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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

# Police reports 10 barangays fall within crime hotspots

The highest with 1,151 this year with a 2.13% decrease as compared to 1,176 in 2014.

Rape increase to 100% with 46 reported this year as compared to 23 reported last year.

There are also 19 reported homicide cases the same as last year while murder decreased to 22.2% with 7 reported this year as compared to last year with 9 cases.

For crimes against property, theft remains at the top with 1,841 cases reported with a decrease of 4.96% as compared to last years 1,937 cases.

Robbery also shows a 6.86% decrease with 394 reported as compared to 423 last year.

There is however a big increase in Carnapping cases with 308% increase or 49

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**"OFFICIALS FOR A DAY" - SCOFAD Mayor Narciso Padilla presides over the Executive-Legislative Breakfast meeting in city hall Monday with SCOFAD**

Congresswoman Generosa Carbonnel and SCOFAD Vice Mayor Gerry Mecos./

Photo by Paul Rillorta

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Kaya kayo, i-report niyo agad sa pulis kung may naamoy kayong kadu-da-dudang nangyayayari sa inyong lugar!

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# RO-RO Perfect Team Senior citizens as parking aides

## Up For LP: Aliping

**B**AGUIO CITY – For Baguio Rep. Narciso M. Aliping Jr., the tandem of former Department of the Interior and Local Government Sec. Manuel Roxas III and Camarines Sur Third District Rep. Ma. Leonor Robredo will carry the Liberal Party to another six years in Malacanang.

“They are the perfect team up,” Rep. Aliping enthused explaining that the standard bearers for the LP is a combination of vision and appeal which the other political parties and coalitions will find difficult to match for the coming May 2016 presidential elections.

Rep. Aliping said that “the LP has a better chance of winning in the 2016 elections with Ro-Ro (which stands for Roxas-Robredo) because Roxas brings with him experience while Robredo has the charisma to bring in the votes for the tandem.”

Roxas is the scion of former president Manuel Roxas, the fifth president of the republic; and Robredo is the widow of former DILG Sec. Jesse Robredo who was killed in an airplane accident while en route to Naga City in 2012.

“Roxas and Robredo carry in their hearts the willingness to serve the Filipino people,” Rep. Aliping added.

In the local front, Aliping said that the Baguio LP slate is expected to file their certificates of candidacy with the Commission on Elections on Monday, October 12, after attending mass at the Baguio Cathedral of Our Lady of Atonement at 6:30 in the morning.

A short program will follow at a local



**ALIPING**

restaurant to introduce the entire slate to the public. /Carl C. Taawan

## New PRO-Cor chief vows more police visibility, criminal conviction

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet -- The newly-installed officer-in-charge of the Police Regional Office (PRO) in the Cordillera assured more police visibility and convictions for crime cases in the region.

Police Chief Supt. Ulysses J. Abellera said there will be no longer Police Officer 1 in the different police stations as they will be deployed to conduct the necessary patrol as part of crime prevention efforts and in ensuring police visibility.

Only key officers

and non-uniformed personnel (NUP) will be left to man the stations while the police officers will be equitably distributed to patrol their beats in order to deter the commission of crimes especially in populated areas, he said.

He also vowed to increase convictions of crime cases in the region.

“As a lawyer, one of my aims is to increase the convictions rates of crime cases filed so as to improve and demand the appropriate justice for these crimes,” Abellera said.

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city might soon enlist senior citizens as parking attendants.

Senior citizen officials for-a-day (SCOFAD) councilors last Monday approved on first reading an ordinance creating monitoring teams composed of senior citizens in all barangays to assist in the implementation of parking ordinance within their area of jurisdiction from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SCOFAD councilor Teresita Quero who proposed the measure said senior citizens are still active even in their twilight years and thus “can still participate in nation-building as partners in managing the

parking system within their barangays.”

“By allowing the senior citizens to be the monitoring team will help minimize the traffic congestion with their respective barangays in the implementation of the parking ordinance in the City of Baguio. Their participation will minimize the traffic congestion that would benefit their community as well as in the city in general especially during rush hours,” she said.

As proposed, the duly organized association of the senior citizens will be appointed as monitoring team in each barangay.

“The senior citizens shall coordinate with the barangay offi-

cial by listing the plate number, date, time and place committed by the parking and traffic violators duly certified by the barangay official of the day. The barangay shall submit their report to the Traffic Management Unit of the Baguio City Police Office,” Quero proposed.

“The Traffic Management Unit of the (BCPO) shall implement the said city ordinance through the recommendation of the monitoring team.”

The proposed penalty for violators is P500.

The proposal was referred to a city council committee for study and recommendation. /Denver Jeremiah Ebba

## Padilla reiterates request to BCDA on CJH lot allotted for scouts, youth

**B**AGUIO CITY - Senior citizen officials for-a-day (SCOFAD) Mayor Narciso Padilla on Monday asked the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) to award the requested 10-hectare lot within Camp John Hay as permanent camp site for scouts and youth organizations.

In a letter to BCDA president and chief executive officer Arnel Paciano Casanova, Padilla said the allocation of the lot contained in City Council Resolution No. 325 series of 1992 and resolution of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines Baguio-Benguet Council was approved 21 years ago by former President Fidel V. Ramos.

“Unfortunately, up to this (time), our joint approved Resolutions were never implemented,” he said.

He said this was also one of the 19 conditionalities put forward by the city in the development of Camp John Hay through Resolution No. 362, series of 1994.

“I was a City Councilor at the time the conditionalities were promulgated. I was the main sponsor of Conditionality No. 15,” he said.

Padilla submitted documents justifying their desire to have a permanent camp site “which is a primary requirement in our goals and objectives for citizenship training and character building specifically for the youth of the land.”

“Should you need my presence to elaborate more on the issue, I will make myself available at your convenience,” he said.

“We hope and pray that you will give our long awaited desire favorable consideration.” /A Refuerzo

There should be no cases filed that will be dismissed because of technicalities if the policemen have done their investigation right and that the crime scenes have been processed appropriately, he pointed out.

Abellera took over the post of P/CSupt. Isagani Nerez who is assigned in Eastern Mindanao as Directorate for Integrated Police Operations.

Prior to his new post, Abellera served at the PNP Legal Service in Camp Crame. He was also the deputy regional director for administration of PRO-COR before his assignment in the national police headquarters.

The turn over of command was presided by PDir. James Andres Melad of the Director for Integrated Police Operations Northern Luzon./JDP/ RMC- PIA CAR

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## Chiz Tells Government: Give Workers Pay Hike or Lower Their Taxes

Between its refusal to fully support tax reform initiatives in Congress and its failure to provide decent living wages, the government has not done enough to help the country's workforce keep up with the rising costs of essential goods and services, Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero said.

Escudero pointed out that "the salaries of an estimated 1.4 million government workers remained stagnant in the last three years despite the ever-increasing cost of basic commodities." Meanwhile, private sector employees have received minimal pay increases in the last five years.

In April, the National Wages and Productivity Commission—the key policy-making body on wages, incomes and productivity in the private sector—imple-

mented a P15 adjustment in the daily minimum wage in Metro Manila, raising the minimum pay to P481 for workers in the non-agriculture sector.

It was the fifth wage adjustment since President Benigno Aquino III assumed office in 2010, when the minimum daily salary in the nation's capital region was P404.

"Despite the low inflation rates, we have not seen a significant decrease in the cost of goods and services and there has been no significant increase in wages both in the public and private sectors in recent years," Escudero pointed out.

"This is precisely the reason I support the proposal to reduce the personal income tax rate, which at 32 percent is the highest in Southeast Asia," he said.

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"Since workers have not received a much-needed pay raise and are not likely to get a salary increase in the near future, I think it is high time we give them relief from paying unjust taxes," he said.

Escudero had earlier called on Congress to tackle immediately the proposed legislation to lower income taxes after Malacañang expressed

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"NEW CHRISTMAS TREE" - Mayor Mauricio Domogan reviews the proposed Baguio Christmas Tree to be put up in Upper Session Road to give a festive mood to the Yuletide Season./Photo by Paul Rillorta

## La Trinidad steps up anti smoking campaign

LA TRINIDAD -- The municipal government of La Trinidad intensifies its campaign for a smoke-free environment in the municipality.

On Thursday, the local government conducted an orientation to the different stakeholders on the provisions of the La Trinidad Tobacco Control Ordinance particularly on the functions of the Municipal Tobacco Control Board (MTCB) and smoking control enforcement unit.

The Tobacco Control Ordinance regulates smoking in public places, selling or distribution of tobacco products to minors and advertisement of tobacco products in the municipality.

The orientation also a venue for sharing best practices by San Gabriel, La Union Mayor Divina Velasco whose municipality has been a Red Orchid awardee or recognized for its non-smoking efforts.

The municipality of San Gabriel was also awarded by the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Health as the Best LGU Implementer of Smoke-Free Program in Region 1. It is also the cleanest, greenest and safest municipality in the region.

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## COMELEC suspends voters registration on Oct. 12-16 for filing of candidacy

BAGUIO CITY-- The Commission on Elections will suspend voters registration next week to give way for the scheduled filing of certificates of candidacy of candidates for the 2016 national and local elections.

Registration for voters will be suspended from October 12 to 16, Monday to Friday, for the filing of the respective COCs of aspiring candidates in the different provincial, city and municipal Comelec offices.

With the suspension of voter registration, Comelec Chair Andres Bautista said that the Comelec will extend shift hours and add more venues for registration and validation in anticipation of a spike in

last-minute registrants in the coming days given the remaining time before the October 31 voter registration deadline.

Starting October 17 to 31, Comelec offices will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for voter registration. The poll body is also eyeing measures to accommodate more registrants, such as increasing the number of personnel, machines and venues for the process.

Meanwhile, the COMELEC has laid out guidelines for candidates in filing their respective COCs starting October 12 to ensure smooth and orderly process.

Aspirants for elective positions from president, vice president

and senators including party list representatives will file their respective COCs at the Comelec main office in Manila.

Aspiring candidates for the positions of congressman down to Provincial Board members will file their COCs to the Provincial Election Supervisor of the province where they registered.

City and municipal candidates will file their COCs to the City or Municipal Election Officers concerned.

Candidates' COCs must contain declarations that he or she is a natural born Filipino citizen, not a permanent resident of, or an immigrant to, a foreign country, eligible for public office and a pledge to submit a sworn state-

## We're the only Asian country where foreigners control the telecom industry

That's how messed up we are as a nation: We have given away control of our public utilities, natural-monopoly industries, telecommunications and power to foreigners.

In contrast, not a single one of the so-called Asian Tigers (Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan), neither Japan nor China, has done this. Except for the Philippines and Thailand, the telecom firms in all other Asian countries are an industry under the control of state enterprises, or firms owned by their citizens.

Do they know something we don't? Or have we become so helpless to foreign firms that have co-opted our elites, in both their purses and in their minds?

And to add insult to injury, the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce

## EDITORIAL

in the country, and even our so-called top economists, have been raising the decibel of

their demand that we amend our constitution to lift "restrictions" on foreign control over these sectors—when in fact, Indonesian, Japanese and Singaporean conglomerates already dominate them.

Philippine nationalism is now at its lowest level that Filipinos can't see that unlike our neighbors in the region, the phones they use, the electricity, as well as the water they consume, even the expressway they travel through are controlled by an Indonesian tycoon, as well as by Japanese and Singaporean conglomerates.

But there are better Philippine elites, aren't there?

### Constitution skirted

We had a Constitution that was supposed to check our fatalism in times when the elites fail us. The framers of the Constitution had the wisdom and the information to know that the operation and ownership of public utilities, because they affect the country's poorest and because they involve virtually the nation's limited, unique resource (a captive market).

However, what the framers of the Constitution could not foresee is that we are a nation where the elites capture the regulatory bodies, a phenomenon in most developing countries termed by academics as "regulatory capture."

In the case of the Constitution's foreign investment restrictions, the Securities and Exchange Commission turned out to be more powerful than the Supreme Court, issuing rules that allowed Salim and then Singapore Telecom to go around the Court's 2012 decision declaring PLDT to be in violation of the Constitutional limits. (For details, see my columns "Supreme Court: PLDT mocks the Constitution, March 26, 2014, and "SEC has already amended the Constitution!" December 12, 2014.)

Now our column-writing economists such as Dr. Bernardo Villegas and Marcos technocrats Gerardo Sicat and Cesar Virata — architects of the disastrous debt-driven growth strategy in the late 1970s — insist that we need to amend the Constitution to lift restrictions on foreign capital in public utilities and land, so the country would attract more overseas capital.

For crying out loud, foreign companies are already in those sectors, making a killing. They already dominate our telecom industries and power distribution in the National Capital Region, and in the biggest property firm. Foreign monopolists have found ways and means to defy our Constitution.

The Indonesian tycoon, Anthoni Salim, heir to the wealth of the late strongman Suharto's biggest crony, Liem Sioe Liong, through Hong Kong-based First Pacific has 25.6 percent of PLDT, the biggest and dominant telecom firm in the country. (The largest mobile phone company in the country, Smart Telecommunications, is its 100 percent subsidiary).

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Duterte: a partner worth waiting for**

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... whoever wants to be first must be slave of all..." (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in Mark 10:44, the Holy Bible).

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**UN CASE IS RP'S BEST BET VS. CHINA:** The Philippines cannot physically or militarily confront China in their ongoing dispute over the West Philippine Sea and/or the South China Sea, for doing that would only give China more justification to occupy more areas in the contested territory, Senior Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio Carpio said Thursday, October 01, 2015.

Speaking before a jam-packed audience composed of Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Manila at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City, Carpio stressed that the best bet for the Philippines to stop China from more aggressive action, and from occupying more islands in the Spratlys, is to pursue the case it filed with the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS).

"International law is on the side of the Philippines," Carpio said. Our country must be able to utilize the case that our government filed against China to generate international pressure on Chinese officials, the jurist added, explaining that despite its huge economic clout, China still needs other countries to sustain its economy.

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**"CAYETANO CAN BE A GOOD VP":** Here is a press statement from the office of Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano: "Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte favors Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano as his running mate if he decides to run for president in the upcoming national elections.

"Si Alan? Of course. He is a lawyer. He's very articulate, marunong," Duterte said when asked by reporters in Davao whether he thinks Cayetano has what it takes to be the country's next vice president.

"The mayor had a private dinner meeting with Cayetano on Tuesday night (Sept. 29), the same day the senator announced his bid for vice presidency in Davao City. Duterte confirmed that he and Cayetano briefly discussed the possibility of forming a tandem for 2016, although he clarified that nothing was finalized as he is yet to decide whether or not he would run for a higher office.

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**DUTERTE, A PARTNER WORTH WAITING FOR:** "We were just making some projections. We also talked about team-ups and tandems, but nothing definite. Haggang ngayon, sabi ko, hindi pa naman ako kandidato," Duterte noted.

"In a separate interview, Cayetano expressed his gratitude to the mayor for supporting his bid for vice presidency. He also said he is willing to wait for a final decision from Duterte, stressing that 'a good partner is worth waiting for.'

"The senator also claimed that whatever happens in the coming weeks, he will remain committed to his goal of pushing for real change and for a more inclusive growth that will be felt by all Filipino families."

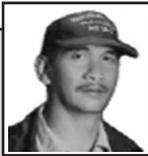
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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

DU30 –Marcos the team to beat

BY: NESTOR “PAKEN” CASTRO



Magandang araw sa aking mga kababayang fellow Guamanians. Sana ay nasa mabuti at magandang kalagayan kayong lahat.

Alam niyo naman siguro na gumaganda na ang mga kombinasyon para tandem ng president at bise-presidente sa ating bansa. Anjan na ang pinakamahina at pinakatalunan na Roxas-Robredo, sunod ang dalawang alanganin na Binay-Honasan, at Poe –Escudero. Maryosep poe Escudero ano itong ginawa mo?

So far, apat na tandem ang malamang na lalaban para presidente at bise-presidente. Sa palagay ko kapag nag-anunsyo na itong si Duterte ay makikita natin na biglang aangat ang kanyang rating sa surveys. Kaya lang naman hindi ganoon katindi ang rating ni Duterte sa ngayon ay hindi pa kasi siya naisasama sa mga official candidates na nag-deklara na ng pormal.

Tignan taka kapag nagdeklara na si Kamay na Bakal Duterte at siguradong siya na ang mangunguna sa mga surveys.

Para sa bise-presidente, sa aking palagay, ang pinakamatindi ay itong si Bongbong Marcos. Dito natin makikita ang solid north which could be from Tarlac to Cagayan Valley.

Hinggil sa mga ibang nangangarap mag bise presidente, kung tutuusin ay maglalaban-laban para sa Bicol Region ang tatlong kandidato na puros Bicolano, sina Honasan, Cayetano (kung kanyang itutuloy ang kanyang pagtakbo) at si Robredo. Tatlo silang maghahati-hati sa Bicol and parts of Southern Tagalog votes.

Ang isang magandang kay Bongbong ay yung consistency niya on the issues lalung-lalo na sa pinakita niyang pagiging Chairman sa Senado hinggil sa issue ng Bangsa Moro Basic Law (BBL) at siyempre ang pinakita rin niyang paninindigan sa Mamasapano incident at sa taxation ng mga balik-bayan boxes.

Ang problema kay Mar Roxas, bagama't lumalabas na siya ang pinaka-qualified at pinaka malinis ang track record, ay sabit siya sa pagaka-inutil niya sa pagka-korap ng administrasyong PENYO (ANG UBOD NG INUTIL AT PALPAK NA ADMINISTRASYON).

Kayo Poe mga dear readers, sa inyong pananaw ay si maryosep ko Poe na isang walang ka alam-alam ba ang inyong iboboto? O si Binay na ubod ang tulis at korap? O si Duterte na may clean record at proven na action man?

Sa ngayon ay marami pang mga batikos at sari-sari pa na black propaganda ang maglalabasan hinggil sa mga kandidato at 'yan ang ating tatalakayin sa kolum na ito.

Editorial from page 4

Salim has a strategic partnership agreement in controlling PLDT tightly with two firms of Nippon Telephone and Telegraph Corp. (NTT Communications and NTT DoCoMo) that together have 22 percent of PLDT.

It is certainly ironic that in Japan where the NTT is the dominant telco, average internet speeds are 15 Mbps, while in the Philippines, where it is also the dominant

telco through PLDT and Smart, the internet speed is a dismal 3 percent, the slowest in the region

PLDT 76% foreign-owned

The Indonesian Salim and the Japanese NTT together hold 47.6 percent of PLDT, way past the 40 percent constitutional limit. Add the 9.6 percent in American Depository Receipts held by foreign investors through J.P. Morgan Hong Kong Nominees Ltd. and the 19 percent held by foreigners in the Philippine stock market and total foreign foreign shares in PLDT, and the total goes up to 76 percent.

This is almost as much as when American companies owned the utility until it sold out in 1967 since the Parity Rights that allowed them to do so ended in 1974. (Salim, through PLDT and First Pacific, is also the biggest single stockholder of the power monopoly in metropolitan Manila – the Manila Electric Company or Meralco.)

Singapore Telecom, owned by the Singaporean government's investment firm Temasek Holdings, owns 47 percent of our second largest telecom firm Globe Telecom. The Ayalas, crème de la crème of the Spanish-descended elite clan, own just 30 percent. Together with 17.4 percent held by foreigners through the stock market, Globe Telecom – the second member of the duopoly in our telecom sector – is 64 percent held by foreigners.

Again the irony there is that while the internet speed in Singapore, where Singtel is the dominant firm, is 13 Mbps on average, a lightning speed compared with our miserable 3 Mbps.

My estimate (on which I will present details in subsequent columns) is that the Salim and SingTel owners and other foreign shareholders have remitted abroad through their dividends in the lucrative telecom business here \$3 billion, therefore, recovering almost totally their investments in the two firms.

If you think nothing's wrong there, since

we're in a "global village" where nations don't matter, think about this: In the 10 countries in Asia I've managed to get data on, only the Philippines and Thailand, the latter as result of certain unique political factors in 2006, have their telecom industries controlled by foreigners.

In the rest of Asia, their telecom sectors are firmly under the control of their nationals, with state firms' dominance being the most common structure of their telecom and electricity firms.

But we need foreign technology, as the likes of Villegas would argue. But that is precisely the advantage of globalization in this era. Firms from all over the world – would you have imagined from Norway and Finland, for instance, with small populations and, therefore, markets – are in intense competition in offering communications technology to anyone who would buy them, without requiring that the interested party has to own the telcos. Singtel, one of the biggest players in the region, isn't a telecom tech firm but gets technology from whoever would supply them.

But we need capital, again the likes of Villegas would say. But as I would explain in succeeding columns, after buying off the Cojuangcos (who apparently have not invested the money here) Salim relied a lot on foreign and local borrowings for the capital and operating expenses of PLDT. Not a single new dollar from abroad was used for Salim's purchase of Meralco. These in succeeding installments of this series.

If you don't believe that we have been brainwashed by Villegas and Co. that globalization has erased economic boundaries, and our neighbors are so open to foreign investments even for their telecom sectors, read the second part of this series on Wednesday.

Let's follow the model of the Asian Tigers and Tiger Cubs: Filipinize our public utilities./ tiglaol.manilatimes@gmail.com/FB: Bobi Tiglaol

Table 1: INTERNET PERFORMANCE IN ASIAN COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	Average Connection Speed (Mbps)	% Above 4 Mbps
South Korea	24	96%
Hong Kong	17	92%
Japan	15	89%
Singapore	13	84%
Taiwan	11	89%
Malaysia	4	43%
Thailand	7	86%
Vietnam	3	25%
Philippines	3	10%
India	2	10%

Source: Akamai's State of the Internet Q1 2015 Report

Table 2: OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE OF THE TELECOMS

INDUSTRY IN ASIA	
Philippines	Controlled by Indonesian Salim, Japanese NTT, and Singapore Telecom
Thailand	89% by Singaporean and Norwegian firms
Telecom sectors controlled by state firms and their nationals:	
Japan	20% state equity in three Japanese firms, mainly NTT
China	98% by three state firms
South Korea	100% by state and private firms
India	Biggest by telecom firms controlled by nationals with minority foreign equity
HK	100% by central government firms and private HK firms
Indonesia	Biggest telco with 40% market share, state firm Telkom
Malaysia	60% by state and Malaysian firms
Vietnam	95% by state firms

## Police Reports... from page 1

reported as compared to 12 reported for the same period last year.

The report also shows the BCPO arrested one of the top most wanted persons (TMWP) in the city for kidnapping with a reward of P140,000.00.

In total, the BCPO arrested 13 TMWP city level and 65 TMWP station level.

For other wanted persons, a total of 310 were arrested while 365 warrants of arrest were served.

There were also 460 person arrested under warrantless arrest; 8 for homicide, 8 for murder, 94 for physical injuries, 18 for robbery, 166 for theft, 6 for rape, 26 for violence against women and children, 133 for other non-index crimes, 99 for special laws, 5 for carnapping and 3 for child abuse./Paul Rillorta

## Chiz Tells Government... from page 3

willingness to take a second look at the proposal that had united labor and business groups.

The technical working group of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives has come up with a proposal that exempts individuals earning below P180,000 annually from paying income tax and imposes a 30-percent income tax on individuals earning more than P1.1 million a year.

The Senate is awaiting the consolidated bill from the House, which has been working on all tax reform measures. Under the law, revenue measures need to emanate from the House before the Senate could pass its own version./ *chizescudero.com; FB; senchizescudero; Twitter @saychiz @chiznewsalert*

## Cayetano Thanks... from page 10

was formed specifically to lead the opposition to his late father, former President Ferdinand Marcos.

"Ako mismo personally and some of my party-mates believe that a Duterte-Alan Cayetano ticket would be formidable, strong, and winnable force," he said shortly after Cayetano officially announced his plan to run for vice president during a trip to Davao City on September 29.

"Nasabi ko na formidable ang Duterte-Cayetano [tandem] kasi parehong palaban, parehong anti-corruption, at parehong may vision para sa bansa," he further stressed.

The PDP-Laban supports Duterte for his advocacy for federalism, a system that it also espouses./ *Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano*

## Human Rights.. from page 10

After a regional intelligence workshop done, however, the number of drug personalities was whittled down to 67, with four arrests for the third quarter. The number of drug-affected barangays also went down to 35 with three barangays awaiting clearing.

There were 16 positive anti-drug operations done in the city for the second quarter, and 10 during the third quarter ending September. As their activities are under surveillance, drug personalities are now more selective and cautious, it was reported.

As clarified, drug-affected barangays may be classified as slight, medium and serious through the presence of one or more drug-users; pushers; and plantations, drug dens and laboratories in a specific area.

# Sharing of success stories highlights 6th Benguet Coop Convention

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet - - Successful cooperatives will be sharing their stories in the 6th Benguet Cooperative Convention on October 16 to inspire other cooperatives to flourish and improve people's lives in the countryside.

More than 300 coop members from the various towns will be expected to attend the convention with the theme, "'Isandaang Tangong Pagpupugay, Tulay sa Maunlad na Buhay,'" at the Ben Palispis Hall, Provincial Capitol,

here.

To share their testimonies are Rev. Pablo Nilo S. Peig, Jr, James P. Aroco, Joseph S. Vicente and David Joseph L. Bognadon, Board of Director chairpersons of the Abra Diocesan Teachers and Employees Multi-Purpose Coop(MPC), Kabayan MPC, Taloy Norte MPC, and Benguet State University MPC, respectively.

Senator Cynthia A. Villar, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food and also Com-

mittee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprise, is the invited Guest Speaker.

Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Orlando R. Ravanera will be the Keynote Speaker.

CDA will also be presenting cooperative updates and amendment of Republic Act 9520 or Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Special awards will be accorded to coops with good performance and standing.

The convention spearheaded by the Benguet Provincial Cooperative Development Council aims to improve the relationship among participating local cooperatives and stakeholders.

The event is also a venue to generate understanding on certain issues and concerns in beefing up efforts in the delivery of quality products and services of coops towards ultimately uplifting lives of people in the grassroots./ *JDP/SCA - PIA-CAR, Benguet*

# Dog owners urged to vaccinate their pets against rabies

**B**ONTOC, Mountain Province - Agriculture officials called on pet dog owners in the province to be more responsible and have their dogs vaccinated in efforts to eradicate rabies.

Dr. Cameron Odsey, OIC Assistant Regional Director for Research of the Department of Agriculture - Cordillera, said the dreaded rabies is very much preventable through vaccination.

Odsey stressed that responsible pet owners have their pets that three months old and above, vaccinated yearly to ensure that rabies will be eradicated.

Veterinarians said rabies disease in humans is caused mostly by dog bites which are transmitted through the saliva of the infected dog. Person bitten by dogs are advised to wash the wounds thoroughly with clean water and soup then go to the nearest hospital or clinic for treatment.

Odsey also cited the big role of the local government units play being at the grassroots in promoting of mass vaccination of pet dogs to prevent the spread of the rabies disease in their respective



communities. The national government he said has committed to eliminate the disease by 2020.

Odsey, together with the provincial veterinarians of Abra, Apayao, Ifugao and Benguet and the city veterinarians of Tabuk and Baguio and some personnel from DA-CAR, joined in the celebration of the "World Rabies Day" last September 29 at the provincial plaza here.

Bontoc mayor Franklin Odsey and Provincial Sports Coordinator Arnold Petten who represented governor Leonard Mayaen, in their separate messages, rallied for a more responsible pet ownership. They said dogs as "man's best friend" should indeed be protected and given proper treatment.

A highlight of the celebration was a dog walk which started at the front of the municipal plaza and ended at the provincial plaza.

The theme of this year's observance was "End Rabies Together" ./ *JDP/ABD- PIA CAR, Mountain Province*

## DSWD invites more couples, individuals to foster care program

**B**AGUIO CITY-- The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) encourages more couples or individuals for foster parenting so that more neglected children may be provided with love and care of a family and opportunities for growth and development.

Metzi B. Aglayan of the Adoption Resource and Referral Section (ARRS) of DSWD-Cordillera said Republic Act No. 10165

care than institutional care.

Foster care refers to the provision of planned temporary substitute parental care to a child by a foster parent who is duly licensed by the DSWD to provide foster care, Aglayan explained.

She informed that applicants for foster care must be of legal age, at least 16 years older than the child un-

or the Foster Care Act of 2012, strengthens foster care as a nurturing alternative parental care for abandoned, neglected, orphaned children and other children with special needs.

Accordingly, the State recognizes that in most cases, a child will benefit more from foster

less the foster parent is a relative; must have a genuine interest, capacity and commitment in parenting and is able to provide a familial atmosphere for the child; must have a healthy and harmonious relationship with each family member living with him or her; of good moral character; physically and mentally capable and emotionally mature, among others.

Children who are eligible for foster placement include the following: children under the custody of DSWD or any child placement agency and are not yet legally free for adoption, but need individual attention in a family setting; abandoned by parents in hospitals or other places or with relative who are not qualified or in capable to care for them; those awaiting adoptive placement/child with disrupted adoption; and those who need special care and protection due to sexual or physical abuse, among others.

According to Aglayan, social workers conduct assessment to all applicants on foster care thru home study to have a detailed character background and to check their suitability to act as foster parents before issuing a license.

A foster parent can only have a maximum of three foster children, Foster parents can avail of additional tax exemption of P25,000 depending on the length of foster caring, she informed.

She added that a foster child is entitled to a cash subsidy from the DSWD. The said child is automatically a PhilHealth beneficiary and is entitled to health insurance benefits.

The foster parent may also receive cash subsidy depending on the assessment of the social worker.

For more information about said program, interested individuals can contact the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office – Cordillera Administrative Region, 40 North Drive, 2600 Baguio City particularly the Adoption Resource and Referral Section (ARRS) with Telephone Nos (6374)444-8129/444-3638/444-3262, Telefax (6374)442-7917/304-3949 or E-mail: dswd-car\_arrs@yahoo.com, Website: <http://www.car.dswd.gov.ph/> /JDP/MAWC – PIA CAR

## CAR mayors, MHOs finish health leadership and governance program

**B**AGUIO CITY) -- The Department of Health held last week a colloquium and graduation ceremony for local chief executives(LCEs) and municipal health officers (MHOs) of seven towns across the Cordillera region who successfully finished the Municipal Leadership Governance Program(MLGP).

The graduates included the mayors and MHOs of Sal-lapadan in Abra, Pudtol in Apayao, and Benguet towns of Buguias, Kapangan, Kibungan, Mankayan and Sablan.

The MLGP is a specific Health Leadership and Governance Program (HLP) intervention at the municipal level which aims to make local leaders become bridging leaders in their respective localities. It is a one-year and a two-module health leadership and program for mayors and MHOs.

It is led by the DOH in partnership with the Zuellig Family Foundation, and the Benguet State University.

According to Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, DOH-CAR OIC Regional Director, the MLGP was piloted in the UNFPA -selected **Cont. on page 8**

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Notice is hereby given to all members of the Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO) that the 35th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) will be held on December 05, 2015, (Saturday) at the Municipal Covered Court, Kabayan, Benguet.

Any member or members who wish to offer an amendment of any of the articles or sections of the BENECO By-Laws, such member or members shall deposit a copy of said proposed amendment with the Secretary of the Board not later than November 03, 2015 at the BENECO Office, Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Every member is encouraged to attend this annual activity.

MANAGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BAGUIO CITY OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF

BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC., Mortgagee, -versus- RODRIGO S. ARNAIZ, Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 15-606-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 as Amended

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for the sale Under Act 3135 as amended filed by the BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC., hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, as against RODRIGO S. ARNAIZ, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGOR, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 7, 2015 amounts to TWO MILLION THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE AND 13/100 (P2,013,473.13) inclusive interest and penalties, but to exclude other charges incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court/Ex-Officio Sheriff thru her Deputy will SELL at public auction on this 28th day of October 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at Justice Hall Lobby Baguio City, the real property more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-018-2011001951

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 3

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF RICARLO GABOL GATPO,

RICARLO GABOL GATPO, Petitioner;

- x-----x TO:
- 1. The Solicitor General;
- 2. The Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City;
- 3. Philippine Statistics Authority;
- 4. Atty. Dante Gabol Ganasi; and
- 5. Publication.

SPL. PRO. CASE NO. 2489-R  
ORDER  
A verified petition was filed by petition-

A PARCEL OF LAND LOT 1 PSD-CAR-013931 BEING A PORTION OF TSI-131102-1595 SITUATED AT RURBAN CODE 131102, RES. SEC. "D" "CITY OF BAGUIO, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY PROPOSED ALLEY (4.00 M. WIDE); ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY EXISTING ROAD (10.00 M. WIDE); ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY PROPOSED ALLEY (4.00 M. WIDE) AND ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON THE PLAN BEING S. 54 DEG. 03'E 1363.54 M. FROM TRIANGULATION STA-

er, alleging among others that:

1. "Petitioner, is of legal age, Filipino citizen, and a resident of Sto. Ambassador Tublay, Benguet but presently residing at Ap-54, central Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet where he may be served with notices and orders of the Honorable Court;
2. Petitioner was the first born child of spouses Reynaldo Caranto Gatpo and Carmelita Moldino Gabol-Gatpo. He was born on November 17, 1994 at Baguio General Hospital and his fact of birth was duly registered in the City Civil Registry of Baguio City;
3. At the time of petitioner's birth, his parents were not yet legally married to each other and there was no legal impediments for them to marry each other;
4. Petitioner's parents got married on March 10, 1995 in the Office of the Municipal Mayor of Buguias at Abatan, Bugias, Benguet and was solemnized by then Honorable Mayor Atty. Apolinaria T.

TION "D" BAGUIO TOWNSITE TO CORNER THENCE: XXX TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS, more or less.

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Baguio City, Philippines, September 30, 2014.

(SGD) ATTY. LINDA MONTES-LOLOY Clerk of Court IV/ Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD) MARANI S. BACOLOD SHERIFF IV

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Camsol;  
5. In petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth, the entry appertaining to his parent's date and place of marriage was filled with "20 January 1993 Basista, Pangasinan" when the same should be "NOT MARRIED" considering that his parents did not yet legally marry at the time of his birth;

6. Likewise, in the Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner, his mother's middle name was also erroneously spelled as "Moidino" when the same should be "Moldino" considering that the "Moldino" is his mother maiden surname;

7. In the same manner, Petitioner's father's first name was incompletely entered as "Rey" when his father's complete name should be "Reynaldo";

8. Petitioner's father executed an affidavit of paternity acknowledging paternity over the person of petitioner;

9. Petitioner's father also executed an affidavit to use father's surname giving consent for the petitioner to use "Gatpo" as petitioner's surname;

10. Petitioner's parents also executed a joint affidavit acknowledging that the petitioner is their first born child and that the petitioner be legitimated by virtue of their marriage;

11. In view of the foregoing, petitioner is seeking correction of the entries in his Certificate Of Live Birth regarding the date and place of marriage of his parents to be annotated and corrected from "20 January 1993 Basista, Pangasinan" to "NOT MARRIED" and to be subsequently legitimated by virtue of his parent's subsequent marriage;

12. Petitioner also seeks that his mother's middle name in his certificate of Live

Birth be corrected from "Moidino" to "Moldino"; and

13. Petitioner finally seeks that his father's first name be completed from "Rey" to "Reynaldo".

Petitioners pray that after due publication and hearing, the Honorable Court grant the petition and order that the City Civil Registry and the Philippine Statistics Authority (former National Statistics Office) to correct the following entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of plaintiff as follows, to wit:

1. The date and place of marriage of petitioner's parents be corrected from "20 January 1993" to "NOT MARRIED";

2. The petitioner be legitimated by virtue of his parents' marriage;

3. The petitioner's mother's surname be corrected from "Moidino" to "Moldino"; and

4. The petitioner's father's first name to be corrected from "Rey" to "Reynaldo."

It appearing that the instant petition is sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on November 23, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning before this Court at its Session Hall, Justice Hall Building, Baguio City. Any person may appear and show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication of which should not be later than October 5, 2015, in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City to be determined by raffle pursuant to the provision of Presidential Decree No. 1079; let copies hereof together with the copies of the petition and its annexes be furnished to the Solicitor General,

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

Valentin T. Eslao - Vendor  
Irvin B. Eslao - Vendee  
Applicants

Case No: 96-01-1490/2015-CAR-557  
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 21, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 30th day of September 2015.

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

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municipalities in the provinces of Mountain Province and Ifugao. These MLGP municipalities of Sadanga, Bauko, Tadian, Sagada, Bontoc in Mt. Province, and Alfonso Lista, Hungduan and Aguineldo in Ifugao have completed the program last July 2015.

Through the one-year MLGP, the mayors and MHOs are able to develop responsive health systems to address health challenges in their municipalities. Using the Municipal Health Systems Development roadmap, they are able to confront issues affecting safe maternal delivery and infant births, Pangilinan said.

Part of the program is the colloquium, a venue where each Municipal Health Team presents the story of its MLGP journey for ten minutes wherein a panel evaluates the presentations. The marks comprise 20% of the MLGP grade in the certificate course.

Here, the mayors share their leadership journeys through a public narrative that highlight the health challenges they have encountered and their leadership responses in improving the health system in their

134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Metro Manila, National Statistics Office (now known as Philippine Statistics Authority PSA)-Solicare Bldg. I, R. Magsaysay Blvd., Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 28th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, 2015.

(SGD) EMMANUEL CACHO RASING Presiding Judge

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town, the replicable strategies that have been effective in achieving targeted health indicators and showcase the health system development plan and direction to invite partners to support the municipality's component health improvement project.

The panel discussants in the recent colloquium included officials from the NEDA; DOH-CAR; ZFF, DILG, and BSU-Open University/JDP/MAWC - PIA CAR

## FEATURE

## We need Grace like we need a hole in the head

She may be a nice and decent person, all right. But, as an analogy, when a nice and decent passenger insists on taking over the job of captain of the ship you're a passenger in, let alone her claims of qualifications to do so, wouldn't you be angry with her?

The analogy may be stretched, but being chief executive officer of this unwieldy Republic – wracked by conflicts, the moneyed few mocking its systems, its poorest dying of starvation and disease – is certainly more difficult than captaining a passenger ship.

And if this listing ship sinks, its present passengers wouldn't be the only ones condemned. This present generation wouldn't be left alone suffering but future generations are bound as well to suffer the aftermath of such disaster.

It's not an exaggeration at all to say that our country is in such a deep, deep quagmire, economically, politically and even culturally.

Remittances from overseas workers have been the engine of growth for the economy over the past two decades. The huge successes of such enterprises as the malls, the mobile phone firms, the automobile distributors, can really be all traced to the flood of money-to-be-spent sent by overseas workers.

Except for the business-process outsourcing industry started by President Arroyo more than a decade ago, there isn't any new type of sunrise industry on the horizon that could replace the OFW dollars. Workers' real wages (i.e., adjusted for inflation) have been falling for the last decade, and we don't have a clue—with a runaway population growth swelling their ranks—how to help them, who make up 70 percent of the citizenry. Do we have a plan—the last one was land reform from decades ago—to redistribute income in our country, whose inequality is among the worst in the world?

The coconut industry, on which most of our farmers depend for a living, is dying, and nobody has come up with a plan how to save it with our limited resources, as it would require either a massive replanting program or giving up that kind of crop.

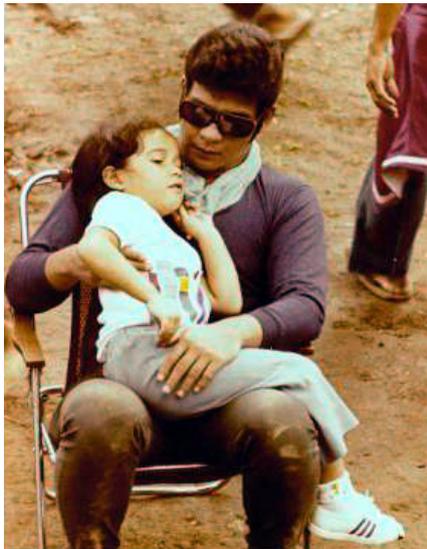
I could go on and on with the deep structural problems of our economy.

And then there are the immediate problems. How do we extricate ourselves, for instance, from the hole this stupid administration has pushed us into with regard to our relationship with China? Do we really want the role he imposed on us as the world's champion against Chinese aggression in the South China Sea? How then do we handle the situation in which a full 25 percent of our trade is with China? Are we prepared to have one-fourth of our total trade be suspended as the price to pay by being China's nemesis in this part of the globe?

The massive dole-out scheme called conditional cash-transfer program has totaled P250 billion in the past five years. Of course all studies would show that it's been "successful." If you gave out money, the recipients would certainly be happy, as the studies show, and they'd comply with the program's requirements for them to keep their children in elementary school.

But what if, instead of giving them the P250 billion, these funds were used to set up factories, or to be concrete about it with an example, construct a subway along EDSA or install commuter trains from Metro Manila to adjacent provinces? Wouldn't those kinds of projects funded by the P250 billion generate more employment and encourage investment so that the poor wouldn't need to rely on dole-outs because they'd be able to get proper jobs?

What are we going to do with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), after this stupid president offered them their own territory and armed forces, which Congress saw through and, therefore, refused to legislate? Are we preparing for war, which I think the MILF would launch even if only to force the



## DILG releases livelihood aid to 8 rebel returnees

**B**ONTOC, Mountain Province- In continuing efforts of the government to help rebel returnees (RRs) live a normal life, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) recently turned over financial assistance to eight RRs in the province for their livelihood projects.

The eight RRs received checks amounting to P50,000.00 each. Three of these RRs are from the municipality of Paracelis, two each from Sadanga and Bontoc, and one from the municipality of Sagada. Two are women.

This assistance is part of the government's Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP), a program of the national government for rebels who surrender, including those who gave up their arms since 2011.

The CLIP provides financial assistance to rebel-returnees and their families to help them return to normal lives and reintegrate themselves to society.

According to Miguela Angwani of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, each of the 8 RRs were first given an immediate financial assistance of P15,000.00 for their basic needs. They used part of the assistance to start livelihood projects such as sari-sari store, buy and sell of farm supplies and chicken, piggery, and loom weaving. *JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province*

government to the negotiating table?

How do we solve the horrendous traffic problem, which would get worse and worse unless new light rail systems are built now? How do we stop millions of poor Filipinos migrating to metropolitan Manila, making it one of the densest – and dirtiest – metropolises on earth?

How do we reform Congress, which has precipitously degenerated under this Administration – which can even be bought to remove a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

How do we reform the present political system – which, after Cory Aquino dismantled the two-power system – has become really party-less and thus, extremely vulnerable to celebrity politics?

I could go on and on, and I haven't even touched how barren our modern culture has been, how notions of citizenship have all vanished so that many young people even boast that they are "citizens of the world" – a fiction, or at least one if you aren't a billionaire who doesn't need the protection of a state.

The point I'm trying to make: What kind of discussions have emerged since Mrs. Llamanzares announced her bid for power, what sort of topics have columnists, who are supposed to enlighten the citizenry, been compelled to write thousands and thousands of words about?

Her goddamn citizenship.

With all the problems of this country, we have had to debate whether she is a natural born citizen allowed to be president. We really need her in our national discourse like we need a hole in the head. If there were any questions on her citizenship, she should have been decent enough not to embroil this country into such really useless discussions.

We won't even ever use in the future all the information fed to us on the issue of her goddamn citizenship – what's natural born and what's a naturalized citizen, the UN convention on foundlings, the supremacy or not of international agreements over national laws. The discourse would even later on have to be philosophical and psychological, like what drives Filipinos to think that somebody with little experience in government could lead the country to prosperity.

Llamanzares is right when she said she'd continue what her father FPJ has started, which was first, to make citizenship an issue in a presidential election, and second, to exploit the biggest weakness of democracy, which is the masses' confusion over image – especially celebrity personae – their inability to distinguish that from reality, and the vulnerability to demagogues, especially if they're mestizas.

Goddamn.

I've had to write still another column on a candidate for president who really shouldn't be one. *Aaargh!/tiglaol.manilatimes@gmail.com/FB: Bobi Tiglaol*



## Cayetano thanks Pimentel for supporting Duterte-Cayetano ticket

Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano expressed his gratitude to PDP-Laban President Sen. Aquilino Pimentel III for maintaining his preference for a Duterte-Cayetano tandem to be supported by his party, amid reports that Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. expressed interest in teaming up with the Davao City mayor.

In a chance interview with Senate reporters on Tuesday, Pimentel reiterated that a possible tandem between Mayor Rodrigo Duterte and Cayetano will be a more "formidable" team-up should the mayor decide to run in 2016.

"I'm grateful to Senator Pimentel for his kind words. I would be honored to earn the support of his party, the PDP-Laban, for the 2016 national elections," Cayetano said.

"Senator Pimentel and I have long shared the same vision on governance and public service, and the advocacy to fight corruption in all levels," he added.

Pimentel earlier said his party is less likely to back Marcos' VP bid, stressing that the PDP-Laban

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## Human rights, justice, peace and order forum held

BAGUIO CITY – There is a need for continuing coordination and among local law enforcement authorities and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) to curb the illegal drug trade in the city and the Cordillera region.

This was the general assessment given after the City Human rights, Justice, Peace and Order Council (CHRJPOC) meeting done last Tuesday at city hall.

Accordingly, transport of illegal drugs including marijuana, hashish and shabu, to and from Baguio, is done through private and public utility vehicles, mail and parcel services. A minimal amount of said drugs are consumed in the city, it was known.

Average prices for marijuana and shabu, as well as dried leaves and stalks were also known; with a slight difference in the Cordillera provinces.

In a report by PDEA directors Juvenal Azurin and Gil de Castro, there were 38 drug-affected barangays, and 71 identified drug personalities at the end of the second quarter of 2015, with 2 arrests done.

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# Oplan Kaluluwa Candle and flowers selling guidelines set

BAGUIO CITY- In preparation for All Souls and All Saints' day, interested candle and flower sellers may avail of application forms on Oct. 19, Monday, at the Campaign and Investigation Division, City Treasurer's Office, City hall.

As to the guidelines released, selling of flowers and candles is on October 26 to Nov. 1, at the Ganza Parking area, Burnham Park.nes

Submission of application forms with two copies of 2" x 2" photo, barangay clearance and residence certificate, including payment of taxes and fees, will be on Oct. 20. A total of P1,020 will be collected; P350 for the use of the area; P80 for electricity; P55, sewerage; P100, garbage fee; P200, Mayor's permit; and P235 as business tax.

Stall numbers are given after the dues are paid, and special permits will be given at the

Permits and Licensing Division, Mayor's Office on Oct. 23, Friday.

be confiscated. Cooking, gambling and swapping of stalls are



The applicant should be a bonafide resident of Baguio, of legal age, without a flower stall at the city market or Marbay area, and had no violations on Oplan Kaluluwa in previous years.

Application and complete documents are processed on a first-come, first served basis, the guidelines from the city treasurer's office state.

No cooked food, nor any goods other than flowers and candles will be sold or displayed in the stalls, otherwise these shall

not allowed. Stall owners are responsible for the cleanliness of their area, and violation of policies would deem stall owner to be blacklisted for the next three years.

Oplan Kaluluwa is an annual program designed to ease difficulties for citizens going to the city's public and private cemeteries. Human and vehicle traffic are considered in the planning, as with the procurement of flowers and candles for the purpose. *Julie G. Fianza*



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