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Lawmaker wants accounting of APEC spending

To foster transparency and accountability in government, Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero will seek an accounting of the P10 billion the government set aside for its hosting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings this year.

Escudero, former chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, said he would ask for a breakdown of

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Congresswoman Leni Robredo (3rd from left -LP Vice Presidential Candidate) with Congressman Nicasio Aliping (4th from left-LP Baguio Congressman) and LGU Secretary Mar Roxas (5th from left-LP Presidential Candidate) pose with the members of the LP Baguio candidates for City Councilor and Vice Mayor

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Chiz disappointed over SC justices' decision on Poe's case

Independent vice-presidential candidate Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero could not hide his frustration and disappointment with the Supreme Court justices who dissented the majority decision of the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET) dismissing the disqualification case against his presidential running mate Sen. Grace Poe.

Escudero said the position taken by SC Associate Justices Antonio Carpio, Teresita Leonar-

do de Castro and Arturo Brion was a clear form of discrimination against foundlings whom they regarded as not natural-born Filipino citizens and thus barred from running and be elected to national posts.

"Nakakalimutan po yata nila ang isang basic na prinsipyo sa batas na nagsasabing 'those who have less in life should always have more in law.' Para sa mga kapos-palad at salat sa buhay, dapat 'yung pagkukulang na

iyon pinupunan ng batas at iyon ang dapat maging susi at tulay at instrumento para makamit ang hustisya," Escudero said.

While the veteran lawmaker respects the decision of the three magistrates, he said they should not forget that "laws are made to become instruments of justice and should not be used as a tool of injustice or to discriminate anyone."

"Essentially sinasabi nila na ang pulot na bata na hindi alam kung sino ang kanyang magulang ay stateless at wala raw siyang bansang kinabibilangan. Ayon po sa isang

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PANAGBENGA 2016 LAUNCHING Members of the University of the Cordilleras Hapiyoh Mi Cultural Group performs the tribal dances of the Cordillera region during the launching of Panagbenga 2016 with the theme "Bless the Children with Flowers" at City Hall grounds November 16. - By Bong Cayabyab

Panagbenga 2016 to focus on children and nature

BAGUIO CITY – Children and nature make up the centerpiece for next year's edition of the Baguio Flower Festival which will banner the theme, "Bless the Children with Flowers."

Urban planner and former city architect Joseph Alabanza, a member of the Baguio Flower Festival Inc. (BFFI) said this is to highlight the need for teamwork and cooperation not only among people but also between man and nature.

"We have always emphasized on the teamwork among people, it is about time to consider men's need to cooperate with nature because as I keep on saying, nature doesn't need man but man needs nature," Alabanza said.

He encouraged residents to do something for the environment like to plant trees in their own barangays and other deeds that will help preserve and protect Baguio's nature.

"Baguio is losing its carrying capacity since the density of our population has grown so much. It's about time to consider nature (and to act to preserve it) for our children. Remember the children are our future and the future is for our children," he said.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the theme is reflective of the first rationale for Panagbenga's inception which is to serve as a token of gratitude to God for the city's beautiful flora and as a reminder to the people.

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Baguio adjudged most engaged LGU in CMCI Mayor orders no suspension of smoke belching ops

BAGUIO CITY – The local government has been adjudged most engaged Local Government Unit (LGU) during the 2nd Regional Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) awarding ceremonies held at the Hotel Elizabeth here.

The Most Engaged LGU award is part of the Special Awards given to participating LGUs in the CMCI.

Baguio City was also ranked 14 out of 34 in the Highly Urbanized Cities category with a score of 40.53 and ranked 1 out of 2 cities in the Cordillera.

It ranked 21 in Economic Dynamism, 6 in Government Efficiency and 18 in Infrastructure.

The top ten cities in this category are Manila, Makati, Cebu, Quezon City, Davao, Cagayan De Oro, Paranaque, Valenzuela, Caloocan and Ilo-ilo.

The ranking is based on the cities and municipalities competitiveness score based on three pillars Economic Dynamism, Government Efficiency and Infrastructure.

Scores are determined by values of actual data as well as completeness of data submitted to the National Competitiveness Council.

Last year, Baguio City was ranked 15 overall in the Highly Urbanized Cities category with a score of 40.89.

It ranked 21 in Economic Dynamism, 9 in Government Efficiency and 19 in Infrastructure.

For economic Dynamism, the indicators are size and growth of local economy as measured through business registrations, capital, revenue and permits, capacity to generate employment, cost of living, cost of doing business, financial deepening, produc-

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BAGUIO CITY – The influx of tourists in this mountain resort will not hamper the strict implementation of the city's clean air ordinance.

This was revealed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday to ensure that the air quality in the city is maintained.

"We will not suspend the operations of the Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT)," he said.

Domogan said, the RITMT operations will go on especially that the number of vehicles plying the city's street will double due to the influx of visitors.

The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), Traffic Management Unit (TMU) has doubled its personnel to man the different gridlocks in the city.

This is in response to the expected arrival of visitors wanting to take advantage of the long vacation due to the APEC meet.

"We have to implement our laws even if it means a little inconvenience to our motorists," he said.

The chief executive

said this will send a clear message that the health and wellbeing of the public should be prioritized.

"We hope that motorists will comply with the city's clean air ordinance, it is for the welfare of everyone," he said.

Domogan meantime urged the public to file formal complaints with his office in case smoke belching enforcers are disrespectful, extort money or conduct improper roadside tests.

"Motorists or the riding public who may have complaints against our RITMT enforcers may lodge a formal complaint directly to my office so that their concerns may be properly addressed," he said.

"The city government does not tolerate abusive law enforcers, we will make sure that we will investigate them if there are any complaints," he said.

Domogan however called on motorists to be responsible vehicle owners and make sure that their vehicles are well-maintained to contribute to the advocacy for cleaner air and a healthier environment. / Paul Rillorta



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City terminates contract for school building construction

BAGUIO CITY – The city government terminated the services of a contractor undertaking the construction of a three-story school building at the Baguio City national High School-Main after failing to finish the project within the prescribed period.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan rescinded the contract of DWD Construction and Services for the said project after the company failed to complete the project awarded to the firm on Dec. 19, 2012.

The mayor said a notice to proceed was issued on January 8, 2013 to the company to begin the project with a 105-day contract duration.

After failing to finish the building within the prescribed period, the company was given an 86-day grace period to complete the project.

"Despite said extension, (the firm) did not finish the project. A series of inspections has been done and the later inspection conducted on July 27, 2015 showed that (the company has) only 97.32 percent ac-

complishment," the mayor said.

"The contract ended actually in August 2014 which is more than one year from (the present) and (the firm) did not do anything to complete the said project," the mayor said.

The mayor said the slippage has been assessed by the inspection team of the city building and architecture office and on that basis, Division of City Schools and Supt. Francis Cesar Bringas recommended to the mayor the cancellation of the contract after a series of discussions and evaluations./A Refuerzo

Innovations for Panagbenga 2016 pushed

BAGUIO CITY – The 21st edition of the Baguio Flower Festival with the theme, "Bless the Children with Flowers," starts Feb. 1, 2016, featuring innovations befitting Panagbenga's status as a "benchmark" festival.

In a press conference following the Panagbenga 2016 launching last Monday at city hall grounds, Department of Tourism (DOT) Regional Director Venus Marie Tan spoke about the Baguio Flower Festival as a national and even an international "highlight" festival.

She said that the activities, ways and duration of celebrating Panagbenga is emulated in other festivals around the country, thus dubbed as "benchmark" and "highlight" festival.

A campaign is also underway to make Panagbenga a sustainable year-round event; and in support to the preservation of nature; a greening and "re-blooming" through tree-planting, she said.

Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, Inc., (BFF-FI) officer and businessman Freddie Alquiros said Panagbenga supports re-greening the environment with the floats now requiring 50% potted

flowers, as against the whole float made wholly of cutflowers which wilts after a few days. Potted plants could be returned to flourish again cutting the cost for float-makers, he added. The potted plants could also be donated to institutions or those willing to re-plant them.

Another innovation would be the small float category, using smaller vehicles instead of big flatbed trucks, Alquiros said. This allows more participation, as an individual or a group can join the float competition, it was known.

Alquiros went on to say that Baguio schools bands are encouraged to participate in the 2016 Panagbenga; as with an invitation for other out-of-town bands. Their presence would enliven the grand street dancing parade on Feb. 27 which starts at the Panagbenga Park up to the Athletic Bowl; and the float parade, Feb. 28 starting at the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) office up to the Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park.

The Session road in Bloom, usually done within the city's main street, would also now include Juan Luna and Lake Drive, Burnham Park, with more land-

scapers to be invited, Alquiros said. The usual ten participants would be upped to fifteen, Alquiros said.

There are also plans for a childrens' costume competition, it was known.

In a forum, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said there are no restrictions nor boundaries on improvement, particularly on Panagbenga. The biggest room is for improvement, he said. "We are not resting on our laurels, and we intend to bring Panagbenga to a higher notch," he added.

Earlier the mayor pointed out that Panagbenga is celebrated as a thanksgiving for divine blessings; for development and regional cultural identity; sustenance of the tourism industry in the city; and unification of efforts for environmental concerns. Mayor Domogan also emphasized that Panagbenga has survived for twenty years through teamwork and unity, and harmonious public-private partnership.

The main events for Panagbenga 2016 are: Feb. 1, Drum and lyre dance competition, Elementary division, from Panagbenga Park up to Melvin Jones Football grounds, Burnham Park;

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Senator Ferdinand 'Bong Bong' Marcos and Mayor Mauricio Domogan discuss issues during a brief visit by the Senator to the summer Capital Friday./Photo by Paul Rillorta

Lady Pushers arrested in Slaughter buy-bust

BAGUIO CITY – A half a million worth of marijuana was seized by Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Cordillera Administrative Region (PDEA-CAR) in a buy-bust operation, November 19 at Slaughter Compound. This joint operation with the Baguio City Police Office Station 2 led to the arrest of two lady pushers.

Both suspects are from Barangay Luccong, Tinglayan, Kalinga and

presently residing at Barangay Lubas, La Trinidad, Benguet.

They were arrested when they sold to a PDEA poseur-buyer two marijuana bricks weighing more or less 2,000 grams, marijuana stalks weighing more or less 3,000 grams and a bar of marijuana hashish weighing more or less 100 grams. The seized marijuana products have an estimated value of Php580,000.00

Aside from the illegal drugs, seized from the suspects were the buy-bust money and a mobile phone. They are now temporarily detained at the PDEA-CAR detention cell pending the filing of charges for violation of R.A. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Their arrest brings to 12 the number of suspects arrested through buy-bust operations in less than a month according to PDEA-CAR Regional Director Juvenal B. Azurin./PDEA-CAR PIO

Public consultation on facade landscape reset

BAGUIO CITY – The public consultation on plans to integrate facade landscape on buildings at the central business district (CBD) has been reset to December the exact date to be determined, committee chair on Health and Sanitation, Ecology and Environmental Protection Fred Bagbagen announced last Friday.

The proposed ordinance by councilor Elmer Datuin mandates all owners or tenants of buildings along CBD to integrate landscapes, in support to the green development and beautification of the city as a tourist destination.

"The beautification and landscaping of these establishments will promote Baguio as a hom-

age to beautiful flowers," and "does not only create a healthy environment for the occupants, but likewise enhances its aesthetic view," Datuin stated in his proposal.

Landscape refers to planting and maintenance of trees, shrubs, vines flowers or lawn that may include embellishing features such as fountains, art work, screens, walls, fences and benches, the proposal also reads.

The CBD also refers to the junction of Bokawan road, Abanao st. and extension, Yandoc st., Legarda road, Carino st., Otek st., Session road, General Luna, Mabini st., Gov. Pack road, Mag-saysay st., Bonifacio st., and Harrison road.

The proposed landscapes should be well-maintained, free of insects and disease, and watered. Dead or unhealthy plant material shall be replaced within 6 months, and defective landscape features be replaced or repaired within three months, the proposal states.

The gardens should be community-friendly, environmentally-sensitive, and with aesthetically pleasing design. City offices including the City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) are tasked to inspect and monitor buildings in compliance of the ordinance, and submit certification to the Business Permits and Licensing Division for the renewal

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Bulgarian and Romanian parliaments ratified their 'EDCAs'; our Senate can't be an inferior body

Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, the Senate chairman of the foreign relations committee, is right. The "Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement" (EDCA) that President Benigno Aquino 3rd entered into with the United States last year is a treaty, which under our Constitution, categorically requires to be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate.

The overwhelming majority of our senators proved to be independent of President Aquino and patriotic enough to sign a resolution that Sen. Santiago drafted: that the EDCA must be ratified by the Senate. Only Senator Antonio Trillanes 4th opposed it, while Senate President Franklin Drilon and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile abstained. And this megalomaniac wants to be vice president?

The EDCA isn't a novel agreement. It implements the US' new strategy for the global projection of its military power: Less permanent bases, and more "forward operating sites," as Pentagon jargon calls these, which could rapidly be transformed into bases when needed.

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Our EDCA is almost entirely copied from the military treaties the US entered into with two Balkan countries, Romania in 2005 and Bulgaria in 2006. The US had become worried that if conflicts in Eastern and Central Europe erupted, its military would be too far to be quickly and effectively deployed, leaving Russia as the unchallenged superpower in that region.

Unlike our dummy of a President, though, the two countries' prime ministers asked their Parliaments to ratify it right after the treaties were signed. Their Supreme Courts didn't waste their time and energy to rule whether the treaties needed their parliaments' ratification.

The unicameral Bulgarian National Assembly ratified the pact a month after it was signed in April 2006. However, in the case of Romania, its bicameral parliament approved the country's defense agreement 17 months after US State Secretary Condoleezza Rice and her Romanian counterpart signed the pact in December 2005.

Romania and Bulgaria are small countries, having 20 million and 7 million populations, respectively. Will we, with a 100 million population, be so wimpy as not to require our Senators to rule whether EDCA is good or not for our nation?

The EDCA, whether we like or not, is the modern counterpart of the US bases agreement during the Cold War. The difference is that EDCA allows access for the US military to foreign soil, without the hundreds of billions of dollars permanent bases require.

Drawing lessons from its invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, during which its supply lines were dangerously thinly stretched, the Pentagon had developed its new concept of "forward operating sites" (FOS) for wars and low-intensity conflicts in which it may be involved in the future. This was, as one study pointed out, America's new, cost-effective "(military) basing paradigm" in the 21st century

Russia there, China here?

Russia was the obvious "target" for the Bulgarian and Romanian FOS made possible through their EDCAs. Who the target is for the Philippine FOS, which our EDCA will allow, is a no-brainer: China. Our EDCA, therefore, would be another factor besides the case we filed against it involving its South China Sea territorial claims, which could worsen our relationship with our second biggest trading partner (2013 and 2014 data).

Informally dubbed 'lily pads,' the FOS would allow rotational or periodic access for training purposes (for the US military), while also providing readily 'expandable' facilities with pre-positioned equipment, a study of the European Center for Security Studies explained. [Moldovan, D. et. al. "Joint Task Force East and Shared Military Basing in Romania and Bulgaria," Occasional Paper Series, George C. Marshall Center For Security Studies 2009.]

With EDCA, the US will be making the Philippines its FOS laboratory in East Asia, using the Bulgarian and Romanian experiences as its template.

I hope the Supreme Court didn't go along with Aquino's argument that EDCA is merely part of the Visiting Forces Agreement. That argument is absurd.

The VFA merely provides the legal framework (visa requirements, tax-free status of US forces' imports, and, mainly, jurisdiction over US personnel committing crimes) for US armed forces personnel participating in joint military exercises with the Philippine military in our territory.

This is so different from the new pact's main provisions, which will convert parts of our military bases into American military forward operating sites for pre-positioning its war material.

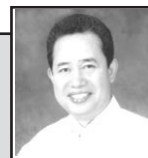
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Why are Poe and Chiz leading in surveys?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:6, the Holy Bible).

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WHY ARE POE AND CHIZ LEADING IN SURVEYS? Why is Sen. Grace Poe continuing to surge and lead in surveys among the present crop of presidential aspirants in the 2016 elections? And why is Sen. Francis Escudero also showing good in the same surveys among vice presidential candidates? What is it that they have that other candidates don't have?

If the present trend continues, and if surveys would prove to be a truthful gauge of how Filipinos will vote in the 2016 elections and no major hitch prevents Poe and Escudero from pursuing their candidacies, then it is going to be a President Poe and a Vice President Escudero next year.

Yet, it really is still a long way to go to 2016. Some two or three years before, Vice President Jejomar Binay lorded it over among those who were considered to win the presidency in 2016, and many believed then that he was already a sure winner in next year's polls. Until the Senate investigated him, and trumpeted his supposed corruption and plunder of Makati City.

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SPIRITUALITY, AND CANDIDATES' RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD: As part of our voters' education campaign in this column, we shall continue to write about standards that Filipinos can use to choose who to vote for in the upcoming elections. It is my fervent prayer that what we are writing here insofar as electing the candidates that will really work for the best interests of the Filipino nation and the country as a whole will find their mark in the hearts of every voter.

I believe that the time has come to choose our candidates well, by looking at their track record over just one particular issue---the issue of spirituality, or their relationship with God, and how well they have listened to, and obeyed, God's commands written in the Bible.

If the candidate has a healthy dose of spirituality and is a known follower of God's commands---doing them, not simply mouthing them---then he can be a good official likewise. The first guideline therefore is: we must elect a candidate in whom the Spirit of God dwells.

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GUIDELINES IN VOTING FOR A CANDIDATE: It is only the candidate in whom the Spirit of God dwells who has the fear and love of God that will allow him to discharge his duties and responsibilities as an elected official according to God's commands, and who will be restrained from stealing and abusing.

The second guideline is: we must elect candidates who are able and knowledgeable elect candidates who are willing to be the slaves---literally and figuratively---of the people and their constituents. Too many candidates have acted like kings and queens of the people they have sworn to serve, so that they have upheld only their own personal and political interests once they got elected.

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>Grace Poe, Binay, at Miriam
>ISIS, Al-Qaeda at Abu Sayyaf

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



ISIS, Al-Qaeda at Abu Sayyaf - Mukhang nag-kakagulo na sa buong mundo dala ng mga radikal na Islamic terrorists. Sa atin mayroon na rin mga sleeper cells ng Isis at Al-Qaeda at kasama nila ang Abu Sayyaf. Marahil ay panahon na lang ang inaan-tay bago dumating sa Metro Manila ang mga gulo na ito sapagkat sinabi rin ng pamumuno ng Isis na dala ng kanilang pag-establish ng isang caliphate ay kailangan na masakop nila ang lahat ng lugar na hindi sumusunod sa mga patakaran ng Islam at Shariah Law at lalo na ngayon na mukhang malabong makalusot at BBL ni Penoy at Aqbal.

Kaya nga baka mag-convert na rin ako sa Islam at maging isang Muslim na rin ako. Ano say ninyo mga dear readers? Mag-convert na kaya tayo? Puwede pa ba ako mag-convert Atty. Bomogao?

Kung sabagay, sa Islam ay pinapayagan ang lalake na makapag-asawa nang hanggang lima. Para sa akin ok ang maraming asawa, ang problema ko lang ay hindi kaya ng bulsa ko mag-sustento ng limang asawa. Hi!Hi! Hi! Hindi naman ako katulad ni pareng Bombito na kayang-kaya ang limang asawa. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Ngunit sa isang seryosong usapin, nung ako ay tinanong (at nai-sulat ko na rin ito sa nakaraan kong kolum) kung ano ang aking opinyon para magkaruon ng kapayapaan at katahimikan hinggil sa kasalukuyang problema sa Mindanao, ang sagot ko ay ibalik ang Mindanao sa mga Muslim at lahat ng Muslim sa Luzon at Visayas ay pupunta na sa Mindanao at lahat ng hindi Muslim ay aalis sa Mindanao at pupunta na lang sa Luzon o Visayas. Ito lang ang malinaw at siguradong solusyon na siguradong magbibigay ng permanenteng katahimikan. Tuta, hindi naman natin mapagkakaila na historically, nauna ang mga Muslim sa Mindanao. Ano say ninyo mga dear readers? Dapat magkaroon ng movement na ibalik ang Mindanao sa mga Muslim basta't ang kondisyon ay aalis din ang mga Muslim sa Luzon at Visayas!!!

Grace Poe, Binay, at Miriam- Malinaw sa kasalukuyang mga surveys na nangunguna si Grace Poe, pumapangalawa naman si Nognog este Binay, at pangatlo si Miriam. Asan na kaya si Mar, bakit hindi lumalabas sa mga surveys?

Ang tanong ngayon ay kapag sumama sa karera si Du3, siguradong si Poe at Du30 ang maglalaban kaya ang mananalo ay kung hindi si Nognog, si Brenda este Miriam.

Ayon sa nabasa ko na isang pagaaral ng isang tanyag na political analyst, ang klase ng mga bobotante este botante ni Poe at Du30 ay magkapareha, at iba rin ang kay Miriam, at iba rin para kay Nognog este Binay. Ayon din sa political analyst na gumawa ng pag-aaral, dahil sa eksena na ito, magiging isang minority votes president ang susunod na pangulo katulad ng nangyari nung kapanahunan ni FVR. Dahil dito ay posible na makalusot si Mar Roxas. NNNGGGGEEKKKKK!! Patay na naman ang sam-bayanang Pilipino sa another six (6) year of daang matuwad ng ka-ipokritohan.

Kailangan siguro ay magtayo ng isang samahan o movement na anti-Roxas or kung tawagin ay Vote Kahit Sino Huwag Lang Tuta Ni Penoy. Pasensya na secretary teka-teka at ganyan talaga ang nang-yayari sa mga taong mahilig sa teka-teka at nag bubulag-bulagan sa mga karumal-dumal na DAP at PDAF!!!

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Our Constitution is even more categorical than the Bulgarian and Romanian Constitutions, because of the strong anti-American sentiment among the framers of the Constitution, partly because the US, concerned about its bases, had propped up the Marcos dictatorship.

Section 25, Article XVIII of our Constitution says: "Foreign military bases, troops, or facilities shall not be allowed in the Philippines except under a treaty duly concurred in by the Senate and, when the Congress so requires, ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the people in a national referendum held for that purpose, and recognized as a treaty by the other contracting State."

Categorical provisions

I can't see how this government can stretch logic and language that it could skirt such very categorical provisions of the Constitution. How can it claim that US military structures built to house American pre-positioned war materiel aren't "foreign military facilities," or that the American troops manning them aren't "foreign military troops" on Philippine soil?

If you read the two Balkan treaties and then the recently signed EDCA, you'd strongly suspect that the Americans simply pulled out of their computer files the Bulgarian and Romanian treaties, and simply inserted the word "Philippines" into the relevant portions.

They were rushing at the time. Aquino approved the pact on April 28, 2014 as the government was secretly told that without the EDCA, "there was no point for US President Obama to visit the Philippines."

Aquino was desperate at that time. By then, Obama had visited Indonesia (twice), Thailand, Cambodia, and Burma—countries with which the US doesn't even have any of that "special relationship" the Philippines is proud of. The window was fast closing: it was already 2014 and the US President hadn't visited the Philippines under Aquino's term.

Worse, Obama was scheduled to visit Japan, South Korea, and Malaysia during that month. It would certainly appear that the head of the most powerful nation on earth snubbed the Philippines if Obama didn't visit the country in that Asian tour. And he could have done that for the flimsiest of reasons, if the EDCA wasn't signed.

So Aquino ordered it signed, telling the US to go ahead, implement it, no need for a Senate concurrence. Two former senators who, 24 years ago, fought for the removal of US military bases from the

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mahistrado, hindi po pwedeng magkaroon ng mas malawak at malaking karapatan ang isang pulot o dampot na bata kumpara sa batang kilala ang kanilang magulang pagdating sa citizenship," Escudero said, referring to Carpio.

During the Sept. 21 SET oral arguments on the petition to unseat Poe from the Senate, Carpio opined that the lady senator, being a foundling, is a naturalized citizen.

Under the 1987 Constitution, only natural-born Filipino citizens are qualified to run for president, vice-president, senator and congressman.

But Escudero insisted that Poe is a natural-born Filipino citizen, saying that under the 1987 Charter and international and domestic laws, a foundling found in the Philippines is presumed to have Filipino biological parents.

To say that a foundling like Poe cannot be a citizen of the Philippines is a violation of an individual's basic and alienable human right to bear a nationality from birth, he added.

Escudero said he expects Carpio, De Castro and Brion to inhibit themselves from deliberation should the SET verdict dismissing the disqualification case is challenged before the SC.

He said it would be a violation of Poe's right to due process if the three magistrates will be allowed to participate in the appeal of the SET decision before the high court.

"If we look at the procedure, precedents and common practice, the three justices cannot participate in the appeal of the SET decision because they can't review their own decision," Escudero pointed out.

"Delicadeza also dictates that the concerned justices inhibit themselves in the event the disqualification case is brought before the SC for final determination," he added.

On Nov. 17, the SET voted 5-4 to junk the disqualification case filed by defeated senatorial candidate Rizalito David and upheld the natural-born status of Poe, who is seeking the presidency in the May 2016 elections.

Senators Bam Aquino, Pia Cayetano, Loren Legarda, Tito Sotto and Cynthia Villar voted in favor of Poe.

Those who favored David's petition were the three SC justices and Sen. Nancy Binay, daughter of one of Poe's rivals in the presidential race, Vice President Jejomar Binay. chizescudero.com; FB: [senchizescudero](https://www.facebook.com/senchizescudero); Twitter: [@saychiz](https://twitter.com/saychiz) / [@chiznewsalert](https://twitter.com/chiznewsalert)

Philippines asked the High Court to strike it down.

There is a very important difference in the Philippines' military pact with the US compared with those of Romania and Bulgaria.

The treaties of the two Balkan countries specify that only 2,500 US military personnel may be deployed in each of their countries at any time. In case of an overlap of two deployments, a maximum of 5,000 US troops may stay in their countries, but only for three months.

In our case, there is no such limit to how many US troops the treaty allows to be deployed in "agreed locations" in our military camps.

They could even deploy a US Special Forces division of 25,000 troops—which could certainly be accommodated in their former bases in Clark and Subic—and Aquino's treaty would allow that.

What a political manservant to Aquino our Senate president Franklin Drilon has become when he said last year: "The Senate cannot compel Malacañang to submit the EDCA for ratification." / tiglaomanilatimes@gmail.com; www.rigobertotiglaogmail.com

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colorful Christmas costumes.

This will be followed by the Silahis ng Pasko grand opening program and ceremonies at 9 a.m. at the Melvin Jones grandstand to be graced by Domogan and Rep. Nicasio Alipin Jr.

At 2 p.m. the Miss and Mr. Little Silahis ng Pasko 2014 will be staged at the Malcolm

Square featuring the awards ceremonies, children's "kultura-o-rama," and dancefest.

The launching program proper is expected to begin at 3 p.m. at the giant Christmas Tree site at Session Road.

Among the activities lined up are:

Dec. 5 - Share-A-Joy Baguio and Palaro Raffle for Gift Items, 9

a.m., Camp John Hay Bell Amphitheater;

Dec. 6 - PMA Cadets Day at the Park Silent Drill Exhibition, 10 a.m. Burnham Park and the PMA Band Concert Christmas Village launching program and concert, 2:30 p.m. Malcolm Square; Christmas Village launching program and concert, 3 p.m. at the Rose Garden;

Dec. 5-6 - Quest for the Baguio Lucky Christmas Family;

Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception Day Holy Mass, 9a.m. at the Shrine of the Brown Madonna Km 7 Asin Road, Sitio Pacac, Tadiangnan, Tuba, Benguet;

Dec. 11 - UP Pasiklaban, Torach Parade and Oblation Run, 5:30 p.m. UP Baguio;

Dec. 12 - Special Day for Special People, 6:30

a.m. Malcolm Square; Children's Palaro, 8:30 a.m. Malcolm Square;

Dec. 14 - Kafagway Sportsfest, 8 a.m. Baguio City National High School dancing and singing Christmas Tree 2 p.m., Malcolm Square;

Dec. 15-16 - Christmas Cantata, 6p.m. University of Baguio;

Dec. 16-24 - Misa De Gallo, 5 a.m. Baguio Convention Center and various churches;

Dec. 25 - Quest for Baguio Lucky Christmas Baby and Santa Claus on the Road;

Dec. 27 - Baguio Lucky Balikbayan and CAR Sportsmen Day (Baguio Pinikpikan Festival);

Jan. 1—Quest for Lucky New Year Baby;

Jan. 24 - 29th Annual Kafagway Sports Award Program./A Refuerzo

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Feb 1 to March 6, Baguio Blooms Exhibition and Exposition, Lake Drive, Burnham Park; Feb. 14, Handog ng Panagbenga Sa Pamilya Baguio at the Melvin Jones Grandstand and Football grounds. This activity features the painting event: Let A Thousand Flowers Bloom; Family-oriented Kite-Flying Challenge; Variety Show; and Fireworks display in the evening.

On Feb. 19 to 21, Philippine Military Academy Alumni Homecoming; Feb. 15 to 17, judging of the School-based landscape competition in city schools; Feb. 19, judging of the floral arrangement contest at the Baguio City National High School, the judging for the Barangay clean and green landscaping competition shall be announced at a later date.

Simultaneous with the streetdancing and float parades on Feb. 27-28 are Sponsors' and Exhibitors' Day at the Athletic Bowl; Feb. 29 to March 6, Session road in Bloom; March 5 is Pony Boys' Day at Wright Park; closing ceremonies and grand fireworks display happens on March 6, mainly at the Athletic Bowl. Other venues are prepared for fireworks display./Julie G. Fianza

Lawmaker wants accounting...

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the government's expenses for the APEC and the arrangements made with private sector partners when budget hearings resume.

"Halimbawa, gusto kong malaman kung yung mga BMWs ba or Mercedes Benz at Hi-Ace, tayo ba ang gumastos dun? Dinonate ba yun ng mga kumpanya o binenta bang segunda-manong mas mura? O magkano ba ang binigay natin sa kanila para gawin yun?" Escudero asked.

Toyota Motor Philippines pledged to provide 483 vehicles—Altis, Fortuner and Hiace—with drivers for the APEC Senior Officials' Meetings, private sector-related meetings, and the CEO Summit. BMW provided more than 200 units of BMW 7 Series Long-Wheelbase Sedan, BMW 5 Series Sedan and Gran Turismo to be used by the ministers and heads of states during the Economic Leaders' Meeting on Nov. 18 and 19. Mercedes Benz is also an APEC mobility partner.

"Let's review what has been done, what was spent, and see the cost-benefit, if it's worth it," Escudero said at a roundtable discussion where he was asked if he thinks the benefits to be gained from hosting the trade summit was worth it.

"After the fact, that's when we will see where the P10 billion went," he said. "I think the government might have spent more than P10 billion but this was not all charged to the APEC expenditure."

Escudero said there have been allocations for the APEC in the years prior to 2015, most of which went to building and fixing infrastructure in Iloilo, where meetings and dialogues between APEC member economies have been held since July.

"Bubusisiin namin kung sapat ba o hindi, kung sobra ba yung P10 billion. The answers will come after the APEC," he said.

The senator said it would be hard to assess whether the resources spent by the Philippine government for the APEC summit would translate to economic gains. What's obvious now is that the event is a "huge encumbrance" on ordinary Filipinos who have had to suffer through even more monstrous traffic caused by closed roads. Flights were also canceled.

Despite the inconvenience, Escudero said the Philippine government was right in not turning down the opportunity to be this year's host.

"Dapat maintindihan ng lahat na hindi tayo nag-volunteer mag-host. Rotation ito at dumating yung turn natin sa taong ito. Hindi naman siguro dapat i-turn down ng bansa iyon," he said.

"In any case, we should already start planning for the hosting of the next APEC meetings 18 years ahead of time in order to avoid the hassles and inconveniences that this one has caused," the senator added./chizescudero.com; FB: senchizescudero; Twitter: @saychiz @chiznewsalert

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of business permit.

Proposed penalties for offending parties are reprimand with warning letter for first offense, fine of P5,000 for second offense, and P5,000 fine and imprisonment to be determined for the third offense.

According to Councilor Bagbagen, businessmen have broached approval to the proposed ordinance but with need for technical support. City Planning and De-

velopment Officer Engr. Evelyn Cayat however said the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) offered technical advice for the project. Other queries which may be addressed during the public consultation.

Concerned individuals and parties may get in touch with Councilor Bagbagen's office, second floor, city hall, tel. no. (074) 442-54-92. /Julie G. Fianza

Baguio adjudged most...

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tivity and presence of business and professional organizations.

For Government Efficiency, the indicators are transparency score in Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS), economic governance score in LGPMS, ratio of LGU-collected tax to LGU revenues, LGU competition-related awards, business registration efficiency, investment promotion, compliance to national directives for LGU's, security, health and Education.

For Infrastructure,

the indicators delve on existing road networks, distance from city center to existing major ports, DOT-accredited accommodations, health infrastructure, education infrastructure, availability of basic utilities, annual investments in infrastructure, connection to ICT, number of ATMs and number of public transportation vehicles.

The 2nd Regional Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness ceremony was attended to by the different key officials from the provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet,

ple of their obligation to care for these riches.

He said the theme also captures the city's thrust to stress the importance of families where children are nurtured and the first lessons on loving nature are instilled.

BFFI co-chairman Federico Alquiros affirmed that the theme aims to revisit the "basics" of the Panagbenga which are the children who along with the flowers have been the main attractions of the event.

But he explained that the word "children" in the theme does not only refer to the young ones but to all people, young and old.

"Because all of us are children of God and Panagbenga is meant for enjoyment of all people," he said.

Tourism regional director Marie Venus Tan said they have proposed

Kalinga, Mt. Province, Ifugao and the cities of Tabuk and Baguio.

The Regional Competitiveness Committee (RCC) is chaired by DTI-CAR Regional Director Myrna Pablo and Vice-chaired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan with members from the government sector, from the private sector or representatives from the local business clubs or

small changes in the festival aligned with the Panagbenga theme and with the Dept. of Tourism (DOT)'s urban rehabilitation tourism campaign to bring back the old bloom-filled Baguio.

One of these is the use of potted flowering plants instead of pure cut flowers in the competitions. She said these potted plants can be donated and distributed to schools and the children after the contests to encourage them to care for the plants and nature in general.

The BFFI also launched a new logo for the 2016 festival reflecting the same message as the theme.

Alquiros promised that more activities involving children will be injected in next year's festival in keeping with the new theme and logo. /A Refuerzo

chamber of commerce and from the academe.

Currently, there are 17 Regional Competitiveness Committees across the country working closely with the National Competitiveness Council to execute activities aimed at promoting reforms and growth at the regional level to make the country globally competitive./Paul Rillorta

FEATURE

Duterte: Option to run as president 'already open'

DAVAO CITY, Philippines – Mayor Rodrigo Duterte declared Thursday night, November 19, “the option [for him] to run as president is already open.”

In a press conference after he attended the city-wide youth congress in the afternoon, Duterte – who has been giving mixed signals about his plans for 2016 – said he is terribly disgusted and disappointed by recent developments in the country.

“First, let us just say, I am terribly disappointed. Second, I cannot accept Grace Poe as a legitimate candidate for president because I agree with the justices of the SC (Supreme Court) that this is a legal issue and not a political issue. Third, the option for me to run for president is already open,” he stressed.

When pressed by reporters to clarify what he meant, Duterte reiterated, “The option is already open to me because I am terribly disappointed.”

He added, he cannot accept Poe as his president. “This is not about politics. But this is a constitutional issue, a legal issue, I cannot accept an American president.” On November 17, the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET) voted 5-4 denying the petition to disqualify Poe from the 2013 senatorial elections. It was filed on the premise she is not a natural-born Filipino.

The decision is expected to have a bear-

ing on some of the cases filed separately against her seeking her disqualification from the 2016 presidential race. It lifts one of the major obstacles to her presidential candidacy.

Poe was the front runner in the September 2015 survey of Pulse Asia, obtaining a rating of 26%. Another survey conducted by Laylo Research Strategies from September 21 to October 1, showed that in a 3-way presidential race without Duterte, Poe would win with 47% of respondents saying they would vote for her. That survey was done before

Referring to the SET decision favoring Senator Grace Poe, the Davao City mayor says, ‘This is not about politics. But this is a constitutional issue, a legal issue, I cannot accept an American president’

Duterte announced on October 12 he was not running.

A month later, a visibly irritated Duterte faced the media and said, “Stop fucking the Filipino people. Even people who are at the airport are victimized by laglag-bala (planted bullets), the drugs problem. And the government does not have a concrete program for these. They are in power, they are receiving salaries, and yet they are not doing what is necessary for governance. As I said, stop fucking the Filipino people.”

Listening tour

The airport incidents, according to Duterte, in-

dicate how government works, while the tax exemptions and other pronouncements by the administration are cosmetic solutions to a serious problem besetting the country.

“The drugs problem, the criminalities, the corruption – if they cannot stop it and if nobody fixes the government, I will do it for free for the Filipino people,” Duterte said.

When asked how he could stop these problems, Duterte countered with a question: “Will you sell your votes?”

When a radio reporter answered, “No, Mayor,” Duterte said, “Then, I will give it to you for free.”

People close to Duterte revealed that the

tough-talking mayor is scheduled to continue his listening tour in other parts of the country in the next few days.

Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte, the eldest son of Duterte, earlier revealed that the Duterte siblings, including the Mayor’s ex-wife Elizabeth, will support his political decision.

“Whatever it is, we support him 100%,” he said./ Editha Z. Caduaya (rappler.com)

YOUTH CONGRESS.

Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte addresses the youth at the Almen-dras Gym on November 19./Photo by Editha Caduaya (Rappler)



BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT

“@40 and beyond, soaring high with our commitment to serve”

INVITATION TO BID

The Baguio Water District is inviting a prospective bidders to bid for the following unserviceable items which shall be sold through **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **December 4, 2015** at 2:00 pm at BWD Property Office, BWD Compound, Marcoville Barangay, Baguio City:

ITEM 1/GROUP A – VEHICLES/MOTORCYCLES/AIR COMPRESSORS:

QUANTITY/unit	PARTICULARS	Minimum Bid Price
One lot	Mitsubishi L300, SEF 170, Mazda Anfra SEF 166 and Motorstar Motorcycle SL 5116	71,597.00
1 unit	Air compressor, Airman, Isuzu C240 engine AC 377-001-01 (1993)	263,038.31
1 unit	Air compressor, Airman, Isuzu C240 engine AC 377-001-02 (1996)	345,207.83
1 unit	Air compressor, Airman, Isuzu C240 engine AC 377-001-03 (1996)	453,240.90

ITEM 2/GROUP B- TIRES/BATTERIES/PRINTER:

Item No.	PARTICULARS	QTY	Minimum Bid Price
Lot 1	Various junk tires, assorted sizes	one lot	1,745.00
Lot 2	HP Laserjet printer model 8150	1 unit	18,523.00
Lot 3	Junk vehicle/motorcycle batteries	one lot	31,950.00

ITEM 3/GROUP C- FITINGS, TOOLS, VEHICLE PARTS, OFFICE SUPPLIES, ETC.:

Quantity	Item	Minimum Bid Price
Per kilo-one lot	Various junk vehicle parts, computer parts, office supplies/equipment, fire hydrants, fittings, tools, pumps, motors and electrical parts, communication and chlorination appurtenances	Iron - P 5.00/kilo Brass - P 100.00/kilo Aluminum - P 35.00/kilo Hard plastic - P 12.00/kilo

CONDITIONS:

- Interested bidders may secure the prescribed bid form from Mr. Marcos Laman-gan of the Property Section, BWD office, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00 (Five Hundred Pesos).
- Schedule of bidding:
Issuance of Bid Documents/Inspection of items :November 16-December 3, 2015
Deadline of submission and opening of bids :December 4, 2015, 2:00 pm
- The aforementioned properties are available for inspection at anytime during office hours from November 16 to December 3, 2015 at the BWD Property Office, BWD Compound, Marcoville Barangay, Baguio City
- Submit two (2) sealed envelopes. **ENVELOPE A** shall contain a **BIDDER'S bond in CASH, CASHIER'S OR MANAGER'S CHECK** in the amount equivalent to at least 10% of the total bid price payable to BWD. **ENVELOPE B** shall contain the bid price using the standard bid form.
- Sale of Item 1/Group A shall be on an AS-IS-WHERE-IS Basis; Item 2/Group B on a PER LOT BASIS and Item 3/Group C on a PER KILO BASIS AS ONE LOT.
- Award shall be given to the highest and responsive complying bid.
- The bidder's bond shall be forfeited in favor of BWD on the following grounds:
 - In case of unjustifiable refusal of the winning bidder to accept the award within five (5) days from the issuance of the Notice of Award.
 - The winning bidder refuses to withdraw the items within thirty (30) days after payment.
- The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the District. The District assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

BWD Disposal Committee



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OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
La Trinidad,
Benguet

P L A N T E R S
DEVELOPMENT
BANK,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

QUECH PROPER-
TIES CORPORA-
TION AND BODY
NEEDS & BASICS,
INC.,

Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO.
15-ExF-1863

FOR:

EXTRAJUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED.

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SHERIFF'S
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage, under Act 3135, as amended filed by PLANTERS DEVELOPMENT BANK, with principal business address at No. 314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, herein referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the obligation of QUECH PROPERTIES CORPORATION AND BODY NEEDS & BASICS, INC., with principal place of business at No. 5/F Jade Centre, 105 Shaw Blvd., Oranbo, Pasig City, herein referred to as the MORTGAGORS, in real estate mortgage duly executed on 09 August 2012.

That as of 30 JULY 2015, the above-named mortgagors, QUECH PROPERTIES CORPORATION AND BODY NEEDS & BASICS, INC., indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of TWENTY ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY PESOS AND SEVENTY FIVE CENTAVOS (Php 21,437,730.75), Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties, attorney's fee, other charges, and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 02 DECEMBER 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Benguet Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements, erected thereon to the following described property to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. T-53652
REGISTRY OF
DEED PROVINCE
OF BENGUET

"A parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk. 2, Pcs-131113-000452, being a portion of consolidated lots of Lots 1, to 7 (LRC) Pcs-74436, Psu-107815, Psu-107816, Psu-132820, & Lot 3, Psu-1-000341), situated at Brgy. Ampasit, Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the S., along lines 1-2-3-4 by Road Lot 1; on the W. & N., along line 4-5-6-7-8 Block 3 (Fairways); on the E., along line 8-1 by Lot 2, Blk. 2, all of Pcs-131113-000452. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being No. 46 deg., 29'W., 1095.67 m from BLMM No.

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SHERIFF
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IMEE B. TELIAO,
Mortgagee,

-versus-
DELEN OLSINO ORLANI, NARIEL OLSINO ORLANI, NOELA OLSINO, & NEONORA OLSINO ORLANI,
Mortgagors.

x-----x

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO.
15-ExF-1868

FOR:
EXTRAJUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE UN-

1 Tuba, Benguet x x x x x Containing an area of SIX HUNDRED FORTY (640) SQUARE METERS more or less x x x x x Registered in the name of BODY NEEDS & BASICS, INC.

All sealed bids be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated place date and time.

Prospective bidder/buyers may investigate the title of property herein above-described and the encumbrances thereof, if any.

Let therefore, a copy of this Sheriff's Notice of Public Auction Sale be published at the THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER, a news paper of general circulation. Likewise, let a copy of the same posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin board of the Municipal Hall, and Post Office of Tuba, Benguet, Office of the Clerk of Court and the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at

DER ACT 3135, AS
AMENDED.

SHERIFF'S NO-
TICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage, under Act 3135, as amended filed by IMEE B. TELIAO, with residential and postal address at No. JE-120 Shamolog, Central Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the obligation of DELEN OLSINO ORLANI, (widow), NARIEL OLSINO ORLANI, NOELA OLSINO ORLANI and NEONORA OLSINO ORLANI, (all single), with residential and postal address at No. MB-139 Puguig, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein referred to as the MORTGAGORS,

La Trinidad, Benguet. In the event of public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on 21 DECEMBER 2015 at the same place and time without need of further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 06th day of NOVEMBER 2015.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

By:

(SGD) JOSELITO F.
SALES
Sheriff IV
CP NO. 0947-600-
1740
(074) 424-7200

cc: PLANTERS
DEVELOPMENT
BANK
QUECH PRO-
PERTIES CORPO-
RATION & BODY
NEEDS & BASICS,
INC.

Newspaper: THE
J U N C T I O N
NEWSPAPER
Dates of Publica-
tion: 07, 14 and 21
NOVEMBER 2015

in real estate mort-
gage duly executed on
24 April 2014.

That as of 05 November 2015, the above-named mortgagors, DELEN OLSINO ORLANI, NARIEL OLSINO ORLANI, NOELA OLSINO ORLANI and NEONORA OLSINO ORLANI, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php 400,000.00), Philippine Currency, representing the principal obligation, exclusive of the accrued interest and penalties, attorney's fee, and other necessary and incidental expenses incurred in the foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 08 DECEMBER 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Benguet Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged real property including all improvements, erected thereon to the following described property to wit:

TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE

OF TITLE NO.
016-2013000577
REGISTRY OF
DEED PROVINCE
OF BENGUET TAX
DECLARATION
NO. 2010-03-13-
00263

"A parcel of le- and (Lot 2-B-1-B-2, PSD-CAR-011258, being a portion of Lot 2-B-1-B, Psd-CAR-008048, situated at rurban code 131110, Brgy. Puguig, Municipality of La Trinidad Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along lines 1-2 by Lot 2-C, Psd-131110-006252; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Lot 2-B-1-B-4 (Alley-1.00 - 3.00 m. wide); on the SW., along line 3-4 Lot 2-B-1-B-1 both Subd. Plan; on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 3, Psu-1-152979 (Tomas Nabus and William Bernard et al.). Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan being N. 89 deg., 48'W., 1745.48 m from Triangulation station "SOUTH-BASE" La Trinidad, Benguet x x x x x Containing and area of ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS more or less x x x x x Registered in the name of DELEN OLSINO ORLANI, NARIEL OLSINO ORLANI, NOELA OLSINO ORLANI

and NEONORA OLSINO ORLANI.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned a on the above stated place, date, and time.

Prospective bidder/buyers may investigate the title of the property herein above-described and the encumbrances thereof; if any.

Let therefore, a copy of this Sheriff's Notice of Public Auction Sale be published at the THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of general circulation. Likewise, let a copy of the same posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin board of the Municipal Hall, and Post Office of La Trinidad, Benguet, Office of the Clerk of Court and the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on 05 JANUARY 2016 at the same place and time without need of further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 09th day of NOVEMBER 2015.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

By:
(SGD) JOSELITO F.
SALES
Sheriff IV
CP NO. 0947-600-
1740
(074) 424-7200

cc: IMEE B. TELIAO
DELEN OLSINO ORLANI, NARIEL OLSINO ORLANI, NOELA OLSINO ORLANI AND NEONORA OLSINO ORLANI.

Publication Dates:
November 14, 21, and
28, 2015

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of **ALICIA C. CACHERO** who died on February 28, 2005 in Baguio City was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on October 1, 2015 as evidenced by Doc. No. 49; Page No. 104; Book No. III; Series of 2015 of the Notary Public **Romeo D. Lopez**.
Publication Dates: Nov. 7, 14, and 21, 2015

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BRANCH 59
Baguio City

(Additional Family
Court of Baguio)

IN THE MATTER
OF THE CAN-
CELLATION OF
ENTRY OF MAR-
RIAGE OF DUPIR
V. OPINIANO a.k.a
MARLON DUPIR
MIGHTIEST AND
ARMY R. TUBI-
JE-OPINIANO

DUPIR V. OPINIA-
NO a.k.a MARLON
DUPIR MIGHTI-
EST,

Petitioner;
-versus-

ARMY R. TUBI-
JE-OPINIANO,
THE CITY CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,
AND THE NATIONAL
STATISTICS OFFICE,

Respondents.

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SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO.
2480-R

ORDER

A verified petition
filed by the petition-
er, through counsel,
alleged among others that:

"1. Petitioner is
of legal age, Former
Filipino Citizen but
now an American citi-
zen, with residence
and postal address at
No. 11 Jasmine Road
across Villa Rivera
Street, San Luis Vil-
lage, Baguio City.

"2. Respondent is
likewise of legal age,
Filipino citizen, with
residence and postal
address at #50 Poblacion
Centro, Rizal,
Nueva Ecija where
she may be served
with summons and
other processes of this
Honorable Court;

"3. Petitioner and
Respondent were

married on April 8,
1990 at Baguio City
before Rev. Romulo
D. Lagmay, Sr. A copy
of their Certificate of
Marriage is hereto at-
tached as Annex "A"
and made an integral
part hereof;

"4. The parties
have two children
namely, KUUZU-
ELA TARAMIS T.
OPINIANO who
was born on August
4, 1992 and RICH-
ARD MAKZEL T.
OPINIANO who was
born on March 8,
1994.

"5. Sometime in the
year 1997, Petitioner
left the Philippines
and went to United
States of America as
an immigrant;

"6. On July 6, 2000,
the Parties were able
to obtain a divorce
decree from the Supe-
rior Court of Califor-
nia a copy of the Final
Order of Divorce is
hereto attached and
made integral part
hereof as Annex "B";

"7. The divorce de-
cree obtained by the
Parties was obtained
validly in Califor-
nia, U.S.A. and the
said divorce decree
dissolved the mar-
riage of the Parties,
enabling them to re-
marry;

"8. While in the
United States, Peti-
tioner filed a Peti-
tion to the Superior
Court in San Jose,
California to change
his name from DUP-
IR V. OPINIANO to
MARLON DUPIR
MIGHTIEST which
was subsequently
granted.

"9. During their
conjugal union, the
parties have acquired
no properties; a copy
of the Certificate
proving the same is
hereto attached as
Annex "C" and made
an integral part here-
of;

"10. This con-
troversy is not a
valid subject of
compromise under
Article 151 of the
Family Code, hence,
the same was not re-
ferred to the Lupong
Tagapamayapa pur-
suant to the provision
of the Local Govern-
ment Code."

On the basis of the
foregoing, petitioner
pray of this Honorable
Court that after
due notice and hear-
ing, judgment be ren-
dered by:

"1. Confirming
and recognizing the
Foreign Judgment
and Decree of Disso-
lution of Marriage
secured by petitioner
Dupir V. Opiniano
a.k.a Marlon Dupir
Mightiest against
respondent Armi T.
Opiniano on July 6,
2000 at the Superior
Court of California,
U.S.A dissolving their
marriage solemnized
on April 8, 1990 at
Baguio City before
Rev. Romulo D. Lag-
may;

"2. Ordering the
Office of the Civil
Registrar of Baguio
City, to cancel the
entry of marriage
in the Civil Register
or the Certificate of
Marriage of DUPIR
V. OPINIANO a.k.a
MARLON DUPIR
MIGHTIEST AND
ARMY R. TUBI-
JE-OPINIANO;

"3. Ordering the
National Statistics
Office (NSO) to can-
cel the entry of mar-
riage in the Civil
Register or the Cer-
tificate of Marriage of
DUPIR V. OPINIA-
NO a.k.a MARLON
DUPIR MIGHTIEST
AND ARMY R. TUBI-
JE-OPINIANO;

"4. Declaring Pe-
titioner DUPIR V.
OPINIANO a.k.a
MARLON DUPIR
MIGHTIEST capac-
itated to remarry in
the Philippines under
the Family Code of
the Philippines."

Finding the peti-
tion to be sufficient in
form and substance,
let the same be heard
before the Regional
Trial Court, Branch
59, Baguio City on
December 14, 2015
at 10:15 o'clock in
the morning at which
place, date and time,
the petitioners shall
prove their case. Any
person interested
may appear and show
cause, if any there
be, why the petition
should not be grant-
ed.

Let a copy of this

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
First Judicial
Region
OFFICE OF
THE CLERK OF
COURT & EX-OF-
FICIO SHERIFF
Baguio City

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (Pag-IBIG
Fund),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES DENNIS
E. DIMAGUILA
and PAMELA Z.
DIMAGUILA,

Mortgagor.

x-----x

FORECLOSURE
CASE No. 15-616-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ES-
TATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NO- TICE OF AUC- TION SALE

Upon petition for
sale under Act 3135,
as amended, filed by
the HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (Pag-IBIG
Fund), herein after
referred to as the
MORTGAGEE, for the
satisfaction of the
mortgage indebted-
ness of SPS. DENIS
E. DIMAGUILA and
PAMELA Z. DIMA-
GUILA, hereinafter

Order be published at
the expense of the pe-
titioner in The Junc-
tion, a newspaper of
general circulation
in the City of Baguio
and Benguet Province
once a week for three
(3) consecutive weeks.

Likewise, let a copy
of this Order, togeth-
er with a copy of the
petition and its an-
nexes, be furnished
the Honorable Solic-
itor General, Makati
City, Metro Manila,
the City Prosecutor

referred to as the
MORTGAGORS,
which as of October
9, 2015, now amounts
to P2,373,002.54,
Philippine Currency,
inclusive of interest
and penalty, but ex-
cluding attorney's
fees, other charges
and expenses of fore-
closure, the Ex-Offi-
cio Sheriff or through
the undersigned
Deputy Sheriff, will
sell at public auction
on DECEMBER 15,
2015, at 10:00 o'clock
in the morning or
soon thereafter, at the
lobby (fronting the
main entrance) of the
Hall of Justice Build-
ing, Baguio City, the
following described
mortgage prop-
erty together with the
buildings and all its
improvements exist-
ing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-96544, CITY OF BAGUIO

"A parcel of
land Lot 4, Pcs-
CAR-000891, being a
portion of Lot 2-B-5
& 2-B-6 (LRC) Psd-
170701; Lots 2-B-3-B
& 2-B-4-B, Psd-CAR-
010779-D, situated at
rurban code 131102,
Res. Sec. "D", City of
Baguio, Island of Lu-
zon. Bounded on the
NE., along lines 1-2-3
by Public Land; on
the SE., along line 3-4
by Lot 2-B-7 (LRC)
Psd-170701; on the
SW., along line 4-5 by
Lot 9 (Alley 3.00m.
wide) on the NW.,
along line 5-1 by Lot
3 all of the subd. Plan.
Beginning at a point
marked "1" x x x to

of Baguio, the Local
Civil Registrar of
Baguio City and the
National Statistics
Office.

SO ORDERED
DONE IN THE
CHAMBERS, this
28th day of October,
2015 of Baguio City,
Philippines.

(SGD) IVAN KIM B.
MORALES

Judge
Publication Dates:
November 14, 21, and
28, 2015

point of beginning,
containing an area
of ONE HUNDRED
TWENTY (120)
square meters, more
or less."

Prospective bid-
ders may investigate
the title, rights and
improvements of the
property with regards
to encumbrances, if
any there be.

Baguio City, Phil-

ippines, this 17th
day of November,
2015.

(SGD) LINDA
MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI &
Ex-Officio Sheriff

ROMEO R. FLO-
RENDO
Sheriff-in-Charge
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Police hunt criminals in poison attempt of cop's kin

CAMP BADO DANGWA, La Trinidad -
Police are now on the hunt for a trio of
men who tried to poison a relative of an of-
ficer near the region's police headquarters.

Initial police investigation showed that
the victim, Jones Faba-an Kalagui, 21, a
native of Bontoc, Mountain Province just
came from the province to visit his uncle,
P/Sr Insp Vicente Tamid-ay at Camp Bado
Dangwa, La Trinidad, Benguet.

At about 10:30 in the evening of Novem-
ber 18, records show that Kalagui met three
still unidentified men, one of whom asked
if he knew Tamid-ay.

The victim immediately answered yes
and to ease him, the trio said they were
agents of Tamid-ay and asked to be accom-
panied to the house of the police officer.

Upon reaching the gate to the house
of Tamid-ay, two of the men suddenly
grabbed both arms of the victim while the
other forcibly opened his mouth and pour a
liquid into it which caused Kalagui to vomit
and lose his consciousness.

At around 2:30 in the morning of No-
vember 19, the victim awoke and immedi-
ately knocked on the door of his uncle who
rushed the victim to the Benguet General
Hospital for treatment.

It was only a few moments after giving
aid to Kalagui did Tamid-ay notice a piece
of paper in his front porch which contained
a warning against him and members of his
family which forced him to seek the assis-
tance of the Regional Public Safety Battal-
ion at Camp Dangwa.

Also recovered at the scene of the crime
was a small plastic cylinder containing
marijuana seedlings and powdered leaves
which were brought to the crime laboratory
for further processing and analysis.

The case is now under investigation and
probers suspect that the frustrated murder
could be related to a drug case Tamid-ay is
investigating./PNA

Police discover new modus operandi of illegal drugs trading in Ifugao

LAGAWE, Ifugao - The police has discovered a new modus operandi of illegal drugs trading in the province.

During the meeting of the Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council, the Provincial Anti-Illegal Drug Special Task Operation Group (PNP-PAIDSTOG) reported that some ingenious Ifugaos are using their "Taluwan" (Tuwali Ifugao term for a pouch containing ingredients for betel nut chewing or "moma") to camouflage the conduct of their illegal drugs activities.

The report bared that this modus operandi was discovered in some towns of Ifugao and also in Nueva Vizcaya where many Ifugao farmers and gardeners deliver and sell their farm products to middlemen.

Marijuana which is being produced in some towns of the province is sold or bartered with shabu and the cash payment or shabu change hands through the use of the "taluwan". The taluwan provides a very good disguise for the shabu since the lime ingredient of the moma has similar appearance with that of shabu, the police stated.

The PNP-PAIDSTOG said they have identified the people involved in this illegal trade and they tried conducting operations but yielded negative results as apparently the subjects were tipped-off.

They further admitted that they cannot make effective and efficient moves against illegal drug activities because of lack of funds and personnel. There is no PDEA in the province. They also shared that they cannot make arrest of big time drug operators because they do not have the money of at least P10,000 for marked money for their buy bust operations.

Hearing their predicaments, Governor Denis Habawel advised the PNP-PAIDSTOG to make a project proposal on their needs for provincial government to determine how it can assist PNP to carry out more effectively their campaign against illegal drugs in Ifugao. (JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao)

Child friendly barangay validation starts

BAGUIO CITY - The composite team of the search for Child Friendly Barangay headed by the City Social Welfare office recently conducted an actual site visitation and interview to the 24 barangays who joined the said search last Nov. 12 until Nov. 19.

The members of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children were present during the actual site visitation and interview.

The 24 participating barangays who joined

the search for Child Friendly barangay includes PMA Fort del Pilar, Atok Trail, Loakan Proper, Bakakeng Norte/Sur, Fil-Am, Quezon Hill Proper, Happy Hollow, South Drive, Lualhati, Pacdal, Imelda Village, Manuel Roxas, Holyghost Proper, Honey-moon-Holyghost, Holyghost Extension, Lopez Jaena, Trancoville, Lower Quirino Hill, Middle Quirino Hill, MRR Queen of Peace, Lourdes Subdivision Extension, Upper Rock Quarry, Middle

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The search is part of the 23rd National Children's month celebration in the city with the theme "Komunidad at Pamahalaan Magkaisa, Pang aabuso sa Bata, Wakasan Na!" showing support in the promotion of children's welfare in the barangay and the city as a whole.

As in the past, National Children's Month is being celebrated in the month of October. However, President Benigno Aquino signed Republic Act 10661 declaring the month of November as the national children's month.

Accordingly, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) said the law mainly changed the month of the celebration from October to November to commemorate the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by the United Nations General Assem-

bly on November 20, 1989 and the Philippines signing the CRC. /Jho Arranz



CPLA Integration: At least 168 Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) members, their sons and daughters and next of kin, are now integrated to the Philippine Army, and completing Army integration component of the Cordillera peace process which is under the 2011 MOA signed the government and Cordillera Bodong Administration and the CPLA, towards CPLA's final disposition and its transformation from an unarmed force to a potent socio-economic group. The declaration of the successful completion of the military integration component was done in Nov. 9 at Camp Melchor dela Cruz in Gamu, Isabela. /CCD-PIA CAR

Christmas in Baguio preparations in full gear

BAGUIO CITY - The city government has stepped up preparations for the "Christmas in Baguio" celebration to be launched on Dec. 1.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said preparations began with the makeover of the city's main thoroughfare and buildings to set the tone for the holiday merry-

making.

As in the past years, colorful treats are being lined up for the Christmas in Baguio calendar of events for the enjoyment of both the residents and the tourists who will spend the holidays in this highland city.

A spectacle of lights and colors will usher in the celebration on Dec. 1 via the ceremonial lighting of the giant Christ-

mas tree and the lantern parade which has turned into a crowd-drawing event over the past years.

Councilor Elmer Datuin, action officer of the preparations said that in the morning, Silahis ng Pasko activities will open with a children-parents mardigras at 8 a.m. along Session Road featuring children from the various day care centers clad in their

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