

April 18 - 24, 2015

THE JUNCTION

WEEKEND

www.junctionnews.com

Pahayagang Palaban!!!

VOL. XVIII NO. 28
ISSN 0119-7487

Treated unfairly by newspapers that refuse to publish your response? Write us.

PPI
Philippine Press Council c/o Philippine Press Institute
Rm. 206 BF Cond. Bldg.
A. Soriano Ave., Intramuros Mla.
Tel. No. 5279632 or 5274478 Fax 527-3390 Email - ppi1@mozcom.com

Notice To The Public

Want to know more about the cult - Jehovah's Witness? Visit www.carm.org/jehovahs-witnesses
This advertisement is paid for by Pastor Jules Samaniego of the Good Samaritan Everlasting Christian Ministry Email : gsecministry@yahoo.com

MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

CJHDevCO Liable to Pay Sub-lessees Undelivered Portion of Contract

The state-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) said that the Sobrepeña-led Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) is liable to the Camp John Hay sub-lessees and that the sub-lessees should run after CJHDevCo to claim the undelivered portion of their contract.

BCDA President and CEO Arnel Paciano D. Casanova said BCDA is not privy nor is a signatory to the contracts that the CJHDevCo signed with the sub-lessees.

"BCDA is not bound by the contract for whatever losses and damages the sub-lessee might suffer," Casanova said.

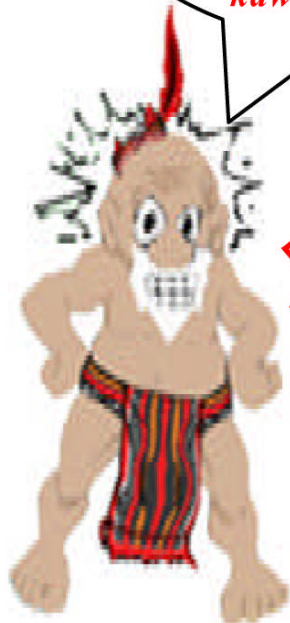
He added that there is no privity of contract between the BCDA and the sub-lessees therefore the sub-lessees cannot run after BCDA. Thus, CJHDevCo, being the party to the contract and the recipient of the payments from the sub-lessees, is the party liable to the sub-lessees.

According to Casanova, CJHDevCo is trying to mislead the sub-lessees so it can escape its liabilities. He pointed out that the Sobrepeña-led CJHDevCo is clearly liable and accountable and should rightfully pay the sub-lessees for the portion of their contract that CJHDevCo will not deliver because of the Philippine Dispute Resolution **Cont. on page 9**



Congressman Nicasio Aliping in red shirt (third from right) shown cutting the ceremonial ribbon on the inauguration of the newly constructed farm-to-market road at San Luis Barangay. Just one among the numerous socially beneficial projects of the office of Congressman Aliping. /Photo and caption by RG

Hay naku, wala nang katapusan yang John Hay Scandal na yan, kesyo may mga conditionalities pa kuno na safeguards nung pinasok ng magagaling na opisyaes ang kontrata na yan, para lamang sa bandang huli ay si Juan dela Cruz din ang kawawa!!!



FOR YOUR LATEST CHISMIS AT IBA PA, GO TO !!! - www.uplandnews.org

Council Urged to Approve Tax Increase

page 10

Cariño Wants Burnham Lake Roads Cleared of Vehicles

page 2

Congressman Helps Indigents Together with DSWD

page 3

City Hall Ground Work Meant to Enhance, Not Destroy City Hall's Historical Value — Mayor

page 2

Drainage Inspection Team Formed

page 10

Ganza Pay Parking Nets 69K in 12 Days

page 3

Mayor to Pursue City's Planned Waste System

page 2

City Sets City Nutrition Monitoring and Evaluation

page 10

Contractors Warned Not to Sacrifice Quality of Road Work

page 3

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Islamic Terrorism: Why There Is None in Japan

page 5

A Way Out
(by Rafael Alunan III)

page 5

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



City Hall Ground Work Meant to Enhance Not Destroy City Hall's Historical Value — Mayor

BAGUIO CITY - The on-going construction at the City Hall grounds is not intended to destroy but enhance the edifice's historical value by beautifying the façade and securing the premises, Mayor Mauricio Domogan assured last week.

He said the project which includes the relocation of the flagpole and the fencing of the perimeter of the City Hall grounds will not also mean making it off-limits to the public but will serve to protect the premises which have been burglarized in the past.

"We have no intention of depriving our constituents and visitors to have an access to city hall, but it is for the protection, safety and security reasons that the project is being pursued. Also, we are beautifying the city hall park and garden and stage to be used by performers in any kinds of events to be conducted at the city hall grounds," he said further assuring that no trees will be cut unless the DENR permits it.

The mayor said the project which was conceptualized and approved way back in 2008 under the term of former mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and his administration adopted it considering its merits.

Aside from the flagpole and fence, the project will also cover the construction of walkway concrete paving, plant boxes and benches, stage and museum.

When the project commenced last March, members of the Baguio Heritage Foundation raised objections stressing the need to have it first approved by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) considering the area's being declared as a national historical site.

Arch. Johnny Degay, officer-in-charge of the City Buildings and Architecture Office told the city council last Monday that based on the list of historic sites and structures installed with historical markers from the NHCP, only the City Hall building and not the grounds that was declared as such on September 2, 2009.

However, Dr. Ronaldo Paraan of the Baguio Heritage Foundation said the grounds were included based on the definition provided under Republic Act 10066 or An Act Providing for the Protection and Conservation of the National Cultural Heritage, Strengthening the NCCA and its affiliated cultural agencies, and other purposes.

He pointed out Section 3(f) of Republic Act 10066 which states that "built heritage (like Baguio City Hall) shall refer to architectural and engineering structures such as, but not limited to, bridges, government buildings, houses of ancestry, traditional dwellings, quarters, train stations, lighthouses, small ports, educational, technological and industrial complexes, and their settings, landscapes with notable historical and cultural significance. Thus, the improvement of city hall grounds and the garden/park is part of the historical site."

Paraan clarified that they are not opposing the design of the project but the process

Cont. on page 8

Cariño Wants Burnham Lake Roads Cleared of Vehicles

BAGUIO CITY - Councilor Richard Cariño wants the roads surrounding Burnham Park lake cleared of vehicles.

In a proposed ordinance prohibiting vehicles from entering, passing or parking in the area, Cariño said the streets surrounding the lake have always teemed with vehicles making the park a big parking area for private and mostly public utility vehicles.

"The present situation is an eyesore and has greatly contributed to the fast deterioration of the park. It has deprived tourists and residents of Baguio City from enjoying what they used to enjoy - the pristine beauty of the park," he said.

He stressed the need "to bring Burnham Park to its old glory where promenaders, park goers, joggers and visitors who used to enjoy the fresh air and majestic view the park can offer."

He said one way to do this is to close the roads surrounding the lake as it "will greatly benefit the park goers and visitors as it will expand the area where they can walk and enjoy without being bothered and disturbed by the noise and air pollution brought about by passing vehicles."

"Likewise, closing the roads will not affect much the traffic condition in the area as what has been proven every Panagbenga 'Market Encounter' where the said roads were closed for at least 30 days," he added.

In his proposal, Cariño sought to bar all vehicles, except city vehicles servicing the park from entering, using or parking on the roads located between the skating rink and the lake; between the football grounds and the lake; between the rose garden and the lake; and between the children's playground and the lake.

He proposed a penalty of P500 for drivers of any vehicle who will violate the prohibition.

Cariño's proposal was referred to the council committee on traffic and transport for study and recommendation. *A Refuerzo*

Mayor to Pursue City's Planned Waste System

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan is pursuing the programed Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS) which is seen to put to rest permanently solid wastes concerns in the summer capital.

Initial stages of consultations between the city government and the affected community within the 130 hectare

Santo Tomas Area has already been done to solicit other concerns of the residents.

Domogan said, "the line of communication between affected residents and barangay officials with the city government will remain open to better address valid concerns."

Initial inspection and site survey has been undertaken which will be used to ascertain the number of residents who will be affected once site development pushes through.

"They will be involved in all aspects of the project and I hope they will cooperate with the city government," he said.

Recently, some members of the city council also conducted public consultations in the vicinity of the

Mayor to Pursue Demolition of Structures Within Dairy Farm

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan presser Wednesday assured the demolition of illegal structures within the Animal Industry Forest Reserve, Dairy Farm will push through here.

This as construction activities not covered by building permits continue to proliferate in the area which has now grown to alarming scale.

"There are reports that massive squatting activities are being done and we are not afraid to implement the demolition of these structures," Domogan said.

Recently, the mayor ordered a full investigation and validation of owners of said structures so the proper notice of demolition can be served.

Domogan said, "the investigation and validation of the owners of the structures is now complete and the proper notice of demolitions will be issued."

The area is being administered by the Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry and cover portions of Marcos Highway stretching towards Phivolcs compound to the adjoining Tuba Municipality.

Last year, the City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) reported at least 215 structures without the requisite building permits while around 153 new structures were reported this year.

Recently, an Inter-agency composite team was formed composing representatives from the DA, the Baguio City District Engineering Office (BCDEO), CBAO, DENR, DPWH, POSD and PNP for the conduct of census and tagging of structures within the forest reserve.

The data gathered will be the basis for eventual issuance of notices of demolition prior to actual demolition.

The immediate action on these illegal structures is now being prioritized by both the city government of Baguio and the Municipality of Tuba to protect the remaining forest reservation from further encroachment. *Paul Rillorta*

Santo Tomas site where a number of issues have been raised by affected residents.

The mayor assured the city will respect any legal claim in the area for as long as it is supported by legal documents.

"We appeal to our peers not to politicize the issue, instead we should support the establishment of the ISWMS because this is for the benefit of everyone," he said.

A 30 hectare lot within the site is also being eyed for the expansion of the Baguio City Cementary.

Domogan said, "the establishment of an Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) within the site before the establishment of the Waste-to-Energy Facility is just temporary."

"The ESL will be used as temporary storage while the waste-to-energy facility is being established, eventually, we will not be needing the

ESL if the ISWMS is fully operationalized", he said.

The waste system will be safe, environment friendly and clean, the system will integrate a very advanced technology that will surely change how we perceive waste disposal," Domogan said.

The mayor said the city is coordinating with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to conform with all environmental laws and procedures that would be required before the project starts.

As early as 2009, the City Council has confirmed the Santo Tomas city property as the site for the city's Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) Facility and classified the area as 'priority city needs' area.

Five sites has been evaluated by the Solid Waste Management Board which was then chaired by former Mayor

Cont. on page 9



THE JUNCTION

Bing Dawang - Editor (on leave)

Freddie J. Farres - Consultant

Support Staff: Regular Columnists:

Nelson Tuñoa Atty. James S. Valeros

Gerry P. Binwagan Atty. Batas Mauricio

John T. Bagayan Atty. Jesus Dureza

Annabelle Pedronio Emilio Liwanen

Bradenburg Sawac Nestor A. Castro

May Agus

Marcy Tambiac

The Junction is printed and published by Farco Trimedia Ventures, Inc. (FTV, Inc.) every weekend, with office address at Ambuclao Road, Sibio Marooc, Itogon Benguet, and c/o Linis Gobyerno, Bldg. 2 Ground Floor PCEC Bldg., Happy Homes, Campo Sico, Baguio City; Mobile Phone No. (0917) 5069123 Tel. No. (074) 442 - 3583 E-mail Address: thejunctionnews@yahoo.com Mailing Address P.O. Box 1588, 2600 Baguio City Entered as Second Class Mail at the Baguio City Central Post Office PCC-CAR 01-04-99

Website: www.junctionnews.com

Member:

Press Foundation of Asia
Philippine Press Institute
Beyond Borders Reporting

Opinions expressed by the opinion writers are their own and do not necessarily reflect the position of this paper.

*Our articles and stories (news/features) are ready to go for printing without the involvement of the editor and publisher who happen to be on leave.



Senator Antonio Trillanes in a press conference linking the allegedly bribed/ paid Court of Appeals Justices. Does he have factual basis or is this just part of a grand demolition job against the Binays? !?!/Rappler Photo

Trillanes: CA Justices Got P50M for Binay Orders

MANILA, Philippines – Is there a “justice for sale” system at the Court of Appeals?

Senator Antonio Trillanes IV made good on his promise to file a Senate resolution detailing his claims that money changed hands for the Court of Appeals’ (CA) issuance of a temporary restraining order, and injunction in favor of the son of Vice President Jejomar Binay.

Yet Senate Resolution No. 1265 that Trillanes filed on Monday, April 13, merely cited “reliable sources privy to the matter” as it asked that the Senate investigate the corruption allegations. His resolution was peppered with the words “allegedly” and “purportedly.”

Trillanes said that CA justices Jose Reyes Jr and Francisco Acosta of the 6th Division allegedly got a total of P50 million (\$1.12 million) from a lawyer the senator claimed was linked to former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

“Serious allegations have recently surfaced that the Binay camp paid off certain CA justices to rule in their favor. According to reliable sources privy to the matter, a lawyer by the name of Pancho Villaraza facilitated the transaction and talked to Associate Justices Reyes and Acosta, and each of them allegedly received P20 million for the TRO they issued,” Trillanes stated in his resolution.

The senator was referring to the order the court issued to stop the implementation of the preventive suspension of Makati Mayor Jejomar Erwin “Junjun” Binay Jr over the allegedly overpriced Makati City Hall parking building.

The Ombudsman, the DOJ, and the (DILG) initially said that the TRO was moot because the suspension order was already served, and Vice Mayor Romulo Peña already took his oath as acting mayor.

Trillanes said that at this point, there was another supposed “transaction.”

“A second transaction was allegedly consummated, with Associate Justices Reyes and Acosta allegedly (sic) receiving an additional P5 million each upon the issuance of a writ of permanent injunction. This was purportedly the reason why the concerned CA division issued the writ of preliminary injunction with undue and inordinate haste, long before its TRO is supposed to lapse,” Trillanes added.

There are 3 CA justices belonging to the 6th Division handling Binay’s case. The other is Justice Eduardo Peralta Jr.

The justices have yet to respond to the allegations. **Villaraza: ‘Nonsense’**

Villaraza dismissed Trillanes’ allegations as “nonsense.”

In a text message to Rappler, Villaraza said: “I’m not involved in the case. I don’t even know and have not met Mayor Junjun Binay.”

Trillanes first insinuated last week that the Binays bought the injunction the CA issued upholding its TRO on Binay’s suspension.

Cont. on page 6

Contractors Warned Not to Sacrifice Quality of Road Work

BAGUIO CITY – contractors of the road work projects being undertaken in this mountain resort will have to redo their work if found to be defective.

This was emphasized by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday after reports of cracks on newly re-blocked roads have surfaced.

Recently, the mayor called on the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the contractors and the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) for a meeting to address traffic inconvenience being experienced by commuters and motorists due to the implementation of road works in the Central Business District (CBD).

Domogan said, “the contractors will be working double time so road works will be finished before schedule.”

“The road rehabilitation works are right on track and I am happy that some of the projects are ahead of schedule,” he said.

Domogan however cautioned the contractors not to sacrifice the quality of work over the shortened period of time to finish the projects.

Domogan said, “contractors will be blacklisted and will have to redo the roads which will be proven to be below standards.”

Meantime, the mayor stressed contractors should ensure the availability of flagmen in roads which are undergoing re-blocking to help control the flow of traffic as agreed during talks.

Domogan also ordered the traffic personnel to apprehend vehicles who park in no parking areas especially in roads undergoing rehabilitation as this add to traffic congestion.

Domogan stressed, “motorists, residents and everyone must cooperate and endure inconvenience for just a short period of time if we want top quality roads in the city which will be for the benefit of the public.”/Paul Rillorta

Ganza Pay Parking Nets 69K in 12 Days

BAGUIO CITY – the re-opening of the Ganza area by the city government exclusively for pay parking purposes is proving good for the city’s coffers.

In the initial 12-day period of operations, the city has already collected P68,704 in pay parking fees for the Ganza area alone.

The pay parking facility started operation on April 2 to effect memorandum 079-2015 issued by Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

Domogan ordered the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) to re-open the pay parking facility to address the lack of parking spaces within the Central Business District (CBD) especially during the summer season where tourist are expected to visit the summer capital.

The facility was formerly operated by Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation for a maximum 12-year pay parking agreement signed in 2000 between the corporation and the city government.

The contract however was rescinded in 2006 due to opposition from the public of the on and off street parking scheme which resulted to the elevation of the issue into a full blown legal battle which to date is still awaiting final ruling from the Supreme Court (SC).

Recently, a proposal to transform the facility into an Amusement Garden conceptualized as a mini-carnival was approved by the City Council but was vetoed by the mayor.

Congressman Helps Indigents Together with DSWD

BAGUIO Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. has assisted over a thousand indigent constituents with a roll out of more than P13 million from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)’s Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program.

The AICS is a little known program of the DSWD to help defray the cost of emergency situations which indigents can avail. A maximum of P5,000 per individual can be availed of by the recipient. Beneficiaries have been given financial assistance to pay for a myriad of crises including burial assistance, hospitalization aid, educational support, and transportation help.

“Although there is maximum amount which can be disbursed, we make sure to carefully assess the crisis of the beneficiary so we can recommend a higher amount to be released by the DSWD,” Rep. Aliping said.

He added, “We make sure that we not only help pass quality laws for the entire country, but we also help our indigent

residents of Baguio access financial assistance from government to directly assist them in their crisis.”

Last year, 1,774 locals took advantage of the AICS through the referral and assistance of Rep. Aliping and the congressional staff at the Baguio City Hall office.

A total of P13,024,029 have been disbursed to the beneficiaries referred by Rep. Aliping in 2014 alone.

“We hope to help more of our constituents through this program so that they can feel directly how government is taking care of them,” he added.

Majority of the financial assistance sought under the AICS allotment of Rep. Aliping come in the form of medical assistance, burial assistance and educational support.

“Even though the Supreme Court found the PDAF to be unconstitutional, there are a number of government funded assistance programs we can access to directly help our constituents. We can only hope to increase this amount next year so more of our poor constituents can be helped,” Rep. Aliping stressed./Carl C. Taawan

Domogan cited several reasons in vetoing the council approval stating the area is identified and earmarked as a parking area and there is no question that parking is a continuing urgent need in the CBD.

There is no terms of reference to base how much the operator will pay the city government.

Prior bidding is needed before the area can be utilized for amusement rides and activities in accordance with the terms of reference as required by the Procurement System of government.

Serious issues regarding the track record or experience of Septem Adamas Corporation to operate fun rides, amusement and other carnival-like activities boiling down to public safety concerns.

Lastly, Domogan said upon consultation with

the Commission on Audit (COA), approval of the Amusement Garden proposal cannot be done without the Terms of Reference (TOR) and bidding to determine the best offer.

Presently, the facility is being manned by CEPMO personnel in coordination with the City Treasury Office (CTO) for the collection of parking fees pursuant to existing rules and regulations.

The facility is presently collecting P35.00 for the first two hours of parking and P10.00 for every succeeding hour.

Pay parking collections from Burnham Park area from January to April is already totalling P1,711,217.00.

Parking fees collected goes to the trust fund to defray operational and maintenance expenses of Burnham Park./Paul Rillorta

Buzzwords Rehashed

Emerging issues produce new buzzwords. You see that in the spread of slash-and-burn (kaingin) agriculture in once-timber-rich areas like the province of Palawan.

Today kaingin has blistered the towns of Aborlan, Rizal and Quezon in the south, plus Roxas and Taytay over in the north.

Slabs of once-lush forests of Puerto Princesa, plus stretches on the western coast, nudging national-highway sectors, have been seared by kaingin.

Palawan Gov. Jose Alvarez grapples with a complex problem. In-migration jacks up pressure. And so does the razing of primary forests for palm oil plantations, notably in Sofronio Española town and Brooke's Point.

The province still has over 666,338 hectares of forest, plus 8,000 ha of mangroves. But they offer patchy comfort, given the troubled history, note leading nongovernment organizations.

Kaingin-blistered slopes cannot stem soil erosion or rain runoff. That results in massive soil erosion. Recall how killer logs and soil, unleashed by typhoons, smashed Lanao del Sur and plastered Misamis Oriental. Many victims are still missing today.

When the Spanish colonizers came in 1521, lush tropical rainforest blanketed 90 percent of the country, or 27 million hectares. Two years after the Americans took over, about 70 percent or 21 million ha remained forested. The first modern logging operations, in 1904, started in Negros. Philippine mahogany (dipterocarp) entered the world market.

Between 1934 and 1941, forest cover dwindled to around 17 million ha.

EDITORIAL

In-migration rose with population growth. Settlers, for example, started to occupy the

Mount Makiling Forest Reserve.

Forests continued to dwindle after World War II. "The Philippines is the first Asian country to liquidate its forest wealth," Patrick Durst of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) records.

From less than 500,000 cubic meters in the late 1950s, logging "baron" exports crested at 11.1 million cubic meters in 1974. Exports then slumped to 841,000 cubic meters in just a decade. Forest cover dwindled to 18 percent. That's below the 30-percent safety benchmark.

Loss of habitats threatens 89 species of wildlife, mostly endemic to the Philippines. "A prima donna of log exporters in the '70s, we became a wood pauper in the '80s," observed the Inquirer.

"Penury and hunger drive kaingineros to slash and burn trees for a harvest or two," notes former United Nations forester Napoleon Vergara. Confronting illicit loggers who bankroll politicians often proves lethal.

"Green" priest Neri Satur was shot in 1991 for confiscating "hot logs" in Bukidnon. Catholic radio journalist Gerry Ortega campaigned to protect indigenous communities and was gunned down.

Botanist Leonard Co was shot while doing research in Leyte in 2011. Co was "probably the last of classically trained botanists in plant taxonomy and systematics." The military never proved its claim that Co was "caught in a crossfire with communist guerrillas."

That record haunts Palawan, despite indications of a slow turnaround from the pits. There was an annual increase of 54,480 ha in total forest area between 1988 and 2003, say official forestry statistics. That rise is continuing, albeit more slowly than most would want.

Asia and the Pacific are starting to reverse forest loss, asserts the FAO in the 2011 study "Forest Beneath the Grass."

"Primary forests nonetheless continue to be chain-sawed," as in Samar, for example—by a logging firm owned by imprisoned Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

Today's 30- to 40-year logging cycles do not provide sufficient time for forests to recover, argues the Biological Conservation journal. Basilan demonstrated that even before the Abu Sayyaf began to run riot.

"Peak timber" shoves against forest limits, observe Australian National University scientists. Harvests first surge, peter out on a peak, then plunge into free fall.

"Peak timber" is spurred by slow growth of commercially viable species. "Logging in the tropics tends to focus on a small fraction of trees." Abandoned tree stumps symbolize extensive collateral damage.

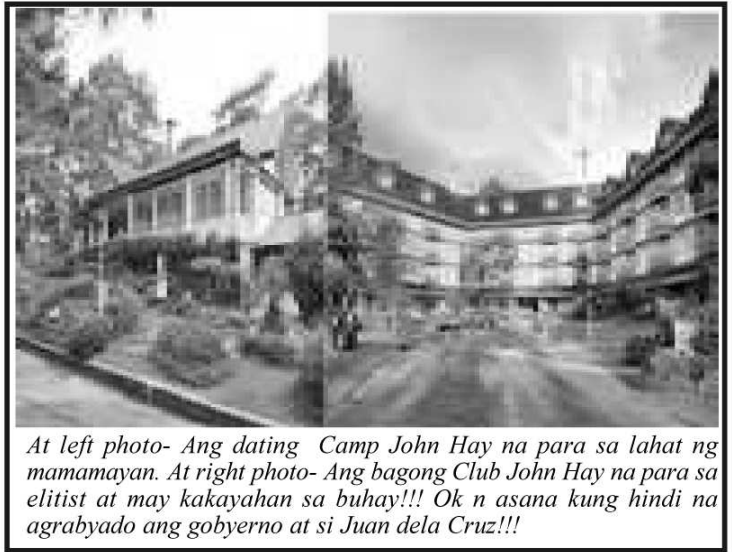
A "second wave clearance" problem emerges, as Mindanao demonstrates. Roads bulldozed by loggers open once remote areas to a flood of land-hungry shifting cultivators—and yet more illegal loggers.

The impact of bulldozers and yarders dragging logs through fragile tropical soil is severe. "In retrospect, it would probably have been better from an environmental perspective to rely on the carabao power that small-scale illegal loggers depend upon."

Tree survival rates are low in erratic government reforestation efforts. Under the Arroyo administration, more than 72 centavos out of every peso was spent on salaries in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"We've long gone over the peak," says agro-forestry specialist Patrick Dugan, coauthor of "Forest Faces." We must "now focus on

Cont. on page 9



At left photo- Ang dating Camp John Hay na para sa lahat ng mamamayan. At right photo- Ang bagong Club John Hay na para sa elitist at may kakayahang sa buhay!!! Ok n asana kung hindi na agrabyado ang gobyerno at si Juan dela Cruz!!!

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

I Have Many Aliases, Too!

BY: JESUS DUREZA



So, what's all this fuss about MILF's Chair Iqbal using an alias? Use of many aliases or pseudo-names is a common practice. Consider this. Since I was born December 24, my baptismal records call me "JESUS". But if you ask the National Statistics Office (NSO), they officially call me "JESUS VIRGILIO". My call sign in my congressional radio base before — and up to now — still call me "ALPHA". My fraternal brods in the Guardians Brotherhood call me "BRO ALPHA". My buddies at the radio group REACT call me "CAPSULEMAN". Friends can call me "JESS". And pretty ladies can call me..... "ANYTIME". (Oooooops! ha ha ha!) So, no worries!

CABINET PRAYER — Last Wednesday, I joined many former Cabinet members who gathered at President Arroyo's Veterans Hospital detention room in Quezon City to belatedly celebrate her birthday. She looked frail but beaming. When she joined us at the long table, I immediately volunteered by saying: "Happy birthday, Ma'am. We have a quorum now. Do you want me to start by giving the opening cabinet prayer?" The group broke into laughter, recalling my famous controversial cabinet prayer which she obviously was not happy about some 7 years ago. No, I did not say the prayer this time. Thankfully, the officiating priest who said mass, did!

REALITY CHECK — Let's all support the work of the National Peace Council composed of eminent leaders in the private sector. As I earlier pointed out, peace summits or dialogues help clarify — and exorcise — issues. This was what President Ramos did when he talked and forged peace with Nur Misuari's Moro National Liberation Front. This also worked with President Arroyo in order to pick up the pieces shattered by the debacle of the MOA-AD at the Supreme Court. But at the wake of Mamasapano, the eminent persons must first have a reality check. Even with good intentions and their sterling credentials, they have to manage their expectations. Their work is not easy given the over-all prevailing sentiment.

NOT 'DEODORIZER' — The peace council's work or mandate must not be restricted or canalized but with some wide leeway so that it can re-direct or re-formulate courses of action as may be necessary. I trust the eminent persons can do well to avoid being perceived, rightly or wrongly, as just being there to "deodorize" the now controversial BBL.

WORLD BANK STUDY — I must hurriedly correct the mis-impression given by a news article in the national dailies, where Sen. Chiz Escudero used the recently released World Bank study to oppose the BBL. If you ask me, it is pandering a "half truth" or it lifts or quotes a portion and avoids the whole correct context. I myself have not read the WB report so I had to check with a friend and colleague who is working with WB. In reply, he texted me to clarify that the news story that WB is not supportive or is critical of the BBL is "not true" or is "half true". He said that on the contrary, the report positively notes a dramatic drop in "vertical conflict", meaning between MILF and government forces. But it admonishes the MILF and government to attend to the preponderant

Cont. on page 8

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Implicating CA Justice Daughter is Foul

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light..." (Romans 13:12, the Holy Bible).

-ooo-

SO WHAT IF DAUGHTER OF CA JUSTICE IS PARTNER IN A LAW FIRM? Pardon me, but I believe that it is pure and simple malicious speculation to be dragging the name of a daughter of a Court of Appeals justice who is being accused of having received some P25 million into the controversy occasioned by the Court of Appeals' stopping the Ombudsman suspension of Makati City Mayor Jejomar Erwin Junjun Binay.

So what if the daughter of the justice is a partner in a Makati City law firm whose founder is accused by Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV as having facilitated the payment of some P50 million to the two appellate court justices (one of whom allegedly is the father of the law firm)? Is that even important in determining the truth of Trillanes' accusations against the justices?

In the hustle and bustle of news reporting on important events, it would always do well for all of us to always remember to stick by the facts and avoid speculations that could unjustly and unfairly tarnish reputations. Unless there is clear evidence of wrongdoing, it is the obligation of the media personality to avoid ascribing that wrongdoing to anyone.

-ooo-

"LIQUID ECSTASY" AND GODLESSNESS: How come drug use and abuse, such as the use and abuse of what is now being called as "liquid Ecstasy" by the National Bureau of Investigation, seems to be proliferating and gaining ground here in the Philippines? For the same reason that HIV/AIDS is now on the rise among male homosexuals in the country.

It is not really because there is a harder push by those who benefit economically to make more Filipinos use or imbibe illegal drugs. It is simply because our people themselves, as a whole, now have a more open mind about engaging in mischief and outright crimes, including drug use and abuse.

Why is this happening? Simple. Because many have become either godless, or, though they still profess to believe in God, have become mere believers in word, and no longer in action. Nobody reads the Bible anymore. Nobody talks about God anymore. Now, if nobody is reading the Bible anymore, and nobody is talking about God anymore, guess who we are growing up with?

-ooo-

LEADERS MUST HAVE AGENDA OF GOD: This is the reason why I have always been vocal, for as long as I can remember now, about our leaders in government, politics, business, and in society as a whole, as having an agenda of God and spirituality. It is only when our leaders have fear and love of God in their hearts that they can really govern along the straight path of success and victory.

Leaders who fear and love God will not steal, will not lie, and will not cheat (with apologies to the Philippine Military Academy). Leaders who are godless will steal, will lie, and will cheat. Just look around the country today and we will not fail to see the truth in this. From the national government down to local government units, everybody is stealing and lying and cheating.

But leaders become mischievous only because we, as a people, are ourselves godless and spiritually-wayward. That is why, the advice had always

MAGKASANGGATAYO

A Way Out (by Rafael Alunan III)

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Rafael Alunan III, former DILG chief, offers solution to dangerous "BBL" problem

The outspoken and fearless former chief of the country's Department of Interior and Local Government has just offered the embattled Noynoy Aquino administration a way out of the unconstitutional Malaysia-engineered MILF territorial law mess (also known as the Bangsamoro Basic Law or BBL) it has forced — and is forcing, the country's institutions and population to face. Without a shadow of doubt, Rafael Alunan III has emerged as the strongest champion of national cohesion for the Philippine republic. The no-nonsense former Interior and Local Govt chief, one of the major state actors who helped pave the way for the PH Govt and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) to reach a peace deal in 1996, is widely recognised today as the nation's most fearless advocate for maintaining the country's territorial integrity. Read his brief or "A Way Out" destined for the eyes and ears of President Noynoy Aquino and his BBL pan-elists. ~ Blog Administrator

If we take away all the unconstitutional provisions of the BBL as cited by various Law Deans, ex-Supreme Court Justices, Sen. Miriam Santiago and other public leaders, and align the BBL to the Philippine Constitution and existing laws, without any opening for dismemberment and governance misalignment, then what we have is the existing ARMM structure and system of governance.

If ARMM is not working because it does not have the human resources to make it a viable public service platform, then focus on improving capacities and capabilities. If it lacks financial resources, then channel more funds to it subject to proper controls. If it lacks the teeth to complement the local government units under it, then it should be empowered.

That being the case, what we will end up with is a re-energized or re-engineered ARMM without wrecking the system. That is our way out of this dangerous BBL.

One question to ask is, will there be a marked difference in the quality of governance with the passage of BBL versus a re-engineered ARMM under the MILF, given the built-in flaws from a feudal, violent and vengeful culture? If no, why change ARMM?

Additionally, will there be a dramatic change in peace and order in terms of marked reductions in ridos, extremism and lawlessness? Will a rebel group with global jihadist ties realistically bring about peace? If no, why change ARMM?

Has poverty been markedly reduced in LGU's they're in control of? If not, will BBL be able to alter that reality dramatically overnight? If no, why change ARMM?

The right package of solutions must be reckoned with the root cause. Resolving the problems by addressing the symptoms will mean more of the same failures.

been for the people to aspire for righteousness and godliness the true way—reading and studying and obeying the Bible, at all times and at all cost. The only problem is that, there are not so many Filipinos who are doing this now! Sad. Very sad!

-ooo-

PLEASE LISTEN: Broadcasts on spirituality and Word of God: Yes Radio 88.3 FM, Barobo City, Surigao del Sur and Yes Radio 93.9 FM, Cagwait, Surigao del Sur, Mondays to Fridays, 8 p.m.; and 92.7 Smile FM, San Francisco, Agusan Del Sur

Islamic Terrorism: Why There Is None in Japan

With all this Muslim terrorism plaguing the world, perhaps it is time to take a look at a country not suffering the same fate and analyze exactly why that is...

In 2011, Sunni Muslims accounted for the greatest number of terrorist attacks and fatalities for the third year in a row. Over 5,700 incidents were committed by Sunni Muslims, responsible for nearly 56 percent of all attacks and about 70 percent of 12,533 fatalities.*

Another 24 percent of the fatalities are on Shi'a Muslims. So in 2011, Muslims were responsible for 94 percent of the fatalities in terrorist attacks. Since 2011, with ISIS on the scene, the number of the fatalities—victims of the Muslim terrorist attacks—sharply grew, together with Muslims' share in the world terrorism that is steadily closing in on 100%.

In 2013, according to the US Department of State, a total of 9,707 terrorist attacks occurred worldwide, resulting in more than 17,800 deaths and more than 32,500 injuries. In addition, more than 2,990 people were kidnapped or taken hostage. Information about perpetrators was reported in source materials for 32 percent of terrorist attacks in 2013.

And of these 32 percent, or 17,800 deaths, only three Muslim terrorist groups, namely the Taliban, ISIS and Boko Haram, were responsible for 5,655 fatalities, or for 31.76 percent! That means that 31.76 percent out of the 32 percent of terrorist attacks which had reported information about the attackers were perpetrated by only three Muslim terrorist groups, out of a good 50 more that exist in our turbulent world!

Muslim terrorists can be proud: their share in world terrorist attacks is now close to 100%.

Seems there is not a single country where Muslims would not show their true colors... But no! There is such a country. It's one of the most developed countries on Earth, and its democratic nature is recognized worldwide, a true ally of the USA and a member of NATO. However, with all this, there was not a single terrorist attack perpetrated by Muslims in this country. Moreover, there was not a single, even minor, riot, disturbance or protest, no matter how many citizens of this country support cartoons of the prophet Muhammad published in some Danish newspaper or in a French magazine.

The name of this lucky country is Japan.

Of course, Japan achieved this by some super effective integration policy, through using the most advanced technologies and assigning billions of yen on the building of thousands of mosques and Islamic schools all over Japan, banning pork in all public places, introducing separate hours for boys and girls in swimming pools in all public schools, and Japanese male doctors do not dare touch their female patients. Muslim women get immense social aid each time they have a child, Shari'a courts were introduced in the judicial system of Japan, and the Koran is considered a Holy Book in Japan...

No, nothing of the kind. What Japan did to avoid problems related to Muslims was much simpler and cheaper; Japan is practically closed to Muslims.

Officially, immigration to Japan is not closed to Muslims. But the number of the immigration permits given to the applicants from Islamic countries is very low. Obtaining a working visa is not easy for adepts of Islam, even if they are physicians, engineers and managers sent by foreign companies that are active in the region. As a result, Japan is "a country without Muslims".

There is no reliable estimate on the Japanese Muslim population. However, claims of thirty thousand made by some researchers are without doubt an exaggeration. Some claim that there are only a few hundred. This probably amounts to the number of Muslims openly practicing Islam. Asked to give an estimate on the actual

Cont. on page 8

DIMENSIONAL ROAD

**Republic Act No. 1047
Ladderizes Philippine
Education: An Equal
Opportunity**

BY : MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource." John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

Every child's bright future through the formal educative processes is ensured with the advent of the K-12 in the Philippine Curriculum. That is if they follow the system's sanctioned and prescribed procedures. Many students who finished K-12 will have a great possibility to land technical-vocational jobs of which will be the basis of their future livelihood. However, it is expected that the many among these graduates may realize that they need further studies which to them will mean additional period of time and additional expenses. With a new act from the government authorities, they have nothing to fear in as far as they are determined to push through.

Ladderized education is a scheme which does not waste whatever educational credentials and knowledge every Filipino graduate has earned since the basic education earned can be utilized to advance studies. From K to 12 to TVET to Higher Education (HE) courses, nothing is wasted. Having completed any of these levels ensures employability and supports additional studies. Students after completing their K to 12 may start to work for some time and can again enroll in the undergraduate courses without reverting back to the basic subjects of the course they plan to achieve.

And to address this crucial need, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education Skills and Development Training Authority (TESDA) and the Department of Education (DepEd) as three educational governing bodies in consultation with the Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) cooperatively devised a means of promoting quality education in the country and this is through the Ladderized Education Program (LEP) as mandated by Republic Act No. 10647.

Other government agencies have expressed their support: the PRC, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Science and Technology, (DOST) Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), among other concern agencies as this pedagogical process goes.

The LEP under "Ladderized Education Act of 2014," approved on November 21, 2014 by President Benigno S. Aquino III is a result of the consolidated Senate Bill No. 2272 and House Bill No. 3575 passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on September 24, 2014.

According to this Act, "It Promotes an equal opportunity rights of all citizens to quality and accessible education at all levels and to establish and maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrative system of education relevant to the needs of the people and contributory to national development. "Therefore this elucidates a policy for the state to institutionalize and ladderize the gaps between Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Higher Education of which the TVET graduates and even workers have easy access in availing these created educational breakthrough." As stated, "The state recognizes and supports the promotion and protection of the inherent academic freedom enjoyed by all institutions of higher learning."

Section 4 of this act stipulates the Philippine Qualification Frameworks (PQF) for graduate attributes that embodies the following objectives for its recognition: "Adopt national standards and levels for outcomes of education, support the development and maintenance of pathways and equivalencies which provide access to qualifications and assist people to move easily and readily between the different education and training sectors and between these sectors and the labor market and to align with international qualifications framework to support the national and international mobility of workers through increased recognition of the value and incomparability of Philippine qualifications.

Trillanes: CA Justices...

Vice President Jejomar Binay dared Trillanes to file a graft and corruption case against him and the CA justices, instead of making allegations on media. In response, Trillanes said he will file a resolution detailing his accusations.

Trillanes cited media reports to describe Villaraza. He said the lawyer "appears to be very powerful and influential."

"[He is] allegedly a known political operator with deep links among politicians as well as members of the judiciary and the prosecution service, most of whom he once helped to be appointed or promoted either as Prosecutors, Judges, or Justices, particularly during the administrations of former Presidents Fidel V. Ramos and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo," Trillanes said.

The senator also said that Villaraza is "known as the personal counsel of [Arroyo] who was allegedly involved in the harassment of journalists because of their reports on the US \$20 million or Php 1 billion extortion attempt on a German airport firm, Fraport AG, in 2003."

He added: "Atty Villaraza is likewise known as a big-time political contributor, having personally contributed some P30 million to the campaign of [Arroyo] in 2004."

Trillanes said Villaraza joined and supported Binay's campaign.

"[This] was one of the principal reasons which precipitated his much-talked about falling out with his former partners and the eventual dissolution of their decades-old partnership. In fact, according to a letter of his former law partners to the editor of a broadsheet newspaper, said information purportedly originated from Atty Villaraza himself," he said.

Asked if he's supporting the Binay campaign, Villaraza said: "I only attack [Interior Sec. Manuel] Roxas. That way everyone benefits - including the whole country." Roxas is the perceived rival of Vice President Binay in the 2016 presidential race.

Villaraza is one of the founders of the Carpio Villaraza Cruz law firm, which gained prominence during the Ramos regime. A co-founder, Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, used to be the presidential legal adviser of former President Fidel Ramos.

In 2013, the firm went through a bitter split. Villaraza now heads Villaraza & Angangco, while the other firm stalwarts such as former Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo and ex-defense chief Avelino Cruz Jr formed the Cruz Marcelo & Tenefrancia.

Trillanes faces contempt charges

Trillanes' resolution linked his claims with previous allegations of corruption in the judiciary including the controversy over a so-called "Ma'am Arlene." "Ma'am Arlene" was a supposed big-time fixer dubbed as the "Janet Napoles" of the judiciary, in reference to the alleged mastermind of the pork barrel corruption scandal involving congressional funds.

The senator asked that the Senate justice committee headed

The PQF National Coordinating Committee (PQF-NCC) is composed of the CHED, TESDA, DepEd, DOLE, PRC and DepEd as the chair.

In order to cater to the needs of graduates, Section 5 specifies Priority Disciplines as the first major approach for the implementation of the ladderized program, the CHED, TESDA and DepEd in consultation with the DOLE, Department of Agriculture (DA), the DTI, DOST, NEDA the PRC and other related agencies in consistent with the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) are directed to identify priority disciplines and programs for Ladderization which links with labor market realities." In here, benchmarking of knowledge and skills in the industries for students to learn is an imperative cooperative procedures.

Section 10 of this deed, points out Academic Freedom to be standardized through the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) "to retain the right to assess the level

and standard of the previously completed TVET Programs by an applicant-student in a manner that is transparent and objective, incorporating therein its own admission requirements. The applicant -student must gain admission to the HEI's undergraduate program by meeting the prescribe criteria and program requisites and such other requirements by HEIs."

To sum it up, Republic Act No. 10647 supports Filipino students access for quality education and respects the options of every Filipino student in gaining knowledge from K-12, TEVT to HE without necessarily repeating the basic education requirements in HE because these are embedded under the initial courses they have earlier completed. This is tantamount to saying that the ladderized education program becomes an easy access due to reduced time frame of taking additional courses which cuts back financial constraints in ensuring the security of every Filipino student's future. marvinwacnaglidawan@gmail.com

by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III investigate the charges.

Both Pimentel and Trillanes are heading the ongoing Senate inquiry into corruption allegations against Binay dating to his leadership of Makati, the country's financial district.

"Be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the Committee on Justice and Human Rights and/or other appropriate committees of the Senate to investigate, inquire and look into, in aid of legislation, the alleged system of 'Justice for Sale' at the Court of Appeals and elsewhere, and other related anomalies in the Judiciary."

Over the weekend, Makati Second District Rep. Abigail Binay, the Vice President's daughter, said the Binays will file contempt charges against Trillanes over his claims.

Rep. Binay said Trillanes should show proof to back up his allegations instead of resorting to "a mere publicity stunt."

"Senator Trillanes is now destroying the reputation and integrity of an institution. *Hindi biro-biro ang ginagawa niya. Dapat ang ipakita nya yung patunay na hindi dinuktor at pang-media lang.*" she said.

What he is doing is not a joke. He should show proof and not doctored evidence that is only for media. / Aye Macaraig/ Rappler.com

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

SPS. SAMELITO & EVA DURAN- Vendor
EDDIE DUNUAN- Vendee

Applicant(s)

Case No: 2003-CAR-322/ 2015-CAR-208

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio Plaza - Quezon Hill and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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 by 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 15th day of April, 2015.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JOSHUA SECLEGEN- Vendor
BRENGLEON M. BAGLEO- Vendee

Applicant(s)

Case No: 2007-CAR-045/ 2015-CAR-207

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City-Trail Ucab and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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 by 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 15th day of April, 2015.

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

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

FLORENCE BACAYAN GALANGEY,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

RAMIL BESLEY NISPEROS,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

CASE NO.
15-EXF-1818

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE of REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDERACT NO. 3135 as AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by FLORENCE BACAYAN GALANGEY of legal age, Filipino citizen, married and with residence at No. JC-226 Km. 5, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of RAMIL BESLEY NISPEROS, of legal ages, Filipino citizens, married and with residence at Acop, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred to as respondent-mortgagor, to satisfy his obligation which as of the present time amounted of EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND (PhP 896,000.00) PESOS, Philippine currency, excluding attorney's fees and

other charges and expenses. The undersigned announces that he will sell at public auction on April 29, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan Building (Justice Hall of Benguet), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged properties together with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TAX DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY
ARP No. 99-007-02121

A parcel of unregistered residential lot containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED (400) SQUARE METERS situated in Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet; bounded on the North by lot 068; on the South by lot 016; on the East by lot 071; and on the West by lot 046. Said lot has a Market Value of PhP 128,000.00 and Assessed Value of PhP 25,600.00.

TAX DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY
ARP No. 99-007-02122

A one (1) storey residential house with floor area of 44.40 sq.m. and with porch containing an area of 13.80 sq.m. built of mixed materials with galvanized iron roofing. Said lot has a Market Value of PhP 128,000.00 and Assessed Value of PhP 17,860.00.

TAX DECLARATION AOF REAL PROPERTY
ARP No. 99-007-02123

A two (2) storey residential house with floor area of 37.10 sq.m. on both storeys and with terrace having a floor area of 6.3 sq.m. built of mixed material

with galvanized iron roofing. Said lot has a market Value of PhP 302,720.00 and Assessed Value of PhP 30,270.00.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real properties herein above described and the encumbrances thereon if there be any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 6, 2015 at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, April 6, 2015.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

(SGD)
CRISTOPHER C. ORALLO
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:
All parties concerned
The Junction newspaper

Publication: April 11, 18 and 25, 2015

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

LILIAN OKIN-KANAZAWA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

AKIO KANAZAWA AND THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,

Respondents.

CIVIL CASE NO. 15-F2255

FOR JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF DIVORCE DECREE WITH CANCELLATION OF MARRIAGE CONTRACT/ENTRIES IN THE NSOUNDER RULE 108 OF THE RULES OF COURT

ORDER

Plaintiff, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the DIVORCE DECREE issued by the Mayor Of Shirikawa City, Fukushima, Japan be judicially recognized, validated and confirmed by Philippine Court and the court to order cancellation of said marriage with the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and declare petitioner capacitated to Remarry.

Wherefore, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on June 18, 2015 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this order be published at the expense of the petitioner at The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than April 5, 2015.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of

Baguio City; The Junction Newspaper; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 31st day of March 2015 at La Trinidad, Benguet

(SGD)
FRANCIS A. BULIYAT, SR.
PRESIDING JUDGE

Publication dates:
April 4, 11 and 18, 2015

Council Urged... from page 10
at ten percent.

The mayor last month also submitted to the body the proposed updated schedule of market values for real property taxation which has passed review by the Bureau of Local Government Finance for the aldermen's consideration and enactment into an ordinance.

City assessor Nilda Navarro said that as expected, the proposed updated schedule of fair and current market values for land, buildings and machinery in the city for the period 2015-2017 entailed a huge increase in the schedule of market values because of the city's failure to implement increases during several revision terms since 1996.

But she said the increase can be tempered by the lower assessment levels they suggested for adoption by the body.

The body has been planning to conduct a mass consultation on the issue to exhaustively explain the proposals and get the pulse of the various sectors but the hearing has yet to be scheduled by the council committee on ways and means cluster B under Vice Mayor Edison Bilog.

The mayor has since been calling for speedy action on the tax proposals stressing the city's obligation to implement the increase

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

LARRY CAOILE
Applicant(s)
Case No: 2014-CAR-031

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio Plaza - Crystal Cave and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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 15th day of April, 2015.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ANGELITA L. ESMIN
Applicant(s)
Case No: 2012-CAR-191

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City to any point in CAR and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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 15th day of April, 2015.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

EULOGIO M. BUSTAMANTE
Applicant(s)
Case No: 2002-01-1655

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City to any point in CAR and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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 15th day of April, 2015.

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

after years of stalling to make the antiquated rates attuned with the times and with the requirements of the law./
A Refuezo

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

...from page 4

"horizontal conflict", referring to clan wars or "ridos", conflicts by rogue elements like BIFF or ASG or just plain criminals. The report then, in obvious support of the BBL, notes that a good start in addressing the total environment of conflict in the Bangsamoro areas is to put a closure to the MILF-GPH peace efforts through the BBL. In any case the WB report also gives us a reality check: that having a final settlement with MILF will not necessarily result to automatic peace as some quarters would like many to believe, given the disparate players on the ground. Managing expectations, as we all know is important in this serious business of peace settlements.

This again reminds me about someone claiming that "there is no god!" quoting a passage in the Holy Bible. He omitted that part which said: "according to the fool". So there.

NO HOSTAGE

— You know why I could not immediately believe the WB report "spin"? I was at OPAPP when we first organized the development aspect of the peace negotiations. World Bank is a leader institution in the Mindanao Trust Fund in support of the talks so I could not believe what I was reading. I also had a long chat with some of their officials recently. So I had to check. Having said that, my calculated guess is that agencies and institutions like World Bank will not walk away from Mindanao, whatever happens to BBL. Improving the lives of the people is a never-ending effort. For peace talks to indefinitely hold hostage introduction of development for the

benefit of the Bangsamoro people must not be allowed to happen. But of course, having a peaceful environment in the conflict-affected areas by peaceful settlements is key.

TIDBITS —The Alsons Power Group is about to commission its first 105MW (of a total 210MW) Sarangani Energy Corp. power plant located in Maasim, Sarangani. It will serve about 3 million Mindanaoans when operational.

A breakthrough in health technology. A 69-year old Frenchman with an artificial heart powered by lithium batteries is now even biking around.

The Malaysian parliament just passed a tough anti-terrorism law to counter Islamist militancy called "Prevention of Terrorism Act" that can detain terrorist suspects without charges. This came after 17 militants were arrested who are followers of Islamic state extremists planning to form an ISIS-like Islamic state in Malaysia.

USA and Cuba are resuming diplomatic ties. For about 50 years, Cuba was in economic isolation. Tourists will flock to Cuba to look at 50-year-old antique buildings, cars, appliances, etc and to see how life was half a century ago. The US blockade that started 50 years ago has "frozen in time" what has been called a "Forbidden Island". Now, it's open to the world. **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** Follow us at Twitter: **AMFI_Mindanow** Email us: **info@advocacymindanow.org** Visit us: **www.advocacymindanow.org**

City Hall Ground...

from page 2

with which the city government is undertaking it without heed from the NHCP. He said the city government cannot alter the building without approval from the NHCP.

Members of the city council however lamented the lack of an exact document, save for the marker, on the declaration of City Hall as such as attested to by Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda and Peter Fianza who conducted a research for such document even during his term as city administrator when the repainting work was done on the edifice in 2007.

Tabanda said that if indeed the site includes the landscape, the document would be necessary to determine the exact metes and bounds of the City Hall reservation that should be treated as historical site and therefore needs to be protected. She noted that part of the City Hall reservation has been encroached upon.

The mayor also took exception from the allegations of critic Peter Puzon who accused the mayor of receiving a kickback from the project.

"I have nothing to hide. My conscience is clear and it's not in my character to do what they are accusing me of doing," the mayor said clarifying that he is not a member of the city's bids and awards committee but as the mayor, he was obligated to approved the BAC's projects.

Puzon also told the council that an environmental compliance certificate is required of the project considering its historical status as confirmed to him by the DENR and the NHCP.

Bishop Carlito Cenzon expressed hurt over the officials' seeming obstinacy saying they need to look at the value of history.

Councilor Richard Carino said they were not being stubborn but

were faced with a dilemma since they are bound by a legal contract and have no power to stop the project.

Tabanda said they do not dispute City Hall's status as a historical site but they should also know the extent of the area covered.

"These are questions of delineating and following procedures but we also ask for closer coordination with the city on these matters," she said.

After the dialogue, the body decided to request the NHCP and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) to furnish the city council with a list of historical and heritage sites in the city with their corresponding resolutions and to invite their representatives along with the DENR officials to their session on April 27 to shed light on the issues.

The body will also

ask the city general services office, the city planning and development office, city assessor and the DENR to provide a technical description of the City Hall reservation to determine its metes and bounds.

The matter was also referred to the city mayor and the council committee on historical research for study and recommendation. **Aileen Refuerzo and Jho Arranz**

Islamic Terrorism...

...from page 5

number of Muslims in Japan, the ex-president of the Japan Islamic Association Abu Bakr Morimoto replied, "To say frankly, only one thousand. In the broadest sense, I mean, if we do not exclude those who became Muslims for the sake of, say marriage, and do not practice then the number would be a few thousand."

One of the leaders of the Muslim community in Japan, Nur Ad-Din Mori, was asked: "What percentage of Japan's total population are Muslims?" He responded, "The answer at the moment is: One out of a hundred thousand."

Japan's population is 130 million people, so if these Muslim leaders are correct, then there must be around 1300 Muslims. But even those Muslims who obtained immigration permits and lived many years in the country have very poor chances of becoming Japanese citizens.

Japan officially forbids exhorting people to adopt the religion of Islam (Dawah), and any Muslim who actively encourages conversion to Islam is seen as proselytizing to a foreign and undesirable culture. Too active "promoters of Islam" face deportation- and sometimes even a jail sentence.

The Arabic language is taught by very few academic institutes; I could find only one such institute: The Arabic Islamic Institute in Tokyo. But even the International University of Japan in Tokyo does not offer courses on Arabic or Islamic languages.

Importing the Koran in Arabic is practically impossible, and the only one permitted is the "adapted" version in Japanese.

Until recently, there were only two mosques in Japan: Tokyo Jama Masjid and Kobe Mosque. Now, the total number of Muslim praying sites in Japan is counted in some 30 single story mosques and about a hundred apartment rooms set aside for prayers.

And Japanese society expects Muslims to pray at home: no collective "prostrating" in the streets or squares; in Japan, for such "shows" the actors can get pretty high fines, and in those cases Japanese Police consider "serious", the participants can be deported.

Quite often, Japanese companies seeking foreign workers specifically note that they are not interested in Muslims.

There is not even a trace of a Shari'a Law in Japan, and halal food is extremely difficult to find in there. <http://www.jewsnews.co.il/2015/04/14/islamic-terrorism-why-there-is-none-in-japan/>



Branded o hindi, lahat made in China, BAKIT.....

magtitiis sa high Price branded merong low Price RUSI naman.

Trade-in accepted

RUSI BAGUIO-BENGUET Km. 3, La Trinidad, Benguet CP Nos: 0998-9731349	RUSI TUBA, BENGUET Brgy. Cadmangan, Tuba, Benguet CP No.: 0999-885-0843
RUSI BUGUIAS, BENGUET Brgy. Abatan, Buguias, Benguet CP No.: 0947-995-1609	

Mayor Forms...

Datuin; the chair committee of youth welfare and sports development; the Liga ng mga Barangay president and councilor Michael Lawana; the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang

Kabataan, Baguio City Chapter president; sports coordinator Alan Elegado of the private secondary schools; sports coordinator Ortez Gabol of the public secondary schools; sports coordinator Jennifer Dindin of the private elementary schools; sports coordinator Rosemarie Labonete of the public elementary schools; schools athletic manager Nicodemus Gam-ad; representative of the non-government organization/people's organization; owner/manager of sports facilities; and Dr. John Tinoyan, representative of the persons with disabilities (PWD)/Philsada.

The sports and recreation division headed by sports and development

from page 10

officer Gaudencio Gonzales together executive assistant Jose Atanacio of the city mayor's office will serve as the secretariat of the said council.

Under the Philippine Constitution (Section 19 of Article 14), "the State is mandated to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur sports including training for international competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry." Hence, a regular funding will be allocated and programmed for the activities of the City Sports Council under the city administrator's office.

The newly created BCSPDC are starting to come up with projects and programs that will strengthen and enhance the sports promotion of the city government here. /Jho Arranz

City Sets...

Moyano of Burnham-Legarda, Remedios Canite of Puliwes, Janet Bolwa Mines View, Conchita Sanchez of South Sanitary Camp, Mercedes Sito of Leonila Hill, Celia Castro of Lopez Jaena, Vovelyn Hermano of SLU-SVP, and Marcelina Ciano of Happy Hallow.

The nominees for the best implemented Barangay Nutrition Program are West Quirino Hill, Lower Quirino Hill, Upper Quezon Hill, Quezon Hill Proper, Guisad Central, MRR Queen of peace, Lourdes Subdivision Extension, Lourdes Subdivi-

from page 10

sion Proper, City Camp Proper, Burnham-Legarda, Puliwes, Paddal, Gibraltar, Mines View, South Sanitary Camp, Leonila Hill, Lopez Jaena, Salud Mitra, Imelda Village, SLU-SVP, and Happy Hallow.

The Monitoring and Evaluation of the Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) and the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team (RNET) will conduct a random validation on May 4 until 8.

Subsequently, the city will be evaluated in the regional level. /Jho Arranz

CJHDevCO Liable...

Center Inc. final award that practically evicts CJHDevCo from Camp John Hay.

He also added that CJHDevCo concealed the contracts of the sub-lessees to BCDA and the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC). This makes CJHDevCo liable to the sub-lessees, therefore, the sub-lessees should go after CJHDevCo.

For his part, BCDA head of legal services lawyer Peter Paul Andrew T. Flores said the Sobrepeña-led CJHDevCo is misinterpreting the PDRCI Award as he shrugged off CJHDevCo's claims that the confirmation of the PDRCI award by the Regional Trial Court Branch 6 of Baguio City did not carry with it the order for locators and sub-lessees to vacate as their vested rights are to be protected by law.

"CJHDevCo is misinterpreting the PDRCI award for its own vested interest. It's purely self-serving and deceptive," he said.

Flores said that the Final Award of the PDRCI is direct and unequivocal. It says that, "Claimant [CJHDevCo] is ordered to VACATE the Leased Premises and promptly deliver the leased property, inclusive of all new constructions and permanent improvements introduced during the term of the lease as reckoned from the execution of the Original Lease Agreement, to Respondent [BCDA] in good and tenantable condition in all respects, reasonable wear and tear excepted."

He said the PDRCI final award was lifted from the Original Lease Agreement between BCDA and CJHDevCo. It simply means that the CJHDevCo must return land and all the structures to the government free of encumbrances and occupants. He emphasized that the key word is "TENANTABLE".

He said that the recent Order of the

from page 1

Regional Trial Court Branch 6 of Baguio City is of the same position. The March 27, 2015 Order states that: "The Final Award is clear. It needs no further interpretation. Moreover this Court is not authorized to revise, interpret or in any way encroach upon the work of the Arbitral Tribunal..."

As for the sub-lessees and or vested rights holders, Flores said that the Baguio RTC ruled that, "they will be governed by the law on obligations and contracts."

"This means that the obligor (CJHDevCo) is liable to the obligee (sub-lessees) for damages that may be suffered by the obligee from the non-performance of the obligor," he explained.

Flores also cited the Supreme Court ruling in Guevara Realty Inc. v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. L-57469 where the Supreme Court has held: "A judgement of eviction against a lessee affects his sub-lessee, even if the latter are not sued in the ejectment case. This is so, because a sub-lessee can invoke no right superior to that of his sub-lessee, and the moment the latter is duly ousted from the premises, the former has no leg to stand on. The sub-lessees' right, if any is to demand reparation for damages from his sub-lessee, should the latter be at fault. The sub-lessees can only assert such right of possession as could have been granted them by their sub-lessee, their right of possession depending entirely upon that of the latter."

Casanova said that the sub-lessees should now seriously consider claiming from the P1.42 billion that the BCDA will be returning to CJHDevCo as part of Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Inc. (PDRCI) final award that the Baguio RTC has recently confirmed.

"The only way for the CJHDevCo's victims to recover their

investments and protect their interests is to lay claim to the P1.42-B that the BCDA will be returning to CJHDevCo," Casanova said.

As early as August 2011, the BCDA through the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), BCDA's management arm in Camp John Hay, has requested CJHDevCo copies of all contracts and other relevant documents related to the development of all residential homes, estates and condotels within the leased area such as but not limited to deeds of absolute sale, limited warranty deeds, and deeds of restrictions, among others.

In a reply letter of CJHDevCo COO Alfredo R. Yniguez III to JHMC President and CEO Jamie Eloise Agbayani dated 11 November 2011 who said: "Owing to the nature of all these contracts which outline sensitive and confidential commercial, contractual and financial information, and which are not to be disclosed to anyone without the express written authorization of the parties involved, we regret to inform you that CJHDevCo is under no clear obligation to furnish JHMC such copies."

It will be recalled that in the PDRCI Arbitral Tribunal's final award, CJHDevCo is to vacate the Camp John Hay and promptly deliver the leased property, inclusive of all new constructions and permanent improvements to the BCDA. The BCDA, on the other hand, is to return to CJHDevCo the amount of P1.42-B which the CJHDevCo paid to the BCDA as lease payments.

Earlier, Casanova said the BCDA is ready to pay the P1.42 billion to CJHDevCo. He advised the sub-lessees to seek legal counsel to ensure that their rights and interests will be protected. "The last thing we want to happen is for their contracts to be a

Mayor to... from page 2

Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. and the Santo Tomas site was recommended as most feasible.

In 2011, due to the difficulty in putting-up the ESL, the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) was acquired to manage bio-degradable wastes being transported out of the city and converting the same to fertilizer for beneficial use.

The closure of the Irisan Facility in July 15, 2008 and the eventual hauling-out of waste impacted huge costs against the city government prompting city's Punong Barangays to extend support in mitigating costs to the city by practically implementing reduction of wastes at source and mandatory segregation of wastes.

Presently, the General Services Office (GSO) continues to haul out approximately 122 tons of solid waste to a landfill in the lowlands.

Domogan said, "the establishment of the ISWMS will surely address how we dispose of the increasing waste generated daily and erase the costs of hauling, tipping and transportation fees being incurred by the present set-up not to mention the revenue the city can get if the Waste-to-energy facility is realized. /Paul Rillorta

worthless piece of paper like what happened with the College Assurance Plan (CAP)." CJHDevCo is chaired by Robert John Sobrepeña, who also owns and manages the College Assurance Plan, the pre-need company known to have defaulted on its obligations to plan holders, and the Metro Rail Transit Development Corporation. /BCDA-PR

Drainage... from page 10

within the city's central business district area that cause irritation and inconvenience to the local residents and visitors."

"There is a need to create the said inspection team to identify the possible causes of the foul odor emanating from the drainage systems and to recommend the necessary steps to be undertaken to solve the problem," the mayor noted in his administrative order.

He gave the team 60 days to submit its report and recommendations to the city council for the passage of appropriate legislations to solve the problems emanating from the facilities. /A Refuerzo

EDITORIAL**...from page 4**

options for turning the situation around."

The first step to climb back up the peak is to adopt—then enforce—"policies that create incentives for people to plant, harvest and sell trees." This would tamp down pressure to harvest from the natural forests.

Second, address the lack of tangible and sustained support to help millions of small-scale farmers living on steep slopes, and apply improved land use methods. Only then will they jettison the unsustainable but the sole farming system they have.

That would also crib "the prevailing attitude that any cutting of trees is ipso facto a criminal act."

Hopes for the future rest with people given a stake in planting and thereafter protecting forests, writes BBC's Mark Kinver. The alternative is that old buzzword: disaster. /Juan L. Mercado



Balikbayan's Helping Hand – Balikbayan socialite Susan Pacifico from San Jose California teaches members of the KALIPi East Modernsite headed by PB Nenita Trinidad on how to make shawls, baby socks with the use of imported loop knitting kits. She also dished out simple tips on how to make house decors made out of cheap materials or recyclable materials. "Manang Suzing" donated the imported kits including yarns for the KALIPi's livelihood program. Pacifico always shares her talents and blessings with the people in need during her visits here for the past years./By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor Forms Membership of the BCSPDC

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan recently formed the membership of the Baguio City Sports and Development Council (BCSDC) through his Administrative Order No. 034, series of 2015.

As a backgrounder, the city council approved city ordinance no. 68, series of 2014 creating the City Sports Promotion and Development Council (CSPDC) otherwise known for brevity as City Sports Council.

It is for this reason that it is just proper to specify the membership of the CSPDC based on the composition provided under ordinance no 68 in order to assure that programs, projects and activities in relation with sports development will be implemented.

The mayor will chair the BCSPDC and the mem-

bers include the head of the Sports and Recreation Division, city administrator's office; the city school superintendent of the Department of Education, Baguio City Division; the supervisor of MAPEH, DepEd Baguio City Division; the city director of the Baguio City Police Office; the chair or representative of the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC); Tan Sui Tong Candelaria of the Combative Sports; Melvin Morte of the Non-Combative Sports; Denzyl Santos of the Athlete's Organization; Eduardo Palaroan of the Umpires/Referees Organization; Sangguniang Committee on education, culture and historical research chair and councilor Peter Fianza; SP Committee on tourism, special events, parks and playgrounds chair and councilor Elmer

Cont. on page 9

Drainage Inspection Team Formed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week formed a composite team to inspect the drainage and sewerage networks of the city to determine the condition of the facilities.

The mayor tasked city environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana as chairman of the team with the city council committee on health and sanitation head Councilor Fred Bagbagen as action officer.

Designated members were city engineer Leo Bernardez, Baguio City Engineering District head Alexander Castaneda, Association of Barangay Council Federation president Councilor Michael Lawana, city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes and the city building official.

The move was pursuant to Resolution No. 58 series of 2015 of the city council which was approved by the body after conferring with concerned agencies.

The mayor acknowledged the need for such inspection in view of the numerous reports being received by his office on "obnoxious odor coming from drainage systems" **Cont. on page 9**

Council Urged to Approve Tax Increase

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday urged the city council anew to act on the proposed increase in business and realty taxes adopting reasonable rates based on consultations done with the business and property owners.

"Hearings had been conducted with the concerned sectors so I think they can now act on the proposals, not exactly as proposed but what they perceive as reasonable rates based on the outcome of the hearings," the mayor said.

He expressed confidence that Baguio residents will be fair enough to consider the adjustments as long as these are realistic and justifiable and are being used for their intended purpose.

The mayor on April 7 forwarded to the city council a copy of the proposed amendments to Tax Ordinance No. 2000-001 to replace the initial adjustments proposed in 2011.

City treasurer Alicia Onoza said the two proposals are similar in terms of proposed the tax increase level which was pegged **Cont. on page 7**

The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!

City Sets City Nutrition Monitoring and Evaluation

BAGUIO CITY - The City Nutrition Evaluation Team (CNET) will convene this week to conduct the City Nutrition Monitoring and Evaluation Validation activity.

The visitation and validation starts on April 20 at the West Quirino Hill, Lower Quirino Hill, Upper Quirino Hill, Quezon Hill Proper and Guisad Central.

On April 21, the team will evaluate barangays MRR Queen of Peace, Lourdes Subdivision Extension, Lourdes Subdivision Proper, City Camp Proper and Burnham-Legarda.

The CNET will visit barangays Puliwies, Pacdal, Gibraltar and Mines View on April 22.

On April 23, the team will visit South Sanitary Camp, Leanila Hill, Lopez Jaena and Salud Mitra and on April 24, barangays Imelda village, SLU- SVP and Happy Hallow will be evaluated by the team.

The team will consolidate all the results on April 28.

Nominees for outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) include Lilibeth Balangue of Lower Quirino Hill, Margarita Zapanta of Upper Quirino Hill, Purita Sanchez of MRR Queen of Peace, Marlyn Calindas of Lourdes subdivision Extension, Monica Sicut of City Camp Proper, Zenaida Dana and Jane Liwan of Gibraltar, Medina Masla of Mines View, Conchita Sanchez of South Sanitary Camp, Teresa Mabalot of Leonila Hill, Annabelle Felecio of Lopez Jaena, Jo Ann Alvez of Salud Mitra and Imelda Dagupon of Imelda Village.

The best performing Barangay Nutrition Action Officer (BNAO) nominees are Juliet Wakit of West Quirino Hill, Flordeliza Comising of Guisad Central, Marilou Batara of MRR Queen of Peace, Myrna Rodriguez of Lourdes Subdivision Extension, Bernadette Quicho of Lourdes Subdivision Proper, Marie Emmalynne

Cont. on page 9

The JUNCTION	Ad Rates	1 page : P19,000.00
		1/2 page: 9,500.00
		1/4 page: 4,750.00
		1/8 page: 2,375.00
		1 col. cm. 85.00

Above rates are for black and white. For colored Ads, add 30%.

Generous rate discounts available depending on volume of ad placements
Judicial Publication Rates: 80% of commercial advertising rates as per PD 1079 and SC A.M. No. 01-1-07

All Baguio and Benguet Judicial Publication Rates are standard as agreed with

the IBP and RTC as follows: Baguio City – P180/column inch; Benguet – P160/ column inch

Published every weekend except during election season when publication is on a bi-weekly basis
www.junctionnews.com

EARN \$60 A DAY (OR P65K A MONTH) WORKING AT HOME!

Going to Canada?
Increase your chances, add to your skillset.
Take our Medical Transcription Course and get a certificate verifiable in Canada.

Distance learning (home study) modules now available!
Study at your own pace and time.

Linis Gobyerno



Tired of Graft & Corruption? Contact Nos. (0917) 5069123, (074) 442-3583 or you can write to P.O. Box 1588, 2600 Baguio City e-mail: linisgobyerno@yahoo.com website: www.linisgobyerno.org
Linis Gobyerno an anti-graft, corruption prevention and detection office.