and China over the Spratlys and other neighboring islands like the Scarborough Shoal, there is no other word to describe China’s establishing a city and a military garrison in the area, as well as sending Chinese fishing boats to gather corals, assisted even by China warships. This is invasion, pure and simple. As a sovereign nation, what must the Philippines do to repeal an invasion?

CAN PAG-ASA DO BETTER THAN WARNING US? For the ‘nth time, the Philippine weather bureau is warning about destructive rains, floods and landslides, as two low pressure areas are gearing to enter the country’s area of responsibility. But then, this is a warning that is now becoming regular, every time the rainy seasons come. Can not PAG-ASA (or the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration) do better? I mean, like telling us what can be done to avoid these calamities?

PNOY: “KULIGLIG-RIDING PRESIDENT”: Facebook user Ali Omer has an interesting and exclusive post: that of a picture of President Aquino and Transportation and Communications Secretary Mar Roxas riding a “*kuliglig*”, or a motorized cart, along a flooded busy road in Dagupan City. What is striking here is that, there seems to be no bodyguards nor other close-in security personnel keeping watch over Aquino and Roxas, while they appeared to be enjoying the flood.

Omer explained how he took this photo: “What was funny was that, we took the picture not knowing it was the President of the Philippines who was there in the *kuliglig*. We came to know of this only when we viewed the photos when we reached home.”

The event was surely a security nightmare for the Presidential Security Group and the Dagupan City Philippine National Police, but the way the picture turned out, it showed a very human side of a “kuliglig-riding President”, not afraid to slosh in the flood, not afraid to be in the company of ordinary people, like the cart-driver, who kept staring and seemed unable to be-

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Ang inyong linkod ay muli nanaman naging isang biktima ng paninira, setup at frame up ng ilan mga makikitid, manipis at maiiksi ang utak. Hindi na mahalagang bangitin ang pangalan ng mga nag sasagawa nito sapagkat sila ay aking agarang sasampahan ng reklamo. Ayon sa mga sinumpaang salaysay itong July 25, 2012 sa Chowking Abanao mayroon isang nag ngangalan na Mrs. Mildred D. Quinton a ipina entrap ng mag kasosyo sa negosyo (business partners) na sina Mrs. Jasmine A. Egdani (married) at Mr. Robert Bon D. Merene (single) parehong nakatira sa Gladiola St., Upper QM, Baguio City dala ng pagtanggap nitong si Mrs. Mildred Quinto ng halagang P5K. Ang mag business partners na ito ay ang siyang nagpapakabo ng isang Bingohan daw diumano sa Kayang St na pinapayagan at matitinding basbas ni Punong Barangay Rene Biagtan. Ang nakakatawa dito ay ayon sa mag asawang ito ay akin daw inutusan itong si Mrs. Quinto at kinokotongan ko daw sila ng malalaking mga halaga at kung hindi sila magbigay sa akin ay ilalabas ko sila sa pahayagang ito. Ayon pa sa salaysay ni Mr. Merene (single) ay nabigyan na raw niya ako ng halagang P 50K (singkwenta mil) ngayon buwan lamang ng July 2012. Hi ! Hi !Hi !, 50K asan na, sana tutuong nangyari, Salamat Po !?!?! At ang kanyang business partner naman ay nag bigay na rin daw sa isa kong representate na ang pangalan ay Erwin ng halagang P 1,500. Bakit kaya ganon, malaki ang binigay na daw sa akin ng kanyang kasosyo na si Robert (single) ay P 50K samantalang si Jasmine (married) ang binigay lang sa akin ay P 1,500 (ang barat mo naman) , ang sarap naman binibigyan nila ako ng mga ganitong salapi kahit na isa lamang akong **pipitchugin** na kolumnista ng isa rin **pipitchugin** at pinakamaliit na pahayagang (The Jankyong este The Junction Newspaper, mabuti kung Midland Courier ako kolumnista) kahit ng may katagalan na rin akong naka leave sa pahayagang ito at ngayon lang muli ako napilitan na mag contribute ng aking kolum para isiwalat ang mga katarantaduhan na ito. Base sa aking naihayag mukhang malinaw na isang **EX-TORTION** ang naganap (tama ba SPO1 Tangalin, PO3 Joseph at PO2 Sadang) at isinagawa nitong si Mrs. Mildred Quinto, sapagkat ayon sa sinumpaang salaysay ng mga pulis na aking binangit nuon pang July 24, 2012 ay pinag pla-planuhan na nila ang entrapment laban sa akin at ito ay kanila pang ipina clear sa kanilang Deputy Head of Intelligence (matalino sigurado ang mamang pulis na ito) at kay Kagalang Galang Na Prosecutor Evelyn Tagudar (with my Highest Regards Madam!!!) na siyang nag subscribe ng marked money na gagamintin para sa entrapment on July 25, 2012.

Pagusapan ngayon natin sa isang Q & A ang hingil sa mga nakakatawang mga salaysay ng mga starring sa kagaganap lamang na isang drama at moro moro at ating examinin ang isang napakagandang kuwento at plano na siyang iniluto ng mga **MAKIKITID , MAIKSI AT MALILIIT** na **utak** !!!

1. Kung ang plano na ientrap ay si Odell P. Aquino, bakit itinuloy pa rin ng mga taga BCPO Intelligence Office ang entrapment kahit na hindi si OPAquino ang nagpakita sa Chowking, hindi kaya nagkulang sa Talino o baka sumobra sa Talino (Intelligence means Talino, Hi! Hi! Hi!) , at nag entrap na lang ng kung sino-sino para lang ma idawit ako ng walang ka base-basehan? Ang sagot sa tanong na yan ay sasagutin ng kagalang galang na Office of the Ombudsman kapag sinampahan ko na ng reklamo ang mga Pulis na nagsagawa na entrapment.

2. Sino ba itong si Mrs. Mildred Quinto , mayroon ba siyang ID card ng The Junction Newspaper, sinabi ba niya na kasapi o miyembro siya ng The Junction or kung siya ay aking inutusan? Ang sagot sa tatlong katanungan na yan ay **WALA at HINDI**. So paano na dawit ang aking pangalan at ng The Junction, base lamang sa akusasyon ng mga nag planong magsagawa ng entrapment na ang mag kasosyong Mr. Merene (single) at Mrs. Egdani (married) .

3. Sa aking pananaw ay extortion ang siyang naganap eh bakit ang asunto ng kagalang galang na Prosecutong este Prosecutors Office kay Mrs. Quinto ay Threatening To Publish Libel

na siyang binigyan ng kinaukulan piyansa **Cont. on page 9**

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ing in my statements that is libelous.” He added that “What is clear is that Robert Sobrepeña, chairman of the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevco) has been filing court suits calculated at intimidating and harassing me and the BCDA Board in our determined effort to make the Camp John Hay lessee pay its over P3 billion arrears in rental payments.”

“Each week a new case is being filed against me and the BCDA board of directors,” Casanova said, pointing out that “this is an obvious ploy to prolong their stay in John Hay, to the detriment of the government and the Filipino people.”

“Besides, Mr. Sobrepeña’s image in the eyes of the Filipino people has been what it was—long before when the John Hay issue erupted.” Casanova said.

Casanova said the public has the right to know that these corporations share the same majority owners, directors and officials.

“The CJHDevco majority owners also seem to be afraid of their own shadow when the College Assurance Plan and the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 are mentioned,” Casanova said.

Casanova pointed that there is nothing malicious at all in notifying present and future locators and unit owners to get in touch with BCDA, because the notices address public interest. “These are additional safeguards in making sure that the investors are made aware of what is happening in Camp John Hay,” he said.

For his part, BCDA Chairman Felicito C. Payumo refuted the statement of CJHDevco that BCDA did not allow CJHDevco to present their proposal a day before the lease contract was terminated.

He said the BCDA board had in fact allowed the CJHDevco to submit their payment proposal. “But what CJHDevco submitted was not a payment proposal but a change of present lease contract to a joint venture, extending the period from the original lease period of 1996 to 2021, all the way up to 2061. Needless to say, there was nothing to discuss,” Payumo explained.

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na halagang P 2K? Eto po mga dear readers ang isa sa pinaka nakakatawa sa mga pangyayaring aking nakita sa 40 years old ko pa lamang sa mundo, tutuo nga ang mga slogan ng DOT that Its More Fun in The Philippines!!! Actually hindi lang Fun but really Funny and even S_ _ _ _ . Ano naman kaya ang basehan ng Kagalang Galang na si Asst. City Prosecutor dela Cruz para sampahan ng reklamong Threatening to Publish Libel itong si Mrs. Quinto at hindi Extortion ang isinampa ? Bakit miyembro ba ng media itong si Mrs. Quinto, reporter o publisher ba siya na may kakayahan na manakot na mag-publish, e pano na yun malinaw na entrapment na naganap?!? . Ang sagot sa katanungan na yan ay hindi miyembro si Mrs. Quinto ng Junction or any other media outfit for that matter, ayon mismo sa kanya ng siya ay aking nakausap sa jail , binigyan lang ako ng mga jail guards ng

5 minutes para makausap ko siya. *** Payo ko sa mga miyembro ng medyas este media at iba pa, kung kayo ay ma entrap sabihin nyo lang na inutusan ko kayo at taga Junction kayo at magiging Threatening To Publish Libel courtesy of Pros. Dela Cruz ang inyong kaso at **BIG DISCOUNT** pa sa Piyansa. Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Ay siyanga pala, parating mag dadala ng 2K sa bulsa para instant Piyansa na rin. Hi ! Hi ! Hi !

Sa ngayon ay, tama na muna itong aking salaysay sa its more fun in the Philippines at masakit na talaga ang aking tiyan sa katatawa. O nga pala mga kagalang – galang na Pulis at Prosecutor Dela Cruz hindi ko pala nabangit sa inyo na several months ago (exact date and month I will confirm, mga April sa aking pagkakatatanda) ay sinampahan ng Linis Gobyerno sa Office of the Ombudsman (ako ang signatory ng complaint) si kagalang galang na Mayor Domogan, Punong Barangay Rene Biagtan at PNP CD Lacdan dahil sa mga reklamo ng mga LG Members hingil sa nagaganap na pasugalan na bingohan daw sa Kayang St., ang nag mamayari at nagpapatakbo ay ang mag kasosyong Mr. Merene (single) at Mrs. Egdani (married) na nangangarap na ako ay kanilang ma-entrap. Alam ba ninyo ito mga kagalang-galang na Pulis at Piskal?

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lieve that the President was his passenger.

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DOES COMELECH HAVE MONEY OR WHAT? Does the Commission on Election have money for the 2013 mid-term elections or not? If it has, as Malacanang and Sen. Franklin Drilon are insisting, how come Chairman Sixto Brillantes Jr. is even threatening to resign if additional funds are not given to the poll body? Whom will the people believe on this issue: Brillantes, who knows the financial condition of his office, or Malacanang and Drilon?

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REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, or 0922 833 43 96. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

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and data-matching methods, Canada registers 93 percent of eligible population.

ARRM is haunted by phantom students, wraith-teachers “even ghost schools in ghost barangays”, says Jamar Kulayan, who was appointed January. A Tausug, Kulayan found it had become practice, in the region, for teachers to bloat student-enrollee numbers.

There are 2,000 teachers in excess of 20,000 officially hired. “Names of teachers already dead, retired, or abroad were still listed”. They and continue drawing their salaries. A “Task Force on Moratorium of Abolition and Creation of Schools” is now operational.

The new final Book of Voters is still ahead. But a consensus on making honest elections the centerpiece of ARMM reforms exists, notes Institute for Autonomy and Governance’s Fr. Eliseo Mercado, OMI. The new technology of biometrics will be used to ensure honest polls.

If this drill succeeds, it’d be a fitting legacy for P-Noy, new ARRM officials and NGOs working to purge lists. Exorcising banshees is a welcome change./Juan L. Mercado

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MORO TALES —During the forum with the school reps, there was a discussion that we have to follow through on the effort to re-write Mindanao’s history and books to correct certain distortions that feed into the biases of people that further exacerbate the tensions caused by differences in ethnicity and creed. These materials are gobbled up by our young minds and of course, consequently affecting our view of things

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DISTORTIONS — I recall I was still a kid in the elementary grade in a barrio in the south memorizing my oratorical contest winning piece about a Moro “huramentado” and Kamlon, a Moro fighter. It was culled from a book on Mindanao and its people. That stuck to my young mind for a while altho the fear and distrust about the Moros whipped up by the piece was assuaged by my being close friends with some Muslim classmates whom I grew up with in our barrio. I wonder how it was with those who had no contact at all with them and knew them only through the written materials they read.

These undue biases feed into the psyche of the unknowing, spawning distrust, animosity and eventually graduating to conflict. Some are carried over to this day.

We have to exorcise such distortions.

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MARKING DEFEATS —Many may not realize this but we tend to celebrate our defeats, Like Fall of Bataan, Fall of Corregidor, Fall of Tirad Pass, etc. Should we not commemorate more our victories?

Also, remember the international TV CNN’s Hero of the Year? The Pinoy awardee, truly deserving he may be, projected the Philippines to the whole world in this hi-tech modern age as still in the “kariton” era in our education. Correct honor but wrong message, wrong visuals. All at the expense of our education sector that’s keeping pace with new technologies.

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CHARTER CHANGE — I smell something is afoot on this move to amend the Philippine constitution. The way **Speaker Sonny Belmonte** and **Senate President Johnny Enrile** frame their statements about “convincing” President Aquino and the way Malacanang responds, you can bet on it: charter change is just around the corner.

Factor in the recent statements coming out of the recent **GPH-MILF** talks in Malaysia and my sense is that an “incremental gain” has been achieved.

This gives me more confidence that the impending peace agreement with the MILF and its entrenchment in the Philippine constitution, “piggy back” style, is something to expect.

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ROTARY — I spoke last Friday night before the Rotary Club of Sta Ana Davao during its induction rites for the new officers headed by Pres. **Manuel “Jun” Villarias, Jr.**, a “returnee” president. A reunion of sorts with elder Rotarians who are in their 80’s or so made us reminisce the days of yore. And they are still around committed to Rotary’s current call for “PEACE THROUGH SERVICE” District 386 Governor Nominee **Remegio “Boy” Salanatin, Jr.** (2014), covering some parts of Visayas and Mindanao, belongs to RC Sta Ana. Congratulations Rotarians “Jun” and “Boy”.