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LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Demolition to go on

BAGUIO CITY – The demolition of illegal structures in the city will not be put on hold unless there are valid reasons to justify the suspension, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said on Wednesday.

"We cannot just stop the implementation of a demolition order. It should be on a case-to-case basis and must be with meritorious basis otherwise we will also be liable to the other party," the mayor said.

The city council recently approved a resolution asking the mayor to defer the implementation of a demolition order covering the illegal structures at Bakakeng Central in view of the completion of an inter-agency conference by the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP).

The order was set for Feb. 24 while the confer-

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Satellite map (via Google maps) of Busol Watershed occupied by squatters who are not urban poor (indigents). Notice the BIG structures. Inset is the Wikimapia illustration of the Busol watershed covered area. To our leaders, PLEASE do something!

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Millions Worth of MJ Torched in Kibungan Anew



WILD GREEN 2. Anti-narcotics agents of PDEA-CAR and local PNP uprooted and burned P22.6M-worth of marijuana at Sitio Aluling, Tacadang, Kibungan, Benguet last February 27, 2015.

While millions were gathered at Session Road to witness the Grand Street Dancing Parade of Panagbenga 2016, anti-narcotics agents from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in the Cordillera and local police were quietly destroying marijuana worth P22,685,000 at Sitio Aluling, Tacadang, Kibungan, Benguet.

The marijuana eradication last February 27 led to the burning on site of 52,400 pieces of fully grown marijuana plants; 2,000 pieces of marijuana seedlings;

100,000 grams of dried marijuana leaves and 5,000 grams of marijuana seeds that were all sourced from 7 cultivation sites with an estimated land area of 6,502 square meters.

In a span of two months, government troops were able to prevent unscrupulous drug traders from distributing P109,127,000 worth of marijuana in the local market through marijuana eradication campaigns./ *Joseph Frederick Calulut/ Public Information Officer, PDEA-CAR*

Proud Igorota named to UN post

An Igorot from the Kankana-ey tribe in Besao, Mountain Province, will be the first woman and indigenous person from the Philippines to assume the post

MANILA, Philippines – The field of contenders for the position of United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous People “was extremely strong,” according to Human Rights Council (HRC) president Baudelaire Ndong Ella, but in the end the nominee from the Philippines prevailed.

Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, a proud Igorot from the Kankana-ey tribe in Besao, Mountain Province, will be the first woman and indigenous person from the Philippines to assume the position previously held by men.

“Vicky is a very experienced advocate at the United Nations level and establishes a welcome commitment to gender equity in this important post for indigenous peoples of the world,” Ella said when he announced Corpuz’s selection on March 3.

Corpuz helped push for the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007 while she was the chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), also the first Filipina to assume the post.

As a special rapporteur, Corpuz will report on the human rights situations of various indigenous peoples (IP) around the world, address violations of their rights through communications with governments, and promote good practices on indigenous rights protection.

Created by the UN Commission on Human Rights in 1991, the position was renewed by the HRC in 2007.

Indigenous activist

Corpuz said she did not

expect to be chosen among the 14 nominees, most of whom obtained Masters and PhD degrees. Corpuz graduated from the Philippine Science High School in Quezon City in 1969 and finished her nursing degree at the University of the Philippines Manila in 1976.

“I think my best qualification is my many years of work as an indigenous activist,” Corpuz said.

Corpuz joined the indigenous peoples’ movement Cordillera in the 1970s, fought Martial Law, and eventually headed the militant Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) from 1992-1994.

In 1996, she founded her own non-governmental organization Tebtebba, an indigenous peoples’ international center for policy research and education which she heads until now.

“The local IP movement will have a hearing ear to their complaints and whatever is reported to me, based on strong evidence, I will reach out to the necessary authorities and actors who should address these,” Corpuz told Rappler.

According to Corpuz, the most pressing issues she expects to face include how indigenous rights to their lands, territories, and resources are “violated on a daily basis by governments, corporations and other players, like big landlords, narco-traffickers.”

Test case for commitment

Violations of indigenous peoples’ civil and political rights through arbitrary killings and illegal detentions are other critical concerns that she will tackle, Corpuz said.

The recent massacre of an Igorot family from Abra might just be the first test case for Corpuz’s commitment to bring indigenous people’s issues to the attention of the international body.

Brothers Fermin and Edie Ligiw, and their father Licuben – all Tingguians and members of Binodngan tribe of Baay-Licuan – were found dead on March 8, buried in a shallow grave in a village in Abra.

“Their hands were bound and their mouths were gagged. They were piled on top of each other. They were obviously buried, in the perpetrators’ hope that they won’t be found, that no one will know,” according to lawyer Reynaldo Cortes of the Cordillera Human Rights Alliance (CHRA) said in a

Athletic Bowl guidelines out

BAGUIO CITY - The city government will implement guidelines to regulate the operation of the newly refurbished Baguio Athletic Bowl particularly the track and field area.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the city ensured that the rules and regulations, albeit implemented on a temporary basis, are fair and equitable for the benefit of both the end users of the sports complex and the city government.

The mayor earlier signed an administrative order transferring the management of the sports facility from the city environment and parks management office (CEPMO) to the sports and recreation division of the city administrator’s office being the overseer of sports activities and concerns in the city.

The order however will fully take effect once facility has been turned over to the city upon completion of the rehabilitation work by the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The sports office under Gaudencio Gonzales has been managing the swimming pool located inside the athletic bowl and with the impending transfer, the office will have control over the entire facility including the newly installed track oval.

As per the rules and regulations, the track oval will be open for use from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. except for events and practices coordinated with the city government through the sports and recreation division.

The city will allow free use of the track and field area by Baguio-based athletes undergoing trainings and practices, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Students, government

employees and barangay officials will be charged P10 while walk-in users including walkers and joggers will be required to pay P25. Tickets for the payment may be secured at the city treasury office at City Hall. A pass may be obtained from the sports office.

Track assignment was also set with tracks 1 to 4 reserved for athletes while tracks 5 to 8 will be for joggers and walkers.

Requests for exclusive use of the facility may be coordinated with the sports office for assessment.

Persons in street clothes, persons under the influence of drugs and alcohol and food and drinks and persons with medical conditions except under direct supervision of a doctor or health practitioners will not be allowed inside the track and field area.

The following will also be prohibited inside the track and field area: littering, smoking, use of momma, bubble gum and the like; spitting, urinating; use of bikes, skateboards or any wheeled device, vehicle or carts; drones, kites, remote control toys and devices; golf practice driving; pets and speakers or radio; sharp objects except those used for sporting events which will be allowed only in the field area.

Track users must wear proper footwear like running shoes, cross-training, tennis or rubber shoes and not leather shoes, combat boots, heeled shoes.

Users should not leave their things unattended. Bags and personal items must not be left on the tracks while hanging of clothes and things on the fence is also prohibited./Aileen P. Refuerzo

statement.

The CHRA is accusing the 41st IB of perpetrating the killings, claiming that the military coerced Fermin to serve as a guide for their combat operations against the rebel group New Peoples Army in the area about a week before the incident.

At least 43 indigenous peoples have been reported as victims of political killings since President Benigno Aquino III assumed power, the CPA said. The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) said in 2012 the vio-

lations against IP rights have become an alarming trend in the country.

In his visit to the Philippines in 2002, former special rapporteur Rodolfo Stavenhagen urged the Philippine government to take measures that will ensure “the numerous human rights violations committed against indigenous peoples” will not happen again.

It is Corpuz’s turn to reiterate and realize the recommendation of her predecessor in her own ancestral home./Rappler.com



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Poe, Binay tied at top spot in latest Pulse Asia poll



Jejomar Binay photo by Lito Boras/Rappler and Grace Poe photo by Arnold Almancen

MANILA, Philippines (4th UPDATE) – Senator Grace Poe and Vice President Jejomar Binay share the top spot in the latest Pulse Asia Research, Incorporated survey released on Friday, March 4.

The results of Pulse Asia Research's February 2016 Pulso ng Bayan Survey, conducted among 1,800 registered voters from February 15 to 20, showed Poe with 26% voter preference and Binay with 25%.

Administration standard-bearer Manuel "Mar" Roxas II and Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte are not far behind, both with 21% support of registered voters.

About 3% of voters support Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago's presidential bid.

Less than 3 months before the elections, 4% of voters said they were still undecided or refused to divulge their preferred presidential candidate. This is 1 percentage point more than those who expressed this sentiment in January.

In a race as tight as this coming presidential election, the favor of this undecided segment is crucial. The nationwide survey has a $\pm 2\%$ error margin at the 95% confidence level.

Among the presidential candidates, Poe experienced the biggest drop in voters' ratings – 4 percentage points less than in January – while Santiago's rating dropped by 1 percentage point.

Binay's rating increased by 2 percentage points, and by 1 percentage point for both Roxas and Duterte.

In the vice presidential race, the same poll showed Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr inching closer to front runner Senator Francis Escudero.

COMPARATIVE FIRST CHOICE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE									
January and February 2016 (in Percent)									
	RP	LOCATION					CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E	
GRACE POE	FEB	26	23	33	24	15	25	25	28
	JAN	30	33	39	26	16	25	32	26
	Change	-4	-10	-6	-2	-1	0	-7	+2
JOJO BINAY	FEB	25	33	29	20	21	14	25	31
	JAN	23	32	28	20	14	21	22	30
	Change	+2	+1	+1	0	+7	-7	+3	+1
RODY DUTERTE	FEB	21	23	10	19	45	24	22	18
	JAN	20	16	8	15	48	24	21	15
	Change	+1	+7	+2	+4	-3	0	+1	+3
MAR ROXAS	FEB	21	11	19	36	15	25	21	19
	JAN	20	11	16	32	21	20	19	25
	Change	+1	0	+3	+3	-6	+5	+2	-6
MIRIAM SANTIAGO	FEB	3	5	4	2	1	1	4	1
	JAN	4	6	4	4	1	7	4	1
	Change	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-6	0	0
Don't know / Refused / None	FEB	4	5	6	1	3	12	4	3
	JAN	3	2	4	3	1	4	3	2
	Change	+1	+3	+2	-2	+2	+8	+1	+1

SOURCE: PULSE ASIA SURVEY

PH divided among 4 bets?

Based on the survey results, each of the top 4 presidential candidates leads in a specific geographical location.

In Metro Manila, the leading presidential bet is Binay (33%), followed by Poe, and Duterte, both at 23%.

Poe is the top choice in the rest of Luzon (33%), followed by Binay (29%).

In the Visayas, voters favor Roxas (35%), followed by Poe (24%).

In Mindanao, Duterte leads with 45% while Binay is a distant second at 21%, though this is a 7 percentage-point increase from January. Roxas experienced a 6-percentage

point drop in Mindanao, or to 15% from 21% in January.

Among the candidates, Poe was the only one to suffer a drop in voter preference in all geographical locations, the biggest in Metro Manila – a 10-percentage point drop from January – and a 6-percentage point drop in the Balance Luzon, where she still leads.

Pulse Asia said subnational estimates for the geographic areas covered in the survey have the following error margins at 95% confidence level: $\pm 6\%$ for Metro Manila, $\pm 3\%$ for the rest of Luzon and $\pm 5\%$ for each of Visayas and Mindanao.

Socio-economic classes

Among socio-economic classes, voters in the well-off Class ABC favor Poe and Roxas, both at 25%, and Duterte (24%).

In Class D, the primary choice are Poe and Binay, both at 25%, followed by Duterte and Roxas at 22% and 21%, respectively.

Those in the poorest Class E are most inclined to vote for either Binay (31%) or Poe (28%). Roxas' voter support in this class dropped by 6 percentage points, while the other 3 contenders – Poe, Binay, and Duterte, increased by 1 to 3 percentage points.

"During the period January to February 2016, levels of support for the presidential bids of these candidates remain generally constant – both at the national level and across geographic areas and socio-economic classes. The only significant movement at this time is the decline in the level of support enjoyed by Senator Poe in the most numerous Class D (-7 percentage points)," said Pulse Asia president Ronald Holmes.

During the survey period, among the major issues were oral arguments at the Supreme Court on the disqualification case against Poe, the controversial statement of Sarangani Representative Manny Pacquiao on same sex unions, and the Poe-led Senate panel report recommending the investigation of transportation officials led by Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya on the MRT3.

Work harder

The Binay camp attributed the Vice President's current standing in the polls to his focused ground campaign.

"Trabaho, trabaho at trabaho. Hindi lamang sa pag-iikot ni Vice President Jejomar Binay sa iba't-ibang lalawigan, ito rin ang kaniyang malinaw na gagawin para labanan ang kahirapan," said Binay spokesperson Rico Quicho.

(Work, work, and work. This does not only apply to the Vice President's sorties around the provinces but also in his fight against poverty.)

The Poe camp thanked its supporters for keeping the senator in the top spot, and expressed confidence that more people would rally behind her as she steps up her campaign.

"Despite all the left-handed attacks against the person of Senator Poe, the Filipino voters continue to stand behind her. Their steadfast support will serve as inspiration for Senator Poe to intensify her campaign," said Poe's spokesman, Valenzuela City Mayor Rex Gatchalian.

Reacting to the latest survey results, Roxas' spokesman, Akbayan Representative Ibarra Gutierrez, said, "What is clear from the latest Pulse survey is that this is still a tied race."

"Mar's numbers have gone up slightly, and we are grateful to our supporters who worked hard to make this possible, but we are determined to make the most of the two months left in the campaign," Gutierrez said.

Duterte's spokesman, Peter Laviña, said the survey results are not reflective of what the campaign team is experiencing on the ground.

"The survey results do not reflect what we believe are the real sentiments of the Filipinos. We have seen our numbers steadily advancing overall. But we have also seen where we are weak and need to catch up, as well as recognize where we are making great headways," Laviña said.

"The elections are still a good two months away and we have plenty of time to move up," he added. /Mia Gonzalez / @miamgonzalez / Rappler.com

Demolition...

ence was scheduled on March 4.

The mayor approved the resolution in deference to the letter of PCUP chair Hernani Panganiban requesting the suspension.

"We agreed to defer the implementation first to enable us to answer chairman Panganiban and once we have justified the action, then we will pursue the demolition just the same," the mayor said. /A Refuerzo

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

>Mga accomplishments ni Cong Aliping???

>Reklamo ng mga biktima ng SATARAH

kumusta na kaya???

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Kumusta na kaya mga dear readers ang reklamo for Estafa na isinampa ng mga alleged victims ng SATARAH . Kung inyong matatandaan mismong ang Baguio Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ang nagbigay ng pabala (warning) sa publiko sa kanilang website nuong 26 March 2015 that Satarah Wellness Marketing had been soliciting funds from the public on a promise of interest ranging from 4 percent to as much as 26 percent, depending on market rates. Nagtatanong lang at inyong maasahan na ating ilalabas ang punot-dulo ng issue na ito.

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Humigit-kumulang dalawang buwan na lang ay mapapalitan na ang kasalukuyang administrasyon, maliban na lamang kung mandaraya sila sa pamamagitan ng hokus-picos ay baka manatili ang daang matuwad. Bagama't sa aking palagay ay mahihirapan itong si Roxas na buwagin si Poe, si Binay, o si Du30.

Alam naman siguro ninyo mga dear readers na ako ay pabor kay Binay sapagkat marami ng siyang accomplishments at kung hindi naman makakalusot si Binay ay si Du30 ang aking 2nd choice at ang 3rd and last choice ko ay si Poe (Mahal na Panginoon -Diyos ko Poe huwag naman sana).

Dito sa lokal na mga opisyal, hindi naman siguro magiging masama ang aking pag-iisip at suhestiyon kung maari ay magkakaroon na rin ng pagbabago sa kasalukuyang mga opisyal. Maari siguro nating subukan naman itong si Judge Claraval (Judge your Mayor) at siyempre si Mark Go (na noong nakaraang eleksyon ay 2000+ votes lang ang naging lamang nitong si Cong Aliping sa kanya). Alam naman natin na kung hindi nakuha ni Cong. Aliping ang Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) ay wala siya ngayon sa KAPANG-YARIHAN. Kaya isipin na lang ninyo kung hindi nakuha ni Aliping ang INC ay siguradong hindi siya nakalusot.

Pagdating sa Mayor, alam din naman natin na tested and proven na itong si Apo Morris Domogan sa dami ng kanyang mga accomplishments at sistema bilang Mayor; ngunit kung atin namang titingnan ang naging accomplishments ni Cong. Aliping, masasabi ba natin na marami, substantial, mediocre, o poor ang kanyang mga naging accomplishments bila ng isang bagitong (neophyte) congressman este congressman?

Kung sabagay, kung ang magiging batayan ng accomplishments ay sa dami ng pagsesemento ng kalsada ay maaaring masabing substantial ang accomplishments nitong si Cong. Aliping. Ngunit si Apo Vergara nung congressman este Congressman siya ay mas marami di hamak ang kanyang mga napa-semento na kalsada.

Ang panananaw kasi ng marami sa atin, ang trabaho ba ng isang congressman este congressman ay magkalap lamang ng pondo na pang-semento ng kalsada. Ang mas magigat na tanong ay magkano nga ba ang kupit este korapsyon sa proseso ng pagsesemento ng mga kalsada??? Ako alam ko ang sagot sa aking katanungan na 'yan na sa mga susunod kong kolum ay aking ipapaliwanag, ngunit hahayaan ko na lang muna kayong magsiyasat at mag-sagawa ng inyong research hinggil sa kupitan este korapsyon sa pagsesemento ng mga kalsada, hi! hi! hi!

Kung ako ang inyong tatanungin ang pangunahing tungkulin at trabaho ng isang mambubutas este mambabatas ay hindi magkalap ng pondo pang-semento ng mga kalsada. Ang pangunahing tungkulin ng isang kongresista este kongresista ay mag-hain ng mga dekalidad ng butas este batas para sa ikabubuti at ikagaganda ng buhay ng kanyang mga constituents. Kung ito ang ating magiging batayan, sa inyong palagay ba ay bibigyan ninyo ng passing o failing grade itong si Cong. Aliping?

Kung tutuusin pa nga ay kailangan na ang ating kongresista este kongresista ay isang taong innovative and creative sa kanyang approach to legislation etc, kaya once again, sa inyong palagay ba ay bibigyan ninyo ng passing o failing grade itong si Cong. Aliping in the aspects of creativity and innovation o katulad lamang siya ng karamihan na mga TRAPO NA TRONGRESSMEN???

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The Candidates: Ms. Panday, Dirty Harry, the Clone and the Mayor



The real candidates for President in May 2016

Let's not fool ourselves into believing that the May election is one in which Filipino voters will choose a President they think has the best platform of government for the country.

EDITORIAL

The scheduled "presidential" debates are not likely to be real exchanges of rational thinking to crystallize issues in the same way the college debates of our youth sought to thresh out issues. It will be a contest of sound bites, of the best and most imaginative verbal dirt-hurling in an "ang-pikon-talo" match – all intended to project a certain image of the candidate.

We all know that candidates just pay underpaid academics or speechwriters to come up with platforms, and they just do what they want to do and don't do what they don't want to do when they become president.

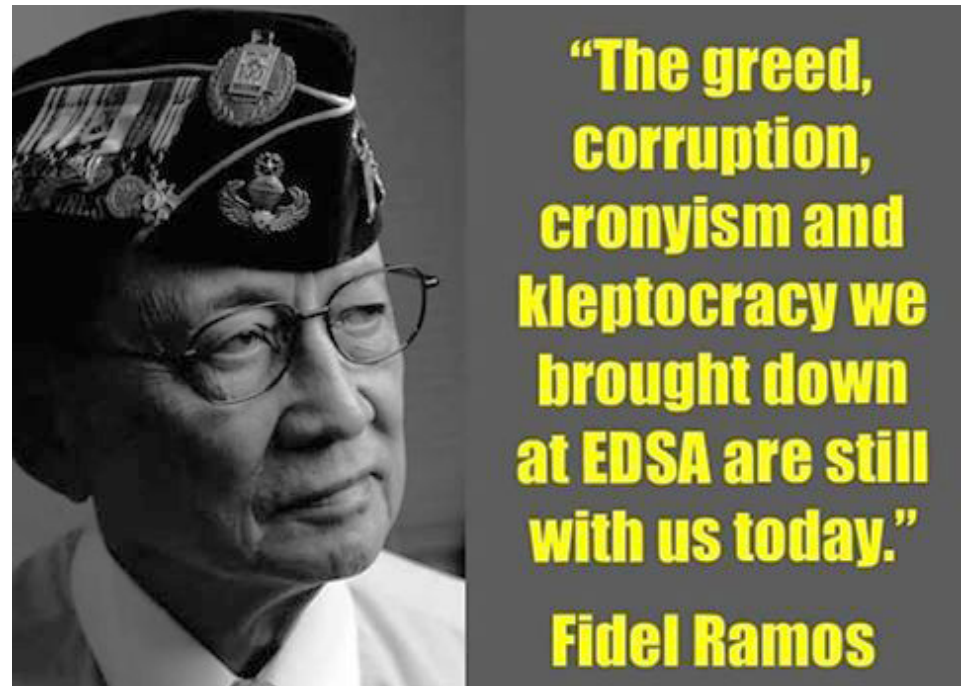
It is entirely a contest of image-building, even atrociously false ones. Thanks to the survey of Mr. Pedro Laylo Jr., made public in the Manila Standard, we have an empirical basis to describe these images. (You can access this at <http://thestandard.com.ph/news/headlines/198854/poe-keeps-lead-in-laylo-survey.html>)

Candidate No. 1: Ms. Panday



Grace Llamanzares surrounded by posters of movies she should be grateful for.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Removal of campaign posters illegal

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish..." (Proverbs 14:11, the Holy Bible).

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REMOVAL OF CAMPAIGN POSTERS ILLEGAL: I really cannot understand the removal by the Commission on Elections and by the Metro Manila Development Authority of posters and other election promotional materials belonging to candidates for local positions in the coming May 2016 elections. My view is that, such removal of posters is illegal and contravenes existing laws and decisions of the Supreme Court, and could even be a ground for corruption charges.

First, the posters and other election promotional materials do not violate any law. Under Republic Act 8436 and Republic Act 9369, it is clear that the putting up of posters and displaying of campaign materials promoting any candidate for any position in any place other than the so-called common poster areas, prior to the start of the official campaign period, is allowed.

Under these two laws, the prohibition against such posters and materials being displayed in areas other than the common poster areas applies only when the campaign period shall have officially started, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Commission.

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WHEN DOES "PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY" START? This was the same ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of Rosalina Penera vs. Commission on Elections, G.R. No. 181613, November 25, 2009. In that case, the Supreme Court, through Justice Antonio T. Carpio, ruled that the laws in question do not consider as unlawful any partisan political act done before the campaign period.

The court said: "Congress has laid down the law a candidate is liable for election offenses only upon the start of the campaign period. This Court has no power to ignore the clear and express mandate of the law that any person who files his certificate of candidacy within [the filing] period shall only be considered a candidate at the start of the campaign period for which he filed his certificate of candidacy."

"Neither can this Court turn a blind eye to the express and clear language of the law that any unlawful act or omission applicable to a candidate shall take effect only upon the start of the campaign period," it added.

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MMDA & POLL OFFICIALS LIABLE FOR GRAFT FOR POSTER REMOVAL: Now, if both the laws on election campaigning and the Supreme Court in its decision in the Penera case say that a partisan political act, such as the putting up of posters and campaign materials even in places that are not designated as common poster areas, could not be considered illegal, neither the Comelec nor the MMDA can provide otherwise.

As instrumentalities of government, the poll body and the MMDA are mandated not only to know the law and the applicable decisions of the Supreme Court, but to obey and execute them as well. They have no right to go against the law and the decisions of the high tribunal, for doing so would make them liable for graft and corruption.

So, does this mean the candidates running for local positions whose posters and campaign materials were torn down and hauled off by the MMDA and the Comelec can sue their officials who ordered such tearing down? My answer is yes. In fact, I am willing to go farther by saying that the affected candidates should try to file their cases now and provoke a ruling that could serve as guidelines in future elections.

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PLEASE WATCH OR LISTEN: "Tambalang Batas at Somintac", a news-commentary radio program, aired at DZEC 1062 kHz and other Radyo Agila provincial stations, at <http://www.eaglebroadcasting.net/radyoagila> and at www.youtube.com/type/DZEC/RadyoAgila Tambalang Batas at Somintac 1062 Live), 6 to 7 in the morning, Philippine time. Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

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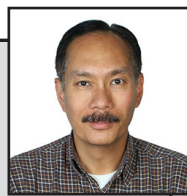
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DIMENSIONAL ROAD

Santiago Unveils Filipino Youth as a Powerful Force for the Country's Awakening – Election 2016

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II. The LTFRB Regional Directors

Of the six (6) LTFRB regional directors appointed by Presidents in this region from 1996 to the present, it was Director Daniel Tapia who first learned to circumvent the purpose and spirit of the moratorium declared for Baguio City by the LTFRB (or the Board for short).

Thus, without actually accepting new CPC applications, he nevertheless granted franchises to operate PUVs by spurious and fraudulent means such as:

- a) by converting one (1) unit taxi franchise to ten (10) or more individual CPCs, when sold and transferred to buyers;
- b) by resurrecting long dead CPCs and issuing new CPCs in their stead;
- c) by issuing taxi franchises over abandoned truck-for-hire CPCs previously operating in some parts of Region 1;
- d) by issuing impromptu CPCs for car dealers without the benefit of application and payment of filing fees; to name a few.

Later, in tandems with unscrupulous lawyers, personnel of LTFRB and soliciting fixers, he became more emboldened to accept new applications and grant CPCs in direct violation of moratorium and other rules prescribed by the Board.

It was during his time when the hundreds of PUJ CPCs in Trancoville, Aurora Hill and in the La Trinidad trunkline were issued, not to mention the franchises issued to owners of van units for mega taxi and vehicles-for-hire services, with bases of operations both inside and outside Baguio City.

He became so controversial especially with media that the City Council in its Resolution Nr. 153, S. of 1998 declared him persona non grata in Baguio City and recommended to the higher authorities his ouster as Regional Director.

In a lesser degree, his successor, Regional Director Veronica Lasaten also contributed somehow to the traffic congestion in the city, amidst and despite the moratorium existing. In her case, she, with endorsement of the City Council in a resolution passed in just ten (10) days, convinced the Board to legalize taxi units operating in violation of the Public Service law, allegedly for human consideration.

Following the retirement of Director Lasaten, Regional Director Bruno Patricio assumed the position as Regional Director of LTFRB- Region 1 until 2003, when franchising functions was transferred and assumed by DOTC-CAR. Director Patricio in his time was responsible for the CPCs granted to vehicles-for-hire plying Baguio City to many parts of the Cordillera via the Halsema Highway and from Baguio City to other municipalities of Region 1 via Kennon Road and Naguilian Road. The opposition of then Mayor Vergara and myself were most often dismissed for the reason that he would not allow these vehicles-for-hire to enter Baguio City anyway.

Then, there was Regional Director Atty. Mondiguong of the DOTC-CAR who was popularly known to many as the one who issued thousands of original and derivative CPCs that became to be called as Mondiguong franchises. It was also during his time when alleged CPC applications merely pre-docketed by LTFRB Region 1 in the 1990's without applications filed were used later as basis for change party applications in the LTFRB-CAR, thus adding more vehicles-for-hire and taxis in the city.

The Inventory of thousands of irregularly issued franchises prepared by LTFRB-CAR and furnished the City Council and the Board listing Certificates of Public Convenience issued in violation of the moratorium were mostly franchises granted during the tenure of Director Mondiguong.

To the credit of former Regional Director Federico Mandapat, Jr. who became Regional Director from 2006 to 2010 and Regional Director Celina Claver who served from 2010 to 2015, however, no new Certificates of Public Convenience were issued violating the moratorium. Unless...there were such issuances that I did not come to know, as others were claiming otherwise.

Obviously, it is clear and patent that had these Regional Directors only lived up to their true duties and functions which were assigned and expected of them, we would not be experiencing much of this traffic jams and pollution we are now made to suffer.

The following is a letter addressed to the Honorable US Ambassador Philip Goldberg sent by the undersigned to the US Embassy on August 19, 2015. Fortunately, soon thereafter, the person this columnist was sponsoring for a trip to the US was given a visa.

August 18, 2015

HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIP GOLDBERG
Ambassador

US Embassy Philippines
Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

Subject: *Fleeing and opportunism heaped on the Filipinos by the US Embassy Manila*

Dear Amb. Goldberg:

*With all due respect, I write you with an extremely heavy heart. Last August 14, 2015 was the scheduled interview for tourist visa (B1/B2) at the US Embassy Manila of **** for a visit to Guam, who unfortunately was denied a tourist visa. As a result of this, I gathered as much information I could get my hands on, on the process your embassy subjects countless Filipinos. It would appear and I am of the conclusion that your embassy is engaged in outright fleeing and opportunism that has to be endured by my fellow Filipinos. In view of this, I would like to share with you my comments and suggestions:*

*1. The visa applicant of **** was for a visit to Guam as indicated in the application. During the day of the interview, he had brought all letter guarantees etc. I also learned that a US Visa can be used for entry to the different states, therefore since the intent and purpose was just to visit Guam, why not make a restriction on the B1/B2 visa allowing only access to Guam? Surely this will not entail astronomical costs on your part.*

2. The idea of having tourist visa applicants to pay the amount of P7,300+ to my mind is a legal form of fleeing and opportunism, and should be stopped. Why so you may ask? Certainly, your administrative costs is far less than that and given the number of applicants on a daily basis that if I were to compute it, at a modest 2,500 applicants (average daily, but according to others the number grows to over 4,000 applicants daily) multiplied by P7,300/per applicant would amount to EIGHTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P18,250,000) daily and again multiplied by 22 days would be a staggering amount of FOUR HUNDRED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P401,500,000) per month or NINE MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,125,000) X 12 months = ONE HUNDRED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$101,500,000). Which brings me to ask, of the 2,500 daily applicants, what percentage gets approved is it 2% or perhaps 3%, is it more or is it less? MR. AMBASSADOR, don't you think this an outrageous fleeing opportunism by the supposed to be self-appointed democratic leading country of the world?

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO THE SEEMING FLEEING, SCHEMING AND OPPORTUNISM OF THE US GOVERNMENT:

Reduce the ridiculous P7,300 per visa application fee and charge instead a reasonable P1,000 for denied applicants. For successful visa applicants charge a fee of P44,000.00 or \$1,000. First off, the high charge for an approved visa applicant would serve as a part deterrent to those who intend to do "tago-ng-tago" at the same time you still make P1,000 for every denied applicant who after going through your minnie minny moe method of non-verification will not cause my fellow Filipinos to curse the Americans to the high heavens. Undertake a several-step visa application processing with instituted guarantees. Meaning Step 1 – file and pay P1,000 fee. Step 2 - do an honest to goodness diligence assessment of the applicants as I know so many of my countrymen whose families (whole families) were denied and who simply wanted to see the US and their families for a brief vacation. Step 3 - deny or approve, but once denied cite the specific reason(s) for denial which I am sure you could easily do if you at least did a reasonable verification on the travel purpose of the applicant. For visa applicants who have friends or family in

Latest survey on Philippine population revealed that the country is ranked as the 12th most populated country in the world. In its escalating population, majority of its populace comprises the youth who are considered powerful instruments for changes in the government system much more important that the Philippine Election 2016 is fast-approaching for them to exercise their rights to vote.

On February 14, 2016 during the launch of Youth for Miriam, at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City; Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago enlightened the youths of their crucial roles as resilient forces that need to be awakened. In her speech, this writer cites the favorable lines she released on the importance of the youth in nation building to be sensible voters through interspersing her parodies as punchlines to exemplify which she intends for logical listeners to figuratively comprehend.

She advised the youth to believe on possible reformations for the country's promising future by emphasizing that favorable reforms will always continue to change through the young generations' righteous ideals. To encourage the youth to stop corruption, she counseled them to create varied forms of propaganda for public awakening against continuous government unscrupulous acts.

She elucidated that the youth should know where the money comes from because while there is money there is always a corruption. Santiago related that even in Philippine public educational institutions, there are corruptions taking place. As an example, she expressed that school supplies should be well accounted for appropriate distribution in the elementary, high school and even in higher education institutions. The Senator recommended the youth to create a Citizen Report Card using any means from contemporary technological systems as springboards to disseminate awareness and to quote "Use comics and cartoons, theatre and drama, board games, sports, youth groups, integrity camps, zero bribes, protests, petitions election pledges, crowdsourcing."

She further inspired them by saying, "There is no end to the infinite creativity of the mind of young people. Look at yourselves, you are the hope of the country"

In her speech, she reiterated that there are lots of things the youth as a strong unified force can do for changes in the country's political systems. She called for youth awakening. Additionally articulating that the youth as Filipino voters represent the Filipino people.

"We will have the opportunity to re-change our country. It is not merely time for reform, it is not merely time for change – it is a time for conscience in the government," she declared. Santiago also explained that the only way to achieve this change is to unite forces to show how sturdy the youth are by changing first ourselves for everyone's common interests.

Again, as usual from her previous public address, she released some powerful lines from a Victorian poet, William Ernest Henley- "It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul." marvinwacnaglidawan@gmail.com

the US who intend to sponsor the applicants and happen to be US citizens, require the family member or friend to post a guarantee bond to be issued by a bonding company in the US. In this case, Uncle Sam can earn more in case of bonds redeemed/used. If the friend or family member is not yet a US citizen and is a permanent resident, should they choose to transition to US citizenship their being granted citizenship will incur a five (5) years delay if in case the visitor tourist they guaranteed for will not comply with visa rules (overstays or does TNT).

With the measures that I have suggested, I believe the Filipino illegal entrants to the US will greatly be reduced as I am almost certain that very few of my countrymen based in the US will be willing to go out on a limb and condone fellow illegal entrants knowing that they will be held accountable. However, this is now the clincher, you may not really want to reduce the entrants of illegals and give your embassy less

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Editorial...

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The first candidate is Ms. Panday, Panday II, or Panday's daughter – Senator Grace Poe-Llamanzares. C'mon, people are not voting for this foundling, or more probably the winter-spring lovechild of a 51-year old Philippine President with a 20-year old starlet, even putting her at the head of the pack.

They are not voting for this well-off Assumption College alumna who preferred to pursue the American dream in the US of A, and who worked in short-stints as a grade-school teacher, as "procurement liaison" for an obscure US government agency, and as sales assistant for an even more obscure private firm.

People are not voting for this rich actor's adopted daughter who returned to the country when her father died and then decided to become a Filipino citizen in order to be qualified to become senator ... sorry, in order to serve the country.

Delusional Filipinos are choosing her in presidential voting-preference surveys not even because she is the poor adopted child of that near-recluse Fernando Poe Jr. (FPJ) and actress Susan Roces. They are choosing her because somehow in their minds, she is the daughter of "Panday," the mythical hero portrayed by FPJ in many box-office hits, or the daughter of the working-class, anti-rich protagonist as he had played onscreen several times.

This is not a conjecture. That Laylo survey reported that 45 percent of the 29 percent who chose Llamanzares for President picked her because she is "kind, like her father," that she will "continue the good work of her father" and that she will "fulfill her father's promises." The father here obviously does not refer to FPJ, as a person but to his Panday image and other movie-screen heroes he had portrayed.

As amazing as that is the fact that a further 7 percent responded that they will vote for Llamanzares because she "provided housing for the poor, fought the rights of women, gave scholarships, helped calamity victims and helped those in financial need." But Llamanzares really hasn't done any of those: clearly they are projecting non-existent accomplishments on her, the result of their belief that she is a hero's daughter who does such kind things.

Such delusion, the mix-up of reel and real, is certainly not an affliction solely of the poor, and therefore, uneducated. Llamanzares garnered the highest percentage of her supporters, 30 percent, among the ABC economic class, bigger than the 27 percent in the E class.

That is really a repeat of the presidential elections of 2004, when ousted President Joseph Estrada asked his best friend, Poe (Grace's adoptive father), to run for the top post against President Arroyo. Estrada told the introverted actor to run and win the presidency, because otherwise, he would spend the rest of his life in jail for the plunder charges filed against him. Given that Poe lost by only 3 percentage points to Arroyo, Estrada thinks Panday's daughter can sneak into the tight race and win the presidency this year. Those behind Llamanzares are the same gang of supporters as Estrada's shadowy cabal of Chinese Filipino businessmen that included William Gatchalian.

'Mini-Me,' the clone



Roxas is perceived as Aquino's clone, his Mini-Me.

Another candidate is "The Clone," or a better "Mini-Me:" Manuel Roxas 2nd. "Mini-Me" is that character in those Austin Powers comedy movies – the clone of villain Dr. Evil, identical in every way with the main character but "one-eighth his size." It was a hilarious scene when Dr. Evil, even if visibly disappointed that his clone is a dwarf, pompously dubs it "Mini-Me." A similar scene came to mind when Aquino raised Roxas' hand as he declared him the Administration's candidate, even if he knew he was rating badly in the voter-preference polls.

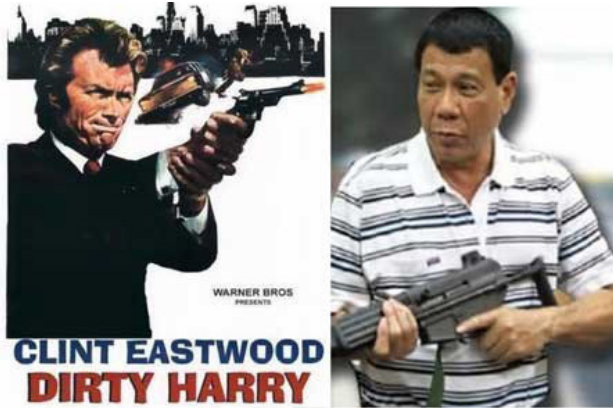
Roxas is without a doubt the contest's "Mini-Aquino" in the Laylo survey. A huge 42 percent chose him "because he will continue Aquino's programs, such as the conditional cash-transfer program." A further 10 percent did because he was endorsed

by the President.

Roxas fits the role to a tee. The Mini-Me of the movies often hilariously tries to be tougher than Dr. Evil, only to hide later behind his boss's legs. Roxas also often tries to appear tougher than Aquino, as when he told the Tacloban mayor Alfred Romualdez in the wake of Yolanda's damage: "Let's face it, you are a Romualdez and the President is an Aquino." Or when he replied to Duterte's remark that he would slap Roxas when he sees him: "Bakit pa sampalan, pambabae 'yan, suntukan na lang, 'di ba?" But he kept his mouth shut when Duterte challenged him to a gun duel.

What dooms Roxas, and explains his low ratings, is that while 42 percent of those who chose him did so because "he will continue Aquino's programs," 38 percent did not vote for him because he will be "like Aquino who hadn't changed things in the country," and that he is precisely a Mini-Me, "walang sariling decision, sunud-sunuran kay Aquino." That is, it's a wash being Aquino's clone.

Dirty Harry, the sheriff



They're voting for him not for his track record as mayor, but as the scourge of criminals.

Davao Mayor Rodrigo Duterte is the contest's Dirty Harry, the Wild West Sheriff. In the Laylo survey, nearly 70 percent picked him because of his tough anti-crime stance: "he is a disciplinarian and really punished criminals (22 percent)," "eradicated drug pushers and illegal drugs (20 percent)," "eradicated crime under his leadership (12 percent)," "strict in implementing the law (8 percent)" and "wielded the iron fist in disciplining Filipinos (7 percent)."

Duterte has been mayor of Davao City for 20 years since 1988 (his daughter Sarah became mayor so he could skirt the term limits), and a congressman from 1998 to 2001. But those who chose him perceived him almost totally as a man who vanquished crime and who could "discipline Filipinos."

Duterte's image is as the ruthless San Francisco detective Dirty Harry Callahan who didn't hesitate to kill criminals where they stood, as portrayed by Clint Eastwood in the box-office hit movies where the lead character replaced the goody-goody iconic hero of the past.

Obviously huge sectors of Filipinos, tired of the wave of crimes that have grown worse under Aquino, want such a cold-blooded crime-buster as President.

But wasn't Erap, with his PAOC nearly one, and aren't most of our police, already of that kind?

The Mayor



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work to do as your embassy may lose a large chunk of the \$101,500,000 annual cool revenue you are enjoying at the expense of what I believe you assess the Filipinos to be an idiotic masochistic race that would be willing to undergo such humiliation as some of them apply as many as 5, 6, or even 7 times just to get a tourist visa. But on the other hand, given the \$1,000 visa fee, who knows, after your due verification, you may just come to realize that a good-enough number are trust worthy to be allowed a tourist visa and therefore might even allow you a larger revenue than \$101 million annually.

MR. AMBASSADOR, please do what is right and stop F_ _ _ _ _ the FILIPINO PEOPLE.

Very truly yours,
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- Civic and cause oriented groups
- US State Department
- Filipino associations in the US

His image as a good mayor survived the intense black-propaganda campaign, such as the allegedly overpriced Makati City Hall II building.

About 20 percent of respondents chose Vice President Jejomar Binay because "he could replicate his success as mayor in developing Makati" on a national scale. ("Napaganda/napaunlad niya ang Makati, baka magawa niya sa buong bansa.") The "good mayor" aiming for the presidency, that is.

This is the reason why the Aquino-Roxas camp undertook an expensive two-year campaign to defame Binay's track record as mayor, and tried to show that his stint was one of corruption, the biggest instance of which, they alleged, was the purportedly overpriced Makati City Hall Building II.

The Administration failed in this intense defamation campaign, even if it was supported by the biggest newspaper in the country, and the plot even back-fired, which explains why Binay is now leading in the voter-preference surveys.

The "Good Mayor" is a powerful image in national elections, given that most Filipinos' encounter with government – especially outside the metropolis – is solely with a mayor. It is at that level where they can feel the impact of having a good or bad government representative, a mayor, on their lives.

However, the second biggest group of Binay's supporters chose him not just because of his track record as Makati mayor. A significant 19 percent of those who favored him in the Laylo poll picked him because of his "wide experience in government." This could be due to the fact that aside from being Makati mayor, he served the high-profile posts of Metro Manila Authority chairman from 1990 to 1992, and its successor institution, the Metro Manila Development Authority from 1998 to 2001.

Binay took a clever move when he collaborated with the Aquino Administration as that added to his political support base. Due to his work as Presidential Adviser on OFW Concerns, 11 percent of respondents chose him because "he has helped OFWs in trouble in other countries."

One of Binay's strong points as revealed in the Laylo survey where 14 percent of those who supported him selected him because "he grew up poor, and therefore he is pro-poor."

There has been no other presidential candidate – except Ramon Magsaysay, a former auto mechanic who won the presidency in 1953 – who managed to have such an image, which is an enormous edge in a country where I suspect more than 70 percent of voters see themselves as poor. (Manuel Villar tried to build up that image in the 2010 elections, and failed catastrophically as it backfired on him.)

Would you vote for somebody whose image is of the Snow White fairy-tale type? Would you vote to office a "Mini-Me" so we would have the same kind of government as we've had the past six years, a Mini-Me wielding the vast resources and power of the Republic of the Philippines as its leader?/ by Rigoberto Tiglao/tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com

Secrets of a Forgotten Keeper



Photo: Boyet Mijares (left) and his father Primitivo Mijares. Screenshot from the documentary 'Batas Militar'

Secrets are really meant to be found—a reason why it is often difficult to keep one or many just to yourself. Every man needs to be able to vent out his guilt (or sadistic joy, depending on who's talking) over his deepest and most vile secrets to a confidant. Even the cold and calculating dictator Ferdinand Marcos needed such a friend whom he could pour his heart and soul into. And that person was Primitivo Mijares.

Mijares was Marcos's right-hand aide. He was a journalist but he was working closely with Marcos. He was pretty much his executive assistant, ready to answer to the President's needs as soon as he was summoned. As a columnist for the Manila Chronicle, he had some influence in the and was the regime's media relations go-to-guy.

In 1975, Mijares defected from the administration and became a key whistle-blower against the regime, testifying to the U.S. Congress about the abuses of the Marcos family during Martial Law. He then detailed all of the secrets he was privy to through his book *The Conjugal Dictatorship of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos*, published on April 27, 1976. One of the most famous entries from the book was the staged ambush of then-Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile on September 22, 1972, which was what Marcos used to justify Proclamation 1081, more popularly known as Martial Law, the next day. Below is as written by Mijares himself:

"Marcos pressed a button in his intercom, and when an ever ready aide responded to say 'yes, sir,' he commanded: 'Get me Secretary Enrile.' And then with his line to the communications room aide still open, Marcos muttered to himself: 'Masyadong mabagal ng mga taong 'yan Kung kailan pa naman kailangan magmadali. Within few minutes, he determined that his secretary of national defense, Juan Ponce Enrile, had left his office at Camp Emilio Aguinaldo rather early in the day. He was located by Sgt. Arturo Boquiren, agent on duty at the communications room near the President's Study Room, in the house of a 'friend.' Somewhat irritated, Marcos ordered Enrile in the following manner: 'Secretary Enrile? Where are you? You have to do it now.. ya, ya, the one we discussed this noon. We cannot postpone it any longer. Another day of delay may be too late.' Continuing his orders obviously after being interrupted with some remarks by Enrile, Marcos went on: 'Make it look good. Kailangan seguro ay may masaktan o kung mayroon mapatay ay mas mabuti. (May be it would be better if somebody got hurt or killed). ... O hala, sigue, Johnny and be sure the story catches the 'Big News' and 'Newswatch'... and call me as soon as it is over.'— *The Conjugal Dictatorship of Ferdinand and Imelda*, by Primitivo Mijares, p. 49

Mijares also wrote of how Marcos confirmed his involvement in the death of Ilocos Norte Congressman Julio Nalundasan in 1935, through conversations with his friend Manila Mayor Arsenio Lacson, who was also part of Marcos's defense team for Nalundasan's murder:

It was on an early morning in later March 1957, hardly had a shocked and grieving nation buried its most beloved of all Presidents, Ramon F. Magsaysay, when Ferdinand E. Marcos paid a visit to Lacson at the latter's residence on M. Earnshaw Street in Sampaloc, Manila. Marcos then completing his second term as congressman for the second district of Ilocos Norte said he was advised by "Papa Laurel" to propose to Lacson the formation of a "dream presidential ticket" which would have the support of the politically-powerful Laurel clan.

"Yes, padre, I will subordinate myself to you. I will be your

vice presidential running mate – on condition, that you will pledge not seek reelection, if our team wins." Lacson quoted Marcos.

"Oh no, wait a minute Ferdinand, I really would want to serve this country as President one of these days. But if the condition is that you will be my Vice President, forget it. I love life, too, and I want to live a little longer, while serving my people. Don't ever think that I have forgotten the sharp aim of that man who felled Nalundasan with a single rifle shot. I may hardly have the time to take my oath as President before my own Vice President guns me down with that deadly aim of yours. Oh, no Ferdinand, forget it."

Padre, puro ka biro, eh. Kalimutan mo na iyan kalokohan natin, nakaraan na iyon." Marcos cut in.— *ibid*, p. 234-236

Eight months after publishing the book, Mijares mysteriously disappeared.

The last recorded contact with him was discovered in 2012 when Filipino-American blogger Jason Bruce found an interesting note on a secondhand copy of Mijares's book that he bought from Amazon.

In 1977, Primitivo's son, Boyet, received a phone call that his father was still alive. Boyet, then 16 years old and excited to see his father again, told his mom, Judge Priscilla Mijares, and insisted to go and see his father. Unfortunately for the boy, what seemed like hope for a reunion was a mere ruse. Boyet's body was later found with multiple stab wounds to his body, a bashed skull, mangled genitals, and protruding eyeballs—telltale signs of torture methods that were employed by the military during that time.

To this day, there has been no trace of Primitivo Mijares. His memory lives on through his book, but copies of the book have been lost due to efforts of the administration to buy (or steal) any copies. Very few copies survived (this writer personally had a copy but was lost in a major house move). We hope that there's enough to keep him from getting completely forgotten. <https://remember1081.wordpress.com/2016/02/17/secrets-of-a-forgotten-keeper/>

Duterte Stories



A post written by former SEC chairman, Perfecto Yasay Jr. relates how he has known Rody "Digong" Duterte since the time they were roommates at the YMCA dormitory in law school. He was at first startled by the curses that flowed naturally from Digong's mouth, but later was able to accept him for who he was, just as he accepted many other people in his life with their own failings and shortcomings.

Yasay continues, "But more significant than his frequent foul language that can be annoying to many, I know Rody up close as a person with a big heart and noble vision, who truly respects the dignity in every human being, especially the poor, the needy and oppressed whom he cares, loves and readily helps with devotion, consistency, integrity and sincerity and inspired by the same Christian values that many of us hold dear. I have learned to greatly respect him as a dedicated, honest, brave and decisive leader that our country needs for its survival at this critical time and to make meaningful change and advancement a reality."

I wonder why some people detest Duterte so much. And I realized that perhaps, like Yasay, they are initially turned off by his brashness, his impropriety, his casual manner of talking about killing criminals, his womanizing, and so on. Unlike Yasay, though, they did not have the opportunity to really know the person, and people tend to fear what they do not know.

I and my fellow Dabawenyos can attest to what Duterte has done, who he really is, and where his heart really lies. Do not judge him based on the flaws that media so loves to hype during these campaign times. Judge him by the stories that Dabawenyos themselves tell. After all, he has been our mayor for most of the past 3 decades. We should know.

I, myself, have a story to tell.

One of the store managers of the pharmacy that we operate reported an incident with one of the mayor's men. He had

been instructed to purchase Mayor Duterte's medicine and wanted to claim the senior citizen's discount. However, he had forgotten to bring the mayor's senior citizen's ID. When he was informed about it, he said, "Naku patay ako kay mayor nito. Sinabi na nga nyang dalhin ko ang requirements eh. Sigé, balik ako agad, miss. (Oh no, the mayor did remind me to bring the requirements. I'll be back quickly, miss)." It was that simple. No power play. No bending the rules.

Some of my friends and contacts have also shared their Duterte stories in social media. Let me share some of them.

My former teacher, Dennis Rivamonte, writes: "Some time ago, in Manila, I met a guy who claimed to be the contractor for the SM City Davao. He told me that he was so amazed and proud of Mayor Duterte. When I asked him why, he told me that unlike in other cities where he built SM Malls, it was only in Davao City where he did not experience being approached by a city official to ask for 'big personal favors' from SM management. Worried that the mayor might one day appear to ask for favors, just when mall was about to operate, and when he might find it difficult to say no, this contractor decided to see the mayor personally to ask if he had any 'special personal requests' from the SM management. To his surprise, Mayor Duterte said, 'Yes! I have one big personal request, a great big favor to ask from the management. When you start to take in applicants for employment, please give priority to the Dabawenyos.' That was it. He did not ask for anything other than that. And that was enough to amaze this contractor and to declare that our Davao City Mayor is not corrupt."

My friend, Alice Cadao, writes, "I was born in the year 1978 in Davao City and lived just meters away from his home in Bangkal. As a kid, I would hear stories about his generosity but it was not until I was already around 28 years old that I had personally witnessed how genuine this man really is. I had the privilege to work as a Production Officer for ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. and a correspondent for Bantay Bata 163 Davao. My partner and I would produce material that usually featured an ailing child who either needed an immediate operation or an expensive medical treatment. Through local TV Patrol Davao in the afternoon, the said feature stories were aired for broadcast. The material would run for just around 2 minutes but before it was done, our office would already receive a call. 'Si Mayor na daw mag-shoulder sa expense sa medication sa bata. (The mayor will shoulder that kid's expenses).' This was done without fanfare, without broadcast, without photo-ops or any publicity. Mind you, I cannot anymore count the number of children that he has helped through our program. Also, it was not a requirement that the parents were his constituents or his voters. He did not mind even if the child came from Tagum, Mati, Gensan or Cotabato. The important thing was that he was able to help.

Aldwin Dumago, a bank officer, writes, "He is known for his unpopular decisions. Most often we'd hate his orders, but we eventually come to realize he's right. Why spend so much money on fireworks and firecrackers if only to rush victims to hospitals after? Can we not celebrate Christmas and New Year without emergency cases? Why suffer from second-hand smoke? Why shoo away the indigenous people when they are the original settlers of Davao and Mindanao? Who doesn't want a taxi ride with Mayor Rody? I don't feel afraid of Mayor Rody because I'm not doing anything wrong. The moment the plane lands in Davao, I know I am safe. I know that when I take the cab, the driver will bring me to my destination safely and will give me exact change. I know that in case of emergency, I will only have to call 911."

Another good friend, Manolo del Rosario, an executive of Emcor, writes, "We Dabawenyos know him better than the rest of the country. He's the guy who goes out to do traffic in the rain, drives incognito as a taxi driver at night and commends a traffic enforcer for flagging him down on a traffic violation. He's the man who cries when he sees cancer-stricken kids, slaps abusive policemen, and has no tolerance for societal scalawags. He's the man who, despite budget constrictions, managed to convince the private sector to share resources and assets to create the only 911 system in the country. If the rest of the country doesn't want him, then at least leave to us what is ours — our hard-earned tax revenues. That way Davao can soar as high as we want to, implement our city development plan (yes we have that, first in the country, but we lacked the budget to implement it) and not be hampered

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 59
BAGUIO CITY
(Additional Family Court of Baguio)

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF THE ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF AMYTHESS MARGRETHE FAYE SARITO MARZAN,

TERESA SARITO MARZAN,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, QUEZON CITY,

Respondents,
x-----x

SPECIAL PRO. CASE NO. 2510-R

ORDER

A verified Amended Petition by the petitioner, through counsel alleged among others, that:

“1. Petitioner is of legal age, married, Filipino Citizen and with residence at #101 Lower Rock Quarry, Baguio City where she may be served with processes of the Honorable Court;

“2. Respondents are being impleaded as nominal parties the custodians or records of birth. The City Civil Registrar of Baguio City may be served with the Court’s summons and other court processes at their office address at T. Alonzo St., Baguio City. On the other hand, respondent Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), formerly National Statistics Office (NSO), can be served with the Court’s summons and processes at its office address at CVEA Bldg., East Ave., Diliman, Quezon City 1101, Philippines.

“3. Petitioner got married to WALDO WILFREDO QUEZADA MARZAN on AUGUST 24, 1997 at St. Augustine of the Hippo Parish, Naguilian, La Union; a copy of their Certificate of Marriage is hereto attached and marked as ANNEX “A” to form part of this Petition;

“4. Petitioner’s first child was born on

December 12, 1995 and christened AMYTHESS MARGRETHE FAYE SARITO MARZAN, a copy of her Certificate of Live Birth is hereto attached as ANNEX “B” to form part of this Petition;

“5. In the Certificate of Live Birth of Amythess Margrethe Faye issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority, formerly NSO, particularly in Entry Item No. 13, the Middle Name of father is “QUESADA” and in Entry Item No. 18, the Date and Place of Marriage is “JANUARY 20, 1998”, there is a need to correct the aforementioned details of the Certificate of Live Birth, for the following reasons, to wit:

a. To correct the Entry Item 13, NAME OF THE FATHER, the Middle Name that was entered is “QUESADA” because the correct middle name is “QUEZADA”; and

b. To correct Entry Item 18, DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE, the date and place entered is “JANUARY 20, 1998”, because the correct Date of Marriage is “AUGUST 24, 1997”;

6. Petitioner’s second child was born on April 24, 1998 and christened Waldemar Christian Sarito Marzan and in his Certificate of Live Birth particularly in Entry Item 13, Name of FATHER (First, Middle and Last), it contains the correct Middle Name of the father which is “QUEZADA” and in Entry 18, DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS, it is also contain the correct date of marriage of parents which is AUGUST 24, 1997. A copy of the Certificate of Live Birth is hereto attached and marked as “ANNEX “C”, to form a part of this Petition;

On the basis of the foregoing, the petitioner prays of this Honorable Court that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered by:

“1. To correct the Entry in Item 13, Name of Father (First, Middle and Last), which is the Middle Name of the Father from “QUESADA” to “QUEZADA”; and

“2. To correct the Entry in Item No. 18, DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS, from JANUARY 20, 1988 TO “AUGUST 24, 1997”.

Finding the Amended Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on May 3, 2016 at 10:15 o’clock in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioners

shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in Benguet province once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order together with a copy of the petition and its annexes, be furnished the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati City, Metro Manila, The City Prosecutor of Baguio, Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly NSO) the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, Office of the Civil Registrar General, Quezon City, and Teresa Sarito Marzan and all other persons named in the petition.

SO ORDERED.

D O N E I N CHAMBERS, this 5th day of January, 2016 at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) IVAN KIM B. MORALES
Judge

*Publication Dates:
February 27, March 5
and 12 2016*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Baguio City
OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC.,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

ANITA DEMOT HILVANO AND ENRIQUE HILVANO,

Mortgagors,
x-----x

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 16-628-S

E X T R A - J U D I C I A L FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET),

INC., against ANITA DEMOT HILVANO and ENRIQUE HILVANO of No. 65 B Lower Balacbac, Baguio City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 29, 2016 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THREE PESOS & 56/100 (Php 502,623.56) inclusive of interest, penalties, attorney’s fees but exclusive of sheriff’s fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on March 16, 2016 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in PHILIPPINE CURRENCY, the real property together with all existing improvements thereon which is more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO T-96963

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BAGUIO CITY
“A parcel of land (Lot 4-BB, Psd-CAR-016201), being a portion of Lot 4, (LRC) Pcs-15098. Rurban Code of 131102, situated at Res. Sec. “J”, City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. X X X . Containing an area of ONE THOUSAND SEVEN (1007) Square Meters, more or less.” (Complete technical description appears in the title)

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

In the event that there is a failure of the auction sale, the same is re-scheduled on March 23, 2016 at the same time and place without need of notice and republication.

Baguio City, Philippines, February 11, 2016.

(SGD) ATTY. LINDA MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD) DELFIN E. ARIAGA
Sheriff IV

PUBLICATION AWARDED BY RAFFLE TO: THE JUNCTION

Date of Publication: February 21, 28 & March 6, 2016.

Copy furnished: All parties concerned.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of DAVID JOSEPH L. DE LEON III who died in Mabini, Batangas on September 19, 2015 was extra-judicially settled by the heirs on February 24, 2016 as evidenced by Doc. No. 49; Page No. 38; Book No. IV; Series of 2016 of the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles.

*Publication Dates: February 27,
March 5, and 12, 2016*

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

TERESITA D. MAYOCYOC
Petitioner

Case no. 99-01-123

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY – CAMP 7 and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 15th day of January, 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

LENNY C. VIDAL
Petitioner

Case no. 2001-01-2082

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA – DOMINCAN - LOURDES and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 10th day of February, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

LAWRENCE C. MILO
Petitioner

Case no. 2001-01-1737

NOTICE OF HEARING

TTthis is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA – EPZA via LOAKAN ROAD and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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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, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 13th day of January, 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

HERMINIO M. ANGAGA
Petitioner

Case no. 2000-01-1634

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA – FERNANDINO SUBD. (IRISAN) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 29th day of January, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

JOCELYN A. PANAYO
Petitioner

Case no. 2007-CAR-0281

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 18th day of January, 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

Duterte...

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by others who do not share in our vision of a safe, clean, modern and progressive environment for our children.”

My former student, George Cordero, writes, “Listen, I went to college in Davao. Ever since, I wished the other Filipino cities I lived in were as disciplined and safe as Davao City. All this talk about being afraid of Duterte?

What do you have to fear if you aren’t a law-breaker? I have nothing but respect and admiration for the man and his will and sincerity. In a way, I think it’s good to see that his critics have nothing on him except their ‘moral high ground,’ and fears of an imagined dictatorship that is truly such a stupid notion.”/Originally published in Sunstar Davao./Do you have your own Duterte Story to share? Email me at andy@freethinking.me. View previous articles at www.freethinking.me./http://freethinking.me/essays/duterte-stories/

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

CASTILLO M. KIWANG

Petitioner

Case no. 97-BC-222

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ACUPAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 26th day of January, 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

BENJAMIN GARCIA, JR.-Vendor

JOSE R. PUNO-Vendee

Petitioners

Case No. 2011-CAR-598/2016-CAR-030

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA – TRANCOVILLE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Atty. Jose Eduardo L. Natividad, Regional Director this 20th day of January, 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

ANITA NGOSLAB-Vendor

PEPITA M. BAGLEO-Vendee

Petitioners

Case No. 88-01-1495/2016-CAR-041

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - TUDING and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 16, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Atty. Jose Eduardo L. Natividad, Regional Director this 2nd day of February, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

CHRISTOPHER CARAME-Vendor

ROMEO P. AMBOY-Vendee

Petitioners

Case No. 98-BC-631/2016-CAR-046

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passenger and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - SABLAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Atty. Jose Eduardo L. Natividad, Regional Director this 11th day of February, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

EVELYN D. MADAYAG-Vendor

ROMEO P. AMBOY-Vendee

Petitioners

Case No. 2012-CAR-432/2016-CAR-045

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SABLAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Atty. Jose Eduardo L. Natividad, Regional Director this 11th day of February, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

JULIUS P. BRYAN-Vendor

ROMEO P. AMBOY-Vendee

Petitioners

Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-1056/2016-CAR-044

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY – PALALI, SABLAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Atty. Jose Eduardo L. Natividad, Regional Director this 11th day of February, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

ALETH N. DE LUMEN-Complainant

MOISES P. ABENOJA-Respondent

Petitioners

Case No. 2003-CAR-855

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a complaint for cancellation of Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY – BANGUED and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit granted the respondent in the above-cited case.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Atty. Jose Eduardo L. Natividad, Regional Director this 16th day of February, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

BOBBY PAGNAS

Petitioner

Case no. 94-CAR-183/09-0549

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a petition for Change of Route Description to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights from Baguio City – Agoo, La Union and Vice Versa to BAGUIO CITY – AGOO, LA UNION via Taloy Sur (Tuba, Benguet) and Vice Versa with the use of the same one (1) unit authorized the petitioner on the foregoing case.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 15, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 22nd day of January, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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With the lot being within CJHRA the Board of Directors of John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), the administrator of the property, approved a resolution during its March 13, 2011 special board meeting, allowing use of the lot for the purpose of the DepEd's construction of a school building for the CCVES.

The use of the site was reiterated in the September 21, 2014 barangay resolution unanimously approved by the incumbent barangay council saying “resolved to approve the basketball court as the site for the school building of the Country Club Village Elementary School.”

This was followed by the signing of a Deed of Usufruct (DOU) between the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), who owns the lot, the JHMC as administrator, and the Department of Education through Secretary Armin Luistro, the user of the lot, who will also construct the school building. The DOU specifically states that change in the utilization of the lot will cause termination of the agreement between the BCDA and the DepEd, the property automatically reverting to BCDA.

DepEd Secretary Armin Luistro approved the DOU in August 2013.

Even the President of the Parents, Teachers' Community Association (PTCA) of the CCVES, Devy Rose Mey-ang together with the President of the Supreme Student Government of the school in a letter in 2014 spoke of the barangay's continued support for the school, approving the use of the basketball court to give way to the school.

They said that upon completion, it will give parents a breathing space as it will also lower the

transportation expense of the students in going to school, and will be more conducive for the learning of the students.

Why push for a covered court

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said that the fund for the construction of a covered court is ready thus it should proceed using the lot where the basketball court is situated and relocate the school building to the adjacent lot. The shortage of classrooms in the Country Club Village Elementary School (CCVES) can be addressed by making temporary classrooms instead of a permanent school building.

This was the mayor's stand during the June 25 meeting to tackle the opposition raised by former CCVES barangay captain Dencio Almag and some other residents for to the construction of a Department of Education's (DepEd) four storey six-classroom building where at present the basketball court of the barangay is located.

In 2010, Almag himself approved Barangay Resolution 06-2010 titled “A resolution of the Sangguniang Barangay approving the use of the basketball court as the site for a multi-purpose structure enclosing the school building of Baguio Country Club Village Primary School and a basketball court.”

However, when all was set to construct the school building, Almag suddenly opposed the implementation of said barangay resolution which he himself during his incumbency.

In prioritizing the covered court, the officials instead proposed that the school building utilize the adjacent property, which the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) in studies made in 2012 and 2015 declared as landslide prone and unstable./BCDA-PR

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expressed pro-large-scale mining industry sentiments over past mining conferences held in the country.

Among the Senatoriables, Martin Romualdez and Dick Gordon are the clearest pro-mining candidates because of their family's shares in mining companies.

Local pro-mining Candidates

In North Luzon, political dynasties had great role in the entry of legal and illegal on-shore and inland large-scale mining in the regions.

People in Cagayan believe that the Enrile Dynasty in Cagayan has control over illegal black sand mining operations in the province as they have not done their power to stop the illegal operations in the province.

Isabela's Dy dynasty remains inactive in foreclosing the illegal mining activities of Golden Summit Mining Corporation in Cordon, Isabela despite years of community protest.

The Singson dynasty of Ilocos Sur reportedly supports the mining activities of Chinese contractors in Vigan City.

Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan reportedly supports the continuous operations and expansion of big mining in the province despite the several mining accidents.

Re-electionist Pangasinan Governor Amado Espino was indicted by the ombudsman for illegal black sand mining in Lingayen gulf.

PMA 1995 as the root cause

“If pro-mining candidates will win the positions, this will result in increased entry and

operation of large foreign mining companies that will worsen the destruction of the ecosystems and livelihood of communities near the mines as experienced in the decades of mining in Benguet and is now being experienced by the people in Didipio, Nueva Vizcaya,” Fernando Mangili, Amianan Salakniban spokesperson said.

According to the 2016 MGB data, approved and registered mining tenements have increased from 718 in 2011 to 999 in 2015 but despite the increase, mining contributions to Gross Domestic Product remains stagnant at 0.7% from 2012 to 2014 and their contribution to employment remain 0.6 % since 2011.

“The MGB data debunks the myth that mining is an economic booster as its contribution to the economy remains insignificant while the destruction it causes to our environment and people are enormous,” Mangili added.

“The Philippine Mining Act of 1995 is to be blamed because it legalizes the plunder of our resources by big foreign mining corporations while the country gets little out of their operations at the expense communities and ecosystems that are destroyed in the process,” he added.

Amianan Salakniban calls for the scrapping of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and encourages voters to elect candidates that will prioritize the environment and people's rights over interest of big foreign corporations.

“Let us think for the future by voting for the environment and voting for the people this coming election,” Mangili added./For more information: Fernando (Ampi) Mangili, Amianan Salakniban, Convener/ Spokesperson

City Dads Opt for Basketball Court vs School Building

BAGUIO CITY — While the national government in its Daang Matuwid programs pushes forward to address the shortage and improve the existing facilities of schools and classrooms, officials here would rather have a covered court constructed than build the four storey-six classroom building for the Country Club Village Elementary School (CCVES) to be constructed by the Department of Education (DepEd).

In a meeting in June 2015, city government officials led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Congressman Nicasio Aliping Jr. expressed opposition to the school building construction on the basketball court and maintained their position that any school building to be built in Country Club Village be constructed on the adjacent lot as identified by the City Land Needs and Identification Committee.

"Sayang ang space", the mayor pointed out to the barangay officials.

Safety of children

But the lot identified and being pushed by the city is highly susceptible to landslides and other forms of instabilities as reported by the Cordillera Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

Geologist Benigno Cesar Espejo in a February 13, 2012 report to MGB Officer-in-charge Orlando Pineda Sr., said "the subject area is underlain by the conglomerate member of the Klondyke Formation as exposed by the excavation done within the property. Locally it shows thick soil cover, believed to be the product of in-situ weathering of the underlying lithologic unit. Moreover, landslide deposits were noted on the middle to western portion of the property."

Based on the findings and observations, the western to middle portion of the lot where the temporary school building was constructed (PLAN surveyed for Country Club Barangay with lot area of 8,559 square meters) is highly

susceptible to landslide and other forms of instabilities and therefore is not suitable for a school site. It is instead recommended to be utilized as an open space."

Following the meeting with city officials in June 2015, government-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority's (BCDA) subsidiary John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), which is charged to handle the affairs of the John Hay Reservation Area (JHRA), again requested the MGB to do a re-assessment on the identified site.

In November 2015, Geologist Kevin Gaerlan reiterated the earlier findings of the MGB and again said that "an indication of landslide reactivation/remobilization was noted on the mid-slope of the old landslide escarpment."

He added that "the proponents should consider in their design the identified hazards in the areas such as it is within an old landslide terrain, underlain by old landslide deposits in on to present indication of reactivation of the old landslide."

The report further stated that "based on the above findings, the recommendations mentioned in the previous reports is hereby reiterated. If the proponent still opt to construct the proposed covered basketball court on the present site of temporary school buildings, the proponents should consider in their design the identified hazards in the area such as; it is within an old landslide terrain, underlain by old landslide deposits in addition to present indication of reactivation of the old landslide. Any damage to be incurred due to non-implementation of the above

recommendations is the sole responsibility of the proponent."

Owing to the due diligence function of the JHMC to protect the youth from any harm, it transmitted the MGB's November 2015 geologic assessment report to the Department of Public Works and Highways Baguio District Engineering Office highlighting the MGB's

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recommendation to use the city proposed location of the school as an open space.

Better classrooms

Country Club Village Barangay Captain Gil Lomboy described the present school as a "makeshift" structure for Grades 1 to 6, and the kindergarten and nursery pupils of the CCVES, which has a population of more than 220.

Aside from it being dilapidated, students also complain that their learning is affected especially when it rains, because they can hardly hear each other.

He related a story about tourists who were horse-back riding whom he met on the road. They asked where their school is and he pointed at the present building, to which the tourists said, "sabihin niyo sa Kapitan niyo sumulat sa gobyerno para magkaroon kayo ng matinong eskwelahan."

This story was engraved in his mind, reason why he pushes for the construction of a school that is conducive to learning, and where the students' safety can be assured. He said the mayor opts to use another area, instead of the basketball court to erect the school building.

The construction of the four-storey six classroom structure with a provision for open space that can be utilized for activities will replace the present dilapidated classrooms.

The DepEd structure will have a building footprint of more or less 270 square meters with the first, second and third floors utilized as classrooms for grades 1 to 6 and the fourth floor as a multi-purpose hall.

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One of the beautiful and great floats at the 2016 Panagbenga./Photo by Bong Cayabyab

Pro-mining candidates gets NO vote from NL Green Groups

A few days before the Mining Act of 1995 on March 3, environment advocates under the Green Vote 2016 alliance calls on for the public to not vote for pro-mining candidates this coming election.

Amianan Salakniban, as part of the Green Vote 2016, a national-wide alliance of environment organizations, scientists and mining-affected communities, vows to campaign against candidates who have a clear track record of supporting, promoting and owning large-scale mining operations in the country.

Pro-mining National Candidates

According to the initial research of the Green Vote Alliance, Mar Roxas of the

Liberal Party is the candidate who has the greatest mining interests among all presidential candidates.

"He is a shareholder in seven different mining corporations. He continues to receive millions of pesos in campaign contributions from mining companies, including the recently infamous San Roque Metals Inc. (SRMI) that is a known repeated offender of environmental laws in the CARAGA region," said Clemente Bautista, National Coordinator of the Kalikasan People's Network for the Environment, one of the convening organizations in the campaign.

According to Mar Roxas' 2012 Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net worth (SALN), he declared PHP120 million

worth of shares in Philex Mining Corporation, Marinduque Mining, Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company, Manila Mining Corporation, and Industrial Corporation, Mindanao Mother Lake Mines, Samar Mining Company, and Western Minolco Corporation.

The alliance has also found out that Vice President Jejomar Binay is also a pro-mining presidential. Mining companies funded his campaign last 2010 elections and based on his platform, he promises to give more economic incentives to mining companies once elected.

Among the Vice-presidential, Gringo Honasan, Bongbong Marcos and Alan Peter Cayetano have all

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