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“We Should not Rush Autonomy” – Baguilat



In deep thought!!!!/Photo by Jon Tengco

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Among 177 states, Philippines ranked as the 50th failed state

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



TABUK CITY, Kalinga - “I believe we should not rush into autonomy for the wrong reasons. We should not fastrack autonomy for the sake of having a government. We should not railroad autonomy for political ambitions.”

Ifugao Congressman Teodoro Baguilat Jr. underscored this in his keynote speech during the kick-off of the Cordillera month celebration last July 1 here. He said the campaign process should proceed carefully with every sector consulted and the reasons and concerns of those who did not vote for autonomy be considered to prevent the possibility of a third strike on the Organic Act.

Baguilat emphasized that the consultation must reach grassroots level and should not be limited among politicians and selected leaders.

“Let us seek the participation of our church leaders, the academe, civil society including militant organizations, government representatives,

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Isa lang naman na pol-politiko ang atat na atat at desperado na maging gobernador ng Cordillera Autonomous Region !!!

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BY : ORWEN TRAZO



Use Irisan Compost for Fertilizer, Mayor Orders

Mayor Mauricio Domogan has cancelled the purchase of P350,000 worth of fertilizer for the city parks and ordered use of the sum to buy fuel to run the two environmental recycling system (ERS) machines at the Irisan dumpsite that process bio-degradable waste into organic fertilizer.

In his weekly press briefing last Wednesday, the mayor said he directed the city environment and parks management office (CEPMO) to use the fertilizer produced by the machines for the flowering and ornamental plants at the Burnham Park and city gardens.

Domogan said his twin decisions came after he learned the ERS machines needed fuel and then received documents for the purchase of fertilizer.

He explained the city plans to sell the fertilizer being churned by the machines and use the proceeds to sustain the fuel needs of the two machines which have a combined daily capacity to convert 48 tons of organic waste into fertilizer.

Domogan said the fertilizer being composted out of vegetable trimmings and other organic waste has been certified as such but the city is waiting for permit to sell the same from the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority.

Protech, the company which installed and is training city personnel to run the machines, is also willing to buy and repair several second-hand trucks the city earlier bought in Olongapo City but which broke down, Domogan said.

The company, which also committed,

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Closure Agreement is not Just an Act Of Signing - OPAPP

BAGUIOCITY - The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) stressed that the Memorandum of Agreement for the closure agreement of the Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) is not only an act of signing but a serious commitment for a peace agreement.

On Monday, President Benigno Aquino III witnessed the MOA signing between the Philippine Government represented by OPAPP Secretary Teresita Deles with Department of National Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin and the Cordillera Bodong Administration president Marcelina Bahatan and CPLA chairman Arsenio Humiding at the Malacanang Palace.

"We can't just sign for the sake of signing," said Deles. "We take this commitment very seriously; we want to sign peace agreements," she added. Deles said that the MOA embodied six elements. These include community projects for identified communities; livelihood and employment support for CPLA members; sub-regional development projects; legacy documentation of arms and forces and finally, the transformation of the CBA-CPLA into an unarmed

socio-economic organization.

Deles explained that the MOA stipulates that community development and livelihood projects will be implemented in 57 identified communities from 23 municipalities in the six provinces of the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Community development projects may include any kind of project that communities deem necessary to address issues affecting the conflict, provided they do not exclude anyone in the community from their enjoyment and use.

These projects include, but are not limited to, the construction of potable

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Cayetano to Palace: Set up an Organized System of Investigating Anomalous Cases

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano urged the government to set up an organized system of investigating issues concerning the past administrations in light of the unraveling Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) scam investigations.

The senator expressed his disappointment with the slow pace of investigation and the unorganized manner in which the investigations are being conducted.

"Now that we do not have the truth commission or even the Presidential C, there is nothing to stop the President from creating either a super fact-finding committee or a number of fact-finding committees in different departments to gather evidence," he said.

Cayetano pointed out that even if a new Ombudsman is appointed, he would still need to have evidence based on facts which will have to come from the different agencies and departments.

He also noted that investigations into the PCSO scam and all of the unresolved anomalies of the Arroyo administration need to put closure into these to truly emphasize the difference between the Aquino administration and the past administration.

"The Arroyo administration style of resolving cases is to just to let the issue die over time then later say that the issue is considered closed. But until you know who did the crime, what the crime is and what the perpetrators got, you cannot say that a case is solved," he explained.

Cayetano added that it is important for the Aquino administration to show that the Philippine government is capable of putting closure into big graft cases by completely solving the case, not only by closing the case," he explained.

In this light, the Minority Leader also called on the administration to conduct a parallel investigation in support of the Senate probe that may take the lead in investigating the alleged PCSO scam.

"This parallel investigation can be done by the PCSO itself or the bodies outside or apart from the agency itself. Ultimately, I'm hoping that we can have a more organized way of solving these anomalous cases starting with this one," he said./Office of Senator Allan Peter Cayetano

DENR-MGB Pushes for Regulation of Small-Scale Mining to Minimize Accidents

BAGUIOCITY - With the increasing cases of accidents involving small-scale mining especially this rainy season, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Mines and Geo-science Bureau (DENR-MGB) Regional Technical Di-

rector Orlando Pineda Sr., is pushing for the regulation of small-scale mining activity by the local government units (LGUs).

In a media forum Wednesday, Pineda, who as MGB head also chairs the different Provincial Mining Regulatory Boards, stressed

that they have been trying their best to regulate and legalize small-scale mining operations. However, most of them could not secure consent from bigger mining companies that has mining permits in their areas of operations, which is

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Mandatory CCTV in Major Business Establishments and in Identified Crime-Prone Areas Muled

BAGUIO CITY - The Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (RLECC) is set to come up with a resolution requesting the Baguio City Council Peace and Order Council to possibly craft an ordinance making it mandatory for the city's establishment owners to install Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras inside and outside of their premises as deterrent and for easy monitoring of criminal activities in the area.

During the second quarter RLECC regular meeting held last week, the Sub-Committee on Intelligence Coordination (SCIC) identified the installation of the CCTV as a more effective tool in the anti-criminality campaign in the city.

Accordingly, installation of CCTV systems especially in major business establishments and in identified crime-prone areas would lead criminals to be apprehensive in perpetrating their crimes.

Atty. Elmer Sagsago of the Department of Justice has suggested that perhaps one of the conditions for the issuance of a business permit will be for the establishment to install a CCTV for purposes of preventing criminality.

Newly designated Baguio City Police Office Deputy City Director for Operations, PSupt Benjamin Sembrano, shared that the Quezon City government has already adopted the CCTV policy and due for implementation next year./JDP/MC-PIA CAR

'Adam and Steve' vs. 'Adam and Eve' row takes SP Spotlight

BAGUIO CITY - The line has been drawn.

The City Council last week transformed itself into a 'grievance committee' tasked to weigh arguments for or against rites purporting to be a 'joining together' of members of the same sex 'in aid of legislation'.

On one side arguing the merits of same-sex monogamy were members of the local Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) which members are composed mostly of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender (LGBT).

On the other side of the invisible 'morality line' were leaders and members of the Baguio-Benguet Ecumenical Group (BBEG).

These, in the heels of the media-covered 'same-sex unions' administered by the (MCC), June 25 in a temporary chapel which regularly functions as the Ayuyang Bar along Gov. Pack Road.

The case for 'Adam and Steve'; 'Amy and Eve'
Decrying al-

leged discrimination by evangelical ministers and some members of the council against LGBTs, MCC same-sex union administering leader Myke Sotero averred the MCC ceremony is a mere avenue for its members to profess love.

At one point during the suspended session Sotero even punned, "We even tell them they could change their civil status only in [the social networking site,] Facebook" eliciting laughter in the gallery.

"In fact," he said, "Not all LGBT members are in same-sex unions and we never force them into it... We even advice those who are already married they cannot have same-sex union as we respect marriages recognized by our laws."

Speaking in Filipino he said, "Love is a basic human right which transcends even the laws of men and government."

Despite similarities of the 'rite' he led with marriage conducted by ortho-

dox evangelical ministries, he claimed there was no marriage but mere blessing of unions between people of the same sex.

"We know same sex marriage is not allowed under our laws. More, our ceremony does not have any legal consequences as in fact, we cannot even be granted marriage licenses in the first place."

Baguio Pride Network (BPN) spokesperson Carol Galvez reading a prepared statement meantime said, "Calling us mentally ill and abnormal is an affront to our dignity and can cause moral and emotional harm to LGBTs."

"Homosexuality is not a disease as attested by the World Health Organization... We fear that [the pronouncements made by local religious leaders add to the] hate crimes, discrimination, homophobia and physical violence against us."

Same-Sex Union contrary to public morals

Meantime, lawyer and realtor Alex
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"MEDIA FRENZY" - Baguio bizzmen gather to take a snapshot of the Cordillera musicians who performed during the opening ceremonies of America in 3D at SM Baguio./Photo by Paul Rillorta

PRC Warns Public vs Fake Professional License Syndicates, Fixers

BAGUIO CITY, July 8 (PIA) - Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Baguio Office, which handles clients from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and regions I, III and some nearby provinces in region II, warns the public anew against patronizing fake professional license syndicates and fixers.

PRC-Baguio Regional Director Teofilo Gaius Sison Jr., in an interview, stressed that they are continuously and closely monitoring cases of fake professionals including license fixers and syndicates in partnership with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

According to Sison, fake professionals will eventually be discovered and this will only put severe consequences to the fake professional license card holders, as this will lead to dismissal from work, cancellation of benefits and maybe even imprisonment, in violation of falsification of public documents.

Sison also affirmed that for this year, they encounter cases of fake professional license almost every month. Most of these cases were discovered when they renew their licenses.

At present, PRC-Baguio is following up 12 cases which are either already filed in court, on-going trial and already being investigated or still to be filed to NBI-CAR.

Meanwhile, Sison bared that since they started their computerized application and examination checking, it has been a policy of the PRC that there is no more re-checking of examination papers- whatever score they get is already official.

Thus, Sison is appealing to examinees not to believe on fixers and syndicates that there is still a way for their failed scores to be corrected or even pass and be provided with a professional license.

Sison also explained that the public could check any professional through PRC's On-line Verification of Filipino Professionals, which is not only made available here in the country but also internationally. "All the public will do is log on to the PRC website, www.prc.gov.ph and key in the name of the person they want to check and his or her license number", Sison said./ JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Benguet Gen. Hospital Withholds Filling up Position, Prioritizes Salary Standardization

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet, July 4 (PIA) - Vacant positions of the Benguet General Hospital will be left unfilled up until such time that the economic enterprise run-hospital will have substantial income or considerable surplus to pay the salaries.

Benguet General Hospital (BeGH)

Chief Dr. Joseph Cabinta clarified that a total of 11 supervising positions will not be filled up yet subject to the availability of funds as the hospital has to fulfill the mandatory implementation of salary standardization of the existing filled up positions.

A total of 36 positions were created

since it operated as economic enterprise in 2006, according to Cabinta. 21 positions were filled and four are still being awaiting as applications of contenders are still on process.

He said the vacant positions do not affect the operations of the hospital as these are for promotions purposes.

This was ex-
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Joke Of The Century

Justice Conchita Carpio-Morales whacked a Supreme Court decision that blinked at Eduardo Cojuangco, pocketing 16.2 million San Miguel Corporation shares, by dipping into levies squeezed from indigent coconut farmers. "The biggest joke to hit the century", she wrote before retiring.

Did this Court crack the "second biggest joke to hit the century?"

Voting 7-6-2, the tribunal ruled "with finality" that creation of 16 new cities, didn't fracture the Constitution. All 16 flunked tax collection criteria of P100 million, average for two consecutive years. That's set by the Local Government Code (LGC).

The Court cartwheeled repeatedly, within three years, over a "final decision" that had become, in its own words, "executory".

EDITORIAL

"Oh No! Not Again!", Inquirer
h e a d l i n e d
February's flip-

flop.

"Justices call the 16 cities' case one of the most contentious issues the Supreme Court ruled on," Sun Star noted. "The Court changed its mind three times", after ruling, on Nov. 18, 2008, the 16 didn't meet constitutional criteria.

But the Court reversed itself on Dec. 31, 2009 saying the 16 cityhood laws were constitutional. No, they're not, the Court said in a ruling handed down Aug. 24, 2010. And on Feb. 15, it somersaulted and said the laws were constitutional.

By then, vertigo afflicted everybody. That includes the League of Cities. It's 120 members protested the 16 "upstarts" siphoning their Internal Revenue allotments. "League of 16" members were also strapped to this "judicial yoyo".

The 16 include Baybay, Leyte; Naga, Bogo and Carcar in Cebu; Catbalogan and Borongan in Samar; Tandag, Surigao del Sur; alLamitan, in Basilan.

Others are: Tayabas, Quezon; Tabuk, Kalinga; Bayugan, Agusan del Sur; Batac, Ilocos Norte; and Mati, Davao Oriental, Guihulngan, Negros Oriental; Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte; and El Salvador, Misamis Oriental.

The line-up of those backed the 16, was predictable: Chief Justice Renato Corona, plus justices Presbitero Velasco Jr., Teresita Leonardo-De Castro, Lucas Bersamin, Roberto Abad, Jose Perez. Jose Mendoza switched vote this time around.

"This Court made history with its repeated flip-flopping in this case", Justice Antonio Carpio led in his dissenting opinion. Carpio wrote the original ponencia that "defrocked" the 16 Justice Conchita Carpio-Morales also dissented. So did Martin Villarama Jr., Ma. Lourdes Sereno, Arturo Brion and Diosdado Peralta.

"There is absolutely nothing in the [16] Cityhood Laws to support the majority decision that (they) amended the Local Government Code (LGC)," Carpio wrote. Thus, the 16 must generate P100 million income, not merely P20 million. And the "Separability Clause" in each cityhood bill provides that LGC prevails in case of inconsistency.

The majority committed a "glaring error" by claiming P100 minimum income standard for was "arbitrarily made" or "extremely difficult" to comply with. San Juan, Navotas, Sta. Rosa (Laguna), Dasmariñas (Cavite) and Biñan (Laguna) "were created in full compliance with the P100 million income criterion."

There are, in fact 21 towns in Luzon that generate P100 million incomes. The League of Cities endorsed their cityhood applications.

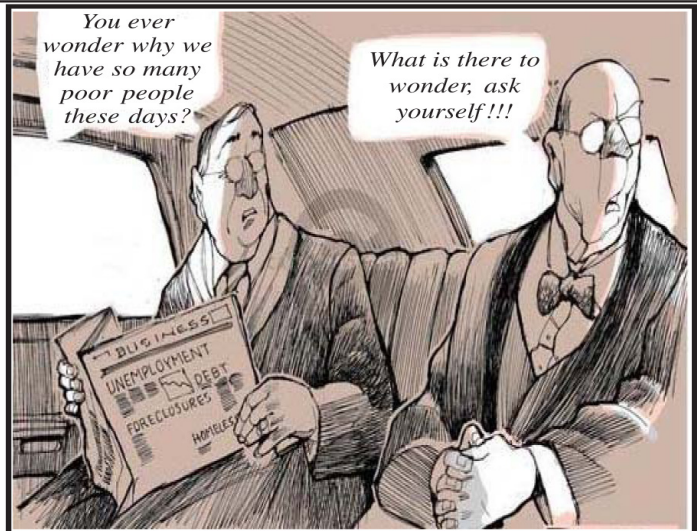
The qualified towns are: Cabuyao and San Pedro in Laguna; Cainta, Taytay, and Binangonan in Rizal; Bacoor, General Trias, Imus, Carmona, and Silang in Cavite; San Pedro, Laguna; Pantabangan in Nueva Ecija; Calaca, Sto. Tomas, Bauan and Nasugbu in Batangas; Mauban in Quezon; Marilao, Sta. Maria and Norzagaray in Bulacan; and Limay in Bataan.

"The [SC] majority does not state that the P100 million income requirement is unconstitutional," Carpio pointed out. They simply refused to apply the prevailing law. Instead, they applied a repealed law. "There is neither law nor logic in the majority decision."

The 16 "stick out like a sore thumb...as distinctly privileged cities with only P20-million (plus) annual income." This discriminates against cities that meet the law's criteria. More basic, this bias "violates the equal protection clause" of the Constitution.

Majority in the Court also made short shrift of the League of Cities complaint, saying: It "all boils down to money". No, Carpio wrote. "It boils down to equity and fairness...and faithful compliance with an express mandatory provision

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Among 177 states, Philippines ranked as the 50th failed state

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Bad news constitutes a fact of life. We hear them every day. Further, bad news shouldn't be so bad. Other countries have them, too. Japan has her earthquakes. The United States has her bad economy. Greece has her bad currency. Europe has her threats of failing as a state union (which may or may not be realized). In other words, what is wrong with bad news for the Philippines when other countries have them, too?

Well, here is a reason why the bad news we are hearing for our country is really bad news: among 177 states or governments of the world (here, I suspended my academic eye in differentiating states and governments), the Philippines ranked 50th. The ranked is arranged from worst to best. The number 1 in the ranked is the state who failed most while the 177th state is the state that has succeeded most among 177 countries. The rankings are for 2011 (released July) and came from the international organization, THE FUND FOR PEACE.

In other words, we are at the bottom 30% of 177 countries of the world in being a good state or government for their citizens. We share the 50th position with Bhutan. In the 50th rank, our peers are the following countries: Solomon Islands, Syria, Angola, and Israel. Angola and Israel are even far better than us because Angola is ranked 51st and Israel is ranked 52nd (as pointed out earlier, the top ranking are the worst countries while the bottom rankings are associated with the better and best countries). If anything, our peers are the best indicators of how we have fared as a nation.

Mozambique, a country that became independent from Portugal just recently in 1975 and which experienced a violent civil war a.k.a. revolutionary war from 1975 to 1992 surprisingly fared better than the Philippines who became independent in 1946 and who did not experience the violence experienced by Mozambique. Mozambique is ranked 57th, much better than the Philippine rank of 50th.

Even Swaziland, an African nation under monarchy and with whom many have associated with jungles and AIDS epidemics, performs better than us at the 61st rank. 75% of Swaziland is into subsistence farming, meaning all production is for the family's needs and not for the market. Families are reported to subsist on less than 100 pesos per day in Swaziland. Yet, Swaziland is better than the Philippines based on the failed states index. Other countries that we had associated with underdevelopment like Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Tanzania are ahead of us at the 62nd, 65th, and 66th ranks. Worst, Vietnam who used to be a war torn country identified with the old movies of Chuck Norris and Sylvester Stallone as Rambo, emerged very far ahead of us at the 88th rank.

Countries that we may not have imagined to be ahead of us are actually FAR ahead of us: Jordan (95th), Samoa (109th), South Africa (116th), and Mongolia (127th). The United States is only 158th in the ranking because of her economic crisis. The United Kingdom is at the 159th rank. Meanwhile, the top five countries are Finland (177th), Norway (166th), Sweden (175th), Switzerland (174th), and Denmark (173rd). All of the top five

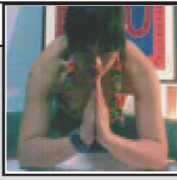
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MOSH PIT

Winner: gay people who got married in Baguio!

Loser: mga makikitid ang isip who thought the gay people were freaks!

BY: GRACE BANDOLY



I'm pro – gay forever.

There's nothing wrong with these people. They're not abnormal, weird, crazy or freaky. Like us, who have our own ways of thinking and living, ganun din sila, walang pinag kaiba sa atin.

They're not bad people as long as they're not committing crimes or hurting other people or becoming nuisances in our society. It's just that they choose to be in relationships with those who have the same gender as theirs.

It's about time we open our minds to this reality. Gay people will always be here and they're becoming as many as there are men and women on earth. Baka 30% na ng population are gays hindi lang natin alam di ba.

They should have equal rights as we heterosexuals have. Well, yung legalization ng marriage in this Catholic country of ours is medyo malayo pang mangyari siguro (because we are a Catholic country nga) but if they want to marry themselves in other ways aside from the Catholic way, eh puwedeng puwede!!!

What the fu*k is wrong with that?!! And they have the right to marry themselves wherever they choose!!! Kahit saang sulok ng mundo nila ikasal ang mga sarili nila puwede rin!

Gay marriages conducted in Baguio will even give a boost to our tourism industry, wala bang nakaisip nun? All the gay couples not only from around the country but from around the world will all come here to marry! Imagine the money it will bring to our city tatal mukhang pera naman ang mga opisyal natin dito di ba?!!

We will be the Gay Marriage Capital in the world – that's not so bad di ba?!

It's time we open our minds to all the possibilities out there, to everything that can happen in this world... wala na pong mga hindi puwedeng mangyari ngayon. Lahat ng mga naisip ng taong bagay puwede ng mangyari, whether we like it or not.

Being gay is, I think, something that's physiological. Hindi po sila nagkukunwari na ganyan sila. Most of them were born gay. I truly believe that God created gay people also, hindi naimpluwensiyahan ng society or ng kanilang environment, marami pong pinanganak na bakla or tomboy na.

I also believe millions of people out there are bisexual, many are even married. Sila po yung mga hindi nagladlad and followed the traditional way of living which is living as a man or a woman (but deep inside them eh they also desire yung ka – gender nila). And there's totally nothing wrong with them, in fact, I wouldn't mind going out with a bisexual guy.

Ako nga may mga girl crushes but I would prefer having a boyfriend and all my crushes now are mga boys lang, so what do you call me? Abnormal ba ako?!

Being gay is really not appalling. Although I freaked out and threw up when I watched Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger sodomizing each other or whatever it was they did in that tent sa Brokeback Mountain (but only because it was they're both super guwapo Hollywood actors na mga crush ko, coz yung sex scenes ni Coco Martin and Alan Paule sa Masahista is ok lang naman sa akin), gay men – cross dressers or not – are also human and they need to be respected and should be as free as the “normal” men are.

Girl to girl action (lalo na kissing) is I think sexy, and mas lalo pag parehong sexy and pretty yung mga girls hehehe. I suggest you all watch the movie “Jennifer's Body” of Megan Fox and Amanda Seyfried or the Asian super cool movie “So Close”.

Gay relationships and gay men and women are part of our society already. They are our friends and relatives, certainly all of us know someone who is gay.

Let's give them the freedom we enjoy, they're citizens of this nation anyway and they're human as we are...Peace!

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Luisita workers want stocks—lawyer

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away...” (Matthew 24:35, the Holy Bible).

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LUISITA WORKERS WANT STOCKS—HLI LAWYER: The farm workers of Hacienda Luisita Inc. (HLI) have already affirmed, in at least three previous referenda conducted by the Department of Agrarian Reform, their decision to own stocks as part-owners of the company, rather than be given lands from the vast Cojuangco-owned landholding in Tarlac.

HLI lawyer Tony Ligon told me, in an interview at the BATAS INTERNET TV Wednesday, July 6, 2011, that the referendum being ordered by the Supreme Court in its latest decision on the controversy would already be the fourth or so referendum, asking the same question which the Hacienda's farm workers already answered uniformly based on their perception that owning stocks would benefit their interests more.

“The farm workers have already spoken on the issue, not just once but even thrice before already, making the matter already settled legally and factually, so we are studying what to do now with the latest decision of the tribunal,” Ligon said. Indeed, if the matter is already a decided issue, why require another vote?

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WHAT TO DO WITH LACSON NOW? Now that the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) already ruled that the travel documents used by Sen. Panfilo Lacson in hiding for at least one year to avoid arrest in connection with the Dacer-Corbato murder cases, and in returning to the Philippines after he was cleared, were all fake, what must be done now?

I mean, with the DFA declaration, it is as if it is saying that Lacson committed falsification, certainly a criminal act. Now, should not DFA act and file the corresponding criminal charges against the senator now? Or, it should simply forget about the whole thing and let the Department of Justice initiate any action?

And, should not the Senate of the Philippines, through its ethics committee, be interested to investigate the fake travel documents which one of its members admittedly used? Or, should the Senate just keep quiet likewise and toss the matter also to the DOJ?

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“PLACE YOUR HOPES ON JESUS”: 1 Peter 1: 13-21 of the Holy Bible teaches us to place our hopes on Jesus Christ: “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect...”

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Jueteng sa Baguio-WALA NAMAN !!!**

BY : ORWEN TRAZO



MAY JUETENG DAW SA BAGUIO ? - Bakit ang daming nag-iingay at ang daming kiao-kiao tungkol sa sinasabi nilang Jueteng sa Baguio at La Trinidad, palagay ko yan mga nag-iingay na yan na puros lang kiao-kiao ay gustong magkaroon ng lagay o patong sa Jueteng, ano kaya mga dear readers , ano ang palagay niyo sa mga medyas este mga media na nagsasabi ng mayroon daw jueteng sa Baguio? Ngunit sa aking obserbasyon at research ay wala naman. Nuong nakaraan kong kolum sinabi ko lang na mayroon akong tinatangap na sobre [brown small envelope] tuwing kinsenas ng buwan na mayroon nilalaman na Limang Libo [P 5,000] ngunit hindi ko talaga alam kung kanino galing ang pera na yun at sa aking pagkakaalam ay hindi yun galling sa Jueteng sapagkat wala naman talaga ng jueteng sa Baguio at la Trinidad sa kasalukuyan, sa maniwala kayo o hindi, kahit na ma_ _ _ y man ang mga nag-iingay na mga medyas. **Hi ! Hi ! Hi !** Ingit lang kayo sapagkat ang isang katulad ko na isang liason officer , kolumnista at kutong lupa na researcher ay na bibigyan ng 10K kada buwan kaya hindi nyo matanggap. Eh lalo kayong ma-iingit kapag nalaman ninyo ang natatangap ng aming impakto publisher. **Hi! Hi ! Hi !** Bakit kasi hindi ninyo na lang tanungin si Mayor D at si Kernel D kung bakit wala kayo sa listahan. **Hi ! Hi ! Hi !**

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MAY KORAPSYON DAW SA DOTC-CAR ? - Bakit kaya ang daming mga malilikot ang mga utak pag dating sa DOTC-CAR at LTRFB-CAR , sabi nila laganap daw ang korapsyon at ayusan sa mga nasabing ahensya, sabi ko naman aba eh, wala yan, sa tutuo lang ang DOTC-CAR at LTRFB -CAR kung ako ang inyong tatanungin ay dapat na ma parangalan as among the most HONEST OFFICES in Baguio City and the CORDILLERA. **Hi ! Hi ! Hi !** Dagdag pa nila [sino sila o sino siya??] na ang kanilang mga law enforcers katulad ng Flying Squad/RTAS ay nababayaran daw at tumatangap ng lagay. Jan ako hindi naniniwala, sapagkat sa aking pagkakaalam ay puros maginoo, magigiting at tapat sa kanilang mga sinumpaang tungkulin ang mga nandidiyan sa mga nasabing opisina na yan. **Hep ! Hep ! Hooray ! Hep ! Hep ! Hooray ! Ma _ _ _ y kayo jan.** Mayroon nga lang isang empleyado ng DOTC-CAR na itong si Atty. Brenda Poklay [siya daw ang little RD, he he, mga inutil daw ang mga ARD] na sa aking pagkakaalam ay sinipa na sa DOCT-CAR at mismong si Secretary Leandro Mendoza nuong February 2008 [hawak ko ang desisyon ng DOTC Secretary] ay tinangal sa serbisyo itong si Atty. Poklay . Kung bakit naman ang Civil Service Commission ay ri-niverse ang desisyon ng DOTC Central Office kaya tuloy nakabalik itong si Atty. Poklay sa DOTC-CAR. Hay, naku, ang buhay nga naman, anong anti-graft drive ng gobyerno ang ma ipapakita ng gobyernong ito kung ang kanilang mga kawani ay puros *%\$#@&?>=**). Sa mga darating na isyu ay ating ihahayag

ang desisyon ng DOTC Central Office at ang kasagutan ni Atty. Poklay hingil sa ating liham.

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Baguio City
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Applicants

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-1498A/2011-CAR-305
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 10th day of June 2011(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Survey Shows Average Annual Family Income in CAR Higher than National Average

BAGUIO CITY- The 2009 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) result shows that the annual average family income of a Cordillera family is higher than the national figure.

In the 2009 FIES data dissemination forum hosted by the National Statistics Office (CAR) at the Pines View Hotel Friday, NSO Abra Provincial Statistics Officer Villafe Alibuyog shares that the average annual family income in the region, according to the 2009 FIES, is P219,000 compared to the national average annual family income of P206,000.

As per income distribution, 37.7 percent of families in Cordillera derived their income through salaries and wages; 31.6 percent on entrepreneurial activities; while the rest are from other sources of income.

Though as family income increases, so are the family expenditures. According to the said survey, the average annual expenditure of a family in the region increases to P174,000 compared to the P151,000 annual average in the 2006 FIES.

Food expenditures got the biggest share of the expenses of families in the region at 39 percent, followed by house rental/rental value at 17%, while the rest are equally distributed to the other expenses such as fuel, light and water; transportation and communication; household operation, educational; medical care, personal care, etc.

The FIES is an annual survey of households undertaken every three years since 1985 which aims to provide data that are needed in the different aspects of the country's economic conditions. It is the basic source of information in the measurement of the levels of living of the different sections of the population and disparities in levels of living across geographical regions and socio-economic groups.

NSO Director Olivia Gulla stressed that since information nowadays is considered a critical resource, they want to share the FIES data through their partners in government, local government units and non-government organizations as they do not want the FIES results to be treated as cold statistics just gathering dust in the shelves.

"For us at NSO-CAR, it's always heartwarming, fulfilling if we see the fruits of our labor and these statistics are appreciated and find its usefulness in development planning efforts that will uplift the conditions of our fellowmen especially the people of the Cordilleras who are celebrating the 24th anniversary of Cordillera Administrative Region this month", Gulla said.

The FIES data is now available to the public through the NSO website - www.census.gov.ph/JDP/LD-PIA-CAR

More Cordi Officials Push for Autonomy Consultations in the Grassroots

BAGUIO CITY - More Cordillera officials are pushing for more consultations about regional autonomy in the grassroots level.

Ifugao Congressman Teddy Baguilat Jr. stressed the need for consultations in the grassroots level to be able to achieve the long dream for Cordillera regional autonomy.

Baguilat said that consultations should be inclusive and not limited to selected leaders. "Let us seek the participation of our church leaders, the academe, civil society includ-

ing militant organizations, government representatives, tribal leaders and the common folk in the review and drafting of an organic act for autonomy," he batted.

He believes that this must be so for synergy and harmony among all these people for our region's development.

Baguilat, who also chairs the Committee on Cultural Communities in Congress, added that the indigenous people of the region should be involved and educated on the issues of autonomy since most of the Cordillerans are IPs

and they will be the ones affected.

Abra Governor Eustaquio Bersamin, on the other hand, said "we must do it better this time by conducting more consultations because if we fail for the third time, the people might totally lose confidence in regional autonomy."

In the recent Third Autonomy Act Drafting Committee (TAADC) meeting here, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan also asked the TAADC and the Regional Development Council to give time for more consultations in the grassroots level.

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Government Agencies Assure Readiness in times of Calamities

BAGUIO CITY- Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) council member agencies assured the public of their readiness to respond in times of calamity or disaster, during a Kapihan media forum Wednesday launching of the observance of National Disaster Consciousness Month.

Office of Civil Defense (OCD-CAR) Director Olivia Lucas, who also chairs the Regional DRRM Council, affirmed that in partnership with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), they are assisting the different Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region in the creation of local DRRM councils, formulation of their DRRM plans, aside from monitoring and providing regular advisories during inclement weather.

For the Department of Health (DOH), Regional Director Dr. Myrna Cabotaje stressed that aside from their preparation and response plans during disaster, they are also now intensifying their surveillance of post-extreme disaster emergencies, including monitoring of various diseases that may arise after a disaster.

For the Department of Social Welfare and Development, (DSWD), Regional Director Leonardo Reynoso stressed that their role is to provide assistance to the different LGUs and their partner agencies in times of calamities, in which he assured that they always maintains relief commodities of not less than 1,000 family packs and a P300,000 revolving fund, which they are ready to utilize for emergency situations.

On the other hand, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Engineering Division chief, Constante Sarmiento stressed that in line with their mandate to ensure that all national road are open at all times, whether there is a calamity or none, they have district offices and private partners that do maintenance work on national roads in their area of jurisdiction. He also assured that they also pre-position their equipment to pre-identified slide prone areas in the national roads every time there is an incoming typhoon.

For the Police Regional Office Cordillera (PRO-Cor), Deputy Director for Administration P/Sr. Supt. Robert Soriano stressed that their police personnel are always ready to support the OCD-CAR and that they also already have trained DRRM teams established in the different LGUs, both provincial and municipal level, who can be the first line of responders in their respective localities.

National Nutrition Council (NNC) Regional Coordinator June Falancy, also stressed that they have also already crafted policies and guidelines regarding managing nutrition during emergencies. The key service is the protection of breastfeeding, especially in evacuation areas and this includes designation of corner or area for breastfeeding and continuous counseling by their local partners to encourage breastfeeding, wet nursing and breast milk donation.

In the same forum, Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Mines and Geo-science Bureau (DENR-MGB) Regional Technical Director Orlando Pineda Sr. affirmed that for this year, they are conducting a more detailed 1:10,000 geo-hazard assessment and mapping of eight high risk municipalities namely: Itogon, Mankayan and Tublay in Benguet, Lagawe and Kiangin in Ifugao, Bontoc Mt. Province, Tabuk Kalinga and Pilar in Abra – which are susceptible to either landslides or flooding.

Meantime, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is also providing assistance to DRRM efforts through science and technology research. According to Engr. Angel Maguen, they have already distributed rain gauge to the different provincial government in the region. This time they are set to distribute electronic rain gauge that would automatically record the volume of rainfall at any given time./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

The Peace Combatant

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countries (five countries at the bottom of the rank) are in Europe. The ten bottom countries or the top ranking FAILED STATES are Somalia (1st), Chad (2nd), Sudan (3rd), Congo (4th), Haiti (5th), Zimbabwe (6th), Afghanistan (7th), Central African Republic (8th), Iraq (9th), and Cote d'Ivoire (10th). Thus, our rank of 50th for the Philippines is really a measure of how far or close we are to Somalia and Iraq.

Unfortunately, the FUND FOR PEACE did not clarify how they arrive at their assessments, beyond saying that they use their proprietary “conflict assessment software tool” and use triangulation techniques. Nevertheless, the index remains useful because it indicates how based on a common measure, our country is faring compared to the rest of the world. As implied by their 2011 publication, the failed index attempts to capture the capability of states to meet the needs of their citizens. We

Benguet Chicken dung Ordinance takes effect

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet- Dealers and retailers of chicken dung in the province should now be wary in the selling of the farm input as they are now covered with an ordinance regulating the quality and its delivery with penalty provisions.

The provincial board finally enacted Ordinance No. 147 s. 2011 entitled ‘Chicken Dung Regulation Ordinance’ in its regular session held recently.

Effective as soil conditioner and believed to be an organic fertilizer and used as basal and side dressing and at times mixed with commercial fertilizers, chicken dung is commonly used by farmers in the province.

Perceived to be an alternative to agro-

chemical fertilizers, the demand became high resulting to price upsurge as noted in the ordinance.

But through time, the quality deteriorated which prompted provincial officials to pass such a measure that would protect the interest of farmers in the province.

Complaints on inferior quality due to observed adulteration were cited. These are also sold in fresh and wet form emitting foul odor while transported.

As noted in the measure, the chicken dung regulation is beyond the coverage of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority.

The ordinance which underscores chicken dung classification bans its selling in adulterated form. These are packed in sacks and priced as per classification.

First Class refers to manure collected from chicken layers poultry farm that are pure or no mixture with other animal feces which are dry, composted and clean.

Second class refers to manure collected from chicken broiler poultry farm that are dry with some rice hulls or feathers. Third class refers to chicken manure gathered from broiler cull poultry farm.

The ordinance also regulates the transporting of the manure requiring proper covering that will prevent the emission of its foul odor.

The measure also mandates provincial and municipal agriculture office with the assistance of the Philippine National Police on the inspection and sampling of chicken dung./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR,Benguet

Adam and Steve

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Bangsoy speaking on behalf of BBEG clarified his group rejects all forms of discrimination against any persons regardless of sexual preference.

He however claimed members of the MCC cannot simply exercise rights in exclusion of others.

Holding up a picture of gay men in passionate chops encounter he protested, “Don’t I as a father of five children have the right to [ask prohibition] of pictures like this appearing in media? Don’t I have the right to protect my family from the pernicious effects of same sex unions?”

“We have rights in our religious belief that same sex marriages would call upon curses in the city... and I believe our rights, too, are being violated.”

Attacking the controversial kissing scene between two males he likened the publicity given the same similar to allowing an obscene publication being freely available.

Firm on his belief that unions are reserved for men and women and that such unions are inviolably the foundation of family life, he added, “The same sex union conducted by MCC insults the moral sensibilities of the residents of Baguio.”

“Almost all the elements of legal marriage conducted in churches and the Family Code are present in the [MCCs] holy union... even the exchange of rings is present so how can they deny that what they conducted is in fact ‘marriage’?”

A play to push for bill legalizing same-sex marriage

Bangsoy meanwhile pointed out the LGBT union is a ploy conveniently engendering an imagined state of discrimination against LGBTs in order to pave the way for the passage of House Bill 1483 authored by Rep. Teddy Casino dubbed the anti-discrimination bill.

“The bill,” Bangsoy related, “seeks for equality of civil, political, and economic rights between and amongst LGBTs and heterosexuals.”

“It indirectly seeks to legalize same sex marriages as what equality in civil rights so entail,” he added.

Meantime, the council awaits submission of position papers from both sides as basis for possible local legislation./isl

have failing in this area and this is no news at all because we know it by heart.

(The author can be contacted through artboquiren2040@yahoo.com, 0927-536-8431, and Facebook)

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

GAODENCIO FELICITAS

Applicants

Case No: 91-01-684

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the Line: BANGUED SAN JUAN ABRA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 4th day of July 2011.

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

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

LILIA MANGAYABAS

Applicants

Case No: 97-BC-669

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 and passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO - SAN LUIS via SAN ROQUE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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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 27th day of June 2011.

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

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

JOSEPH B. ASWIGUI

Applicants

Case No: 91-CAR-267

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - CRYSTAL CAVE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on July 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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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 13rd day of June 2011.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late CLEOTILDE GAGAOIN BALDERAS a.k.a. CLOTELDA GAGAOIN BALDERAS a.k.a. CLEOTILDA GAGAOIN BALDERAS, who died intestate on March 6, 2011 at Tuba, Benguet, Philippines, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by her surviving heirs on June 18, 2011, recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 171 on Page No. 75, Book II, Series of 2011. The said estate consists of parcels of land located at Baguio City where the decedent was residing at the time of her death, San Fernando La Union, and Tarlac.

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REGIONAL TRIAL
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Benguet

IN THE MATTER
OF THE PETITION
FOR CORRECTION
OF NAME
SUPPLICATION
AND CORRECTION
OF ENTRIES IN THE
CERTIFICATE
OF FERNANDO
LIBAG also known
as DENVER LIBAG
y CARINO

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF KAPANGAN
and THE
NATIONAL
STATISTICS
OFFICE,
QUEZON CITY,

Respondents,

SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 11-C-
1694

X———X

ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed a verified petition in this Court for Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth with Local Civil Registry No. 151 issued by the Local Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet, under Rule 108 of the Rules of Court alleging in essence, thus:

Petitioner is Filipino, of legal age, single, and with residence and Postal Address at JC 134 Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet. **Respondent Local Civil Registry** of Kapangan, Benguet, is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc.. and it can be served with summons at the Municipal Hall of Kapangan, Benguet while respondent

National Statistics Office is also a government agency and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address at Quezon City.

Petitioner was born on March 16, 1986 at Kapangan, Benguet, as evidenced by a copy of his Certificate of Live Birth duly issued by the National Statistics Office which is attached to the Petition as Annex "A".

As reflected in his Certificate of Live Birth, **petitioner's** gender was erroneously entered as FEMALE instead of MALE..

Likewise his name indicated in his birth certificate is FERNANDO II instead of DENVER. Since his childhood the **petitioner** is known as DENVER and all his records reflect his name as DENVER. Furthermore, the **petitioner's** middle name was not indicated. His middle name is CARINO.

Petitioner, through this Petition, hereby prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered directing the respondent to cause the correction of **petitioner's** gender from FEMALE to MALE and his first name be corrected from FERNANDO II to DENVER and his middle name **CARINO** be supplied in his certificate of live birth.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing be set on August 5, 2011 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at the Session Hall of this Court, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be

granted.

Let this **ORDER** be published at the expense of the **petitioner** in The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet, once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than June 27, 2011.

Furnish copy hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet, the National Statistics Office, the Junction Newspaper, **petitioner** and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad,
Benguet,
Philippines, this
4th day of June
2011.

By: (SDG) HON.
ROBERT P.
FANGAYEN
Acting Presiding
Judge

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IN THE MATTER
OF THE PETITION
FOR CORRECTION
OF GENDER FROM
FEMALE TO MALE
IN THE BIRTH
CERTIFICATE
Of minor WAYNE
ZAIDY VICENTE
BANASE
represented by
SATUR PAULINO
BANASE,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF KIBUNGAN
BENGUET and THE
NATIONAL

STATISTICS
OFFICE,
QUEZON CITY,

Respondents,

SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 11-C-
1695

X———X

ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed a verified petition in this Court for Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Wayne Zaidy Vicente Banase with Local Civil Registry No. 2004-268 issued by the Local Civil Registrar of Kibungan, Benguet, under Rule 108 of the Rules of Court alleging in essence, thus:

Petitioner is a minor and is hereby represented by his father Satur Paulino Banase who is Filipino, of legal age, married, and with residence and postal address at Buyagan Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Respondent Local Civil Registry of Kibungan, Benguet, is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc.. and it can be served with summons at the Municipal Hall of Kibungan, Benguet while **respondent National Statistics Office** is also a government agency and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address at Quezon City.

Petitioner was born on June 15, 2004 at Kibungan, Benguet, as evidenced by a copy of his Certificate of Live Birth duly issued by the National Statistics Office which is attached to the Petition as Annex "A".

As reflected in his Certificate of Live Birth,

petitioner's gender was erroneously entered as FEMALE instead of MALE. Since birth, **petitioner** consistently indicates his gender as MALE being his correct sexual identity. Copy of the medical certificate issued by a government physician is attached to the petition as Annex "B".

Petitioner, through this petition, hereby prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered directing the respondents to cause the correction of **petitioner's** gender from FEMALE to MALE.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing be set on August 11, 2011 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at the Session Hall of this Court, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let this **OR-**

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of the Constitution."

Internal Revenue Allotments of League members, in fact, would be sapped to meet claims of 16 additional cities. "For every peso that each Davaoño receives, his counterpart in the respondent municipality [one of the 16] will receive more than two pesos."

"The majority gravely loses sight of the fact that 'the members of petitioner League of Cities are also in need of the same resources'. These resources" were meant "for almost 40 million Filipinos, as compared to only 1.3 million Filipinos in the [16] respondent municipalities."

In his concurring opinion for the majority, Justice Roberto A. Abad claims the Court substantially complied with the Constitution. That's not enough, Carpio snapped. "There must be strict, not only substantial, compliance with the constitutional requirement".

The economic lifeline of existing cities may be seriously affected," he warned. There is an P80 million gap between what the 16 earn and what the law requires.

To deem that 'substantial compliance' is like saying that those who obtain a general average of 20 percent, in the Bar Examinations are, in 'substantial compliance' with requirements for admission to the Bar where the highest possible score is 100%."

So, is the "second biggest joke to hit the century" on us all ?/Juan L. Mercado

DER be published at the expense of the **petitioner** in The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet, once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than June 27, 2011.

Furnish copy hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet, the National Statistics Office, the Junction Newspaper, **petitioner** and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philip-
pines, this 4th day
of June 2011.

By: (SDG) HON.
ROBERT P.
FANGAYEN
Acting Presiding
Judge

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“We Should not Rush Autonomy”

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tribal leaders and the common folk in the review and drafting of an organic act for autonomy,” he stressed saying that this will ensure synergy and harmony among the people for the region’s development.

Baguilat said that the campaign for autonomy should push for the involvement and participation of all provinces to achieve a Cordillera Autonomous Region which “include all, or none at all.”

“We are pushing for a regional autonomy so that we, the Cordilleran tribes steeped in our traditions and sharing a common history of struggle, can become one nation in this republic,” he expressed.

To create an autonomous region that would embody the will of the people of the Cordillera, Baguilat proposes the following as a course of action.

First is for the people to truly understand the Organic Act, the substance of self governance and the indigenous people’s control over their resources which are provided clearly in the act.

His second proposal is for the conduct of surveys, consultation and dialogue. “The challenge is that we have to advocate strongly for our heartfelt longing for autonomy, and at the same time keep an open mind to discordant, even opposing views. If we can convince the most stubborn opponents of autonomy, then we are already half-way to achieving our goal,” he said.

The involvement of legislators in the region in the advocacy and to seek the support of President Benigno Aquino III to convince why the need to declare autonomy in the Cordilleras, he said, is also vital in the campaign. As he also proposed for the involvement of Secretary Ging Deles and Sec. Ronald Llamas of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) in the discussions to get their support for the certification of the organic as a priority bill.

As one people, Baguilat also asked to implement the full intent and spirit of the Indigenous People’s Rights Act (IPRA) as he committed as Chairperson of the House Committee on National Cultural Communities “to weed out all manner of abuses that are being committed against indigenous people.”

The goal of autonomy, he said, is not to isolate the region from the national government but provides the Cordillerans the opportunity to govern their lands and determine their own development in accordance to their cultural beliefs.

Baguilat concluded his message commending the leaders and key government agencies, organizations and councils responsible in the establishment and development of the Cordillera which was declared as an administrative region through Executive Order 220 which provided the people the opportunity to prove they could govern themselves distinctly in accordance to their values and norms./Gigi Dumallig/JDP/GGD-PIA CAR, Kalinga

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ted to haul residual waste as an added service, is still working out payment of the machines it delivered, the mayor said.

In its meeting last Monday, the city council directed the CEPMO to submit in 15 days its report on the status of the city’s solid waste management program and for Protech to submit its report of compliance with the provisions of the contract covering the sale and operation of the ERS machines.

The machines costing P64 million each, were ordered from Japan late last year to compost – and therefore reduce – the city’s biodegradable waste, an alternative to the daily hauling of garbage to a dumpsite in Capas, Tarlac which, Domogan noted, was draining the city coffers of millions of pesos in hauling and other fees.

The ERS began operations last January at the Irisan dumpsite, more than two years after open dumping was closed in July, 2008, in compliance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act.

The closure, however, left the city with no choice but to haul its garbage to Tarlac while scouting for a new site to develop into a controlled dump facility.

Domogan said the basic problem remains the non-segregation of waste “at source” meaning within households and appealed anew to residents recycle, re-use and also compost to reduce the volume being hauled by the city.

He said the city is considering hiring personnel tasked to oversee waste segregation in each of the barangays./Ramon Dacawi.

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water systems, agricultural tramline, tribal multi-purpose development centers, warehouse and solar drying facilities, foot bridges, and classroom units. The implementation is through the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program of OPAPP.

Livelihood projects may consist of any intervention that will ensure a source of income for a family, including small enterprises, employment, or vocational training to allow former members to acquire a source of living. CPLA members shall be provided a one-time assistance in livelihood projects or in securing employment or other source of income. Proponents of the projects shall be trained in entrepreneurial development, and such skills as may be required to assist them in successfully implementing their projects.

The Secretary said that they are looking forward to the registration if not the surrendering of all arms. The CPLA is also acknowledging that there is one sole legitimate armed force which is the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

She added that the transformation of the CBA-CPLA into a potent, unarmed socio-economic organization will be duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The GPH and CBA-CPLA will also craft a five-year partnership strategy that will sustain economic development efforts, beyond closure, including drawing the support of donors, the international community, the private sector and the LGUs.

Deles also bared that the CPLA has asked that the OPAPP allow and support them in writing their story so that their role in the landscape of the Cordillera will not be forgotten. This will stress the CBA-CPLA’s history and the struggles of the Cordillera people

The CPLA was an armed group that split from the New People’s Army. On September 13, 1986, then CPLA leader, rebel priest Conrado Balweg made a peace pact or ‘sipat’ (cessation of hostilities) with then President Corazon Aquino in Mt. Data Hotel.

Deles acknowledged that in the midst of Monday’s celebratory mood, the path ahead will not be easy ‘given the challenges that hounded us during our search for a common path and solution’./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

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a requirement for their registration.

Pineda also stressed that many of the small-scale miners in the region are farmers who are looking for livelihood in between the planting and harvesting season. With the present high price of gold which ranges from P1,800 to P2,000 per gram depending on the quality, it is even harder to stop them from going inside mines even with the high risk of accidents brought about by persistent rains or typhoons.

“Some small-scale miners sometimes do not even report accidents or deaths as they do not want their operation to stop. Many miners are even immigrants here in the region who come when they learn of mining operations in the areas where their relatives are”, Pineda added.

In line with this, Pineda also stressed that they will be soliciting the support of the different local officials to monitor small-scale mining activities especially this rainy season and for the possible creation of local ordinances or resolutions that would help regulate such activity.

According to Pineda, LGU officials especially in the barangays should be able to monitor and regulate small-scale mining activity in their area, especially, the migrant miners who are coming in their locality.

Aside from his plan to talk with the chief executives of areas with identified mining operations, he also stressed the MGB’s willingness to provide mining operation and safety trainings in such areas.

Pineda also disclosed that their office is planning to put up advisory billboards in landslide-prone mining areas to remind the public that such areas are dangerous and mining is prohibited especially during the rainy season.

Pineda also announced that this year they are doing a more detailed 1:10,000 scale geo-hazard assessment and mapping of eight high risk municipalities, namely: Itogon, Mankayan and Tublay in Benguet, Lagawe and Kiangin in Ifugao, Bontoc Mt. Province, Tabuk Kalinga and Pilar in Abra – which are susceptible to either landslides or flooding./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late spouses PEDRO M. BULSO and ANTONIA P. BULSO who died intestate on August 31, 2008 and September 3, 1989 respectively, both at Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by their surviving heirs on July 7, 2011, recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 524 on Page No. 051, Book II, Series of 2011.

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plained by Cabinta before members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan who invited him to shed light on the status of the unfilled up positions in said hospital.

As an economic enterprise, the provincial government provides a subsidy to BeGH for its annual budget of not less than P40 million. Accordingly, the hospital is expected to generate the remaining amount to meet its financial obligations.

Cabinta admitted that the salaries for the vacant positions are budgeted annually and treated as savings and are being utilized for salary standardization.

The salary standardization is already on its second tranche which will be implemented for a span of four years, he said.

Cabinta disclosed they were able to realize a P12 million surplus last year of the targeted P100 million budget for last year. This year they are targeting P130 million.

Increase in income will be further realized when the hospital management information system (MIS) through computerization will already be in place, he stressed.

The computerization is vital for accuracy and billing to synchronize and link the charges from the various services collected such as laboratory expenses, medicines, pharmacy, room utilization among others, Cabinta said.

He admitted that there are still some loopholes in the collection of charges and fees while computation is being done manually and could be avoided when the hospital will have its own MIS.

The hospital MIS will be due for implementation this July after a month of training on the software application, Cabinta said.

Vice Governor Crescencio Pacalso said hopefully the hospital will realize a considerable income and be able to fill up the vacant positions after it has adhered with the mandatory implementation of the salary standardization./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR,Benguet

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city's two bids to annotate or register its adverse claim on the assailed Forbes Park titles and it also rejected the city's adverse claim affidavit over CALTs issued over lots occupied by the Wright Park and adjoining lots titled in the name of the city.

Domogan said the said decisions of the ROD have jeopardized the city's interest over the lots prompting the city officials to contemplate the ROD top official's transfer.

"It would be better if the city council will schedule an inquiry with the ROD and if needed, we ask for its transfer. Maybe then, our position to protect our lands and our forest reservation will get proper support," the mayor bemoaned.

The mayor also expressed hopes that the court will immediately act on the civil case filed by the city for injunction with prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and writ of preliminary injunction to protect the city's interest on the lots to enjoin the ROD from processing transactions involving the CALTs after its denial of the registration of the city's adverse claim on the assailed NCIP titles.

The mayor also clarified that contrary to a report in a weekly newspaper, there is no official decision from the Ombudsman clearing NCIP officials from the administra-

tive case filed by the city.

The administrative case was lodged against NCIP commissioners Atty. Eugenio Insigne, Rolando Rivera, Rizalino Segundo, Atty. Noel Felongco, Jannette Serrano-Reisland, Felecito Masagnay and Miguel Imbing Apostol for approving the resolution that paved the way for issuing the title which is "highly irregular, anomalous and illegal in view of the fact that Forbes Forest Reservation is an inalienable forest reserve which was withdrawn from sale of settlement by virtue of Proclamation No. 10 issued on February 9, 1924."

The mayor said no less that the OSG representatives confirmed that there was no official resolution signed and released by the city is seeking to recover the parcels of land covered by the subject NCIP Titles - Original Certificate of Titles Nos. O-CALT-26, O-CALT-27, O-CALT-28 and O-CALT - 29 and their derivative titles transfer certificates of titles bearing nos. TCT Nos. T-99949, T-99950, T-99951, T-99952, T-99953, T-99954, T-99955, T-99956 and T-99927" issued by the NCIP to the heirs of Lauro Carantes.

The city is also seeking the cancellation of titles covered by expansion which as identified during the time of former mayor Braulio Yaranon are: Original Certificate of Title No. -0-128 covering an area of 10,300 square meters which was resurveyed and subdivided and increased in area to 511,556 sq. m. or 51.1556 hectares located in Dontogan; TCT No. T-12826 covering an area of 501 sq. meters which was resurveyed and subdivided and increased in area to 155,795 sq. meters or 15.579 hectares in Pacdal; and TCT No. T-9463 covering an area of 1,000 sq. meters which was increased to 4,483 sq. meters.

On the claims that the city is pouncing on ancestral land claimants, the mayor took exception from this tirade which took root from the inclusion of a provision in the proposed City Charter dealing on treating legitimate ancestral lands as not alienable or with the same nature as private lots.

The mayor clarified that on the contrary, the said provision was included to protect these legitimate claims against other land applications by barring the processing of any applications over lands covered by ancestral land claims until the ancestral land applications have been denied with finality.

The mayor said that to end the issues accusing him of being anti-ancestral land claimants, he will just recommend to the Senate committee on local government the removal of the said provision.

On the issue of free patent, the mayor said the free patent law covers the city unless the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) fulfill its promise to come up with special Implementing Rules and Regulations for the city because of its unique status as a townsite reservation.

Domogan said the city has no issues on lots measuring up to 200 square meters which is the limit in the free patent law but the problem lies on lands with bigger areas.

The mayor said the DENR admitted that in other areas, they allow processing of larger areas upon subdivision into 200 square meter portions but this practice should not be done.

"We should follow the law and altogether disqualify lots exceeding 200 square meters from the coverage of the Free Patent," the mayor said./A Refuerzo

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helpers should serve as a cue for the government to rethink its labor deployment strategy. "Of course, we know that we have kababayans currently in Saudi Arabia who are the bread winners of their families. Thus, it is crucial that our government be quick to address this change of circumstances so that they are not left hanging without a source of income."

"We should continue to explore the possibility of working out better terms for our Filipino domestic workers, whom we know are highly preferred by foreign employers because of their work ethic and better communication skills. But there's little we can do if Saudi Arabia

prefers to get domestic helpers from other countries at a cheaper price. The best thing to do is to shift focus and promote our OFWs as a premiere work force, which they are."

She noted that OFWs are at risk in countries like Saudi Arabia. "This is because Saudi Arabia, along with other Middle Eastern countries and most European countries, have not signed the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families."

The Convention aims to prevent and eliminate the exploitation of migrant workers throughout the entire migration process. In particular, it seeks to put an end to the illegal or clandestine recruitment and trafficking of migrant workers and to discourage the employment of migrant workers in an irregular or undocumented situation. It provides a set of binding international standards to address the treatment, welfare and human rights of both documented and undocumented migrants, as well as the obligations and responsibilities on the part of sending and receiving States.

"Our government is duty-bound to protect our workers. When we send them out or allow them to work in countries where their rights and well-being are not ensured, we are setting them up for disaster. Time has shown that cases of abuse of OFWs are more rampant in these receiving countries. We should thus take it upon ourselves to

aggressively pursue bilateral negotiations with these countries to obtain basic protection for our OFWs."/Office of Senator Pia Cayetano

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Fongwan said that people in the far-flung areas of the region particularly in the barangays should be informed since they will be the ones voting for the autonomy status of the region.

Apayao Congresswoman Eleanor Bulut-Begtang also echoed the need for consultations in the grassroots level in her province. Apayao was the only province that voted yes in second organic act.

Meanwhile, Regional Peace and Order Council Chairman Ifugao Governor Eugene Balitang during a meeting in Benguet recently vowed to maintain the peace and order situation of the region to prove that the region is ready for its autonomous status.

He explained that by establishing the good peace and order situation of the region, people will support the autonomy move of the region and it would not be compared to the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. He said he would be strongly advocating autonomy in the municipalities and communities in his province./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

July 15 is Declared Holiday in the Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - Malacanang Palace recently released Proclamation No. 190 declaring July 15 this year as a special non working holiday in the region marking the 24th Founding Anniversary of the Cordillera Administrative Region.

President Benigno Aquino III recognizes that it is but fitting that the people of the Cordillera to be given full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the occasion with appropriate ceremonies.

The Cordillera Administrative Region was created thru Executive Order 220 signed by then President Corason Aquino on July 15, 1987.

The region celebrates this occasion with month-long activities. The Regional Development Council has earlier adopted that July as Cordillera Month to commemorate the creation of the region and instill continuing and deepening awareness and appreciation of the region's rich history and culture. This will also instill the unwavering commitment to the aspirations of CAR for regional autonomy.

The RDC particularly the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Concerns (CIPC), who is spearheading this year's celebration, announced that no less than President Benigno Aquino III is expected to arrive during the Cordillera Day on July 15 to be the guest of honor and speaker during the main event and program at the Baguio Convention Center.

Pnoy is expected to give his support to the quest for Cordillera regional autonomy which was started during the Mt. Data Peace Accord between his mother, then President Aquino and the Cordillera People.

Last July 1, Cordillera dignitaries, officials and members of the RDC graced the kick-off program of the month-long celebration of the 24th anniversary of the region in Tabuk City in Kalinga province.

The opening event highlighted the quest for Cordillera regional autonomy which was stressed by Ifugao Congressman Teddy Baguilat Jr., who was the guest of honor and speaker during the program held at the People's Gymnasium in Tabuk City.

The RDC also gave updates on the third organic working draft act presented by the technical working group. It solicited more inputs from the participants for a more responsive organic law. /JDP/RC-PIACAR

Lawmaker on Saudi Ban on Filipino Domestic Workers

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today said the Philippine government should not relent in its efforts to obtain better employment terms for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Saudi Arabia following the latter's decision to ban Filipino domestic workers.

"The government's political will to fight for better terms of employment is particularly crucial in the case of Filipina domestic helpers deployed in the Middle East. They not

only leave their families behind but also become vulnerable to all forms of abuse, including sexual abuse by their employers, once they are deployed abroad without any meaningful mantle of protection in their labor contracts," said Cayetano who chairs the Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations.

"In our government's search for employment opportunities for our people, we must always be mindful to

strike a balance between their need for employment and their safety. That is why I believe that the Philippines did the right thing when it stood by its new conditions for the recruitment of domestic helpers in the Middle Eastern kingdom.

These include setting the monthly minimum wage at US\$400 (around P17,200 at P43:US\$1) and requiring foreign employers to provide family information and the residence layout where the domestic helper will be working."

She said Saudi Arabia's decision to ban our domestic

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"IN MEMORIAM" – U.S. ambassador Harry Thomas Jr. and Mayor Mauricio Domogan presents the 'Nevada hotel Memorial Marker' at the former site of Nevada Hotel which collapsed during the July 16, 1990 killer earthquake in remembrance to those who perished including the 5 staff of the United States Agency for International Development during simple rites last July 8./Photo by Paul Rillorta

Mayor enlists OSG help anew in solving land issues; clarifies stand on ancestral land claims

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week appealed anew to the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) to keep track of the city's land cases particularly those involving the cancellation of titles covering forest reservations and titled lots to help the city government resolve the teeming land issues and controversies hounding the locality.

The mayor aired his appeal during his meeting with OSG representatives led by Senior Assistant Solicitor General Noel Segovia last Monday.

The mayor also clarified that the city has nothing against ancestral land applications as some quarters claim.

"We are not against ancestral land claims as long as these are legitimate. Of course, we are opposed to false claims as these put the city and the residents' interest in peril. For the legitimate claims, we are in

fact doing our best to protect and help our claimants," the mayor told his Ugnayang Panlungsod media briefing last Wednesday.

The mayor said the city and the OSG have been collaborating on the OSG's petition with the Court of Appeals for the cancellation of the Certificates of Ancestral Land Title (CALTs) issued over parcels of land within the Forbes Park forest reservation and of titles covering prime pieces of property which were subdivided and eventually expanded by several hectares in Pacdal and Dontogan barangays.

The OSG has the sole authority to initiate proceedings for the cancellation of the spurious titles and it has committed to fast-track the reversion proceedings upon orders of President Benigno Aquino III in response to the

appeal of Domogan last January.

The OSG last February 25 filed before the Court of Appeals a petition for the cancellation of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Resolution No. 048-2008 which served as basis in the issuance of O-CALT 26, 27, 28 and 29 in favor of the heirs of Lauro Carantes over the Forbes Park lots.

Named respondents in said case were the NCIP, the Registry of Deeds Baguio City, Land Registration Authority (LRA) and the heirs of Lauro Carantes.

Domogan said the OSG tried to register a notice of *lis pendens* before the ROD in Baguio to certify that the subject CALTs are pending litigation but it was denied by the ROD head.

He said the OSG is presently holding consultations with the LRA on the matter.

The ROD has in the past denied the

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