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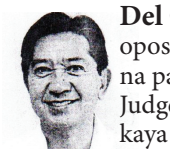


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For Mayor:



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Lulu Tabanda– Sangkot ba siya sa mga ma-anomalyang pamamaraan tungkol sa mga lupain???



Poppo Cosalan – May mga kinasangkutan kaya siyang mga anomalya sa pag-kam-kam ng mga lupain? Kumusta naman ang kanyang performance nuong siya ay Chairman ng Committee of Urban Planning, Lands and Housing???



Edison Bilog – Sugarol ba ang kandidato na ito kaya't nag-iinit ang kanyang tumbong para maging Vice Mayor? Mayroon ba siyang kasalukuyan kasong nakabinbin sa opisina ng Ombudsman???



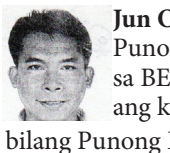
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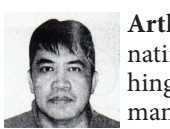


Bong Mandapat– Alamin natin ang latest updates hinggil sa mga reklamong na isampa sa kanya sa Ombudsman at kumusta ba ang kanyang naging performance nuong siya ay Regional Director ng DOTC-CAR at LTFRB. Lumaganap ba ang mga iligal at kolorum na pampasaherong mga sasakyan sa kanyang panunungkulan?

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Roxas’ PMA ‘classmates’ say NO politics in Cubao meet

‘If it were political, we should’ve met in Balay,’ says retired general Marcelo Garbo, referring to the campaign headquarters of Mar Roxas in Cubao

MANILA, Philippines – Two police generals seen in the same hotel where staff members and supporters of Liberal Party (LP) standard-bearer Manuel Roxas II were meeting downplayed their presence there, insisting they were in the hotel for personal reasons.

Media reports over the weekend said several active-duty police generals were spotted last Saturday, April 2, at the Novotel Manila at the Araneta Center in Cubao, Quezon City. A stone’s throw away is “Balay,” the campaign headquarters of Roxas and the Liberal Party.

The 4 Philippine National Police (PNP) generals hold plum posts: one is the chief of the intelligence staff of the PNP

Joel Alangsab– Kumustahin natin ang isyu nung nakaraang eleksyon na hindi nabigyan ng kasagutan at kumustahin rin natin ang kanyang performance bilang Chairman sa Konseho ng Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation

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Duterte-Cayetano: We are not beholden to anyone, coconut farmers will get coco levy funds

During the tandem’s “Ronda Serye” listening tour, Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte and Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano assured coconut farmers

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Umaasa kami Ginoong Duterte at Cayetano na talagang wala kayong pinagkakautangan ng loob na malalaking donors, bagama’t mahirap itong isipin ay umaasa pa rin kami na ganito na nga para sa inyong kandidatura. Tandaan, walang baho na hindi lalabas!

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Chiz wants full accounting of DA, NIA funds

Independent vice-presidential candidate Sen. Francis “Chiz” Escudero wants Agriculture Secretary Processo Alcala to account to the public every centavo that the Department of Agriculture (DA) has spent to help the farmers affected by the drought spawned by the El Niño phenomenon.

“I call on Secretary Alcala to disclose to the public where he used the taxpayers’ money entrusted to his department to help the agriculture sector. The public deserves no less than a complete accounting of the total and entire DA funds,” Escudero said in the face of mounting complaints from farmers battered by the extreme weather condition.

The violent dispersal in Kidapawan City of poor farmers demanding food and help from the government has brought to light the lack of funding and support from the DA, the agency mandated by law to look after the welfare of the agriculture sector.

“Taon-taon himihingi si Secretary Alcala ng pondo sa Kongreso para tulungan daw ang mga magsasaka at ibinibigay naman namin. Ang hindi katanggap-tanggap ay kung sino pa nagpapakain sa atin ay iyon ang walang makain. Nasaan na ang pera ng mga magsasaka?” asked the leading vice-presidential contender.

For 2016 the government has allotted a total of P91 billion for the agriculture sector, with the DA receiving the highest allocation of P40.33 billion from P39 billion last year.

The budget for the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), which is responsible for irrigation development and management, was also increased to P32.74 billion this year from P28.75 billion in 2015.

“Nasa kamay ni Secretary Alcala ang pondo ng mga magsasaka. Walang dahilan para tipirin ang mga magsasaka sa perang sadyang inilaan para sa kanila. Sabi nga nila eh ‘aanhin pa ang damo kung patay na ang kabayo?’ Ibuhos na ang pondong yan sa agrikultura para sa tunay na nangangailangan,” the veteran lawmaker said.

Efficient delivery of public services in city assured

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan assured the local residents and visitors that the city government will continue to delivery efficient and effective public service to them even with the start of the 45-day campaign period for the local elective positions relative to the May 9, 2016 general and automated elections.

Speaking before the 1,500-strong city government officials and employees during the Monday regular flag-raising ceremony, the local chief executive underscored the importance of efficient and effective public service to people transacting business

with the different offices of the local government, especially in sustaining the trust and confidence of the public to the local government.

“We will not allow the campaign period to unduly disrupt the delivery of services to our constituents because service should be above our respective personal and political interests,” Domogan said.

Except for co-terminus employees and confidential staff, civil service laws, rules and regulations provide that career government officials and employees should not be engaged in partisan politics or else, they stand to face stiff penalties for violations thereof.

According to Escudero, former chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, funding is immediately available to assist El Niño-hit farmers if the government genuinely cares for the agriculture sector, which hosts 60 percent of the country’s poorest. *“Kung gusto may paraan, kung ayaw may dahilan.”*

Under the current National Expenditure Program, some P39 billion in Calamity Fund can be tapped for food aid, various cash-for-work programs, farm subsidies and emergency employment, to help farmers reeling from the impact of El Niño.

On top of this, money is also available to assist the sector under the P6.7-billion Quick Response Fund farmed out to 12 major agencies, including the Department of Social Welfare and Development (P1.32 billion), DA (P500 million) and NIA (P500 million). Since last year, Escudero has been pushing the DA, which is notorious for underspending, to download funds intended to help farmers and fisherfolks facing the threats of El Nino in the wake of repeated warnings from PAGASA that the farm sector should brace for the harsh weather condition.

Similarly, he asked the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to extend help to the sector by providing alternative livelihood and source of income.

Recently, Escudero has called on the city mayor said that he will not allow that the campaign period will affect how city officials and employees attend to the needs of clients visiting their respective offices because it is their obligation to provide them the needed service they deserve for their needs.

According to him, he will make it a point that all documents entering his office during the day will be signed and immediately released the next day just as what has been done by him during his incumbency as local chief executive.

He appealed to civil servants not to allow their respective political alignments to affect how they attend to people visiting their offices so that they will not be accused of politicking.

Domogan cited that local elected officials come and go but career officials and employees will be there to stay that is why



ESCUDERO

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they must do their job right even if they have their own candidates of their choice.

The mayor asserted that appointed career officials and employees should ream in loyal to the institution they are working for instead of being loyal to the persons who appointed them because it will be

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Comelec sued in SC over Smartmatic support center

MANILA, Philippines – Weeks after it lost a Supreme Court (SC) case involving voting receipts, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) faces a new SC petition, this time over a support center for the May 9 polls.

Technology provider Smartmatic won the contract to establish a National Technical Support Center, which serves as a call center and troubleshooter, for the elections.

A losing bidder requested the SC on Monday, April 4, to stop the Comelec from awarding the contract to Smartmatic.

The losing bidder is the joint venture of Northern Worx KPO Inc, NextIX Inc, and Kit Properties Inc.

The joint venture said it submitted the lowest bid for the support center.

Despite this, it said, the Comelec ended up awarding the contract to Smartmatic. The poll body reportedly explained that the joint venture’s net financial contracting capacity doesn’t at least match the approved P122-million (\$2.64-million) budget for the contract.

For the petitioner, this is a grave abuse of discretion on the part of the Comelec.

“The petitioner has a clear and unmistakable right to be awarded as the bidder with the lowest calculated responsive bid, having complied with all the bidding and technical requirements provided for by the law and the terms of reference of the said bidding,” the joint venture said in its petition.

It added that Smartmatic “is clearly not the lowest calculated responsive bidder as their posted bid price

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Aliping Announces Law Granting Tax Exemptions to Disabled

BAGUIO CITY - Aliping announced early last week that House Bill 1039, otherwise known as “An Act Exempting Persons with Disability from the Value-Added Tax on Certain Goods and Services” is now a law.

Aliping said “Republic Act 10754, was signed into law by Benigno Aquino on March 24 and more than a million disabled Filipinos will finally enjoy tax exemptions at par with the perks granted to senior citizens, maximizing the benefits that they deserve under the law.”

Several PWD groups earlier expressed concern that the bill might suffer the same fate as the proposed P2,000 pension hike for Social Security System pensioners, which was vetoed by President Aquino because of its financial implications.

The Philippine Statistics Authority has estimated the PWD population in the country at 1.5 million.

“This measure will grant our PWDs the same privileges enjoyed by senior citizens,” said Aliping who was also campaigning for PWD and journalist Art Allad-iw to champion the cause of PWDs in the Baguio City Council.

This is an addition to house bills authored and co-authored by Aliping that were enacted into law.

Aliping ranks among the top ten congressmen with the most number of bills, authored and co-authored, that were enacted into law and among the top 15 in most number of

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PCSO urged to bring back financial aid to kidney patients

BAGUIO CITY – The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) should restore the regular financial support erstwhile given to kidney patients undergoing lifetime hemodialysis treatment.

Councilor Peter Fianza, in a proposed resolution, said the P20,000 regular fund support to dialysis patients previously given by the PCSO serves as “a life-blood, literally and otherwise, since patients rely on it to maintain their regular twice-a-month Epoetin injections and other medications they have to regularly take to survive.”

The PCSO stopped the grant of the aid after it learned that the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Phil-Health) had increased the number of hemodialysis treatment coverage from 45 treatments to 90 sessions per year.

Fianza said the cancellation of the PCSO aid negated the objective of Phil-Health in increasing the grant and that of the PCSO itself in setting up a district office in the city to bring closer to the indigent patients who have no means of sustaining their lifetime treatment its humanitarian services.

“The withdrawal of such regular PCSO fund support puts a dent on the government’s health support program for the poor, especially for dialysis patients who have to undergo life-time dialysis treatment of two to three sessions a week and to maintain their medicines,” Fianza said.

He said the increase of annual Phil-Health dialysis treatment from 45 to 90 per year “still falls short of annual sessions patients have to undergo, especially so that patients have to still pay portions of their treatments.”

“The increase of Phil-Health sponsored treatments does not address the need of patients for a fallback when they are hospitalized as hospitalization is chargeable to the Phil-Health support intended for payment of dialysis treatments; “The PCSO’s move canceling financial support to dialysis patients exacerbates the difficulties patients undergo as they now have no fallback in their desire to maintain their treatment, especially for regular Epoetin injections and medicine intake maintenance,” he said.

In his proposal, Fianza sought to request the PCSO to reinstate the assistance and endorsed the resolution of the kidney patients particularly the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Dialysis Patients and Partners Association to the administrators of both the PCSO and PhilHealth “for their attention and action for the sake of thousands of dialysis patients who depend on the mandates of these support agencies for their survival.”

The association requested the city council to adopt a resolution asking the PCSO to set up a district and regional offices in Baguio and other parts of the in 2013 which was later granted leading to the establishment of a local PCSO office to serve patients in need of assistance in the city.

In 2014, again at the instance of the association, the city council passed a resolution asking PhilHealth to implement its plan to increase the coverage of dialysis treatments from 45 to 90, which again was give due course.

Both measures were endorsed and followed up by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Rep. Nicasio Aliping Jr.

The city council referred Fianza’s proposal to a committee for study and recommendation./ *Aileen P. Refuerzo*

Anti-red tape monitoring team formed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan reconstituted the monitoring team to ensure the city government offices’ compliance with the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007.

The mayor will chair the team with the city human resource management officer as vice chair and action officer with the city administrator, the city engineer, city general services officer, city assessor, city treasurer and the city building official as members.

The team is tasked to determine strategies for the full implementation of the ARTA in the city government.

It will conduct one-the-spot check-ups of all departments and compel then to comply with the ARTA requirements such as posting of the citizen’s charter, anti-fixer campaign or contract center ng bayan poster, no-noon break policy, wearing of identification cards and the provision of public assistance and complaints desk.

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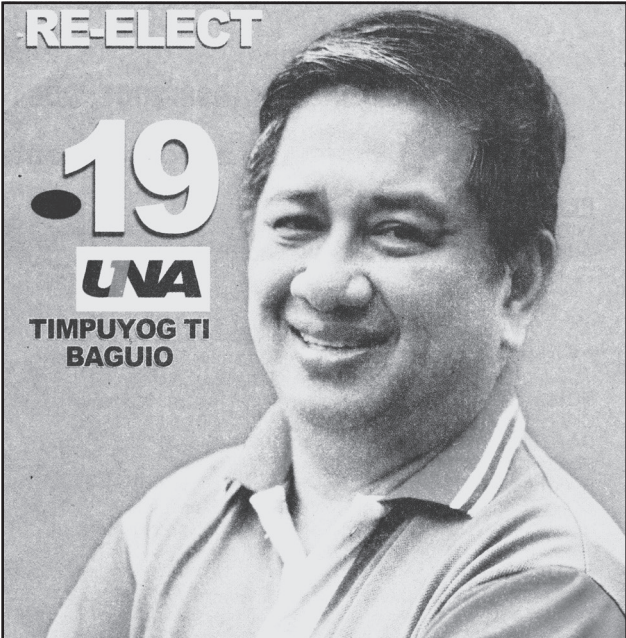
After this, the city and Uniwide will have to tackle the ground preparations before the project can take off including the relocation site for the vendors at the Slaughterhouse compound.

He again assured the vendors they will not be evicted from the city market as long as they are legitimate stallholders.

Uniwide won the bid for the project in 1995 but the development project was stalled after four cases were filed separately in 1996 against city officials and Uniwide./*Aileen P. Refuerzo*

compliance with the ARTA provisions.

Republic Act No. 9485 or the ARTA of 2007 was enacted to improve efficiency in the delivery of the government service to the public by reducing bureaucratic red tape and preventing graft and corruption./*Aileen P. Refuerzo*



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Aliping Laments use of Black Propaganda this Early

BAGUIO CITY – Re-electionist congressman Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. lamented the use of black propaganda this early in the campaign period by his opponents.

Rep. Aliping was referring to a news article spread by one of his rivals for the congressional seat of Baguio detailing how the Court of Appeals has junked a motion for reconsideration on its Permanent Environmental Protection Order over Mt. Sto. Tomas.

“I am already following the

Senators Pimentel and Cayetano to hold senate hearing on Kidapawan incident

On April 7, Thursday, the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights headed by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III will be conducting a public hearing in light of the shooting and violent dispersal of protesting farmers of Kidapawan, which resulted in the deaths of three and scores injured. The hearing will be held at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) in Davao City. Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano already confirmed his attendance.

“We are holding the hearing in Davao City because it is one of the nearest places to the Kidapawan incident. Some of the invited resource speakers belong to the protesting farmers, who are too injured to travel all the way to Manila,” explained Pimentel, the Chairman of the Committee on Justice



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Comparative analysis

I had a most enjoyable meeting with a visiting American election analyst last week, but we could not quite agree which of our two countries had the better chance of surviving their current political crisis. In the United States, the Democratic and Republican parties are trying to pick their respective presidential nominees for the November elections. Here, we are trying to see what would allow us to hold a clean, honest and credible presidential election on May 9, and choose the least undesirable candidate. The chances are dismal for both, but our situation is probably worse than that of the US.

In the US, the billionaire Donald Trump, who is leading the race for the Republican Party nomination, has scandalized both liberals and conservatives by waging a take-no-prisoners war on “political correctness.” He wants to build a \$4-billion wall to keep illegal Mexican immigrants from entering the United States and ban all Muslim visitors and immigrants; and now, he wants to penalize women who would contract abortion, if the abortion law were repealed. Hillary Clinton, who is seeking the Democratic Party nomination, and many other Americans believe abortion is an inviolable human right, so the condemnation was

viral and instant.

Trump’s insults

Trump spontaneously insults anyone he likes, and while he never fails to get a fitting response, a large part of the American audience is entertained by his insults. The media gobbles up everything he says, so while his rivals have to pay for media ads, he does not have to buy any; he gets a free ride. Republican Sen. John McCain and former Republican Gov. Mitt Romney, two former presidential nominees, have called him “unfit” to be their presidential nominee; and he has blasted them both, calling Romney a “total lightweight,” and McCain a “war hero,” only because he was captured, but “I like people who were not captured.”

He has called Hillary Clinton “the worst Secretary of State of the United States.” In one tweet, he said, “Hillary Clinton can’t satisfy her husband. What makes her think she can satisfy America?” He quickly disowned this tweet, blaming it on his staff, and had it deleted. On Clinton’s Democratic rival Sen. Bernie Sanders, the hitherto unknown socialist who has put up a surprisingly strong showing, Trump said the man knew what’s wrong with America, but could not do anything about it, whereas he could. “He can’t negotiate with China,” he said.

Trump has insulted some of the better known Conservative and other publications and pundits, like Rupert Murdoch’s Wall Street Journal, Bill Kristol of the Weekly Standard, George Will of the Washington Post, Charles Krauthammer of Fox News, Des Moines Register, Forbes magazine, and Arianna Huffington’s online Huffington Post. In one CNN interview, he told Anderson Cooper, “the people don’t trust you and the people don’t trust the media.”

A train wreck

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, Trump’s closest rival, likens the prospect of a Trump Republican nomination to a “train wreck;” it could destroy the Republican Party in the election, and the US itself, should Trump ever get elected. Because of their disdain for Trump, many Conservative analysts think Hillary Clinton, if she finally clinches the Democratic Party nomination, could become the first woman President of the United States. Many Americans do not like Clinton, but many more, including Republicans, are simply frightened of the possibility of Trump becoming the President.

Historical quirks

Despite this, many feel Trump could yet overcome Clinton, if he finally gets the Republican Party nomination, if only for historical reasons. Rarely has the Democratic or Republican Party been able to hold on to power for three consecutive terms. Under Barack Obama, the Democrats have been in power for two terms. So power should change hands in this election.

In 1836, the Democratic Vice President Martin Van Buren succeeded President Andrew Jackson after two terms; in 1940, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a Democrat, succeeded himself for an unprecedented third term. But four times in five attempts the Democrats had failed to win a third consecutive term. These included Ohio Gov. James Cox, who had wanted to succeed Woodrow Wilson after two terms, in 1921; Adlai Stevenson, who had wanted to succeed Harry Truman, President since 1945, in 1953; Hubert Humphrey, who had wanted to succeed John Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson, whose combined presidencies ran from 1961 to 1969; and Al Gore, who had wanted to succeed Bill Clinton in 2001.

The Republicans had been a little more successful in that respect. In 1868, Ulysses S. Grant succeeded Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, whose presidencies ran from 1861 to 1869; Rutherford Hayes succeeded Grant in 1877; in 1901, Theodore Roosevelt succeeded William McKinley and went on to serve until 1909; in 1989, George H.W. Bush succeeded Ronald Reagan at the end of his two terms. But in 1960, Richard Nixon failed to succeed Dwight Eisenhower at the end of his second term; in 1976, Gerald Ford failed to win a term of his own, after serving the unexpired portion of Nixon’s second term; in 2009, McCain failed to succeed George Walker Bush at the end of his second term.

The New Constantine?

Despite the derision heaped upon Trump by political pundits for his colorful language and uncouth behavior, he has managed to maintain his appeal among many American voters, and some outsiders. At least a couple of academics have offered an alternative perspective that tries to rationalize, even glamorize, Trump’s behavior. Blaise Joseph, an assistant dean at Warrane College in the University of South Wales, in an article appearing on Mercatornet, asks the question, “Is Trump the New Constantine?”

At a time when Christians can no longer freely express themselves on the great moral issues of the day without being shouted down by the pillars of “political correctness,” Trump reminds the author of Constantine, who despite his many excesses and character defects found himself



FAIR AND SQUARE

For A Change

BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS

To deviate from the old practice of choosing the candidates I would vote for in the past local elections which proved to be all a flop, I have adopted the new guideposts following in selecting the candidates with better chances to do good for the interest of the city:

1. Firstly, select the problems and issues we have in the city that have remained undressed to this day, despite what we thought were the already perfect selection processes we made in the past elections. To cite a few, for instance:
 - (a) the aggravated traffic congestions in the city;
 - (b) the outrageous violations of moratorium in the issuance of new franchises in BLISTT;
 - (c) the existence of illegal public transport conveyances particularly vans and taxis;
 - (d) the nauseating garbage problems;
 - (e) the unabashed cutting of pine trees;
 - (f) the deterioration of public service;
 - (g) the rampant corruption;
 - (h) the proliferation of drugs;
 - (i) the mounting juvenile delinquencies;
 - (j) the use of city roads for parking purposes;
2. Then, from the list of old candidates again wanting to try their luck in the election, choose the ones who have contributed or at least attempted their best to contribute to the solution of the problems and issues you selected (drop those who did not).
3. From among the list of new comer candidates, on the other hand, choose the ones with shown capacity and background fit to meet the tasks of solving the issues and problems you selected (make a confirmation from other sources, if needed).
4. Conduct a personal research on the moral moorings and values of the initially chosen candidates to ensure that those whom you will vote, if they win in the election, is not a gambler, a drunkard, a womanizer, corrupt, unprincipled or a mere grandstander during the whole of his term in the position.
5. Finally, if need be, abandon the thought of kinship, past and present associations or acquaintanceships with them, as a primordial consideration in giving your vote (anyway, only you and heaven will know it).

Following the above, I have selected in my case the issues bugging us most all this time--- the traffic congestion in the city, the long unaddressed garbage problem and the unabashed cutting of pine trees threatening to deface the beauty of our city, not to mention accelerating the impending total effect of climate change. I shall discuss them in my subsequent articles in relation to my choices of candidates in this coming election.

I am passing these guideposts to all who may want to try it, hoping you have not adopted your own. Our sad experiences in the past tell us that it’s time to adopt new approaches in the selection of new leaders, for a change.

fighting the pagan horde under the sign of the Cross (In hoc signo vinces), proclaiming himself the Christian emperor, and ending the persecution of Christians under the Roman Emperors through the Edict of Milan, 313 AD.

In another article in “Public Discourse,” entitled, “What Trump and Sanders Teach Us About America,” Adam Seagrave, an assistant professor of political science at Northern Illinois University, examines the two political outsiders as “twin harbingers of a possible American Apocalypse – signs of the beginning of the end for the American tradition and way of life.” To Seagrave, the “American mind” now lies in the gutter, and can no longer lift itself up to embrace principles that transcend our mere animality. Trump and Sanders are but taking advantage of this fact, says the article.

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EDITORIAL

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The Phl scenario

What’s happening to America will still take a few months to fully unravel. But what will happen to the Philippines can be safely and accurately surmised even now. Grave injuries and injustices have been inflicted upon our constitutional and political system during this run-up to the May 9 elections; unless urgent measures are taken to correct these, the country could implode even as some highly inebriated partisans celebrate their “victory” in the polls.

The constitutional wreck

Only the Constitution can fully guarantee the final integrity of the election. But we have already destroyed our Constitution. By proclaiming the false dogma that foundlings are natural-born citizens, on the basis of statistical probability and disputable presumption, some temporarily deranged Justices simultaneously airbrushed the constitutional prohibition on non-natural born citizens running for President, and, in a grave abuse of discretion, declared Mary Grace Poe Lamanzares “qualified” to run for President, even though her first and last known citizenship is that of a naturalized American, who doesn’t even know her real parents.

Supported by powerful corporate, casino and media personalities, who are openly bankrolling her campaign, and with rumors planted by her own camp that she is both Malacanang’s and Washington’s “not-so-secret” candidate, Mrs. Llamanzares has utilized every available propaganda resource to make it appear that people are prepared to vote for her despite her unresolved citizenship and residency status before the Supreme Court, which has provoked trenchant commentaries from the legal profession and the critical sector of the independent press.

Public bombardment

The public is bombarded with alleged surveys with unbelievable frequency and even more unbelievable results in favor of Mrs. Llamanzares and her running mate, without any public disclosure of how much they are paying for all these instruments of deceit. Aside from the endorsement of Manila Mayor Erap Estrada, who had helped facilitate Mary Grace’s adoption by the Fernando Poe-Susan Roces couple in San Juan, Rizal in 1974, and who is now fighting for his family’s political survival in Manila and San Juan, we do not hear of big political blocs or leaders expressing support for Mrs. Llamanzares. We read only of the “results” of alleged surveys.

We are expected to swallow these surveys hook, line and sinker, without being told, who paid for the survey, who conducted it, what questions were asked, in what manner and sequence were the questions asked, how many individuals (samples) were asked, how were the samples chosen, what was the margin of error used? The obvious purpose is to create an impression of popular support for Mrs. Llamanzares, regardless of whether she is constitutionally qualified to run or not. She wants everyone to know that “the people want her,” so all constitutional and legal objections are now moot and academic.

Playing the Justices

She apparently wants to prevent the SC Justices from correcting their abominable ruling on her disqualification case, and encourage them instead to simply ratify the propaganda fraudsters’ reading of the “public pulse.” Last weekend, she raised the stakes higher by leaking to the media a supposedly private meeting she had at the Iglesia ni Cristo Central HQ. This was obviously meant to spur speculation that the INC is now considering her.

She has tried to play the same game with Catholics, except that there have been no takers. In Cebu and in La Union, she recently visited the church, ostensibly to pray, but followed by a swarm of photographers. She was then photographed kneeling on a pew, surrounded by photographers. The photos are now on display in the social media, but some young Catholics who referred them to me found them “hypocritical” and “disgusting.”

Worse than Stonehill

However, none of these posturings define the real danger. The real danger comes from the lack of any effort on her part and the part of her funders to avoid making a scandal of their political cabal in the making. It now appears she is in the race, and has won the support of some Justices, because of these arrangements. This is without precedent.

In the past, it was only after Harry Stonehill succeeded in corrupting almost every important politician in office that he could say he “owned” the government. But Stonehill merely latched on

to an already functioning government. In the present case, Mrs. Llamanzares seems to be already “wholly-owned” by her mega funders, even before she is reaffirmed as a bona fide candidate by the Supreme Court (if at all), and presides over the government. This kind of treason is unprecedented.

Will they swear?

Now, she apparently hopes to rise upon the wreckage of the Constitution, the rule of law and jurisprudence. What crimes have we committed to deserve this malediction? What exactly do we owe her? Since the SC ruling on her disqualification, which the Justices will now review in Baguio, ultimately involves the life and death of the nation, will they now please have the courage to rule on it like it was the last case they will ever rule upon before they meet their Maker? Will they have the courage to assume all the consequences of their acts, and swear on the lives of their children’s children that their vote on it is in full accord with their true consciences?/Francisco Tadam/fstatad@gmail. com

FASTRACK

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back out, if my information is correct.

GROUP C-

1. John Gaerlan
2. Eric Ueda
3. Jojo Cabato
4. Jun Orca
5. Rudy Paraan

GROUP D - All those not mentioned in Group A, B, and C, do your homework.

FOR VICE MAYOR

My analysis is it is still **Lulu Tabanda**, the one to beat even though I have heard numerous comments that “kilala ka lang niya kapag eleksyon.”

Number 2 would be the gambler and smooth talking **Edison Bilog** whom I have heard also on numerous comments na “madali naman lapitan, pero ma –istir, puros salita lang.”

Number 3 would be **Poppo Cosalan**, who appears to have crafted some kind of a clean image (oh really???). Personally I just could never trust these pastor types who run for public office and indulge in traditional politics. No way. That is one reason I do not attend these Christian churches as most often the hypocrisy from these pastors and their ilk is just oozing, more so when one thinks he can in fact make an honest to goodness mix with being a Christian pastor and Political trapo. I tell you, it is easier for me to mix langis at tubig. Fool yourself. In fact, if faced with a life-and-death situation, I would rather put my trust with one of the inmates at the City Jail, the hardened criminals at that who at the height of anger made a dire mistake of committing a crime, (not the petty criminals). Most certainly not your run-of-the-mill pastor whose only claim to becoming a pastor is a couple of months or even years of academic training.

Number 4 - **Fred Bagbagen**, I intend to write the Comelec and ask them how they qualify nuisance candidates and how come it appears that none were considered as such in Baguio. That is my honest impression of this guy - a NUISANCE CANDIDATE OR A COMIC CANDIDATE IF THERE IS SUCH. Let me venture hazardly and say that this guy will get at most 5,000 votes.

For the supporters of the above-mentioned candidates, feel free to get in touch and I will indulge you with more info.

Review of market contract...

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Uniwide chair Jimmy Gow promised the city to submit a new building design, structure and engineering plan within six months to one year. The documents will include the new cost estimates.

The original plan approved under the lease agreement forged in 1996 provides for a six-storey building with a total cost of P1.7 billion. Uniwide will operate the upper floors for 30 years while the first floor where the main market place and legitimate vendors will be housed will continue to be

BOBBY ORTEGA

BALIK SA KONSEHO "MARKANG BUNGO" FOR PEACE AND ORDER

WALANG PERSONALAN TRABAHO LANG

Political Ad for Roberto “Bobby” Ortega. Paid for by Len Ortega, San Fernando, La Union.

I DONT CARE ALL ABOUT YOUR BLACK PROPAGANDA...

DUTERTE PEOPLE’S PRESIDENT

ALL I KNOW IS ABOUT MY PRESIDENT AND THAT IS RODRIGO DUTERTE 2016 SOLID...

NOTHING WILL CHANGE MY VOTE!

This political ad is placed and paid for by Dante Jimenez, Unit 601 Pacific Corporate Center, West Avenue, QC

operated by the city government.

The mayor assured the vendors that the development of the market will not happen outright as the city still needs to settle many issues before the development project can push through.

He said the city still has to wait for the finality of the court order to seal the issue on the legality of the design-build-lease scheme for the market development.

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of P122.71 million (\$2.65 million) is much higher than the bid price of Northern Worx Joint Venture, who submitted the lowest calculated bid with a bid of P90.88 million (\$1.97 million) with a glaring difference of P31.82 million (\$688,372) to the prejudice of both the petitioner and the government.”

Rappler is still trying to reach the Comelec for comment as of posting time.

The new case comes a little over a month before the May 9 elections.

The Comelec is now rushing to meet its deadlines for the May 9 elections after the SC required it, at the last minute, to issue voting receipts.

At the same time, the poll body is embarking on projects such as providing bib vests worth P26.55-million (\$574,314) for election inspectors./Paterno Esmaguel II (Rappler.com)

Efficient delivery... from page 2

the image of the city government that will be affected once their performances will not be in accordance to existing standards.

He claimed the career officials and employees owe their positions to the public that is why they must continue to render efficient and effective service to the public in order to improve the overall image of the city government to the people they serve rather than it being affected by the luckluster performances of some officials and employees wanting to put the image of the local government down to advance the person and political interests of their supposed benefactors./By Dexter A. See



DOMOGAN

Aliping Announces... from page 2

bills approved on 3rd reading based on Index Service Statistical Reports of the House of Representatives.

Although only in his first term as congressman, Aliping has to date authored 25 and co-authored 142 House measures. Out of this total, one-half has been approved on 3rd Reading by the House of Representatives, 28 of which are now Republic Acts, four are awaiting action by the President, and 42 are pending action by the Senate, while seven measures were adopted as House Resolutions.

Like senior citizens, PWDs are eligible for a 20-percent discount certain goods and services, PWDs had to pay the 12-percent VAT.

“This is in line with the time honored principle that those with less in life should have more in law,” Rep. Aliping stressed./Carl C. Taawan



ALIPING

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mismo ang lumalakad ng kahit na kapiranggot na pa-kon-swelo de bobo na ads ay hindi tayo mapagbigyan. Marahil ay marami silang mga bisyo at pamilya na kailangan nilang tustusan. Hi! Hi! Hi! PWEEE.... AGA AMO TAYON !!!

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Si Claraval daw pinatakbo ni Apo Domogs para mabawasan ng boto si Apo Jomol?- Ano ba itong mainit na bulong-bulungan na ito raw si Mr. C or Mr. Judge Claravall na tumatakbo para Mayor ay pinatakbo daw ni Apo Morris at mayroon na daw silang usapan na magiging kanyang appointment to a government position kapag manumbalik si Apo Morris as mayor of Baguio??? Ayon daw sa pag-aaral ng kampo ni Apo Morris, lumalabas sa kanilang statistics at assessment na 80% dawng kakainin na botos ni Mr. C ay manggagaling sa mga botante ni Apo Jomol, kaya in the end lalong lalaki ang labas ng botos ni Apo Morris! Itong bagay na ito ay marahil ay hindi na matitiyak ng kahit sino sa atin sapagkat ang mga ganitong pagkakasunduan ay nasa kaalaman lamang ng mga dalawa o tatlo hanggang apat na katao lamang. Abangan ang update sa mainit na CHISMIS (sa ngayon).

Roxas’ PMA ‘classmates’... from page 10

(Director Generoso Cerbo Jr); 2 are regional directors (Chief Supt Renier Ido of Cagayan Valley and Chief Supt Bernardo Diaz of Western Visayas); and another is the deputy regional director of the vote-rich Calabarzon region (Chief Supt Ronaldo Santos).

They are all 1984 graduates of the Philippine Military Academy. PMA Class 1984 (Maharlika) has Roxas as its “adopted member.”

On the same day that they met in Novotel with Garbo, supporters and staff members of the Roxas campaign – including Garbo and other retired officials – also met in the same hotel, but on a different floor.

The PNP on Monday asked the 4 to send a formal explanation of why they were there.

Garbo: Roxas’ ally

“I was there because of Garbo. He had private matters that he needed from me. There was nothing political in our discussion,” Cerbo told Rappler in a phone interview.

Garbo, who retired from the service in March, said he met with the PMA ’84 generals to talk business. The retired 3-star general told Rappler he has plans of putting up a consultancy firm.

Still, Garbo admitted he’s “helping” the ruling LP “in my personal capacity.”

Garbo said he recently travelled to Cebu to attend the kick-off rallies of local bets there, including gubernatorial bet and incumbent governor Hilario Davide III. “Si Mar Roxas, definitely I’ll help him. Pero wala kaming usapan (But there’s no deal between us),” said Garbo.

The 3-star general was once reportedly eyed to be chief of the PNP and was even interviewed for the post. Roxas reportedly backed his try. But President Benigno Aquino III eventually picked now PNP chief Director General Ricardo Marquez.

Santos, who is currently assigned in the regional police command overseeing police operations in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon, said the Saturday meeting was nothing more than a gathering of PMA mistahs (classmates). “It’s not political,” Garbo insisted. “Kung political lang eh di dapat sa Balay na lang kami (If it were political, we should’ve met in Balay),” he added, referring to the LP headquarters near Novotel.

Active officers are not allowed to meddle in politics, a reminder the PNP leadership has made repeatedly.

The Cubao complex is owned by the family of Roxas’ mother, Judy Araneta Roxas./ Rappler.com

Duterte-Cayetano... from page 1

of Legazpi, Albay that under their leadership, the farmers will finally benefit from the P71-billion coco levy fund. The duo said they can do this as they are not beholden to any political backer who has an interest on the fund.

“Hindi kami hawak sa leeg nino man. Walang makakahadlang sa amin ni Mayor Duterte upang bigyang katarungan ang ating maliliit na magniniyog at mapakinabangan na nila ang kanilang coco levy fund,” Cayetano said.

The tandem then presented their signed three-point manifesto entitled, “Panata para sa Maliliit na Magniniyog,” wherein they pledged to break the “cycle of abuse” that coconut farmers have suffered from. Duterte and Cayetano vowed before the farmers to implement the following “bold solutions” if they get elected:

1.) The distribution of the coco levy fund for the benefit of small coconut farmers and in consultation with legitimate farmers’ groups in their first 100 days in office

2.) Additional budget, over and above the coco levy funds, for the development and modernization of the coconut industry; and

3.) Help pursue the remaining part of the fund.

The duo’s proposals were welcomed by the Coconut Industry Reform (COIR) Movement Inc.

Aliping Laments from page 3

attacking his character rather than engage him in intelligent campaigning because they cannot attack his accomplishments as a first term congressman. In the first two and a half years in Congress, Aliping has already surpassed the achievements of his predecessors.

In two years, Rep. Aliping was able to make improvements at the Baguio Athletic Bowl which previous administrations have failed to upgrade. Recently, the Department of Public Works and Highways reported that the budget for Baguio is over P900 million, approximately three times the budget of the agency when he assumed office in 2013.

Aside from these, Rep. Aliping has been named in the top performing lawmaker in Congress placing fourth from a field of 286 members of the House of Representatives. He achieved this distinction for being active in all the House committees he is a member in as well as for the number of bills he filed or co-authored in the last two and a half years./Carl C. Taawan

Chiz wants... from page 2

El Nino-hit farmers in the conditional cash transfer program but sans the usual requirements imposed on CCT beneficiaries. He also wants free irrigation for all farmers if he wins in the May elections.

Three farmers died and dozens others were injured when police tried to break a barricade set up by protesters along Cotabato-Davao Highway in Kidapawan City to seek food assistance. The farmers, including lumads, are asking the government to increase the three kilos of rice in government subsidies per quarter to 15,000 sacks of rice, and provide free seeds and other inputs to replace their crops./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

“Mabibigat ang mga iniwang salita ni Mayor Duterte at Sen. Cayetano sa mga magniniyog na in the first 100 days (of their term), may matitikman na agad ang mga magniniyog (mula sa coco levy funds). Pinakamahalaga, bukas sila doon sa hindi pa nababawi na bahagi ng coco levy funds at ito’y kanilang aasikasuhin,” COIR Spokesperson Joey Faustino noted.

Faustino also slammed recent statements made by Senators Grace Poe and Francis Escudero absolving Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco, Jr. from any guilt for the delay in the funds’ deployment. Cayetano earlier said Poe’s position was grossly erroneous, noting how two 2015 executive orders for the supposed distribution of the funds were suspended due to a petition filed the Philippine Coconut Producers Federation (COCOFED), Cojuangco’s alleged dummy organization.

“Hindi pupwede sa isyu na ito ang mga protektor ng mayayaman at monopolista. Sobra na ang pagbibingi-bingihan ng ibang opisyal sa mga hinaing ng sektor ng agrikultura. Ang iba, kung hindi pinapatay sa kapabayaang gobyerno, pinapatay naman gamit ang dahas,” Cayetano said, referring to the recent attack of police forces against local farmers during a violent dispersal of a protest action in Kidapawan City.

Aside from seeking justice for the Kidapawan farmers, Cayetano said if elected, he and Duterte will end the government’s systemic neglect of the people’s demand for real change. To address farmers’ concerns, they vowed to implement 100% free irrigation, subsidize production inputs, and allot P1 billion per region for a capital-lending scheme for farmers.

“Panahon na para tapusin ang lahat ng kaguluhang ito. Panahon na para lumikha ng tunay na pagbabago. Under our leadership, no farmer will ever be killed or neglected by the state. Mayor Duterte and I will make sure that their welfare will be safeguarded. The producers of our food will also have food on their own tables,” Cayetano ended.

/DC-HQ

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- Sweldo, Sideline, atbp ng Konsehal, VM at Mayor?
- Claraval, pinatakbo niDomogs, pambawas ng boto ni Jomol?

BY: NESTOR “PAKEN” CASTRO



Sweldo, sideline atbp ng Konsehal, Vice Mayor, at Mayor- Magkano ba talaga ang kinikita ng ating mga kagalang-galang na opisyaes katulad ng Konsehal, Bise-Mayor, at Mayor? Ang mga sumusunod na sahod nila ay base sa kanilang salary grade ayon sa ating salary standardization law.

FOR CITY COUNCILOR

Monthly salary (gross) :P 79,937.00 X 12 mos. = P 887,244.00

Representation (RA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos. =P 102,000.00

Transportation (TA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos. =P 102,000.00

Total Annual Salary & Allowances P1,091,244.00

Other funds for their office:

1. Annual budget of Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00) per councilor at their disposition based on their recommendation kung saang barangay projects nila gagastusin. Hindi po dadaan sa kanilang kamay ang perang ito, ngunit alam naman na natin ang siste ng diskarte dtto ng mga iba (ayaw ko namang lahatin). Ito ang tinatawag na Pork barrel funds.

- 2. Annual budget of P50,000.00 for office supplies.
- 3. Budget (monthly) for office staff:
 - * Legislative Assistant – P17,000.00
 - * 1 Admin Clerk- P13,000.00
 - * 1 Utility – P10,000.00

4. Other benefits, brought about by the Position of authority, funds source (SECRET) – this amount can range from a low of P30K per month up to P150K per month

5. Other benefits, brought about by the Position of authority, Committee Chairmanship, funds source (SECRET)???

FOR VICE-MAYOR

Monthly salary (gross) :P96,363.00 X 12 mos = P1,156,356.00

Representation (RA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos. = P 102,000.00

Transportation (TA) – car provided: - 0 -

Total Annual Salary & Allowances P1,258,356.00

•Plus the above amounts indicated for Councilors in items 2,3,4, 5

FOR MAYOR

Monthly salary (gross) :P117,601.00 X 12 mos. = P1,411,212.00

Representation (RA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos = P 102,000.00

Transportation (TA) - car provided : P - 0- _____

Total Salary & Allowances P1,513,212.00

•No budget as indicated in the above office funds for item no. 1, 2, and 3. Nakalimutan ko i verify. Plus the above items at No. 4 & 5 – SUPER SECRET- NO COMMENT. MY LIPS ARE SEALED AT GUSTO KO PA HUMABA BUHAY KO. GALIT SI APO PAG AKO KWENTO-KWENTO!!! Hi! Hi! Hi

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Base sa aking mga naiulat at the above, bagama’t mukhang malaki-laki ang kanilang kita, sa tutuo lang madami rin naman ng humihingi at lumalapit para sa tulong sa kanila at wala pa jan ang KBL o kasal, binyag at libing. Kaya kung isa kang opisyal na mabisyo (mahilig sa ABS), patay kang bata ka este patay kaming constituents mo sa lebel ng pangongorakot na gagawin mo. Ngunit nagtataka naman rin talaga ako sa mga pang Famas awardee na mga kandidato na ang dami pang drama. Kilala ko na kayo at ikinukuwento sa akin ng aking impakto este de facto publisher at siya

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FASTRACK

- Fat Chance, Gamble Now !!!
- No joke running for Elective Office!!!

BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES



I am always amazed, (and with a lot of admiration) every election season with most (not all) of our local candidates. Running for public office is no easy feat. Some of these candidates started their informal campaigning as far back as some 2 years ago. I understand my fellow columnist Mr. Paken, will touch on the monetary benefit one may expect from public office at the local level. Nevertheless, even if in case some rich moron would choose to finance for my campaign, I will not agree as I would certainly not have the emotional stamina to do what a lot of these jaded-eyed candidates are doing. Simply put, politics is simply not in my DNA.

At any rate, I’d like to throw in my 2 cents worth and venture into a sensitive forecast, likewise throw in my unsolicited advise and off the cuff comments (abrasive as it may appear for some); however, this is not based on any survey but is simply based on basic stats and stock knowledge and information from previous elections (that is why we printed the election results for the years 1995 – 2013 in these past 2 issues, as they say numbers tell a story).

At this point, I will just comment on those running for Vice Mayor and City Councilors. Just take this with a grain of salt. It is also after all some kind of a test on whatever assessment abilities I may have (imagined at that).

I have classified the ranking for City Councilors in groups of 4. Let’s call them A, B, C, and D.

A stands for the incumbents and hopefully shoo-inns whose present concern is to outgun each other in terms of ranking.

Those in the group B are those who are likely to make it in the remaining 5 slots and possibly within the other borderline 5.

Those in the group C are the other borderline 5.

Those whose names are not mentioned in groups A, B, and C, there will be other elections.

I make this forecast in the spirit of fun and I certainly would not mind being wrong and when the time comes, those I did not mention at group A or B but made it into those two groups, I can only guarantee that I will buy you a case of San Mig lights with matching unlimited pututan for us to partake with whatever kantidad or pangungutya or sarcastic remarks you may wish to dish against me. I will take it all in stride. Just that much I can guarantee.

GROUP A (this is not reflective of any forecasted rank, numbering is for purpose to quantify). The problem and concern of these guys is who will be number 1. We will note that two of this guys, Lean and Elmer were former number 1 Councilors, and surprisingly Manong Bungo was Number 2 last elections.

- 1. Manong Bungo Ortega
- 2. Lean Yangot
- 3. Elmer Datuin
- 4. Tino Olowan
- 5. Manang Elaine Sembrano
- 6. Peter Fianza
- 7. Joel Alangsab

GROUP B (this is not reflective of any forecasted rank, numbering is for purpose to quantify).

- 1. Manong Erdie Balajadia
- 2. Manong Bong Mandapat
- 3. Ron Perez
- 4. Arthur Allad-iw
- 5. Joderick Bautista
- 6. Mylen Yaranon
- 7. Benny Bomogao
- 8. Ed Avila

PALSIIT

Pulitikaw

BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY



PULI a matikTIKAW ti kayatko a sawen ti topikotayo ita a lawas, gagayyem ken kakabsat. Umuna, dakamaten ‘toy numo ti biang ti kaipapanan (bukod a version) ti PULI (race) ni Filipino nga addaan ti nakalalaad nga ugali, isu dayday nalatak a kababalintayo a Filipino – crab mentality! No adda dumur-as bassign ti agpang ti panagbiagna gapu iti napasnek a panagagawa, adu ti masao dagiti adda siding ti dilana. Ala, wen, adu latta ti dumurdur-as ti agpang ti panagbiagna gapu iti umno a wagas ti panangtimonda ti kasasaadda. Iti ababa a pannao, legal ti pagtataudan ti agserbi iti familiada. Mabalin a nasinged ti relasionda ken Apo Dios ken ammoda ti umno a panaggastos. Ken kasta met iti umno a panagsalimetmet.

Adda met dagiti dumurdur-as ti panagbiagna gapu iti tinutulan nga aramid. Dinudurogas! Kaslada la igges nga arabas nga agkamkam iti saanda a pagbambannogan. Adda dagiti nalaing nga agbirkog. Adda dagiti nalaing a mangkusit iti amoda tapno adda matakawda a kuarta iti sapul ti negosio a pagpapaayanda a kas katulong/katalek kdpay.

Iti PULI ni Pinoy (Filipino), naipaagsepen iti ugali ti sinnikkuat. Nupay ammo ti amin a napateg unay a kababalin ti honesty is the best policy. Iti biang ti agkarkaradukod a boksit, uray napait a taraon, allawaten ti rusok, kunada man! Ket, dayta unay ti paitna a mairamramen iti biagtayo. No mabalin, maaddaantayo iti natalinaay a panunot ken kananakem. Saan a gapu iti narigat a paspasaren iti biag, kaslatayo lattan daytay ruting nga abalbalayen ti dalluyon ti biag. Narigat ti biag-kasasaad ‘tay kunada a matay-mabiag! Aginaldaw a karkarawaen ti tengnged a kunada!

PULITIKAW! Dagiti PULI (tiko) a mangkitTIKAW! Iti gobierno ni P-Noy, ayanna ti pudno nga anag ken kaipapanan ti ibagbagana a ‘tuwid na daan? Ayanna dagiti naaramidan-na a nangkissay ti naraas a ramay dagiti ‘buaya’ ti gobierno a mangkurkurimes ti kinabaknang ti Filipinas? ‘Nagadu ti anomalia iti gobierno ni P-Noy! Ania itan ti binanagen ti PDAF anomaly? Ania itayen ti kayat a sawen ti PDAF? Priority Development Assistance Fund? Dugol! Pagbiagian Dagiti Alimatek iti Filipinas, a, dayta ti PDAF itan! Pagrangasan dagiti kurakot nga agtuturay dayta a ‘pork barrel’ ti gobierno ni P-Noy!

Ania daytoy ‘budget insertions? No ut-utobentayo, kakabsat, daytoyen ‘tay pundo a maruk-atan a maiparabur iti asino man a kaaliado ti administration. Apay a mapilpili laeng dagiti pannakabagi iti kamara ti maikkan iti dayta a magisaygisay a ‘budget insertions? Maymaysa laeng ti kayat a sawen dayta – tapno pagkampania dagiti kaaliado ti administration iti masungad a panagpipili! Anian! Ayanna ngaruden ti anag ti masasao nga equal distribution of wealth? Mapung-il sa ketdi ti tengnged ti saan a mapulsot a panagngilangil no kaskasano. Pakpakawan berde!

Banana equals saba latta! Manegdeg a kasla letteg! Awan ti natibker a pammati nga adda namnama iti panagdur-as. Adu unayen dagiti kaarigna berdugo nga agtuturaytayo. No berdugo a kunatayo, dagita ti criminal nga agsepsen iti daratayo agingga a matmataytasyon iti rigrigat, kakabsat! Berdugo, kunatayo, agsipud ta ti buis ni Juan de la Cruz, maaw-awagan met iti ‘dara’. Ibusenda aminen a ‘dara’ ni Juan de la Cruz! Alimatek (leech) pay ti maysa a termino kadagiti kurakot nga agtuturaytayo. Di ngamin, kakabsat? Daydiay alimatek, agsepsen met ti dara ti tao?

Agalibtak ken agbalintayo koma a masirib, a, tapno di agtultuloy a maul-ulawtayo lattan gapu kadagiti manglimlimo nga agtuturaytayo.#

- 9. Jonathan Vergara
- 10. Benjamin Macadangdang
- Mazo would have been included at Group B if he did not

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