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Chiz to NTC: Come up with new guidelines for acceptable internet speed, cost

Instead of merely testing Internet speeds, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) should conduct an audit to assess the coverage and quality of service of telecommunications companies (telcos) to pressure them into making Internet access faster and cheaper, Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero said.

Escudero made the call as the NTC prepares to carry out a speed test this month to determine if telcos are true to their advertised Internet speed.

"An audit is necessary to determine the gravity of the problem of slow Internet connection in the country. This will become the basis for NTC to come up with new guidelines on acceptable speed and cost that telcos are duty-bound to follow," Escudero said. The new guidelines should effectively compel the telcos to invest in infrastructure and

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SAFE BAGUIO - City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Baguio City Fire Marshal Joe Fernand Bangyod unfurls the Safe Baguio signage as part of safety awareness program of the "Baguio's Bravest" to protect life and properties during Citry hall flag raising ceremony. / By Bong Cayabyab

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Tunay na nakakaawa ang kabagalan ng Internet sa ating bansa. Kung bakit kasi pinayagan ng mga opisyaes ang ganitong kabagal na Internet speed!

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Chiz Says, FOI Key In Regular check on pay comfort rooms sought

Sen. Chiz Escudero said a law on the freedom of information (FOI) plays a vital role in the government's drive to eliminate corruption.

And when combined with an iron-fist campaign, it will make a strong foundation to fight corruption, which has plagued many offices in the bureaucracy, he said.

"For a long-time now, we have been hoping for the enactment of the Freedom of Information bill for greater transparency in governance. We will finally see our efforts bear fruit under a Poe administration," said Escudero, also a co-author of the proposed bill.

Escudero, running mate of Sen. Grace Poe in the 2016 presidential election, said he sees the immediate passage of the long-pending FOI bill under the Poe administration.

Poe has been in the forefront to have the FOI bill passed. If it becomes a law, it will provide the public access to government contracts and transactions, which are major sources of corruption.

As a senator, Poe has actively pushed for the passage of the FOI measure, which she believes will increase transparency and exact higher accountability from public officials.

The FOI mandates that information must

be published online and published in such a way that it is easily understandable to the average citizen.

With the FOI, graft and corruption would be prevented and also promote better public participation in public affairs, according to Poe.

On the other hand, Escudero also sees the lifting of the Bank Secrecy Law for government officials and employees under a Poe administration.

The veteran lawmaker has filed a bill as early as 2007 that will enable the government to audit the finances of all civil servants, including the President.

Senate Bill No. 16, which he again filed in 2010 and 2013, seeks to compel government officials and employees, except those who serve in an honorary capacity, to submit a written permission or waiver in favor of the Ombudsman to look into all deposits of whatever nature with banks within and outside the country, including investments in government bonds.

"I've always said that public office is a public trust. And government officials and employees should always be open to the scrutiny of the public," Escudero said.

In accepting Poe's offer to become her running mate for the 2016 polls, Escudero on Thursday vowed to put

in place an "iron-fist" campaign against corruption and minimize government discretion on the use of public funds.

"Kasabay ng pagpasa ng FOI sa lalong madaling panahon at paggamit ng kamay na bakal laban sa tiwali, ipagtitibay namin ni Sen. Poe ang laban sa katiwalian at korapsyon sa pamamagitan ng pagsasaayos ng bawat pagpapasya sa pamahalaan gamit ang simpleng prinsipyo: discretion always equals corruption," he said.

The veteran lawmaker expressed belief that eliminating discretion will also eliminate corruption/*chizescudero.com*; *FB: senchizescudero*; *Twitter: @saychiz @chiznewsalert*



BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday sought the regular inspection of pay comfort rooms in the city to ensure proper maintenance of these facilities.

In Resolution No. 195 series of 2015 authored by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, the body tasked the city health services office to undertake the regular check-ups of these CRs all over the city.

The resolution noted that in a legislative tracking of the implementation of Ordinance No. 67, Series of 2011 Providing for the Grant of at Least 20 Percent Discount for the Use of the Pay Comfort Rooms by Senior Citizens within the City of Baguio, it was revealed that several pay comfort rooms are not properly maintained, particularly with regard to cleanliness, water supply, and proper ventilation.

"Since fees are being collected from the public, there is an obligation to properly maintain the comfort rooms," the resolution noted. */A Refuerzo*

the used clothing or "wagwag" trade is an accepted tourism booster and a job generator to families who depend on this trade for survival," the resolution says.

"Because ukay-ukay trade is now accepted even in international markets, it is no longer degrading for the Filipino to patronize these imported items." */A Refuerzo*

Dads support bills legalizing importation of wagwag items

BAGUIO CITY – City councilors on Monday expressed support the bills of Reps. Rufus Rodriguez and Maximo Rodriguez Jr. legalizing the importation of second-hand or used clothing and rags into the country.

The body approved Resolution No. 193 series of 2015 authored by Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda and Fred Bagbagen for the purpose.

The bill would amend Republic Act No. 4653 or An Act to Safeguard the Health of the People and Maintain Dignity of the Nation by Declaring it a National Policy to Prohibit the Commercial Importation of Textile Articles Commonly Known as Used Clothing and Rags which bans the commercial importation and entry of any used clothing and rags into the country.

these goods will be beneficial for the country and the city as it will eliminate the illegal entry of said items which deprive the country of additional earnings in terms of taxes and dues.

The measure empowers the government to have control over the trade by imposing tax dues and tariffs, "to regulate/control the used clothing and other apparel importation, and to protect the health of the people and the welfare of the textile industry."

The body said the legalization of the importation of

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Baguio, Itogon join forces vs. BCDA water application

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday supported Itogon municipality in Benguet in its opposition to the water permit application for surface or ground water filed by the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) within Happy Hallow barangay in the city.

In Resolution No. 206, the body sought to inform the neighboring town that their stand is consistent with the 19 conditionalities of the city government on the development of Camp John Hay particularly the third condition which mandates the BCDA to provide additional water supply in the zone to be sourced from outside the city and to ensure that water use within the zone will in no way deplete or mini-

mize the water supply in the city.

The city itself through its legal office filed its own intervention and opposition to the BCDA's water rights applications over water sources in Happy Hallow and four other barangays namely Grewenwater, Loakan-Liwanag and Camp 7 last February and supported the opposition posed by barangays in the cases.

The aldermen said BCDA is trying to "skirt or circumvent" the said conditionality and now intends "to develop and maintain a commercial potable water supply system that will cover and also take-over water supply distribution system in the affected barangays."

Resolution Numbered 333, s. 2014, of

the Municipality of Itogon posed their objection because the application will also affect residents of the different sitios of barangays Gumatdang and Tuding also depend mainly from the water supply coming from the different springs located in Happy Hallow barangay.

"The approval of the water permit application (WPA) of the (BCDA) would cause the deprivation of the residents of (said barangays) from availing continuous supply of water," Itogon officials led by mayor Victorio Palangdan and vice mayor Adriano Carantes Jr. stressed.

The resolutions were forward to the National Water Resources Board (NWRB). *A Resolution*

Aliping Echoes COMELEC'S No-Bio-No-Boto Campaign

BAGUIO CITY – Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. is echoing the call of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) for voters to verify the status so they will not be disenfranchised this coming May 2016 elections.

Rep. Aliping made the call as the Comelec disclosed that thousands of Baguio voters may lose the right to vote next year because they still have to give their biometrics taken.

The Comelec explained that on February 15 2013, President Benigno Aquino III signed into law Republic Act

10367 which mandates that all voters must have their biometrics taken in order to ensure that their votes are protected.

"This means that when you go to your local Comelec office to file an application, your biometrics data will be captured using the Comelec's Voter Registration Machine (VRM). The VRM makes use of a digital camera, a fingerprint scanner, and a signature pad to capture your biometrics," Comelec officials explained.

"Due to this law, all previously registered voters without biomet-

rics are required to subject themselves to biometrics capture through the validation procedure. All concerned are given until October 31, 2015 to comply with this requirement," they added.

Without the biometric information in the Comelec's data base, the poll body will be forced to cancel or deactivate the concerned voter's registration record and will not be allowed to vote in the May 2016 elections.

This call is encapsulated in the #NoBioNoBoto campaign of the

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Mayor urges TMU to apprehend undisciplined motorists

BAGUIO CITY – stricter rules will be implemented to deter selfish drivers who continue to park in 'no parking' areas especially in congested streets in this mountain resort.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan urged the Traffic Management Unit (TMU) of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) here to apprehend motorists who continue to violate traffic laws particularly parking in undesignated areas.

Domogan said, "drivers who show a deliberate lack of regard for the safety and smooth flow of traffic needs to know they risk having their licenses or plates confiscated."

"We have to do this year's 115th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary is 'Kayang Kaya Mo, Lingkod Bayani'."

This is the city's one way of paying tribute to its loyal and outstanding employees for their unselfish dedication in delivering basic service to the people. *Jho Arranz*

in order to discipline our drivers most especially if they park in areas where traffic gridlock is common," he said.

The traffic congestion in the city reaches its peak during rush hour and gets worse when motorists use the streets as their private parking spaces.

"Our roads have been widened but some motorists use it for parking which adds to traffic congestion," he said.

The order to apprehend erring motorists is city wide including barangay roads.

"What we want is simple, if you don't want your plates confiscated then obey the law," Domogan said.

"Hindi naman pwedeng porke bago yung license plate mo eh pwede ka nang mag-park kung saan mo gusto, sana sumunod tayo sa batas, konting disiplina lang," he said.

The chief executive also has been made aware of an Administrative Order from the Department of Transportation and Communi-

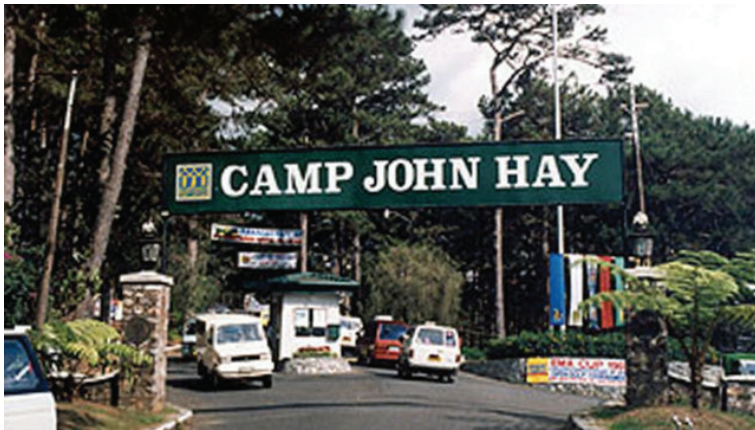
cation (DOTC) barring the removal of plates, however, Domogan said there is also an existing City Ordinance that those who violate traffic laws will have their plates removed.

"They can question the legality of our ordinance, but as long as our ordinance has not been declared unconstitutional, we have no choice but to implement it," he said.

"I also hope that motorists will look for their own private parking areas instead of using public roads as parking, I am sure this will help ease out traffic in their respective areas, ito yung isang nag-papalala sa traffic, kung may naka-parada," he said.

Meantime, the mayor is contemplating on implementing a 'strictly no parking' in Session Road especially during busy hours.

"This he said can help ease the flow of traffic in the area. *Paul Rillorta*



City to recognize devoted employees

BAGUIO CITY - As part of the city's celebration of the 115th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary, the city government here will be awarding and recognizing devoted and loyal employees who have been in government service for several years as public servants on Sept. 14 at the Hotel Supreme.

There will be 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 that will be given plaques of recognition and a special memorabilia.

Also to be cited are employees who have finished their bachelor of laws and letters and masteral as part of their career development.

Nine nominees for outstanding employee of the year from the different departments of the city government will be

feted wherein three will be revealed outstanding employees for 2015.

Employees who retired for the period October 2014 until September 2015 and previous outstanding employees of the semester will be acknowledged as well.

Retired city buildings and architecture officer, Engr. Oscar Flores will be the guest of honor and speaker on the said ceremony.

The theme of this

Pro-Aquino former chief justice bats for Arroyo's house arrest

One indication of the depths of moral depravity of President Aquino 3rd, and his candidate Manuel Roxas 2nd, has been their persecution of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, a 68-year old grandmother with a life-threatening disease.

Even those who have been close to Aquino have been puzzled over his ruthless enmity against Arroyo.

Is it because he foolishly thinks – as, indeed, he indicated in his last SONA – that the jailing of a former president is a must-display trophy for his success in his purported anti-corruption campaign?

Is it because – as I had been told by sources close to him way back in 2010 when I couldn't believe he would strive to jail Arroyo – he



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Trial hearings of defendants accused of the massacre of 58 people in

felt insulted when he and his mother weren't allowed by the military police to enter Fort Bonifacio to join a megalomaniac Marine colonel's pathetic attempt at triggering a coup in 2006?

Is it because his entire narrative, without which he doesn't deserve to be president for a minute, is based on the frenzy six years ago that Arroyo is the counterpart of Marcos, which his mother fought? The frenzy has abated, with the 'mob' going back to their homes, not surprisingly if after five years of ransacking every single filing cabinet and computer hard disc in Malacanang, Aquino's people still couldn't concoct any evidence against her alleged corruption.

By his refusal alone to lift a finger to stop Aquino 3rd from persecuting Arroyo, Roxas 2nd proves he cannot be President.

Salonga, house arrest in 1972; Aquino, to Boston, US, in 1980; Estrada, to his farm in Tanay; Arroyo, Veterans' Memorial Medical Center.

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Would you trust a person like Roxas who had been Arroyo's trusted Cabinet member (I know, I was there and worked with him in some key initiatives), who had been given everything he wanted when he was her trade and industry secretary, and who knows in his heart of hearts that the accusations against Arroyo are hogwash, yet has chosen to go against her because such media-led frenzy was so intense he worried that his ambition to be President would have been endangered if he didn't take that adversarial position against her? Would you vote as President a political opportunist who acted out the anti-Arroyo role with gusto, even in such a vulgar way as to start his diatribe against her by shouting "Putangina"?

I have realized since I started this column that small minds would instantly resort to ad hominem arguments after reading these paragraphs. Instead of evaluating the evidence and logic I present, they dismiss them on grounds that I am biased as I had served the government under Arroyo.

So, instead of explaining in my own way the injustice Arroyo has suffered, let me quote at length a column yesterday of former Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban. His credibility in explaining the injustice against Arroyo is not just because he was a former Supreme Court head, a legal luminary who knows what rule of law really means.

Panganiban in his very subtle way has been Aquino's fan, even expressing support in 2012 in his columns for another Chief Justice's impeachment. I would think he has been the spokesperson of that faction of the elite supportive of the Yellow lord, being on the board of over two dozen huge firms such as the Lopez-controlled First Philippine Holdings, Meralco, Manila Tollways Corp., PLDT, GMA Holdings and so on.

I guess, though, that Panganiban, after reading how bad Arroyo's

health has been, retains that kind of decency that is a mark of the previous generation, which Aquino 3rd and Roxas 2nd of the new generation utterly do not have an iota of.

Following is Panganiban's article, with the emphasis in bold font mine:

Meanwhile, let me take up a third set of cases mentioned also in P-Noy's Sona involving former president Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

To be accurate, two cases have been filed against GMA. The first charged her with electoral sabotage for her alleged role in the manipulation of the 2007 election results in Maguindanao. Her co-accused include former Maguindanao governor Andal Ampatuan Sr., who recently passed away, and Lintang Bedol, the former provincial election supervisor of the Commission on Elections in Maguindanao.

Because she was indicted with a capital offense, she was arrested and detained upon orders of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Pasay. However, on June 12, 2012, the RTC granted her bail on the ground that the evidence presented by the prosecution during the bail hearings was "not strong."

After the trial court denied its motion for reconsideration, the prosecution appealed the grant of bail to the Court of Appeals (CA). However, the CA dismissed the petition; it agreed with the RTC that the only evidence linking GMA to the alleged crime—the testimony of a lone witness—was not credible and failed to establish the "strong" evidence required by law to detain the accused pending trial on the merits.

Not released, anyway

Nonetheless, GMA was not released due to the filing of the second case, which charged her with plunder at the First Division of the Sandiganbayan (SBN) for the alleged unauthorized disbursement and illegal use of P366 million of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) funds.

After the prosecution finished presenting its side, GMA and her co-accused filed a demurrer (or motion to dismiss) on the ground that the evidence failed to establish her guilt beyond reasonable doubt. Because the three members of the First Division were divided, a Special Division of five justices was created pursuant to the "Internal Rules" of the SBN.

On April 6, 2015, a majority composed of three justices (Efren dela Cruz, Napoleon Inoturan and Rafael Lagos, the ponente) denied the demurrer, holding that the prosecution's evidence showed a *prima facie* case of plunder.

Moreover, unless sufficient contrary evidence is presented by the defense, GMA and her co-accused, former PCSO executive Benigno Aguas, would be convicted of the crime. Hence, their detention without bail was upheld pending the reception of their countervailing evidence.

However, the indictment against another co-accused, former PCSO chair Sergio Valencia, was downgraded to malversation. Since this is

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Grace, Chiz: Weighed and still wanting?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting..." (Daniel 5:27, the Holy Bible).

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NEW CAMPAIGN BASED ON CLEAR PRO-GRAMS: I am certainly awed that the Grace Poe-Chiz Escudero tandem made it a point to highlight their 20 priorities if and when they get elected president and vice president of the country in the aftermath of the 2016 elections.

Candidates talking about what their platforms and intended projects would be are a rarity in the Philippine politics for a long, long time. Filipino electorates have been made to bear with character assassinations and personal issues every election time since time immemorial, but never with issues and the things winning candidates will pursue once they get elected.

Grace Poe and Chiz Escudero certainly raised the bar of political campaigning with their very announcements of their respective candidacies, and no matter how Malacanang may try to downgrade what the two did Wednesday and Thursday by saying they also did what Poe and Chiz had done, it is like a fresh whiff of air to hear that concrete programs are being talked about this early.

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GRACE, CHIZ: WEIGHED AND STILL WANTING? Yet, as the Biblical prophet Daniel told Belshazzar, the king of the Babylonians who was given a dream of a hand writing cryptic messages on the walls of his palace, it is indubitable that there is still something greatly wanting about Poe and Chiz that may yet doom their candidacies or, if they manage to win, their term of office.

I noticed that, except for a brief reference to God at the end of Grace's speech, there was absolutely no plan or program in her vision of governance touching on reviving the spirituality of Filipinos regardless of religion. In the part of Chiz's speech that I caught, I also did not hear anything about spirituality.

This, to me, is highly unfortunate, and may yet signal another failed campaign, or failed governance (if and when they win and overcome the machinations of those holding the power of computerized elections, if you know what I mean), for there is really nothing of substance or significance that anyone can do in six years that he or she is in power, other than renewing the spirituality of people.

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FILIPINOS NEED TRUE SPIRITUAL REVIVAL FROM LEADERS: Yes, we maybe able to reduce corruption, crime and criminality, smuggling, foreign domination and aggression, and even political and territorial meddling, and many more, in six years. Yes, we can perhaps terrorize those in public service to do good for once. But unless and until there is a true and sincere spiritual change among our people, nothing lasts forever, not even the earth and sky, in fact.

Consequently, any president or vice president wanting to leave a real legacy to a nation of troubled compatriots must aspire beyond the earthly and the mundane day to day concerns of the flesh and of materiality. The president and his (or her) vice president must endeavor to lead our people to a true relationship with God, based on regular reading of

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DIMENSIONAL ROAD

Media Literacy Integration in the Philippines' Educational System (Part 1)

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



"We must prepare young people for living in a world of powerful images, words and sounds." UNESCO, 1982

One major factor that constantly changes world's interactions is the existence of media forms and contents brought about by the fast-evolving technology. It is technology that dictates the processes involved in the media. And before these breakthroughs reach the classrooms for change-conscious teachers to disseminate, most of the students have already been immersed to these emerging modifications that may either yield adverse or favorable effects to their behaviors. We are made to understand that even a grade school child knew how to manipulate these introduced technology-related media. At this juncture, we are doubtful if these media are well processed in accordance to the norms and values children should exhibit. To attain the benefits learners should acquire out of these, we empower the educational system as the pioneering agent to spread media literacy which shall soon extend to communities to be strengthened by every family elders where guidance play a role in values and virtue formation. In as far as other countries around the world have made their moves towards media literacy through the intervention of their educational systems, it becomes apparent that our country has its delayed adaptation to these developments uncontrollably occurring in the 21st century.

Many scholars define media literacy in diverse terminologies but the thoughts they offer are unified points that exist among all their claims. According to Baker, F. & Richard B. (2011) a media and digital literate means having the ability to access and assess online information, share knowledge, connect text, collaborate with others, build networks, create and remix multimodal text, and participate in online simulations and games. Additionally, as early as the 1970, the US media literacy began with the emphasis on protection from the so-called "bad-media content" with the main purpose of facilitating students develop the habits of inquiry and skills of expression they need to be critical thinkers. In other words, media forms and contents should have positive effects to all users.

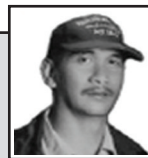
To Rogow, F. & Cyndy S. (2008), there are 12 basic ways to integrate media literacy and critical thinking into the curriculum, these are: "practice general observation, critical thinking, analysis, perspective-taking, and communication skills, simulate interests in new topics, identify the students' prior ideas about a topic that were influenced by media messages, use media as a standard pedagogical tool, identifying sources for erroneous beliefs about a topic. Develop an awareness of issues on credibility and perspective, compare the ways different media present information about a topic, analyze the effect that specific media have on a particular issue or topic across different cultures and or history, analyze the effects that specific media have on a particular issue or topic."

According to the National Association for Media Literacy Education (1990), media literacy education requires "active inquiry and critical thinking about the messages we receive and create, it expands the concepts of literacy to include all forms of media, builds and reinforces skills for learners of all ages like print literacy, those skills necessitates integrated, interactive and repeated practice; recognizes that the media are parts of culture and function

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Si Chiz Poe (part1)

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Etong si Chiz Poe ang may pakana at master-mind na patakbuhan itong si Grace Poe.

Si Grace Poe na ang tanging kagalangan at kuwalipikasyon ay ang naging anak siya ni D'King Fernando Poe Jr o FPJ for short.

Ngunit dapat at makilala si Grace Poe bilang Grace Poe Lamanzares or GPL, ngunit hindi niya ito gagawin sapagkat nais lang ni Grace Poe na sakyang ang apelyedo na Poe. Tama poe ba?

Kung bakit naman itong si Chiz Escudero na dati nang nangarap na tatakbo bilang pangulo ng bansa ngunit na-udlot lamang sapagkat hindi niya nakuha ang bendisyon ni Don Danding Cojuangco ay sa ngayon pumayag na muna na mag number 2 bilang bise president ni Poe.

Marahil ay iniisip ni Chiz na parang siya rin ang magiging de facto President kung sakali swertihin si Poe. Tama Poe ba? Hindi ko lubos na maisip kung sino ang mga financiers na susuporta kay Poe, dala ng disqualification case na nakahain laban sa kanya. Tama Poe ba mga dear readers?

Ngayon kung walang matinding finansyal na suport na makuha si Poe, eh papaano sila makakatakbo sa kanilang ninanais na posisyon? Tatakbo ka nga lang para barangay kupitan este kapitan e kailangan mo na ng pondo, eh di lalo na para pagkapangulo kung saan ang minimum na pondo na kakailanganin daw para maglunsad ng isang epektibong kandidatura ay higit kumulang limang bilyong piso (P5,000,000,000.00). Kaya ang tanong ay kung bakit kaya nagdeklara itong si Grace Poe?

Abangan ang part 2 ng kolum na ito kung saan bibigyan natin ng konting analysis hinggil sa bakit, sino, kailan, paano etc, ang hinggil sa Poe-Chiz tandem.

Basta't parating pakatatandaan that its mor pan in the Pilipins!

as agents of socialization."

The world's educational systems recognize the significance of media literacy of which every system devise ways on how it should be adapted among learners' world. Initially, in the Middle East, Bayan Itani says "American University in Lebanon aims to make a big change in the regional discourse on media literacy because many universities and higher education in the region did not yet incorporate digital media literacy in their curricula." The media and digital Literacy Academy of Beirut (MDLAB) was created to help media scholars and academics in the region to develop their digital literacy curricula but in regional contexts with methods patterned from Western institutions. Around Fifty (50) media scholars and students from five (5) Arab countries have converged in Beirut by August 2013 for digital media literacy acquisition; a beginning step to establish the awareness of the gulf's populace. It is also interesting to know that Qatar has started its campaign for classrooms and community integration in 2009 through the support of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

To add, Brazil's Media and Information Literacy (MIL) foresees equitable access of information and knowledge, promoting free independent and pluralistic media and information systems. To them, MIL recognizes the primary role of information and media in everyday lives and through the aid of UNESCO's mission it engenders media and informa-

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technologies development so they can deliver faster data connection to their subscribers.

Escudero said the problem of pathetic Internet speed and service in the Philippines could be easily addressed if telcos are forced by law to set aside a portion of their huge revenues for better network infrastructure.

Citing an NTC study, one of the biggest telcos in the Philippines said \$16.6 billion, or around P750 billion, is needed to bring 2 megabits per second download speeds to 80 percent of Philippine households by 2016.

"The telcos have been reaping billions of pesos in profits at the expense of their subscribers, who continue to complain about the slow and expensive data services they provide," Escudero pointed out.

"I think it is more than fair and reasonable to compel telcos to spend on the necessary infrastructure expansions and upgrades that will allow them to provide some real ser-

vice to individuals and industries that need reliable data connections," he said.

Escudero said the NTC, as the agency that regulates and supervises the telecommunications sector, should make sure that the data experience meets the requirements and expectations of the country's Internet users, who are now close to 40 million.

"If we want to sustain the growth momentum of the economy, particularly the BPO industry, we need to have the infrastructures to deliver reliable and high-quality Internet services," the senator said.

In a recent Senate hearing, NTC officials announced that the commission will begin monitoring this September the Internet speed being provided by telcos and compare these with their advertised speed.

According to NTC officials, the move was part of government efforts to address the problem of slow Internet in the country.

"Internet speed

monitoring, at best, can only be a measure against deceptive or misleading advertising, but it would not result in faster and cheaper Internet," Escudero said.

"When the NTC confirms what millions of subscribers have been saying, what then? This is why they need to go further and find ways to force telcos to address the problem by building better network infrastructures," the senator said.

The latest household download index report by global Internet provider Ookla ranked the Philippines 21st out of 22 countries in Asia in terms of Internet speed, trailed only by Afghanistan. It has a household download speed of 3.64 Megabits per second (Mbps); top-ranked Singapore has a broadband speed of 122.43 Mbps and Hong Kong clocked in with 102.96 Mbps.

Even with such poor service, the Philippines is tagged as having one of the most expensive Internet services in the world/chizescudero.com; FB: senchizescudero; Twitter: @saychiz @chiznewsalert

Editorial

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not a capital offense, he was allowed to post bail of P500,000.

On the other hand, the majority granted the demurrer of and acquitted four other co-accused—former PCSO chair Manuel Morato, former PCSO board members Raymundo Roquero and Jose Taruc, and former Commission on Audit chair Reynaldo Villar.

The minority of two justices (Rodolfo Ponferrada and Alex Quiroz) opined that the prosecution's evidence did not prove all the elements of plunder; consequently, GMA and Aguas should, like Valencia, be charged only with malversation. And since this is a bailable offense, they should be granted bail.

GMA moved for a reconsideration of the denial of her demurrer. Despite the pendency of the motion, the SBN scheduled the hearing to receive her countervailing evidence on Aug. 26.

Frustrated by the denial of her demurrer and bail plea, GMA filed, on April 8, 2015, a motion to change her place of detention from the Veterans Memorial Medical Center to her house at 14 Badjao Street, La Vista, Quezon City.

She averred that she is not a flight risk at all, given that she is already "68 years old, has undergone three spinal surgeries, remains frail and thin, and to this day, enjoys the presumption of innocence... [and] hopes that [her] house arrest can help her recuperate and heal more quickly and fully."

For these very same reasons, former president Joseph Estrada, while detained in a prosecution for plunder during GMA's presidency, was allowed by the SBN to be transferred to his farm in Tanay, Rizal.

Also, during the Marcos regime, opposition senator Jovito R. Salonga was released from military custody and placed "under house arrest in the custody of Mrs. Lydia Salonga."

End of Panganiban's column.

And I might add, Aquino's father, Benigno 2nd, convicted by a military court of subversion and murder and to be executed by firing squad, was sent to the US, fare courtesy of taxpayers, to undergo a heart operation that saved his life and allowed him to stay comfortably in Boston where they spent their "happiest years ever," according to his wife Cory – by his arch-enemy Marcos, who thought he could rule forever: tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com; FB: Bobi Tiglao

Aliping Echoes...

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Comelec which aims to spread awareness of this requirement to all voters in the country.

Rep. Aliping said that voters must have their biometrics captured so that they will not be excluded in the coming national and local elections.

"Next year is a very important election year because we will be choosing our next president and vice president who will lead our country for the next six years. Our future depends on all registered voters voting according to their free conscience," Rep. Aliping stressed.

He added that voters may verify their voter's registration record and find out if they still



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need to visit the local Comelec office and have their biometrics taken by simply visiting the Comelec website and click on the Precinct Finder facility of the site.

"You can also directly visit the Comelec office along Gov. Pack Road to see for yourself if your biometrics have been captured," Rep. Aliping added. *Carl C. Taawan*

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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 di-

recting 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"

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",

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 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

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.

FOR:

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

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

William and Bernadette Bagalay
Applicant
Case No: 2003-CAR-519

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ATOK TRAIL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on September 30, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 17th day of September 2015.

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

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of AURELIO ABAD who died on March 8, 1997 and AQUILINA C. ABAD who died on September 17, 2011 both in Baguio City was estrajudicially settled by the heirs on September 4, 2015 as evidenced by Doc. No. 58; Page No. 13; Book No. I; Series of 2015 of the Notary Public Nestor G. Atitiw.

Sept. 5, 12, and 19, 2015

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

Horacio P. Willy
Applicant
Case No: 91-CAR-121

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - PINSALO PILOT PROJECT and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on September 30, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 10th day of September 2015.

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

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

Amadeo B. Garcia
Applicant
Case No: 2000-BC-006

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on September 30, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 17th day of September 2015.

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

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 15-EXF-1848

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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 por-
tion of Lot 2, Psd-1-
007298.

Situated at Ba-
rangay Central, Mu-
nicipality 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 BLM 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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"CHARACTER WEEK CELEBRATION" - Mayor Mauricio Domogan addresses the crowd who joined the Umbrella parade last Wednesday (Sept. 16) as part of the Character Week celebration in the city./Photo by Paul Rillorta

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tion literate societies through a comprehensive strategy which includes the preparation of model media and information literacy curriculum for teachers.

Other than that, Australian Educational Agency (AEA) according to Goldsmith (2014) asserts that media arts should be at core to the Australian curriculum. Australia has embedded media arts in its curriculum considering as one of the five strands of the Australian Arts Curriculum; a compulsory subject for primary school students. Some media arts content were integrated in English, health, physical education, history and technology subjects. Australian educational system comprehends media literacy as forms of digital literacy which brings future skills to students. It can serve as graduate attributes to globally function.

Also in Asia particularly in Singapore, its educational system under the group created called Media Literacy Council (MLC) aims to promote media literacy works in partnership with the country's industry, community and the rest of government system to achieve and develop public education and awareness relating to media literacy and cyber wellness. According to the council, it seeks to cultivate and encourage the public to be discerning media consumers be-

stowed with the ability to evaluate media content effectively; and use, create and share content safely and responsibly. It also advises the government in responses to emerging issues relating to internet and media content.

City observes Balili River Day

BAGUIO DAY - The city of pines and La Trinidad, together with the different government agencies, non-government organizations, barangay officials, academe sectors, among others, celebrated Balili

River Day forum last Sept. 16 at the Baguio Convention Center with the theme "Balili River: A River of Life".

Highlighting the simple ceremony was the presentation on how Balili River was before, its current status given the revitalization efforts done by the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition (BRSRC), and realizing what else can be done in its rehabilitation.

Republic Act 9275 or the Clean Water Act of 2004 and DENR Administrative Order 2005-10 or the implementing rules and regulations of RA 9275 aim to protect the country's water bodies from land-based sources of pollution. One approach identi-

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ERRATUM

Notice is hereby given that in the Sheriff's Notice of Sale for Foreclosure Case No. 15-590-S (Tacia M. Dessaix, Mortgagee-Petitioner versus Spouses Divino Laranang and Glenda M. Laranang, Mortgagor-Respondent), published on August 22, 29, and September 5, 2015, the auction date should be September 30, 2015 and not September 8, 2015 as published.

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His Bible and obedience to His commands.

This is the only way we can assure that under any and all circumstance, Filipinos will stand upright and do what is good and just and righteous, even when no one is looking, even when no one seems to care. This is the only way we can expect government officials not to steal and plunder, not to abuse and lie, nor cheat in any way, even if they are left all alone to themselves.

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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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fied under RA 9275 for the protection of river bodies is the designation of Water Quality Management Areas.

With the different rehabilitation efforts undertaken by the BRSRC, the Balili River was endorsed by EMB on November 2012 to the DENR Secretary to be a WQMA. On Jan. 24, 2013, the DENR Secretary signed Administrative Order 2013-05 designating Balili River as a WQMA and created its governing board, chaired by the director of the EMB.

Baguio mayor Mauricio Domogan stressed that the revitalization of the Balili River system still has a long way to go.

"With the individual and concerted efforts of affected communities as well as concerned stakeholders, the rehabilitation can be realized," said Domogan.

"It is obligation to sustain our environment for our children and children's children and we have a

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She claimed owning the 2,972 square meter lot under TCT NO. 018-2012002678; and being denied issuance of the clearance or permit by Cayat citing the legal opinion from the city legal office penned by Attorney III Isagani Liporada that the requested clearance cannot be processed due to the pending cases involving the mother title.

She denied knowledge over the lot's circumstances but averred that her purchase of the same was done in good faith and is justified under Republic Act No. 8371 of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997, section 8 (B) and other issuances.

In the comment, the respondents said Lao "cannot be considered as an innocent purchaser for value" because as a "veteran businesswoman and long-time resident of Baguio as alleged by her," she should have been aware of the status of O-CALT-130 which is of public knowledge since it covers lands already titled under the Torrens system, government reservations like the Wright Park and the Mansion Grounds and areas within the road-right of way and the subject of newspaper reports and public information campaigns.

She should know that "the property covered by her title forms part of the road easement of an area of Baguio which the seat and location of government reservations and popu-

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distribution.

Tupas later criticized Soliman and claimed that it was his responsibility as a lawmaker to monitor the disbursement of funds appropriated by the legislature.

Escudero had earlier challenged the DSWD to seriously look into alleged irregularities in the distribution of ESA grants.

He cited complaints from beneficiaries themselves that they only received P10,000 even if their homes were totally damaged, and that some of the funds went to "fake" or "ghost" beneficiaries, based on the list prepared by local government units (LGUs).

Some ESA beneficiaries also complained how loan sharks, in cahoots with unscrupulous employees of the DSWD and LGUs, took advantage of them. /chizescudero.com; FB: senchizescudero; Twitter: @saychiz @chiznewsalert

lot of homework to do as a team," he added.

Moreover, the different Baguio City adoptors of inland waterways like the Pines City Colleges, Saint Louis University, Goshenland, MJ Gas Corporation, National institute of information Technology, University of Baguio, University of the Philippines Baguio, Rotary club of Baguio (Cluster 1C), Department of Environment and Natural Resources-CAR, Easter College, University of the Cordilleras, Department of Agriculture Employees Association, Azalea Hotel and Residence-Baguio, BSBT College and Willowtree Development Corporation were also recognized.

On the other hand, the municipality La Trinidad presented a proposed Balili River park as a partial solution to the pollution problem which was patterned after the Iloilo River park./Jho Arranz

lar tourist destinations namely the Wright Park and Mansion House. This fact alone should have put petitioner on her guard and inquiry."

They said the annotation of cases in the previous titles of the lot should have also made her wary of its status.

Moreover, the respondents said the "petitioner is not a legitimate transferee of the said parcel of land as there is no evidence that she is a Filipino citizen, and moreover, petitioner is not a member of the same ICCs/IPs (indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples) to whom the CALT was issued by the NCIP to make her a qualified transferee pursuant to Section 8 paragraph b of R.A. 8371."

In the comment, the city officials sought the outright dismissal of the petition./A Refuerzo

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flagged a total of 940 vehicles, 444 passed while 430 failed.

Majority of vehicles who failed are diesel fed taxis.

Second to the list are private vehicles with 402 tested, 216 passed while 186 failed.

Third are Public Utility Jeepneys with 116

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failed out of 267 tested, 154 passed.

For government vehicles, 12 were flagged, 5 passed while 7 failed.

Meantime, there were 1,236 vehicles who submitted themselves for voluntary testing.

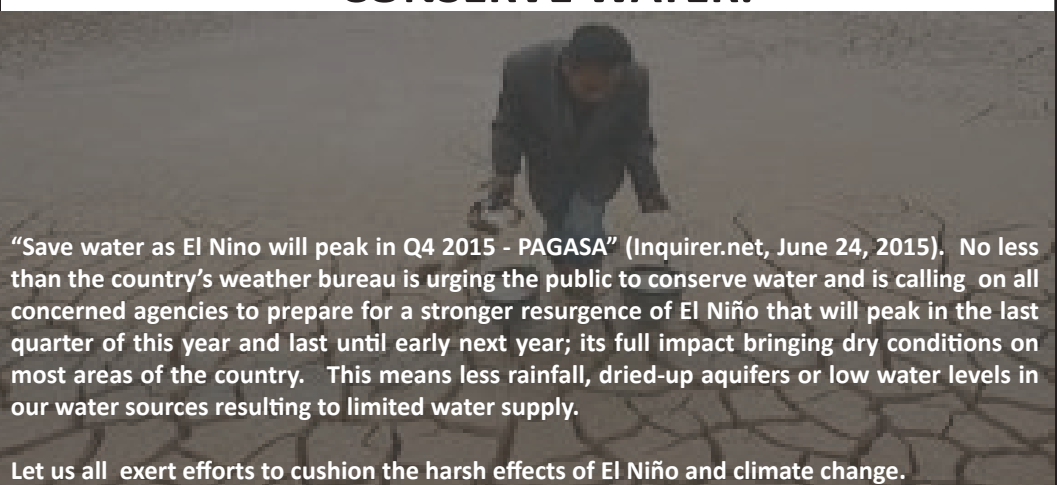
Domogan said, "the RITMT will continue with its mandate to apprehend smoke belching vehicles in order to insure that the city's good air quality is maintained."

"Motorists should be responsible in maintaining their vehicles, it should be road worthy and should pass smoke emission tests," he said.

As per the Clean Air Ordinance, motorists who fail roadside testing will be fined a Polluters Fee of P1,000.00 for the first offense, P2,000.00 for the second offense and P3,000.00 for the third offense plus additional P100.00 for re-test.

A Fee of P100.00 is also collected for testing Fee while P50.00 is collected for Voluntary Testing./Paul Rillorta

CONSERVE WATER.



"Save water as El Nino will peak in Q4 2015 - PAGASA" (Inquirer.net, June 24, 2015). No less than the country's weather bureau is urging the public to conserve water and is calling on all concerned agencies to prepare for a stronger resurgence of El Niño that will peak in the last quarter of this year and last until early next year; its full impact bringing dry conditions on most areas of the country. This means less rainfall, dried-up aquifers or low water levels in our water sources resulting to limited water supply.

Let us all exert efforts to cushion the harsh effects of El Niño and climate change.

Please report all leaks and illegal connections at BWD hotlines 442-3218 or 442-4929. Thank you.

A friendly reminder from your BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors:

Engr. Felino D. Lagman, Atty. Renato S. Rondez, Ms. Sonia A. Daoas, Dr. Joanne J. Balderas, Mr. Peter L. Ng

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OIC AGM-Technical: Engr. Reynaldo C. Jayco



City officials defend non-issuance of zoning building permits over lot covered by spurious CALT

BAGUIO CITY – City officials last week defended the non-issuance of a zoning clearance and a building permit over a lot at Outlook Drive here which is covered by a Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT) declared irregular and now eyed for cancellation by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

Mayor Mauricio Domogan, city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes and city planning and development coordinator Evelyn Cayat said the city cannot issue the requested clearance and permit to the land as it is covered by a CALT that was issued anomalously apart from being “inalienable” and part of a “road easement of Outlook Drive” and therefore “incapable of appropriation by any private individual and beyond the commerce of men.”

The three officials were sued by businesswoman Imelda Tan Lao for mandamus after failing to issue the clearance and permit Lao was applying for. The case is docketed as Civil Case No. 8291-R mandamus before the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 3.

In the comment submitted Sept. 14 to the court, the city executives said Lao's transfer certificate of title (TCT) is a transfer from TCT 2010002820 reg-

Majority of taxis non-compliant with anti-smoke belching law

BAGUIO CITY – The number of taxis plying the streets in violation of the city's Clean Air Ordinance has increased in a month's monitoring.

Reports from the Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) for the month of August show a very high failure rate of taxis tested for smoke belching.

Out of 174 flagged taxis operating within the city, only 58 passed while 116 failed the test.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan expressed dismay over the seemingly non-compliance of taxis in the recent tests.

“This is alarming because it seems that we are moving backwards in complying with our Clean Air Ordinance,” he said.

The RITMT conducted roadside testing in strategic locations within the city and

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Chiz Says Tupas May Have Engaged in 'Post-Enactment Intervention' in Budget

Sen. Francis “Chiz” Escudero said Iloilo Rep. Niel Tupas Jr. may have defied a Supreme Court ruling prohibiting “post-enactment intervention” in the budget when he took part in the distribution of the Emergency Shelter Assistance (ESA) to victims of Super typhoon Yolanda in his district.

Escudero reminded Tupas that in the high tribunal's decision declaring the Priority Development Assistance Fund or PDAF of lawmakers as illegal, the magistrates “defined pork barrel as post-enactment intervention of a legislator.”

A major and priority program of the national government administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), ESA provides cash assistance of P30,000 and P10,000 to

istered in the name of Virginia Gao-an which is a derivative of Original CALT 130 registered in the name of the heirs of Josephine Abanag Molintas.

“OCT No. O-CALT-130 and its derivative titles are presently the subject of cancellation proceedings with the NCIP in NCIP OJ Case No. 007-2011 and with the Supreme Court in G.R. No. 208480,” the officials noted in the comment.

They said the NCIP ordered the cancellation of the ancestral land title form used in the issuance of O-CALT-130 after these were declared “unaccounted for” and just recently, the NCIP recognized the “findings and recommendations of its investigating team that that the said title which were irregularly issued should be cancelled.”

In her petition filed last Aug. 20, Lao represented by attorney-in-fact Roger Angway asked the court to order the respondents to issue the clearance and permit applied for and to reimburse the litigation expenses.

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Yolanda survivors whose houses were partially or totally damaged, respectively. The money is used for the purchase of construction materials to repair and reconstruct their homes.

Escudero, former chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, said ESA funds were sourced from the P13-billion National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund under the 2015 General Appropriations Act.

As of June 30, about P130.9 billion had been released by the Department of Budget and Management to the DSWD for the implementation of ESA. The amount represented the assistance given to 3,874 families and 18,433 families with totally and partially damaged houses, respectively.

“Obviously, ESA was funded by the national budget which was approved by Congress before it was signed into law by the President,” Escudero said.

“Kung susundin natin ang Supreme Court ruling sa PDAF, ipinagbabawal sa mga myembro ng Kongreso—congressman o senador—ang makialam sa implementasyon ng national budget,” he added.

The veteran lawmaker said the implementation of the national budget “is not the concern of legislators, but of government line agencies like in the case of ESA, the DSWD.”

Tupas, a member of the ruling Liberal Party and chairman of House Committee on Justice, was earlier spotted during the distribution of ESA grants in towns under the fifth district of Iloilo, which he represents in Congress.

This did not sit well with DSWD Secretary Dinky Soliman, who complained to the administration party about Tupas' alleged interference in ESA

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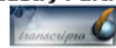


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