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BRM, city, DENR move to reclaim titled lot at Busol



Liberal Party Baguio Candidates at the PIA Dap-Ay in a press conference with local media and national correspondents. LP Slate from left to right are re-electionist (incumbent) Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr.; Isabelo Cosalan for Vice Mayor; and for Councilors - Joseph Cabato, Virgilio Orca, Rudolfo Paraan, Atty. Ronald Perez, Leandro Yangot, Mylen Yaranon, Joel Alangsab, and Arthur Allad-fw/Carl C. Taawan

BAGUIO CITY - A three-peat action is being prepared here to reclaim the 7.8 hectare lot within the Busol watershed that was illegally titled by unscrupulous individuals.

Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM)

chairman Erdolfo Balajadia said the BRM, city government, Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources and the Baguio Water District will work together to pursue the reversion process to cancel the irregular titles, the court case against

those responsible for the illegal titling and the possible filing of a petition for the issuance of a temporary environmental protection order (TEPO) or a Writ of Kalikasan to protect the Busol, one of the few remaining pine **Cont. on page 6**

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"Candidate for Baguio City Councilor former P/C Supt. Villamor Bumanglag Indicted"

Top officials of the Philippine National Police face dismissal from service after the Office of the Ombudsman issued a dismissal order for their alleged involvement in the anomalous

procurement of police coastal crafts worth P4.54 million in 2009.

Dismissed from the service for grave misconduct are:

• P/C Supt. Reynaldo Rafael

• P/C Supt. Rizaldo Tungala, Jr.
• P/SSupt. Asher Dolina
• P/SSupt. Ferdinand Yuzon
• P/SSupt. Cornelio Salinas
• P/SSupt. Thomas

Abellar
• P/SSupt. Nepomuceno Magno Corpus, Jr.
• P/SSupt. Rico Payonga
• P/SSupt. Alex Sarmiento
• P/SSupt. Aleto Jeremy Mirasol

• P/Supt. Michael Amor Filart
• P/Supt. Job Marasigan
• P/Supt. Leodegario Visaya
• P/C Insp. Juanito Estrebor, and
• P/C Insp. Renelfa

Saculles

• PO3 Avenusel Dy
Ombudsman investigators said in 2009, the PNP issued a resolution for the procurement of 20 rubber boats with a P5 million

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Cayetano to airport officials: Catch "tanim bala" syndicate in 48 hours or resign!

Calls for probe on alleged extortion scam

"The government should not hassle the people they should protect!"

Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano said this as he expressed outrage over another reported extortion attempt by airport personnel employing the "tanim bala" scheme at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) on an unsuspecting Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW).

Cayetano has called for an immediate punitive action against all those who are behind the continuing extortion activities. He also plans to file a resolution to conduct a probe on all other related concerns of OFWs and travelers at the country's airports.

"Kung gusto natin ng tunay na pagbabago, kailangan natin ng matapang na solusyon at mabilis na aksyon. Dapat pabilisin ang imbestigasyon sa 'tanim bala' para ang matitinong empleyado ay hindi na

madamay sa kalokohan ng iilang abusadong tauhan," he declared.

"If airport officials cannot catch the culprits and put them in jail within 48 hours, then the best call is for them to resign from their posts," he added.

The senator cited a recent report that an OFW from Hong Kong was arrested and prevented by the police from leaving the country because security staff allegedly found a bullet in her unlocked carry-on bag when it went through the X-ray machine at the NAIA Terminal 2.

Cayetano for his part criticized airport officials for seeking the immediate inquest of the victim instead of launching a comprehensive investigation on the obvious attempt to harass the OFW. He also decried their lack of concern over the series of reported extortion attempts through "tanim bala" in their respective jurisdictions.

"This is an unaccept-

able conduct towards an OFW who has no police record and is fully aware of restrictions for air travel. Authorities should exercise zero tolerance over these harassment cases. It's bad enough that our OFWs had to put up with unwarranted policies like the random inspection of their balikbayan boxes," Cayetano intoned.

Meanwhile, to prevent such incidents from happening again, Cayetano pushed for the drastic improvement of security and surveillance systems in the country's airports, to increase authorities' ability to catch criminals and protect the innocent.

"Now is the time for immediate action and change. There's a need for us to improve our CCTV surveillance in our airports. Any charge against a person for having a bullet in his or her possession should always be supported by uninterrupted CCTV footage," he said.

The senator expressed

Sericulture, a sunrise or sunset industry?

BAGUIO CITY - Is sericulture a sunrise or a sunset industry?

This depends on the commitment of farmers on the production of cocoon silk coupled with the needed intervention including strong support of various stakeholders in stepping up efforts to propel the industry.

In a national meeting of stakeholders on sericulture held recently, Philippine Fiber and Development Authority (PhilFIDA) Regional Director Edison Riñen gave a bird's eye view

of its current situation the industry noting the general downtrend of silk production for the past ten years, as he also presented the challenges and prospects.

For dried cocoons, there was a great reduction of produce from 9,000 kilos in 2003 to 3,000 kilos in 2012. Likewise, the area planted to mulberry trees, the leaves of which are fed on silkworm, went down from 300 hectares to 150 hectares in 2005 to 2014, respectively.

Consequently, there was low production of raw silk from 1,500 kilos in 2005 to 800 kilos in 2014.

Piña-seda cloth, a blend of silk fabric with piña fibers introduced into the market by the Aklan weavers, also drastically decreased from 98,000 meters in 2005 to 18,000 meters in 2014.

Regarded as the queen of fabrics due to its beauty and elegance, currently the demand of silk locally and internationally is high but there is unstable supply. About 10 metric tons or 10,000 kilos of raw silk is needed annually but the production locally is only 1.3 metric tons. The country ceased to export silk wastes and yarns due to domestic demand.

The demand of silk is bound to increase even more with the increasing population and demand for fashionable clothing items according to

PhilFIDA.

Bulk of the demand or more than nine metric tons of raw silk is imported from China, Japan, South Korea and Hongkong and there is an urgency to address the gap, PhilFIDA Officer-in-Charge Executive Director Clarito Barron said as elicited the commitment and willingness of farmers with critical role in the industry for it to prosper.

Cocoon silk production is found in the Cordillera region, Region I and Western Visayas.

For the industry to flourish, Barron also urged the commitment of stakeholders at the national and local level stressing that PhilFIDA which is steering the industry cannot do it alone.

PhilFIDA laid down its projections by 2020 in order to fill in the gap of silk production of more than nine metric tons. There is a need to attract farmers to increase their number nationwide to 1,500 from the current 419. The area for mulberry production needs to increase to 390 hectares from the original 138 hectares.

PhilFIDA.

Riñen said there is urgency in hurdling the lack of supply of cocoon that would address the local unstable production base.

Challenges and problems besetting the

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DOT calls on tourism stakeholders to conserve water

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Tourism Cordillera Regional office calls for tourism stakeholders and partners' cooperation and action to help conserve water with the expected shortage that El Niño would bring.

Responding to the national government's call for a unified action, DOT is now pushing for "Operation: Water F-All (Water for All), which it launched in the City through a forum on Monday at the BSP Training Center. It was participated in by officials from hotels, tourism establishments and representatives from other tourism industry partners and stakeholders.

DOT Cordillera Regional Director Marie Venus Tan emphasized that next to agriculture, tourism is a main factor in water consumption mostly for irrigated gardens, swimming

pools, spa and wellness facilities, golf courses, guest rooms and for kitchen use.

She shared that based on a research conducted by the Stockholm International Water Institute, direct water use in tourism is from 80 to 2,000 liters per tourists per day.

Tan disclosed that in response to the call of President Benigno Aquino III for a unified response to the onset of El Niño, DOT is embarking on "Operation: Water F-All", which is an advocacy to call for cooperation and action of industry stakeholders and tourism partners nationwide.

Primary objective of the advocacy is to establish and implement Water Management Plan where ways to conserve water are identified; staff and personnel are well trained for the plan's implementation

and strategies are set on how to communicate to clients and consumers the water conservation project.

Engr. Noriel Calpito of the Baguio Water District, in the same forum, also highlighted the need for water conservation efforts across all sectors. Aside from the forecasted drought and water shortage that El Niño would bring, there is already a big gap in the water supply and demand in Baguio City.

Currently BWD has 38,515 metered connections in 122 of the 129 barangays in Baguio. The current daily average demand is 60,047 cubic meters and this is way up compared to BWD's daily average production of 42,598 cubic meters, Calpito said.

According to Capito, there is growing demand for water due to the city's increasing population and influx of tourists and transients, which is why

BWD continues to work to find additional source and doing actions to help for the fast replenishments of water supply in underground water sources and watersheds. Moreover, the BWD advocates water conservation.

Meantime, Danny Galati of PAGASA Baguio iterated the forecast of a mild to heavy El Niño this month up to June of next year. Unless there will be at least two more typhoons that will come before the year ends, water supply shortage will be a reality, which is why there is really a need for water conservation, he said.

Aside from audio/video presentations on water conservation, a signing of agreement of cooperation was also conducted during the forum./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

Bilog seeks halt in e-bingo permit renewal

BAGUIO CITY - Acting mayor Edison Bilog on Friday directed the city permits and licensing division of the city mayor's office and the city treasury office to halt the processing of the renewal of business permits of all electronic bingo e-bingo outlets in the city for 2016.

In Administrative Order No. 124, Bilog said the freeze on the renewal will remain until the city legal office has determined whether or not there are irregularities in the permits issued to these e-bingo joints.

In the same order, the acting mayor tasked the city legal office to look into the permits and establish if these are legally or illegally issued.

Bilog said it has been the clamor of the city constituents not to allow all forms of gambling in the city.

He said the Baguio Ecumenical Group led by Catholic Bishop Carlito Cenzone had asked the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and even President Benigno S. Aquino III and government officials to "prevent the deluge of 'gambling sense' in the city and the neighboring towns and cities as it is against morals and is another form of casino."

Bilog said President Aquino has written Bishop Cenzone dated Sept. 11, 2015 agreeing that "there appear to be irregularities in the issuance of business permits for existing sites (and) these are grounds for revocation of the licenses under PAGCOR's current policy."

It was also reported that the President has ordered PAGCOR chair Cristino Naguiat to look into the issuance of licenses to operate e-bingo outlets in the city.

Last June, PAGCOR representatives told the city council that there is a way to revoke the gaming license and that is to cancel the business permits issued by the local government.

PAGCOR representatives Gaming Licensing and Development Department remote gaming unit senior manager Nelia Lorenzo and Corporate and Legal Services Department senior legal counsel Arnie Salvosa said that cancellation of the business permit granted an entity by the local government is one of

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LP Unity - Greatest Strength in Baguio Polls

BAGUIO CITY - If there is one thing that will propel the local Liberal Party (LP) to City Hall it would have to be the unity of its slate.

This was the common answer of the ten candidates vie for elective posts this coming May 2016 polls during the Kapihansa Baguio forum at the Philippine Information Agency regional office Monday, October 26.

Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. leads the team - which they labeled as LP Team A1 Baguio Democratic Alliance (LP Team A1 BDA) - together with vice mayoralty candidate Isabelo "Poppo" Cosalan and council bets Joel Alangsab and Leandro Yangot Jr. (re-electionists), Arthur "Art" Allad-iw, Joseph Cabato, Engr. Virgilio "Jun" Orca Jr., Rodolfo "Rudy" Paraan, lawyer Ronald "Ron" Perez,

and architect Mylene Yaranon.

Aliping said that A1 stands for "All for one and one for all" which was embodied in the covenant the signed last October 12 before thousands of supporters after they filed their certificates of candidacy at the Baguio office of the Commission On Elections.

"The LP is the only party which is fielding candidates this coming elections. All the other candidates have to form coalitions with other political parties" Rep. Aliping, who is running for his second term in the House of Representatives, stressed.

The local LP will continue the 'Daang Matuwid' battle cry of the national Liberal Party when its bets take the campaign trail on March 2016.

Cosalan added that although the slate does

not carry a mayoralty candidate, they said this is better because this would allow the electorate of Baguio to choose from the already outstanding lineup available.

"We can work anyone of them for the betterment of our Baguio City," Cosalan added.

Meanwhile, Yangot said that aside from unity the LP Team A1 BDA

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"BRAND NEW POLICE CARS" - The City Government thru Acting City Mayor Edison Bilog and officials formally turn-over to the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) two new Police Mobile Patrol Vehicles during the Flag Raising ceremony, Monday./Photo by Paul Rillorta

How SWS and Pulse Asia have been fooling us, and undermining democracy

Second of two parts

Neither SWS nor PulseAsia asks that crucial question in voter-preference polls – whether the respondent has decided or not – which in effect forces them to choose, even if they haven't really yet made a choice.

Both SWS and PulseAsia's voter-preference questionnaires ask: "Of the people on this list, whom would you vote for as President (or Vice President) if the 2016 elections were held today."

But the elections are not being held on that day when they may have not yet made up their mind. Crucially, the respondents are not

given this choice: "You may answer that you haven't decided yet." Respondents would, therefore, give off-

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the-top-of-their-head names, which might not necessarily be their considered choices and could change their minds about at the flip of a coin.

In such a forced-choice survey, and especially since the question is one of the 150 or so questions SWS and PulseAsia typically ask a respondent, the respondent is likely to choose a candidate he had recently seen on TV or heard over the radio.

That is why the newspaper Manila Standard recently reported that Grace Poe-Llamanzares and her running mate, Francis Escudero, were "miles ahead" in a poll it commissioned. The survey was done Sept. 21 to Oct. 1: Llamanzares and Escudero have been hogging the headlines since Sept. 16 when they launched their candidacies showbiz style. Similarly, Manuel Roxas 2nd spent P258 million on a TV ad blitz from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, which pushed up his rating in the poll undertaken by PulseAsia from Sept. 8 to 14.

SWS and PulseAsia have been fooling us by portraying in their reports that the percentage of people who have no opinion on a topic, or who haven't decided yet (in voter preference polls), is in their "undecided" (in SWS reports) or "Don't know/Refused/None" (for PulseAsia) items.

This is a lie. Responses placed in that category are those who are adamant in cooperating in any way with a pollster. It also simply represents human errors either in data gathering or in the tabulation of results, typical in any scientific inquiry gathering data and collating them.

This is the reason why in all their polls, whether they be about hunger, satisfaction with government, love, or voting preference, SWS and PulseAsia always report an insignificant percentage of respondents – typically from 2 to 4 percent – as being "undecided" or have "no response." This is the percentage in the "undecided" or "don't know" response in any kind of poll here or elsewhere.

Other than the 35 to 40 percent mentioned above as reported by a pollster as those who would change their minds, do we have an idea how many really haven't decided in such voter-preference polls?

For the vote for Parliament scheduled next week in the United Kingdom, a poll found that 34 percent of voters haven't yet decided. In Canada, which is holding its federal election on October 19, 50 percent of voters haven't yet decided, according to a reputable poll. Despite the prime-time TV Republican and Democratic debates, only 27 percent of Americans in a poll say they are "paying attention" to the elections in November.

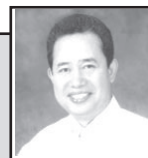
If we assume that 35 percent of Filipinos haven't decided on whom to vote for, and assume that the percentages reported in the three polls above represent only those who have decided, the landscape of the 2010 contest and the 2016 poll should be:



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Why do Filipinos have corrupt politicians?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion... Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain... Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by injustice' ..." (Habakkuk 2:6, 9, and 12, the Holy Bible).

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WHY DO FILIPINOS HAVE CORRUPT POLITICIANS? For the longest time I can remember, Filipinos have been ruled by officials who are clearly incompetent, inept, corrupt, and who have no qualms about cheating their way to office and, if their terms have run out, about maneuvering so their husbands, wives, sons and daughters, and even brothers and sisters and, at times, their parents, substituting them as candidates.

The question really is, why are Filipinos governed by these kinds of politicians? Better yet, how come Filipinos have been submissive to these kinds of political leaders? I am sure our countrymen know the character of the politicians soliciting their votes every election time, and know that many of them are really rotten to the core.

Yet, how come Filipinos have been installing the same politicians over and over again? How come Filipinos seem to have been meekly accepting these politicians, as if there were no other more competent, more qualified, and more righteous, candidates? What, really, is wrong with Filipino voters?

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SOMETHING GRAVELY WRONG WITH FILIPINOS: I guess that nobody would be willing to admit that something is wrong with him, as a voter, as a father, mother, son, daughter, or as a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines. But then, with the kind of political system that we have now, including the kind of system of electing our political leaders, we cannot deny that something is gravely wrong with all of us.

Indeed, when officials who have no background at all on administrative work, on legislation, or even on the presidency, get elected, even overwhelmingly sometimes, something is wrong, not only with the electorates, but more so with the person who got elected by the people despite his lack of qualification and competence.

How can someone who knows he cannot do the job even aspire to be elected, to a position which requires a lot of mental work and which demands tons of integrity and righteousness to avoid succumbing to temptations? And how can our people, unless cheated massively through instruments like the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines whose security features have been removed, even vote for these officials?

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WAY OUT FROM PRESENT SOCIO-POLITICAL MALADIES: Is there a way out of this socio-political malady which has gripped, literally and figuratively, the entire Filipino nation by the neck? My belief is that, yes, there is a way out of this problem, to enable all sectors of Filipinos, particularly the poor and the marginalized, to be governed by truly good men, and then tread the path of success and prosperity.

Filipinos should be taught that good leaders---those who will really work and care for the interest of their countrymen, not of their own interests or the interests alone of their families---are those whose way of life are governed by spirituality,

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Sino ang inyong Presidente at Bise Presidente? Kawalanghiyaan ang pag se-set up sa NAIA
BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Mar Roxas (LP), Grace Poe (NPC), Jojo Binay (UNA), Miriam Santiago (Independent) and soon to announce at mukhang hahabol si DU30 (Laban).

Sa limang ito na tatakbo para pangulo, malinaw na magiging mainit ang bakabakan ngayong May 2016 elections. Malinaw rin na magkakaroon ng minority votes ang elected president.

Ang magandang bantayan diyan ay kung paano palulusutin ng administrasyon itong si Roxas sapagkat tunay na napaka-unpopular niya sa tao at wala siyang karisma, di katulad ng mga ibang tumatakbo. Bantayan daw ang hokus-pikos at duon mag-uugat ang matinding pandaraya.

Ayon sa aking source sa Comelec (Main Office) ay naka-kasa na raw ang oplan RO2016, ngunit ang mga hokus pokus machines na kargado na ng sistema na papabor kay Roxas ay nasa ilang mga baluarte ng administrasyon, kung saan medyo malakas ang administrasyon. Kaya sa kadahilanang ito ang pang-alawang sinusuportahan ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ay walang iba kung hindi si Grace Poe na siyang susuportahan ng uncle ni Penoy na si Don Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco.

Malupit ang magiging eksena ngayon para kay Penoy. Kung makalusot si Miriam o si Binay o si DU30 ay malaki ang tsansa na siya at si Sec. Butch Abad ay makalaboso, kaya asahan ninyo na gagawin ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ang lahat ng dirty tricks na kanilang makakaya ng huwag palusutin ang kahit sino sa tatlong ito – Defensor, Binay, at DU30, at kung hindi ay SIBAT NA PINOY AT ABAD.

Sa aking palagay o fearless forecast kung hindi tatakbo si DU30, it's either Defensor o Binay ang lulusot. Malabo na yang sina Roxas at Poe, ngunit kung tatakbo si DU30, siguradong swak na swak na siya.

Para Bise Presidente, anjan si Bongbong Marcos, Alan Peter Cayetano, Chiz Escudero, Leni Robredo, Gringo Honasan at sabit na Antonio Trillanes. Sa ngayon ay alisin na muna natin si Trillanes sapagkat malabo na siya sa eksena. NO WAY TRILLANES.

Sa nakikita ko, ang seseryosohin ng sambayanan ay itong si Chiz Escudero at si Bongbong Marcos. Ang dalawang ito ang magkakaroon ng matinding bakbakan. Pumapangalawa sa dalawang ito ay sina Gringo at Cayetano at pangatlo o huli sa karera ay itong si Leni Robredo. Tunay akong nanghihinayang kay Madam Leni Robredo kung bakit kasi siya pumayag na tumakbo sa partido ng administrasyon sapagkat malinis ang kanyang record. Ayan tuloy madadamay siya sa negative na imahe ng administrasyon. Kung sabagay, para lamang siyang magbakasyon ng tatlong taon at muli siyang posibleng mahalal para sa ibang posisyon.

Ang isang magiging bentahe ni Chiz ay siguradong susuportahan siya ni Penoy maliban sa suporta ng NPC na susuportahan rin si Bongbong. Hindi isusugal ni Penoy na makalusot si Bongbong, you can expect that by hook or by crook ika nga na gagawin ni Penoy ang lahat ng na sa kanilang kapangyarihan na ma-demolish si Bongbong.

Tayong mga biyahero patungo at paalis ng Pinas na dadaan sa NAIA 1 ay dapat na mag-ingat at nagkakaroon ng salisihan kung saan ang mga inosenteng biyahero ay tinataniman ng bala. Isipin naman ninyo, mga inosenteng OFW na paparating tinataniman ng bala, isang bala lang at kung minsan bente

DIMENSIONAL ROAD

On International Phil. Cinematic Victories to National Artist Recognition
-Part 2-

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." --Ralph Waldo Emerson,

According to the Philippines' Official Gazette based from the Briefer on the Order of National Artist, "A National Artist is a Filipino citizen who has been given the rank and title of National Artist in recognition of his or her significant contributions to the development of Philippine arts and letters. The rank and title of National Artist is conferred by means of a Presidential Proclamation. It recognizes excellence in the fields of Music, Dance, Theater, Visual Arts, Literature, Film and Broadcast Arts, and Architecture or Allied Arts."

It is cooperatively directed by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) that conduct arduous selection procedures. To be deliberated by the President of the Philippines upon endorsement by both stipulated institutions.

The National Artist Award has the following criteria required from the Official Gazette as a legitimate and reliable source and these are: living artists, Filipino citizens when nominated, including those who died after the stipulation of this award in 1972 and were Filipino citizens during their death, those whose work through its nature have supported the formation of Filipino sense of nationality, those who have started as an example for creativity of expression or style with earned recognitions and creating an effect for the coming generations for the artists of a particular field, those who have made considerable body of work and have shown continuous acumens in the performances of their art that enhances the practice of the particular art, those who have been recognized through the prestigious national and/or international recognition, such as the Gawad CCP Para sa Sining, CCP Thirteen Artists Award and NCCA Alab ng Haraya including the critical acclaim and/or reviews regarding their works and the inclusion of respect and reverence from peers.

Why does the country have the National Artist Award? It could be traced through laws formulated under the Philippine constitution which stipulates following legal basis of the Order of National Artists: Proclamation No. 1144, series of 1973 is an order that named the CCP Board of Trustees as the National Artist Awards Committee (or Secretariat). Presidential Decree No. 208, series of 1973 mandated the CCP to manage the National Artist Awards as well as the privileges and honors to National Artists. The second law is through Executive Order No. 236 series of 2003, also called as the Honors Code of the Philippines, assembled additional prestige on the National Artist like the Order of National Scientists and the Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan. It was in this order that the National Artist Award was renamed the Order of National Artists (Orden ng mga Pambansang Alagad ng Sining). Government cultural agencies has agreed that the highest possible international prestige

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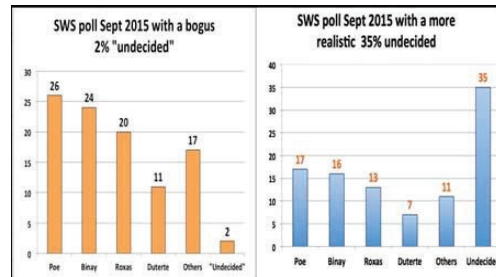
dos (22 caliber) lang at kapag foreigner ay 45 cal. Masyado ng walang hiyaan ang ganitong sistemang pangi-ngikil, at kapag hindi ka umayos ay tutuluyan ka nila for illegal possession of armaments/explosives. Secretary Mar Roxas at Pangulong Penoy ano na ang nangyayari sa inyong panunungkulan at kampanya lang kayo ng kampanya habang wina-walanghiya ng inyong mga bataang buong sambayanan! PWEEEE....

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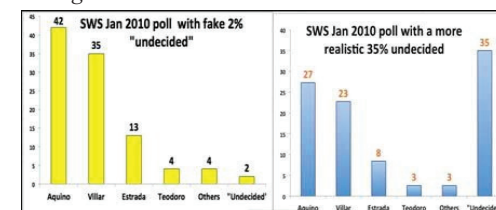
	SWS Jan 2010 with 35% Undecided		SWS Sept 2015 with 35% undecided	Pulse Asia Sept. 2015 with 35% undecided
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Villar	23	Binay	16	13
Estrada	8	Roxas	13	12
Teodoro	3	Duterte	7	10
Others	3	Others	11	11
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The landscapes if one uses a more accurate 35 percent undecided, are so different from the table at the start of this column, which used an insignificant and inaccurate 2 percent undecided.



More importantly, the fact that 35 percent are undecided could more than eat up the survey's 3 percentage points plus/minus margin of error. This makes the poll actually nearly useless, which would mean big trouble for someone like SWS President Mahar Mangahas, whose entire professional income has been based on the idea that polls really reflect public opinion.

SWS in 2010 undermined democracy by portraying that a huge number of Filipinos — 42 percent — at that early date (December 2010) already had chosen Benigno Aquino 3rd, when the reality was, if those undecided were properly reported, it would turn out only 27 percent did, which was within Villar's striking distance.



Moore (2012), who was a former vice president of Gallup Poll, lamented in his book that bogus pre-election polls, which do not accurately reflect the extent of the undecided, falsely create the front-runners. These consequently attract more volunteers to their campaign, stimulate contributions to their kitty, and increase their media coverage — which, in turn, raise their name-recall.

The effects of such false polls are magnified in the Philippine setting, as campaign finances are mostly donations from big businessmen, who allocate their contributions depending on candidates' ranks in the polls. They were fooled by Aquino's fake lead in December, which SWS and PulseAsia maintained at the 40 percent levels in the succeeding months. Being opportunists the businessmen were, they threw their money behind Aquino, making the initial bogus poll findings of 40 percent preference a self-fulfilling prophecy.

A tool for democracy, to crystallize public opinion? Hardly. And I understand now why the late Marcos, through the Development Academy of the Philippines, had Mangahas and Felipe Miranda (who founded PulseAsia) develop the method starting in 1982./tiglaol.manilatimes@gmail.com; www.rigobertotiglaol.com (for archives)

Kakampi Mo Ang Batas

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or those who read the Word of God, the Bible, and then obey the commands written therein.

Filipinos should learn that knowing God's commands and living their lives around those commands are the only sure-fire formulas that would empower them not only with economic advancement and material prosperity, but with peace and contentment that would remove greed and man's hunger for power and influence, oftentimes the root of graft and corruption.

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also considers the leadership of Rep. Aliping as one of its strengths.

"Under the leadership of Rep. Aliping, we were the first to file our candidacies, we are the first to hold a press conference to introduce our advocacies, and we will definitely be the first again come May," Yangot stressed.

Each of the council bets have their areas of expertise which they will carry to the city council if they get elected. Alangsab carries his skills on public utilities; Yangot on lands and properties; Allad-iw on education and persons with disabilities' concerns and tourism; Cabato on health and sanitation; Orca on public works; Paraan on senior citizen concerns; Perez on laws; and Yaranon on women's concerns and urban planning.

This is a complete line-up with fresh ideas on their individual areas of expertise and I believe this will be to our advantage," Rep. Aliping added./Carl C. Taawan

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budget. But P/C Supt. Villamor Bumanglag, a former Maritime Group director, moved for an increase of unit price to P312,000 from P250,000, reducing the number of units to 16 police coastal crafts.

In Aug. 2010, the PNP paid the supplier Four Petals Trading (FPT) P4.54 million despite defects in the boats.

The boats were also procured without public bidding. When the boats were delivered in March 2010, some defects were already noted. Despite these, the boats passed the end-user's specification, the Ombudsman said.

Among the defects the Ombudsman found are: lack of water temperature gauges, fuel gauges, engine oil pressure gauges and speedometers; engines were not operational; no rudder posts, one damaged outrigger; no ampere gauge; no canvass; no hole back portion for starboard side; no alternator; stacked-up transmission; and no heater plug.

The Ombudsman also found several procurement violations.

The agency said the supplier FPT used undated and unnumbered procurement documents. The supplier was also not technically, legally and financially capable supplier because its address is located in a residential area with no company website. It is also not known in the coastal craft-building industry.

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and recognition should be given to our national artists. According to Section 5 of EO 236, the President may confer the Order of National Artists by the recommendation of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). Currently on its legal basis, the executive order had some changes on Section 5 (IV) of EO 236, by providing the President the power to name National Artists without need of a recommendation from the NCCA and the CCP. This amendment also gave the power to presidents after the order to exercise their power as postulated. The current president discredited Nora Aunor as a deserving awardee for the National Artist honor contrary to the privilege exercised by former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's discretion who had proclaimed national artists in her reign that made controversial issues in 2009 of which prompted the Supreme Court to intervene by issuing a status quo ante order against the awardees during that regime.

Aunor is a recipient of national and international accolades contributory to the development of culture and arts and enrichment of knowledge in the academe

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PAGCOR's bases in annulling the gaming license.

They said this is because based on PAGCOR charter, business permit is proof of the local government's consent to the e-Bingo operation. It was only in June 2012 that PAGCOR required a letter of no objection (LONO) from the local governments before allowing bingo joints to operate in a locality.

The e-Bingo joints in SM Baguio and Baguio Center Mall were granted licenses in November 2010 or before June 2012 and thus were given the go signal on the basis of only the business permits granted by the local government. The outlets started operation in September 2011 and in December 2010, respectively.

The e-Bingo outlet at the Centerpoint Plaza in Bakakeng Central started operating last year based

"(T)he significant events leading to the procurement of 16 PCCs would not only reveal badges of irregularities but also of haste and preference to buy from FPT as the sole and only choice of supplier for coastal crafts," Ombudsman Morales said.

P/Supt. Henry Duque and PNP Accounting Division Chief Antonio Retrato were also dismissed for grave misconduct and gross neglect of duty.

Meanwhile, P/C Supt. George Piano and COA auditor for the PNP Jaime Sañares were dismissed for gross neglect of duty.

These officials were likewise perpetually disqualified from reemployment in the government service. Their retirement benefits were also forfeited and their civil service eligibility were canceled.

Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales also ordered the filing of informations for multiple violations of Section 3(e) of Republic Act No. 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act) against P/C Supt. Villamor Bumanglag, along with Piano, Dolina, Yuzon, Salinas, Corpus, Jr., Abellar, Payonga, Duque, Retrato, Marasigan, Visaya, Estrebor, Saculles, Dy, Rafal, Tungala, Jr., Sarmiento, Mirasol, Sañares, Filart, and Roselle Ferrer and Pacita Umali of Four Petals Trading (FPT), the supplier of the rubber boats.

Piano and Duque were also charged with falsification of public documents. P/C Supt. Villamor Bumanglag is currently a candidate for Baguio City Councilor under the UNA-Timpuyog Party./Junction News Team with report from themaharlikan.info

on an alleged resolution of consent by the city council, the authenticity of which was later questioned. Last May, the body formally gave the green light.

The PAGCOR representatives said the licenses are renewed every two years without anymore requirement for a new LONO. SM joint's license will expire on in January 2017, Center Mall in March 2016 and Centerpoint in May 2017.

Two more applications for e-bingo outlets in Maharlika Livelihood Center and the Albergo Hotel are currently in the works and both will require LONOs./A Refuerzo

Sericulture...

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industry are low pricing scheme which may not be attractive to farmers, absence of financing scheme or limited access to credit, he said.

According to PhilFIDA, sericulture is labor-intensive compared with other livelihood activities such as vegetable production with a shorter period on the return of investment (ROI).

Engaging in sericulture for the first year, may be break-even but the ROI for the second year is about 19 % while on the third year onwards, 64 % ROI according to FIDA. But such gain is only on cocoon production. If processed into silk, there is value addition in income.

At the farmers level, among the problems include lack of rearing houses, rearing frames, high mortality of silkworm due to uncontrolled temperature and humidity especially during the rainy season, need for cocoon dryer, common young age rearing center for every town, defoliation of mulberry trees, presence of rust in mulberry leaves, fertilizer supplement for mulberry production.

During the stakeholders meeting, representatives from non government organizations or private sector such as the Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) in Negros Occidental, Labo Progressive Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MPC) in Camarines Sur, Aklan MPC, and Rurungan sa Tubod in Palawan who are into cocoon silk production and silk and fabric weaving admitted the lack and unstable silk materials and most are willing to purchase cocoon silk or processed silk from the farmers for their venture.

According to Riñen the industry should be revived as there are bright prospects in the domestic and export demands such as considerable demand for cocoon and silk yarns needed by the silk processors such as handloom weavers and textile millers, blending with other indigenous fibers to produce fabrics with high commercial value, growing local and international demand for silk products.

Moreover, production of mulberry trees help climate change mitigation as carbon sequesters and controls soil erosion./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet



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through her extraordinary performances, from films, television, theater and music making her versatile in the field of several performing arts. To link this matter of being a deserving awardee to the most prestigious honor to record her as one of the pillars of knowledge in the country, it is of advantageous to weigh and consider her incomparable accomplishments.

In the national scene, she has been twice a recipient of the Cultural center of the Philippines award back in 1999 and this year for his contribution in films and the broadcast arts and for being one of the exceptional Filipinos who contributed in the country's development in the field of arts and culture for the last 100 years. Then again, became twice an awardee. In 2013 and 2014, the National Commission for Culture & the Arts (NCCA) bestowed her an Ani ng Dangal Award due to her consecutive winnings as best performing artist in international film festivals. The Philippine Center of the International Theatre Institute (PCITI)/ITI-Earthsavers and the UNESCO Dream Center also presented her Lifetime Achievement Award for pioneering the integration of theater, television and film industries in the country. The Patnubay ng Sining at Kalinangan from the City of Manila for her motion picture-related achievement as an actor recognized her crafts.

Aunor too has been nominated and won in international competitions around the world through the judgement of expert men and women with international knowledge in the industry. From 1995-2015, these are the international festivals that recognized her as a film artist not to mention her nominations: Asian Film awards- Hong Kong, Asia pacific- Australia, Cairo International Film Festival -Egypt, Cannes International Film Festival -France, East Asia Film and Television Award-Malaysia, 31st Festival International du Film Indépendant de Bruxelles -Belgium, Green Planet Movie Awards -New York City, 3rd Sakhalin International Film Festival -Russia, St. Tropez International Film Festival -France, Venice International Film Festival- Italy. Moreover, she received an International recognition in a Lifetime Award by the ASEAN International Film Festival and Awards as well as the Cinemania International Film Festival.

Before reaching the international scene, she has been a recipient of prestigious award -giving bodies in the performing arts. To name : FAMAS (Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences Awards), Film Academy of the Philippines (Luna Awards), Star Awards for Movies (Philippine Movie Press Club), Golden Screen Awards (ENPRESS), Metro Manila Film Festival, Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival, Cinema One Originals ,Digital Film Festival,Davao City Film Festival, Grand Buglas Award)- Bacolod Film Festival, Quezon City Film Festival, Feminist Centennial Film Festival, U.P., CineFilipino Film Festival, Urduja Film Festival, Young Critics Circle, Annual Brun Film Awards (Critics Choice), Gawad Tangi for Films (Kritiko ng Pelikula, Telebisyon at Musikang Pilipino), Gawad PASADO (Pampelikulang Samahan ng mga Dalubguro), Gawad TANGLAW, 'BALATCA (Batangas Laguna Teachers Association for Culture and the Arts, Ateneo Galian Awards, Film Academy of the Philippines, S Magazine, People's Choice (PPC Publication), Parade Magazine Awards, Let's Talk Movies Awards, Philippine Edition Movie Awards, Annual Brun Film Awards, Readers' Choice, Guillermo Mendoza Memorial Foundation, Spotlight Promotions, Catholic Mass Media Awards, Philippine Psychiatric Association's (PPA) Sisa Media Awards, Sangyaw Awards (Tacloban City), Citizens' Council for Mass Media Awards, Golden Screen TV Awards (ENPRESS), Philippine Academy for Television Arts and Sciences (PATAS Sinag Awards)Star Awards for

FEATURE

Sandiganbayan "changed" plunder law to keep Arroyo in jail

If you were made aware of the excuses given by the Sandiganbayan's First Division for its refusal to grant bail to former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, you would be very, very angry. You'd wonder how such an utter distortion of the law could occur in this country that is supposedly under the rule of law.

You'd tend to believe the widespread rumors in legal circles that this division of the Sandiganbayan firmly bears the mark of President Aquino's thumb, and that he or his representative has directly called several times the members of this body to emphasize to them that at all costs, they should not and cannot grant bail to the 68-year old grandmother who has a life-threatening illness. (The First Division consists of Efren de la Cruz as presiding judge, with Rafael Lagosa and Rodolfo Ponferrada as members. Justices Alex Quiroz and Napoleon Inoturon were recently added as members of the division.)

Television (Philippine Movie Press Club), Gawad Tangi for Television (Kritiko ng Pelikula, Telebisyon at Musikang Pilipino)Aliw Awards, Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA),PUP Teatro Batangas Artistic Awards,Katha Award, Organisasyon ng Pilipinong Mang-aawit and the OPMStar Awards for Music (Philippine Movie Press Club).

With all these overwhelming credits garnered by the actress, what is the main reason why President Benigno C. Aquino Jr. doesn't recognize the actress as one of the recipients of the National Artist Award? Early reports from B.Lozada Jr. with K. Sabillo at the inquirer.net of July 1, 2014's issue quoted Aquino as saying: "Those being given the honor of national artist are those who had a huge contribution to the Philippines and should serve as role models. My only problem with Nora Aunor's nomination is that she was convicted for the use of illegal drugs"... "If I made her as a national artist, how would she be as a role model? These statements of the president support one of the criteria in the Order of National Artist Award that stipulates, the inclusion of respect and reverence from peers. He too used the amendment in the Executive Order No. 236 s. 2003 which is Section 5 (IV) of EO 236, "by providing the President the power to name National Artists without need of a recommendation from the NCCA and the CCP. "Aquino being the president has a one-sided focus. His judgment sticks to the past of an individual rather than the present. The whole world knew about Aunor's struggle against drugs due to the breakthroughs of technology that yield social media yet, she continues to receive acclamation from internationally high profiled people in the film industry. Couldn't these achievements overturn the actress' image in his perception? Couldn't these attainments speak for her as a foundation of knowledge rather than be ignored as a consequence her weakness or past?

Aunor's feats must have been underestimated by authorities who don't see their personal imperfections. Aunor has the right time to be recognized and has to wait under the right authority to officially bestow what she deserves- to be among the well- documented pillars in the country's history of performing arts unequalled by the vast majority of her colleagues in the industry. Take it from Colin Powell, "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."/marvinwac-naglidawan@gmail.com

No wonder, international lawyer Amal Clooney was so horrified at the blatant disregard for the rule of law in Arroyo's incarceration that she took the case to the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. No wonder that in just two months' time, the Group issued its conclusion that the former president is a victim of arbitrary detention, that she should be immediately released, and that she should even sue for damages.

No wonder that the Supreme Court two weeks ago in an unprecedented move barred the Sandiganbayan from proceeding with the case until it has ruled on the petition filed by Arroyo's lawyer, Estelito Mendoza.

Exasperated over the Sandiganbayan's blatant disregard of the law, Mendoza has asked the Supreme Court itself to dismiss the plunder charges against the former president.

It is a test whether this nation still has a court of last resort to check the distortions of the law the Aquino regime has managed to undertake just to keep his predecessor in jail for the past three years. Whether it is an act of vengeance over some slight in the past, or fear of her political clout, or a false trophy to brag about for his anti-corruption drive – we can only surmise.

The case filed at the Court involved Arroyo's approval requested of her for the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's (PCSO) P366 million intelligence and confidential funds (CIF) in 2008. Such approval is 'ministerial,' i.e., a routine required by a Marcos Letter of Instruction No. 1282 of 1983 (which has the power of law) not only in the PCSO's case but in similar funds, released by all presidents including Aquino.

For some reason, it became a cause célèbre – a false one, though – by the strident anti-Arroyo movement, with Senate hearings undertaken in 2011. These hearings, however, yielded no anomalous findings other than that funds were used to donate SUVs to bishops stationed in the boondocks and to help raise the blood-money for OFWs convicted of some crime and due for beheading in Saudi Arabia.

Aquino's agenda, though, was to jail for whatever reason, Arroyo, who he sees in his twisted mind as someone like Marcos was to his mother, Cory.

To conceal his role behind it, Aquino got Akbayan leader Riza Hontiveros-Baraquel and her associate, military mutineer Danilo Lim, to file a plunder case against Arroyo for her approval of the PCSO CIF funds. Aquino rewarded her for her service by including her in his 2013 senatorial slate. Lim was given a plum post at the Bureau of Customs as deputy commissioner for intelligence.

Hontiveros lost in that election and now has the gall and shamelessness to run for the Senate again under Aquino's party in 2016. She is campaigning early, using government funds for airing TV ads disguised as public messages from Philhealth, where Aquino had positioned her as a board member. Why would anyone vote for such a hypocritical political mercenary?

You wouldn't believe what Hontiveros and Lim submitted as evidence of plunder and witness against Arroyo.

The transcript of the Senate hearings – peppered with charges being hurled left and right for the anti-Arroyo peanut gallery without any shred of proof! Their witness? The Senate clerk attesting to the authenticity of the transcript!

It's been a Kafkaesque trial for Arroyo. The Commission on Audit chairman, during which term the use of the confidential funds was cleared by lower ranking auditors, was included among those accused, apparently to force him to bear false witness against Arroyo. He didn't. Eight of the 10 accused (mostly PCSO trustees) and detained were granted bail, except Arroyo and the poor PCSO budget officer, Benigno

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Applicant/s

Case No: 2003-CAR-344

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the SALE AND TRANSFER of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio Plaza Kitma and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 4, 2015 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.

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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 8th day of October 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Hearing Officer

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Aguas.

The prosecution presented about eight witnesses, all of whom were military men doing intelligence work. They merely explained what "intelligence fund" meant, and it quickly became clear their presence at the hearing was a trick employed by Aquino's lawyers to prolong the trial. They, of course, knew nothing about PCSO's intelligence funds.

Arroyo's lawyers pleaded to the Court several times: Arroyo just approved the intelligence funds, as was required of her to prove such funds by most agencies. Not a centavo of it passed through her — as mandated, it is the board which allocates its use, it is the PCSO management which "liquidates" it, i.e., submits the receipts proving it has been used legally.

Had there been something wrong with the way it was used, the COA would not have cleared it and would have asked the PCSO officials to return the money. If the charge was plunder or even malversation of funds, please show some proof that the funds were illegally used or ended up in Arroyo's pocket or any PCSO official's bank account.

By using excuses such as what they cited for not dismissing the case, or for not even granting bail to Arroyo, these [expletive-deleted] in robes did the unthinkable: they altered the Philippines' plunder law itself!

The plunder and anti-graft laws of this land categorically require proof that funds allegedly stolen from government ended up in the pockets of the accused. In former president Joseph Estrada's case, the prosecutors proved with bank accounts and even witnesses (bank officers) that jueteng money and tobacco excise tax funds turned up in his bank accounts.

Amazingly, for judges of their stature to be in special court devoted to prosecuting graft, the Sandiganbayan in one of its resolutions denying Arroyo bail eliminated this well known requirement for proving plunder or just plain graft, and declared, utterly without any basis either in terms of the law or Supreme

Environment code up for scrutiny

BAGUIO CITY — The proposed environment code in the city council is up for scrutiny from the citizenry as it is finalized for approval.

The 135-page draft could be viewed at council.baguio.com.ph, posted at conspicuous places; city hall, library, post office, Health Services Office, City Public Market; and soft copies requested from comsec_spbaguio@yahoo.com.

The seventh gener-

ation from the introduction of the code is considered, thus the need to "prevent risk and irreversible damage to the environment at economically acceptable cost," and corrective action at cost. The code also states that costs to prevent, reduce or combat pollution must be borne by polluter. In the matter of participation, access to information must be accorded to the public, the code states.

The city's "unique

ecological, historical and socio-cultural characteristic" shall be maintained through the implementation of sustainable development, conservation, preservation, possible remedial action, continuing information and education campaign as to relevant environmental legislation, policies, and avenues for active involvement of the general public against air, land, water, visual and noise nuisance and hazards, as comprehensively stated in the proposed code.

The draft code contains provisions as to its legal bases: the constitution, Republic Acts, Presidential Decrees, Presidential Proclamations, Executive Orders, the building code, zoning code, fire code, approved and proposed ordinances, city land use plan, wildlife articles and other related documents.

The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) is mandated in the code to monitor and accomplish reports as to enforcement of its provisions as the City Planning and Development Office integrates all gathered plans and reports.

As to offenses, penalties and fines is accorded to citizens and aliens who

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Case No: 2006-CAR-0248

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 of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio City - Acop - Ambassador and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Cornelio Batil
Rep. By: Richard Sactel
Applicant/s

Case No: 89-01-527

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio City - Tublay & vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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may commit such. Corporations represented by their executive officers, and local officials and employees may face administrative cases. The code has detailed matters as

to air, land, water, visual, noise and hazards; chemical substances, toxic and hazardous waste, which may need input and ideas for improvement.

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Sandiganbayan plays just to keep Arroyo in jail. Why would they put on the line their careers in the legal system by making absurd legal arguments?

But the funds were used for legitimate purposes, as the COA concluded, Arroyo's lawyers claimed. Not a single witness out of the 21 the prosecution presented, not any of the 637 exhibits it presented, showed that any money from the CIF was used illegally.

"We will see, but in the meantime, Arroyo stays in jail," the Sandiganbayan in so many words said.

This is the worst kind of oppression, as hellish as in medieval times when the Inquisition would torture heretics to confess, which then was taken as proof of their guilt.

A nation's entire system of the rule of law is undermined when a law is distorted by justices in order to persecute a political figure, just to follow the orders of a ruthless President. tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com www.rigobertotiglao.com

DA turns over P13M assistance for typhoon-affected Benguet farmers

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The province of Benguet received financial assistance amounting to P13 million for Typhoon Ineng-affected farmers.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Proceso Alcala turned over the monetary assistance to Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan during the pre-launching of the Benguet Agri-Pinoy Trading Center on October 26 here.

"The financial assistance has been earmarked in the form of seeds, plastic sheets for greenhouses, water hose for

irrigation and other farm supplies needed by the farmers affected by typhoon Ineng," said Fongwan.

Nagambag-ambag ang iba't ibang agency at ang LGU para matugunan ang pangangailangan ng mga magsasaka sa Benguet," the governor added.

The provincial government and the Department of Social Welfare and Development pitched in to provide other materials and equipment to assist the farmers.

For the typhoon 'Lando' affected farmers, Sec. Alcala assured assistance after the total damages in agriculture

have been assessed and submitted to the DA.

Fongwan said that initial assessment of typhoon Lando damages to the agricultural industry including the damages in agri infrastructure is now at P15M and is expected to increase after the assessment report from all the municipalities are collated.

The recent damage in agriculture affected the prices and supply of vegetable and flowers for the Undas. Fongwan however assured that there is enough supply of flowers for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR

DOJ creates CAR Anti-Trafficking Task Force

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Justice (DOJ) has created the Cordillera Anti-Trafficking Task Force (CATTF) to further intensify efforts against human trafficking in the region.

Prosecutor Ruth Bernabe of the Office of the City Prosecutors (OCP) informed this during the recently held 3rd Quarter meeting of the Regional Inter-Agency Committee Against Trafficking, Violence against Women and Children (RIA-CAT-VAWC).

The creation of the said task force is embodied in DOJ Department Order No. 809 dated Sept. 11, 2015.

The regional task force headed by Prosecutor Bernabe is composed of the following: Assistant Provincial Prosecutor (APP) Ferdinand C. Palma for Abra, APP Jurgenson W. Lagdao of Benguet, Provincial Prosecutor Golda C. Bagawi of Mt. Prov., APP Bartolome A. Gamonnac for Kalinga,

Deputy Provincial Prosecutor (DPP) Jhon M. Aguda for Apayao, DPP Rito B. Bugaoen for Tabuk City, Assistant City Prosecutors Maria Nenita A. Opiniana, Ma. Lourdes Esperanza D.

Soriano and Bernabe for Baguio, and APP Marvin G. Ngayawan for Ifugao.

Bernabe announced that the CATTF will have its first meeting on Nov. 20, 2015./JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR



"THANKING THE GODS" - A pig is slaughtered at the Ibaloy Park to thank Kabunyan for blessing the Peoples of the Cordilleras during the Indigenous Peoples Month Celebrations, Oct. 29./Photo by Paul Rillorta

City Allows...

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in the sports facility. As per arrangements, only the bleachers and the middle of the athletic field grounds will be used during the said events in order not to compromise the present rehabilitation of the facility.

It can be recalled

that the installation of the rubber tracks was delayed due to the onslaught of Typhoon Lando in the summer capital last month.

RU Aquino construction said, "the conduct of the said events should be strictly within the

center of the Track and Field grounds and the bleachers only in order not to compromise the present works being undertaken in the area." "Aquino said," the cemented area where the rubber tracks will be installed should not be stepped upon and free of dirt and moisture."

Any contamination on the cement will delay the laying of the rubber tracks and could compromise early completion of the sports facility.

Delays in public works in the area can compromise the holding of the CARAA and the Panagbenga next year./Paul Rillorta

Environment Code...

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Land matters include mineral claims, parks, sanctuaries, reserves, heritage sites, ancestral lands, skylines, landscapes and building management including green building policy and urban agriculture.

As for water matters, rain capture, water harvesting, waste water treatment, recycling, sewage disposal, plumbing and water pollution programs are discussed. Solid waste management include segregation, disposal, processing and resource recovery for industrial, chemical, nuclear, and hazardous wastes.

Tree planting, environmental education, earth-balling and tree replacement are also discussed. Graffiti, considered as visual pollution; smoking and smoke-belching; noise-producing occasions; climate change, disaster and risk reduction management are also part of the proposed environment code.

Private groups, government agencies, non-government organizations, business groups and manufacturers, religious and the academe are enjoined to participate in the finalization of the code.

Incentives for participation, the promotion and use of appropriate environment-friendly and cost-effective technology are part of the code; as with the adoption of environment best practices in workplace, investments and measures to localize solution to global environmental challenges and concerns.

The code includes Baguio, and municipalities of La Trinidad Itogon Sablan Tuba and Tublay (BLISTT) for the management of resources for the use of each area./Julie G. Fianza

Taxation...

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release of donated goods, especially those from abroad.

As provided in the Customs guidelines for international donations acquiring tax exemption during calamities, if the donated imported goods are regulated imports, the consignee must first acquire an import permit or clearance from the relevant Philippine government agency that regulates the importation of the particular goods./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

BRM, City, DENR...

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stands in the city.

DENR-CAR legal officer Rainier Laita said they plan to endorse the case to the Office of the Solicitor General for the filing of a case for reversion of the spurious title.

But city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes said the city government as early as July 28, 2014 forwarded the matter to the OSG for the filing of reversion case to cancel the Original Certificate of Title No. 018-0-162 covers an area of 77,849 square meters which was subdivided into 22 lots with duly issued Transfer Certificates of Title (TCTs).

Also on Sept. 6, 2013, the city also filed an affidavit of adverse claim for annotation to the contested title and the 22 derivative ones

Rabanes said that in 2013, city assessor Nilda Navarro

discovered the spurious titles upon review of applications for tax declaration covering the subdivided lots and noticed the lack of revalidation before its subdivision.

The subject lot is covered by a 211 title or part of those titles issued under Civil Reservation Case No. 1 Record 211 and which were declared void by the Supreme Court because the court that issued the same had no jurisdiction. The said titles can be legalized only upon undergoing validation proceedings.

Balajadia said they will also request the Benguet Provincial Prosecutor's Office to continue investigating the complaint and to file a case against those responsible for the

titling for falsification of documents.

The Benguet prosecutor which assumed jurisdiction of the complaint after the Baguio Prosecutor's Office inhibited from the probe earlier suspended investigation on the ground of prejudicial questions.

Balajadia said the BRM believes that the elements of prejudicial question do not apply in the case.

The BRM chair said the agencies will also study the possibility of filing a petition for the issuance of a TEPO or a Writ of Kalikasan to once and for all "stop the destruction, degradation and occupation of the watershed that supplies 35-40 percent of the city's water needs."

"I hope these people will realize the cost of their action to this generation and the next," Balajadia lamented./A

City allows use of Athletic Bowl for two big events

BAGUIO CITY – The city government here has allowed the use of the Baguio Athletic bowl for two big events which will be conducted come late November and early December here.

The go signal was learned after discussions with the different stakeholders including the event organizers and the City Engineering office (CEO), the City Environment and parks Management Office (CEPMO), the Department of Public Works and Highways Baguio City Division Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO) and RU Aquino Construction, the project contractor.

The Saint Louis University's Lantern parade and medical mission, and the Jehova's Witnesses annual gathering will be held at the Baguio Athletic Bowl approved by the Committee.

This is despite the construction works being done

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Taxation, Red Tape Should Not Get in the Way of 'Lando' Relief Efforts - Chiz

With the expected influx of foreign donations into the country, Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero urged the government to waive tax and hasten the processing and release of all donated relief goods to victims of Typhoon "Lando" in Northern and Central Luzon.

Escudero said taxation and red tape issues must be eliminated for faster distribution of relief goods to some 1.2-M people affected by the strongest tropical storm to hit Luzon in 5 years.

"The urgently needed aid for Lando victims should not be delayed from reaching communities due to taxation and customs procedures," Escudero pointed out.

It was earlier reported that the international community has started efforts to bring relief to Lando victims, with Australia vowing to provide P33-M in emergency relief

supplies. France also offered assistance to typhoon survivors.

Foreign organizations and Filipino communities abroad have also begun gathering cash donations and relief goods for the victims.

Escudero has sought to institutionalize the customs duty or tax exemption on donated relief goods when he filed Senate Bill No. 422, also known as the Anti-Smuggling Act, which amends the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines to stop smuggling, simplify rules and facilitate trade transaction, among others.

The bill has been merged with seven other measures into SBN 2968, also known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA). The consolidated bill was already sponsored on the Senate floor by Sen. Sonny Angara on September 28.

Under the proposed CMTA, relief consignment, or goods such as food, medicine, equipment and materials for shelter, donated or leased to government institutions for free distribution to or use of victims of calamities, shall be

exempt from duties and taxes.

"We are removing the tax on donated goods because compassion should not be taxed," Escudero explained. "Bakit mo bubuwisan ang malasakit? Bakit

mo kailangan tumubo sa tulong?"

The proposed legislation also provides that upon declaration of a state of emergency, the release of relief consignment shall be a matter of priority and is subject to

simplified procedure at the Bureau of Customs.

"So we're cutting the red tape when it comes to disaster relief from abroad and replacing it with a red carpet and a welcome sign. This is a law which effectively

stamps a 'Do not delay. Urgent delivery' notice on every incoming cargo meant for disaster victims," Escudero said.

The senator lamented what he called "tortuous process" of securing the

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PB Atty Eric Ueda (right) speaks at San Antonio Village Barangay Lupon Tagapamayapa about Katarungan Pambarangay Law at left is San Antonio Village PB Nick Nialla. Both are vying for a seat in the City Council/Nick Nialla

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