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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Protest actions are legitimate and collective rights of the people

The Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) is deeply alarmed over the labeling of the Martial Law protest action yesterday September 21, as a crime by the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) and Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PROCOR) in its journal sent to media. This labeling by PROCOR is a reminiscent of the fascist mindset of police and State security forces to consider protest a crime during the dark years of Martial Law. This is a very dangerous precedent and must be stopped immediately.

How could the BCPO and PROCOR label peaceful protest actions as crimes? As peace and law enforcers, BCPO and PROCOR should know better. We are not in a state of declared Martial Law. Furthermore, the 1987 Philippine Constitution clearly guarantees freedom of speech, of expression, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances.

Given these basis, we do not understand where the police is coming from. The protest action yesterday led by the Cordillera Human Rights Alliance and Tongtongan-Ti Umili was a strong statement on the

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OVERPASS DEMOLITION—The security risk pedestrian overpass connecting City Hall and Baguio City Police Office is being demolished by the laborers under the City Building and Architectural Office for repair and rehabilitation purposes to insure the safety for the pedestrian and motorists. The said overpass was accidentally bumped by cargo trucks because of questionable height limit./By Bong Cayabyab

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REALLY? Gigibahin
at patataasin ang overpass
at sumasayad sa trak? Ang tanga
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nag-approve dito noon! Sayang ang
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Chiz to BOC: File Smuggling Raps vs Torres

Sen. Chiz Escudero said the Bureau of Customs (BOC) should file smuggling charges against former Land Transportation Office (LTO) chief Virginia Torres for trying to negotiate the release of P100 million worth of smuggled Thai sugar.

Escudero said the BOC should send a strong message that the administration is serious in its bid to curb smuggling that even per-

ceived administration allies will not be spared.

"Cases must be filed against her if indeed there's evidence to prove that she intervened or is trying to intervene in an illegal shipment," Escudero said.

The veteran lawmaker said the BOC should take the cue from Malacañang's pronouncement that influence peddling will not be tolerated by the admin-

istration.

Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. on Sunday said that if there was proof that Torres committed such prohibited act, then it may be acted upon in accordance with the law.

"If the BOC is fascinated in looking into the measly 'padala' of our overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), then the more it should be interested in pursuing the people behind the

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28 vie for best performing seniors association

BAGUIO CITY – Twenty eight Senior Citizen Associations in this mountain resort is competing for the 'Search for the Best Performing Senior Citizens Association' here.

As per recent tally by the Office of Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, there are already 28 senior citizen associations who signified their intention to join the search.

The senior citizen associations are; Middle rock Quarry, Sto. Nino Slaughterhouse Compound, San Antonio Village, East Quirino Hill, Fort Del Pilar, MRR Queen of Peace, Brookspoint, Pinsao Pilot Project, Engineers Hill, SLU-SVP, Dominican-Mirador, Dizon-Manzanillo, New Lucban, Marcoville,

East Bayan Park, Camp 7, Ferdinand Barangay, Lower QM, Irian, Padre Burgos, Middle Quezon Hill, Gibraltar, Lopez Jaena, Green Water, City Camp Proper, Bakakeng Norte/Sur and Dontogan.

The 28 barangays will be rated according to Stability of Organization which includes number of years in existence as an association, regularity of meeting, number of active members and presence of Senior Citizens Center in the barangay.

The senior citizens projects, programs and activities will also be rated.

Other criteria for judging include impact of projects, interaction with the barangay and interaction outside the barangay or networking

with other organizations.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda heads the Search Committee with judges coming from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) -Baguio City Field office, City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), Health Services Office (HSO) and City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO).

Awarding of winners will be on October 21 at the Baguio Convention Center while a photo exhibit of the different Senior Citizen Associations of Baguio will be held at the SM Ground Floor on October 8 to 18.

Tabanda said, "points for judging will be 25% for organization stability, 30% for proj-

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Another kidney patient appeals for help

Having to live with kidney failure is akin to being chained to a treadmill that keeps on gaining speed, until it spins out of control and throws the rider into oblivion.

Morbid as it may sound, that's the easy way out for many a patient whose kidneys have failed and now have to undergo expensive hemodialysis treatment twice or thrice a week in order to survive for another day, another week, another month.

Beyond the ordeal of having to lie down four hours for each

blood-cleansing session, a patient must be ready with at least P2,200 per session, aside from P1,000 plus for the Epoetin injection to induce the production of red blood corpuscles and prevent blood transfusion. Without complications, that's over P3,000 per session, or P9,000 a week, or P12,000 a month.

More often than not, a dialysis patient is in no condition to work for and earn that amount. He has to depend on relatives, government agencies and charity organizations to

sustain treatment, with dire consequences if he skips treatment.

Having siblings may be a plus factor for Abe Aplasen, a 38-year old resident of Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet who has four sisters to depend on at times for his dialysis, even while they are housekeepers, having families of their own.

Aplasen, who began dialysis treatment in February last year after doctors found his two kidneys had failed due to urinary tract infection, is on dialysis every

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All Saints Day preparations on

BAGUIO CITY – Preparations are underway for the observance of All Souls Day and All Saints Day in the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week created an executive committee to oversee the "Oplan Kaluluwa" activities to ensure the peaceful and orderly observance in the city.

The mayor will head the committee with city administrator Carlos Canilao as action officer.

The members are acting city police director Supt. Rolando Miranda, police traffic chief Supt. Evelio Degay, city treasurer Alicia Onoza, city engineer

Leo Bernardez, city building officer Engr. Nazita Banez, health services officer Dr. Rowena Galpo, city environment and parks management officer Corderlia Lacsamana, licensing officer Braille Van Reyes;

Ramon Jacinto of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Shirley Fernandez of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Anastacia Tamayo of the Philippine National Red Cross, Neptali Marilla of the Baguio-Benguet Public Information and Civic Action Group (BB PICAG), Dr. John Tinoyan of the health services office and the Baguio City Emergen-

cy Medical Service and punong barangays Thoms Dumalti of Irian, Florante Sapitula of Lower Lourdes Subd., Bonifacio Quicho III of Lourdes Proper Subd., Benjamin Macadang-dang of Lourdes Subd. Ext., Carlos Ananayo of Lower Rock Quarry, Jessie Bandiola of City Camp Central, Aurora Abellera of City Camp Proper, George Saguid Jr. of San Luis, Gerry Uy of San Roque Village, Gloria Corazon Dalisay of Quezon Hill Proper, Timothy Pudlao Jr. of Kias and Alberto Reyes of Palma-Urbano.

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Absence of parking seen to worsen traffic

BAGUIO CITY – the absence of parking spaces for motor vehicles in this mountain resort is seen as a big factor in traffic congestion.

This was revealed by a study conducted by the Sangunian Panglungsod research division recently where a team was dispatched to

monitor the implementation of the city's ordinance.

The same was also stressed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during meetings with the Baguio City Police Office-Traffic Management Unit (BC-PO-TMU) to apprehend erring motorists who

do not follow the city's Comprehensive Traffic Ordinance.

Domogan said, "illegally parked vehicles are posing big problems when it comes to traffic congestion especially in major roads which connects to the Central Business District (CBD) covering areas fronting schools, churches, restaurants and residential areas."



"We have widened our roads but it is being used as private parking areas," he said.

As per City Ordinance Number 7, series

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Reappointment to the Judicial and Bar Council to be banned

The House of Representatives has approved on second reading a measure banning the re-appointment of a regular member of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) who has already served the full term.

Baguio Representative Nicasio M. Alipening, Jr., co-author of the measure said "House Bill 6040 disqualifies a regular member of the JBC from being re-appointed to the same position in any capacity once said member has served the full term of office."

"The disqualification shall also apply to any person who has been appointed and has served the unexpired portion of at least two years of the term of office of a regular member who has ceased to become one by reason of death, incapacity or resignation," he said.

The Judicial and Bar Council of the Philippines is a constitutionally-created body that recommends appointees for vacancies that may

arise in the composition of the Supreme Court and other lower courts.

Alipening said the bill seeks to ban the re-appointments to the JBC to avoid the possibility of instances where its members, in their desire to be reappointed to the Council, may succumb to pressure from the executive to nominate individuals based on political considerations instead of their actual merits and qualifications, seriously undermining the quality of judicial appointments and the independence of the judiciary as a whole.

He said the measure shall enhance the independence of the Judiciary by insulating it from political pressure.

One of the key provisions of the bill enumerates the regular members of the JBC as provided under Art. VIII, Section 8 (2) of the 1987 Constitution, who shall be appointed by the President for a term of four (4) years with the consent of the Commission on Appointments.

The regular members are: representative of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP); professor of Law; a retired Member of the Supreme Court, and representative of the Private Sector./Carl C. Taawan

Organic backyard farming encouraged among city residents

BAGUIO CITY – Baguio residents are again enjoined to engage in organic backyard gardening as a means of augmenting the nutritional needs of their families including the elderly.

The city council adopted the resolution authored by Senior Citizen Office for-a-Day (SCOFAD) Councilor Jane Tayab during the SCOFAD session on October 7, 2014 encouraging residents to grow their own organic vegetables.

Tayab said backyard farming is one of

the innovative ways households in urban areas like the city can employ to meet their families' basic nutritional requirements with minimal costs.

"The concept of organic urban gardening was introduced to the community as a strategy to help the people find means to augment their daily vegetable requirement while at the same time offer a healthier alternative to commercial produce," the resolution notes.

"Organic backyard gardening also educates

the people on the productive utilization of vacant spaces and the joy of handpicking the harvest. It is to emphasize that the people must have options to cut their dependency to buy the thus help lessen family expenses;"

"Growing one's own organic vegetable likewise teaches patience and discipline. It gives a sense of accomplishment especially when the harvest is good. Gardening brings joy and realization that the environment offer good opportunity to bond the family together from the planting to the consumption of the harvest."/A Refuerzo

"RETIRED" - Supervising Administrative Officer and Newsman Ramon Dacawi who retired from service September 14 after serving 41 years in the City Government finally receives his Certificate of Recognition Monday from City Officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Vice Mayor Edison Bilog and Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Leandro Yangot, Jr. and Isabelo Cosalan. Also in picture is Secretary to the Mayor Rafael Tallocoy./Photo by Paul Rillorta

Protection Center for Women, Children, and LGBTs

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Leandro B. Yangot Jr. proposed an ordinance creating a Baguio City Protection Center for women, children, and lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) who are victims of abuse.

"There is a need for comprehensive holistic program to address gender-based violence. The Baguio City Police Office has its own women and children's desk that

caters to women and children only. Hence, there is a need for a protection center not only for woman but for every person who suffered," Councilor Yangot stated.

As proposed, the protection center will operate by means of completing the intervention and protection services to abused victims and their families including medical and police assistance, medico-legal, legal,

psychological services and ensuring the safety and security of the victim-survivor.

Asides from it being a protection center, it will also serve as a resource center on information about gender-based violence and abuse in the city.

"There shall be support and development of legal network specializing in gender-based violence and abuse cases," Yangot said.

For the funding, budgetary requirements of the center such as personnel services, maintenance and other operating expenses and property, plant and equipment was proposed to be included in the appropriations of the office of the vice mayor.

The measure also appoints a portion of Baguio General Hospital identified as the Crisis Center for the Battered Women as the center to be named as Baguio City Protection Center for the Victims of Gender-Based Violence and Abuse.

The center will be under the office of the Vice Mayor which will also act as a lead agency in its operation.

The proposal has been approved on first reading and referred to a committee for study and recommendation./Charles J. Gonzales

Aquino should be impeached, then jailed with Roxas over Mamasapano

President Aquino 3rd's sudden reference to an "alternative truth" to the massacre of 44 Special Action Force troops in Mamasapano convinces me – again – that there is something deeply wrong in this person's psyche.

Was the Mamasapano massacre such a trauma for him, over which he has been probably having psychotic nightmares, that he wants to create an entirely different narrative of that day of infamy for our Republic?

Or is he so afraid that he won't escape accountability in the next administration that he wants to change while he is in power the accepted, proven accounts of what happened in Mamasapano, Maguindanao, on Jan. 25, 2015?

EDITORIAL

The President's favorite newspaper Philippine Daily Inquirer, as usual, jumped to Aquino's aid by running "alternative" narratives of the massacre in its front pages the next two days.

One was woven by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front which claims that the terrorist Marwan wasn't killed by the SAF, but by his own aides, who were after \$5 million bounty on his head put up by the US. That certainly robs the SAF of their victory, and makes the massacre of the 44 useless. That fits with Aquino's implicit narrative that the SAF were massacred because their leaders didn't coordinate with the army, and even were foolhardy to risk talks.

Yesterday the other "alternative" narrative reported by the newspaper implies that the SAF weren't really as good a force as they were depicted. Either US operatives or their mercenaries directed and undertook the operation, with two even killed in it.

The article according to the newspaper, was based on a video clip by an identified "TV journalist". This is rather strange since any journalist whether local or foreign, print or broadcast would claim such a scoop for his own, and not give it to another news outfit.

This is disgusting.

The massacre of our best fighting men the SAF 44 is one of the worst failings, if not the very worst failing, of Aquino.

Pretending nothing was happening? Aquino, Roxas, and Gazmin midday in Zamboanga City January 25, 2015, while SAF troops were pinned down in Mamasapano, Maguindanao, begging for help.

Aquino should be impeached, and after stepping down from office in 2016, he should be jailed for his complicity in the operations that resulted in 44 SAF troops massacred.

His right-hand man, Manuel Roxas 2nd, could have intervened to save the police's SAF, since the PNP was after all under his responsibility, as chairman of the National Police Commission. According to his sworn statements in the Senate hearings he was told of the operation early morning, and by mid-morning of the SAF's difficulties. He didn't lift a finger to give the SAF troops aid, even as he was with Aquino the whole day.

Roxas should be barred

And he wants us to elect him as commander-in-chief of all the Republic's armed forces? Forget every blunder he's done, forget his mismanagement of the MRT-3 and the Yolanda disaster management. His complicity in the Mamasapano massacre alone should bar him from having any public office, appointive or elective.

Aquino, Roxas, and the AFP chief Voltaire Gazmin were together in Zamboanga the whole day, yet they pretended that nothing was happening.

The details of Aquino's complicity have been incontrovertibly established as facts. They leave no room for any "alternative truths":

Aquino was on top of planning ever since it was conceived



in mid-2014, and even had three meetings in Malacañang with suspended police chief Alan Purisima and then SAF head police chief superintendent Getulio Napeñas, and even intelligence officer Fernando Mendez. However it was illegal for Aquino have had as operations man his bosom friend, Purisima, who had already been suspended by the Ombudsman at that time.

For that, Purisima was charged by the Ombudsman for usurpation of authority. But it was Aquino who ordered him to usurp authority. Why isn't he made accountable? Could Purisima refuse an order of the President, his close friend?

He was on top of the entire operation as the tragedy was unraveling on January 25. He even boasted in an impromptu speech before the SAF two days later that "Maaga pa lang, tuloy tuloy na ang mga ulat na natatanggap namin." (Early in the morning, I was already receiving reports on the operation.)

He was with his top security officials in Zamboanga City that day, starting early in the morning up to dusk, on the pretext of checking on a bombing incident two days before.

His planned scenario though was for him to immediately to go to Cotabato City, an hour by helicopter, to congratulate the SAF troopers for their capture of the global terrorists in Mamasapano, and to boast how he himself was on top of the operation.

Yet even when he had received reports that the SAF troopers were pinned down and begging for artillery and air support, Aquino did nothing.

Stand down

It wasn't that he was stupid or was paralyzed to rescue the troopers. The chairman emeritus of this newspaper, Dante Ang, had reported based on his reliable sources that Aquino actually ordered the army to stand down, as their efforts to rescue the SAF troopers allegedly would risk his peace talks with the MILF. This claim has not been refuted.

Aquino and Purisima have covered up for the President's complicity. The transcript of Purisima's cellphone conversations with him that was submitted to the Senate hearing had a yawning eight-hour gap, which is impossible. No one in the Senate he controls, not even Senator Poe, had the guts to subpoena Globe or PLDT if in that eight hours, Aquino sent text messages or talked to Purisima.

Of course Globe and PLDT would not, as they have claimed, kept the actual text messages in their data bank. All that's needed are the logs whether Aquino and Purisima's cellphones were sending messages to each other during those eight hours, which the telcos explained they have (how would they charge you if they didn't?).

US President Nixon fell from power to a great extent because he could not explain an 18-minute gap in tapes of his conversations with his officials involved in the Watergate scandal. Here, Aquino and Purisima can't explain an eight-hour gap that could have established without a shadow of a doubt whether or not the commander-in-chief allowed his troops to be massacred.

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Idolatry of US congressman

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...but to those who received Him, and to those who believed in His Name, to them He gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:12, the Holy Bible).

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IDOLATRY OF US CONGRESSMAN: Even Jesus, our God and Savior, would have winced at what US Rep. Bob Brady, a Catholic, did after Pope Francis spoke before American lawmakers Thursday, September 24, 2015 (Friday, September 25, 2015, Philippine time).

Imagine, Brady went to the lectern where Francis delivered his speech, grabbed the glass the Pope drank water from while talking, and brought that glass to his office. Brady then drank the water from the same glass, and so did his wife and two staffers.

If you ask me, this is idolatry of the highest kind, propelled by the grossly mistaken belief that drinking from the same glass where the highest Catholic official also drank water from could bless the other drinkers, such as Brady, his wife, and his staffers. This violently departs from what Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 of the Bible.

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JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION: In John 14:6 of the Bible, Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through me." Any genuine believer would immediately understand what Jesus meant: that there is no one, nor any other thing, that could give a blessing, or assure salvation in eternal life, except Jesus Himself.

If a believer starts thinking that he could be blessed by anyone else, or by anything else in this world other than his faith that Jesus is God and Savior, then he departs from the "way" that Jesus prescribed in John 14:6.

And that is the problem of many believers worldwide. They get distracted by the temptations of this world, and are enticed to start believing in something else, away from the truth that the Bible had proclaimed all along, right from the beginning of time. This is the reason why this world had strayed too far away from God, and has become the willing tool of God's enemy.

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CHILDREN OF GOD BLOOD KIN OF THE CHRIST: Indeed, the Bible tells us that Jesus came into this world to take away the sins of man and offer forgiveness and redemption, to take away from them the dire punishment for those sins, which is an eternal life of being burned by fire and being eaten by worms. Jesus received in Himself the penalty for man's sinfulness, so man could live in Paradise.

But, wonderful as this may appear to be, it cannot also be denied that there is a condition that the sinful man must fulfill before he can avail of the salvation and redemption offered by the bloods of Jesus. This condition requires the sinner to believe and accept Jesus as God and Savior.

It is only when man accepts Jesus as God and Savior that he is forgiven and redeemed, and is in fact given the right to become a child of God, and blood kin of the Christ. If a man becomes a child of God and blood kin of the Christ, he gets empowered in his life in this world, is freed both from the Great Tribulation and eternal hell. So, are you a child of God blood kin of the Christ?

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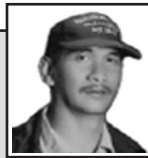
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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Pagtakbo ni Apo Bongbong- false alarm!!!
Overpass aayusin - sobrang katangahan naman na yan!!!

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Pagtakbo ni Apo Bong Bong-false alarm- Ano ba naman ang mga nagkakalat ng balita na tatakbo daw para-pangulo si Apo Bongbong Marcos, ang aking idol; eh yun pala ay isang bali-balita lang at walang katotohanan ang mga chismis sa FB. Alam niyo naman mga dear readers ako ay isang dakilang Marcos Pa Rin! Marcos Pa Rin! Marcos Pa Rin! Kung bakit ang daming mga taong pinangungunahan ang pagtakbo ni Apo Bongbong samantalang ang alam ko ay baka maging Du30 for Pres and Bongbong for VP or baka maging Binay for Pres and Bongbong for V.P. Pero kung ako ang tatanungin, ang gusto mangyari na D BEST kombinasyon is Bongbong for Pres and Kris Aquino for VP. 'Yan ang para sa akin is the UNBEATABLE TEAM. Hi! Hi! Hi! Para ang dadalaw sa kulungan kapag nakakulong na si Abnoy este si Pnoy ay ang kanyang kapatid na VP Kris Aquino at pagkatapos naman ng 6 years na panunungkulan ni Bongbong ay si Kris naman ang tatakbo na pangulo at siguradong presidential pardon ang makukuha ni Abnoy este Labakski Pnoy. Ano say ninyo mga dear readers, swak na swak ang aking nakakatuwang scenario ano?!?!
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Overpass aayusin- sobrang katangahan naman na yan- Alangya naman talaga oo, ano bang klaseng mga lider ang meron tayong? Hindi ba at ang underpass na aayusin daw sa may city hall karugtong ng BCPO ay isinagawa noong kapanahunan ni Apo Bernie Vergara? Sa ngayon ay nagtatanong lang po ako, kung ang proyekto ng overpass na ito ay sinagawa nung panahon ni Cong. Vergara at kung mayroon siyang partisipasyon sa nasabing PALPAK na overpass? O baka naman proyekto ito ng local government at proyekto ito ni Apo Mayor Domoan? Alam niyo mga dear readers, sigurado ko na milyones ang ginastos para sa construction ng overpass na ito at kung bakit inaprubahan ito ng mga Gineer este engineer ay isang malaking katanungan at ganoon tuloy ay inaprubahan na rin ng kung sino man ang may pakana ng nasabing PALPAK na overpass. Ang tanong ngayon ay ganito: Paano na ang ginastos at gagastusin uli para ayusin ito? Sa aking pananaw ay isa itong malinaw na bayolasyon ng anti graft and corrupt practices act o RA 3019 sapagkat isang malaking pag-aksay ng kuwalta ng taong bayan ito, di po ba mga dear readers? Abangan ninyo mga dear readers at aking sisiyasatin o ipapasiyasat kung kaninong proyekto ito. Kung sino ang mga Gineer este engineer ang nag-approve nito at kung magkano ang ginastos sa proyekto na ito at saka natin titignan kung may sapat na basehan para sampahan ng reklamo ng Linis Gobyerno ang mga UNGAS na ito, kung saan ang inyong lingkod ay siyang Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices. Kaya, huwag kalilimutan ang kasabihan na its mor pan in da pilipins.

ing Daan" (The Sole Way), a Bible study and prayer session on radio, airs Mondays to Fridays, 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at DWAD 1098 kHz on the AM band. For replays, go to FB: angtangdaan or ANDKNK and scroll for "Ang Tanging Daan" broadcasts. Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0917 984 24 68. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com

DIMENSIONAL ROAD

Media Literacy Integration in the Philippines' Educational System (Part 2)

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



-continued from last week-

Moreover, the United States had its early evolutionary ways of fostering media literacy to its populace which focused on the ability to access, evaluate, produce, and critically analyze media forms and media messages. Due to the outpouring advent of media technologies like "use of digital tools for constructing and communicating ideas using online databases, blogs, Twitters, wikis, texting, podcasts, image repositories, and digital videos has evolved a completely new set of digital literacies that not all students necessarily possess." In 1989, Ernest Boyer the former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education (CFAE) and a former US Commissioner of Education stated: "it is no longer enough simply to read and write. Students must also be literate in the understanding of visual images. Our children must learn how to spot a stereotype, isolate a social cliché and distinguish facts from propaganda, analysis from banter, and important news from coverage." In 1996, the National Council of English Teachers (NCET) endorsed a resolution that "viewing and visually representing are a part of our growing consciousness of how people gather and share information. Teachers should guide students in constructing meaning through creating and viewing non-print texts." In 2008, NCTE recognized the importance of new digital/media literacies because to them, the 21st century demands literate persons to possess a wide range of abilities and competencies dictated by technology that has formulated the onset of new media.

Similarly, according to Pungente, J. (2011), 1987 was when media literacy started for the government of Ontario, Canada pioneered by groups of teachers from the Ontario Association of Media Literacy (OAML) which formed a great part for Ontario's integration of media literacy in the curriculum under the Ministry of Education (ME) in the country. It was this time when media literacy has been mandated as a part of the English curriculum for grades eight (8) to thirteen (13). In relation to it, eight (8) key concepts were adapted from Great Britain and Australia that provide theoretical bases for all media literacy on Ontario's provincial standards of integrating media to the educational curriculum. These key concepts emerged from all media activities which offer teachers common language and frameworks for discussion of its acceptance to the curriculum: all media are made, media construct reality, audience negotiate meaning to the media, media messages have commercial implications, media messages contain ideological and value messages, media messages contain social and political implications, form and content are closely-related with media messages, and its medium has a unique aesthetic form. The purposes of these key concepts are to be utilized as the main tools to be used to think critically about the media. Whatever ways these countries including the Philippines express media literacy's objectives, all of them head towards one common purpose: the utilization of media's content and forms to achieve valuable effects.

Finally, it is high time for the Philippine Academe to take part of media literacy's nationwide campaigns. The attempt to integrate media education in the Philippines is a little too late but as media

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importation of 64 shipping containers of smuggled sugar worth more than P100 million," said Escudero, who has been seeking a law against influence-peddling since 2007.



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Senate Bill No. 118, which Escudero refiled in 2013, states that "it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in influence peddling or the act of representing oneself, either orally or in writing, as being able, whether real or imagined, to influence, facilitate or assist another person having some business, transaction, application, request or contract with the government in which a public official or employee has to intervene."

Torres reportedly last month tried to plead for the release of the illegally imported goods, which were also not covered by import permits by the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA).

The said shipping containers were the subject of 24 alert orders of the Intelligence Group of the BOC.

According to Escudero, the government should train its sights on sugar smuggling rather than targeting the "balikbayan" boxes being sent by OFWs.

"The BOC should run after big-time smugglers instead of molesting our OFWs. The agency is being hard on our OFWs who play a major part in building the economy, but is being easy on those who are ruining it," the senator said. */chizescudero.com; FB: senchizescudero; Twitter: @saychiz @chiznewsalert*

Another Kidney Patient... from page 2

Wednesday and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at B/Braun, CYA Building fronting the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

If it's any consolation, he's not married and has no children to raise. His four sisters and parents frequent government offices and foundations which can help sustain his dialysis. In a report last March 23, administrative aide Maria Lourdes Taguiba of the La Trinidad social welfare and development office reported the patient or his relatives had already availed of financial assistance from that office and his case had been referred to the provincial social welfare and development office, the Heinz Woelke Foundation, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the office of Benguet Rep. Ronald Cosalan, the office of Vice-President Jejomar Binay, the regional office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Benguet provincial social welfare and development office.

Last week, his youngest sister Annie requested publication of her brother's appeal for help so he can have a new lease on life.

"I, Abe Aplanas, 39 years old of Km. 4, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, a dialysis patient, hereby authorize (the publication of my name) seeking financial assistance for my medication", he wrote.

Samaritans out there can contact the patient or his sister Annie through cellphone number 09497945048. */Ramon Dacawi*

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Senator Grace Poe-Llamanzares exploited the investigation in the Senate, lucky for her as she was head of the committee on public order which had jurisdiction over the issue. The investigation catapulted her to national attention, so much so that she thinks she can be president — because of her seeming boldness in declaring that "Aquino must own up to the responsibility for the massacre."

But she in effect aborted her committee's report by not submitting it to the plenary for discussion. Technically therefore, her report, which she announced in a press conference in March, five months ago is still pending. i.e., without conclusions. Llamanzares was in the best position to call for deeper investigation over Aquino's role that led to the massacre. She didn't.

What kind of a country have we become, when our Congress has lost all its values, and all its balls that it can't bring justice to the massacre of our best troops?

What kind of country have we become that a President dare think he can revise history with the help of his favorite newspaper, so he won't be haunted any longer by nightmares of SAF troops shot point-blank in the face by Muslim insurgents? / by Rigoberto Tiglaio; FB: Bobi Tiglaio

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of 1984 or an Ordinance adopting a Comprehensive Transportation and Traffic Regulations in the city particularly section 11, vehicles parked in undesigned areas will be towed.

Section 12 also states in order to prevent drivers and owners of vehicles from further violating the land traffic laws, both plate numbers of vehicles parked and unattended in "No Parking" areas shall be detached and a traffic citation ticket shall be attached to the windshield informing the driver or owner of his violation.

There are also existing City Ordinances prohibiting 'on-street parking' and signages are in fact installed.

However, due to the absence of parking spaces in these areas, motorists are forced to park on the streets.

The SP Research division also observed the traffic personnel cannot ensure the full enforcement of the ordinance at all times due to lack of manpower.

In order to cope with this, the Traffic Management Branch of the BCPO patrol said areas during rush hour.

The team also observed business establishments along these areas have limited or no parking spaces for their customers.

Establishments, schools including residential houses are mandated to have their own parking areas and not on the city's roads.

Domogan said, "the existing ordinance of the city gives authority for traffic enforcers to confiscate or remove plates of erring motorists." */Paul Rillorta*

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move widespread through technology thriving in the Philippine society, the chance of its successful integration in learning is greatly perceivable. While there are members of the academe like the University of the Philippines (UP) that advocate its relevance, it is not far from today when one day, the media literacy is empowered to be a strong instrument to provide awareness to the Philippines' populace finding its way to media education by constantly linking itself to all the areas of disciplines. Recently, through the initiatives of the country's premiere university that advocates that media literacy is relevant in educational breakthroughs, it initially found concepts of spreading its principles as ideal matters to be publicly disseminated for its possible fusion in the Philippines' academic instructions. In December 13, 2014, the University of the Philippines held a seminar which aims to educate the public and private school teachers from elementary, secondary to tertiary levels which targets on comprehending the various levels of discourses that media products can convey according to the University of the Philippines' Film Institute (UPFI) and Numero Uno Training Services (NUTS), pointed out that "the seminar conducted can be set to be integrated in the Education Curriculum under social science studies, English, communication arts, values, advertising and media and even Psychology." The university film Institute acknowledged that there is a dire need for teachers and educators to be "accustomed and be aware to learn, understand and analyze the breakthroughs of technology that are trending nowadays where media take over teachers' roles in enhancing the present generations of learners' knowledge." "It has been perceived also that media users should have the sufficient capacities to distinguish lawful from unlawful information provided by the media." Through media literacy, technology moves young learners as adherent of rising technology due to accessibility but do not guarantee if the media yielded by technology provides ideal information for their benefits. "The need to orient teachers to process these enormous ways of learning is a must with its three (3) main key terms: learn, understand and analyze." "Through a formal introduction of media literacy in the formal classrooms, parental guidance through community outreach programs on media literacy can take place to various barangays of the country through community alliances of school educators with the local government officials' cooperation. And while media literacy starts in the classroom, educators unexposed to media forms should be provided the privileges to learn. How could they become catalysts of instructions when their students have advanced knowledge than they are? How could they manipulate varied media forms to design instructional materials for classroom interactions when their knowledge of these is scarce? This is a prevalent crisis that should be addressed. And while it is true that students are even exposed

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will formulate necessary policies, guidelines and measures for the implementation of the Oplan Kaluluwa to ensure peaceful and orderly observance of the feast of the dead and saints and will oversee the proper implementation of the same.

City administrator Canilao has set the committee's initial meeting on Sept. 30. */A. Refuerzo*

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 5
Baguio City

IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JODELYN LICTAG CAIDO, HEREIN REPRESENTED BY HER MOTHER JULIANA LICTAG MIRANDA,

Petitioner;
-versus-
THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED THEREBY,

Respondents.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 2487-R

NOTICE OF HEARING

Petitioner, through counsel, filed a verified petition praying that this Court, after due notice, publication and hearing, issue an Order directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to: cancel or delete the entry "14 MARCH 1999 ITOGON (CIVIL)" and item number 18 under the DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS in the Certificate of Live Birth of JODELYN LICTAG CAIDO and replace it with "NOT MARRIED"; and to correct the entry "JULIANA L. CAIDO" in item number 20 under the INFORMANT in the Certificate of Live Birth of JODELYN LICTAG CAIDO replace it with "JULIANA D. LICTAG"

In support of his prayer, petitioner alleged the following:

1. She is of legal age, Filipino Citizen, and resident of Dalupirip, Itogon, Benguet. For purposes of this proceedings, Petitioner may be notified by this Honorable Court through the undersigned counsel at Room A12, 2nd floor, Junifer Bldg., Bonifacio St., Baguio City;

2. Respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City is a department of the Local Government of the City of Baguio in charge with the civil registration of births, deaths, marriages, among others, of natural persons, and can be served with summons at its office located at the City Hall Building, Baguio City;

3. Respondent National Statistics Office is an agency of the national government of the Philippines and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository or records of registered fact of births, deaths, marriages, among others, of natural persons and it can be served with summons at its office address at Quezon City;

4. All persons who may have or claim any interest which would be affected hereby are impleaded as parties to this proceedings;

5. Petitioner is the biological mother of minor JODELYN LICTAG CAIDO who was born on 29 December 2000 at the SLU Hospital of the Sacred Heart, Baguio City and whose facts of birth were registered in the Local Civil Registry of Baguio City. A copy of the Certificate of Live Birth of the minor child is hereto attached as Annex "A",

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

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY BENGUET), INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ARCELINA L. PALMITO and ALEXANDER P. PALMITO,
Mortgagors.

6. In the Certificate of Live Birth of JODELYN LICTAG CAIDO, the following were entered under items 18 and 20:

18. DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS:
"14 MARCH 1999 ITOGON (CIVIL); and
20. INFORMANT: "JULIANA L. CAIDO"

7. The truth of the matter is that the Petitioner was not legally married to DANNY CEFRA CAIDO on the date and place above mentioned. As such, petitioner cannot legally use "CAIDO" as her last name;

8. To put in proper order the Certificate of Live Birth of the minor child, it is necessary that the aforementioned errors be cancelled or corrected;

NOW, THEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing before this Court, at its Session Hall, on November 12, 2015, and 9:00 o'clock in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioner shall prove the merits of her petition and any

FOR:
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 15-EXF-1848

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, As Amended, filed by SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY

interested person may appear and show cause, if there be any, why the same should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published in The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and suburbs, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The last publication shall not be later than October 25, 2015.

Let copies hereof be served upon the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, Danny Cefra Caido and the petitioner, through counsel, as well as the Office of the Hon. Solicitor General. Further, let copies hereof be posted at the Bulletin Board of this Court, the City Hall, the City Market, and the Post Office all of the City of Baguio.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE MARIA LIGAYA V. ITLIONG-RIVERA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 9th day of September 2015 at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) ATTY. ALEJANDRO EPIFANO D. GUERRERO
Clerk of Court V

Publication Dates:
Sept. 19, 26, and Oct. 3, 2015

(BENGUET), INC, is a banking institution duly organized and existing under Philippine Laws, with Principal Office at 2nd Floor, Sia Lian Ting Building, 35 Diego Silang Street, Baguio City, herein referred to as the Mortgagee against ARCELINA L. PALMITO, married to ALEXANDER P. PALMITO, both of legal age, Filipino Citizens and with postal address at No. 399 Buyagan, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet. Herein referred to as the Mortgagors.

To satisfy the mortgage obligation of ARCELINA L. PALMITO married to ALEXANDER P. PALMITO in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND (Php 50,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalties and other charges accruing thereon until fully paid; attorneys fees amounting to THREE THOUSAND (Php 3,000.00) PESOS; and all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings;

That the undersigned or any duly authorized Sheriff will SELL at public auction on OCTOBER 14, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described real property, including all improvements thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-34975 (Registry of Deeds-Provincial of Benguet)

"A parcel of land (Lot 2-B, Psd-131114-004096, being a portion of Lot 2, Psd-1-007298.

Situated at Ba-

rangay Central, Municipality of Tublay, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW. & SE., along line 1-2-3 by lot 2-C; Psd-131114-004096; on the SW., NW., along line 3-4-5-6-7 by Public Land; on the SE., along line 7-8 by Lot 2-A, Psd-131114-004096; on the NE., along line 8-9 by lot-3, Psd-1-007298; on the SE., along line 9-1 by property of Quigong .Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N. 85 Deg., 41'E., 596.74 m. from BLLM No. 1, Tublay, Benguet.

Thence, N. 25 deg., 44'W., 7.07 m. to point 2;

Thence, S. 66 deg., 08'W 7.07. m. to point 3;

Thence, N. 25 deg., 46'W., 45.64 m. to point 4;

thence, N. 69 deg., 58' E., 30.17 m to point 5;

thence, N. 26 deg., 01'E., 35.95 m to point 6;

thence, N. 51 deg., 06'E 20.00 m. to point 7;

thence S. 10 deg., 29'W 19.99 m. to point 8;

thence S. 66 deg., 08'W., 69.68 m. to point of beginning,

containing an area of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY ONE (4,251) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on plan

and are marked on the ground as follows: point 8 & 9 by old PS Cyl. Conc. Mons 15x60 cms. Point 4, 5, 6, & 7 by cross on adobe stone; all the rest by PS Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40 cms., Bearings True; Date of original Survey on October 30, 1917. Date of Subdivision Survey on August 28, 1995, executed by Engr. Florendo Mabudyang and was approved on October 16, 1995."

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property 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 17, 2015, without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 14th day of September, 2015.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY:

GREGORIO G. TADEO
Sheriff IV
Cp. No. 0949317438

cc: All Parties concerned
-Junction

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ects and activities undertaken, 15% for impact of projects, 20% for interaction within barangay and 10% for interaction outside barangay for a total of 100%.

Meantime, Mayor Mauricio Domogan encourages other barangay organizations to take part in such activities as it showcases barangay organizations who dedicate themselves in improving their neighbourhood by their best practices.

Efforts like this from the community contribute a lot to the improvement and development of the city as a whole. /Paul Rillorta

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utilization, the fund shall be used for "actual expenses, including the payment of premiums for the posting of bail bonds and cash advance for expenses by indicted public employees and officials."

The fund will be used for the "defense of administrative, civil or criminal cases filed against them in courts for acts committed in the performance of their actual functions," the provisions further stated.

Escudero, however, wants the provisions clarified because the proposal is vague and the scope too broad.

"Even the ambit of the cases covered is unclear. If you go by the language of the special provisions, even those charged with graft and corruption can apply for bail money and charge the lawyer's fees to the fund," he pointed out.

"If this fund will be used to help employees or officials who are sued in connection with the performance of their official functions, I'm all for it, but never for rape, never for graft and never for murder," the senator added.

According to Escudero, there is an existing legal fund available to government employees and officials who are hauled into courts for acts committed while performing their jobs.

"Kung ang pulis ay nakabari habang tinutupad nya ang tungkulin nya, may pondo para dyan upang tulungan siya sa kaso. Pero kung ang isang opisyal ay nagnakaw ng pondo ng gobyerno—at hindi naman ito parte ng kanyang trabaho—bakit naman sya dedepensahan gamit ang pera ng taumbayan?" Escudero said.

He also asked if the proposed LDF would be accessible to public servants involved the 20,664 complaints and grievances which the Office of the Ombudsman is planning to resolve.

"If we are to invoke equality, lahat ba sila pwede tulungan ng LDF?" I hope the DBM (Department of Budget and Management) is not laying down the precept that abuses committed while in office are entitled to assistance from the state?" Escudero said.

Under the proposed P3 trillion national budget for 2016, the P200 million for the LDF is embedded in the MPBF.

With an allocation of P96.5 billion for next year, the MPBF serves as a "catch-all parking

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"Umay dagiti DENR, ipapilit da nga agmula kami iti kayew kadagiti namulaan mi iti saba, mais, pagay ken dadduma pay nga kayew nga agbungbunga iti prutas. Kalpasanna ket maideklara a bagi ti DENR ti daga. Awan mabalin mi gaputa awan titulo mi. Kasano kami ngay nga agnanaed kadagiti masakupan ti NGP Projects, awan papanan mi a dadduma. Agbisin dagiti pamilya mi." (The DENR came and forced us to plant trees within our banana, rice, corn fields and other fruit-bearing trees. After planting the seedlings, DENR de-

Protest Actions...

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43rd anniversary of Martial Law to remember and continue to call for justice and indemnification of victims and survivors who suffered during the dictatorship. The protest action was also a public event to educate the wider public and the younger generation on the horrors of Martial Law. More importantly, the protest action yesterday highlighted the big role people's movement in fighting against State repression and oppression.

This derogatory labeling against legitimate peoples actions should be corrected. We call on BCPO and PROCOR to immediately stop labeling peoples protest actions as crimes. Furthermore, BCPO and PROCOR should stop doing surveillance and harassment during activities and gathering of people's organizations and advocates advancing the issues of peace, human rights, indigenous peoples, environment, health and more. Instead, we challenged BCPO and PROCOR should step up their investigation and crime prevention to ensure safe and peaceful communities in the City and in the region. /Abigail Anongos (CPA)

space" for salaries and other personnel benefits needed to fill in the vacancies in the government, Escudero said.

"How will the DBM explain this to more than 10 million overseas Filipino workers whose legal fund amounts only to P100 million as opposed to one million government employees who will be allocated P200 million in LDF?" said Escudero, who pushed for the inclusion of the legal fund for troubled OFWs in the national budget./chizescudero.

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National Greening Program, a curse to communities

clares that the land is theirs. We cannot do anything because we do not have titles. As people living in NGP-project areas we are deeply concern, we have nowhere to go. Our families will go hungry.) — Manong Delfin, a resident of Lingbanan, San Pablo, Isabela.

The statement of Manong Delfin says it all.

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WACS completion to jumpstart waste management system

BAGUIO CITY – The city will fast-track the completion of the terms of reference (TOR) for the Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS) with the completion of the waste analysis and characterization system (WACS), the main requirement to jumpstart the city's garbage program.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said the WACS was presented last Tuesday with the finding that the city's daily waste production has reached 402 tons.

The mayor said as per the WACS, 100-130 tons of wastes are being disposed at the engineered sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac while 30 tons are being processed by the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines.

"More or less 55 percent of the wastes are being recycled and the remaining percentage is being disposed in the various barangay disposal systems," he said.

With the completion of the WACS, the city can now finish the TOR for the ISWMS, a multi-strategy program for the long-term solution of the city's garbage problem.

"We hope that we can finish the TOR for submission to the city council so that if approved, we have it published for bidding," the mayor said.

City general services officer Romeo Concio of the City Solid Waste Management Board said the WACS serves as basis of all solid waste projects in the city and even the ten-year solid waste management plan as it contains primary data needed to determine the viability of solid waste projects and thus is essential to the implementation of the ISWMS.

The ISWMS is a multi-strategy program for the long-term solution of the city's garbage woes

consisting of several waste management strategies among which a waste-to-energy technology, a central material recovery facility, anaerobic digester and health care waste treatment facility, the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines and the ESL.

The city intends to house the ISWMS at a 130-hectare property reserved for the public need at Mt. Sto. Tomas.

At present the city is completing the feasibility study for the ISWMS./A Refuerzo

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE with simul- taneous Donation

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Cariño Basigan who died on September 20, 2014 has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Donation executed by the heirs of said deceased and the donees thereto on April 28, 2015 in Baguio city and registered and docketed as Doc. 109; Page No. 22; Book XI; Series of 2015 of the Notarial Book of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio.

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to the media forms and contents, notall members of the academe aware of these interplays. Contrary to students' degree of immersion with the nature of the media, the exposures they obtain do not guarantee how experienced they are in critically absorbing the contents to acquire favorable knowledge and values. To address this societal dilemma mutual among students and teachers, the need of medialiteracy integration in the country's academic curricula through a bill or orderbe enacted by educational authorities in the country who by their vigilance always safeguard the welfare of Filipino learners against forces that deter educational growth and human values./marvinwacnaglidawan@yahoo.com

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National High School.

Another P65.6 million was also sourced from the Philippine Gaming and Amusement Corporation (Pagcor) for the construction of a four story, 32-classroom building for the BCNHS-Irisan Annex.

To ensure the safety of students, the 2015 GAA will also fund the construction of three pedestrian overpasses at the BCNHS-Main, Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School, and along Bokawkan Road.

Farm-to-market roads will also be constructed at Loakan Proper, Sto. Tomas Proper, Lower Dagis, Pinsao Proper, and Bakakeng Norte barangays under the farm-to-market road development program of the Department of Agriculture.

"We hope to further increase the infrastructure development of our beloved city next year as we have just finished deliberations in the committee

Initial report on waste water management out

BAGUIO CITY – the initial report by the City's Development Initiative Asia (CDIA) in this mountain resort for its Waste Water Management and treatment is nearing completion.

This was stressed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser where he said the consultants have already presented the pre-feasibility study conducted for the city.

The study focuses on the proper steps to undertake to rehabilitate and expand the STP located at the North Sanitary Camp.

The study strongly recommended the prioritization of constructing a waste treatment facility especially for the city managed abattoir and wet market.

The Informal settlement communities also expressed willingness to be connected to the city's sewer lines and are willing to pay

for the service, it said.

This also includes households not currently served by the city's Sanitary Treatment Plant (STP) due to hilly terrain challenges.

The consultants also presented the city's vulnerabilities in terms of rain-induced landslides which can have potential impacts on existing sewerage and drainage systems including sewage contaminated floodwaters during heavy rains and extreme flooding.

They however showed potential resilience strategies such as improved storm-water management, upgrading of old sewer lines and drainage system, construction of new Sanitary Treatment Plants and conversion of communal systems particularly those in flood-prone areas.

The study showed the city is facing several challenges such as development pattern

contributes to congestion and limits expansion options, development has occurred outside the planning system and rain-induced landslides.

The study showed the city needs to adopt a Wastewater management Program for its wastewater and stormwater including wastewater and septage management program and sewerage upgrading program.

Domogan said, "the feasibility study is expected to be finished by December."

The chief executive also appealed to the CDIA to look for additional funding for the targeted projects due to lack of funds.

The STP servicing the city was built way back 1986 thru a grant by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) which caters to



IT'S MORE CUPCAKES IN THE PHILIPPINES. Lots of people woke up early in the morning, Sept 19 to fall in line at SM Baguio to taste the free cupcakes. The annual Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism weekend prepared 15,000 cupcakes with 7 varieties./Photo by Rj Cayabyab

a total of 65 barangays directly connected to it.

Other barangays not connected have their own septic tanks or have tapped their sewage to the creeks.

Domogan also stressed, "the conduct of a study for a proposed common STP within the City Camp Lagoon area which would cater to barangays within the vicinity."

The city's STP was

designed to accommodate 8,600 cubic meters of liquid waste a day but is now working beyond its limit.

At present, the plant is processing more than 12,000 cubic meters a day on a 24 hour basis.

Domogan said, "additional funding is needed for the eventual expansion of the plant to accommodate the increasing liquid waste being generated in the city."

Domogan said, "the upgrading and expansion of the STP is one of the priority projects being worked-out by the city including the construction of a common septic tank in the City Camp Lagoon."

"This way, more households and business establishments can be served in terms of its liquid waste ensuring that waste water is treated first before being released in the city's tributaries," he said./Paul Rillorta.

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Domogan exhorted the employees to simply follow civil service rules and regulations and to do what is best for the people as civil servants.

This year's outstanding employees who garnered a rating of 85% and above were Silverio Packoy, Jr. and Engr. Januario Borillo of the engineering office, and Engr. Angel Nerveza of the city buildings and architecture office.

Each outstanding employees of the year received plaque of recognition and P5,000 cash incentive.

The other nominees for the outstanding employees of the year include Freddie Liskeng of the CBAO; Tita Dalisay of the general services office; Pearly Shell Bowaken of the city human resource management office; Richard Caisip, Mary Ann Colar and Rowena Gaviola of the treasury office.

The city officials also recognized and awarded 134 loyal employees who have served the government for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of dedicated service as public servants.

They were given plaques of recognition and a special memorabilia from the city government.

Six employees who have finished their bachelor of laws and letters and masteral as part of their self and career development were recognized.

Also cited were employees who retired for the period October 2014 until September 2015 and previous outstanding employees of the semester.

The theme of this year's 115th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary is "Kayang Kaya Mo, Lingkod Bayani"./Jho Arranz

National Regreening.. from page 9

More than reforestation, the National Greening Program (NGP) of the Department of Natural Environment and Resources, it poses threats of displacement of communities and land grabbing from the peasant farmers. This is the situation in all the affected communities of Isabela because of the NGP.

Particularly in the mountain communities of San Pablo, Isabela, small peasant farmers are in a state of dilemma since DENR introduced NGP in their area in 2011. Most of the peasant farmers are also indigenous people's settlers coming from the Cordillera region. In an interview with Manong Delfin who is an Ayangan from Ifugao, he said that they migrated in Lingbanan, San Pablo in 1990. Since then, they developed the area with agriculture. Along with his neighbors, they planted bananas, rice, root crops and fruit-bearing trees to support their families.

Since 2011 when the NGP was implemented, Manong Delfin and his village were informed by the DENR-Isabela that their community is located in a forest zone. Because of this, the farmers cannot get titles for their lands. But even with this, Manong Delfin and his village registered strong opposition to the NGP plan. According them, once trees are planted in their corn, rice and banana fields, DENR can claim ownership to the planted areas. During the interview, they also accused DENR in hiring armed men and people from other communities to plant seedlings in their area.

But what is alarming is their statement that when Manong Delfin along with their community brought their issue to local government units and concerned agencies, they claimed that no single assistance was given to them. Manong Delfin also

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admitted that they cannot hire lawyers to help them in their case because they have no resources.

It was their big relief when they attended the Punganay Cagayan Valley, a gathering of indigenous peoples and advocates in Ilagan, Isabela on the second week of September 2015. During the gathering, they also heard similar NGP problem in other municipalities of Isabela. With the same problem, Manong Delfin and other affected communities vowed to strengthen their unity to advance their campaign against NGP and related peasant issues.

Sulong Katribu Party list is one with peasant farmers in San Pablo in their campaign to defend the land they till. Sulong Katribu values more the lives of the people rather than a program like NGP that displaces people from their source of existence. Sulong Katribu strongly believes that programs such as reforestation should be based on people's participation and not just dictated for the sake of spending people's money. /Sulong Katribu

Chiz Questions Conditions of Proposed P200-M Bail Bond Fund to Aid Officials in Law Suits

Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero wants budget officials to explain the details of the proposed P200-million bail money neatly tucked in the 2016 national budget which can be tapped by people in government to help them deal with legal cases, including malversation of public funds.

Called the "Legal Defense Fund" or LDF, Escudero said this lump sum in the proposed spending package is buried in the fine print of the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund (MPBF).

Under the proposed provisions governing its

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BAGUIO CITY – The infrastructure funds for the city has reached its all-time high this year as the allocation for Baguio nearly doubled from last year's allotment.

In the 2014 General Appropriations Act (GAA) enacted by Congress, the city received an allocation of P392.3 million. This year the GAA rose to P679.6 million or an increase of 73.2 percent allowing for more development projects for the city.

All these were made possible by the active participation of Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping

Jr. in the House of Representatives' committee on appropriations of which he is a member for the majority bloc.

Rep. Aliping said the Athletic Bowl upgrade and rehabilitation was allocated P50 million which will allow for a rubberized track and field oval to conform to international standards. "This will make it possible for us to host national games like the 2016 Palaring Pambansa," he stressed.

Aside from the Athletic Bowl upgrade, Rep. Aliping was also able to work out the funding for various barangay infrastructure projects.

Already completed are the following: construction of multipurpose building for Gibraltar barangay; construction of day care center requested by the Dizon-Manzanillo barangay; construction of covered courts at Atok Trail barangay, Andres Bonifacio/Cresencia Village barangay, Pinget barangay, and Asin Road barangay; installation of drainage at Alfonso Tabora barangay; construction of flood control system at Lower Quirino Hill barangay; and concreting of the Mercury Street Extension at Upper Quezon

Hill barangay.

Also funded by the increased allocation are ongoing projects at Holy Ghost Proper, Green Water Village, San Vicente, Gabriela Silang, and Fort del Pilar barangays. Projects lined up for implementation under the 2015 GAA are: the completion of the IBP Building, completion of the multipurpose barangay hall of Middle Rock Quarry barangay, and covered courts for barangays Country Club Village and Sto. Rosario.

Aside from barangay projects, the increased allocation will also allow for the completion of the second phase of the three-story, nine classroom building at the Pines City National High School which was allotted P11 million.

Other P99.5 million was set aside for the construction of school buildings under the senior high school program of the government for the following: Baguio City National High School – Main, Guisad Valley National High School, Irisan National High School, Joaquin Smith National High School, Mil-an National High School, San Vicente National High School and Sto. Tomas

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"OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES" - of the city government are presented Monday during the Flag Raising Ceremony where they were commended by city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog./Photo by Paul Rillorta

Outstanding, loyal employees feted

BAGUIO CITY - As part of the 115th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary celebration this month, the city government here paid tribute to its outstanding and loyal employees last Sept. 24 at the Hotel Supreme during the traditional awards program and luncheon program.

City officials headed by mayor Mauricio Domogan led in feting the awardees.

Retired city buildings and architecture official, Engr. Oscar Flores served as guest of honor and speaker emphasized the importance of doing assigned tasks and responsibilities as public servants in order to be competitive.

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