

## LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!! Titling of Parks, Reservations Undermining Baguio's

## reservation

The preservation of Baguio as "a national treasure" is being undermined by the arbitrary award to private claimants of the city's remaining parks, forest reservations and watersheds by national government agencies.

City mayor Mauricio Domogan practically told members of a technical working group created by President Aquino that the private titling of the city's open public spaces and pinestands has become a major threat to the TWG's of preparing "comprehensive plans and programs to preserve and develop" Baguio and Boracay Island

Unless nullified and stopped, these controversial and apparently continuing title issuances would lead to Baguio's undoing, the mayor said during a presentation before members of the Baguio-Boracay TWG the other Monday at the Baguio Countrfy Club.

"This is a very serious problem of the City of Baguio," the mayor told members of the TWG headed by Tourism Undersecretary Ma. Victoria Jasmin.

The Baguo-Boracay TWG was created under Memorandum Circular No. 47 issued by President Aquino last May 17. The President, through Executive Sec- Cont. on page 6

Kahit ano pang klaseng Technical Working Group (TWG) o task force ang mabuo para supilin ang iligal na pagpapatitolo ng mga Parks and Watersheds ay waalang mangyayari hangat hindi nakukulong ang mga salarin



**PORK BARREL MEGA SCAMS -** Kawawang Juan Dela Cruz, kawawang mga darating na henerasyon ng Pilipino. Kasalukuyan na tayong pinagtatawanan ng mga ibang bansa at sino pa kaya ang bansa na *magtitiwala sa atin!?!* 

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## NEWS

### JUNEAUEND **COA Undermanned but has 40%** The Commission on Audit (COA) is un-

Vacancy dermanned and their staff is overworked but the agency has a 42% unfilled position, the senate committee on finance today found out.

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At the agency's budget presentation today, Senator Chiz Escudero said the authorized COA staffing is 15, 219 but its filled rate is only 8, 737. This leaves 6, 482 unfilled positions for 2013.

Escudero, chairman of the senate committee on finance said this wide margin of vacancy is a cause for concern, which he said even COA itself is alarmed.

"The COA is doing its job. In fact the government has saved up a lot by what the COA does in terms of auditing services".

With only 57% filled position, the senator asked the commission if "it could have rendered more auditing services and could have detected the misuse of funds" if it has more people to do their mandate. Heidi Mendoza, COA Commissioner who presented the agency budget said they could have used more personnel to double their output than their current ones.

COA cited difficulty in getting accountants to join the agency as the reason for vacant positions remaining unfilled.

The agency has generated almost P2 billion of savings from these unfilled positions. Having been given a fiscal autonomy, the amount was already disbursed to them. When asked how it utilizes this lump sum amount, COA said this is being used to augment their maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE).

"Can you furnish us how this amount augments your operations? Where else does this go?" Escudero directed COA.

The senator also asked the agency who audits them. "Forgive me if this maybe a unique question, but who audits COA maam"?

"We have our own auditor and as I mentioned a while ago, our own auditor issues audit observation addressed to us" Mendoza replied.

Escudero said it is quite awkward that the agency is being audited by one of its own where the nature of check and balance might be put in question.

"But your auditor reports to you too? I mean, they are under you, where is the check and balance? Again this is no allegation, no accusation, just out of curiosity".

Mendoza said the set up has been that way since COA was established. She said the agency tries to preserve the independence of its auditors "and in fact when they have audit observations, we too conduct exit conference and discuss the issues one by one, but we understand that reality"

Escudero said if COA has been self-auditing since its inception, it could look and adopt international auditing practices and standards to apply not only to themselves but to the government wide system as well.

"COA said they have been rolling out international standards in auditing system. Be that as it may, Congress may still find ways to improve their current system to remove any doubts and fears and to also maintain the check and balance between their auditor and themselves".

The agency's budget hearing has been deferred by the committee because some senators who were not present today manifested their intentions to ask questions regarding COA's budget. The hearing will be rescheduled second week of September, Escudero said./

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## After Losing Two Kids, Woman Struggles to Survive

Grace Dupingay Bango had been a mother twice, but only for seven days in each instance. Two years back, she gave birth to a baby boy. Last September, she had a baby girl.

Both infants came two months early. Both went prematurely, too. Each survived by their mother's side for only seven days. She remembers their birthdays: May 25, 2011 and Sept. 2, 2012.

Most likely, the losses had something to do with her being a diabetic. The metabolic malady was diagnosed in 2003. To try to keep her blood sugar at normal levels, Grace, now 32, is on daily insulin injection.

The insulin maintenance is something Isagani, her 32-year old husband, can sustain, even with his meager earnings as a pocket mining hand depending on luck.

What the young, still childless couple can't cope with on their own is Grace's other condition. Last Christmas, doctors told her her she had end-stage renal failure. It meant both her kidneys were dead. Kidney failure, like heart ailment, high blood pressure and going blind, is a long-term complication of diabetes

Before her thrice-a-week hemodialyis treatment last Monday, Grace walked to the city hall. She needed to know when the budget allocations of the city councilors for support to indigent patients like her would be available.

The nurse at the (renal) treatment room told me I have only two more dialysis sessions I can charge to Philhealth," she said witht a sense of urgency, referring to the government health insurance agency.

Grace's schedule for the four-hour blood-cleansing sessions is on the third shift (between 3 to 4 p.m.) every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

That meant she would have used her second-to-the-last Philhealth card last Monday afternoon and her last last Wednesday afternoon. No more for yesterday (Sept. 14) and thereafter.

Like many other hemodialysis patients - 185 of them at the BGHMC-, Grace knows for quite sometime now how expensive it was - and is - to be poor. Poverty gnaws deep even for the normal poor who, unlike her, never lost a child and, despite the occasional pangs of hunger, are, on the average, considered healthy.

For hemodialysis patients, however, there's no relief in sight. Dialysis treatment is for life, done at least twice-a-week, with dire consequenses for those who skip a treatment or two.

For Grace and many others similarly situated, the saving grace is their undiminished will to live against the odds.

That's why she started knocking on doors last Monday. Like others before her, she signed a paper that permits her story to be written, "for publication and airing in any media outlet, with the hope that readers/listeners would be able to extend their help to enable me to sustain my treatment".

Grace is the youngest of three children of a marginal rice farming couple in Lagawe. Ifugao. Her brother Fernando, 37, is an off-and-on jeepney driver plying the Plaza-Trancoville route here while her sister Eva, 40, married with seven children, is into pine needle craft with her husband.

Grace married Isagani Bango, a provincemate. After their wedding, the couple came to Baguio in search of opportunity to

> raise a family. Isagani, now also 32, found work with a pocket-mining labor crew in Antamok, Itogon.

> In a social case study report, social welfare officer Coralie Dulnuan noted: "(Grace and Isgani) expressed their financial difficulty because their financial resources were already exhausted since the death of their baby (in) September, 2013 and her maintenance medication."

The couple live at No. 37, Purok 23, San Carlos Heights, Irisan, Baguio City. Because Isagani has to work in the dogdole, Grace is often left alone.

Those who can help may ring up Grace's number (09129542490) or that of Isagani (09308914266). - Ramon Dacawi.

## **City Council Takes Closer Look at** Water Depletion

The city council decided Monday to take a more active stance on the issuance of water permits within Baguio, way beyond the city secretary's ministerial role - now and then requested by the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) - of posting applications for surface and groundwater extraction and use

The council posture brought to the fore the need to harmonize various national and city laws governing extraction, distribution, use and re-use of water in this mountain resort that, for decades, held the record for the highest rainfall volume, yet perennially suffers from water lack.

For starters, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, on suggestion of councilor Elmer Datuin, directed city secretary Prudencio Parnacio not to issue certification on the city's posting of water permit applications filed with the NWRB without first consulting the local legislature.

For another, city councilor Peter Fianza advised the Baguio Water District to set up its ground rules for water extraction permits after learning from a BWD representative that the same, which are required under Presidential Decree 190, had yet to be formulated.

The BWD can lift its rules from the city's water code, Fianza said, referring to City Ordinance 13-2007 that the city council passed six years ago "in order to manifest (the local government's) readiness and technical capability to undertake devolved functions (on water management)".

The issues over water surfaced during discussions of a request of the NWRB for posting of the ground and surface water permit applications (through deepwells) of Mire Construction Technology at Montinola Subdivision and Jessie Go Magno of Imelda Village Barangay.

The NWRB's request for a 30-day posting of the two applications also triggered discussions on other water extractive activities, such as the operation of a water distribution company based at the Camp John Hay that, according to city councilor Leandro Yangot Jr., supplies potable water to barangays within the former military reservation.

BWD assistant general manager Guillermo Lucero said the district is opposing a plan of the John Hay-based firm to drill additional deepwells while city councilor Richard Carino sought verification on whether the said company is covered by a business permit from the city.

The seasonal, if not perennial water lack that triggered the BWD's adoption of water distribution or rationing schedule in the barangays during dry months, led to the proliferation of illegally drilled deepwells within residential lots, further depleting the city's underground water tables./ Ramon Dacawi.

## NEWS

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# City to go back to Segregation-City TWG to BeginBased Waste Collection as Inventory of CALTCompactorProcurementApplicationsOk avedBAGUIO CITY - The city will go back

**Okayed** BAGUIO CITY – The city will go back to segregation-based waste collection system once it has procured compactor trucks to beef up its waste collection operations.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan this early appealed to residents to once again practice segregation in their own homes even as he asked barangay officials to take the lead in managing and safeguarding garbage piles in their areas of responsibility.

"(Once our new compact trucks arrive), we have to modify our mode of collection in terms of doing the segregation strictly in the barangay level and not in the trucks anymore. So segregators have to be in the barangays during collection schedules," the mayor explained.

He said barangay leaders should again monitor the compliance of the residents to the segregation policy and take to task those who will not comply.

"I appeal anew to our residents to segregate their wastes religiously so the city will not encounter problems in disposing our wastes. Segregation is our duty and mandate so we hope we take it seriously at all times," he said.

The city council last Monday approved the re-appropriation of P16 million for the purchase of two compactor trucks that can accommodate more wastes and service more barangays.

The mayor who attended the council session justified the need for such compactor trucks in lieu of the four open dump trucks that the amount would have afforded.

When compared to dump trucks, compactor trucks have bigger capacity as one truck can carry the load of three dump trucks. They can also cover wider area and require less manpower to operate, according to the mayor and city general services officer Romeo Concio.

The mayor said that when added to the city's waste collection fleet consisting of four new and 13 old dump trucks, the city can service the 19 pick-up stations covering the 128 barangays.

The addition of the compactor trucks can also speed up the transfer of the compacted wastes to the hauler's trucks which can lessen the need for transfer or sorting site.

There will also be no problem with leachate as the trucks have built-in compartments for liquid wastes.

As a reminder, the city released the waste classifications anew:

Biodegradable or compostable waste includes fruit and vegetable peelings, vegetable trimmings, fish entrails, egg shells, fish shells/scales, spoiled food leftovers, seeds, wet paper and newspapers, wet carton/ cardboards, expired bakery products, chipped branches, sawdust, "kusot", poultry and livestock manure, pet manure, corn cobs and sheaths, spoiled animal entrails, rice hulls, peanut shells, animal carcasses, coconut sells and husks, garden/grass clippings.

Recyclables mean dry paper, newspaper, dry cardboards and cartons, plastic containers and materials, empty toner containers, computer ink cartridges, metals, iron, tin and aluminum cans, glass bottles, colorless broken glasses, vehicle batteries, PVC pipes, PE pipes, purified water containers, computer casings, garapa, medicine bottles, undamaged plastic sacks.

Residual wastes include sanitary napkins, disposable diapers, worn out rugs, Styrofoam, broken ceramics, foams, coco fibers from cushion, colored broken glasses, sando bags, packing/twine straws, worn-out plastic sacks.

Special wastes are broken tiles, barber shop waste, dirt materials from sweepings, paint and thinner containers, household batteries, lead acid batteries, bulky wastes like beds, consumer electronics like TV sets, appliances, air filter elements and garden debris./A Refuerzo BAGUIO CITY – The technical working group (TWG) formed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan to evaluate applications for Certificate of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) in the city will begin the inventory of pending CALT applications soon.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who convened the group last Tuesday tasked the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples-Cordillera Administrative Region (NCIP-CAR) represented by lawyer Bernadette Badecao to submit a list of all pending CALT applications which will be the subject of the inventory and evaluation by the TWG.

The mayor said the TWG will tackle only the problematic applications or the ones located in government reservations, parks and road right-of-ways and those which do not qualify under section 78 of the Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA).

"The legitimate claims, by all means let's endorse for titling but not those questionable ones," he told the group.

The mayor formed the TWG through Administrative Order No. 114 issued last August 29 as a safeguard against the spurious issuance of CALTs over protected areas as what happened in reservations like the Forbes Park, Botanical Garden, Wright Park, portions of Busol watershed, Loakan airport and Casa Vallejo along Upper Session Road.

The group is headed by city mayor's office executive assistant with representatives from the SP Committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing, NCIP, Lands Management Services, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Cordillera Administrative Region (LMS, DENR-CAR), City Assessor's Office, City Planning and Development Office and the President of the Liga ng mga Barangay as members.

The mayor gave the group 90 days to conduct an inventory of all approved and pending applications for CALTs in the city and to evaluate the pending CALTs and ascertain whether they qualify under section 78 of the IPRA.

The TWG was also tasked to recommend to the city mayor and to the city council steps to be undertaken to resolve the problems created by the approved and pending CALTs.

The mayor has maintained that legitimate ancestral claims are those Igorot claims classified as alienable as ancestral land as per section 78 of Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous People's Rights Act.

The said section provides a special provision that the city of Baguio "shall remain to be governed by its Charter and all lands proclaimed as part of its townsite reservation shall remain as



**HEAD TURNERS** - Vice Mayor Daniel Fariñas exchanges pleasantries with newly crowned Miss Baguio Orille Kim Basali (extreme right), 1st Runner-up Cassandra Kein Co (left) and 2nd Runner-up Jean Marie Feliciano (center) after the beauties were given accolades by city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during City Hall's flag raising ceremony September 9./by Bong Cayabyab

## Anti-Job Mix Task Force Formed

BAGUIO CITY – A task force was formed here to monitor job mix and cement batching activities in the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan heads the task force with Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas as action officer.

In his Administrative Order No. 116, the mayor said the city needs to intensify the monitoring of said activities in the wake of complaints being received by the city government.

"Numerous verbal and written complaints have reached the various offices of the City Government in relation to the insistent utilization of the various roads in the city by public works contractors as their bay area, temporary storage sites for construction materials and cement mixing or batching area, which activities are in gross violation of existing ordinances, laws, rules and regulations, and which matter needs further concrete action from the local government," the mayor noted in Administrative Order No. 116 series of 2013.

The city prohibits the operation cement batching plants in the city as contained in Ordinance No. 43 series of 2007 in a bid to prevent air pollution and nuisance caused by said operation.

Ordinance No. 2 series of 2012 also bans public works contractors from doing job mixing activities on major throughfares and all barangay roads in the city as well as the placing of temporary cement batching stations.

Apart from monitoring the implementation of said ordinances through routine inspections of all national, city and barangay roads, the task force will also recommend the imposition of penalties to violators with the vice mayor directly reporting to the city mayor on the findings, actions and recommendations on such cases.

Farinas authored Ordinance No. 2-2012 which penalizes violators with a fine ranging from P1,000-P5,000 or revocation of license./A Refuerzo

such until otherwise reclassified by appropriate legislation ... "

Section 78 also provides an exemption that "prior land rights and titles recognized and/or acquired through any judicial, administrative or other processes before the effectivity of this Act shall remain valid..." which means that Igorot claims recognized before November 1997, the date of IPRA implementation, are qualified as ancestral claims.

Among those recognized are Igorot ancestral claims screened under Special Administrative Order No. 31 and Dept. Administrative Order No. 02 issued by the Dept. and Environment and Natural Resources.

The mayor said all claims that fall under these circumstances are recognized by the city./ A Refuerzo

## Austere laurels—or pork?

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a tree without a root." This Asian axiom is apt for the 135th birthday of Sergio Osmeña on Sept. 9. As the fourth Philippine president, he led a war-ruined country into a new republic.

Monday, officials honored President Osmeña. His delicadeza was so fine-tuned he prohibited son Sergio Jr. from accepting honoraria for lecturing at the University of the Philippines, some recalled.

Tuesday, it was business as usual. With President Aquino having trashed the Priority Development Assistance Fund, could congressmen slurp into the P12.7-billion road users' tax? Deputy Speaker Sergio Apostol wanted to know. At a hearing on the Commission on Audit budget, pork-starved House members instead flayed "errors" in audits. Wasn't "Vampires Strike Back" the title of a B-grade horror flick?

Legislators break into a cold sweat when denied slush. A "withdrawal syndrome" is uncoiling. Glimpse this in five "notebooks" of detained Janet Lim-Napoles. They record doles, bank accounts, etc. from 2012 up to August 2013—and tag legislators who funneled pork to sham NGOs.

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada is dubbed "Sexy" and Sen. Ramon Revilla "Pogi." Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, 89, is known as "Tanda." The COA unearthed the pork donations by Senators Loren Legarda and Ferdinand Marcos Jr. They denied being on the take. "The true hypocrite is the one who lies with sincerity," Andre Gide wrote.

Is Don Sergio today just a line-etched image on the P50-bill for congressmen? Does his life of integrity speak to citizens?

He was bar topnotcher, journalist, governor, speaker of the National Assembly, senator, then vice president. He played key roles in major issues like the Tydings-McDuffie Act on independence. As Japanese troops advanced in World War II, President Manuel Quezon, Osmeña and Gen. Douglas MacArthur slipped away from embattled Corregidor Island. From Cagayan de

Oro, they were to be secretly evacu-

## **EDITORIAL** *ated to Australia.*

J WEEKEND

At Del Monte airport, MacArthur saw the shabby B-17 that landed midnight—and blew a fuse, recalls William Manchester in his book "American Caesar." The "decrepit aircraft ... would endanger the party," he cabled the US secretary of state. "I could not undertake such responsibility." He demanded the three best planes. The cable worked

and two of three new B-17s made it. "We were roused in the dead of night and drove to the airfield where two Flying Fortresses waited," the late Manuel Quezon Jr. wrote in his unpublished memoirs. "We were in one plane and Vice President Osmeña in the other... My father and mother sat on a mattress on the floor...

"Osmeña's Fortress did not land after us. My father announced that we would not continue until the Vice President arrived." The search

DC-5 returned, followed by the missing Fortress. "Don Sergio continued with us, to Adelaide."

One of his finest moments came during World War II's government-in-Washington exile. The 1935 Constitution mandated that the ailing President Quezon's term lapse on Dec. 30, 1943. Quezon dug in over this constitutional crossroad. US President Franklin Roosevelt stayed aloof from a "local issue."

Don Sergio crafted a way out at his expense: Ask the US Congress to suspend presidential succession, until after the Japanese occupation ended. Congress agreed on Nov. 10. "Of his many great services, none surpassed his voluntary relinquency of the presidency," former Free Press editor Frederic Marquardt wrote.

"That office was the goal of his political life. [Yet] he gave up the presidency after having been, in effect, elected to it. He signed away his right... when all he had to do was remain silent and the mantle of power would have fallen to him. He gave up what was rightfully his, in the interest of unity during time of war."

After restoring the Commonwealth, Don Sergio refused to campaign for reelection in 1946. Filipinos knew his record, he said. Like Winston Churchill after the war, he misread our fickleness. Manuel Roxas won 54 percent of the vote.

Without rancor, Osmeña retired in Cebu. We still recall the silver-haired statesman taking afternoon walks—without bodyguards. He died at 83.

Two years after Osmeña retired, a stroke cut down President Roxas. Historian Horacio de la Costa, SJ, delivered a homily at Washington's National Cathedral. It shows the bedrock of what anchored public service by men like Don Sergio:

"Civil authority is not personal but public," De la Costa said. "It belongs to no one either by right of birth or by virtue of some real or imagined excellence over other men, whether it be wealth, intelligence or power.

"It belongs to the people, who may entrust it to whomsoever they freely choose. Neither does it endow the man to whom it is entrusted with any special gift of impeccability or infallibility. He may not claim thereby 'the divinity that doth hedge a king.'

"His is a burden, not a privilege. He must spend himself in the public interests as though they were his own. Yet he may not derive any personal profit from his position. He is held accountable always for the authority he holds in trust.

"When his mandate is revoked, he must be willing to relinquish that authority and return, a private citizen, to the ranks from which he came. Let him not expect any reward but the consciousness of having done his duty and served his people and his God.

"Often he will get no reward but this. Nay, he may find in the end his name vilified, his motive misrepresented, his deeds misjudged. Austere are the laurels of the republic."/Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juan\_mercado77@yahoo.com



#### ADVOCACY MINDANOW



DAVAO CITY — Ok folks, enough of the Napoles story for the moment !!

My radar had been picking up for sometime now some not-so-audible signals, about our bachelor PRESIDENT NOYNOY being, yet again, reportedly charmed. And lately by a pretty Davaoena lawyer working at the DILG in Manila. It was being whispered in hushed tones for a while among closest circles. Until I saw it on ABS-CBN's TV Patrol and read a boxed article at the PHILIPPINE STAR a few days ago with a photo to spice it up. To be honest with you folks, it was only when the "tsismis" broke into the news that it caught my fancy.

Well, there's only one lady lawyer from Davao I know at DILG who fits the description. Her name is MARINESS LEDESMA. Friends call her 'KIM''. For those of you who have not seen this pretty Davaoena in person, that published picture flashed on TV and in the STAR, in my book, is definitely heading to the trash box. This is one case where we can use that oft- repeated line:" the photo does not do justice to the subject''. Evidently, that was a photo grab from a file video taken four years ago when the lady participated in a debate ran by ANC called CVC DEBATES in 2009. By the way, the Davao Ateneo Law team trounced the more touted Ateneo de Manila and the University of the Philippines debaters in those encounters. (*Oooops sorry for bragging! 1 just can't resist it!*)

I recall an earlier chat featuring presidential sis Ms. BALSY on TV giving some early hints about brother President NOYNOY "looking inspired" by someone lately. Could she be referring to this same lady? I dunno!

Anyway, I'm now on a freewheeling chit-chat (*call it "tsismis" if you wish*) for a refreshing change from those other serious and sordid topics like surrenders, peace negotiations, and PDAF, and who-is-that-lady-again Ma'am Janet, etcetera.

Definitely I don't have the permission of KIM herself and her family. So my apologies foremost to her father, my brother in the TAU MU Law school fraternity, NESTOR "Butch" LEDESMA in intruding into their personal and private lives by writing briefly about them. But I'll take my chance. Butch, by the way, was former Davao City Administrator during the mayor ship of another frat brod, LAW-YER BEN DE GUZMAN.

When I saw Butch on TV Patrol a few nights ago where he was briefly interviewed about the rumor, my instincts prompted me to text him : "*I saw you on TV brod. Can I kol ? Maki "tsismis". hehe"*. His instant and curt reply: "*Sorry brod. No comment*". After the story broke on TV with a video clip showing Butch with lovely wife on his side giving a run-around answer, not knowing whether to answer or not the TV reporter's question about the rumor, obviously Butch could not stand further scrutiny on something he said he does not know anything about —at that moment, at least. Or intruding into the personal affairs of daughter KIM. By now, I am sure he regretted even allowing the TV reporter to take that footage because the story will have a life of its own and that footage will keep coming back. Expect other TV channels to do their own chase.

I've been in this media business too long to anticipate that KIM, her family and friends, will be stalked, ambushed, trailed and hounded by reporters to get "human interest" angles. For sure we have an already scandal-tired public. A romance story, especially of a bachelor and very eligible head of state will surely eclipse all blaring headlines and again catch the fascination of everyone. So I suspect BUTCH had been advised by a close friend (*was that you, Mayor Ben?*) to cool it for a while and elude the media. I can only guess, but KIM must have protested this undue intrusion into her otherwise quiet and simple life. She is the "prim and proper **Cont. on page 5** 

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#### KAKAMPI MO ANG BA<u>TAS</u>

Frank Chavez, the fighter, hangs his gloves

**BY: BATAS MAURICIO** 



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me...' (Psalm 23:4, the Holy Bible).

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FRANK CHAVEZ, 66: It is with deep regret that I condole with the family of former Solicitor General Frank Chavez, 66, who died after suffering a stroke last Wednesday night, September 11, 2013. Frank was not only a fraternity brother of mine at the Sigma Rho Fraternity of the UP College of Law. He became a good friend when we were both tapped to run for the Senate in 2004 under the Aksiyon Demoktratiko party of then Sen. Raul S. Roco.

Frank was a certified fighter all his life. In his youth, he literally fought his way to finish his elementary and high school education-he engaged in street fights to win a few pesos which he then used to buy his books. In his law practice, he was much feared, for it was not beyond him to challenge his opponents to fist fights outside courtrooms, if the argumentation got too hot.

When we were together campaigning in 2004, Chavez would often become the darling of the crowd, not only by narrating his colorful but difficult childhood, but by singing ballads and a host of other songs in the Visayan language. I knew then he would win, but election operators working on orders of big politicians who feared him cheated him of victory.

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FRANK CHAVEZ, GOD-FEARING, HATING DIS-HONEST GAIN: On May 15, 2011, I wrote the following to push Chavez to become Ombudsman: "Of all the names already submitted to the Judicial and Bar Council for nomination as Ombudsman. I am sure that the name of Frank Chavez, former solicitor general, will stand out and be a cut above the rest.

"Not because of the whistleblower's group nomination for him, not because he has by himself initiated countless Supreme Court and Ombudsman cases to fight graft and corruption and plunder, not because he led in the fight against the Marcos and Arroyo regimes, but because Frank Chavez is a man who fears God and who hates dishonest gain.

"I say this with conviction, and based on my personal association with him. In 1986, after the successful EDSA Revolution which installed Cory Aquino to the presidency, when he was already being asked by the first President Aquino what position he desired from the first Aquino government, Frank's answer shocked, but extremely pleased, Cory.

"Chavez said: `Madam President, give the juicy positions to the others. Please allow me to serve God and our country and its people by being in a position to be of service to government." Cory appointed him solicitor general outright' .... "

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THE BEST SENATOR THE PHILIPPINES NEVER HAD: If Raul Roco was the best president the Philippines never had, I would say Frank Chavez was the best senator the country never had. He was greatly qualified to become a senator, what with his impeccable knowledge of the law, and his humble beginnings in what is now known as Sagay City, Negros Occidental. He would have been the Senator's dream of a Senator, but God had other plans for him.

Indeed, the fighter that he was, Frank did not let his defeat in 2004 dampen his vision to serve the Philippines against graft and corruption. As everyone knows by now, Frank later served as a fierce prosecutor who ran after bigtime crooks and grafters in this country, suing them before the Supreme Court and the Ombudsman. The country surely lost an outstanding public servant in Frank Chavez with his untimely death.

#### **OPINIONS MAGKASANGGA TAYO**



Joke time po muna tayo mga dear readers, alam naman ninyo that laughter is the best medicine at pampatangal at pampalimot sa kasalukuyan mga matitinding problema!! ! Mula sa website na http:/ /professionalheckler.wordpress.com/.

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MNLF LEADER Nur Misuari's men stormed Zamboanga City Sunday hoping to hoist an MNLF flag at the city hall. At press time though, Misuari is nowhere to be found. Some say he's either in Sulu or Basilan; others believe he's at Heritage Park.

According to the government, the MNLF is divided, and there are factions within the group. To which Misuari replied, "Look who's talking!"

Nur Misuari claims he has "1.3 million forces." Some 300 of them are now in Zamboanga. The rest are in his head.

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#### LETTERS

Dear Ka Nur Misuari,

Maraming salamat po sa kooperasyon. Tatanawin kong malaking utang na loob ang ginawa n'yong 'yan sa Zamboanga. Salamat po ulit.

Sincerely,

Janet Lim-Napoles

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Dear Governor Misuari, Perfect timing ka talaga. Saludo kami sa ginagawa n'yo! 'Wag muna kayong umalis d'yan. Keep it

Yours truly,

up!

Pogi, Tanda, Kuya Sexy

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Dear Ka Nur Misuari.

Alam naming galit ka rin at maging ang iyong mga tauhan sa baboy. Pwes, patunayan n'yo! Retreat! Now na!

Nakikiusap,

Pork Barrel Scam Whistle-blowers

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Dear Janet Lim-Napoles,

Ano 'tong ikinakalat mong tsismis na magkakilala tayo? Hoy! Nang lumapit kayong magasawa sa akin noon, ang sabi mo, "Senator, I'm a fan! Pa-picture naman." Linawin mo ngayon 'yan! Inis,

#### Frank Drilon

Dear Senator Frank,

Hindi ako ang naglabas n'yan. Baka na-hack ang Facebook photos ko. Peks man!

#### Love, Janet

#### Dear Secretary Ochoa,

Sabi mo sa hearing sa Kamara kahapon, hindi mo ako kilala. Nautot ako sa katatawa. Ang funny

mo!

Hahaha, Ma'am Janet

Dear Ma'am Janet, Punyeta! Tumahimik ka! Pikon na, Ochoa

#### **Picture**, **Picture** 

Undated photos of Sen. Frank Drilon with the Napoles couple are circulating online. Analysts say it's the most damning evidence yet since it marks the first time Janet Lim-Napoles was seen with actual pork. To be continued



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type of a girl", I was told. Whether these rumors are true or not, I can predict her total discomfort - if not subdued indignance - in being publicly mentioned this way.

Those who know KIM well told me she is someone whom one sits up and listens to when she makes a point on matters mundane or otherwise, has her own mind, brilliant and engaging but simple and demure in her own way

The last time I saw her was at the airport several weeks ago with her father Butch on our way home to Davao. In fact, while we were collecting our checked-in luggage, I jokingly told Butch: "Why do you have such pretty daughter when you don't look that good!." . We had a good laugh together! Yes, KIM is a head turner.

Her former law professor (and my nephew), ATTY. CEASAR "Jikjik" EUROPA for a while hesitated to even say something about his student KIM lest "awayin ako". He finally revealed a few tidbits about her after my prodding but fearing that she would take offense on such disclosures. She was a topnotch student and has a small circle of equally talented close lady friends, mostly her sisters in the TAU MU SORORITY. Atty. JIKJIK simply recalled: "When she was my student in law school, all I can remember is that "mahirap hanapan nang mali sa exam". He even refused to confirm (again another tsismis) that an out-of-town official who appeared "bewitched" by her charm and beauty had been "stalking" her for sometime. (I hope this disclosure should stop him!) But I am sure that is something KIM does not want to even talk about or even further mentioned here. So let it be.

Right after taking her oath as lawyer, she joined the Court of Appeals in Cebu City and then moved to Manila at the DOTC then under Secretary MAR ROXAS. Later she transferred to the DILG. Evidently Secretary Mar noticed her outstanding work - and charm? - and brought her with him when he took over DILG. Perhaps (and here I am guessing), it was while closely assisting Secretary Mar that our bachelor President must have spotted her. (I say again, I am just guessing, but who knows?)

To be continued

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION AS SOLE HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF GERGORIO** TALTALA JR.

That an Affidavit of Self Adjudication was executed by Gregorio Taltala Sr., on August 1, 2013 as sole heir of the late Gregorio Taltala Jr., who died intestate on April 23,2008, who owns one motor vehicle with franchise described as follows: Toyota Wagon, Motor No. 2C3322963, with Chassis No. CF50 0032585, with Plate No. AYL 9611 and LTFRB Case No. 2004-BAG- CAR- 2146, Route: Baguio City to any point in Cordillera Administrative region. The deceased left no debts of whatever kind. That the Affidavit of Self Adjudication was entered into the Notarial Registry of Atty. Robles G. Calabias, under Doc. No. 95; Page No. 19; Book No. LXXXIX; Series of 2013.

Publication dates: September 7, 14 & 21, 2013

#### EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH **DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

That an Extra Judicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale was executed on December 1, 1998 by the heirs of the late CARLOMAGNO ABLAN who died on September 9, 1998 and SUSANA DELA CRUZ who died on August 27, 1997 with the deceased leaving a parcel of land located at Bulan, Ramon, Isabela and no debt(s) whatsoever. That the Extra Judicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale was executed before Atty. Quirico L. Pilolin under Doc No. 339; Page No. 69; Book No. 24; Series of 2013

Publication dates: September 7, 14 & 21, 2013

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BAGUIO CITY

BERNARD M. BAYACSAN, Plaintiff,

#### -versus-

MARIANNE JANE LANUZA, Defendant,

#### CIVIL CASE NO. 7732-R

For: Judicial Foreclosure Of Real Estate Mortgage

#### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the plaintiff through counsel filed a petition dated October 17, 2012, quoted verbatim as follows:

"1. The Plaintiff is of legal age, married, Filipino Citizen and with residence address at No. 246 Camp 8, Kennon, Baguio City, Philippines, where he may be served with summons and other court processes;

2 Respondent MARIANNE JANE LANUZA, of legal age, married, Filipino Citizen and with residence and postal address at No. 22 Engineer's Hill. Baguio City, where they may be served with summons and other court processes;

#### II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

3. On June 7, 2011 respondent obtained her loan from the petitioner and executed a Promissory Note Estate with Real Mortgage" on her rights and interest on a parcel of Land with an area of ONE HUN-DRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS, together with her

Residential House 102-07-036-03-No. LO45, aIndex No. 102-07-036-03-LO45-NOO1 respectively, issued by the City Assessors of Baguio in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thou-(**P** sand Pesos 250,000.00). Copy of the Tax Declarations of the land, building and the Promissory Note with Real Estate Mortgage are hereto attached, bracketed and marked as Annexes "A", " B", & "C" to form part

hereof; 4. That segments of the Promissory Note with Real Estate Mortgage evidencing such loan is hereby reproduced to wit:

'That the condition of the REAL ES-TATE MORTGAGE is such that if the said MORTGAGOR, her (sic) heirs and assigns shall well and truly perform the full aboveobligation stated according to the term and conditions thereof, then this REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect and that shall be enforceable in the manner provided for by the law. And shall authorize the mortagagee to extraiudicially foreclose this mortgage and hereby authorize and appoint the mortgagee as his attorneyn-fact to take possession of the property subject of this Real Estate Mortgage and sell the same at a

public auction under Act no. 3135; The above-described real property, not having been registered under Act N. 496 nor under the Spanish Mortgage Law, herein parties agree to register this instrument under the provisions of Sec. 194 of the Revised Administrative Code as amended by Act No. 3344:

5. That respondent failed to pay the said loan despite repeated demands. Attached hereto is the Demand Letter marked as Annex "D" and shall made an Itliang of

integral part hereof; 6. Petitioner filed barangay case for collection for sum of money however, respondent failed and refused without justifiable cause to pay her obligation, and so a certificate to file action was issued, copy which is hereto attached and marked

as Annex "E" to form part hereof. PRAYER

WHEREFORE. premises duly considered, it is most respectfully prayed to the Honorable Court after due notice and hearing to render judgment in favor of the Petitioner and against the defendant and order the respondent to pay the principal amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) plus interest and penalties, and in default thereof shall order the said properties to be sold at public auction to satisfy the said obligation; to pay the amount of p20,000.00 by way of Attorney's fees and One thousand pesos per appearance and to pay the cost of the suit or in the alternative in case foreclosure cannot be done, to order the defendants to pay the principal amount plus interest and penalties.

Other relief and remedies just and equitable under the circumstances are likewise prayed for.

Respectfully submitted. Baguio City, Philippines, October 17, 2012

ESTEBANA SOMINGI Council for the Petitioner PTR No. 047939962/ 1-2-12/Baguio City

IBP No. 863521/1-2-12/Baguio City ROLL NO. 47910/3-20-03 Baguio City

WHEREAS, summons was issued on November 6, 2012 which was returned by Sheriff Joselito V. <u>NEWS</u>

Itliong of the Office of the City Sheriff, Baguio City, with the information that defendant Marrianne Jane Lanuza is no longer living at her address and her whereabouts is unknown. WHEREAS, an

WHEREAS, alias summons was issued on February 1, 2013 which was returned by Sheriff Itliong on February 22, 2013, with the information that defendants husband. Eric Bernardo refused to receive the summons and that he has communicated not with his wife since separated. they Hence has no way of giving her a copy of the summons if he will receive it. Sheriff Itliong was further informed that according to defendant's family she is already out of the country;

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2013, the plaintiff through counsel filed a Motion For Leave of Court To Serve Summons by Publication which was granted in an Order dated Au-2013, gust 23. wherein the Court ordered that summons be served upon the defendant by publication;

THERE-NOW YOU, FORE. MARIANNE JANE LANUZA, whose present whereabouts is unknown. is hereby summoned through this medium of publication and is therefore required to file through the Office of the clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, your responsive pleadings and/or answer to the above quoted Petition within sixty (60) days from notice, serving at the same time a copy of your responsive pleadings and/or the answer upon plaintiff's counsel, Atty. Esteban Somngi with office address at No. 2 Corner Abanao St., Shuntug St., Baguio City. Your failure to do so within the period herein prescribe will enable the plaintiff to take judgment against you and demand from the Honorable Court the relief and remedies prayed for in the Petition. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002 to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead allege the grounds therefore as defenses in the answer.

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retary Paquito Ochoa, noted that "rapid growth, commecialization, and the lack of a comprehensive develoment and zoning plan have caused the degradation and deterioration of the two localities".

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MANDIA, Acting Pre-

siding Judge of this

Court, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of

September, 2013 in the

City of Baguio, Philip-

By (SGD) JEANYLENE

**ISIP-FUKAI** 

Clerk of Court V

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Mayor Domogan thanked the President for creating the task force but quickly added the titling of parks and reservations would have a costly impact on the preservation and development of Baguio that the Presidential memorandum described as a "national treasure".

Domogan said the city, through the office of city legal officer Carlos Melchor Rabanes, and the Solicitor General now have their hands full seeking the nullification of private titles issued over the Forbes Park, Wright Park, the Baguio Dairy Farm and portions of Session Rd. under ancestral land claims, aside from a expanded title within the Green Valley area, and, recently, within the Busol Watershed.

"Kulang yong ating coordination (We lack coordination)," the mayor stressed before officials and representatives of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, Land Registration Authority, and departments of justice, tourism, environment and natural resources during the half-day session of the TWG.

Briefing the TWG members on the legal history of processing and titling of lots in Baguio, the mayor said the recent awards to private individuals of parks, watersheds and reservations, mostly as ancestral land claims, are of no legal basis.

"We are not discriminating against ancestral land claims provided these are valid," Domogan reiterated. He recalled that as a practising lawyer then, he even served as counsel for some Ibaloy families with rightful ancestral land claims.

For one, the mayor said, the rule is that if the ancestral claim is in a reservation, it should first be de-listed as a reservation before the claim is acted upon. This process, he said, was apparently not followed in the titling of some government and forest reservations.

In the case of the Wright Park, Domogan said a portion of the Presidential Mansion Compound, together with a 4,000 square-meter titled lot of the city, had been overlapped by the ancestral land titles (CALT) issued by the NCIP,

More or less 10 hectares of the Wright Park is now covered by Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles 129 and 130 under 22 titles issued by the NCIP. Twenty five hectares of the Forbes Forest Reservation along South Drive that was esttablished such through Proclamation No. 10 of 1924 were titled under CALT Nos. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Likewise, more than 62 hectares of the Baguio Dairy Farm, another national government reservation established in 1940 under Proc. No. 603,

WITNESS THE were also titled un-H O N O R A B L E der CALT-37.

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Other ancestral land claimants are seeking nullification of the titles issued over the dairy farm and the Wright Park.

On the controversial Green Valley area title, the mayor said this was expanded from a 4.50hectare area to 53 hectares and now overlaps other titles, including the lot on which the elementary school stands.

The latest, the mayor said, was the issuance of 22 titles over a total area of 7.8 hectares within the Busol Watershed, a major water source of the city and La Trinidad, Benguet and proclaimed as a government reservation in april, 1922.

The survey over the awarded area, the mayor said, was done last June, after which the transfer certificates of title were issued last June 24.

Curiously, the mayor said, the original title covering the area in the names of the heirs of Kalomis was invalidated. He added that the derivative titles over the same and in the names of applicants different from the Kalomis heirs were registered with the Registry of Deeds.

In a meeting with the mayor the other Wednesday afternoon, members of the Kalomis clan said they will file affidavits of adverse claim opposing the issuance of the 22 titles. The mayor also directed the city legal office to file the city's affidavit of adverse claim.

The Wright Park titles are being opposed by relatives of the beneficiaries while the award at the Dairy Farm is also opposed by a clan dif-**Cont. on page 6** 

#### JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICES

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

September 14 - 20, 2013

GUAGUA RURAL BANK, INC., Mortgagee,

-versus-

ROLANDO E. ALCAYDE, represented by MICHELLE T. TUASON, (Attorney-in-Fact),

Mortgagors,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 13-EXF-:1712

FOR:

**EXTRA JUDICIAL** FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135. ASAMENDED

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

Upon extrajudicial petition for public auction sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by GUAGUA RURAL BANK INC., a duly banking registered institution existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of at Plaza business Burgos, Guagua, Pampanga, herein represented by **ILUMINADA** M. DIZON, Chief Account Officer, herein referred to as the MORTGAGEE, against ROLAND F. ALCAYDE with postal address at No. 8 Constantine St., Italia 500, BF Resort Village, Las Pinas City and/or MICHELLE T. TUAZON, (appointed attorney-in-fact of Rolando F. Alcavde), of No. 46 Giorgio St., Camella Homes,

City, herein referred to as the MORTGAG-ORS, to satisfy the mortgage indebted which has become overdue as of 11 July 2013, the amount of SIX MILLION THIRTY TWO THOU-SAND THREE HUN-DRED SIXTY TWO PESOS Р ( 6,032,362.18), Philippine Currency, excluding penalties and other litigating expenses of the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned Sheriff or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on 01 OCTOBER 2013, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Benguet Justice Hall, Hill. Justice La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGERS CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all improvements, to wit:

Merville, Paranaque

#### TRANSFER **CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-62810**

" A parcel of land (Lot 1, Psd-CAR-014295) being a portion of FV-13705-D; situated in the rurban code code 131110, Barangay Beckel. Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2-3 by Lot 8, Road Lot 8.00 m. Wide (existing) of the subd. plan; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Busol Forest Reservation (Executive Proclamation No. 15); on the NE., along line 4-5 by Public Land; on the SE., along line 5-1 by Lot 2 of the subd., plan x x x x containing an area of ONE THOU-SAND THREE HUN-DRED FIFTY ONE SQUARE (1,351)METERS, more or less."

#### TRANSFER **CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-62813**

" A parcel of land (Lot 4, Psd-CAR-014295) being a portion of FV-13705-D;

situated in the rurban code code 131110. Beckel. Barangay Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 & NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 8, Road Lot 8.00 m. wide (existing) of the subd. Plan; on the NE., along line 3-4 & SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 2 of the subd., plan; on the S., along line 5-1 by Lot 3 of the subd., plan x x x x containing an area of HUNDRED FIVE ELEVEN (511)SQUARE METERS, more or less."

TRANSFER **CERTIFICATE OF** TITLE NO. T-62811

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, Psd-CAR-014295) being a portion of FV-13705-D; situated in the rurban code code 131110, Barangay Beckel, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon., Bounded of the NW., along line 7-1 by Lot 8, Road Lot 8.00 m. wide (existing) of the subd. Plan; along line 1-2 by Lot 1 of the subd., plan; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Beckel Road; on the S., along line 3-4 by Baguio Townsite (Res Sec "D"); on the W., along line 4-5 by Lot 3 of the subd. Plan; on the NW., along line 5-6-7 by Lot 4 of the subd., plan x x x x containing an area of ONE THOU-SAND SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN (1, 611)SQUARE METERS, more or less."

All sealed bids the above stated time and date. In the event on the said time and date, it shall be held of on 22 OCTOBER 2013 marrioed, at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad. Benguet, Philippines, this 2nd day of SEPTEMBER 2013.

FOR THE PROVIN-CIAL SHERIFF EX-

BENGUET By:(SGD) JOSELITO

OFFICIO OF

**F. SALES** Sheriff IV

CC: Guagua Rural Bank, Inc. Rolando F. Alcayde/ Michelle T. Tuason

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Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION Office of the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Benguet Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet

ROMEO M. PAGEDPED, Mortgagee,

-versus-

CHERRY ANN B. AKIEN, Mortagoor

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FOR EXTRA JUDICIAL OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NUMBER 3135. AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUC-TION SALE

Upon extra-judimust be submitted to cial petition for sale the undersigned on of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, the public auction filed by the petishould not take place tioner-mortgagee, ROMEO M. Pagedped, legal age. Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at #163 JB Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagee, CHERRY ANN B. ANKIEN, of legal age, married to Xavier Ankien, Filipino, with residence

and postal address at Betag, La trinidad, Benguet hereinafter referred to as mortgagtor, on order to satisfy her obligation to the mortgagee in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00), Philippine Currecy exclusive of interests, obtained by the Mortgagtor from the Mortgagee, and other costs and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings. The undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUC-TION on October 3, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, which covers the house and one (1) parcel of unregistered land including all other improvemnets thereon, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

#### ASSESSMENT OF **REAL PROPERTY** NO. 99-015-02072 **Property Index No.** 009-03-015-05-021

"Vegetable Land with an area of .1000 Located ha.. at Tawang, La Trinidad, Benguet, Bounded on the North: Ass. Lot 112; South: Ass. Lot 065; Ass Lot 022, 023; and West; Ass. Lot 063, 065"

Prospective bidders/ buyers may investigate the abovedescribed real properties regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby rescheduled on October 29, 2013 at the same time and place without need of republication.

Let the foregoing be published at the "THE JUNCTION," a newspaper of general circulation on September 15, 22, and 29, 2013. Likewise, let a copy of this Sheriff's Notice of Public Auction Sale be posted in

the bulletin boards of La Trinidad Municipal Hall: Benguet **Provincial Capuitol** Lobby; and at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Justice Hall: all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad. Benguet, Philippines, this 6th day of September, 2013.

FOR THE PROVIN-CIAL EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET

BY:(SGD) HENRY B. LONGGAY, JR. SHERIFF IV

**Publication dates:** September 14, 21 and 28, 2013

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ferent from the awardees.

"You can just imagine what Baguio would become if those parks and reservations are privately owned," the mayor told the media.

To avoid conflicts over contentious areas, the mayor reiterated activation of the Baguio Ancestral Land Clearing Committee, a body created by en banc resolution of the NCIP in 2009 and through which applications for ancestral land applications should pass before awards are approved and issued.

On a bigger scale, the NCIP, the Land Registration Authority, the DENR and the Department of Agrarian Reform said on Jan. 27, 2012 Joint Administrative Oder No. 01-12 "Clarifying, Restating and Inrerfacing the Rspective Jurisdictions, Policies, Programs and Projects of (these agencies) in Order to Address Jurisdictional and Operational Issues Between and Among the Agencies".

The joint AO was signed by DAR Secretary Virgilio de los Reyes, DENR Secretary Ramon Paje, then NCIP Chair Zenaida Brigida Pawid and LRAAdministrator Eulalio Diaz III.

At the TWG meeting Monday, mayor Domogan also submitted to the members documents on the contentious titles issued over the city's parks and reservations, aside from the city's opposition to the subdivision of lots bigger than the allowed 200 square meters and below for titling under the Free Patent Law.

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The mayor and the city council said the practice of subdividing lots above 200 square meters and then titling these under the FPL process would have negative effects on the city's population growth density which, at the present 4,300 plus per square kilometer, is already 17 times more than the national average.

At the TWG meeting, NCIP lawyer John Ray Libiran said the commission is willing to revisit the titles it had issued but that cases on these are pending in court.

TWG The agreed to help petition the courts for the suspension of the hearing of cases to allow NCIP to revisit said titles.

The mayor suggested the filing of joint motion to defer the hearings, to which Jasmin replied the TWG will explore all legal remedies and recommend to the President ways to facilitate its work "to review the environmental, commercial, tourism and law and order situation in Baguio and Boracay for the purpose of developing Comprehensive Plans to preserve these vital national assets".

Given the land issues here. Jasmin admitted the work towards the development of a comprehensive plan for Baguio will be more difficult than preparing one for Boracay./ PIO/ CMO

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#### NEWS

September 14 - 20, 2013



BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the weekly Ugnayan Presser assured the public of a more systematic collection of waste once the new compactor trucks arrive in this mountain resort.

The purchase of the compactor trucks was requested by Mayor Mauricio Domogan to the City Council amending a council ordinance appropriating 16 million intended to purchase dump trucks for garbage hauling purposes.

Domogan said, "a single compactor truck can carry a load of 3 dump trucks thereby maximizing its use for collection and could cover a larger area."

The mayor explained there are currently 13 old trucks and four brand new trucks servicing 19 pick-up stations in the city.

"Collection is hampered due to maintenance work on some of the old trucks which we have," he explained.

Domogan said, "two compactor trucks will be purchased to help garbage collection in the 128 barangays."

"We will make sure that the compactor trucks will be brand new and durable, it will be a big help in our system of collection in the city," he said.

Meantime, Domogan urged the barangays to continue and be involved in the waste segregation program being implemented under Republic Act 9003.

He said, "proper waste segregation is still the best solution to minimize waste being brought to the Urdaneta landfill."

Domogan said, "biodegradable wastes will still be collected by the trucks for processing in the city's ERS while residual waste will be compacted."

"It will now be easier to transfer the garbage to the dump trucks if the compactors arrive," he said.

The council approved the measure replacing the purchase of dump trucks to two compactors trucks as recommended by the Commission on Audit (COA)./paul rillorta



ALERT SECURITY GUARD - Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center private security guard Candido Donato Ugay Jr. receives a plaque of commendation and accolades from city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas and City Police Director Jesus Cambay Jr;as he earlier arrested a suspected "Salisi" gang member coinciding the celebration of Crime Prevention Week./ By Bong Cayabyaba

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## Balili River Day Proposed

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Joel Alangsab's proposed ordinance for the celebration of Balili River day on Sept. 16 every year is considered for council approval after being published through posting in conspicuous places around the city.

Accordingly, the activity of the Balili River Revitalizing Coalition is funded under the "Salaknib ti Waig" program of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO).

The project proposal is focused on Wastewater and Water Resources Management advocacy which in 2011 resulted to alternative technologies; waterway cleanups; information dissemination on wastewater and water resources management to barangay officials and residents; and issuance of additional illegal sewer connection notice.

It was through this program that awareness on the revitalization and protection of inland waterways went on in 2012 in-

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cluding clean-ups, tree and bamboo planting at the river banks and other previous activities.

The project is spearheaded in monitoring, assessment, evaluation and advocacy activities by the Wastewater, Water and Ambient Air Management Division (WWAAMD) of CEPMO in cooperation with different city offices, and supported by line agencies, barangay officials, academe, non-government offices, adopters, private individuals, civil society and other partners.

The awareness of stakeholders on the importance of protecting and caring for inland waterways; capabilities to manage water resources; with intentions of having clean inland waterways of the city that discharge into Ambalanga, Balili, Bued and Galiano rivers, and monitoring same are included in the goals of the program.

The strengthening of policies; pinpointing of pollution sources; serving of notices for violators and monitoring of compliance for notices served are also expected from the program.

City officials, employees, barangay officials and residents are also expected to participate after internalizing water resources protection as important concern. The program is expected to be implemented immediately after council approval./ juliegfianza



Linis Gobyennanti-graft, corruption prevention and detection office.