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Dads Seek 'Ukay' Traders' Exemption from Customs Crackdown, Repeal of Law Banning Import of used Goods

BAGUIO CITY – Two councilors last week filed separate proposals seeking the local "ukay-ukay" traders' exemption from the Bureau of Customs crackdown against smuggled goods and urging the Congress to initiate the repeal of the national law prohibiting the commercial importation of used clothing.

Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. said the city must call on President Benigno S. Aquino III "to spare" the local ukay business as it has been "compliant with city ordinances including business permit applications and payment of local taxes and fees."

"While the city government does not tolerate the entry of smuggled clothing into the city, there is also no law that prohibits the operation of 'ukay'ukay' shops and garage sales that have proliferated not only in the city but the entire country as well," he said.

"Further, local 'ukay-ukay' traders are regularly advised to keep their proof of purchase of secondhand clothes from importers based in freeport zones for presentation during inspection by the BOC and they are instructed to coordinate with the BOC in pinpointing the sources of these

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JUMBO FRIED RICE! - *Baguio's best chefs and their students show off their fried rice specialties in one setting during the celebration of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Weekend in Baguio held at SM City Baguio spearheaded by The Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio last September 11./By Bong Cayabyab*

Wala ng choice ang ating mambabatas sa Kongreso at kailangan ng gawing ligal na ligal ang operasyon ng mga Ukay-Ukay, isang malaking industriya kung saan libu-libong pamilya ang nakikinabang !!!

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Feasibility Study Sought on Skating Rink Operation

BAGUIO CITY – The city council wants a feasibility study done to determine the best option to be adopted for the operation of the skating rink at Burnham Park.

The body approved a resolution authored by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda amid calls from some citizens to open the area for free use by the public.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan has time and again expressed preference to bid out anew the facility being one of the few income-generating areas where the city source out funds for the burgeoning maintenance requirements of the park.

In the resolution, Tabanda said the lease contract for the operation of the skating rink including a refreshment canteen and coffee shop presently held by concessionaire Quirante's Fun Rides/Skates Rentals and Recreation Center is set to expire on November 2, 2014.

"Considering that the end of the Lease Contract is approaching, the city may need to study other available options which may prove to be more beneficial to the city, while at the same time providing the public the optimum use of the skating rink primarily for the purpose for which it was originally intended," the resolution noted.

The body tasked the city environment and parks management office, the local finance committee and other concerned offices to undertake the study.

The operation of the skating rink was bidded out the public pursuant to Resolution No. 55, series of 2008.

The Quirante firm was awarded the contract for two years from 2008-2010 with a monthly rental of P120,000.

"Records on file reveal that on May 18, 2013, a Memorandum of Agreement was again entered by the city and the same Concessionaire for the lease and operation of the said facility for another two years, commencing on November 3, 2012 up to November 2, 2014 and with a monthly rental of P120,000.00," Tabanda noted./A Refuerzo

Kidney Patient Loses P4,000 to Pickpocket

It's a world of opposites out there, two kidney patients recently found out .

Too weak to join the contingent of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Dialysis Patients and Supporters Association in the September 1 parade marking Baguio's 105th founding anniversary, Marcelino Salvador stood at the sidelines, taking pictures.

His group, led by Rev. Fr. Richard Justo, had decided to join the

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Miriam Santiago Bares Potential 2016 Running Mates

If Senator Miriam Santiago will pursue presidency in 2016, she has three options for her would-be running mate.

On top of her list is Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, who is infamous for his iron-fist style of governance.

"I would love to run with Rudy Duterte. He would make an excellent VP for enforcement. Maybe we can make him change his mind," Santiago told a press conference.

Santiago said she's also eyeing 2010 Presidential candidate Gilbert Teodoro, or Senator Grace Poe, who topped the 2013 Senate polls.

"Maybe we can have two women running together, Miriam and Grace. It sounds like a restaurant…Miriam and Grace sounds so charming," Santiago said.

Plans

"Every time I hear news on corruption, I want to become president of this feckless country," she said.

But her intent to run for president remains hinged on her health. Santiago has lung cancer and although her condition is improving, she noted that if she does not get well by the end of the year, she "will not run for any public office."

If she won't run for president, Santiago said she might join the International Advisory Council of a non-government organization or write a book in the U.S.

"I have many plans. Only my body is sick with cancer but not my brain," Santiago also said.

"If I do not die of cancer, I will die from making a living because these cancer pills are so expensive," she added.

In 1992, Santiago ran for president but lost to Fidel Ramos by a small margin of votes. She filed an electoral protest which was dismissed in 1995 when she ran for Senator.

Walk-out

On Wednesday, Santiago left her sickbed to preside over a Senate committee hearing on Commission on Appointments but walked out after Ilocos Norte Representative Rodolfo Farinas questioned the quorum.

A fuming Santiago hit late lawmakers, lamenting that some 50 nominees for several posts in the Department of Foreign Affairs had been waiting since 10:00 a.m." Santiago said there was quorum already, with the presence of the committee chair.

"I am only on partial recovery from lung cancer. I forced myself to come here, in order to avoid prejudice to some 50 nominees from the DFA. Now he wants all their majesties from the House of Representatives to come at their own sweet time and for all of us to wait at their pleasure. This is legislative abuse," Santiago added./ *By Thea Alberto-Masakayan | Yahoo Southeast Asia Newsroom/September 10, 2014*

Former Makati Vice Mayor's Claim: Binay Got 13% Cut from Every Project

As the probe into the alleged overpriced Makati City Hall Building Park 2 resumed, former Makati vice mayor Ernesto Mercado told the Senate Blue Ribbon sub-committee that Vice President Jejomar Binay received millions of pesos in kickbacks from infrastructure projects when he was the city's mayor.

The allegation prompted the Blue Ribbon Committee to decide to invite Binay to the investigation.

The alleged 13% cut

Ernesto Mercado, former vice mayor of Makati, said Binay "would get kickbacks worth 13% of the cost of every project." He said this included the allegedly overpriced Makati City Hall Building 2.

Mercado said he would personally deliver bags containing millions in cash to Binay's personal assistant, a certain "Ebeng," for Binay's personal funds; his finance officer Gerry Limlingan for his campaign kitty; and to the family of then Councilor Junjun Binay.

Mercado said Binay's wife, Elenita, also got P2.4 million every month from the city's garbage collection contracts when she was mayor. He added there were times her daughter, Nancy, who's now a senator, would receive the money for her.

Bags of money

To illustrate his point, Mercado showed a chart showing the distribution of money and presented bags similar to the ones he used to deliver to the Binays.

He said the bags usually contained P1.5 million to P2 million; the highest he delivered was P10 million.

"Halos linggu-linggo mayro'ng gano'n (There are deliveries almost every week)," Mercado said during Thursday's hearing, the fifth on the overpricing issue. "Depende sa dami ng project. May panahon naman na madalang, walang wala. May panahon naman na sunud-sunod (It depends on the number of projects. There are times we would get nothing. Sometimes it's consecutive)."

Mercado had testified in a previous hearing that he also benefited from the construction of the controversial parking building, which critics say was overpriced by P2 billion. He estimates that Binay may have earned P52 million from the project.

No evidence presented

Although Mercado did not present evidence to support his testimony, senators conducting the investigation believe his statements carried enough weight to support the overpricing claim.

"Ang kanyang testimony, may kaakibat na overprice sa isang building. So nakikita kung saan ang pagkukunan (His testimony is connected to a building's overprice. So it shows what the source of the kickbacks is)," Senator Alan Peter Cayetano told reporters after the hearing.

Mercado, who used to be Binay's ally, earlier said he had a falling out with the Vice President after the latter did not field him as candidate for the 2010 mayoral race in Makati.

Invitation issued to VP Binay

Senator Antonio Trillanes IV moved to in-

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Garbage Czar Asked to Present Solid Waste Plan

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will request General services officer Romeo Concio to present the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan proposed to be established at Mt. Sto. Tomas or in any other site that may be identified in the future.

"Recent developments indicate that a possible area has been identified at Mt. Sto. Tomas, Baguio City as a feasible site for the putting up of a comprehensive solid waste facility which would utilize advanced technologies and other components," the body noted in its approved resolution authored by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda.

"However, there is a growing public confusion regarding its impact on the health of the residents and the safety of their lives and properties because of their perception that what will be established will be similar to the Irisan dumpsite. Because of these confusion and misconceptions, several groups and affiliations have demonstrated their opposition to its establishment."

"The people have the right to know the facts, what is going to be established and its possible effects to the people and the host community," the body said.

The city is eyeing its 130-hectare property reserved for the public need at Mt. Sto. Tomas to house its ISWMS.

The city's ISWMS consists of several waste management strategies intended for long-term management of the city's wastes among which a waste-to-energy technology, a central material recovery facility, anaerobic digester and health care waste treatment facility and an engineered sanitary landfill if needed and the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines.

The city is fast-tracking its implementation of the project to achieve its target to stop hauling out wastes to Pangasinan and Tarlac the soon-

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NCIP Asked to Bring Back Ancestral Land Clearing Committee

BAGUIO CITY – The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) should reconstitute the Baguio Ancestral Land Clearing Committee (BALCC) as a safeguard against bogus claims.

The city council on Monday approved Resolution No. 219 series of 2014 authored by Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. urging the NCIP to void a resolution that set aside a 2009 measure revoking the BALCC.

"We strongly urge the (NCIP) en banc to reconsider or set aside NCIP en banc Resolution No. 06-025-2013 entitled 'A Resolution Revoking En Banc Resolution No. 090 series of 2009'," the body said.

"(BALCC's creation aims) to ensure that the manner by which lands within the jurisdiction of the City of Baguio are identified as ancestral be done with much diligence and to forestall future problems that may arise as a result of such declaration;

"The creation of the BALCC allowed the City of Baguio to actively participate in recommending to the NCIP lands in the City which are qualified or open for clearing taking cognizance of many important factors which include among others the presence of prior private claims, reserved lands and facilities for public use."

In voiding the BALCC, the NCIP cited reasons that the BALCC failed to come up with internal rules subject to approval by the commission, that the internal rules could not be made as it will violate the provisions of the Indigenous Peoples Right Act and existing guidelines on delineation which exclusively places the authority to issue Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT) with the NCIP; and that the city nevertheless and other stakeholders are protected as the specified claims will be processed where the city is duly represented.

"It is worthy to emphasize that the spirit of City Resolution creating the BALCC does not in any way amend the provisions of the IPRA law," the city council noted./A Refuerzo

BUSOL WATERSHED FENCING - *Mayor Mauricio Domogan leads the ceremonial ground breaking ceremony of Busol Watershed Fencing Project in Tip-Top, Ambiong along the borders (Corner 1) of Baguio and La Trinidad, Benguet to protect and conserve the said area . Also present during the simple rites are Bishop Carlito Cenzon, BWD general manager Salvador Royeca and chairman Atty. Moises Cating, representatives from the DENR-CAR. the municipality of La Trinidad, the Benguet Province and The Baguio Regreening Movement and, City Councilors Leandro Yangot Jr and Fred Bagbagen./By Bong Cayabyab*

Mayor Clarifies Council Role in Grant of Zoning Exemptions

BAGUIO CITY – The grant of exemptions from zoning ordinance is solely the function of the executive department through the Local Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals (LZBAA) and only the Housing Land Use and Regulatory Board (HLURB) has the power to review and overturn the decisions of the LZBAA.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan made this clarification last Wednesday over his weekly Ugnayang Panlungsod press briefing in reaction to some city councilors' claim of the body's being bypassed on LZBAA decisions on the grant of exemption from the zoning ordinance.

He said the city council has no authority to approve or disapprove the LZBAA's decisions as the HLURB rejected city council Ordinance No. 116 series of 2008 which was supposed to grant the body the authority to act on the LZBAA's actions.

Ordinance No. 116-2008 amended section 24 of Ordinance No. 51-2001 (Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Baguio) by including paragraph 8 which adds a step in the set of procedures for the grant of exceptions and variances where the decision of the LZBAA "shall be subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) where the application for exemption involves any of the following: the construction of building/s, excavation and earth moving, tree cutting, alteration of the landscape, or the existence of opposition from the community."

The mayor said the HLURB maintained that it has the sole authority to review and act on the said decisions by the LZBAA.

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Ailing Former Laborer, OFW Plea for Help

Erly Dumansi's medical agony was written on this page last January. It's being written again, for the same reason that it was written then: she badly needs help to keep at bay the grim complications of her financial difficulty to keep her twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure.

It's for the same reason that Robert Nabus' own ordeal as another dialysis patient also finds space in this page, for his young, struggling family to also find respite, with the help of Samaritans out there, from the constant emotional and financial load of coping with his illness.

Erly, now 33 and a native of Lubon, Tadian, Mt. Province enplaned for Moscow in May, 2011 to work as a domestic. Almost a year later, in February. 2012, she was hospitalized due to nausea and headache and was diagnosed for hypertension.

"I was diagnosed on Feb. 20, 2012; four days later, on Feb. 24, I was sent home to the Philippines," she recalled. "In lieu of my last salary, my employer paid my return air fare."

When she applied for the job through a Russian agency, she was told her salary was to be $900 a month. She said she actually received only a total of $1,800 due to repayment of her placement fee, processing and air fare.

That misfortune should have been out of her mind shortly after her arrival home, reunited with her husband Ryan and their two children –

Christian, now 13 and in the 8th grade, and Kristine, now 11 and in the 6th grade.

It was not meant to be. Two weeks after her return, doctors told her her kidneys had totally fialed. She was advised to under twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment for life.

So she could be closer to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, her brother-in-law accommodated her family in his residence at Pinsao Proper here. Later however, she and her husband, a construction worker, moved to Camp 3 in Acupan, Virac,.

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Transition curve?

Brazil today loses less than 6,000 square kilometers of forests yearly—down from 20,000 a decade back, The Economist reports. It spearheads the Amazon Region Protected Areas, which is 20 times Belgium's size. This is the "transition curve, a turning point in seemingly irreversible deforestation."

The Philippines is somewhere near the bottom, along with Mexico, The Economist chart shows. Some argue that we're even on the upswing, along with India. That would indicate we, too, have reached the transition curve.

What are the implications for the Philippines—and the region, we asked FAO's Patrick Durst, who is based in Bangkok. Married to a Filipina, Durst worked in Asia and the Pacific for four decades. Excerpts of his response:

FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) assessments do indicate "a net change in the world's forested land." That's deforestation minus forest expansion. There are a number of buts, though.

Large replanting does not offset continued large losses of natural forests which are still being razed at an unacceptable pace. And plantation forests, due to structure and composition, cannot replace natural forests.

Cutting trees is not deforestation per see. We need wood products for growing populations. Forests regrow, if managed properly. But that remains a big "if." Poor harvesting practices, for instance, result in the failure to ensure regeneration.

EDITORIAL

"To save the forest, you have to think outside the forest," World Resources Institute's Andrew Steer suggests. There are two big reasons for the recent slowdown in tropical deforestation. One is the easing of population pressures. The other is the hefty improvements in farming from forested lands.

One rarely mentioned aspect is creating jobs. If rural folk had alternative ways of earning a living, they'll not clear forests on steep slopes just to earn a pittance. It is a difficult way to survive. Often, they run afoul of sheriffs for illegal encroachments.

In places like Bohol, the forest surge is partly due to remittances sent back home by overseas Filipino workers. This income relieves pressure on the land and forests.

Development workers often glamorize the "need to keep the farmers on the land." In reality, the best thing is to help marginalized farmers transition to jobs that don't depend on clearing forests and barren soil cultivation.

OFWs in Dubai and in other places are often sons and daughters of these same upland farmers. Their remittances have done more to help increase forest cover in some parts of the country than all the direct efforts of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, under its National Greening Program, to stop the clearing of trees and to plant instead cassava and corn.

In Brazil, 44 percent of the Amazon is now a national park, wildlife reserve or indigenous reserve, where farming is banned. In India, which sparked the green revolution, a third of its forests are overseen by local governments.

Costa Rica is often cited as having largely succeeded in increasing forest cover by blending incentives "and improving the economy in ways that drew people off the land and out of the forests."

Intensification of agriculture is not a foolproof guarantee, Durst cautions. It must link up with policies and enforcement to tamp down forest clearing. Protecting forests does not hinge on simply signing proclamations or executive orders. Neither on just more jail terms. Such measures do not ensure forest protection. A blend of incentives and penalties is critical.

Policies matter—and the political will to enforce them. Some countries, including the Philippines, have made trees worth even less. By banning or curbing commercial harvests, we make trees worthless in the eyes of managers or owners.

Protecting forests is not a matter of just simply declaring parks and protected areas. Not when people already cluster near forests and rely on them for daily bread, as in the Philippines. It makes more sense to use the carrot-and-stick approach. Combine restrictions with incentives and jobs.

Today, payments for forest-based carbon and water are still in the realm of talk, not reality. And no one can anchor ecotourism on trees alone. You need other attractions. All motivation shifts to planting crops, from corn to cassava to oil palm.

The key is to provide assured tenure that people have confidence in, Durst argues. Will the tenure system in effect hold—say, two, five, 10 or 20 years down the road? Otherwise, they'll exploit forests unsustainably.

People covered by community-based forest management agreements here were able to harvest trees after a year. But then restrictions were slapped on. This is hardly a recipe for stability. Under such conditions, it is natural for people to get while they can. They cut whenever opportunity arises. There is no motivation to manage for the long term.

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

ON SENDING TO JAIL FORMER PRESIDENTS

By: Jesus Dureza

I had an animated talk with a friend who felt concerned that at the end of his term, President Noynoy would be facing the same fate as former President Gloria. If you ask me, accountability considerations notwithstanding, former presidents who had served the country deserve something better than being immediately dragged to prison as soon as they stepped down from office. I don't want this to happen also to P- Noy. Honestly. Or to any other former president for that matter. This is not to say that former presidents should be immune from accountability. No way should we encourage impunity. But the fact of being president alone is already a penalty in itself, for an incumbent who has to give up the comforts of private life and privacy ; to deny himself the luxury of being with family and loved ones and having to carry endlessly while in office the heavy burden of the affairs of the state. This is not to mention the unending calvary and crucifixion of being responsible for almost everything that happens, whether well deserved or not, while in office.

I will even venture now to recommend for President Noynoy to start scouting around, this early, for some safe haven abroad to get a much needed break and vacation — and as a necessary consequence, be temporarily beyond the reach of the law when the end of his term comes. Let those cases be filed against him, if any, but allow the political temperature to settle down so accountability issues are better addressed when the smoke clears. The aura of vindictiveness and political posturing will give way to an honest to goodness search for accountability if such space is allowed. Unfortunately for PGMA, she did not get that space or reprieve that she also deserved. She was made a convenient and hapless "poster girl" of someone's public roadshow against corruption. She was even stopped at the airport on her way to get treatment abroad even while the courts cleared the way for her departure. It was tragic because she was intentionally denied the courtesy, nay the right, by no less than Malacanang itself. Tragically and ironically President Noynoy's own father, Ninoy Aquino had the privilege of getting such space and reprieve when he was allowed to leave the country after being convicted by the military court by a repressive regime under martial law just to get medical treatment in the US.

Let me put this straight at the outset. For being my "boss" for all nine years of her administration, I am naturally and obviously sympathetic of former President Gloria. So, take it in this light as I express sadness for what is happening to her — not so much to elicit sympathies from the public as her case will be duly judged by the court and will be based on the facts and evidence and not by any outpouring of sympathies or expressions of support — but just to share some sadness and misgivings on what has befallen of her after nine years of giving her all. I have seen up close somehow how she gave her all.

Truth to tell, before 2001 when she assumed as president to replace resigned former President Erap Estrada and before she appointed me as head of the Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCO), I barely knew her in person. Yes, she was vice president

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Peace in Mindanao: will it come this time?

By: Batas Mauricio

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "… Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall…"

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PEACE IN MINDANAO: WILL IT REALLY COME THIS TIME? I am finding it hard to believe the claims of President Aquino and his coterie of peace advisers that peace will now finally come to Mindanao simply because he has already submitted to Congress, in a highly publicized gathering in Malacanang last Wednesday, September 10, 2014, a draft of the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law.

How could peace come when, even now, the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) refuses to be bound by a new entity that will be called "Bangsamoro", insisting that it is only the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao which should be recognized as the legal entity representing Filipino Muslims since it was duly-recognized by the Organization of Islamic Conference?

How could peace come when, even while Congress is yet to deliberate on the proposed law, factions have already broken away from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and have vowed to continue the war in Mindanao? How could peace come when, indeed, many other armed groups in Mindanao appear to have been left out from the Bangsamoro Basic Law?

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MILF AS A THIRD "ARMED FORCE" IN RP? Then, the very ticklish issue of MILF members laying down their arms remains unresolved, as it appears to have been excluded from the proposed law submitted by President Aquino. There is a serious Constitutional issue regarding this because under the 1987 Constitution, only the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police are authorized to bear arms.

If MILF members are allowed to continue holding on to their firearms, that would constitute them as a military or police force, in the nature of a "third armed force", even if they do not belong to the AFP or the PNP. If not properly resolved, this will make the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law repugnant to the 1987 Constitution, and could be nullified on that ground.

On the other hand, if MILF members are not allowed to bear arms, that makes them easy targets for the other armed groups in Mindanao, especially those which broke away from it on account of its participation in the drafting of the proposed law for the Bangsamoro. Indeed, this is a case of "damn if you, damn if you don't" situation which requires a Solomonic solution.

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WEALTH SHARING ISSUES UNRESOLVED TOO: Then on the issue of wealth sharing, here is a piece we wrote in the past: "There is something that baffles me in the wealth sharing scheme signed by the Aquino government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF): is it true, as a report of a major Manila newspaper is saying, that 75% of the incomes that will be earned by the Bangsamoro government that will be put up in Mindanao in 2015 will solely go to the MILF?

"Here is a portion of that report: `…A 75 percent share in taxes and earnings from natural resources and metallic minerals in the proposed Bangsamoro entity, and 50 percent from energy and other mineral resources.

" `These are the terms won by the MILF in the wealth-sharing deal it signed with the government

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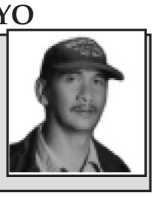

By : Nestor Castro

Ukay-Ukay, kelangan natin !!!- tunay na kelangan natin ang patuloy na pagtitinda ng ukay-ukay o wag-wagan sa ating lungsod, at bakit? Una sa lahat ay napakaraming pamilya ang umaasa dito bilang kanilang kabuhayan, libo-libong katao at pamilya ang nabubuhay sa pamamagitan ng pagtitinda ng ukay-ukay. Pangalawang dahilan ay , hindi natin maipagkakaila na ang ukay-ukay ay napakalaking mura ang halaga kumpara sa mga ibang lokal na rtw o mga brand new na ready to wear. Bagamat ang ukay-ukay kadalasan ay mga segunda mano o second hand, madalas rin naman na magaganda pa rin ang kalidad o quality ng mga ukay-ukay at kung minsan ay parang mga brand new na rin. Kaya quality na, mura pa ! Pangatlong dahilan, ang ukay-ukay ay siyang isa na rin atraksyon ng ating siyudad kung saan ang mga taga manila at marami sa mga lowlander ay sinasadyang umaakyat sa siyudad ng Baguio para maka pag ukay-ukay. Pang-apat na dahilan ay nagbabayd rin naman ng mga local fees and taxes ang business establishments na nagtitinda ng ukay-ukay. Kaya hindi ang mga retailers ng ukay-ukay ang dapat na pagdiskitahan at pag-initan kung hindi ang buwaya este bureau of customs (BOC) ang siyang palpak sa kanilang tungkulin at trabaho na kung saan sila ang pangunahing ahensya na dapat na susugpo at babantay ng mabuti para mabawasan o maipatigil ang smuggling. Siyanga pala, **KUDOS** rin at **Mabuhay** itong si **Konsehal Lourdes Tabanda** para sa kanyang isinumite na resolution sa tongseho este konseho ng Baguio kung saan ang layunin ay hilingin sa ating mga mambubutas este mambabatas na luwagan at payagan na ang ukay-ukay, sapagkat sa ayaw o sa gusto natin ang ukay –ukay is here to stay!!!

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***ABS-CBN, TV PATROL-Baguio, Ano Problema??? –* Hi! Hi! Hi! Hi!** , Sumakit talaga ang aking tiyan sa katatatawa at montik na ata akong atakihin sa puso ng katatawa nitong nakaraan araw hingil sa balita na aking natangap. **WHA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA !!!!!** At ano itong nakakatawang balita na ito? Alam ninyo mga dear readers, mahigit isang buwan na kami sa pahayagang ito na nagrerequest in writing sa ABS-CBN Baguio at pati na rin sa ABS –CBN national kay Ms. Ging Reyes na siyang VP for news and Current Affairs ng ABS-CBN, kung saan tayo ay nag-rerequest for certain footages regarding the Mt. Cabuyao issue (alleged illegal logging issue) on the fantastic and great reporting of my Idol Mr. Dhobie de Guzman (lam nyo naman mga dear readers, isa ako sa kabilang na mga limpak-limpak na fans ni Ginoong de Guzman) . Ilan beses na rin silang nag padala ng email sa amin kung saan ipinanapa explika at ipinasisiguro lang sa atin kung ano ang dahilan at rason ng ating request, at atin rin naman ipinaliwanag sa mga little Bossing ng ABS-CBN kung ano ang ating dahilan at yuon ay para gawin reference materials and sources for our upcoming feature on the issue. Kaya finally, after a little over a month ay meron na rin tayong natanggap na email mula sa hepe ng TV Patrol Baguio na si Mr. Bernie Aldana at ayon sa kanyang email ay puwede kami mabigyan ng aming request for segments on the Mt. Cabuyao issue bastat babayaran namin ng **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (US$ 200) per three (3) minutes or Php 8, 800.00/per 3 minutes** . **WHA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA !!!!!** Pasensya na kayo mga dear readers sapagkat hangang sa ngayon ay natatawa pa rin ako, kapag na alala ko ang halaga na US$ 200 para sa tatlong minoto na news footage. Anyway sumulat na sa mga Big Boss ng ABS-CBN ang aming bossing na impakto este de facto publisher na si Mr. Freddie Farres kung saan ikinaklaro lang naman niya kung talaga nga ba na US$ 200 per 3 minutes ang singil ng ABS-CBN TV Patrol Baguio. Sapagkat, nakakatawa nga naman isipin na ang TV Patrol National ay inyong mapapanuod ng kabuuan sa susunod na araw sa website ng ABS at ang mga iba naman na episodes ng TV Patrol Baguio ay inyo rin mapapanuod ng kabuuan sa You Tube at lalong lalo na ang mga International Networks na katulad ng CNN, BBC etc… ay inyo rin mapapanuod ang kanilang mga news segments **ALL FOR FREE.** Kaya ating abangan ang kasagutan ng ABS –CBN, kung tayo ay kanilang sasagutin. Samantala, iniisip ko na baka naman kaya ganuon ka mahal ang benta ng mga TV Patrol Baguio news cast ay sa dahilan ang aking Idol Dhobie de Guzman ang siyang nagrereport, kasi sa aking opinion at pagkaka alam ay wala naman binat-bat itong sina Cristian Amanpour at Anderson Cooper ng CNN etc.., kay Idol Dhobie. **WHA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA !!!!!**

CSC Official Tells Public Servants to Adhere to Rules

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Civil Service Commissioner Robert Martinez urged the whole civil service family to continue adhering to Civil Service rules and regulations for efficient and effective public service delivery.

"We exist because of our public clientele, so the public should not be an interruption of our work; they are our work," he stressed.

Martinez was guest of honor during the recent inauguration of the Civil Service Field Office building here.

On his second visit to the province, "I am proud of your culture, one that is preserved and practiced until now and another reason you are united for peace and progress," he said as he also danced the Banga dance performed at the 2nd floor of the new building.

Martinez, who was visiting the province for the second time, noted the peaceful condition of the province and the its rich culture and traditions.

"I am proud of your culture, one that is preserved and practiced until now and another reason you are united for peace and progress," he said as he danced the 'Banga' dance.

Meanhwile, the civil service month celebration here was launched with a walk by government employees to remind them that the path of public service is a long journey towards public clientele satisfaction on the services they render./JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

BENGUET ELETRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet
"Quality Service Is Our Way Of Life"
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Pursuant to Board Resolution No. 98-2014, Dated September 8, 2014, Setting the Special District Elections for District IX(Municipalities of Tuba and Sablan) of Provice of Benguet on September 27, 2014, the following are the qualifications, disqualifications and requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. He or she is a Filipino citizen;
2. He or she is a graduate of a four (4) year course;
3. He or she is between twenty one (21) and seventy (70) years old on date of election;
4. He or she is of good moral character;

Good moral character may be established with the submission of a certificate issued by any of the following:

a. Barangay where the candidate resides;
b. National Bureau of Investigation;
c. Philippine National Police; or
d. Lead of religious sect where the candidate is affilliated

5. He or she is a member of the EC in good standing for the last five (5) years immediately preceding the election or appointment and shall continue to be a member in good standing during his or her incumbency; A member of good standing shall mean that said member;

a. Must have no unsettled or outstanding obligation to the cooperative during his membership in the cooperative whether pensonal or commercial or industrial connection of which he or she is the own or a co-owner;

An unsettled or outstanding obligation is an account which has not been paid within seven (7) days after the due date. For incumbent members of the Board who will seek re-election, unsettled or outstanding obligation includes power bills, cash advances, disallowances (including NEA Audit findings) and materials and equipment issuances. At any given time during his membership in the cooperative, he or she must be totally free of any unsettled or outstanding indebtedness and/ or disallowances with the EC.

b. Has not been apprehened pfor electric pilferage;

A mere apprehensionf electric pilferage by the EC, even without conviction for such offense by any court, shall be a valid ground for disqualification. The word "apprehension" should be taken in the strict context as used in Republic Act No. 7832, otherwise know as "Anti-Electricity and Eletric Transmission Line or Materials Pilferages Act of 1994" which means that a person is caught in *flagante delicto* for violating the provision of the said Act;

c. Has not been removed for causes as a director or an employee from any EC;

In general, removal or termination of service from the EC is caused by a grave offence or violation/s of policies, rules and regulations. A former director or employee with a record of termination/removal for cause from public service or for just causes as defined in Artlicle 282 of the Labor Code as amended shall not be qualified to be elected or appointed as director of an EC.

6. He or she is an actual resident and consumer in the district that he or she seeks to represent for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the election; and
7. He or she has attended at least two (2) Annual General Membership Assemblies (AGMA) for the last five (5) years immediately the election or appointment.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to section 26-B of PD 269, as amended by the Act, any person shall be ineligible to be elected or be appointed as member of the board of directors or officers of an EC if:

1. Such person or his or her spouse holds any public office. For purpose of disqualification, any person holding an elective position / an appointive position with a salary gr ade of sixsteen (SG 16) or higher or its equivalent shall not be eligible to be elected as member of the Board of Directors or officers of an EC;
2. Such person or his or her spouse has been a candidate in the last preceding local or national elections;
3. Such person has been convicted by final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude;
4. Such person has been terminated from public office/government employment or private employment for just cause as defined in Article 282 of the Labor Code. For this purpose, termination from publice office shall mean removal;
5. Such person is related within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity to any member of the EC Board of Directors, Department Manager, NEA- appointed Project Supervisor (PS) or Acting General Manager (AGM) or its equivalent or higher position; and
6. Such person is employed by or has financialn interest in a competing enterprise or business of selling electric energy or electrical hardware to the cooperative or doing business with the EC including, but not limited to, the use or rental of poles;

" Doing busines" shall refer to the transaction related to the core or main line business of the EC, which is conveyance of eletricity through its distribution facilities.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY:z

1. Duly accomplished and notarized Certificate of Candidacy (3 copies) with (3) copies 2" x 2" picture;
2. Court Clearance;(Municipal/Regional)
3. Xerox copy of Tax Identification Number (TIN);
4. Birgth Certificate (NSO);
5. Barangay Captain's certification that the candidate is an actual resident of barangay/ district he/she seeks to represent for the last two (2) years.
6. Certification from the Commission on Election (COMELEC) that he/she was not a candidate on any election immediately preceding the Electric Cooperative District Election;
7. Transcript of records or diploma (graduate of a 4 year course);
8. Certificate of Good Moral Character issued by any of the following; Barangay, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine National Police, Leader of Religious Sect where the candidate is affiliated
9. Certificate from the EC:

a. That the candidate is a bonafide member-consumer of the cooperative in the district she/he seeks to represent for the last five (5) years and and actual consumer for the last two (2) years.

b. That the candidate is a member of the cooperative in good standing.

c. Thet the candidate has attended at least two (2) Annual General Membership Assemblies' (AGMA) for the past five (5) years.

September 15, 2014-Start of the releases of Certificate of Candidacy (COC) form and filing of Certificate of Candidacy.

September 19, 2014-Last day of filing of Certificate of Candidacy (Friday 5:00 PM)

September 27, 2014-Election Day (Saturday)

Approved by:
GERARDO P. VERZOSA
General Managers

Prepared by:
LEONARDO O G. BELINGON
Consumer Welfare Office

Reviewed by:
ATTY. DELMAR O. CARINO
Manager, HRMDD/LEGAL

Christmas in Baguio 2014 Execom formed

BAGUIO CITY - Yuletide season is just around the corner and as early as this month, the city is already organizing for the numerous crowd drawing events during the end of the year simultaneous with the yuletide celebration.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan recently issued Administrative Order No. 108 creating the Christmas in Baguio 2014 executive committee.

Representative from the lone district of Baguio will be the honorary chairman together with the city mayor as the chairman of the said committee.

The committee will be co-chaired by vice mayor Edison Bilog and SP committee on tourism and special events councilor Elmer Datuin.

Its members include the city administrator, city budget officer, city accountant, city treasurer, city assessor, city building official, city engineer and city environment and parks management officer.

The secretariat of the said committee will be from the city tourism office, city mayor's office and the city administrator's office.

Also, the staff of the mayor's office, city administrator's office and the sangguniang panlungsod ng Baguio will be the secretariat of the executive and program committees.

It is the responsibility of the committee to oversee the proper implementation of the activities lines up for the "Christmas in Baguio"; to seek ways and means by which all the activities lined up for the celebration are appropriated and supported; to prepare the proper policies, guidelines, measures and program of activities to ensure the success of the celebration; and to include other members in the different program committees as well as other activities that will spice up the celebration.

In the order, "organizers of events that are fully funded by the city government are not allowed to solicit funds or resources from private individuals and/or companies unless authorized by the city mayor while organizers or events that receive

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Bishop, Gov Commend Philex Mines

TUBA, Benguet — Bishop Carlito Cenzon of the Diocese of Baguio commended the Philex Mining Corporation for being responsible in addressing concerns relative to tailings leak incident two year ago and in maintaining the lives of the employees and residents.

Last week, the Philex mining community celebrated the granting of the full operation status of the Padcal Mines in Tuba and Itogon with a thanksgiving mass led by Bishop Cenzon and the canao or a traditional ritual of thanksgiving at the Saint Louis High School Philex Campus.

According to Cenzon, Philex has been noted for developing the communities where it operates, thus protecting the "welfare of the people."

The Bishop said that Philex did its best in the remediation and mitigation of the damages caused by the tailings leak and it responsibly faced the challenge of solving the problem by paying the fines and following the remediation process instead of running away from the problem.

It could be remembered that the Tailings Storage Facility No. 3 (TSF3) was damaged in August 2012 due to unprecedented downpour causing the discharged water and sediment onto the Balog Creek, a tributary of the Agno River. The company was slapped with a cease and desist order.

On March 8, 2013, Mines and Geosciences Bureau gave the company gave a temporary operation status while with pursuing the implementation of its rehabilitation and clean-up plan and complying with its environmental obligations imposed by the government.

Roughly two years after the accidental leak, On August 27, 2014, the MGB lifted the temporary operation status and granted the full operation status and reopening the gold and copper mines of Philex Mining after it has addressed the problems, implemented remediation measures and paid the required fees and penalties.

Cenzon said that one of the bases for the lifting of the temporary status was because the company cleaned up and rehabilitated the affected areas and sealed off its underground tunnel drainage and replacing it with an open spillway.

The Bishop also thanked the mining company for its donation and for the adoption of a portion of the Burnham Fence Project. Philex has donated about P900,000 for an archway and two spans of fence, each measuring 2.5 meters high and three meters wide.

"Philex Mining must continue working for the greater good. May God bless Philex always," the Bishop concluded.

Meanwhile, Benguet Gov. Nestor Fongwan said he has visited Dam 3, and was impressed with the remediation measures implemented . 'I would like to correct that wrong impression that Philex has not been doing anything', he said adding that the company has "very

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Linis Gobyerno

Attention: DOTC Secretary Emilio A. Abaya at LTFRB Chairman Atty. Winston M. Ginez *Part 1*

DOTC-CAR at LTFRB-CAR ANO BA YAN MGA OPISINA NINYO, PAMPUBLIKO BA YAN O MGA PRIBADONG OPISINA NA PINATATAKBO

Inyong mababasa ang reklamo (follow-up letter) mula kay Atty. James Valeros hinggil sa patakaran at pamamalakad ng Land Transportation and Franchising Board (LTFRB), Mukhang dinededma at hindi binibigyan ng kaukulang pansin ni Celina Claver, Regional Director ng DOTC-CAR ang kanyang dapat harapin, ayusin at iwasto!!!

Base sa aming pag-unawa hinggil sa kasalukuyang issues (napakaraming isyu na di umano ay mga kinalaman sa MATITINDING ANOMALYA) sa ngayon ay atin munang tatalakayin ang kasalukuyang isyu at sa mga darating na seria ng LG KOMENTARYO ay atin ring ilalabas ang iba pa na mga problema na sa aming paniniwala ay isang maling pamamalakad ng liderato ng DOTC -CAR. Ating ihahayag ng kabuuan ang liham ni Atty. Valeros at atin ding ihahayag ng kabuun ang mga liham na kasagutan mula sa mga supporters ni Dir. Claver , katulad ng liham ng isang Atty. Buslayan at iba pa!!! Atin ding ihahayag ang kasagutan o ano mang komentaryo na manggagaling kay Dir. Claver.

Celina Claver

Kami sa Linis Gobyerno ay awang –awa na sa mga taga Baguio at Cordillera, sa tindi ng traffic, sa dami ng mga kolorum na taxi at mga iba pa na maling gawain ng mga kinaukulan nag DYOS-DYOS-DYOSAN o HARI-HARIAN para lamang sa kanilang personal na interes kung saan ang kapakanan ng mga taga Baguio at ni Juan dela Cruz ay kanilang lantarang ibinalewala at ibinasura .

7 August 2014

Ms. Celina B. Claver
Regional Director
DOTC-CAR, Baguio City

Dear Director Claver,

Again, with all due respect.

In our letter of 27 November 2013, we presented four (4) issues of concern one of which is the prevalent and pervasive fixing activities, the main root of corruption in one of the agencies, the LTFRB-CAR.

To this day, the said concern which is a comma concern of many has stayed unaddressed. So, the corruption in this agency has all the more exacerbated to the point that the practicing lawyers thereat are now being involed to cover up or disguise the corruption so rampant in your franchishing agency.

As to how it did come to this point, you probably have a better answer thereto. But if you will allow me, however, I believe this is how it happened.

The Director will remember that we twice wrote to persuade you to effect Sec. 12, Rule IV of the LTFRB 2011 Revised Rules of Practice and Procedures mandating that CPC applications be filed only through counsel.

Ironically despite being one of the signatories in the passage of this Rules, you failed to implement or enforce Sec. 12, Rule IV therein. Because of this, your frontline personnel in the LTFRB-CAR are again able to "**fix**" the applications from walk-in applicants and regular fixers under "**package deal**" agreement, but with a difference now, however.

Since under this rule above cited, the CPC applications have to be signed by the counsel supposedly chosen by the applicants, the applications received by the franchising personnel from the fixers and walk-in applicants (*these are usually prepapered by the personnel themselves using government time and supplies*) will necessarily be given to lawyeers favored by them for purposes of signiture of the counsel, for notarization of verification, and preparation of affidavit in support of the Formal Offer. The filing of the prepared applictions, the publications of notice of hearing and the hearing of the cases itself are also arranged by the personnel themselves pursuant to the "package deal" agreement.

All these for a fee of from P300 to P500 per case since these cases are given in volume. Thus, the favored lawyers involved are influenced, forced, if not inveigled to accede being used in that manner. After all, there are other perks given to these lawyers by the franchising personnel, one of them being the expeditious approval and release of the decisions of their cases.

So, on the day of hearing, they favored attorneys will appear without the applicants in tow since, in truth, they are "clients" of the fixers and/or the personnel who have been told not to appear any longer at the hearing. Usually in every hearing, these application folders of the so-called "clients" whom the favored lawyers do no meet either before or after hear ing are stacked one foot high or sometimes even more, compared to the applications for hearing of the other lawyers which on the average do not exceed five.

What is even more puzzling is that these voluminous cases are heard in but a few minutes without the applicants being required to appear—even the vendors or vendees in petitions for sale and transfer of CPCs required by the rules to appear. Thus, it is not a wonder why CPCs are sold and transferred even withut the true owners or holders knowing them.

Pardon us Director, but this is how we see it happening in your Board. Aside from the blatant corruption obtaining, there are here violations not only of the Rules (Sec. 12, Rule IV) but also the LTFRB's Code of Conduct (Sec. 5, Rule IV) prohibiting personnel from recommending particular attorney or firm to applicants, and Republic Act 9485 outlawing fixing activities.

The anomalous conduct and participants of the favored lawyers in breach of the Code of Professional Responsibility for Lawyers (at least two of them from our ranks are openly involved), while not the concern of your agency but the IBP's perhaps, still LTFRB-CAR is to be blamed for putting these lawyers in that precarious situation.

Honestly, what we do not understand is that while we have been complaining about these irregularities – which are transparent in the first place, the Direct or prefers to be quite and passive about them. Truly, we are asking ourselves why!

This time, however, we hope the Director will now be moved to grant us a reply or comment hereof. Better still we hope the good Director will address this one irregularity which could help check the fixing activities that cause all these corruptions in the LTRFB-CAR.

Respectfully
Atty. James S. Valeros

Copy furnished:
Hon. Joseph Emilio A. Abaya
Attn: Atty. Jaime Fortunato Caringal
Asec. For Legal Affairs

Hon. Winston M. Ginez, CPA
Chairman, LTRFB

Hon. Michael G. Aguinaldo
Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs Office of the President

Hon. Conchita C. Morales
Ombudsman

Atty. Marilyn E. Taldo
Regional Director IV
CSC-CAR

Republic of the Philippines
First Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY
BRANCH 7

IN RE: PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME FROM BABY BOY DOGUE CULKI TO MARLON DOGWE NAGAGNI

BABY BOY CULKI (A.K.A. MARLON DOGWE NAGANGI)
Petitioner,
-versus-

THE CITY REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO) JOSEPH TOMOG CULKI (A.K.A. JOSE TOMOG NAGANGI), MARY NGAYAWAN DOGUE (A.K.A. MARY NGAYAWAN DOGWE), AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST.
Respondents.

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SPECIAL PROC CASE No. 2348-R

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

A verified petition was filed by Baby Boy Dogue Culki a.k.a Marlon Dogwe Nagangi, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing an order or judgment be issued directing the Local Civil Registry of Baguio City and the National Statistics Office to change his name from Baby Boy Dogue Culki to Marlon Dogwe Nagangi..

In his petition, he alleged among others that he is of legal age, Filipino citizen and presently residing at in Purok 1, Dontogan Barangay, Baguio City; that private respondents Joseph Tomog Culki a.k.a Jose Tomog Nagangi and Mary Ngayawan Dogue a.k.a Mary Ngawayan Dogwe are the petitioner's parents; he was born on December 18, 1970 and his birth was registered with the Local Civil Registry of Baguio City indicating his name as Baby Boy Dogue Culki, ; he intends to correct his registered name, to Marlon Dogwe Nagangi, for the reason that the same is ridiculous; he also desires to correct the spelling of this middle name from Dogue to Dogwe, considering that his parent's marriage contract indicates his father's name as Jose Nagangi and Mary Dogwe; he further alleged that he had been using the name Marlon Dogwe Nagangi since his childhood; he used the said name when he entered elementary at Virac Elementary School, Tuba, Benguet and during high school at Immaculate Conception School, Banaue, Ifugao; he likewise claimed that he used the said name when he registered as a voter before the office of the Election Officer at Hingyon, Ifugao; when he secured his Social security membership, he also used the name Marlon Dogwe Nagangi; that to avoid any inconvenience and confusion, and likewise to conform to all the records which reflect his true identity, he desires to have his name in his Certificate of Live Birth be corrected.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing before this Court located at Room 313, 3rd floor of the Justice Hall, Baguio City on December 5, 2014 at 9:00 o' clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the petitioner shall be allowed to substantiate his petition, and any interested person may show cause, if there be any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes, be sent to the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila, the City Prosecutor of Baguio City and the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City. Also, furnish copies of this notice to the National Statistics Office, Manila, the Office of the Clerk of Court for publication, and the petitioner, through his counsel, Atty. Premier Dee Ewigkeit C. Castro, of the Public Attorney's Office, Baguio City.

Also, let this Notice of Initial Hearing be published at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and the whole Cordillera Region, the last publication of which that shall not be later than the date of initial hearing.

The Proess Server is hereby directed to post copies of this notice on the bulletin boards of this Court, the Justice Hall, the City Hall, the City Market and the Post Office, all of Baguio City.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, on this 15th day of August, 2014 in Baguio City, Philippines.
By:(SGD) ROSE MARY R. MOLINA-ALIM
Acting Presiding Judge
Publication dates : August 30, September 6 and 13, 2014
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BAGUIO CITY
OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF

PLANTERS DEVELOPMENT BANK,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SOLID STAR FOOD CORP.,
Represented by SPS. JOEY G. RUFINO and DONATILA RUFINO,
Mortgagors.

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 13-457-S
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE CONTRACT UNDER ACT 3135 as AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for the sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by the PLANTERSL DEVELOPMENT BANK, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, as against the SOLID STAR FOOD CORPORATION, rep by SPS. JOEY G. RUFINO and DONALITA RUFINO, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGORS, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 13, 2013, amounts to EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINE PESOS and 94/100 (P8,832,109.94), representing the outstanding loan obligation, excluding other charges and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court/Ex-Officio Sheriff through HER Deputy Sheriff will SELL at public auction on this 6th day of October 2014 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at Justice Hall Lobby, Baguio City, the real properties mortgaged herein together with all the improvements existing thereon, more particularly described as follows:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-3254

Locat ed at the Ground Floor, Second Floor &Mezzanine Floor, Building "A" , Unit No. XA-6 of building comprised in the Woodstown Condominium project known as and identified as WOODSTOWN TOWNHOUSES, in the diagrammatic floor plan approved in the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-36588 which embraces and described that land located at Res. Sec. "J" Baguio City with an area of 0.7930 hectares is registered in the name of JOEY G. RUFINO married to DONATILA Cuenco RUFINO.

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-3026

Located on the Ground Floor, Second Floor &Mezzanine Floor, Building "X" Type A. Unit No. XA-5 of the building comprised in the Woodstown Condominium project known and identified as WOODSTOWN TOWNHOUSES, described in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling of master deed of the condominium project annoted on Transfer Certificate of Title No.T-36588 which embraces and described the land located at Res. Sec. "J" Baguio City with an area of 0.7930 hectare, registered in the name of JOEY G. RUFINO married to DONATILA CUENCO RUFINO.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real properties mortgaged therein and its encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, September 10, 2014.

ATTY. LINDA MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI
Ex-Officio Sheriff

MARANI S. BACOLOD
SHERIFF IV
TIN NO. 137-060-982

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good programs on environmental protection."

Emphasizing that the country's biggest gold-and-copper producer has helped a lot in the development of communities and businesses at its host and neighboring communities, Fongwan said, "Let us hope that Philex will still be around 20 years from now." He cited the various partnerships that the company has entered into with the local government units toward sustainable development./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

Christmas...

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subsidies from the city government are allowed to solicit support from private individuals and groups upon the written authority of the city mayor, provide, that they render a full accounting of the generated resources for transparency and accountability purposes./Jho Arranz

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Vigan City.

The training was aimed to ensure the effective delivery of public service especially through improved efficiency, transparency, and accountability in public fund used; to harmonize budgetary, treasury and accounting code classification structure aimed at enabling timely and accurate financial and performance reporting, and to ensure sound financial management.

Gulla also shared that on September 12, PSA will be celebrating its first year foundation anniversary with a theme, "PSA Working as One".

President Aquino signed on September 12, 2013 Republic Act No. 10625 known as the **"**Philippine Statistical Act of 2013**" reorganizing and strengthening the Philippine Statistical System** and creating PSA constituted from NSO, NSCB, BAS and the Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics.

For PSA Cordillera, Gulla said they will have a tree planting activity and a film showing on climate change and disaster preparedness./

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vidual supporters was former world Shotokan karate champion Julian Chees who turned over P15,000 to inmates of the city jail as their registration fees for their own version of the foot race inside their quadrangle this Tuesday morning.,

Registration fees in the regular run are set at P150 for the 3-kilometer bracket, P250 for the 5K and P350 for the 10K, from which P130 will be spent for each runner's shirt and race number.

Aside from Chees, the initial supporters to the run included Lepanto Mines –P25,000; Brent St. Nicholas Church parishioners – P5,000; New Lucban Extension Church of Christ – P22,425; Centermall –P10,000; Good Taste – P10,000; University of Baguio – P10,000; the YMCA of Baguio – P10,000 and the Baguio Water Districtg – P5,000.

Donors of P2,000 each were Union Construction Supply, Palengleng Family, Top Ace Motorworks, One thousand pesos each came from Paladin Hotel, Hollywood Hotel, Cresencio Doriano Family, Easter College, Kiddie Kingdom, Jacks Restaurant and Benguet Rep. Ronald Cosalan.

Fairview Barangay here in Baguio led by punong barangay Justina Andaya contributed P3,000 while Baguio New City Supermarket gave P1,500.

Other cash contributors were Eugene Buyuccan-P200, National Institute of Information Technology – P500, La Trinidad Strawberry Glass – P300;

Dr. Israel provided P500 for tarpaulins, Arthemes Design contributed P100 worth of poster lay-out while Gregory Taag donated one tarpaulin. Shakey's Pizza offered pick-up of three boxes of pizza while Fortune Restaurant gave P2,000 worth of gift certificates.

Casa Vallejo, the city's most historic and oldest hotel, gave a gift certificate for free overnight accommodatons for two persons.

Veteran race director Rosario "Che" Velasco-Alberto, who accepted to serve as the race organizer, together with the city tourism office, donated several posters and tarpaulins while newsman Paul Rillorta did the poster lay-out.

She said register participants have up to September 26 to register through the following centers: city hall lobby, BGHMC main entrance, Pacdal barangay hall (Sunday), La Trinidad public market (Sept. 19-25), entrance of Laperal Building, Session Rd.

People who would like to help may ring up the information office of the citymayor's office. (442-2502)./Ramon Dacawi.

Musical ...

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Convention Center on Sept. 23 and 24 as the contribution of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and Solid Rock Ministries, Inc. to the month-long city charter celebration.

The play was written and directed by Ventura Camtugan Bitot, the Igorot artist who, several years ago, adopted native Cordillera culture, arts and history into the theatre through a celebration of the adventures of Lumawig, the supreme deity of the Igorots.

The musical celebrates the collective feat of some 4,000 workers representing 46 nationalities building the road up to the grasslands of Kafagway, the native name of the city originally inhabited by the Ibaloys, Bitot said.

"It expresses the advocacy of making Kennon Road (an) International Heritage and initiates the idea of revival of culture of peace and righteousness," notes the playbill.

The production also "gives credence to the special participation of the Igorots as historical work force and the 2,500 Japanese work group who shared more or less 100 lives in a single accident during the construction and due tomalaria," Bitot pointed out.

"The research shows that the construction of the Kennon Road did not only develop friendly relations among the thousands of laborers representing 46 nations but also ushered socio-cultural interations amont the various tribes of the Cordillera," he noted.

Bitot said an unexpected yet important outcome of the opening of the road to Baguio was the court struggle of Ibaloy patriarch Mateo Carino who invoked his native ownership and title over portions of Kafagway that the American colonial government would eventually develop as the Camp John Hay through the Regalian theory of land ownership.

"The play challenges the local and national government, as well as the people living along Kennon Road and other stakeboles to protect it by rehabilitating its natural beauty as a Friendship Hightway," he added.

Bitot admitted he had to sleep for days along the scenic road to Baguio to have a feel of how it was during its construction and from it draw inspiration for the lyrics and melody for the musical.

He drew the story line from his interviews with descendants of an Igorot couple from Ifugao and Sagada Mt. Province who knew how the mountain road was built.

"Using the names Kabanna, Dimmy, Buyagawan and Busway are permitted by the family from where the names originated," he said.

The play curtain opens at 2:00 p.m. on September 23 for the free show, and again at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 for the invitational show, with tickets pegged at P50.

Previously, Bitot also wrote and directed "Buca id Kayos" (Escape from Kayos) about the hamletting of Igorots as servants of Spanish conquistadores which won the top prize in the musical-theatre competition sponsored by the Department of Education in celebration of the Philippine Centennial, "Sinauliyan" (Lost and Regained), about tribal conflicts being resolved through inter-marriage which also emerged as one of four winners in music-theatre-play competition sponsored by the NCAA./ Ramon Dacawi.

NSO Director heads Phl Statistics Authority– Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - To ensure the smooth implementation of programs and services while full merger policies are being put in place, National Statistician Lisa Grace Bersales appointed National Statistics Office(NSO) Regional Director Olivia Gulla as the interim regional director for Philippine Statistics Authority(PSA) – Cordillera.

The appointment which took effect last September 1 tasked Gulla to manage and oversee the transition of the statistical, civil registration and administrative operation of the former NSO, National Statistical Coordination Board and Bureau of Agricultural Statistics in the region, as well as to direct and supervise all PSA activities under her area of responsibility.

For PSA update, Gulla shared that PSA - NSO North Luzon(Regions 1, 2 and CAR) administrative division personnel have just finished the training on Financial Policies and Procedures for the PSA last August 27 to 29 in

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Baguio City to Enhance Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue Capability

BAGUIO CITY - The City Government of Baguio, is partnering with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), the UN - World Food Program and the Philippine Military Academy to boost its disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) capability through a basic Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Training this October.

OCD Regional Director Andrew Alex Uy said the 8-day training course will be held inside the PMA on October 6 to 13 with 50 participants from the city Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) council, emergency operations personnel and other search and rescue – related departments. The UN-WFP will shoulder the training and provide equipment to the city DRRM Council.

The CSSR training program aims to train participants with the techniques and methods necessary for searching, locating, extricating and stabilizing victims trapped in collapsed structures, using the safest and most appropriate procedures, for both the victims and the rescuers. It was originally designed, developed and delivered under the Program for the Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER) of USAID – Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance.

"Given the Philippines high vulnerability index, especially to earthquakes, such CSSR training is very important especially to highly urbanized cities like Baguio", Uy stressed.

Said training will be the first of a series as they plan to continue such capacity building activity down to the barangay level and involving non-government organizations and civil society groups that are active in volunteer emergency response work.

The OCD is the primary agency tasked to implement the training course as well as in maintaining a database of PEER trained individuals in the country./JDP/ CCD – PIA CAR

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Baguio City

RONIE B. GALAP
Applicant

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK for HIRE Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN LUZON and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on September 24, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant /s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 4th day of Sept 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Former Makati ...

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vite Vice President Binay to the next hearing on September 25. Senators Cayetano and Aquilino Pimentel III agreed.

Pimentel said the Vice President will be sent a letter inviting him to the hearing. But the committee will subpoena his son, incumbent Mayor Junjun, and his aides who allegedly received money on his behalf.

"It's about time. Even though he intended to answer this directly to the people, it's about time that the subcommittee will formally invite him to give him a chance. Ang pagtanggap ng imbitasyon ay nasa sa kanya na (It's up to him whether to accept the invitation)," Pimentel told reporters.

Nancy slams Mercado

Meanwhyile, Senator Nancy Binay denied "in the strongest possible terms" the new accusations that Mercado has hurled against her and her family.

"Madali pong mag-imbento ng mga kwento na walang basehan... Nakakalungkot na ginagamit ang Senado upang magkalat ng mga paratang na walang basehan," she said in a statement.

The senator said that like previous claims, Mercado's allegations are baseless.

The senator said that like her father, she remains focused in serving the people./ANC, September 12, 2014

Kidney Patient...

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traditional parade to banner, through streamers, the Baguio Day Run set on Sept. 28 to build a support fund for dialysis patients and give the anniversary celebration a humanitarian touch.

Salvador, 51, a native of Kibungan, Benguet, and his wife, Martina, had, for years, stayed in Buyacaoan, Buguis town where they raised vegetables, three sons and a daughter.

Last January, he was diagnosed for chronic kidney disease. To be near the dialysis machines for his twice-a-week blood-cleansing treatment at the BGHMC , he transferred to his sons' boarding house at Km, 4, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Since then, the family struggled to cope with the medical burden, with Martina left behind to continue the farm work in Buguias. Most of the kids try to be in school. Jarimar, the eldest at 21, is in first year college/ Maymark,19, graduated high school and is looking for a job. Shalimar, 17, is a college freshman, while Ferdinand, 17, is in junior high.

After the Baguio Day parade, their dad took the jeepney bound for Km. 4, La Trinidad at the Magsaysay Avenue. Once inside, he took out his coin purse from his jacket pocket, pulled out and handed his fare to the driver.

"The purse containing more than P4,000 I needed badly for my epoetin (a drug that induces the bone marrow to produce red blood cells, normally one functions of normal kidneys)," he said.

He remembered the person seating beside him, an old man who was coughing and who dropped off at the city slaughterhouse area. That neared him to another man who went down between Km. 3 andf Km. 4 in La Trinidad.

After getting off the jeep beside his kids' boarding house, Salvador realized the zipper on his jacket pocket was open. He felt for the purse but it was missing.

"I texted my wife in Buguias and she had to send me P3,000 for my epoetin supply," he said.

In contrast, Roel Cruz, a 35-year old dialysis patient from Pacdal barangay here, fo0und himself at the receiving end of two Samaritans who declined to be identified.

The other week, his mother, laundrywoman Maribel Cruz, got a call from an office executive who eventually handed her P10,000 to help sustain Roel's twice-a-week dialysis sessions.

Last week, somebody from Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet decided to send over a half cavan of choice "Milagrosa" rice to the patient's family.

Maribel said a certain "Mrs. Tina" and her husband delivered the staple food supply to the Cruz residence in Pacdal.

Other generous souls who may want to contact Salvador can call his wife's cellphone number – 09292957111. Those who would like to reach out to Roel may ring his mother's number – 09977198595./ Ramon Dacawi.

Mayor Clarifies...

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The city council sought to invite the heads of the LZBAA in its regular session to shed light on applications for exemptions from zoning ordinance and other issues.

Councilor Faustino Olowan said the council needs to be clarified on the "many complaints against LZBAA" that reached him.

Councilor Richard Carino earlier proposed a resolution requiring the LZBAA to submit all decision on applications for exemptions involving the construction of buildings, excavation and earth-moving, tree cutting, alteration of landscape or the existence of opposition from the community pursuant to Ordinance No. 116-2008 noting that there have been observations and reports of violations of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance./A Refuerzo

Garbage...

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est possible time.

The mayor said the city intends to use only 50 hectares and is presently conducting a relocation survey in the area along with consultations with residents who will be affected.

The mayor said the city will address the claims as long as these are legitimate and supported by legal documents.

The city hauls out 127 tons out of the 360-ton waste output of the city daily requiring a hefty budget of more or less P100 million in a year./ A Refuerzo

Ailing Former Laborer...

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Itogon, Benguet.

Early on, Erly was no stranger to poverty. She quit school after her junior year in high school and left home to work as a house help in Manila, if only to ease the burden of her parents, both marginal farmers, in raising eight children.

Two years later, she moved to Baguio, to work again as a domestic. Here, she met Ryan whom she married in 2000.

Last week, she asked if her story could be written again so Samaritans out there would know and respond to her family's call for help. They can contact her through cellphone – 09086957318.

Also last week, Cristina, 38, with her eldest daughter, six-year old Hazel Mae, in tow, asked the media to air and publisb her appeal for her 49-year old husband Robert who has been sidelined for a year now by kidney failure.

"It's not only the P6,600 he needs for his thrice-a-week dialysis treatment that bothers him, but also the urgent need for a new fistula (the surgical creation of a connection between artery and vein in the arm to allow dialysis treatment)," Cristina said.

With no regular means of income after kidney failure crippled Robert's work as a laborer and welder, the couple hopes for the kindness of strangers, not only for him but also for their three young children.

Aside from Liane, who is in kindergarten, they have son Densel, 3, and daughter Maru, ma year and five months old.

Robert's dialysis is set on Mondays (8 p.m.) Wednesdays (11 a.m.) and Fridays (7 a.m.) at the BGHMC dialysis center. The family stays at JB 87-01 Km. 4, Lico, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Samaritans may ring up Cristina's phone number (09984546225)./Ramon Dacawi.

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Dads Seek ...

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alleged smuggled clothes ."

Yangot said the crackdown would result to the loss of livelihood of the retailers and their numerous employees.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda for her part wants the Congress through Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr. to initiate the repeal of the Republic Act 4653 or "An Act to Safeguard the Health of the People and Maintain Dignity of the Nation by Declaring it a National Policy to Prohibit the Commercial Importation of Textile Articles Commonly Known as Used Clothing and Rags."

She said the ukay-ukay business has become a source of livelihood of many residents and even become a tourist attraction and economic boon for the city government.

"While the City Government is aware of the initiative of the national government to track down and apprehend illegal importations of used clothings, however, it has apprehensions that these moves may have a negative effect on the livelihood and tourism activities of not only the City of Baguio but by other LGUs which support the "ukay-ukay" trade," she said.

"Since up to the present, there is no conclusive evidence that would show that imported used clothings are contaminated and may cause illnesses to the user, it is proper that Congress repeal RA 4653, and allow a free exercise of trade;

"Because ukay-uklay trade is now accepted even in international markets, it is no longer degrading for the Filipino to patronize these imported items."

Yangot's proposal was referred to the council committee on market for study while Tabanda's measure will be discussed by the body soon./A Refuerzo

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MICHAEL RAMIREZ
Applicant
Case no. 2007-CAR-0103

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ - Jitney Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TRANCOVILLE and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 2nd day of Sept 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Editorial

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The problem calls for more than just writing a law. Equally important is the ability and the freedom of people to challenge government decisions. Authoritarian regimes are generally dismal failures in protecting forests and other equally vital natural resources.

The Marcos regime illustrated that authoritarian governments operate on cronyism and corruption, lack checks and balances, and stifle media. These undercut the good governance of forests. Records show that forests are among the first to suffer and are the hardest hit as they are a ready reservoir of resources that authoritarian regimes can exploit for their own benefit.

There is no question that forest management and protection have improved in the Philippines and elsewhere with increasing democratization./ Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com

Advocacy Mindanow

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but I had no occasion whatsoever of meeting her personally. I first met in person her husband Mike Arroyo, then my batch-mate at the UP LAW CENTER reviewing for the 1973 bar exams in Manila. I remember we "probinsyanos" merely watched from the sidelines the big-time guys up in the front rows , and Mike Arroyo was one of them . We were taking our positions inside the PICC convention hall to take our lawyers oath when someone said: "Si Gloria Macapagal, si Gloria". We jostled to get a good peek at a diminutive lady with a towering escort. When I served as Davao congressman during those turbulent ÿ post-martial period with President Cory in Malacanang when military coups were a dime by the dozen, she was a bureaucrat at the Department of Industry0

Fast forward to early 2001. I just happened to be in Manila bumming around when my friend, Davaoeno Paul Dominguez ÿ we both had served former President Ramos taking care of Mindanao for the palace ÿ when I was "recruited" to help in the fast developing events of Edsa 2. When President Erap Estrada took that historic final boat ride across Pasig river leaving Malacanangÿ I was holed up at the temporary command post in a hotel in Ortigas where Vice President Gloria and her close-in group mulled her next moves. I was not part of that "in groupÿ. I just happened to be there courtesy of Paulÿ although I somehow helped craft some statements and brief messages that speakers in the EDSA SHRINE ÿ like General Rene de Villa ÿ had to dish out from time to time to whip up the already frenzied crowd bent on shooing away the Palace occupant.

When President Gloria started looking around to fill in the Mindanao-based MEDCO officeÿshe barely knew me. It was Paul who was her mainstay for everything about Mindanao and I happened to be around with my brief credentials as FVR's pointman for Mindanao for 8 months towards his final months in office. She shook my hand and appointed me MEDCO chair with a rank of undersecretary and concurrent new chair of the government panel negotiating with the MILF. At that timeÿ the peace negotiations were in tatters. Mindanao was still smarting from President Erap's massive military offensive and the almost 1 million displaced Mindanaoans were still in evacuation centers.

Clearly drawing from her DSWD daysÿ President Gloria rolled up her sleeves and got everyone focused on reliefÿ rehabilitation and eventual return of the evacuees to their homes. And she knew this could not be possible unless the peace process be put back on track again. Barely 3 months after she assumed officeÿ our team was already in Tripoliÿ Libya signing with the MILF the historic Agreement of Peace which served as a framework agreement for the peace engagements for the next 9 years of her stay in Malacanang.

For all of her 9 years in office, I was there in Malacanang in various capacities. She was a workaholic and even if she would deny this, she would tend to micromanage things. She was impatient for results and demanded a high rigor of excellence and performance from everyone. Woe on anyone coming to a meeting unprepared or shooting from the hip. She was dreaded for verifying on the spot any claim or any information so don't ever pull her leg lest you get a public dressing down. Her cellphone number dating back to her cabinet days at DTI and DSWD was "numero ng bayan" that anyone could text her so there was no such thing as "cordon sanitaire" that high officials usually get sucked in. The problem there however was that she was getting unprocessed info that presidents ought to avoid getting. But that's how it was with her. She was usually a stern, past master that required those working with her the highest standards of performance. She had both extremes, quick to shrill laughter and equally quick to extreme temper. One time, she admitted during a cabinet meeting that she was so "formal and official" to all of us and so she suggested an informal outing for " bonding". Of course she got hemmed in by the lady members of the cabinet. Leisure to her was scuba diving but not too many of us were into it. So a few also had to be contented with standing by at some boat waiting for her to surface. Over so many official foreign trips that I joined, I could not recall " fun time" with her. It's not that I am now complaining but her schedules were so hectic that I could not even get to go to a pharmacy store to get some analgesics during one trip in New York. The only time I had my own private time was when I got hospitalized in New York due to some bad pizza I ate after missing lunch during her attendance at the United Nations. Her stern personal facade gave her obviously the

" mataray" image but she wanted nothing about rehabilitating it. I recall once when an ABS CBN broadcaster proposed that to help " soften up" the public's perception of her, that a Christmas episode portraying her as a doting mother to her children and grandchildren (which she really was) be done. Unfortunately, she thumbed down the project by merely saying: "My private life is privately mine alone." End of discussion.

Her critics of course have a mouthful about her. But let that be. And let the Sandiganbayan and the courts finally make their determination on her accountability to the nation. But in the meantime, I cannot but feel sad that this is happening to her. I do not wish this same thing happening to President Noynoy or to any former president for that matter./**ADVOCACY MINDANoW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)**/*Follow us at Twitter: AMFI_Mindanow/Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org*

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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late Saturday night in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Government chief negotiator Miriam Coronel-Ferrer said the peace panels finally completed the wealth-sharing annex, with the lion's share of earnings in the Bangsamoro going to the MILF.'

"Now, the question here is this: how about the other groups in Mindanao? What share will they have in the earnings of the Bangsamoro entity? And if the MILF will get 75% of all the incomes of the Bangsamoro entity, would that mean that only 25% of those incomes will be used in running the affairs of government in the region? Will 25% of those incomes be enough to run the region and provide basic services to our countrymen there?"

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate of **ALEXIS CONSTANTINO DELA CRUZ** who died in Norwalk, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. on April 25, 2014 was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on June 18, 2014 as evidenced by Doc No. 175; Page No. 16; Book No. II, series of 2014 of the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles.

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"OCULAR INSPECTION" - members of the Local Inter-agency Committee (LIAC) composed of the different agencies of government spearheaded by the City Government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR) inspect the boundaries of the Buyog Watershed this week to recommend measures for its protection./ Photo by Paul Rillorta

Baguio Charter Race Fund for Patients Reaches P130,925

Group and individual support to the building of a fund support for kidney failure patients here and in Benguet totaled P130,925 as of last Friday, two weeks before "Straight Into Baguio;s Heart", the foot race on Sept. 28 capping the 105th charter anniversary of Baguio for their benefit.

The amount so far is aside from an initial P100,000 support from Baguio Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr. to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Dialysis Patients and Partners Association headed by Fr. Richard justo which asked the city to feature the run to give a humanitarian element to its anniversary celebration.

City mayor Mauricio Domogan directed last June the conduct of the three-bracket foot race to provide a heart to the celebration of the city's founding and give meaning to its centennial theme "Fostering A Culture of Caring".

The mayor also said the sports event's purpose blends well with the 105th charter anniversary theme "Sharing Responsibilities, Duties and Resources for a Vibrant Baguio", adding it revives the sense of community during the city's formative years.

The fund, which is being deposited under Banco de Oro Baguio-Legarda Branch account number 000940248018, will be managed by a committee composed of mayor Domogan,city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan, Fr. Justo and BGHMCDPPA secretary and patient Mary Grace Binay-an.

Priority beneficiaries will be indigent dialysis patients undergoing dialysis treatment in renal centers in Baguio and Benguet, with the committee coordinating with the social welfare officers of the towns they came from to determine the most needy to receive support through the fun.

Among the early indi-

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Cayetano: come Forward. Speak up. End the Cycle.

To bizmen 'in the know' of rampant corruption in Makati

"Kung gusto niyo ng pagbabago, magtestify kayo."

This is the call made by Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter "Companero" S. Cayetano to businessmen who are "in the know" of the allegedly rampant corruption in procurement system of Makati City when Vice President Jejomar Binay was mayor.

Cayetano's call came after the appearance of Mario Lichauco Jr., owner of 911 Alarm that distributes firefighting equipment, in yesterday's hearing to testify he was an aggrieved party in the bidding for a still undisclosed Makati project.

Lichauco said that he felt he was the one being alluded by last week's witness, former vice chair of Makati's bids and awards committee and former head of the General Services Department Mario Hechanova, as the contractor they allegedly trapped in an elevator as part of efforts to rig and fix the bidding process in Makati.

The businessman is the first contractor so far to have come forward and verified the claims made by Hechanova last week. In previous hearings, former vice mayor Ernesto Mercado admitted having benefitted from the Makati parking building transaction, and also linking Vice President Jejomar Binay to the scandal.

"Businessmen who are in the know or been whispering about (corrupt) practices not only in this city but in other cities, kung gusto niyo ng pagbabago, lumabas na kayo at magtestify kayo," Cayetano said.

The senator said he sought out Lichauco after last week's hearing to verify the facts said by Hechanova last week. Lichauco agreed to be made a resource person in the probe of the carpark's alleged anomalous construction.

He recalled in yesterday's hearing that on May 15, 2007, he arrived at the Makati City Hall at 12:53 p.m. in time for 2 p.m. bid and boarded one of the only two working elevators at that time. Lichauco said they "got stuck close to the 7th floor" for nearly two hours, missing the deadline for the bid and consequently disqualified from process.

He said even before the "trapping" incident, he felt the bidding process in Makati was "fairly sketchy."/Offices of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

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BIBAK Dorm

BAGUIO CITY – The scheduled demolition of illegal structures formerly known as the BIBAK dormitory along Harrison road is on hold Mayor Mauricio Domogan promised to look into the matter.

Occupants of the area have sent a letter to the mayor with the Commission on Urban Poor on their side. The letter cited Republic Act 7279 which provides "decent housing at affordable cost, basic services and employment opportunities," as they are "underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban areas," which allegedly the BIBAK dormitory residents belong to.

RA 7279 is also known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992.

The mayor however countered that the illegal structures are for rent, which earlier was the reason for the re-scheduling of demolition. Renters were given ample time to vacate the area, the mayor said.

The mayor also said the Department of Environment Natural Resources (DENR) supports the city move for demolition, as with the Regional Development Council from which a resolution is awaited.

The BIBAK dormitory was once envisioned to house students fro the Cordillera region.

A thorough study is being done, the mayor assured during the regular media Ugnayan, before any move is done./Julie G. Fianza

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