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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Licensing Office Asked to Look into Permit of CJH Water Firm

BAGUIO CITY – The city council tasked the permits and licensing division of the city mayor's office to check on the permit of the John Hay Water Systems, Incorporated (JHWSI), the operator of the water facility inside the John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ).

The body, in Resolution No. 270 series of 2013 authored by Councilors Leandro and Karminn Cheryl Dinner Yangot and Richard Carino, said the licensing office must determine if JHWSI and its affiliated company John Hay Springs, Incorporated (JHSI) have secured a permit to operate from the appropriate office and if their operation is covered by an authority from the Baguio Water District (BWD).

This, according to the resolution, was in the light of a report that the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) issued a cease and desist order on the operations of JHSI after it found out that it has no necessary government permits and licenses.

"Accordingly, the bureau has also found out that JHSI has no certificate of registration from the BFAD to run a water refilling, manufacturing, and distributing bottled drinking water inside and outside of John Hay Special Economic

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"MASS WEDDING" - 31 couples walk-up the aisle literally during the celebration of the 19th Mass Wedding Ceremonies at the City Hall, Multi-Purpose center on September 27 in line with the Family Month celebrations with the theme 'Unity Across Generations: A strong family, a strong Society' solemnized by Regional Trial Court Judge Mia Joy Oallares-Cawed./photo by paul rillorta

Mukhang sinusubukang butasan ang John Hay Water Systems Inc. (CJHWSI), ngunit ang babaw naman !!!

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Sereno to Lawyers: Enough with Blind Items, Expose Erring Judges

Chief Justice Maria Lourdes has urged the country's lawyers to blow the whistle on erring judges, saying such "hoodlums in robes" are besmirching the reputation of the judiciary.

In her speech at a gathering of the Philippine Bar Association (PBA) Wednesday night, Sereno said she is aware of complaints about judges who are allegedly corrupt and bias in their resolutions and decisions.

"It is common in lawyers' circles to talk of judges engaged in below-the-table dealings, which has besmirched the reputation of the bench. You talk about law firms and lawyers with vaults in their offices that are ready to churn out hard cash for pay-offs," Sereno said.

"Yet, you discuss these evils in hushed tones and through blind items. It is seldom that a lawyer comes up to the Supreme Court, armed with evidence to kick these culprits out of the bench and bar," she added.

Describing these judges as "hoodlums in robes" and "scalawags in purple robes," Sereno appealed to lawyers, especially members of the PBA, to help the high court in its fight against corruption in the judiciary.

"I understand the dangers in becoming a crusader against hoodlums in robes. There are professional risks involved when lawyers become whistleblowers... The PBA may want to submit proposals on how the Supreme Court can encourage more whistleblowers to come out," the first female chief justice said.

The PBA is the voluntary national organization of lawyers in the Philippines formed in 1990s. In contrast, membership in the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, another national organization of lawyers, is mandatory.

Sereno said the PBA has "sufficient talent and resources" to identify and gather evidence against these notorious members of the judiciary.

"I hope you will start by naming judges who have initiated discussions or actually demanded bribes," she said.

Sereno assured lawyers who would turn into "whistleblowers" that they could possibly get "administrative amnesties (if they) report their past dealings with judges who have built a reputation for being available to the highest bidder."

These whistleblowers may not be disbarred or administratively penalized and can even be turned into state witnesses and given immunity, Sereno said.

Sereno clarified that these were not yet her "definite position" on the issue of corruption in the judiciary, as she has still yet to discuss these proposals with her 14 other fellow magistrates in the high court.

Sereno said testimonies of these lawyer-whistleblowers would be "indispensable" since the judiciary does not have "hard-nosed investigative capacity" like that of formal investigating bodies like the National Bureau of Investigation.

"I assure you that if the cases filed are serious and supported by evidence, the justices of the Supreme Court will see to it that the axe will fall on whoever deserves it, even if it falls close to us," Sereno said, citing as an example recent rulings of the court dismissing several erring judges in Cebu.

"The image of the judiciary will probably temporarily suffer with the filing of these cases, but in the long run, a cleaning of the house will help lead to the gold standard status that we want for the judiciary," she added./KBK, GMA News

Small Scale Mining Group Pushes for Minahang Bayan Areas in Benguet

BAGUIO CITY - The Benguet Federation of Small Scale Mining Industry is pushing for the release of the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) for Executive Order No. 79 and seeking government's approval of the proposed "Minahang Bayan" areas in nine out of the 13 municipalities of the province.

Federation President Lomino Kaniteng, in a kapihan media forum here on September 25, pointed out the importance of the IRR of EO 79 to them as small scale mining is their main source of livelihood. He said and within the federation of 66 small-scale mining groups involving around 200,000 people, so far only nine have been granted mining permits.

EO 79 which was signed by President Benigno Aquino III in July 6 last year, aims to institutionalize and implement reforms in the Philippine mining sector by providing policies and guidelines to ensure environmental protection and responsible mining in the utilization of the country's mineral resources.

Kaniteng also bared that his group is pushing for the declaration of Minahang Bayan areas in the municipalities of Itogon, Bakun, Bokod, Tuba, Tublay, La Trinidad, Mankayan, Atok and Kabayan in a proposal submitted through the Mines and Geo-Science Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The Minahang Bayan is an identified area where small-scale miners are allowed to thrive and operate.

In the same forum, MGB-CAR OIC Engr. Faye Apil assures that the full implementation of EO 79 is among the priority of DENR Secretary Ramon Paje in recognition of the small-scale mining industry as a major source of livelihood in the countryside.

She also pointed-out that DENR is pushing for the graduation of small-scale miners into medium scale operations to do away with the crude method of mining. With the declaration of Minahang Bayan areas, DENR also hope to confine mining operations and mineral processing in one area to promote safety, environment protection, better waste management and better education and training for safety and the right mining process.

Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, who co-chairs the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board with DENR, also called on the federation's cooperation in ironing out the concerns of small-scale miners and in addressing the gray areas in small scale mining operations. He also sought their help in promoting safe and responsible mining in the province while they wait for the release of the IRR of EO 79.

Fongwan said the mining industry, including small-scale, mining also provides a big share in the economy of Benguet. It plays a substantial role in providing livelihood for the people of Benguet especially in the southern part of the province./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Live-in Couples Joi N in the Mass Wedding

BAGUIO CITY - Mass wedding is one of the city's program to help couples who wanted to legalize their ties as husband and wife with limited financial resources.

32 live-in couples tied their knots with Acting City Mayor Daniel Fariñas solemnizing the special event last September 27 at the Baguio City Multi-Purpose Hall.

Before the mass wedding, the said couples were required to attend the Marriage Enrichment Seminar with the theme "Unity across generation: A strong family, A strong society, (Nagkakaisang

Baguio Reaches Out to Besieged Sister City

BAGUIO CITY - The city government will reach out to Zamboanga City, its sister city, which remained caught up in hostilities between the military and the "Misuari-faction" of the Moro Liberation Front (MNL).

The city council last week allocated P200,000 from its Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Fund as donation to the victims of the clashes in the distressed city.

"There are thousands of people who were displaced due to the ongoing standoff...Homes as well as properties and people's livelihood in Zamboanga City were destroyed due to the said crisis hence the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Zamboanga City declared their city under a state of calamity," the body noted in Resolution No. 269 series of 2013.

"Baguio City being a sister city of Zamboanga City by virtue of Resolution Numbered 138, Series of 1993, it is our duty to do our part by sharing what we can give to ease the sufferings of the distraught victims."

"The City of Baguio was also a victim of calamities in the past and we have received donations from generous provinces and cities and it is but proper to reciprocate such generous acts to our city by donating some amounts to calamity stricken areas," the resolution proposed by Councilors Elmer Datuin and Richard Carino noted.

As per the resolution, the fund shall be directly remitted to the Local Crisis Management Committee that is undertaking the relief operations in the area./A Refuerzo

Henerasyon: Matatag na pamilya, Matatag na lipunan)," last September 24.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan emphasized the importance of the marriage enrichment seminar in order for the couples to know how to strengthen a happy marriage and a happy family and at the same time understanding male and female differences as well as their roles as husbands and wives.

Aside from love being the reason of tying their knots, a couple who have been living in for 20 years and blessed with five children joined the program for the reason that they need the marriage contract for their children who are going to school. Some needs the marriage contract to go abroad and others find the need for the document to claim benefits./Jho Arranz



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Council Seeks Update on Led Project

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will require the technical working group in charge of the city's Light Emitting Diode (LED) conversion project to submit an update on the progress of the streetlight replacement and management project as per Resolution No. 446 series of 2011.

The said resolution approved the terms of reference for the conversion of all existing streetlights, park lights and government-owned building and facilities into LED technology and for the repair and maintenance of the same on a private-public partnership in a cost-saving share scheme.

In a resolution approved by the body, author Councilor Elmer Datuin observed that the project "appears to have stalled despite the long period of time to implement the said project after the approval of the terms of reference."

He said the LED project "is awaited not only by the proponents but the private sector as well due to its numerous benefits to our tourism industry and to the possible savings it will give to the city in its electric bills."

"It is best if the TWG will report to the city council the progress of the project implementation to determine other possible legislative measure to support the immediate conversion to LED lights," the resolution noted.

Earlier, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the city needs to fast-track the project after the Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO) admitted that it has been incurring losses in the maintenance of the city's streetlights but nevertheless assured that they will keep the deal as part of its corporate responsibility until the city's LED project materializes.

The city and the BENECO last February entered into an agreement that authorizes the power firm to take over the management and operation of the city's streetlights while the city is facilitating the LED conversion project.

The LED project aims to cut down on the city government's power costs which now run to P42.32 million per year for a total of 8,200 lighting fixtures lighting streets, alleys, parks, overpasses and flyovers plus P24.08 million for the lighting of government offices and schools by commissioning a qualified company to replace and manage all streetlights, park lights, including lights

in overpasses, flyovers and City Government owned buildings and facilities with LED bulbs and repair and the maintenance on a private-public partnership and a cost-saving share scheme.

The winning company is expected to undertake replacement at no expense to the city within six months upon signing of the contract and to take charge of the repair and maintenance of all installed LED lighting equipment for a period of 12 years. – A Refuerzo

City LGU Launches Elderly Month Celebration

BAGUIO CITY - The city government of Baguio, through the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the office of Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, launched the city's Elderly Month celebration in October in a kapihan media forum, Thursday.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan disclosed that the Elderly Month opening program will be on the morning of October 4 at the Baguio Convention Center, which will be followed by a civic parade and a sportsfest for senior citizen at the Melvin Jones ground, Burnham Park.

On October 7 is SCOFAD (Senior Citizen Officers for a day) Day, wherein senior citizens who are chosen based on the guidelines provided in a city council resolution, will assume as city and barangay officials for the day.

On October 25 is the Senior Citizens Cultural Festival at the Baguio Convention Center which will be highlighted by the search for Lakan and Lakambini 2013 and the awarding of the Best Barangay Senior Citizen Associations.

Other activities for the celebration are: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the City

Hall Multi Purpose Hall on October 8 and a medical mission at the CSWDO Conference Hall from 1:00 PM- 6:00 PM of October 18.

A Hataw for Graceful Aging is also set for the whole month in the different city barangays.

Meantime, Tabanda also announced that the city government, through the CSWDO will give P10,000 cash prize to each of Baguio's centennial awardees or those 100 years old and above.

"The CSWDO is already preparing the vouchers for six city centenarians, four of whom were given recognition last year and the two others were recognized this year", Tabanda said.

Joining Betty Fangasan and Tabanda at the panel during the launching forum were officials/representatives from the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, other partner government agencies, civil society organizations and Baguio Senior Citizens group.

Aside from the scheduled activities, senior citizens issues and concerns were also tackled in an open forum with local media practitioners./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR



"BACK TO PRIVATE LIFE" - Outgoing City Prosecutor Gloria Caranto-Agunos receives a Plaque of Recognition from City Officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas last September 23 for her 22 years of service to the government which ends September 27./ photo by paul rillorta

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
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Applicants

Case No: 2006-CAR-0050

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 - TRANCOVILLE and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 20th day of Sept 2013.

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
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Case No: 97-01-1741

NOTICE OF HEARING

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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 CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 18th day of Sept 2013.

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Applicants

Case No: 2011-CAR-627

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
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Baguio City
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Applicants

Case No: 2013-CAR-636

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the ISSUANCE of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a SCHOOL Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: to transport the students, parents and or guardians, faculty and staff said school and their respective place of destination and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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Case No: 2011-CAR-35

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Nitpicking rules

How will Catholic leaders here react to Pope Francis' call to move beyond "small-minded rules"? Focus instead on "becoming merciful," the Pontiff has urged in a *La Civiltà Cattolica* magazine interview.

"Heal the wounds and seek those fallen away," the 265th successor to Peter the Fisherman stressed. Or the Church's moral structure will lose "the Gospel's fragrance...and fall like a house of cards."

The interview was conducted by editor Fr. Antonio Spadaro, SJ, in the Pope's spartan private quarters in Casa Santa Marta. Francis had earlier waved away sprawling Apostolic Palace digs.

Time magazine distills Francis' interview into four themes. First: The Church must have a pastor's heart. Second: Faith demands putting people over issues, not the other way around. Third: Stop constricting Christ's message to abortion, gays and contraception. The Gospel's message is not to be "reduced to some aspects that, although relevant on their own, do not show the heart of Christ's message." Fourth: "We must work harder to develop a profound theology of women."

"This pope is not shattering traditional doctrine," veteran Vatican correspondent John Allen writes. He quotes Francis: The "teaching of the church... is clear and I am a son of the church... But it is not necessary to talk about gays, contraceptives, abortions all the time. It is not possible."

"Instead, this pope is trying to shift the emphasis away from condemnation to mercy and craft the church as a force for tolerance." Benedict XVI had called for a smaller Church of orthodox followers. Francis says the 1.2-billion-member Church should be the "home for all."

This is the approach he took as Argentine Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio in Latin America, the *Christian Science Monitor* recalls. Latin American clergy applied Church doctrine "progressively, choosing to

focus on the poor in a region deeply divided along class lines."

Not everyone is pleased. US Bishop Thomas Tobin is "disappointed" that Francis did not address abortion. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines has declined comment—for now.

Archbishop Ramon Arguelles, however, rushed in where angels fear to tread. The Lipa archbishop boxed in the Pontiff's open arms, saying he was only "talking about repentant people whom the Church should attend to with God's mercy." Arguelles' exclusions supplanted Francis' inclusions.

Is mercy to be withheld from those who supported the Reproductive Health Law (RA 10354) now being challenged in the Supreme Court? In the last election campaign, Arguelles urged voters to repudiate those candidates who had backed the RH Law—and was badly trounced.

"We must be a listening Church," Cardinal Luis Tagle has urged. Filipino mothers are hard put to get family planning services. Daily, 14 to 15 women die at the hands of underground hitlot. In 2010, the "silent screams" from induced abortions numbered 560,000—up from 470,000 in 2000. The Cagayan de Oro archdiocese provides family planning services in 54 parishes. What about Lipa?

"A surprise pope keeps on surprising," says the *New York Times*. "Francis is challenging the status quo so determinedly, shaking up the scandal-mired Roman Curia." Bigger changes could range from revamp to national conferences of bishops or synods. "The Curia should be at the service of the church, the bishops and the pope—not vice versa."

Ahead is the meeting of the "G8": Eight cardinals—none of them Italian—will meet in October. Francis has asked them to consider the prickly issue of Communion for the divorced and remarried, aside from Curia reforms. Another panel will recommend changes for the scandal-tarred Vatican Bank. That may include a shutdown... "Francis wants feedback from people who aren't just telling him what they think he wants to hear."

The Pope's interview "hit the Catholic world like a thunderbolt," the *Los Angeles Times* notes. "Liberals, conservatives, the devout and the secular find something to like—for widely divergent reasons."

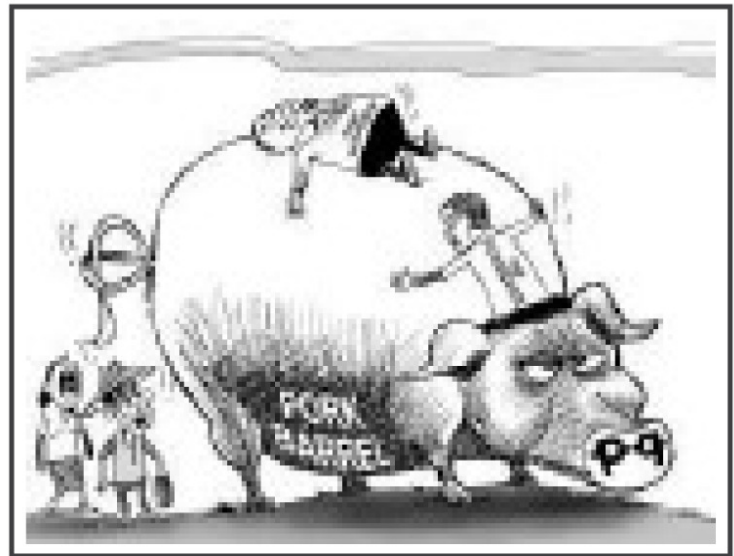
The liberals and those outside the Church are delighted with his complaint that the Church has been unduly "obsessed" with abortion, contraception, etc. Those who focused on these remarks—roughly 600 to 800 words out of the 12,000-word interview—"missed the forest for a few trees," counter the conservatives, who say Francis merely expressed Catholic doctrine.

"The interview revealed the Pope's thinking on a wide variety of issues, and reflected the Catholic Church's ability to 'reboot' itself to be relevant to contemporary society," writes Kathryn Jean Lopez of the *National Review Online*. "Whatever your politics, be careful what you read into this. Francis is talking to you. He's talking to me. He's reminding himself. The news isn't that he isn't 'a right-winger,' as he tells us. It's that he's a pastor. He's a priest, not a politician."

"The Pope is right that single-issue Catholics need to rise above their immediate concerns," the conservative Catholic League's Bill Donohue writes in his organization's website. "He did not say we should not address abortion or homosexuality. He said we cannot be absorbed by these issues. Both the Left and the Right should heed his message."

Does Francis have a grand strategy? John Allen isn't certain. In any case, "its path is not completely predictable." Cardinal Bergoglio was known best for his pastoral style. He didn't hesitate in confronting more liberal Jesuit Argentines.

The 217 cardinals at the March conclave "believed they were electing a conservative," Allen adds. "I don't know if they felt they were electing a moderate who would reposition the church ideologically. But that is, in fact, what is happening." Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juan_mercado77@yahoo.com



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

ON MNLF STANDOFF: ZAMBOANGA BLEEDING

BY: JESUS DUREZA



DAVAOCITY --I had a long chat with former President Ramos in his Makati office last Thursday. He still holds sway in his 26th floor office and works like he is still President of the Republic. "Except that now I do not have cabinet members to help", he joked, admitting that his schedule was still full. He was preparing to leave for Singapore the following day to attend another international forum. His long working table was still full of piled up paper, clippings, documents, and publications.

When I asked: "Did you have stem cell treatment in Germany, Mr., President? You look much younger now."

He did not answer but motioned to an aide who immediately brought in cups of steaming coffee. When I sniffed the distinctive coco aroma, he shoved a clipping of a "Philippine Star" item captioned: "VIRGIN COCO OIL BOOSTS SEXUAL ACTIVITY-- STUDY". Of course, I did not pursue my question any more. I recall the last time, it was "EMPERADOR" brandy that gave spike and aroma to the steaming coffee cup.

Then he stood up and we "squared off" with clinched fists and threw a few "blows". He said something about being an "ex" but not an "excess", "re-tired" but not tired, spelled with a hyphen, meaning, fitted with new tires -- for more traction. FVR was really still strong and physically sturdy that when my son JAY who was with me shook his hand, FVR squeezed it tight and did not immediately let go. I saw Jay's face grimaced in pain. "Can you still do 30 push-ups?" he asked.

Of course, we talked about the Zamboanga incident and his thoughts. He immediately said: "ZAMBOANGA IS BLEEDING". And that he would not have allowed the standoff to drag this long. The primary objective was to save lives, especially of innocent civilians and quickly end the crisis. Everything else was secondary.

"But then those in charge must do what they think is necessary," he said, recalling that when he was president himself, during the middle of an election campaign, he secretly slipped out of the country with former Speaker JOE DE VENEZIA, crossed several continents to meet with Libya's strongman MOAMMAR KHADAFY in the latter's desert tent in SIRTE just to firm up a peace arrangement for Mindanao.

(In 2001 when I was Head of the Government Negotiating Panel with the MILF, it was also in his desert tent in SIRTE that I also met KHADAFY together with former VICE PRESIDENT TITO GUINGONA, and former OPAPP and EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ED ERMITA. Even ABS-CBN'S CES DRILON was there to cover the event where I personally heard the Libyan President admonishing the MILF to work for peace with the Philippine government. Before KHADAFY was executed, he was arrested in his hometown SIRTE where he made his last stand against the forces that ousted his regime.)

Back to FVR. One interesting note he said was the failed attempt of Vice President JOJO BINAY to broker a ceasefire. He was unhappy at the way the vice president did it.

FVR said: "In the first place, he should not have flown to Zamboanga. As vice president, he should stay out of harm's way knowing that the president was in the danger zone. That's what vice presidents are for -- to take over the reins of government if something bad happens to the president". Then he recalled what happened in 1986 during the Cory administration when RAM rebel soldiers staged a coup de etat and FVR was chief of staff. He remembered that when he arrived at the CAMELOT HOTEL in Quezon City which had just been recovered by the AFP from the hands of the renegades headed by then COL. GRINGO HONASAN (now senator), he spotted in fatigue combat uniforms then Makati Mayor JOJO BINAY and Mandaluyong Mayor BEN

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PALSIIT

**BARANGAY KEN SK
ELECTION: AGLAYUS
TI KUARTA!**

**BY: LEONARDO ROSQUETA
AGUNOY**



ITA nga isursuratko daytoy a salaysay (Agosto 27, 2013), agnepnep a pakairamanan ti ipatpategtayo nga Ilocos Norte. Bumarbara metten ti tayab (earthen pot) ti politica. Mapasangangan man ngaminen ti barangay ken SK election iti bulan ti Oktubre iti agdama a tawen. Adu dagiti kabarbaro a nagan ti lumlumtaw bayat nga umas-asideg ti panagpipili. Nalabit, nagtaud dagiti nagan ti posible nga agkandidato babaen iti pattapatta (expeculation) dagiti kalugaranda met laeng. No ni Nardo koma ti maysa kadagiti agkandidato (kapitan/consejal), nasayaat ken nasaririt daydiay a tao. Nasingpet, maka-Dios ken maka-tao, mannurat pay. Addaan iti nadalus a nagan!

No sanger, babaero, sugador ken estambay iti kalsada ti intayo butosan (manen), ania koma ti nasayaat a maipaayna iti barangaytayo? Awan, maibabaintayo laeng a kalugaranda! Bayat nga adda takem ni Ay wenno ni Oy, sa itandudotayo manen, arkosto manen iti cocina dagiti agpadaya (agpaskan)!

“Sukatantayon dagiti rinuker nga agtuturaytayo iti barangay! Balsentayo idan agsipud ta nagbalinda metten a busek, sul-ot iti arpad ti kinapudno! Ammoda a maipawil ti agkoriente ti lames, ngem, apay idi adun ti reklamotayo, awan met laeng ti maitutop a tignayda! Idi matiliw nga agkorkoriente ti hepe dagiti barangay tanod, ania ngata ti masao dagiti agtuturay ti barangay!” Sagmamano laeng dagitoy a nadardarimusmosan ‘toy numo ti biang a paset ti reklamo dagiti am-ammo ken gagayem. Nasayaat no maaddaan dagitoy ti naan-anay a duri ken konsensia tapno agpilidanto ti pagtalkanda a kandidato nga anda butosan nga agserbinto iti barangayda. Uray aglayus ti kuarta, basta agturay ti konsensia. An-anuem ti adu a pirak no kabarangayan met ti adu nga agrigat a kunada.

Ita a mapasangangan ti panagpipili, ragupragup manen dagiti bumarangay ti ummongda a kas maiyataday ti kayatda a suportaran a butosan. Dagiti kandidato, di met maliklikan ti kaadda ti grupoda. Manipud para kapitan ken barangay kagawad. Kasta met iti SK wenno Sangguniang Kabataan. Adda para iti SK Chairman ken para iti SK Kagawad. Sumursurotada met iti line up dagiti kandidato iti barangay. Di met mailaksid nga adda grupo ti pro ken kasta met ti anti-administration. Sabalinto pay dagiti agkandidato nga independent! Nagadudan nga agpaidasig!

Malaksid iti nabannuanan a gagem a panagserbi iti publico dagiti agpaidasig, adu ngamin dagiti pakairanudan nga agpaay nga engganio dagiti naayat iti politica (dagiti kandidato). Basta la ketdi ammoda ti agbasa ken agsurat ken awan ti pending case-na, fight latta! Uray mauyuyaw iti liklikudandan, a: sugador, babaero/lalakiero, bartikero/bartikera, ulbod, mannakiriri, aria!

Aglaingtayo, kabarangayan. Aglaingtayo, a, nga agkilatis tapno mapilitayo dagiti mapagwadanto a mangirienda ti lugartayo. Ta kas mapaliwko, ita a mapasangangan ti basingkawel, adu met dagiti dillaw/pammabalawtayo kadagiti agpaidasig. Ditay’ ngarud paul-ulaw, pagunggundawayan! Ditay’ papurar iti sileng ti pirak! Ditay’ pabutbuteng!

Dengdenggek ti adu a kapanunotan. Adu ti agkunkuna a dejado dagiti kandidato iti oposision.

Insampitaw met ti maysa: “Mabalin a kunaentayo a dejado dagiti taga-opposision. Ngem, di met manigisgurado dagiti nakaupo sa posisyon!”

Pudno unay dayta. Ta uray met no siak ti maseknan nga agpili, saanak a basta agbutos. Pilek dagiti most qualified. Ala, gapu ta barangay, am-amotayo aminen ti kinaasino dagiti agpaidasig. Adalentayo a nasayaat no kasano itan ti barangaytayo. Aniada kadi dagiti nasayaat a nagapuananda iti agdama? Adda kadi met dagiti naaramidanda a di nasayaat a mabalin a pakarasan ti panagraem ken panagtaletkayo kadagiti agdama a

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

**Online Gambling at
Gaming
PART 2**

BY : NESTOR CASTRO



Gambling in Philippines

Gambling is extremely popular in the Philippines. This small country is filled with very large casinos, eGames parlors, Poker Sports Clubs, Instawin terminals and MSW sports betting outlets licensed by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). PAGCOR is fully government owned and controlled, and regulates almost all gambling in the country.

There is one exception to the PAGCOR monopoly over gambling in the Philippines, and it is the Cagayan Special Economic Zone and Freeport on the northeastern tip of the country. This special area of the country is subject to its own rules, and it gives out separate licenses for gambling halls within its limits. One big difference between Cagayan Freeport and the rest of the Philippines is that the establishments in Cagayan are reserved for hotel guests, thereby excluding most of the Filipino population from attending.

Online Gambling in Philippines

Online gambling is legal all across the country. Both the main region of the Philippines and the Cagayan Freeport offer Internet gambling, but they do so in very different ways. Sites licensed by and hosted in the Cagayan region are only open to use by foreign players.

This licensing makes the Philippines the **only country in Asia** to license online casinos!

Licenses issued there cover the operation of online casino, sports books, fixed odds, betting exchange, lottery, bingo and other interactive gaming but strictly for offshore players and only on offshore sporting events. There are over 70 gambling operators registered there. Often these are large, international gambling websites, much like those hosted in other parts of the world.

In the rest of the Philippines, online gambling is run by PAGCOR but it is unavailable for home play. The country has over 200 e-Games Stations (PEGS), which are in effect Internet casino game parlors, whereby players can play “online”. These outlets also have legal sports betting. PAGCOR granted an exclusive license for online gaming to a single company (Philweb) until 2032, but no development has been reported. Players who want to enjoy an unlimited online experience must therefore use foreign online gambling sites.

mangiririenda ti pagsayaatan ti barangaytayo? Adu kadi kadagiti agpaidasig ken agdama nga addaan iti di nasayaat a bisio? Ala, isingasingko, kakabsat, a no mabalin, sirigentayo kadi met a nasayaat ti moral aspect. Tapno matingtingtayo a nasayaat no rumbeng nga itandudo daydiay a kandidato.

Ipasirmatak man kadagiti kabarangay ti namunganay/kaipapanan tibalikas a CANDIDATE (kandidato/paidasig iti basingkawel ti politica). Isu daytoy: The term “candidate” is rooted in ancient Roman politics. Originally a candidatus was any person clothed in white, but gradually men running for public office, anxious to emphasize their pure and unsullied character, began appearing about Rome attired in immaculate white togas. In time candidatus become synonymous with “seeker of public office”, whether or not the person wore white. The word candid comes from the same Latin word, but the similarity stops there.

SK – Sangguniang Kabataan. Nabuangay daytoy nga organization dagiti pada nga agtutubo. Ti SK ti kinasukat ti sigud a KB – Kabataang Barangay a nabuangay idi panawen ni Apo Marcos.

Addaan met iti bukod a pannangimatton ti SK iti organization dagitoy. Adda kuarta a bukodda a gamuluen manipud iti IRA – Internal Revenue Allotment.

Isu nga adda latta met maipatungpal a project dagiti SK. Malaksid iti kaadda ti pundo a pangibanagda iti proyekto dagitoy, makuna nga active wenno nasasaririt

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**UP plagiarist & pork
scam: indictment vs.
nation**

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS: “... ‘Come now, let us settle the matter,’ says the Lord. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool’...” (Isaiah 1:18, the Holy Bible).

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UP PLAGIARIST & PORK SCAM: INDICTMENT VS. NATION: Can we blame UP alumnus Mark Joseph Solis for stealing a photo and submitting it as his own in a photo contest? Can we blame lawmakers who are accused of stealing P10 billion in pork barrel allocations? In a sense we can blame them, but the real indictment is not just against them, but against the entire Filipino nation. Such stealing by our youth—and stealing by our elders—are now happening simply because, as a people, we no longer teach ourselves the values and the ideals that matter.

We have been told that we should train our children in the way that they should go, and when they grow old, they will never depart from it. We have been told that we should teach our youth in the training and instruction of the Lord. We have been told that we should instill in our children that there is an ever-powerful and ever-knowing God, whom we must love and obey with all our hearts, our minds and our souls.

Yet, no Filipino family is doing this anymore. No Filipino family is discussing God regularly anymore. No Filipino family is talking anymore about God’s commands and values. No Filipino family is taught anymore to abide by God’s rules. And so, since God is no longer taught to our children and to all of us, we grew up, are still growing up, and will continue to grow, without fear and love of God, capable of every mischief and evil.

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THE PRIORITY IS NO LONGER GOD: In fact, if the truth be told, our children are now exposed to talks among close family members focusing on how to raise money at all costs, how to subjugate and prevail over foes, political or otherwise, using all available means, including buying justice, how to ensure a lifestyle of power, pomp and luxury, even at the expense of, and using the money really intended for, the poor and the marginalized.

The overriding objective now of many Filipino families, rich and poor alike, is to earn, earn, and then earn some more, regardless of the means of earning. And so, we see men and women in government shamelessly pocketing government funds, like pork barrel allocations in billions of pesos, intended for the poor. We see men and women willing to work abroad, even if that would mean separation from their children as they are growing up, and even if that work would result in the eventual break-up of the family.

The priority is no longer God and His commands. The priority is now money, money, and still more money. He who earns, even if with the aid of the devil, is given the title of an “honorable” man or woman. He who does not earn, even if he is doing it because he does not want to dabble in the systemic plunder, malversation and graft and corruption of many, is simply stupid and is often ridiculed and despised.

To be continued

dagiti SK officials no adda wenno adu ti sabali pay a proyektoada a mapataud ti pundona nga aggapu iti fund raising.

Adu met ti arimbangaw a naggapu iti biang ti SK: adu ti in-active nga SK officials ngamin. Ala, makuna a di met mabalin a bugaren dagitoy nga agtrabaho iti consejoda agsipud ta kaaduanna a menor de edad ngarud dagitoy. Nupay kasta, adu ti akem dagiti pada nga agtutubo a di met makuna a nadagsen tapno agtinnag a kasla forced labor.

To be continued

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

SPS. JOSEPH &
EVELYN BALAG-
EY,
Petitioner-Mort-
gagee,

- versus -

SPS. MARK & NITA
NABUS,
Respondents-Mort-
gagors,

x-----x

CASE NO: 13-EXF-
1726

For:
Extrajudicial
Foreclosure
OF REAL MORT-
GAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, as
amended

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by petitioners-mortgagees, Spouses Joseph and Evelyn Balag-ey, both of legal age, Filipino Citizens, and with present address at Bayabas, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, against respondents-mortgagors, Spouses MARK NABUS and NITA NABUS, both of legal age, Filipinos, and with present residence and postal address located at JF 014, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 800,000.00), Philippine currency, which was due as of May 16, 2006, excluding of interest, attorney's fees, foreclosure expenses and other charges, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy

will sell at public auction on OCTOBER 23, 2013 AT 11:30 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the following real properties including all improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. T-55801**

A parcel of land, (Lot 16-B, Psd-CAR-011930, being a portion of Lot 16, Pcs-131110-000400), situated at Barangay Pico, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 5-6-7-8-1 by Lot 21, Pcs-131110-000400; along line 1-2 by Lot 15, Pcs-131110-000400; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 16-A of the subdivision plan, Psd-CAR-011930; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 7, Pcs-553 and on the SW., along line 4-5 by Lot 17, Pcs-131110-000400. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 59° 31' W., 573.37 meters from Triangulation Station "Southbase, La Trinidad, Benguet, thence:

N. 18° 48' E., 7.91 meters to point 2
S. 18° E., 20.81 meters to point 3.
17° 21' W., 22.07 meters to point 4 N.
76° 34' W., 29.40 meters to point 5 N. 40° 11' E., 7.25 meters to point 6 N.
88° 27' E., 3.32 meters to point 7 N.
58° 00' E., 4.25 meters to point 8 N.
12° 32' E., 4.61 meters to point of beginning;

Containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO (522) SQUARE METERS, more or less.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time

and date. Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate the above-described real properties regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 26, 2013 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 19th day of September 2013, at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

**FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET**

By (sgd) WHINSTON
P. DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

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Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 7
BAGUIO CITY

BERNARD M.
BAYACSAN,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

MARIANNE JANE
LANUZA,
Defendant,

CIVIL CASE NO.
7732-R

For: Judicial
Foreclosure
Of Real Estate
Mortgage

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**SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION**

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

"1. The Plaintiff is of legal age, married, Filipino Citizen and with residence address at No. 246

Camp 8, Kennon, Baguio City, Philippines, where he may be served with summons and other court processes;

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

**II. FACTUAL
BACKGROUND**

3. On June 7, 2011 respondent obtained her loan from the petitioner and executed a Promissory Note with Real Estate Mortgage" on her rights and interest on a parcel of Land with an area of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS, together with her Residential House No. 102-07-036-03-LO45, aIndex No. 102-07-036-03-LO45-NOO1 respectively, issued by the City Assessors of Baguio in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 250,000.00). Copy of the Tax Declarations of the land, building and the Promissory Note with Real Estate Mortgage are hereto attached, bracketed and marked as Annexes "A", "B", & "C" to form part hereof;

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

"That the condition of the REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE is such that if the said MORTGAGOR, her (sic) heirs and assigns shall well and truly perform the full obligation above-stated according to the term and conditions thereof, then this REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect and that shall be enforceable in the manner provided for by the law. And shall

authorize the mortgagor to extra-judicially foreclose this mortgage and hereby authorize and appoint the mortgagor as his attorney-in-fact to take possession of the property subject of this Real Estate Mortgage and sell the same at a public auction under Act no. 3135;

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

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

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

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises duly considered, it is most respectfully prayed to the Honorable Court after due notice and hearing to render judgment in favor of the Petitioner and against the defendant and order the respondent to pay the principal amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) plus interest and penalties, and in default thereof shall order the said properties to be sold at public auction to satisfy the said obligation; to pay the amount of p20,000.00 by way of Attorney's fees and One thousand pesos per appearance and to pay the cost of the

suit or in the alternative in case foreclosure cannot be done, to order the defendants to pay the principal amount plus interest and penalties.

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

Respectfully
submitted.
Baguio City,
Philippines,
October 17, 2012
ESTEBANA
SOMINGI
Council for the
Petitioner
PTR No. 047939962/
1-2-12/Baguio City
IBP No. 863521/1-2-
12/Baguio City
ROLL NO. 47910/3-
20-03
Baguio City

WHEREAS, summons was issued on November 6, 2012 which was returned by Sheriff Joselito V. Itliong of the Office of the City Sheriff, Baguio City, with the information that defendant Marianne Jane Lanuza is no longer living at her address and her whereabouts is unknown.

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

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2013, the plaintiff through counsel filed a Motion For Leave of Court To Serve Summons by Publication which was granted in an Order dated August 23, 2013, wherein the Court or-

dered that summons be served upon the defendant by publication;

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

WITNESS THE HONORABLE ASUNCION F. MANDIA, Acting Presiding Judge of this Court, this 6th day of September, 2013 in the City of Baguio, Philippines.

By (SGD)
JEANYLENE ISIP-
FUKAI
Clerk of Court V

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

ROMEO M. PAGEDPED,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

CHERRY ANN B. AKIEN,
Mortgagor.

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FILE NO. 13-Exf-1719

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

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, ROMEO M. Pagedped, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at #163 JB Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, herein-after referred to as the mortgagee, CHERRY ANN B. ANKIEN, of legal age, married to Xavier Ankien, Filipino, with residence and postal address at Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet hereinafter referred to as mortgagor, on order to satisfy her obligation to the mortgagee in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00), Philippine Currency exclusive of interests, obtained by the Mortgagor from the Mortgagee, and other costs and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings. The under-

signed Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on October 3, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, which covers the house and one (1) parcel of unregistered land including all other improvements thereon, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

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

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

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

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

Let the foregoing be published at the "THE JUNCTION," a newspaper of general circulation on September 15, 22, and 29, 2013. Likewise, let a copy of this Sheriff's Notice of Public Auction Sale be posted in the bulletin boards of La Trinidad Municipal Hall; Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby; and at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Justice Hill; all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET

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

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September 14, 21 and 28, 2013

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR

CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES AND CHANGE OF NAME OF BABY BOY KUA TO RUBEN DAMOCO

BABY BOY KUA (a.k.a. RUBEN DAMOCO)

Petitioner,

-versus-

NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR BAGUIO CITY, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, *Respondents*

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SPL. PROC. CASE NO. 2287-R

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

In a verified petition, petitioner, through counsel, prayed that after notice and hearing, the entries in his Certificate of Live Birth be changed with regard to the respective civil status of his parents from "married" to "single"; entry as to his legitimacy from "yes" to "no"; name of petitioner from "Baby Boy Kua" to "Ruben Damoco"; and a declaration by the Court that his parents were never married. He alleged among others that he has, since time immemorial, been known as RUBEN

DAMOCO by his friends, family colleagues, and with his transactions with the Government; that in his Certificate of Live Birth issued by the National Statistics Office, his name indicated therein is Baby Boy Kua; that in his passport as issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Baguio City on February 28, 2013, his name indicated therein RUBEN DAMOCO; that in his Marriage Contract between himself and Alicia Cecilia Distor, his name indicated therein is Ruben Damoco; that in an affidavit he executed on the 25th day of May 1992, he swore to the circumstances of his parentage; likewise under a document issued by the Local Civil Registrar, it is certified that there is no marriage that took place between Yu Huy Kua and Medina Damoco; that under the affidavit of Discrepancy he executed on August 13, 2013 he is the one and the same person as indicated on the above-mentioned documents; that the name as written under the records of the National Statistics Office is Baby Boy Kua which he would like to change to Ruben Damoco; that the grounds for filing this petition are the following: he has habitually and continuously used the name Ruben Damoco since time immemorial and that he is publicly known in the community by the name; the variance in his name in the several government records cause confusion; that he has not filed any similar petition and that, to the best of his knowledge, no longer similar petition is pending with any Local Civil Registrar's Office, Court or Philippine Consulate.

Let the petition be set for hearing on December 5, 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 petitioner.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be posted in four (4) public places at the Bulletin Boards of the City Market, the Post Office, the City Hall and the Regional Trial Court, all in Baguio City at the expense of the petitioner.

Let copies of this Notice of Initial Hearing and its annexes be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General at No. 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and the Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City and the Local Civil Registrar both in Baguio City and the National Statistics Office, EDSA cor. Times Street, Quezon City.

Serve copies of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioner Baby Boy Kua (aka Ruben Damoco), and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

September 13, 2013.
Baguio City, Philippines

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

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We are today on the 15th day of the Zamboanga incident. And things are not looking good up to this time. I hope President Aquino is now looking into other options.

Let me say it again: the military option is NOT THE ONLY solution. Those who think that wiping out the MNLF elements in the siege will put an end or closure to the problem DO NOT UNDERSTAND the so-called "Mindanao problem". Remember the hard-line, all-out war policy of former PRESIDENT ERAP ESTRADA? Yes, he captured the main MILF camps at tremendous social and logistical costs with lives lost and about 1,000,000 Mindanaons displaced from their homes. The country cheered for such a brave, daring move. But did it erase the MILF from the map? NOPE, THEY EVEN FANNED OUT TO OTHER AREAS. This reminds me of what FVR told us a long time ago: "Don't put shit before an electric fan. It will only irreversibly and irretrievably spread it" (My apologies too Mr. President for spreading the word.)

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Zone (JHSEZ). Further investigation disclosed that JHSI distributes bottled water to firms inside the JHSEZ even without the necessary permits," the resolution noted.

"Furthermore, John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) revealed that JHSI, along with its affiliated company, the JHWSI, are in clear violation of regulations for not securing clearance and consent of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) to tap into the water source in Camp John Hay."

The aldermen said that the JHWSI is "believed to be the biggest water operator in Baguio City next to Baguio Water District as it supplies water to almost all the barangays within John Hay and the barangays pay to them. It also delivers water, including bottled water, to the other barangays in the city."

"These latest accounts must be addressed the soonest considering that the health of the consuming public is at stake," the resolution said stressing that part of the city government's mandate is "to ensure that all water utility companies or water suppliers operating within the city have secured the necessary permit to operate from the appropriate agencies/offices in order to prevent the spread of water borne diseases that may give an adverse effect to the health of the public."

The licensing office is expected to submit a comprehensive report on the matter./A Refuerzo

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ABALOS brandishing their Uzis and M16s. He recalled how he bawled them out and told them to go home because the AFP elements might mistake them for rebels and shoot them. "They were also not in proper uniform. There were no standard patches on their combat fatigues" he recalled.

"I don't know if President Aquino bawled him out when he landed in Zamboanga", he added.

But the saving grace of Vice President JOJO was his attempt and efforts to end the standoff early and save lives by talking with MNLF chairman NUR MISUARI who evidently agreed to a ceasefire. The Binay proposal did not fly because President Aquino stuck to DILG SECRETARY MAR ROXAS' incantation to MNLF'S USTADZ HABIER MALIK: "surrender or die!" Well, two weeks had already passed. MALIK had not surrendered. And as of this writing (Sunday), neither had he died!

Membership Of Administrative Board for Drug-Related Nuisance Formed

BAGUIO CITY - Acting City Mayor Daniel Fariñas designated the membership of the Administrative Board (AB) for the abatement of drug-related public nuisances in this city through Administrative Order No. 134.

Dr. Florence Reyes of the City Health Office is the chairman of the said board with members Atty. Melchor Carlos Rabanes of the City Legal Office and P/Supt. Jesus Cambay, Jr. of the Baguio City Police Office.

Fariñas said that "Republic Act No. 9165 also known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 declared it a policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation. Further, the State needs to enhance the efficacy of the law against dangerous drugs, it being one of today's more serious ills."

It is the duty of the administrative board to receive and hear complaints regarding drug-related public nuisances, to declare a place or premises complained of to be a public nuisance pursuant to R.A. 9165, and upon approval of the City Council, petition the Regional Trial Courts of Baguio City for a permanent injunction against any drug-related nuisance.

Section 52, article VII of R.A. 9165 provides that "a place or premises which have been used on two or more occasions as the site of the unlawful sale or delivery of dangerous drugs, or used as drug dens for pot sessions and other similar activities, may be declared to be a public nuisance and such nuisance may be abated . . ."

Accordingly, the procedures to stop public nuisance are to be followed. Any employee, officer or resident of the city may bring a complaint before the AB after giving not less than three days written notice to the owner of the place at his/her last known address. Within three days from receipt of the complaint, a hearing will be conducted by the board, with notice to both parties and the board will deliberate on the evidence submitted. After hearing, the board may declare the place to be nuisance and the hearing will be terminated within 10 days from commencement.

"Once a place or premises was declared public nuisance, the board will issue an order immediately prohibiting the conduct, operation or maintenance of any activity on the premises which is conducive to nuisance. The mayor will assume full responsibility in seeing to it that the order of the board is immediately complied with. Said order will expire after one year, or earlier as stated in the order. Once the place is no longer a public nuisance, the board may conduct hearing with the complainant duly notified for possible lifting of the order," said Fariñas/Jho Arranz



EVERYDAY HEROES - Baguio's schoolchildren and their parents experience and observe how Baguio's Firemen react in time of disaster or calamities during a field trip./ by Bong Cayabyab

North Luzon Science Fair Opens Monday

The five-day 2013 North Luzon Cluster Science and Technology Fair and Exhibit will open this Monday at the Benguet State University in La Trinidad, Benguet on the theme "Science, Technology and Innovation: The Road Towards a Smarter North Luzon".

Regional director Julius Caesar Sicat of the Department of Science and Technology said Day 1 will focus on science and technology exhibits at the BSU enclosed gym, a techno bazaar at the covered court and interactive exhibits (PAG-ASA mobile planetarium, Project NOAH) at the Engineering Building of the university.

The day will open with a ribbon-cutting, followed by a press conference and end with a seminar on the DOST Smarter Philippines Program and fellowship night, Sicat revealed.

Tuesday's schedule opens with a robotics competition - line mobot race for the tertiary level

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and microcontroller-based systems in the open category at the BSU covered court. Also on tap are the 2013 Northern Luzon on-the-spot essay writing contest.

The Wednesday morning program at the Gladioli Hall will be a seminar on "Metal Industry Clustering: An Avenue for Development and Progress" and "Alternative Technologies Toward Sustainable Mining Industry". In the afternoon, the topic will shift to "Food Innovation Technologies (vacuum packaging machine, water retort, immersion freezer, freeze dryer, spray dryer, vacuum dryer, vacuum evaporator), "Addressing Malnutrition: Complementary Food Technologies" and mechanics of writing a research paper/investigatory project.

Seminar topics on Thursday at the CTE Function Hall will be on new trends in math teaching and intellectual property rights. The closing and awards ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the BSU Enclosed gym/RDacawi.

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