

P2.5M from RITMT for first sem 2015

BAGUIO CITY – Fees from the City Environment and Parks Management Office' (CEPMO) Roadside Inspection Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) amounted to P2,559,950, for the first six months of 2015, it was reported during the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meeting last week.

Fees from 825 diesel-fed vehicles tested by the city, totalled P2,363,150, while 113 gas-fed vehicles contributed

P196,000 to a special fund.

First time smoke-belcher offenders are fined P1,000, with P2,000 and P3,000 penalties for 2nd and 3rd offenses, respectively. A testing fee of P100, with P50 for voluntary testing is required, while penalties are deemed for drivers using a smoke-belching vehicles, it was known.

The amount breakdown for each

DepEd warns personnel of fake online investment company

LAGAWE, Ifugao - The Schools Division of this province recently received a memorandum from Education Secretary Armin Luistro regarding the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) advisory and disclaimer concerning the online investment-taking activities of a bogus company called EMGOLDEX PHILIPPINES operating in the country.

This aims to provide the people especially the teachers and students with proper information, guidance and protection from such high risk investment scheme and prevent them from becoming victims.

Emgoldex Philippines reportedly entices Facebook netizens to invest their money in "Pinoy Style Patak Patak" for a promise of huge profit/high returns where an investment of P1,000 will earn profits ranging from P5-10,000 or a placement of P35,000 will yield P180,000-P360,000 (1K=5K to 10K payout or 35K= 180K to 360K payout).

The company according to SEC is

CSC conducts report card survey in the city

BAGUIO CITY - The Civil Service Commission (CSC) will gain conduct the Report Card Survey (RCS) in selected Local Government Units this year. The RCS will take place anytime from July to October in the city of Baguio.

Said survey will measure compliance with the Citizen's Charter and other Anti Red Tape Act provisions and at the same time to gauge client satisfaction on service delivery.

CSC recognizes the efforts of the LGUs in enhancing efficiency, improving public service delivery and increasing competitiveness.

CSC acting chairperson Robert Martinez said, "apart from the RCS, the CSC shall continuously implement other ARTA mechanisms in the LGUs which include the ARTA Watch, contact Center ng Bayan, Service Delivery Excellence

Program, and the Citizen's Satisfaction

Center Seal of

Excellence Award.

It is remembered that six government agencies in the Cordillera Administrative Region were conferred the Citizen's Satisfaction Center Seal of Excellence

Award by the CSC last year.

With the concerted efforts, teamwork and co-operation of the employees, mayor

Mauricio Domogan is very optimistic that the city

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According to CEPMO Engineers Moises Lozano and Sofronio Pascua, there were 416 diesel-fed vehicle operations in 47 locations, with 12 gas-fed vehicle operations in 2 areas. More than 4500 diesel-fed vehicles were flagged, with 4412 tested; 2988 passed and 1408 failed, while more than a hundred were not tested at all. One Hundred and Thirteen gas-fed vehicles were flagged and tested, 73 or 64.6% passing with 40 or 35.4% failing.

Among the vehicles failing the smoke-belchers' test are government and school services, private cars and

public utility vehicles, vans, buses, jeepneys and taxis.

Presided by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, the ASK meeting looked at the percentage of vehicles passing the smoke-belcher's test. The results range from 66 to 67%, which has greatly improved from the past years, the mayor has noted earlier. He said the passing rate means vehicles are now better maintained, thus more environmentally agreeable.

The ASK is a regular forum for health and nutrition, cleanliness and sanitation, peace and order, parks, public market, information and other city concerns/Julie G. Fianza



MOTORBIKE DONATION - Officers of the Peace and Order Council (POAC) headed by Mayor Domogan and Liga Ng Mga Barangay president and Councilor Michael Lavana turn-over two brand new motorbikes to the Police Sub-Station 2 under POAC 2 and 6 commanders POAC 6 for enhance police visibility and fast action against criminals./By Bong Cayabyab

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BCDA Finds CA Decision in John Hay Highly Irregular and in Grave Abuse of Discretion

The state-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) said it found the decision of the Court of Appeals' (CA) Former Special Fifth Division highly irregular and in grave abuse of discretion, and vowed to contest the decision as part of its rights under the judicial process and its mandate to protect the interest of government and the public.

"We are studying our legal options on whether to file a Motion for Reconsideration or go straight to the Supreme Court. But if there is one thing we are sure of, we will contest the patently erroneous decision of the CA," BCDA head for legal services lawyer Peter Paul Andrew T. Flores said.

According to Flores, it is highly irregular for a court to modify the Final Award of an Arbitral Tribunal.

He noted that the final award has already been confirmed by the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Baguio based on BCDA's and CJH Development Corporation's (CJHDevCo) respective petitions to confirm the said award. "The Final Award became executory after all the parties accepted the judicial confirmation by the RTC," he said.

Flores said the 67-page decision as ordered by Associate Justice Noel G. Tijam and concurred by Associate Justice Myra V. Garcia-Fernandez and

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Aliping: Autonomy Hearings Successful Even Without SONA Endorsement

BAGUIO CITY – Even without the endorsement of President Benigno Aquino III for Cordillera autonomy in his last State of the Nation Address, the autonomy public hearings conducted by the House of Representatives Committee on Local Government ad hoc committee were successful.

This was the assessment of ad hoc committee chairman and Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. of the region-wide public hearing conducted by the committee the whole month of July as directed by the House Committee on Local Government chairman Rep. Pedro Acharon.

Aliping with the ad hoc committee members and secretariat toured the capital towns of the Cordillera Administrative Region in order to hear the inputs of Cordillerans on House Bill 4649, or the Act Creating the Cordillera Autonomous Region.

He first sought the assistance of Local Government Sec. Manuel Roxas III to ask the President to include in his July 27 SONA the autonomy quest of the Cordillera in order to hasten deliberation on HB 4649 so that it could be passed by both the House of Representatives and Senate before the year ends so Aquino could sign it into law by early next year.

This timeline would allow a regional plebiscite to create an autonomous government in the Cordillera by 2017.

The President did not mention autonomy in his SONA but this did not damped

City dad calls for unity among PWDs, supports creation of PDAO

BAGUIO CITY - City Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. called for unity and cooperation among persons with disabilities (PWDs) as he pushed for the creation of Persons with Disabilities Action Office (PDAO) in the city.

In his message during the launching of the 37th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week, Cosalan urged the PWDs to unite and be stronger as they face the challenges besetting their sector.

Cosalan, who is the City Council Committee chairperson on PWD concerns, informed that last July 13, members and officers of the federation of PWD joined him in presenting to the city council their

the spirit of Aliping or the other Cordillera lawmakers who authored HB 4649.

“While there was no mention of the Cordillera autonomy quest, this still serves as an inspiration for us to legislate the matter for our common good,” Aliping said.

The ad hoc committee public consultations started in Baguio on July 10 then it was held in Luna, Apayao last July 15 in time for the Cordillera Day celebration. This was followed by public hearings in Bangued, Abra (July 22), Bontoc, Mt. Province (July 23), Lagawe, Ifugao (July 24), Tabuk City, Kalinga (July 30), and La Trinidad, Benguet (July 31).

“In all the public hearings, the support for autonomy has been reassuring,” Aliping said adding in each of the meetings there was no negative comment on the bill.

“Even if the President did not mention Cordillera autonomy in his SONA, we will pursue the enactment of a law for our autonomy until we finally achieve it for our region and give momentum to the development of the Cordillera,” Aliping stressed./ *Carl C. Taawan*



ALIPING

Palace’s okay needed in distribution of gov’t land

Transfer of land owned and titled under the national government’s name to the city is beyond the authority of the state-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

BCDA President and CEO Atty. Arnel Paciano Casanova said this during the meeting with the city officials on the status of the John Hay Reservation Area (JHRA).

Casanova said that transferring the former US military rest and recreation area – Camp John Hay to the city government is not within the authority of the BCDA but is vested on the President of the Republic.

Camp John Hay (along with other former US military bases in the country vacated in 1991) were placed under the stewardship of the government corporation BCDA, which is directly being managed by its subsidiary, the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC).

The BCDA, being mere administrators representing the government, cannot just cede a land owned by the national government to any entity whether private or public, as such act is within the ambit

of the President and thus, must go through the process prescribed under the law.

This came as the city officials discussed about the segregation of the barangays from the reservation, and placing them under the jurisdiction of the city.

With such a situation, Casanova said that what it does is to fast track the titling of lands of the legitimate claimants, which they have started at Scout Barrio Barangay.

Casanova revealed that 157 titles have been issued to the legitimate land claimants, corresponding to 96 percent, with only six remaining land titles to be processed. “Out of the 163 legitimate land claimants in Scout Barrio barangay, only six have not yet received their land titles, but it is on the way. As soon as full payment is done, they will get their titles.”

He said that like Scout Barrio, the legitimate land claims in the 13 other barangays within the John Hay reservation is on-going. “We are com-

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12 shops closed under “Oplan Kandado” in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Baguio recently padlocked 12 business establishments in the city for various offenses.

Revenue District Officer Venus Gaticales said the shut down shops were engaged in leasing business like dormitories, offices and wag-wagan shops.

Under the BIR’s “Oplan Kandado” program, business operations of non-compliant taxpayers will be suspended and their establishments will be temporarily closed if found to have violated certain tax laws. It bears down specifically on taxpayers who are remiss in reporting and paying their Value Added Tax(VAT) liabilities.

Gaticales said those shops violated the Tax Code of 1997, specifically non-is-

suance of official receipts and issuance of unregistered receipts, unregistered businesses and non payment of VAT liabilities.

The closure was effected after operators failed to comply with the 48-hour notice and the five-day VAT compliance notice.

The importance of VAT during these times should not be ignored and needs to be paid regardless of the establishment’s profitability, she said.

Gaticales, a lawyer, said the BIR will continue closing shops of suspected tax cheats.

The shame and fear strategies of the BIR will remain the main feature of the tax campaign to raise P1.7 trillion this year./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

La Trinidad LGU to ban knuckle devices

LA TRINIDAD - Knuckles which come in various forms, style and materials used as weapons dating back in ancient times will soon be banned in this town.

Knuckles made of cast iron, brass, lead, and wood were accordingly made in the United States during the American Civil War from 1861 to 1865 which were bought and used often by soldiers particularly those fabricated in cast iron or brass.

Considered as weapons, such devices or objects are made into a set of finger rings or guards attached to a transverse piece and worn over the front of the doubled fist for use to inflict injury or to kill.

Seeing the danger of using such objects as loose weapons, Councilor John Botiwey authored Ordinance Number

22-2015 which prohibits the carrying and selling of knuckles within the town.

Among its provisions include prohibition of carrying or in possession a knuckle outside the home or immediate premises; and selling, renting, or giving away or directly or indirectly participate in the sale, renting or giving away of such objects.

Penal provisions in case of violations are provided in the measure.

The ordinance is referred to the Provincial Board’s Committee on Peace and Order for further study and appropriate action. /SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

Poe violated two solemn oaths

There is something about an oath that points to humanity’s highest values. A “solemn promise, invoking a divine witness regarding one’s future action or behavior,” the Oxford Dictionary defines it.

Next to the family, an oath is an ancient and universal institution of human civilization, first documented as made by the ancient Hebrew Deity himself in Genesis 8:21. Oaths were what bound societies as diverse as those of the ancient Greeks, Romans, early Europeans. On the other side of the globe, Chinese and Japanese warriors lived, killed and died (and even killed themselves) within the confines of their oaths of loyalty to their feudal lords.

Even in modern times, humanity has relied on oaths as the primary means to ensure that a leader truly leads, and members of an organization fulfill their duties to it. All government positions around the world require the recital of oaths of office, with Christians placing their left hands on a Bible to signify they are making sacred oaths.

Even the Catholic Pope has his Papal Coronation Oath, recited unbroken since it was first made by Saint Agatho in 678 A.D. An ordinary gangster becomes a “made man,” a member of a Mafia family after he takes an omerta oath of silence and one of obedience to the mob.

I find it therefore astonishing that many are very seriously considering making Senator Grace Poe-Llamanzares president, when she has violated solemn oaths. And these aren’t just oaths of membership in some social club, but membership in the most important organization next to the family, one a human



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from Camp John Hay as CJHDevCo, its affiliates and officials held interest in about 20 percent of all sublessees.

The intervenors are mostly affiliates such as the College Assurance Plan, subsidiaries such as the CJH Golf Club, and various associates. The CA is very much aware that the intervenors are the same parties related to CJHDevCo and were never innocent sublessees.

He also pointed out that CJHDevCo was a sublessor in bad faith. “Knowing that their [CJHDevCo] lease with BCDA was only for 25 years, subject to renewal for another 25 years and not an automatic 50 years. CJHDevCo nonetheless gave a 50-year straight lease to its sublessees,” Flores said.

He said the CA’s decision and interpretation of the Arbitral Award has also obstructed and delayed the implementation of the said award.

According to Flores the Final Award of the Arbitral Tribunal is very clear. It orders “CJHDevCo “to VACATE the Leased Premises and promptly deliver the Leased Property, inclusive of all new constructions and permanent improvements introduced during the term of the Lease as reckoned from the execution of the Original Lease Agreement to Respondent [BCDA] in good and tenantable condition in all respects, reasonable wear and tear excepted.”

The Final Award also orders BCDA “to return to Claimant [CJHDevCo] the total amount of rentals Claimant has paid in the total amount of P1,421,096,052.00 [P1.42 billion].

He said consistent with the Final Award directing rescission and mutual

restitution, CJHDevCo once having been refunded by BCDA all the lease payments it paid to BCDA and being released from obligation for the unpaid lease payments due BCDA to the tune of P3.4 billion, CJHDevCo has the reciprocal obligation to refund its sublessees all that were paid so that the sublessees may themselves be restored.

“Otherwise, CJHDevCo will have been unjustly enriched as the sublessees would have been deprived of both their sublease and their lease payments,” Flores explained.

He noted that the decision of the CA’s Former Special Fifth Division is grossly disadvantageous to government as it absolves CJHDevCo from the responsibility of refunding its sublessees and imposes upon the government the obligation to honor sublease contracts until 2046 without compensation.

It would be recalled that the Baguio RTC had already issued a Writ of Execution that gives the green light for the Baguio Sheriff to implement the said award. However, before the Baguio Sheriff could implement the “Notice to Vacate” CJHDevCo secured a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) from the CA that has since expired. “With the issuance of the CA’s Former Fifth Division of the decision, the implementation of the final award will be delayed.”

For his part, BCDA President and CEO Arnel Paciano D. Casanova said the Sobrepeña-led CJHDevCo is using the courts to delay the government to develop government property and infrastructure and provide better facilities and services for the public.

Casanova said by misleading the Court of Appeals to issue a highly irregular decision, Sobrepeña has denied the people in Camp John Hay and Baguio City better services and facilities.

He said this is not a new tactic of

being is a member of—the nation.

We’re sure Llamanzares had become a US citizen when she was in America, since Philippine immigration records show she presented a US passport at the counter on Dec. 27, 2009. While she hasn’t disclosed when she became a US citizen, she was required under US laws to swear the following oath to assume American citizenship.

Renouncing the Philippines

“I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.” (Emphasis mine.)

Llamanzares had renounced and abjured allegiance and fidelity to the country she wants to be president of now.

Indeed, the US oath of allegiance is of the genre of the Decalogue’s thou-shalt-not-have-other-gods-before-Me commandment that I have idealistic friends who shirked from being American citizens upon reading it, and instead chose to simply remain being green-card holders.

Poe claims she renounced her US citizenship and assumed Philippine citizenship in 2010, before she was appointed head of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board.

However, she hasn’t publicly made available the documents to support her claims. This is strange since these aren’t confidential documents, unless she wants to hide the date when she renounced her US citizenship. I also find it strange why, according to her, she renounced her US citizenship before a Pasay City notary public.

What apparently she was not aware of—or pretends to be not aware of—is that there is a process by which one loses his or her US citizenship. One loses one’s US citizenship when the US government says so, and there is even a formal ceremony for an American citizen to renounce his or her allegiance to the US, and the renunciation is accepted by the government represented by its authorized official. If she were abroad, she has to renounce her citizenship at the US embassy and to an authorized diplomatic consul.

Not unilateral

And as in the nature of oaths, one doesn’t unilaterally free oneself from an oath.

There is a publicly available official document, the US government’s published Federal Register that lists “the name of each individual losing United States citizenship with respect to whom the Secretary received information during the quarter ending June 30, 2012.”

Llamanzares is listed there as among those losing her US citizenship in that quarter ending June 30, 2012.

That means she was still a US citizen and took the following oath of office when she was appointed on October 10, 2010:

“I, Mary Grace Poe-Llamanzares, hereby **swear to uphold and defend the Philippine Constitution; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to it**; obey the laws, legal orders and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities; will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office or position upon which I am about to enter; and that I voluntarily assume the obligation imposed by this oath of office, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.” (Emphasis mine.)

How can she swear to uphold our Constitution when she was still bound by her oath as a US citizen in which she renounces all allegiance to a foreign state, swears to defend the US Constitution, and even take up arms to defend that nation?

By taking the two oaths she swore to her God, professing allegiance to two na-


Sobrepeña. “The Sobrepeña group has also evaded liabilities in the College Assurance Plan (CAP) denying thousands of children the right to education by doing the same squid tactics through misinterpretation and corporate-layering,” Casanova said.

“BCDA remains firm in its resolve to defend and protect public interest. We shall continue the fight to recover government property that has been exploited by the few who are rich and powerful at the expense of the many who are poor and powerless,” Casanova added./Melody Browner-BCDA-PR

tions. In the US citizenship oath, she even renounced “all allegiance and fidelity” to the Philippines.

That means she was simultaneously violating two solemn, so-help-me-God oaths.

If ever she becomes president, can we trust her that she truly means to live up to the President’s Oath of Office which she will be swearing to before millions of Filipinos?/ by RIGOBERTO D. TIGLAO/tiglaomanilatimes@gmail.com/FB: Bobi Tiglao



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respectfully prays of the Honorable Court as follows;

1. Pending the hearing of this case, a writ of preliminary attachment be issued against defendant covering her condominium unit located at Queendom Tower, No. 6 Moran St., Gibraltar, Baguio City covered by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 018-2011000320;

2. After due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering defendant to pay plaintiff the following:

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IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF THE SECOND CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF RACHEL ANNO SAB-IT a.k.a. RACHEL ANNO QUELEME And CHANGE OF NAME IN HER FIRST CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH From GIRL SAB-IT NONES TO RACHEL ANNO SAB-IT,

RACHEL ANNO SAB-IT PERFAS a.k.a. RA-

Other measures of relief just and equitable under the premises are likewise being prayed for.

Baguio City, March 10, 2014.

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WHEREAS, on July 22, 2015, the plaintiffs through counsel filed with this Court, a Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication, it appearing that defendant Young Me You is reportedly abroad is unknown, and there is a need to publish the summons to comply with due process, which was Granted by the Court in its order dated July 23, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, you, the defendant YOUNG ME YOU is hereby summoned through this medium

CHELLE ANNO QUELEME- PERFAS, a.k.a. RACHEL ANNO SAB-IT, a.k.a. GIRL SAB-IT NONES, a.k.a. RACHEL ANNO QUELEME, Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANKAYAN, BENGUET and the PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, Respondent,

SP. PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 15-C-244

x-----x ORDER

RACHELLE ANNO SAB-IT PERFAS, a.k.a. RACHEL ANNO QUELEME-PER-

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BAGUIO CITY
OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO CITY SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG),
-versus-
CALVIN B. DE GUZMAN,
Mortgagor.
FORECLOSURE

MANUEL CACHO RASING, Presiding Judge of the Regional Trial Court of Baguio City, Branch 3, this 29th day of July, 2015.

(SGD)
ATTY. GAIL M.BAC-BAC
CLERK OF COURT V

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at the time of birth, her father and mother were not legally married. Further, her father never acknowledged her as his child.

Sometime on November 25, 1975, via late registration, her grandparents registered again her fact of birth, making it appear that her grandparents are her parents, hence, her second Certificate of Live Birth bearing Reg. No. 320 (b-1976) be expunged from the records of the said Registrar. Further, for the change of her name in her first record of birth bearing Reg. No. 184, from "Girl Sab-it Nones" to "Rachel Anno Sab-it."

Petitioner alleged that she was born on March 6, 1970 at Bulalacao, Mankayan Benguet, to Teresita Anno Sab-it and Amador Nones. Her fact of birth was registered with the Respondent Local Civil Registrar of Mankayan, Benguet, as evidenced by a copy of her certificate of live birth bearing Reg. no. 184, attached to the petition as Annex "A".

CASE NO. hh15-586-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for foreclosure and sale extra-judicially under Act 3135 as amended filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG), herein-after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of CALVIN B. DE GUZMAN, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, as of July 1, 2015 in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE PESOS & 65/100 (P492,561.65), Philippine Currency, exclusive of attorney's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings,

pense of the petitioner in the The Junction , a news paper 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 August 2, 2015.

Furnish a copy 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 Mankayan, Benguet; and the Philippine statistics authority, for their information, as well as petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines, this 27th day of July, 2015

(SGD) AGAPITO K.LAOGAN ,JR.
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished
1. Petitioner- Rachel Sab-it- Perfas (Petitioner)- Bulalacao, Mankayan, Benguet

the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on August 27, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the Justice Hall, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the real property more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-100332 REGISTERED OF DEEDS, BAGUIO CITY

"A PARCEL OF LAND LOT 7, BLOCK 6, PCS-CAR-001212, BEING A PORTION OF CONSOLIDATING-SUBDISICION OF LOT 2-Y-2, 2-Y-3, 2-Y-4, 2-Y-5, 2-Y-7, 2-Y-8, & 2-Y-9 (LRC) PSD-234706, SITUATED AT RURBAN CODE 131102, RES. SEC. "L". CITY OF BAGUIO, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 2-W-P (LRC) PSD-134628; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 6, BLOCK 6; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 3; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 8, BLOCK 6 ALL OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NE.,

BCDA Finds CA Decision... from page 1

Associate Justice Victoria Isabel A. Paredes led to a modified and different interpretation of the Final Award.

He said through its petition before the CA and the resulting decision, CJHDevCo has circumvented the law by doing what under the Special ADP Rules, it is proscribed or prohibited from doing.

"CJHDevCo, through its petition before the CA, in effect modified and amended the Final Award and Judicial Confirmation," Flores said.

Flores said the suit filed by CJHDevCo before the CA, supposedly in behalf of its sublessees, was self-serving and made to perpetuate its operations despite the ruling evicting it

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Mar Roxas accepts challenge, to pursue 'straight path'

"Ako si Mar Roxas. Tinatanggap ko ang hamon ng ating mga boss."

An emotional Manuel "Mar" Roxas II officially declared his 2016 presidential bid on Friday, July 31, before a jam-packed crowd of family, friends and supporters in the same venue where Corazon Aquino and her son Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III launched their own candidacies.

Open High School now a Law

President Aquino signed into Law last July 9, 2015, Republic Act 10665, or the Open High School System Act (OHSS), is expected to give access for better education to more Filipinos.

Baguio Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. who co-authored the Law said that "this a significant Law that can help alleviate our nation from poverty."

"Adults who dropped out of high school due to different circumstances, but wish to continue their studies now have the opportunity to do so through the open learning modality," said Aliping.

"The country has many remote areas and we have out of school youths who can't attend high school due to the distance. Through the OHSS, these youths will be given an opportunity through its distance learning modality," he said.

The law mandates the Department of Education (DepEd) to establish in every division an open learning center in an authorized secondary school, which will be called

ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 2-W-Q (LRC) PSD- 134628. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" xxx TO POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS.

In the event there is failure of auction sale, the same is re-scheduled to September 3, 2015 at the same time and place without need of re-publication.

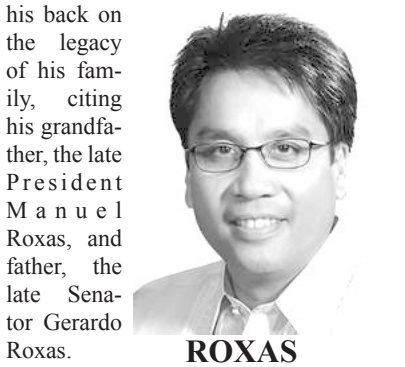
Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any. All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated date and time.

Baguio City, Philippines, July 30, 2015.

By:
(SGD) LINDA G. MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI and
Ex-officio Sheriff

(SGD) EDGARDO F. ANCHETA
Sheriff IV

Publication dates: August 1, 8, and 15, 2015



ROXAS

"Kakambal na ng dugo namin... Ito ang idiniin," Roxas said. He said he has repeatedly told his son, nephews and nieces: "May obligasyon kang magsilbi." (You have an obligation to serve.)

Roxas thanked President Benigno Aquino III, who earlier in the day endorsed him as the standard-bearer of the ruling Liberal Party for the 2016 presidential election.

Mar to PNoy: I understand

It's been a long time coming.

Aquino held various consultations with his coalition allies, including survey front runner Senator Grace Poe, before finally endorsing Roxas.

The first to officially launch his presidential bid last July 1 is opposition Vice President Jejomar Binay, who defeated Roxas in 2010.

Roxas said he understood why it took the President time to make his choice, recalling the tough decisions they had to also make in 2010. "Nauunawan ko ng buo ang pagninilay na kailangan niyang gawin," Roxas said.

The key theme of Roxas's campaign is continuity – especially of its "Daang Matuwid" platform on good governance.

The Club Filipino crowd on Friday was dominated by the original sectors and personalities that supported Aquino's presidential bid in 2010. Organizers made it a point to show the multi-sectoral character of the campaign, not one that's led by the Liberal Party to which Aquino and Roxas belong. "With this endorsement, you are passing on to me what they (Aquino's parents) have fought for," Roxas said in Filipino. "Sa pag-endorsong ito pakiramdam ko pinapasa mo sa akin ngayon ang mga pinaglaban nila."

He vowed not to tarnish their name or that of Aquino's. "Hindi ko dudumihan ang pangalan nila, at hindi ko dudumihan ang pangalan ninyo."

"Hinding-hindi ako lilihis sa daang matuwid ibubuhos ko ang lahat, wala akong ititira para sa sarili ko. I will leave everything on the floor para sa labang ito."

He vowed to take the straight and narrow path (Daang Matuwid) "Buong tapang at buong paninindigan kong tinatanggap ang tawag ng Daang Matuwid."

"Mga boss, hindi ko sasayangin ang tiwala ninyo. I owe the Filipino as much. And I owe as much to you, Mr. President."/ Rappler.com

Domogan hurt by Pnoy's snub of Cordi autonomy

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday expressed disappointment over President Benigno S. Aquino III's apparent snub of the proposed autonomy for the Cordillera region in his recent state-of-the-nation address (SONA) saying the CAR's bid to establish its own regional identity deserves the same attention being given to the Bangsamoro region.

"I did not expect the President to mention our quest for autonomy in his SONA since he had been silent about it in the past but I can't help but be dismayed seeing how they give much priority and attention to the BBL (Bangsamoro Basic Law) and none at all for the Cordilleras," the mayor lamented.

The mayor said the Cordilleras deserves the same privileges being accorded to the Bangsamoro as both regions were specified for autonomous status as per section 10 of the 1986 Philippine Constitution.

"It's a Constitutional mandate but as it is, they are giving so much importance to the BBL but not a word for the Cordilleras," he said.

The mayor said the national government's indifference toward the Cordillera autonomy may be attributed to the failure of the leaders and residents to show unity in attaining the goal.

"Maybe we failed to show that we are united enough to want that autonomy," he said.

Domogan said that for lack of time, they have moved the timetable for pursuing the autonomy move for 2019.

He said it was proposed that a team be formed to lead an honest-to-goodness advocacy campaign in the grassroots.

The mayor said the campaign must maximize the use of the mass media, ensure judicious spending of funds and tap speakers and campaigners who are skilled and well-informed of the concepts of autonomy.

Domogan who headed the Third Autonomy Act Drafting Committee that crafted the content of the act as basis of the bills filed by former Rep. Bernardo Vergara and present Baguio Rep. Nicasio Aliping had sought support from President Benigno S. Aquino III to certify as urgent the said bills to no avail.

He said the act was based on the principles laid down in renewing the pursuit for autonomy for the third time which is for the Cordillera region to finally establish a permanent regional identity where it will have freedom to manage its people and natural resources, enjoy more financial benefits from the national government while retaining the existing benefits and powers presently being enjoyed./A Refuerzo

Truncated memory

Is a short memory a major flaw in Vice President Jejomar Binay’s P200-million damage suit against the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the Ombudsman, plus 11 other officials?

“Charges to scare is the defense of the corrupt,” snapped Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano in response to the suit. Based on testimony at the hearings of the Senate blue ribbon subcommittee, Binay “stole from the people of Makati while he was city mayor.”

Binay should perhaps also hit the recall button to 1999, when a number of Filipino journalists were locked in bitter conflict with a cocky, often soused, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada.

In July 1999, the Manila Times changed hands amid charges that Estrada had engineered the sale because of the paper’s critical coverage of his administration.

A month earlier, Estrada sued the paper for P101 million. The “sore point” stemmed from a report alleging corruption in a public works contract.

The Times apologized, the suit was dropped. But according to sources, Estrada threatened to retaliate against the holdings of the Gokongweis, the family that owned the paper.

The Gokongweis folded. They sold the Times to a housing magnate with zero newspaper experience. The paper’s former editor, Malou Mangahas, accused “a group of persons closely identified with President Estrada [of seeking] ... to tame a critical press, through the back door.”

By Dec. 30, 1999, the entire senior editorial staff of the Times had either quit or been fired. The new publisher was once a senior information official in Ferdinand Marcos’ martial law government.

At about the same time, the Estrada administration also organized an advertising boycott against the country’s largest newspaper, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, which has long exposed government scandals and irregularities.

In July 1999, virtually all Filipino movie producers canceled their ad placements in the paper following a meeting with the then president. “Sources present” at the meeting asserted that Estrada had offered, as a quid pro quo, tax breaks to the movie industry.

A number of government corporations and pro-Estrada businesses also yanked their ads, including the Philippine National Bank, Social Security System, and Land Bank of the Philippines. So did the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and Smart Communications.

Movie producers, whose ads were an important segment of the paper’s revenue base, said they withdrew their placements from the Inquirer as “a gesture of sympathy” for President Estrada.

The ad pullout began on July 10, two days after a group



of producers met with Estrada and requested tax breaks for their industry. Estrada’s spokesman later announced that the tax breaks had been approved.

In a July 21 letter to Estrada, the Committee to Protect Journalists pointed out that the mere appearance of government interference in the media could have a profoundly chilling effect. The organization urged Estrada to call for an end to the advertising boycott of the Inquirer and disavow any support for such harassment campaigns.

“This is a blatant case of intimidation,” Inquirer publisher Isagani Yambot, since deceased, wrote then. “[The President is saying] stop publishing negative stories about me [and my administration].”

Some advertisers had tiptoed back by December 1999, but the key movie ads had not reappeared at year’s end. Opposition leaders accused Estrada of attacking press freedom, and individual journalists were alarmed by the events.

Did most competing newspapers choose not to protest the Estrada administration’s actions? Why were local press organizations silent, leading critics to lament a lack of professional solidarity?

“Instead of Marcos-style tactics to control the press, more sophisticated methods of influencing media reportage were used,” said journalist Sheila Coronel of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, who is now dean of Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism.

“Instead of the strong arm of the state, market mechanisms are being employed to put the squeeze on critical reportage...” said Coronel. “But whether done directly through the state or through market mechanisms, these tactics undermine the independence of the media. They tamp down on the diversity of voices offered to the public.”

That was then. Now comes VP Binay and his damage suit. “We are at a loss why the Vice President has singled out the Philippine Daily Inquirer,” the paper said in a statement. His own complaint mentions some defendants as getting “maximum media mileage” from other media outfits.

That’s truncated memory.(Juan L. Mercado)

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court
First Judicial Region
Office of the Clerk of Court
La Trinidad, Benguet

RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC.

Petitioner-Mortgagee, -versus- G R A C E M. AMANGO Mortgageor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 15-Exf-1835

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act No. 3135 as amended filed by the Rural bank of Itogon (Benguet) Inc. duly

organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at UB Square, General Luna Rd., Baguio City, Philippines for the satisfaction of the loan obligation of GRACE M. AMANGO, single, of legal age, Filipino Citizen and resident of #115 San Vicente, Kennon Road, Baguio City. That as of June 15, 2015 the mortgagor is indebted to the mortgagee amounting to FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN PESOS & 61/100 (P425,416.61) Philippine currency, consist of Eighteen (18%) interest per annum, Ten (10%) percent per annum of the Principal amount as penalty and (20%) on whatever amount is due to the mortgagee from the mortgagors as attorney’s fee, not exclusive of previous balances and other charges. The undersigned will sell at public auction on AUGUST 11, 2015 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan building, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, the parcel of land together with the improvement now existing to wit:

TAX DECLARATION NO. 99-001-01077

“A parcel of land located at Palitang

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 3

KUMSUNG CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORP. Plaintiff, -versus- YOUNG ME YOU, Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO: 8006-R FOR: SUM OF MONEY AND DAMAGES X-----X SUMMONS (BY PUBLICA-

Central, Kapangan, Benguet Bounded on the North by Provincial Road; on the South by Mathew Amango et. al; on the East by Daniel Biteng; and on the West by T. Amango, D. Biteng, L. Ocat, E. Pablo. Containing an area of FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (5,350) SQUARE METERS more or less.” Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held

on September 2, 2015 without further notice and publication.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines. This 13th day of July, 2015

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITO S. TUMBAGA Sheriff IV Newspaper of Publication: The Junction Newspaper Dates of Publication: July 18, 25, and August 1, 2015

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of 1401 Queensdom Tower, No. 6 Moran St., Gibraltar, Baguio City as per Board Resolution No. 16 dated February 25, 2014; 2. Defendants MRS. YOUNG ME YOU (You) is a Korean, of legal age and residing at 2802 Queendom Condominium, Gibraltar Road, Baguio City, where she may be served with summons and other court processes; 3. Kumsung is then owner of several condominium units located at Queendom Tower, No. 6 Moran St, Gibraltar, Baguio City; 4. On June 14, 2013, through Board Resolution No. 4, series of 2013, Kumsung gave You the authority to look for tenants and lease its units, collect the rentals and issue receipts for and on the corporation’s behalf with the corresponding obligation to remit rentals to Kumsung; 5. In connection with said authority, Kumsung reposed its trust and confidence to You and entrusted to her the keys of said units as well as the company record where she will account all the payments she received; 6. Accordingly, You has been collecting the rentals ever since. To date, unremitted rentals already amount to FOUR MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P4,816,000.00) more or less, as evidenced by the record of payments and some receipts which Kumsung recov-

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of Romeo Diwas Lourdes D. Batore, , and Pacio Diwas who died intestate on 18 August 2014, 27 August 1996, and 01 March 2014, respectively, in the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, consisting of their shares from four undivided parcels of land all located at Ampucao, Itogon, Benguet as covered by Tax Declaration Nos. 2010-01-02-00312, 2010-01-02-00314, 2010-01-02-00315, and 2010-01-02-00316, were the subjects of extrajudicial settlement by their surviving heirs, duly executed before the faith of Notary Public for the City of Baguio, Atty. Simpson T. Baldo on July 13, 2015 and entered in his Notarial Registry as Doc. No. 334, Page No. 67, Book No. XIV, Series of 2015. Publication Dates: July 18 & 25, and Aug. 1, 2015

attended by its counsel as appearance fee and incur an estimated sum of P100,000.00 as actual damages and litigation expenses; A L L E G A - TION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF PRELIMINARY ATTACHMENT Plaintiff replads all the foregoing by way of reference and further states that: 14. Instead of complying with Kumsung’s demand for her to account and remit her collections, You is now offering to sell her condominium unit located at Queendom Tower, No. 6 Moran Street, Gibraltar, Baguio City covered by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 018-2011000320, obviously for the purpose of said property out of the reach and claim of Kumsung and of defrauding said corporation. In fact, per information gathered by Kumsung, You appears to have already executed a deed of donation in favor of her daughter Jihye Lee. She is also poised to leave the Philippines and go back to Korea once she is able to dispose off her property; 15. If You succeeds in disposing of said condominium unit, the she has no more property in the Philippines against which Kumsung can proceed to recover its valid claim and there is no other sufficient security for Kumsung’s claim that could be enforced by this action and the amount due it is as much as the sum for which an order of attachment may be granted above all legal counterclaims; 16. The plaintiff is willing to post a bond in the amount that this Honorable Court may fix; 17. The affidavit of merit of Kumsung director MR. SEUNG YOUNG OH showing that plaintiff is entitled to the writ applied for.

PRAYER WHEREFORE, in view of all the foregoing, plaintiff most
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Green building to rise in La Trinidad

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - A three-story green building will soon rise in the public market in this strawberry producing capital town.

Mayor Edna C. Tabanda, in an interview said the green building design involves finding the balance between home-building and sustainable environment to meet the risk of climate change.

Municipal Architect Chester Zambrano explained that green building brings together a vast array of practices, techniques, and skills to reduce and ultimately eliminate the impacts of buildings on the environment and human health.

Green building is often emphasized as taking advantage of renewable re-

Search for outstanding citizens of Baguio judging committee formed

BAGUIO CITY - The annual search for the Outstanding Citizens of Baguio (SOCOB) is on the works in this mountain resorts.

The names of the nominees for the prestigious award were already submitted to the city mayor's office by the Search Committee last July 16.

With the 106th Charter Day celebration fast approaching, mayor Mauricio Domogan recently issued Administrative Order No. 082, creating the Selection/Judging Committee for the search for outstanding citizens of Baguio 2015-2016.

Domogan will chair the said committee with his members Dr. Julie Cabato, Leonora Fe Brawner, Dir. Helen Tibaldo,

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pleting the survey. After that, we go to the Registry of Deeds.”

BCDA has allocated P2 million for the conduct of the survey. Casanova said the government commits to secure the residents, who have asked the BCDA for their land titles. “Legitimate land claimants can sleep well because we are in the process of segregating the lots. The process done for Scout Barrio is the same procedure being done as our commitment to the people of Baguio.”

A process of validation is also being done to verify whether those appearing as claimants are legitimate, to prevent a scenario whereby those who are not entitled to get lands are the ones who would get the titles.

“We do not want the IPRA (Indigenous Peoples Rights Act) to become an avenue for further deprivation of the rights of the IPs to the land,” he said.

In the process of titling the individual lots, Casanova said that they are also trying their best to protect the remaining watershed of the city. “John Hay is a forest area. While we uphold the rights of the claimants over the land, we do not want intrusion that will lead to the destruction of the ecological balance in the reservation.” He explained that leaving the open areas as is, is important to protect the reservation./JHMC -PR

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government here will get an excellent result in this year's RCS.

Accordingly, CSC's RCS is a client feedback survey used to check government service offices' compliance with the provisions of the ARTA. It also provides a quantitative measure of user perceptions on the quality, efficiency and adequacy of public service./Jho Arranz

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with Disability, he explained.

Memorandum Circular No. 2010-103, by then Local Governments Secretary Jesse Robredo issued last September 23, 2010, provides guidelines on the establishment of PDAO and designation of PWD Affairs Officers or Focal Person.

This year's observance of the NDPR Week on July 17-24 was focused on the theme, “Health and Wellness Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities Toward Inclusive Development for All”.

The week-long celebration included health and wellness fair, inspection of transport facilities and establishments and eye and ear screening for Grade VI pupils of Apolinario Mabini Elementary School./JDP/MAWC – PIA CAR

Baguio Day to Focus on Fostering a Culture of Caring

BAGUIO CITY – The 106th Baguio Day celebration on Sept. 1 will center on the theme, “Nurturing the Culture of Caring and Sharing towards Competitiveness” to stress on the need for sustained teamwork among the various sectors of the society to propel Baguio's growth as a viable and competent city.

Coun. Elmer Datuin and city tourism officer Benedicto Alhambra, members of Baguio Day executive committee said this year's theme is a carry-over from the Baguio centennial celebration's focus of cultivating a culture of caring among the residents.

It is also inspired by Mayor Domogan's call to improve the City's standing in the national competitiveness survey where the City climbed from 15th to 13th place in 2014 based on its economic dynamism, government efficiency and infrastructure development.

The calendar of events will feature the usual tourism, medical, sports and historical activities.

on character taking into account the community respectability and personhood.

The search is organized by the city government and the Society of Outstanding Citizens of Baguio searching for residents from different sectors regardless of their social and economic status who have made contributions that significantly has an impact to the growth and development of the city as well as the people.

The outstanding citizens of Baguio will be recognized during the 106th Charter Day celebration this coming September./Jho Arranz

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help validate the effectiveness of the programs being implemented by the local government.

A job fair will be mounted by the PESO on Sept. 9 at the Baguio Convention Center. A literary competition will again be conducted to be participated in by the schools.

The Baguio Day program will be highlighted still by the awarding of the outstanding citizens and sports achievers./A Refuerzo



DAANG MATUWID. President Benigno S. Aquino III formally endorses Interior and Local Government Secretary Manuel Roxas II as the standard-bearer of the ruling Liberal Party (LP) in 2016./Photo by Rey Baniquet / Malacañang Photo Bureau

During the meeting last Wednesday, the various working committees were tasked to continue their ground preparations and to employ innovations to make the activities more meaningful and reflective of the theme.

Datuin said preparations are underway for a diorama or tableau-style parade to enliven the Baguio Day traditional procession with the involvement of the academe.

Session Road will be closed on that day to give way to fun-filled activities including chalk art, photo competition, concert and others.

The barangays will be also involved in the celebration as the Association of Barangay Councils and the barangay affairs office were tasked to create barangay-based activities delving on tourism promotion, community involvement, cleanliness and service.

A citywide clean-up drive is being worked out in coordination with the National Service Training Program institutions to target the barangays, critical areas such as vehicle staging areas and areas riddled with graffiti.

Innovations were also suggested in the conduct of the Health Fair by the city HSO headed by Dr. Rowena Galpo to ensure that basic health needs of the people like free dental extraction, eye check-up, basic medical assistance as well as free medicine kits will reach the needy families in the barangays. Details are also being ironed out for the various sports activities, historical events and humanitarian activities in the calendar.

Sports events lined up were the Baguio Day Fun Run, the National Arnis Championship, the annual Mr. Baguio Building contest, and the annual Baguio Day Scrabble Tournament, among others.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

“Mega Quake Drill” just a big waste

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: “... If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name---the LORD your God--the LORD will send... on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters...” (Deuteronomy 28:58-59, the Holy Bible).

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“MEGA QUAKE DRILL” JUST A BIG WASTE: So, what did the Metro Manila Development Authority under Chairman Francis Tolentino hope to accomplish with the supposed “Mega Quake Drill” on Thursday, July 30, 2015---prepare our countrymen in the National Capital Region to survive the projected Magnitude 7 earthquake that will be caused by the forthcoming movement of the East and West Valley Faults?

Anyone who saw video footages of the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal sometime this year will say that, truly, no one can really prepare against the destruction and death that a really strong earthquake will spawn. In fact, the footages showed that many of those who died in Nepal already “dropped, covered, and held” to anything that will support them while the ground was shaking but they died just the same.

Pardon me, therefore, when I say, the “Mega Quake Drill” and activities of similar import constituted (and will constitute) only a sorry waste of time, money and resources, and will not really prepare our people against any earthquake. What was worse was that, because of the festive nature of the drill, many will even be deceived into thinking that there is really nothing to be worried about.

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MMDA MUST TACKLE “SPIRITUAL ANGLE” OF EARTHQUAKES, TOO: It would have been more beneficial if, as part of the quake drill, Tolentino and the MMDA also took pains to point out the fact that tragedies and calamities, like a really strong earthquake, have an undeniable spiritual angle---which is to say, tragedies and calamities from nature actually come from God and, therefore, it is only God, in His omniscience, who can save mankind from them.

This is a simple truth that all people, whether young or old, whether man or woman, whether rich or poor, should know. Indeed, just by thinking about an earthquake alone, anyone can see that there is a force that allows it to happen. Many will call this “force” many names, but whatever name one may choose to use, it is undeniable that there is such a force.

To me, this “force” is with a capital “F”, and rightly so because I am convinced that this “Force” is God Himself. If we view earthquakes and other calamities like this, or as a result of a “Force” so powerful no human being can compare to it, then we will not fail to realize that to be able to escape the death and destruction coming in their wake, we should listen to what this “Force” (a.k.a. God) is saying.

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WHAT WAS LACKING IN “MEGA QUAKE DRILL”: This is what is lacking in Tolentino's “Mega Quake Drill”, and in other similar endeavors in preparation for natural calamities like global warming and climate change, and rains, floods, and strong winds, which cause death and destruction not only more frequently now, but in greater numbers and in bigger value yet.

We should therefore endeavor to include in all our current and future efforts to combat the deadly effects of natural calamities a furious system of informing our people that, aside from existing human instrument or contrivance to enable mankind to prevail, listening to God's Word, the Bible, and obeying His commands, can play a big part in overcoming death and destruction from environmental tantrums.

For a start, we can teach our people that, among God's promises, He said “And in that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and calamities will come on them, and in that day they will ask, ‘Have not these disasters come on us because our God is not with us?’”

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Mar Roxas –Good or Bad?

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Bakit mababa ang rangking ni Mar Roxas sa mga surveys? Bakit hindi siya kasing popular sa surveys katulad halimbawa kay Binay na isang ubod ang KORAP, o isang Poe na ALA PA NAMANG ACCOMPLISHMENTS, o isang Duterte na WALANG PAGGALANG SA KARAPATANG PANTAO? Ilan lamang ‘yan sa mga bumabagabag sa aking isipan at dam-damin. Kung tutuusin ay nasubukan na natin ang lahat ng klase ng tao para presidente, ngunit parang hindi na tayo na dala-dala. Mula kay Marcos na isang ubod ng talino ngunit ubod rin ng KORAP, isang FVR na OK lang naman ngunit bitin pa rin, isang Erap na PANAY ABS ang inatupag, Presidente na nga ABS pa (Alak, Babae at Sugali). Isang Gloria na ubod rin ng talino ngunit ubod rin ng KORAP at ang mas-masama pa ay kay Gloria nag simula ang pagsira at pagwasak ng marami sa ating political institutions! Isang PNOY na mataas sana ang ekspektasyon ng sambayanan ngunit siya mismo ang sumira dala ng kanyang DAANG HINDI MATUWID at lalo pang tumindi ang KORAPSYON.

Sa aking mga nabanggit, mukhang ang dapat na lang na maging basehan sa pagpili ng isang presidente ay ang hindi popularidad o ano pa mang katangian, at dapat siguro ang basehan ay ang sinasabing the lesser evil at yung pinakamalinis at pinakamaraming accomplishments.

Tingnan natin ang track record ng mga sumusunod na kandidato:

>Grace Poe – no substantial accomplishments para sa pinakamataas na posisyon ng bansa, apelyedo lang ang meron!

>Joejomar Binay – mayroong konting accomplishments ngunit UBOD NAMAN ANG KORAP NA MAGNANAKAW, gusto ba natin ng isang ganitong lider na siguradong lalong hihi-rap ang ating mamamayan kapag siya na ang pangulo! >Dutere-ang tanging accomplishment ay sa peace and order lamang at nang isang lungsod lamang, tandaan natin na ibang-iba na ang scenario kapag pangulo ka na at hindi na oobra ang mga diskarte ng isang local official, at ang masama pa kay Duterte ay walang paggalang sa karapatang pantao!

>Ping Lacson – so far so good, consistent at walang bad record hinggil sa Korapsyon.

>Mar Roxas- sabi nila mahina mag-desisyon, kulang ng lakas at mister teka-teka at isa rin daw trapo, ngunit walang bad record sa korapsyon at marami rin namang accomplishments.

Ang problema kasi, sa aking palagay, kahit sino ang mag-ing presidente at hindi rin niya kayang tularan ang sistema ni Lee Kuan Yew ng Singapore ay walang mangyayari sa ating bansa at patuloy ang paglubog ng Pinas.

Ibang-iba pa ang ugali, sistemang politkal at kultura ng Pilipino kung inyong ikokompara sa ating mga kapitbahay sa Asia. Kung tutuusin ay isa o dalawang bansa na lang yata ang hindi pa lumalampas sa atin pag-dating sa ekonomiya at ganda ng buhay, bagama’t napakaraming likas na natural and other resources ang ating bansa kompara sa ating mga kapitbahay na dala ng laki o liit ng kanilang populasyon. China (1.2 billion population - super power), India (1 billion ang population), South Korea (45 million ang population), Japan (110 million ang population), Vietnam (90 million ang population). Ang mga bansa na ito ay nalampasan na tayo. Cambodia (25 million ang population) , Lao (6 million ang population) etong dalawa na ito ang kapan-tay lang natin at ang Myanmar (dating Burma) ang mas mababa lang sa ating. Ngunit, hindi kataka-takang isipan na sa susunod na 10 years ang Cambodia ay malalampasan din tayo.

Kaya sa darating na halalan, kayong mga intelligent voters (mga bobotante) tanggapin ang suhol mula sa mga pol-politiko, pero sa botohan gamitin ang inyong utak at piliin ang lesser evil na walang bad record ng KORAPSYON.

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City mayor reports accomplishments in SOCA

BAGUIO CITY- - Mayor Mauricio Domogan highlighted teamwork, transparency and good governance as key ingredients to the achievements of the city government.

In his recent State of the City Address , Domogan enumerated the various accomplishments of the local government, which he said were the result of the support of those “who stood by me through all the challenges, “ and hopes that the Baguio constituency “feels and appreciates the good intentions of all the programs and services the local government does which are all geared towards making life easier and comfortable especially for the less fortunate.

Among the accomplishments include having a sound financial management, a healthy and stable economy, a working public education that ensures the “smooth launching and transition to the K-12 curriculum” as well as providing means to come up with “exceptional performances of students in academics and sports in local, national and international events, the satisfactory general health condition of the general public, and the absence of serious health problems, epidemics or outbreaks that can be cause for alarm, and the “manageable level of the city's crime situation, where all criminality indicators revealed a general and substantive decline of crime incidences”.

He lauded local officials, various city department heads and staff, barangay leaders, national line agencies, civil society groups, academe, professional organizations, business circle and the community as a whole for the achievements of the local government under his administration.

Domogan also thanked the “detractors, skeptics, and critics,” for their vital inputs that allowed his administration to look at things from another perspective, “and made us discover new things necessary to recast and reshape our decisions and actions, not because we fear the criticisms and political backlash but because we value your insights and ideas that enrich the entire governance process.”

He also called on the civil society groups, private sector and the general public to get actively involved in governmental affairs, and

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Matagal ko ng sinasabi na Korapsyon ang ugat ng lahat ng ito, bali-baliktarin man natin, ang KORAP AY ASAWA NG MAGNANAKAW at ang kanilang anak ay KASAKIMAN, PAGKA GAHAMAN, AT PAGIGING MAKASARILKI. Hi Hi! Hi Hi!

And op kors parating pakatatandaan - ITS MORE FUN IN D PILIPINS!!!