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It's Business as Usual at City Hall as Officials

Await Transition

BAGUIO CITY – As the election fever waned, incumbent city officials buckled down to work as as they await the assumption of the new set of leaders who won in the May 13 mid-term elections.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said it is business as usual for both the reelected and outgoing officials they await the transition of leadership on July 1.

The city council will resume its regular session tomorrow (Monday) with a 50-item agenda up for deliberation in its regular session at 2 p.m.

Domogan went back to his usual responsibilities as chief executive albeit it can be said that the tedious campaigning did little to disrupt the discharge of his routine duties.

The city is expected to hold the traditional inauguration program for incoming officials and farewell-cum-thanksgiving ceremonies for the outgoing ones on July 1.

The new set of Baguio officials are outgoing Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. who will replace incumbent Rep. Bernardo Vergara in Congress, Domogan and Farinas **Cont. on page 7**

Tapos na ang eleksyon, tanggapin ang hatol ng Bayan sa mga nagwagi. ngunit dapat pa ring maging MAPAGMASID!!!



WINNERS ALL – The recently elected City Officials shown raising their hands in victory. While we are of the belief that some of these officials do not deserve to hold sensitive and crucial positions in government, we, however, respect the will of the majority voters who came out to vote. Congratulations to all of you and may you give your all in serving the residents of Baguo, as public office is a public trust!!!

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Aliping Replaces Vergara, Domogan-Farinas Retain Seat

BAGUIO CITY – the heat of elections is over in this mountain resort with old faces back in the seat of power, to serve for three years and more if extended by the people.

Triumphant by a margin in the race for the Lone district of Baguio for a seat in the House of Representatives is Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. garnering a total number of 38,762 votes over rival Marquez Go with 35,944 votes and re-electionist Cong. Bernardo Vergara with 23,865 votes.

For the Mayoral race, Mayor Mauricio Domogan wins 49,819 votes to remain as the father of the city over LP standard bearer Atty. Jose Molintas with 44,858 votes and former Mayor Ramon Labo who slid down to 4,176 votes.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas will serve his last term after garnering a landslide win of 77,566 votes over rivals Francis Padawil who garnered 6,761 votes, Dwight Nicolas Bello III 3,668 votes and Jeffrey Pinic with 626 votes.

For members of the city council, Councilor Edison Bilog came in as a surprise in the number 1 spot with 53,218 votes with former public figure Bobby Ortega closing behind with 51,856

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda retains a seat with 46,710 votes putting her in the third spot while Coun. Isabelo Cosalan, Jr. joins in 4th spot with 44,847 votes.

It's a big comeback for former councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. with 44,477 votes to gain the 5th spot as a member of the city council while Coun. Elmer Datuin seals his seat in 6th spot with 44,237 votes together with Coun. Richard Carino in 7th spot with 41,343 votes.

Former Councilor Faustino Olowan is also back with 41,295 votes for the 8th spot after losing the vice-mayoralty race three years ago.

Former ABC President Coun. Joel Alangsab will also continue to serve as a regular councilor after gaining 40,271 votes for the 9th spot in the city council.

Former Councilor Elaine Sembrano who lost in her mayoralty bet three years ago is back with 39,604 votes for the 10th

Sliding down to 11th spot is Councilor Peter Fianza with 37,160 votes and Coun. Fred Bagbagen with 34,807 votes to complete the magic 12.

Re-electionist Coun. Philian Louise Weygan-Allan will have to sit-it-out this time.

The city recorded a total of 213 clustered precincts over a total of 215 and 103,544 number of voters who actually voted over a total of 146,230 registered voters, a big turn-out for the 2013 National and Local elections here./paul rillorta

City's Continuing Support to CSC Anti-Smoking Order

BAGUIO CITY -The city government of Baguio in partnership with the Civil Service Commission con-

John T. Bagayan

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Courteous and Effective Public Service) towards a Smoke-Free Service" last May 16 and 17 to about 225 city hall employees. This is in line paign for a 100 per-Baguio.

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Reves of the Health Services Office said and hoped that 'with the symposium, employees will look seriously at the negative con-

Majority of Benguet's Incumbent Officials Retain

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Buguias, Kapangan,

Kibungan,

Mankayan, Tublay

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Posts

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Majority of the incumbent officials in the province and the municipalities retained their posts in the May 13 midterm elections.

Incumbent Congressman Atty. Ronald Cosalan was re-elected garnering a total of 85,534 votes over his opponent Crescencio Pacalso with a total vote of 65,620 and Renan Munar with 582 votes.

For the gubernatorial post, it is a landslide victory for re-electionist Nestor Fongwan with a total vote of 108,950 against Jerome Selmo with only 34,994 votes.

Nelson Dangwa topped the vice gubernatorial post with 72,546 votes. opponents, Atty. Juan Nazarro Jr got 35,596 votes Atty. Apolinario Camsol with 34,313 votes.

Elected board members for District 1 covering the

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towns of Bokod, Mauricio Macay, Kabayan Mayor Itogon, Kabayan, Faustino Aquisan, Sablan, and Tuba Kibungan Mayor are re-electionists Johnny Waguis(Benito Siadto. Sablan Mayor 26,128 votes). Alfonso Arthur Baldo, and Fianza(20,598 Tublay Mayor votes) and Benjamin Ruben Paoad. Saguid(19,841 On the other hand, re-elected votes). The only

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mayors are incumbent mayors Peter Alos of Atok, Melchor Diclas of Buguias, Roberto Canuto Kapangan, Materno Luspian Mankayan, Florencio Bentrez of Tuba.

Comebacking Edna Tabanda won mayoralty race in La Trinidad.

The towns of Itogon and Bakun have new mayors in the person of Atty. Victorio Palangdan Faustino and Lambinio, respectively.

For the vice mayoralty post, this town's incumbent Vice Mayor Romeo Salda run unopposed.

Five incumbent vice mayors were given fresh man-

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Baguio **Country Reunion Concert this**

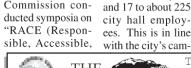
With the political hustings over, Baguio turns to folk and country music as homebred musicians the likes of Conrad Marzan, Mhia Tibunsay and lawyer Bubut Olarte reunite in a concert-for-acause this Monday evening at the Cobalt Building of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

Igorot song writer and balladeer Bryan Aliping, soloists Alma Angiwan and Liza Noble, journalists March Fianza and Alfred Dizon, farmer-turnedpreacher Dick Oakes and other musicians with a heart will join them in the pro bono performance. So will the folk and country band of the Philippine National Police based at Camp Dangwa.

After all, the proceeds will be for three seriously ill patients, including 10year old Chelsea Benito, an Ibaloy farmer's daughter who became blind last year due to complications from her heart and kidney ailment. She is now the youngest among 179 patients undergoing life-time hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure at the BGHMC.

Dubbed "Baguio Reunion", the concert is also dedicated to Jun Willy of the technical staff of People's Television 4 who is also undergoing hemodialysis and Linda Fines of the Department of Tourism regional office here who is fighting cancer.

Conrad flew in recently from his base in Northern California while Mhia arrived last week from Singapore where she works as event organizer for a hotel. Each time the two expat-singers come home, they ask colleagues to organize what they all Cont. on page 7



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cation, Baguio City is towards to the direction of being 100 percent smokefree city.

Medical Officer Dr. Donnabel Tubera of the Health Services Office plained the adverse effects of smoking and smoking cessation.

h stressed that smoking has a great effect to the health of people as it has something to do with lung and throat cancers, respiratory and heart diseases.

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Tuba Residents Reelect Their Mayor, Vice Mayor

TUBA, Benguet - The Municipal Board of Canvassers has declared Tuesday incumbent mayor Florencio V. Bentrez as the official winner of the town's mayoralty race.

Based on the official results submitted by the Board of Canvassers, Bentrez garnered a total of 11,999. He won over Cresencio V. Akia who got 4,378 votes and Floyed Anderson with 139 votes.

Incumbent vice mayor Clarita Sal-ongan retained her post with 10,400 votes. Dick P. Balting garnered a total of 5.428 votes.

The winning municipal councilors are Maria L. Carantes, Nestor L. Baban, Adora K. Paus, Garey G. Behis, Roger M. Kitma, Ignacio R. Rivera, Rebecca Y. Apil and Arnulfo D.

Bentrez, upon his proclamation at 10:24 am Tuesday, thanked his supporters and the people of Tuba for giving him the opportunity to serve them for a third and last term.

The town has a total 22,457 registered voters and 17,273 voters actually voted in the May 13, 2013 midterm elections./JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR

DOH, City Health Office to **Conduct HIV Surveillance in**

Baguio

BAGUIO CITY -The Department of Health (DOH-CAR), in partnership with the AIDS Watch Council (AWAC), through the Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic (RHWC) of City Health Office prepare for the conduct of an Inte-HIV grated Behavioural and Serologic Surveillance System (IHBSS) in the

IHBSS aims to provide more information about the spread of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in the country. This strategy determines the extent of the epidemic and the virus' medium of dispersal in cities and rural areas. It also caters to HIV prevention, planning, policy evaluation.

IV is defined as a slowly replicating retrovirus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), a condition in humans in which progressive failure of the immune system allows life-threatening opportunistic awareness and infections and cancers to thrive.

In preparation

for the HIV surveillance project, a briefing was conducted for doctors. nurses, and other health workers last May 9 here. They discussed ethical guidelines and technical protocols in interviewing respondents regarding safe sex practices and behaviours, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STI), and HIV knowledge and access to information, medical

testing and Social

Hygiene Clinics,

and HIV/STI mis-

conceptions.

City Reproductive Health and Wellness Center (RHWC) head, Dr. Celia Flor Brilliantes, in an interview disclosed that this year's IHBSS focuses on Males having Sex with Males (MSMs) aged 15 and above, as they are the most vulnerable sector when it comes to HIV and other STIs. She explained that they have to do actions such as

surveying in order

to raise HIV

prevention.

The survey will be random and unannounced. Voluntary blood extraction and testing would also be a part of the survey, Brillantes added.

IHBSS Team Leader Emilio Callao Jr. said that the city's effort to conduct such surveillance is a way to inform respondents about the nature of HIV and other STIs. Aside from givfree condoms each respondent, interviewers will also clarify misconceptions

about the virus. The results of the surveillance would be used in crafting guidelines for government intervention in curbing the long existing health issue of HIV/ AIDS, added.

Combating HIV/AIDS is one of the country's commitments to the

Baguio City Winners BAGUIO CITY - The City

Proclaimed BAGUIO CITY - THE CRY Board of Canvassers headed by Commission on Election (Comelec) Assistant Regional Director Reddy Balarbar proclaimed the newly elected officials of this city at the Baguio Convention Center around 5:30 PM yesterday.

Elected as representative for Baguio's lone Congressional District is Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. He garnered 38,762 votes beating the 35,944 votes of Mark Go and the 23,865 votes of incumbent congressman Bernardo Vergara.

Baguio voters also re-elected mayor Mauricio Domogan and vice mayor Daniel Fariñas. Domogan got 49,819 votes as against the 44,858 votes of closest opponent, human right lawyer Jose

Farinas, on the other hand, was a runaway winner with over 70,000 votes in the vice mayoralty

For the 12 seats for the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council), given fresh mandate are incumbent councilors namely Edison Bilog, Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Isabelo Cosalan, Elmer Datuin, Richard Cariño, Joel Alangsab, Peter Fianza and Fred Bagbagen.

Joining them are comebacking councilors Leandro Yangot, Faustino Olowan, Elaine Sembrano and Roberto "Bobby" Ortega.

Bilog, Ortega and Tabanda gathered the most votes among the winning councilors.

There are two clustered precincts in Baguio that were not included in the final tally - one for Barangay Lualhati where no voting took place as their ballots were accidentally switched with those of barangay Gabi in Compostela Valley, and one for Barangay Kayang whose PCOS memory card encountered technical problem and failed to be transmitted to the Con-

solidation and Canvassing System of Cont. on page 7



NOT COUNTED? - A senior citizen tries in vain as the PCOS Machine did not register his vote. Thanks to the teachers' (PIX 5447) engenuity by cutting a small portion of the ballots which were found out to be thick, thus, can not be recorded by the PCOS Machine during the just concluded May 13 national and local elections./By Bong Cayabyab

UN Millenium Development Goal.

At the end of 2011, 34.2 million people were living with HIV. That same year, some 2.5 million people became newly infected, and 1.7 million died of AIDS including 230,000 children.

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Newcomers of the Provincial Board Share Their Victory and What's

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Newcomers of the members of the provincial board share moments of their victory and their next steps.

Jack Dulnuan of the popular Jack's Restaurant food chain, finally made it to the provincial board landing at No. 3 three for District 2.

Dulnuan is happy he won as he is now given a chance to help the people of the province. He wants to legislate measures that engage in livelihood programs especially for the less fortunate.

Dulnuan, a living legend of patience and perseverance, admitted politics is not in his blood but what pushed him to enter the political arena is to share his experience to a ladder of fortune, and be an inspiration to others.

He started as a houseboy, but persevered to get out of his impoverished situation. True enough with his sheer determination, he became a successful businessman.

His Jack's Rice popularized food toppings, a complete meal with rice, meat and vegetables in the area. His chain of restaurants is one of the must go in town and in Baguio City.

There is a solution to poverty only if one is determined to do so, he guipped.

Roberto Namoro, a barangay official for 17 years and six years as ex oficio member of this town's council for being the president of the Association of Barangay Captains (ABC), said he feels excited to serve from the municipal hall to Capitol.

Namoro said he wants to advocate for the barangays. "I recall the words of re-elected Governor Nestor Fongwan when he sat down in his post in 2007 when he mentioned the many problems encountered at the barangay level, the forefront of community concerns," he said.

This has been my motivation to look into the needs of the people at the barangay level and I want to help in my own little way and extend this provincewide," he added.

He feels that the creation of special bodies at the barangay level such as Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC), Barangay Nutrition Council (BNC) among others are important not only for organization purposes but to make these bodies really functional.

Jim Botiwey, a three-year termer councilor of this town, had mixed emotions saying he is not certain of what will happen next. But he expressed his excitement to serve the province.

In spite of his experience as a legislator at the municipal level, he said the provincial level is a new playing field. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan compared to the Sangguniang Bayan is wider in Cont. on page 6 scope.



Ghost Busters

"Whenever I take up a newspaper, I seem to see ghosts floating between the lines." Norweigian poet Henrik Ibsen's remark came to mind on reading reports that former police Senior Supt. Cezar Mancao scrammed from his NBI cell. How? By "using his own key".

Mancao fled to the US in 2001, after being linked to murders of public relations man Bobby Dacer and driver Emmanuel Corbito. On November 24, 2000, Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force agents, overseen by former Supt. Michael Ray Aquino, flagged down Dacer's car at a Makati intersection.

Dacer and driver were strangled by PAOCTF agents and cops "using electric cords before their corpses" were torched, farmers Alex Diloy and Jimmy Lopez testified. Their burnt corpses were found four days later, in barangay in Buna Lejos. UP forensic pathologists identified Dacer and Corbito from, among other evidence, "metal dental plates and a ring."

Ex-president Fidel Ramos was to briefed by Dacer on the raging BW stock resouces scandal. Estrada was, at that time, being impeached by the House of Representatives. Among other charges, was he repeatedly called SEC to clear BW Resources.

Were BWR permits for gambling, authorized by Erap, swapped for BW shares?

EDITORIAL Financier Dante Tan didn't wait for the impeachment to

end. He bolted for Australia. On March 31, 2001, Ramos accused Estrada of being involved in the "tragic and murderous kidnapping."

"My name is not bigote (mustache)," Estrada told Inquirer. "It is Erap. People call me Erap," said now candidate for Manila mayor. That outburst came after fugitive Cezar Mancao pinpointed Bigote as the "mastermind" in the Cavite rubout.

Footage from a security camera showed Mancao, in white t-shirt with bull cap, carrying a black bag, slam the cell door behind him at 1:14 a.m. Thursday. Since then, he has been waging "war" against Senator Panfilo Lacson by cell phone.

Lacson ignored Mancao's allegation on masterminding the Dacer-Corbito rubout. "I've long forgiven him and have no interest in him".

The Court of Appeals' special sixth division, in February 2011, spiked the doublemurder case against Lacson, who then had fled. There was no probable cause "to justify filing of two separate information for murder against [Lacson] Consistent with his constitutional right to be presumed innocent and in consonance with existing jurisprudence, he should be relieved from the pain and agony of trial...."

"The ridiculousness of it all is mind-boggling", an Inquirer editorial notes "The (Mancao breakout) was captured on a CCTV camera. Justice Secretary Leila de Lima then called Mancao directly to personally confirm with him that he had indeed bolted. "Yes, ma'am," was Mancao's polite reply.

"And, in the wake of another purported massive manhunt launched to locate the latest high-profile fugitive, Mancao was still able to grant phone interviews to TV stations—10 hours after he ambled out of the NBI."

Mancao ducked Inquirer's question if it was true NBI agents missed him by minutes in Bulacan Friday night. "What they will spend in looking for me is better donated to victims of Typhoon 'Pablo' in Compostela Valley." Fugitive Mancao is running for a seat on Compostela Valley the provincial board in the May 13 elections.

This riveting exchange entertains. But are we not in danger of glossing over the basic issue, namely: the unsolved murder of two citizens —— Dacer and Corbito?

"Every unpunished murder takes away something from the security of every man's life", Daniel Webster wrote. Arguments over the roots of this devaluation of God-given life will therefore persist long after the Mancao caper fizzles.

Did this all start with the Marcos dictatorship's torture chambers, like the Military Intelligence Security Group? That's where Panfilo Lacson started his bloodstained climb to national power, notes the Yale University study: "Closer Than Brothers".

Look at how Lacson, as a young PMA Class '71 graduate developed. "Under martial law, torture became an instrument of power," McCoy notes. Between 1975 and 1985, some 737 Filipinos "disappeared". But nearly four times that number –some 2,520, equivalent to 77 percent of all victims were salvaged.

"As the sapling is bent, so will the tree grow." Lieutenant (later senator,) Panfilo Lacson thrived in that milieu. He rose through ranks of the notorious Military Intelligence Security Group, "on a fast track to national police power." In the service to Erap, Lacson, stamped that mould on PAOCTF aides: Mancao, Glenn Dumlao, Michael Ray Aquino, among others.

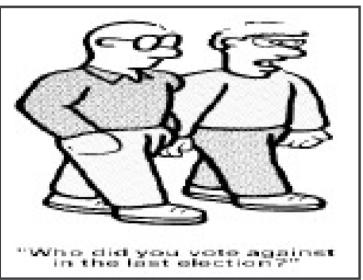
Or does it go back further? Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain asked after slaying Abel.

Where does this leave the quest for justice by the families of driver Emmanuel Corbito and PR man Dacer? Lacson pledged to tell Dacer siblings all he knew about the rubout. "That never happened," Carina Dacer told Radyo Inquirer.

Thus, Carina, with sisters Emily, Sabina and, Amparo filed a \$20 million civil suit against Lacson, deposed President Joseph Estrada, and four others before a U.S. District Court in California for salvaging of their father. The Mancao episode puts off that quest for justice further still.

As election day nears, ghosts of evils past resurged with the Mancao escape. As president, the buck for PAOCTF operations stopped with Erap. He must exorcise those specters by decisively disproving Fidel Ramos charge that he winked at the Dacer-Corbito rubout.

Siya ang gumagawa ng multo, at siya rin any natatakot, the old proverb says. "He made the ghost and was scared of it."/Juan L. Mercado



FAIR AND SQUARE

A Substitute Petition for Legalization of Irregular Franchises



BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS

In late 2009, Councilor Richard Cariño sponsored in the City Council Proposed Resolution Nr. 0042-10 entitled: Recommending to the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) En Banc the Legalization of PUV Franchises in Baguio City and CAR Issued in Violation of the Moratorium and other LTFRB Rules.

The proposed resolution calendared in the agenda of the Council for three (3) long years, repeatedly returned to the Council en banc to the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation (CPUTTL) allegedly for further study. Of course, to my knowledge, the Committee in that length of time given by Council never made a study of it.

As we now know,. The Council adjourned its last session on May 6, 2013 without acting or passing PR 0042-10. I suppose the proposed resolution presently still in the Committee will not again be reported to the City Council. This is despite the fact that DOTC-CAR Regional Director, Celina Claver, has submitted a list of 1,400 irregular CPC holders and recommended their legalization. If by chance it will again by submitted to the Council, it is doubtful whether it will be passed by the next City Council since there was not much change in the composition of the incoming Council.

It is for this reason that as one advocate of this legalization, I should like to advise the more than 3,000 concerned operators still holding on to their illegal franchises to file a petition requesting for legalization *directly* with the Board en banc in Quezon City. This is, however, without prejudice to the recommendation of the Council in the event PR 0042-10 is later approved or passed by the next City Council.

I believe that filing of the petition *directly* with the LTFRB en banc which has the jurisdiction to act and resolve the petition will prosper because, among others:

- a) Legalization of irregular franchises or Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) is not new to the Board. In year 2000, it issued Memorandum Circular No. 2000-019 allowing the filing of application for legalization of hundreds of taxi franchises issued in violation of the moratorium and the Public Service Act which was subsequently approved.
- b) The former LTFRB Chairman, Alberto Suansing has before expressed to me the idea or opinion that since the Board has been allowing the legalization of vans or Vehicles-for-Hire (VFH) issued with CPCs during the moratorium period, there is no reason why the taxis, jeepneys and buses similarly issued with CPCs during the moratorium from 1996 to the present can not also be legalized.
- c) Of course, the Board en banc will not allow for long the existence of more than 3000 franchises of public utility vehicles in Baguio City or CAR operating illegally, to the prejudice and danger of the riding public.

At this writing, some concerned operators with irregular franchises have taken the initiative to cause the preparation of the petition. Thus, if you are among those whose names are included in the list of irregularly issued franchises submitted by RD Celina Claver to the City Council in March 2012 (copy of which is available in my office) and are interested to be included in the petition for legalization to be filed *directly* with the LTFRB in Quezon City, you may join the petitioner concerned operators.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT\ FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 6, BAGUIO CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORREC-TION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFI-CATE OF MAR-RIAGE OF NORWIL A. FRONDA AND JANICE ABREU

SPOUSES NORWIL A. FRONDA AND JANICE ABRUE FRONDA,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO, Respondent,

SPL PROC. CASE NO. 2260-R

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NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

In a verified petition, co-petitioner Janice Abreu Fronda, through counsel, alleged among others that: in the Certificate of Marriage of petitioners, erroneous entries were made in the Citizenship entries particularly items 4b, 9 and 11 of peti-

tioner Norwil Frondaas to his citizenship and that of his parents. Entries in the citizenship portion of Norwil Fronda and his parents in the Certificate of Marriage with Registry No. 201300183 were indicated as FILIPINO when in truth Petitioner Norwil Fronda and his parents, William Fronda and Norma Fronda, are Canadian Citizens.

Petitioner Janice Abreu prayed that after due notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued by this Court directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and the National Statistics Office to annotate in their Certificate of Marriage with Registry No. 201300183 that correction of entries were made under the Citizenship entries particularly items 4b, 9 and of petitioner Norwil Fronda- as to his citizenship and that of his parentsfrom FILIPINO to CA-NADIAN.

Let the petition be set for hearing on August 23, 2013 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, "Bulwagan Ng Katarungan" (Justice Hall), Baguio City at which date, time and place, all persons interested may show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioners.

Let also a copy of the Petition and Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the National Statistics Office in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City, and the Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the National Statistics Office in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City and the Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioners and their counsel.

SO ORDERED.

April 26, 2013, Baguio City, Philippines.

Original Signed,
By: (SGD)
CECILIA
CORAZON S.
DULAY-ARCHOG
Acting Presiding
Judge

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Who's in, Who's Out in Party-List Race?

After starting with more than 300 names, party-lists allowed to run in the May 13 elections are now down to a little over a hundred. They will be vying for 58 seats in Congress.

The Commission on Elections began with 352 party-lists—187 holdovers from the 2010 elections and 165 new entrants.

The list is now down to 108. Of this number, 84 received accreditation after undergoing stringent Comelec review, while 24 groups were reinstated after the Supreme Court issued last April new parameters in determining the qualifications of organizations applying for accreditation as party-lists. (See table below for complete list).

Ako Bicol, the number one party-list in Serve a copy of the 2010 elections, is back in the race a week before the elections. Incumbent party-lists aring be furlike 1 Care, APEC, Aangat Tayo and Kakusa were also part of the 24 groups reinstated.

Juan Miguel Arroyo's Ang Galing Pinoy (AGP) party-list was still barred from running. Comelec also sustained the cancellation of Senior Citizens and ANAD, party-lists that have incumbent nominees in Congress.

The SC ruling opened the field to all types of national, regional and sectoral organizations, and removed the bias in favor of marginalized sectors, causing an uproar among progressive groups and individuals who regard the party-list system as a tool for social justice.

Of the 84 groups that received accreditation prior to the SC ruling, 58 are existing party-lists that were retained and 26 are firsttime applicants.

The first-timers include Pilipinos with Disabilities (PWD), a party-list representing the disabled sector in their bid to elect the first person with disability (PWD) partylist in Congress. Ang Nars, Magdalo, Migrante, Piston and Sanlakas were also accredited.

Party-lists that were retained include incumbents like AAMBIS-OWA, AA Kasosyo, ACT Teachers, Agham, Bayan Muna, Gabriela, DIWA and Akbayan.

Reducing the number did not come easy for Comelec.

The purge started as early as April 2012. Comelec cancelled 60 party-lists from the 187 that participated in 2010. In Resolution No. 9412, Comelec disqualified the 60 from participating after failing to earn two percent of votes cast for the party-list system in the last two elections or failing to participate in two consecutive elections as provided by the party-list law.

Resolution 9513 came next where Comelec ordered the review of all existing parties that will participate in the 2013 elections. Comelec scheduled hearings for all registered party-list groups to determine whether they are still complying with the party-list law.

Reforming the Party-list System

Since the first party-list elections in 1998, five Chairmen headed the Commission on Elections but none bothered to review the existing party-lists until Sixto Brilliantes Jr. did a year ago.

"This is the first time that we went into a review of the existing party-lists and we have removed plenty of them," Brillantes said at that time.

All pending cases of first-time applicants were also forwarded to the Comelec en banc

for automatic review.

In previous elections, Comelec's First and Second Divisions were in-charge of accrediting party-lists. If the Division grants the petition for accreditation, the party-list is now allowed to participate in the elections.

If the division denies the petition, the part-list can file a motion for reconsideration (MR) at the Comelec en banc.

This time, all approved party-lists at the Division level still had to go through the en banc for final approval. Likewise, the disapproved party-lists in the Division level can file an MR at the en banc to reverse the division decision.

The review cancelled 54 existing partylists and disallowed 139 new applicants.

Comelec then issued a resolution calling for an automatic en banc review of all existing party-lists and first-time applicants.

In the automatic review, 54 existing groups were cancelled while 58 were retained out of the 112 which expressed their intent to run in 2013. Twenty-six new applicants were granted while 140 were denied out of the 165 that petitioned for accreditation this year.

Comelec cancelled the accreditation for groups like Arroyo's AGP mainly for failing to prove that their nominees belong to the marginalized sectors or showing track record of serving the sectors they intend to represent.

The review did not sit well with more than 50 party-list groups who rushed to the Supreme Court to challenge the Comelec's decision. They got a reprieve. The high court issued status quo ante (SQA) orders to 54 party-list cases and eventually remanded the cases to the Commission on Elections.

Of these 54 party-lists, 24 received the poll body's accreditation and are now among the 108 in the Comelec's latest list. But this number may still change.

The cases of three party-lists—Pacyaw, 1-Utak and Pasang Masda—are undergoing a re-hearing based on the new guidelines. Another three—LPGMA, PISTON and Kabataan—are in danger of losing their accreditation for poster violations./Mikha Flores, VERA Files is put out by senior journalists taking a deeper look at current issues. Vera is Latin for "true".

Mike Velarde Endorses Two More Candidates Aquino both met Vote Movement

El Shaddai leader Bro. Mike Velarde included two more administration bets in his list of must-support candidates for the May 13 polls.

In a briefing inside his Makati City office, the charismatic leader said he is committed to support the senatorial bids of Team PNoy's former Senator Ramon "Jun" Magsaysay Jr and Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV.

"Unang una kasi kilala ko na itong si Jun. to him based on his experience sa kanyang private activities. His principles ay ayon din sa aming paninindigan," Velarde told reporters.

"I decided to include them with the permission of White Vote's council. Kasi sa White Vote Movement, meron kaming discerning council. Sila ang pumipili sa lahat (ng kandidato). Ako (ay) announcer lang nila," he

Velarde added Magsaysay and Aquino both met White Vote Movement's standards, which require politicians to have "conscience, competence, and commitment" before receiving the group's endorsment.

The White Vote Movement, a group composed of 46 Christian organizations including Velarde's El Shaddai, earlier supported the senatorial bids of 10 candidates.

It includes reelectionist Senators Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes IV, Gregorio Cont. on page 4B

The Commission on Elections, in an un-**Buying** precedented and controversial decision, has

imposed caps on cash withdrawals and prohibited the transport of huge amounts of money from May 8 to Election Day in a bid to curb vote-buying.

Comelec promulgated Resolution 9688 on Tuesday that imposes a ban on cash transactions exceeding P100, 000 a day or its foreign currency equivalent on banks, finance companies, pawnshops, remittance companies and other institutions performing similar functions. It also prohibits the possession and transport of cash exceeding P500,000 pesos.

The move is meant to prevent, or at least mitigate, votebuying during elections, said Comelec Chairman Sixto Brillantes.

Non-cash transactions are not covered. "Wala namang namimili ng boto ng cheke. Hindi namin problema yun (No one buys votes in checks. It's not our problem, really). You can issue billions of checks. Wala kaming pakialam dun (We do not care)," he said.

It was not clear how the Comelec would implement this as the move does not have the imprimatur of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), which has regulatory authority over the entire banking system.

The poll chief said they discussed this move earlier with the BSP but he said the agency was lukewarm to the idea.

"Sila ang merong regulatory authority over banks and even lending institutions (They are the ones who have regulatory authority over banks and even lending institutions). We are attempting to regulate and at least deputize them para maenforce namin (for us to be able to enforce it) effectively," he said.

Brillantes said BSP officials raised issues like "restraint of trade" and violating the bank secrecy law when they first raised the plan with them.

Comelec has directed all checkpoints in the country to hold a 24-hour "money ban checkpoint", in addition to the existing gun ban checkpoint during the period. The transport ban does not include farmers, merchants and other individuals who transport cash for business transactions, it said.

Brillantes said they started discussing the money ban in March but deferred announcing the plan to avoid candidates from getting a heads-up of their plan.

"We all kept quiet. Let's draft a resolution but we take it up when Election Day is very close," Brillantes said. "Para biglaan, ang desisyon namin is one week before elections (To catch people off-guard, we decided to release it a week before elections)," he added.

Based on experience, nobody has gone to jail for votebuying, he pointed out. "Kung di tayo makakapagpakulong (If we can't imprison anyone), at the very least let's minimize vote-buying," said Brillantes, a veteran election lawyer before he was appointed Comelec Chair.

Vote-buying and vote-selling are considered election offenses under the Omnibus Election Code. Both carry a penalty of up to six years in prison.

Brillantes said candidates usually give around P500 to P3, 000 for every voter which translates to millions when added up. "Millions van lahat (It's in the millions)," he added.

Comelec officials observed vote-buying intensified when elections were first automated in 2010.

In an interview with Probe, Brillantes said automating the elections cured the perennial issue of cheating in elections but failed to address vote-buying and the use of force and intimidation to coerce vulnerable voters

Planning Department Director Ferdinand Rafanan said in March vote buying is "a very urgent and long-lasting issue" in the country. "Hindi dapat tayo ma mislead. Ang number one at pinakalaganap at pinakasakit ng election ay vote-buying (We should not be misled. Vote-buying remains the biggest and most widespread disease of elections).'

Comelec has deputized the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the Anti-Money Laundering Council and other government financial agencies to implement the ban on cash

The Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau

Comelec Puts Caps on Cash PIA Chief Pushes for Partnership W/ Brgy Folks in Withdrawals to Curb Vote. Bringing Relevant Information to the Grassroots

BAGUIO CITY - Developing information partners in every barangay to help bring to the grassroots relevant information that can build up a well informed

This is one of the thrusts that Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Director General Jose Mari Oquiñena wants to pursue which he shared in a recent meeting here with the agency's personnel in the Cordillera.

Oquiñena pointed out that PIA, with its limited staff can only reach so much, but with volunteer info partner in every barangay, relevant information can reach down to the grassroots level.

He also urged the info officers to look at available indigenous ways of communication in the locality which the agency can tap or incorporate in bringing in relevant information down to the barangay level.

Aside from advocating government programs and services, Oquiñena wants the agency to deliver other information that are relevant to the changing time and relevant to the life of every Filipino. He

urged the regional offices and provincial information centers to look on how they can influence the discussion of people, especially into topics that can improve the life of the people and the local community for the over-all goal of nation building.

Oquiñena also pushed for the strengthening of the use social media network such as facebook and twitter, as well as on expanding such network in every sector and locality in the re-

Meantime, through the initiative of PIA Cordillera Regional Director Helen Tibaldo, the agency convened last week the Association of Government Information Officers of Cordillera

In welcoming the around 60 info officers from the different line agencies who attended the meeting, Tibaldo outlined the importance of strengthening the partnership among government info officers, through ASGIOCO, not only in advocating the programs and services of their respective office or agency, but also in pushing for the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), as well as regional development and autonomy.

Another meeting is scheduled this May 2 to be hosted by Department of Tourism (DOT) Regional Director Pura Molintas. The association is set to elect its new officers and will have informal meeting with the members of the local media and the regional directors. They will also be given a briefing on the joint tourism infrastructure program of the DOT and the Department of Public Works and Highways./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Mike Velarde ... from page 4A

"Gringo" Honasan, and Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, as well as former Senators Juan Miguel Zubiri and Richard

The Christian group also supports Zambales Rep. Milagros "Mitos" Magsaysay, San Juan Rep. Joseph Victor "JV" Ejercito-Estrada, former Las Pinas Rep. Cynthia Villar, Nancy Binay and constitutional expert Marwil

Since White Vote Movement's endorsement list was only made up of 10 candidates, Velarde explained he suggested the inclusion of Magsaysay and Aquino.

He assured that the Christian group has committed to support the two.

The charismatic leader clarified that they required all 12 candidates to sign a document promising they would commit to vote against legislations that will destroy Filipino family and life like divorce, same- sex marriage and

"We agreed that we should not be stuck up in the RH Bill. There are so many issues concerning family and life like the pending divorce law in Congress, same sex marriage, abortion, etc," Velarde said.

will eventually affect Filipino family because we believe that the RH law is the first step to the destruction of Filipino family," he added./By Rio Rose <u>Ribaya</u> Yahoo! Southeast Asia Newsroom

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late FRANCISCO BALLESTEROS. SR. who died on July 27, 1998 at Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of ISUZU Jitney with Motor No. 4D31-414536, Chassis No. SPMM 17957 88 C and Plate No. DFV -758 and covered by a franchise under LTFRB Case No. 88-01-3373 had been the subject of EXTRAJU-DICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 3 May 2013 as per Doc. No. 704, Page No. 141 Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2013, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of

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

Applicants Case No:99-01-225

NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate
of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation
of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - IRISAN LAMTANG PROPER and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on May 22, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their

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

dillera 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

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this

30th day of April 2013.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

AFFIDAVIT of SELF **ADJUDICATION**

I ROWENA C. EL WAZZI, of legal age, widow, Filipino and resident of No. 16 Modesta St. Mines View, Baguio City had executed an Affidavit Of Self Adjudication on April 29, 2013. That her husband the now deceased Mounir El Wazzi died on February 6, 2013 at Beirut, Lebanon. That they own a property identified as Transfer Certificate of Title T-96397 located in the City of Baguio. That they do not have any children and that the Affiant is the sole heir and likewise to the best of her knowledge the deceased had not left any debts. That this Affidavit of Self Adjudication was executed before the faith of Notary Public, Lawrence Q. Llanes on April 2013.

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of Investigation (NBI) and other agencies were also tapped for enforcement./Mikha Flores, VERA Files/(VERA Files is put out

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

INC Binayaran ng 50M? Mga panira ni GB sa kanyang FB !!!



BY: NESTOR CASTRO

Talaga naman ang ibang mga supporters ng mga talunin na kandidato o o, ano ba naman kayo? Huminahon kaya kayo sandali at ihampas ninyo ang inyong mga kokote sa pader ng matauhan kayo at nang mabawasbawasan nang kalawang ang inyong mga kokote (use your kokote-sabi nga ni Senator Coco P). Ano ang ibig kong sabihin mga dear readers, marami sa mga ito ay nagsusulputan sa Facebook (FB) kung saan kung anoanong kabalbalan at kabulastugan ang kanilang pinagsusulat, bagamat naniniwala ako na karapatan nila ang mag kiao-kiao ng kung ano-ano sa FB, ngunit dapat ang kanilang ihahayag ay may katutuhanan, kahit na karapatan mo at opinyon mo ang isang bagay ay wala kang karapatan na mag imbento at magsinungaling. Katulad halimbawa ang tsismis at spekulasyon na lumabas sa FB ni Ms. G _ _ _ B _ _ _ _ na binayaran daw ni Domogan ang INC ng 50M at binayaran daw ni Aliping ang INC ng 9M . Sa aking palagay ito ay isang malaking haka-haka nang isang malaking imahinasyon! Sa aking g pagkakaalam sa INC ay pumipili sila ng kandidato base sa kanilang pananaw na sa darating na tatlong taon ay makakatulong at nakatulong na rin sa kanilang mga miyembro ang kanilang ieendorso at kailangan rin siyempre at wala sa mga miyembro nila ang nagawan ng hindi maganda o bad record . Kasi kung may katotohanan ito eh ang ibig ba nilang sabihin ay hindi kaya ni Bernie na magbayad ng mahigit pa sa 9M (eh kahit 5 times nito kayang kaya ni Lakay Bernie, siyanga pala Lakay Bernie, suportahan taka pag takbo ninyo as Punong Barangay) at si Aliping pa na naubusan pa nga ng pondo nung kanyang last 2 weeks ang siya pang pinagbigyan ng INC!?!? Kaya sa aking palagay ay isa itong malaking haka-haka, katarantaduhan na walang basehan maliban sa mga maruruming mga ingit na isip-isipan ng mga suporters na nag sosour grapes, ika nga. At sa mga masama ang loob sa INC, sa aking palagay ay eto yun sinasabing you are barking at the wrong tree or you are giving too much credit to the INC, bagamat maaring maturingan sila as the provider of the so-called swing votes, ngunit sa aking pananaw ay isang malaking kamaliaan ito. Una sa lahat ay karapatan ng INC bilang isang pribadong grupo na na magsagawa ng block voting, dapat sana ang mga kotoliko ay mag block voting rin. Pangalawa ay hangang 5,000 votes lang ang dala ng INC, samantalang 140K plus ang registered voters at ang naging turn out ay 100K lamang o 5% na hatak ng INC. Samantalang kung mas tumaas ang turn out ng mga botante at naging organisado at siniguro ng oposisyon na mas mataas ang lumabas na bumoto ay madaling nasapawan ang 5K voters ng INC!!!

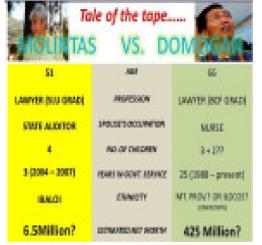
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Dumako naman po tayo sa isang halimbawa ng isang <u>MALAKING KASINUNGALINGAN</u>, na siya rin lumabas sa FB page ni Ms. G _ _ _ B _ _ _ na sa akin bilang kolumnista at pati na rin sa pahayyagang ito ay hindi katangap -tangap, bagamat alam naman po ninyo na ito lamanag ang pahayagan at media na pinaka banador basta mayroon sapat na basehan, ika nga, we call a spade a spade at wala kaming paki alam kung sino ka pang ponsyo pilato ka, basta may sapat na basehan at sa aming panananw ay for the benefit of public interest, ok lang, ngunit kung ang istilo ay pawang mga kasinungalingan, mga imbento na walang basehan ay mali yan, hindi dapat gawin at hindi kami sangayaon sa ganyang istilo, harap-harapan po kami dito sa pahayagang ito kung bumanat at ayaw na ayaw namin ng mga patalikod at patraydor na paninira at kahit na kasamahan pa natin ang siyang may kagagawan ay ating babatikusin. Tignan ang nasabing larawan kung saan ikinokompara ang mga impormasyon hingil sa kayamanan ni Domogan at Joemol, ano sa tingin ninyo ang isang malaking imbento?



May 7

May 725 YEARS....MAYAMANG MAYAMAN NA.....?! GUSTO NIYO PA BANG DAGDAGANMILYON MILYON NYA?! — with Rob Ocampo and 35 others.



Ang malaking kasinungalingan po dito ay yun inilagay na kayamanan ni Domogan na nagkakahalaga ng 425 Million (malay natin baka masmalaki pa dito??), bagamat naglagay siya ng question mark (?) ay hindi pa rin sapat ang paglalagay ng isang question mark para pabulaanan ang sinasabing impormasyon, sapagkat malinaw na ing intensiyon ng FB posting na ito ay siyang man linlang ng mga nagbabasa. At bakit ko na tiyak na isang kasinungalingan ito ay sapagkat mismong yun aming impakto este de facto puiblisher ang nag text sa nag post nito at itinanong kung ano o mayroon nga bang basehan ang info na ito at ang sagot nang nag post ay "wala daw at malamang ay malapit na rin jan ang tamang halaga", OMG!!! Kaya ayun mga dear readers isang halimbawa ng malicious black propaganda!

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At ano naman po ang napansin kong malaking kamalian ng FB Post na ito sa ibaba? Ang mga salitang "Partner ni Domogan sa korapsyon at panloloko ng mga tao?! "Sa aking pananaw ang malaking kamalian dito ay hindi pa naman nakakaupo si Aliping bilang Tongressman este Congressman eh papaano sila makapagsagawa ng korapsyon samantalang wala pa siya sa poder at wala pa yun sinasabing partnership nila Domogan at Aliping? Dapat sana ay antayin muna ni GB na makaupo man lang si Aliping nang at least baka mayroon na siyang actual na basehan ng korapsyon kung magkakaroon nga, dapat bago mambintang ay mayroon basehan man lang. Pero para nya unahan ang isang bagay ay sa aking pananaw ay isang malaking kasinugalingan at katarantaduhan!!!



May 18

HANDA NA BA KAYO BAGUIO?!



OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW?! Ang bagong mukha ng Bagule ito na polifartner ni longon sa kosapoyon at panioleko ng niga tao?! Wala pong nebago at bumata lang po...!! BAGUIO, HINDI PA. MOUITI

ITO NA ANG BAGONG MUKHA NG BAGUIO?!

TILA MAS NAKAKATAKOT PA PO? HANDA NA BA KAYO? BAGUIO HINDI PA TAPOS ANG LABAN MO?!

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Comelec must stop proclamation of senators



BY: BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "However, if you no longer listen to the Lord your God and no longer obey His commands... all of these curses will come upon you and overtake you... Your sons and daughters will be given to other nations, and you will wear out your eyes waiting for them, powerless to lift a hand..." (Deuteronomy 28:13 and 32, the Holy Bible).

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COMELEC MUST STOPPROCLAMATION OF SENATORS: The Commission on Elections must take a serious look at the motion of the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) seeking to hold any proclamation of winning senators, until it has investigated accusations that an official of Smartmatic Inc., the company which operated the Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines during the elections on May 13, 2013, manipulated the results of the senatorial contest.

The accusations of manipulation are worrisome, considering that before Monday's electoral exercise, there were many attempts to question the integrity of the PCOS machines, either before the Comelec, or before the Supreme Court, or before the United Nations Committee on Human Rights in the US.

The cases that have been filed uniformly challenged the capacity of the PCOS machines to come out with an accurate count of the votes. That being the case, the poll body should not attempt to just sweep the accusations under the rug, so to speak, and try to ram down the throats of the losing senatorial candidates the count that have been made so far, especially by the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV).

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UNA HAS CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF MA-NIPULATION? The fact is that, UNA appears to possess concrete evidence showing the manipulation of the election results, including the name of the Smartmatic official being tagged as the one who manipulated the PCOS machines at the PPCRV command center.

UNA campaign manager Toby Tiangco, a former congressman from Malabon City, told mediamen that the manipulation of the results of the election was carried out by Smartmatic executive Daton Cerino, although no details have been given yet as to how the supposed manipulation of the PCOS machines were made.

I am of the view that this matter should be addressed thoroughly by the Comelec and the Aquino government now, in the light of the fact that we would be using PCOS machines in all succeeding elections, particularly in 2016. We might as well resolve, once and for all, whether PCOS machines are reliable and capable of chuming out an accurate count of the votes. Otherwise, we should find an alternative system of counting the votes posthaste.

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BRING HOME TAIWAN OFWs NOW: Radio station ABS CBN DZMM has come out with disturbing interviews on how overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Taiwan are being abused by Taiwanese citizens in the wake of the refusal of Taiwan officials to accept as satisfactory the apology aired by the Philippine government over the death of a supposed Taiwanese fishermen at the West Philippine Sea or the South China Sea.

The picture one gets from the interviews is that, the lives and limb of OFWs in Taiwan are in great danger, either because they are subjected to physical manhandling, as in the case of a male OFW who was hit with a baseball bat by Taiwanese citizens who live in the place where the dead fisherman came from, or because they are no longer allowed to buy their food and other basic necessities.

Since there seems to be no immediate solution to this problem as of the mo-

REPUBLIC OF THE **PHILIPPINES** REGIONALTRIAL **COURT**\ FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 6, **BAGUIOCITY**

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORREC-TION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFI-CATE OF MAR-RIAGE OF NORWIL A. FRONDA AND **JANICE ABREU**

SPOUSES NORWIL A. FRONDA AND JANICE ABREU FRONDA.

Petitioners,

-versus-

THELOCALCIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO, Respondent,

SPL PROC. CASE NO. 2260-R

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NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

In a verified petico-petitioner Janice Abreu Fronda. through counsel, alleged among others that: in the Certificate of Marriage of petitioners, erroneous entries were made in the Citizenship entries particularly items 4b, 9 and 11 of petitioner Norwil Frondaas to his citizenship and that of his parents. Entries in the citizenship portion of Norwil Fronda and his parents in the Certificate of Marriage with Registry No. 201300183 were indicated as FILIPINO when in truth Petitioner Norwil Fronda and his parents, William Fronda and Norma Fronda, are Canadian Citizens.

Petitioner Janice Abreu prayed that after due notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued by this Court directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and the National Statistics Office to annotate in their Certificate of Marriage with Registry No. 201300183 that correction of entries were made under the Citizenship entries particularly items 4b, 9 and 11 of petitioner Norwil Fronda- as to his citizenship and that of his parentsfrom FILIPINO to CA-NADIAN.

Let the petition be set for hearing on August 23, 2013 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, "Bulwagan Ng Katarungan" (Justice Hall), Baguio City at which date, time and place, all persons interested may show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioners.

Let also a copy of the Petition and Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the National Statistics Office in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City, and the Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the National Statistics Office in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City and the Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioners and their counsel.

SO ORDERED.

April 26, 2013, Baguio City, Philippines.

Original Signed, By: (SGD) CECILIA CORAZON S. **DULAY-ARCHOG Acting Presiding** Judge

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FINAL 2013 MIDTERM ELECTION RESULTS, Source- COMELEC

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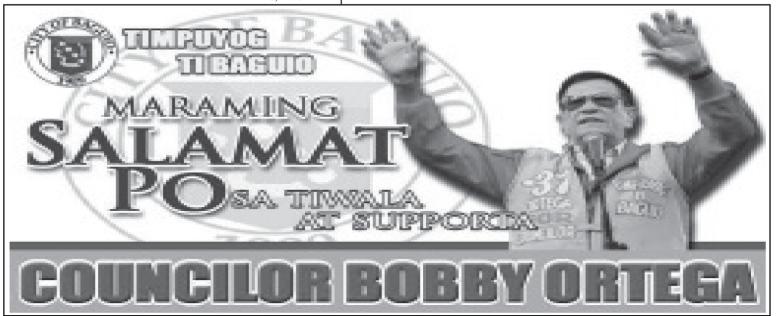
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Botiwey said there are things in mind he wants to do but still needs to review the local government code and likewise the measures already passed if these need amendment to attune to present situation.

They say politics is dirty but if you feel that you have contributed for the betterment or development of the community and the people, there is a sense of achievement, he added.

Namoro and Botiwey are happy to share that the capital town which has the highest voting population is represented in the provincial Board, this time as three of them including Dulnuan are from the valley. No provincial board hailed from La Trinidad during the past term./SCA PIA-CAR/Benguet



Its Business...

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who were reelected to their respective posts as mayor and vice mayor along with council reelectionists Edison Bilog, Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Isabelo Cosalan Jr., Elmer Datuin, Richard Carino, Peter Fianza, Fred Bagbagen and newly elected councilor Joel Alangsab who will have to leave his post as Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) president, comebacking councilors Roberto Ortega, Leandro Yangot Jr., Faustino Olowan and Elaine Sembrano./A Refuerzo

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dates: Marson Lay-at of Atok, Ireneo Calwag of Buguias, Aureina Sacpa of Kibungan, Clarita Sal-ongan of Tuba, and Armando Lauro of Tublay.

Newly elected vice mayors were Edwin Bandao of Bakun, Thomas Wales Jr. of Bokod, Adriano Carantes Jr. of Itogon, Gideon Todiano of Kabayan, Manny Fermin of Atok, Dario Banario of Mankayan, and Manuel Munar Jr of Sablan./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR,Benguet

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late FRANCISCO BALLESTEROS, SR. who died on July 27, 1998 at Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of ISUZU Jitney with Motor No. 4D31-414536, Chassis No. SPMM 17957 88 C and Plate No. DFV -758 and covered by a franchise under LTFRB Case No. 88-01-3373 had been the subject of EXTRAJUDI-CIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMUL-TANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 3 May 2013 as per Doc. No. 704, Page No. 141 Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2013, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

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do best – sing for the sick and needy.

This Monday's concert will open at 6:30 p.m., according to Dr. Manuel Quirino, president of the Association of Government Information Officers-Cordillera which mounted the post-elections musical treat.

It is being supported by the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives (CARE) headed by regional executive director Clarence Baguilat of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Philippine Information Agency under regional director Helen Reyes-Tibaldo.

The BGHMC led by medical center chief, Dr. Jimmy Cabfit, offered for free the venue while PNP-Cordillera director, Chief Supt. Benjamin Magalong will bring in the command band, including the musical instruments.

These and other forms of support, including refreshments for the performers, are designed to cut on costs to ensure that the proceeds would go to the beneficiaries. In the name of transparency, the proceeds will be handed to the beneficiaries or through their relatives during the concert itself.

This celebration of folk and country

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

I ROWENA C. EL WAZZI, of legal age, widow, Filipino and resident of No. 16 Modesta St. Mines View, Baguio City had executed an Affidavit Of Self Adjudication on April 29, 2013. That her husband the now deceased Mounir El Wazzi died on February 6, 2013 at Beirut, Lebanon. That they own a property identified as Transfer Certificate of Title T-96397 located in the City of Baguio. That they do not have any children and that the Affiant is the sole heir and likewise to the best of her knowledge the deceased had not left any debts. That this Affidavit of Self Adjudication was executed before the faith of Notary Public, Lawrence Q. Llanes on April

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is thematic of the lyrics of "The River" (I Will Sail My Vessel): "Ioo many times we stand aside/And let the waters slip away/ 'Til what we put off 'til tomorrow/Has now become today./ So don't you sit off on the shore line/ And say you're satisfied/Choose to chance the rapids/ And dare to dance the tide."

It's also a celebration of years of pro bono concerts that Baguio-Cordillera musicians have been offering since the '70s for those in dire need of support for medical afflictions.

That's why Conrad will belt out "If It Hadn't Been You", Billy Dean's song of gratitude. Nino Joshua Molintas, a Baguio boy who was born with a hole in the heart, offered a copy of the piece to the late Philippine Star columnist Art Borjal who arranged his surgery at the Philippine Heart Center.

Monday's concert is also dedicated to the memory of Mike Santos, lead singer of the Foggy Mountain Band who, four years back, reported to the great country music hall in the sky./ Ramon Dacawi.

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dislosed that smokers are getting younger and at the same time very alarming since more females are now smokers. She added that smoking and air pollution-related illnesses, especially upper respiratory tract infection remains among the top cause of morbidity in the city.

Further, "one person dies every 6 seconds due to smoking and tobacco-related diseases" according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

She also emphasized that cigarettes are legal consumer product that kills half of the consumers.

It is remembered that the CSC took the initiative to implement smoking prohibitions. It was in 1991 when the CSC issued Resolution No. 91-787 prohibiting smoking in government premises, except in designated smoking areas. Subsequently, CSC Memorandum Circular No. 17, series of 2009 was released reiterating its commitment to have a 100% smoke-free bureaucracy. Then, a joint memorandum circular of the CSC and Department of Health (DOH) was issued otherwise known as the Joint DOH and CSC MC 2010-01 on the "Protection of the Bureaucracy Against Tobacco Industry Intervention" providing specific guidelines for interactions with the

tobacco industry.

Atty. Emily Balungay, Hearing Officer of the CSC highlighted the legal frameworks of MC No. 17, series of 2009. She added that "Public servants who break the CSC rules as to smoking, and are convicted, shall be administratively dealt with six months work suspension and dismissal from service for the first and second offense, respectively.

According to Atty. Balungay, the smoking prohibition policy is "not an anti-smoking policy", but a pro-health and prowellness policy.

"There is a fundamental and irreconcilable conflict between the tobacco industry's interest and public health policy" said Atty. Balungay.

With the Administrative Order No 187, series of 2010 "An Order Declaring a 100% Smoke-Free Baguio City" issued by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, the Commission is very grateful for the full support of the city in the implementation of said MC No. 17 added Atty. Balungay. *Jho Arranz

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alone, the Philippine HIV and AIS Registry reported 370 new cases of HIV in the country. This now brings to 12,791 the total reported HIV cases in the Philippines from for 1984 to 2013. (JDP/CCD and Jonah Chaangan, PIA CAR)

Part of the funding for the website development project will come from the proceeds of the Balili Fun Run held

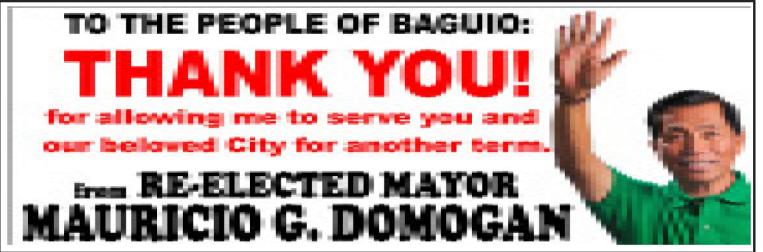
The BRSRC is composed of stakeholders from Baguio City and La Trinidad local government units, national line agencies, academe, government owned and controlled corporations and non government organizations/private sector./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR

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the City Board of Canvassers.

Comelec Regional Director Jose Nick Mendros, in a statement, confirmed that with the turnout of the voting in Baguio, the more than 1,500 registered votes from the two affected clustered precincts can no longer affect the outcome of the congressional, mayoral, vice-mayoralty and councilors' race, thus, a special election is no longer necessary./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR



Kalinga Tribesmen Denounce Revenge as Means to Obtain Justice

TANUDAN, Kalinga - Three sub-tribes this province denounced revenge as a means of obtaining justice and agreed to settle conflicts amicably among them.

The tribes of Mangali this municipality, Balbalasang in Balbalan and Tulgao of Tinglayan agreed in their respective "pagta" (provisions of the Podon or peacepact) to resolve cases including heinous crimes at their level without severing the peacepact.

However, it was also carried during the Pagta deliberation to respect the choice of aggrieved parties if they bring their case before the court of law with the peacepact intact.

Whatever decision of the court on such cases must be accepted and respected by peacepact holders of both sub-tribes,

Last month, two peace pacts were celebrated here between the tribe of Mangali and two other sub-tribes outside of this municipality.

The "podon" between Mangali and Balbalasang was celebrated April 20-22 and that of the Mangali-Tulgao peacepact was on April 27-29.

86 tribesmen from Balbalasang in Balbalan composed of elders, women and youth attended the 3-day celebration while 60 from Tulgao of Tinglayan came to Mangali.

During the deliberation of their respective constitution and by-laws, peacepact holders made it clear that the podon supports the government's lawmaking and enforcement systems.

All peacepacts holders - Antonio Gumabol and Rudy Wandagan for Mangali with Balbalasang and Tulgao respectively; Allen Jesse Mangaonag for Balbalasang and Baggas of Tulgao - emphasized that the podon complements national and local laws.

The Podon, a customary practice of the iKalingas helps maintain peace and order and bridges them to resolve misunderstandings. The Podon mainly protects territory (Bugis), life (Biyag), property (Sanikuwa), and dignity (Dayaw)./JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

DENR, Partners Intensity Campaign Against Illegal

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The intensified campaign by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) provincial office here, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) against forest laws violation resulted to the confiscation of thousands board feet of illegally transported lumber for the first quarter of this

Severino Dalutag, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO), said two confiscations were carried out by the PNP and Philippine the Army, AFP in various checkpoints and through pursuit operations.

On March 31, Dalutag said the Army pursued a 6x6 truck with plate number AHE416 loaded with 2,622 board feet of lumber from Paracelis, Moun-

tain Province and apprehended it at Calacad Junction this city

In February 11, he said the PNP confiscated 1,269 board feet of lumber in an Isuzu dumptruck with plate number RKK475, at their checkpoint at Calagdao, also this city.

Late last year, a KIA Van with number plate UHR941 loaded with illegally cut lumber was apprehended by PNP along the Pinukpuk-

P19,000.00

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Election in Abra Peaceful, Say PNP

BANGUED, Abra - The May 13, 2013 midterm election is considered as the most peaceful in recent times in this province which is known for its history of election-related incidents.

Cordillera Regional Police Director Chief Superintendent Benjamin Magalong said that except for the reported death of a political candidate supporter in the capital town of Bangued, no other serious election related violence was recorded as of to-

Abra is one of the 15 provinces identified by the government as priority areas of concern for the May 2013 elec-

He said that there were reports of indiscriminate firing in Bangued and Tayum a day before the election but investigation found out that some supporters of candidates lighted firecrackers in their pick-up trucks that sounded just like gun shots as they went around the municipality of Bangued.

Some supporters of a politician who Magalong refused to identify were also caught placing tire spikes in barangay Sagap in Bangued . The chief of police of the capital town was a victim of the tire spikes while trying to catch the per-

It was also discovered that the same types of tire spikes were also used in the municipality of Lagayan. The suspects are now in the custody of the police and they are preparing cases to be filed against these supporters of a certain politician in Abra.

Magalong explained that these actions of supporters of politicians were meant to harass, intimidate and scare the voters and swing them to vote for their bets as done in the past elections.

Magalong said that the police has been in the forefront of peace and security efforts for peaceful and honest conduct of elections in the province including reaching out to politicians, talking to them about the problems and persuading them to be partners in changing the image of Abra as election

'Diretsahan talaga at hindi kami nagpapaintimidate dito...kinausap namin ang mga kandidato kahit sensitive ang situation," said Magalong.

He stressed "wala nang paikot ikot pa, but we do it in a very peaceful and

Calanan national road, Dalutag said adding the confiscated lumber with the van were impounded at the Tabuk Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO).

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Pinukpuk office at Taga. Another Mitsubishi canter truck loaded with illegal lumber bear-

Hearing of all these cases is ongoing in court, Dalutag said./ JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

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direct way and it is very effective.

Magalong added that besides the implementation of the peace and order situation in the province being provided by the police force with the augmentation from the 503rd Infantry Brigade of the Philippine Army, they also provided assistance in the transport of precinct count optical scan machines which malfunctioned during the election yesterday in the different municipalities of the prov-

Magalong also reported that the case of the body found in Barangay Sagap in Bangued on May 13 is still undergoing investigation to determine if it be considered as an election related incident since the victim was a known supporter of re-electionist Mayor Ryan Luna in Bangued.

Meanwhile, Bishop Leopoldo Jaucien commended the efforts of the PNP and the AFP in keeping the peace and order situation in the province.

Jaucien said that the actions of the peacekeepers even before the election was very effective in keeping Abra and the Abrenians safe and secure from violent activities especially during election./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

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RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE - An Igorot father with his baby in "aba" patiently line- up to exercise his right to vote hoping for a change and better governance for the good future of his child./By Bong Cayabyab

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